



A voice for hospitals

Illinois Hospital Association President Maryjane Anderson Wurth '78 tours St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill., one of the association's 200 member hospitals located across the state. St. John's Hospital President and CEO Robert Ritz describes some of the facility's features.

BY PETER D. KORYZNO *Editor*

NAPERVILLE, Ill. —She cajoles Illinois' most powerful legislators in Springfield and Washington, D.C., addresses large banquet halls brimming with executives, and travels statewide for one-on-one meetings with officers from the 200 member institutions of the Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), a powerful organization that she has directed since October.

A 30-year veteran of hospice and hospital administration in New York state, Maryjane Anderson Wurth '78 exudes an easy confidence as the chief spokesperson and advocate for Illinois' hospitals. Her persona today, though, admittedly seems light years from the extremely shy girl who arrived at SUNY Cortland in 1974 from eastern Long Island.

"Cortland played a big part in my life," said Wurth during an April interview at the IHA headquarters, nestled in a tree-laden expanse in this western Chicago suburb. The youngest of three children growing up in Riverhead, N.Y., she was given the lone option by her parents of attending a state school for college.

"I really didn't know what I wanted to do, therefore I wanted to go to a good, general liberal arts school," she explained. "That was one of the strengths that Cortland gave me. For someone who was undecided and had a fairly sheltered life going to a Catholic school, I didn't know what my opportunities were. I felt very comfortable on the Cortland campus.

It built a confidence in me that has lasted a lifetime.

"There was an array of different activities, like just going to the sporting events, that supplemented my academic life and did end up making the overall experience very grounding."

A pianist and classical guitarist, she performed ballroom dance and sang with the Choral Union.

"Cortland helped me find what my first love and interest was and it got me there by giving me a full sampling of what life had to offer," she added. "It got me on the path of psychology, which I still use every day."

Wurth points to a pair of academic experiences as defining points in her life.

"There were two professors who, in my mind, were transformative for me," she recalled. "It would be my hope that every college student has those moments."

Her first epiphany occurred in her Theories of Personality class with Professor John Lombardo.

"The course started to open some of my own fears about my lack of confidence and my own reservation and self-consciousness that I still carried with me two years into college," she recounted. "I remember a lecture he gave where, he made the point that much of behavior occurs because we are so self-absorbed. Somehow that planted a seed in me where I began to realize that I did not need to be so self-conscious because, lo and behold, I just wasn't that important. I found that incredibly liberating."

Buoyed by her newfound interest in the subject matter, Wurth focused on counseling psychology during her senior year, when she confronted another fear — being videotaped — during her trial counseling sessions in Professor Anthony Taylor's class.

"I realized again that not only could I survive that, but I got feedback that I was really good at it," she admitted. "It really began to change a level of confidence that, for whatever reason, I just didn't have. I did have something to offer. Maybe I wasn't saying stupid things and, oh by the way, you don't have to carry the weight of the world on your shoulders. You begin to be liberated from that weight and I cannot tell you how significant that was. All these years later, I have never lost the lessons of that time. It happened at Cortland and it happened with those professors and it's been a lifelong gain."

She graduated cum laude from Cortland in 1978, but scrapped plans to attend New York University for psychology. She opted to work on Long Island at a home for delinquent girls and as an assistant social worker in a nursing home. At the same time, her mother, Kathryn, who had been battling a brain tumor for years, had taken a turn for the worse.

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— Maryjane Anderson Wurth '78

"I was starting to get very curious about what was happening to her and about health care," explained Wurth, troubled by the nursing care she witnessed. "I hadn't really focused on health care prior to that, but I became interested."

Wurth went to graduate school at Cornell University, where she majored in health care planning and policy issues and completed her master's thesis on hospice care.

"It was at the same time that the federal government was evaluating whether they should have Medicare coverage of hospice care," said Wurth, explaining that Brown University was coordinating the national data from 26 different hospice sites. She applied and was accepted for a two-year stint as a research coordinator at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany, N.Y.

"It was a great experience and I really began to love hospice care because of it,"

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PRESIDENT'S Message

Communicating on campus

BY ERIK J. BITTERBAUM *President*

In a time of Facebook, Twitter and wikis, it seems that eons have passed since we communicated via old-fashioned memos and simple telephone calls, let alone face-to-face. Perhaps it is not the human need to communicate that has faded, but rather the demand for increasingly expedient modes of communication that has changed.

There are many reasons for communicating with others, especially on a college campus. Needs include academic issues, information sharing, teaching and learning, publication of events and deadlines, interactive communication, crime alerts and social networking. Thanks to today's technology, the world is virtually at our fingertips. This is true for society as a whole, and it is also the case at SUNY Cortland.

In recent years Information Resources has spearheaded numerous technological initiatives that have enabled SUNY Cortland, a teaching institution, to communicate in a variety of ways.

Classroom Media Services provides an important bridge between teaching and learning by offering services in cutting-edge technologies. Clicker technology, for example, allows the instructor to instantaneously monitor comprehension in large lecture classes, making sure from the outset that everyone understands the concept under discussion. In addition, the Technology Training Center educates faculty and staff in the use of the most up-to-date software, tools and instructional equipment for effective teaching.

The Library Commons offers students with a one-stop, centralized means of both technological and face-to-face communication, all with the purpose of providing important tools to enhance the learning process. The Library Commons affords students the opportunity to obtain assistance with writing, search library databases and research information in a single location.

The Technology Help Center, which will soon move to the Library Commons, rounds out the centralized services for students. The move will provide an integrated point of contact for both library and technology services.

Sharing information is another important goal of communication. The online journals *Wagadu* and the Web magazine *NeoVox* effectively connect our campus with the world-at-large. They reach across oceans, allowing writers to share common experiences, knowledge and ideas with a vast intercultural audience.

Wagadu, a scholarly online journal produced by the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies at SUNY Cortland,

has been recognized by the European Science Foundation as one of the top 15 international gender studies journals.

NeoVox, a Web-based international news publication, is housed at SUNY Cortland, is unique in other ways. This communication venue provides students, many of whom are studying abroad, the opportunity to write about important political issues, publish artwork and share firsthand experiences. The journal is completely student-produced.

SUNY Cortland utilizes many forms of technology to keep its students, faculty and staff well informed academically. The campus makes daily use of Banner to organize a host of activities, including 24/7 accessibility to admissions, degree audits, semester grades, class rosters and financial aid. In 2000, Banner replaced antiquated paper and pencil tasks, providing greater accuracy and somewhat alleviating our workloads.

E-mail is a useful way to present information to individuals or to large groups in a quick and efficient way. However, it is a somewhat static form of communication. Today, as part of our communication, we need to interact with our colleagues. Our e-mail system will be replaced by MyRedDragon, a portal that is more interactive and customizable. One of its applications gives SUNY Cortland students, faculty, staff and authorized affiliates the ability to request and manage groups for clubs, workgroups, committees or other interests. Group tools include chat, threaded discussions, photo archives, news and more. Instead of being bombarded with a slew of unwanted messages, as often happens with e-mail, the user will have control over which messages to read. It will be a far more effective way to communicate.

This summer, the campus will be introduced to a completely revamped website. Complementing the update will be a new online calendar to share information about College-wide events, activities and significant dates. The online calendar will feature events that support or benefit the College, including those that are open to the campus community and are consistent with the College mission and the role of the sponsoring organization.

Safety is the first priority of the College, and emergency notification is, therefore, of the utmost importance. SUNY NY-Alert is a system that allows SUNY campuses to warn students, employees, visitors and parents of an impending emergency and provide timely information to protect lives and minimize campus disruption. Messages can be received via cell phone (text and/or voice), telephone, e-mail and fax.

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Authorized and trained personnel on SUNY campuses administer the SUNY NY-Alert system. They can send emergency messages, such as emergency protective actions, warnings and post-incident information, whenever needed. These messages are sent to all the members of the campus population who have signed up for SUNY NY-Alert. SUNY System Administration worked very closely with the State Office of Emergency Management (SEMO) in developing SUNY NY-Alert, which provides SEMO with a single point of contact for the entire SUNY system.

Every day newer and purportedly more improved modes of communication are brought to light. As a society we are eager to spread the word, and we strive to reach out to as many people as possible. Human beings have made a concerted effort to communicate since the Stone Age, and each step — the quill pen, the typewriter, the computer, the Internet — has enabled us to get the word out to more and more "friends" who are presumably interested in sharing our story or, at the very least, in listening to us.

Communication is a bond that all humans share, and we undertake this task in earnest and with increasing urgency. Only the methods of communicating have changed.

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ALUMNI

Perspective

The Cortland we remember

BY RONNIE STERNIN SILVER '67 *Alumni Association President*



The past two years have been an adventure. Being president of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association has presented me with new opportunities and experiences. At times, they have been overwhelming but always invigorating and always make me proud to be a Cortland graduate.

In my official capacity I have attended a variety of College events, from athletic contests and theatre productions to Scholars' Day and Open House. I have talked with professors, administrators and students. I was involved in the hiring of the new executive director, Stacey Goldyn-Moller, and the alumni house manager, Rich Coyne '07.

Best of all, I met countless graduates from each decade and each generation, all with a personal story to share. Alumni also asked questions about Cortland today. And as I answered their queries about life on campus in the 21st century, I often heard the comment, "This is not the Cortland I remember." I think these words are accurate. Cortland reflects the changes in higher education by offering new courses, new academic opportunities and an extensive athletics program for both men and women — let's hear it for Title IX!

Students study abroad, graduate with double majors, create their own majors, participate in intramurals and play in one or more of 25 intercollegiate sports. Students live up the hill, down the hill and off campus. There are no curfews, and current students cannot imagine having only one phone on each floor. Cortland students study in a library surrounded by 400,000 volumes and a state-of-the-art, micro-text collection that includes videotapes, CDs and digital video recordings. Classes are held in modern buildings and athletes compete on fields too numerous to count.

Yet many alumni remember the days when the only classroom building was Old Main, and Moffett Center was the only athletic building. Let me say, despite the many physical and academic changes, this is the Cortland you remember.

Recently, I shared that message with a special alumnus, Herb Slutsky '51. He was my teacher and encouraged me to attend Cortland. For Herb, as for many alumni, Cortland was a defining time in his life.

"Cortland not only gave me a profession, but a real sense of what teaching should be, which is that each student had a potential not only during the school years, but later in life as well," Herb told me.

I am proud to say to Herb and to the thousands of other Cortland graduates that cherished philosophy has not changed. Cortland remains a campus filled with spirit and enthusiasm. This is still a respected institution dedicated to learning. And this is still a college that strives to "let each become all he/she is capable of being."

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 The Alumni Association's past presidents have been meeting continually over the last two years to develop a new strategic plan for the organization. Our goal is to create a plan that aligns with the new strategic plans of both SUNY Cortland and the State University of New York. Both plans call for more outside collaboration and networking from alumni.

The internal restructuring, evaluation and implementation of these important planning initiatives will result in more opportunities for our 60,000 alumni to serve their alma mater. Some suggest, and I am among them, that this introspection is long overdue. Cortland and SUNY alumni have much to offer beyond their financial resources.

The potential in both your collective ideas and action is staggering and can have a transformative effect on the College and New York state as a whole.

This being my last column as president, I would be remiss if I did not mention two alumni projects that are close to my heart — the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House and student scholarships — and the role you can play in promoting each.

Purchased in 2004, the Alumni House belongs to you. I encourage all of you to stop by the 29 Tompkins St. residence known for its elegant rooms, exquisite decor, colorful gardens and warm hospitality. Our new house manager and his staff work hard to maintain the house, but we do need your help. This year the Alumni Association established an Alumni House Restoration Fund. The money raised by this fund will ensure the house will be preserved for years to come. To be a participant in the fund, alumni must pledge \$10,000 over five years.

Maybe you would rather your legacy be a scholarship? Our students are always in need of financial assistance. Remember when you could work all summer and those wages would pay for your entire next year at Cortland? Students still work hard during the summer months, but the cost of a college education has escalated. I urge you to consider creating a new scholarship or supporting existing endowed scholarships. A pledge to the Restoration Fund or to a scholarship can be given by one person or by a group of people, for example, your teammates, your sorority sisters or fraternity brothers, students in the same major or simply by a group of Cortland grads.

Ultimately your generosity — be it your time, talent or treasure — will help to preserve the honored traditions of the past and create a viable future for Cortland. You can make a difference in the life of the College and its students. Your involvement in the Alumni Association will help to make the Cortland experience a defining moment for future generations who, like us, will come to remember a Cortland that changed their lives forever.



Students raked and cleaned around the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House on April 22 during the College's Sustainability Week 2010. Organized by the Alumni Affairs Office, the event at 29 Tompkins St. was among many sponsored by the campus and community during the week. The students shown, all Nu Sigma Chi sisters, volunteered their efforts on the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. They are, from the left, Kiera Rosa, Erica Scholl, Michelle Forman, Dana Goldstein and Eileen Bennett.

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Chapter Chatter

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Event registration materials are mailed six to eight weeks in advance of an event. If you do not receive a mailing and wish to attend your local chapter event, contact our office at (607) 753-2516 or at alumni@cortland.edu and we will send one to you. We also use e-mail to notify and remind graduates of upcoming alumni events. If you would like to be contacted by e-mail, write to alumni@cortland.edu and supply your e-mail address.



Professor Emeritus of Anglo-Irish Literature Robert Rhodes '53 and Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Stacey Goldyn-Moller enjoy dinner and a musical theatre talk on April 10 at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House.

Cortland

On April 10, prior to a campus production of "Rent" in the Dowd Fine Arts Center Theatre, nearly 50 alumni and their guests dined at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House. Thomas Hischak, professor of performing arts, discussed the history of "Rent" on Broadway and its creator, Jonathan Larson.

Hudson Valley

President Erik J. Bitterbaum and his wife, Ellen Howard Burton, joined 42 alumni, family and friends on April 21 at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in New Hyde Park. The evening included an optional tour of the campus. The group saw how the CIA produces some of the most talented chefs in the world and then had the chance to sample their skills with dinner in the St. Andrews Café.



Alumni met President Erik J. Bitterbaum for dinner on March 31 at Bar American in New York City. From left are: Michael Leelou '81, Cortland College Foundation Board Chair Brian Murphy '83, Brian's wife Pat Rhubottom, Bitterbaum, Angela Haines and William Haines '63.



Joseph Lawless '87 and his wife, Ellen, arrive early to the 2010 SUNY Cortland men's lacrosse tailgate party on March 6 at John J. Burns Park, Massapequa, N.Y.

Long Island

The SUNY Cortland men's lacrosse team played Gettysburg on March 6, in front of more than 3,000 alumni, students, family and friends at Burns Park in Massapequa, N.Y. The game represented a building rivalry from last year when the Red Dragons not only defeated Gettysburg in the regular season in Massapequa but also in the NCAA championship in Boston. The Alumni Association, parents of the lacrosse team and the Town of Oyster Bay put together a huge tailgate party for alumni, family and Red Dragon fans. New to this year's event was a lacrosse clinic by team members from SUNY Cortland and Gettysburg, a food drive and local lacrosse vendor booths. A special thanks goes out to Joseph Lawless '87, Town of Oyster Bay supervisor John Venditto, Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Oyster Bay Bobby McGreever, Massapequa High School Athletic Director John Pirocato '87, John Kirby of the Massapequa Lacrosse Club and all of the town staff for their efforts to make this event a huge success.

Southern Tier

Join the SUNY Cortland Southern Tier Alumni Chapter for Youth Replica Jersey Night when the Reading Phillies play the Binghamton Mets on Saturday, Aug. 14. Prior to the game, a picnic buffet will be served and guests will receive a ticket to the Maines Skybox for drinks and dessert. This evening is made possible through the generosity of the Maines Paper Company. Look for registration details online in our calendar of events.

Alumni and guests tour the Culinary Institute of America during an alumni event on April 21.



Alumni gathered during the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Mulrooney's on March 13 in Syracuse, N.Y. From the left are: Joseph Eppolito '74, Kathleen Hoefert Schuehler '78, Gary Schuehler, Harlee Gritmon Newlands '65 (seated) and James Newlands '65.

Syracuse

On March 13, almost 40 alumni gathered at Mulrooney's Pub in Armory Square to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with their fellow Red Dragons and reconnect with their alma mater. Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Stacey Goldyn-Moller greeted alumni and their guests.

Western New York

The Western New York Chapter will hold its annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Glen Oak Golf Course in East Amherst, N.Y. A dinner and awards ceremony follow the competition. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Western New York Chapter Scholarship Fund, which annually supports a deserving Western New York student attending Cortland. This year's scholarship will be awarded to SUNY Cortland senior Rebecca Schnirel.

calendar OF EVENTS

For updates, check the alumni online calendar at www.cortland.edu/alumni/calendar.asp

July

- 16-18 Alumni Reunion Weekend, SUNY Cortland
- 27 Hamilton Area Picnic, Hamilton, N.Y.
- 30-1 Annual Alumni Board of Directors Retreat, Raquette Lake, N.Y.

August

- 1 Capitol District Chapter, A Day at the Races, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
- 14 Southern Tier Chapter, Binghamton Mets Game and Picnic, NYSEG Stadium, Binghamton, N.Y.
- 15 Western New York Chapter, Scholarship Golf Tournament, East Amherst, N.Y.

September

- 1 Alumni dinner with Distinguished Service Professor of Political Science Robert Spitzer, Washington, D.C.
- 11 University of Maryland Terrapins Football Game, College Park, Md.
- 12 Cortland Chapter, Skaneateles Brunch Cruise, Skaneateles Lake, N.Y.

October

- 1-3 Red Dragon Ride, Cortland, N.Y.
- 2 Multicultural Alumni Reunion, SUNY Cortland
- 29 C-Club Classic Teams Reunion, Volleyball Teams under Coach Joan Sitterly, SUNY Cortland
- 30 42nd Annual C-Club Hall of Fame Weekend Induction Banquet, Corey Union, SUNY Cortland
- 31 Murder Mystery Dinner, Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House

November

- 3-7 Veterans Reunion, Branson, Mo.
- 13 52nd Annual Cortaca Jug Game, Cortland, N.Y.

December

- 2 Wrapping Party, Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House

April

- 2 Dinner and a Musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House and Dowd Fine Arts Theatre

REGIONAL AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Be sure to receive invitations to future alumni events by updating your alumni records at www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate.

SUSTAINABILITY WEEK CONDUCTED

Faculty, staff, students and alumni volunteers worked together during Sustainability Week to make the Cortland community a cleaner and better place to live. Educational programs were held throughout the week on and off campus. On April 22-23, volunteers at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House worked in the gardens to help prepare the house for the upcoming event season.

FLORIDA REUNION HELD

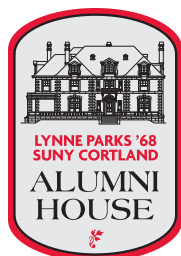
Gloria Quadrini '59 hosted a cocktail reception at her Jupiter, Fla., home for 26 alumni and friends on March 5. Alumni enjoyed cocktails and Italian hors d'oeuvres provided by Gloria. President Erik J. Bitterbaum and his wife, Ellen Howard Burton, were at the event to greet alumni.

On March 6, James Cranfield '61 and his wife, Susan, hosted 41 golfers at the Waterford Golf Club in Venice, Fla., for the 2010 West Coast Florida Reunion. Golfers competed for a variety of SUNY Cortland prizes and joined 99 alumni and friends for dinner at the club after the tournament. President Erik J. Bitterbaum presented a SUNY Cortland update.



A small committee met in New York City to discuss the current SUNY Cortland Alumni Chapter Program. Seated from the left are: Robert Vinal '71, Jennifer Gaeta '06, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Nick Koziol and Alumni Association Board member Paul Fardy '63. Standing are: Michael Katz, leadership gifts manager, and Stacey Goldyn-Moller, executive director of alumni affairs.

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BED AND BREAKFAST SPECIAL-EVENT FACILITY

Relax during an overnight stay or host a special event at the magnificent Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House located in the historic district of downtown Cortland. Surrounded by picturesque grounds, the 15,000-square-foot mansion serves as an impressive bed and breakfast as well as an elegant wedding and special event facility.

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www.cortland.edu/alumnihouse

Alumni invited to upcoming SUNY Cortland Veterans Reunion Nov. 3-7, 2010

The Post-World War II Reunion Committee plans an expanded reunion for Fall 2010 to include graduates of the 1945-1975 class years.

All alumni who are veterans, currently serving, or have family or other strong connections to any branch of the armed forces are welcome to join.

To receive a registration packet, please contact the Alumni Affairs Office or fill out the form available at alumni.cortland.edu/branson2010.



ROGER WILLIAM PHOTOGRAPHY

Brenda Henry '95, shown on the left in the Moffett Center rear lobby, shares her ideas on national public health with Health Department majors during a recent campus visit when she delivered the Scholars' Day keynote address.

BY JENNIFER WILSON *Associate Editor*

Long before she joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), Brenda Henry '95 discovered the connection between public health and the conditions that determine the availability of life's basics, such as fresh groceries, as a student intern with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Ga.

"The low-income neighborhood where I conducted my research had a whole bunch of moldy produce in the bins and outdated milk and other dairy products and breads," said Henry, during an April 16 interview on campus.

"What I learned was that the other supermarkets, same chain but in a nicer neighborhood, would cycle their food to the lower income supermarkets, so no matter how motivated a person in the low-income neighborhood is to eat a healthy diet, it wasn't as easy for them to do so as compared to someone living in a high-income neighborhood," said Henry of Lawrenceville, N.J., who has served as a research and evaluation program officer at RWJF since 2008.

"Being somebody new to the field, it was just such an eye-opening experience."

Her mentor, SUNY Cortland Professor of Health Ben Wodi, had directed her to this coveted, eight-week internship in the Public Health Summer Fellows Program, which targets underrepresented groups in the field of public health.

Henry interned through the Morehouse School of Medicine and after graduating with honors from SUNY Cortland and working for four years in New York City, she earned both her Ph.D. in health behavior and health education and her M.P.H. from the University of Michigan.

That early health research footwork set this Puerto Rican native raised in New York City on a path to improve America's abysmal world standing in terms of having a healthy population.

"Where you live matters for your health," said Henry, reinforcing a key message in the County Health Rankings, a report released in partnership with the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute by the RWJF, the fourth largest philanthropy of any kind in the U.S. and the largest foundation focusing exclusively on health and health care issues in the country.

"The U.S. spends more than \$2 trillion on health care," she said. "That is more than any other country in the world. We only rank 49th in the world in life expectancy, which is a measure of longevity, and in this case it's a measure of how long an infant just born is expected to live. Similarly, the U.S. ranks 46th in the world in infant mortality, which is a measure of the number of infants born that die within one year of age. Why aren't we doing better than our health care spending says we should be doing? Well, we are not doing better because much of health happens outside of the doctor's office."

People stay healthy eating wholesome food, exercising in safe neighborhoods and receiving good information about how to maintain their own health, but not everyone has an equal opportunity to make healthy choices, she noted.

"Detroit, the 11th largest city in the United States, does not have a major chain supermarket within the city limits," Henry said. "So in that city if the only thing we do is spread messages about the importance of eating a healthy diet, we would pretty much be wasting our resources. We should really be focusing our effort on advocating for a supermarket in the area. You have to give people access before you can expect them to change their behavior."

Henry, who oversees between 20-30 health-related research grants with the RWJF, focused her April 16 Scholars' Day keynote lecture to a packed Old Main Brown Auditorium on her largest grant, Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health, which released the February 2009 County Health Rankings report. The report includes data for 90 percent of the country's counties, more than 3,000 communities.

The information provides policymakers basic statistics that they can use to improve life in their local communities in areas such as premature deaths, health-related quality of life, and birth outcomes by targeting the multiple factors that influence health, according to Henry.

"Some examples of the health factors we decided to include are the percentage of the population over 25 years old that has a four-year college degree or higher; the rate of birth among teens; the percentage of the population under 65 years of age that does not have health insurance; and the number

of liquor stores in a community," Henry said. "We used all of this information, 23 measures in total, and combined it to generate two overall scores: one on health outcomes and one on health factors for 90 percent of the counties in the U.S."

"These reports are a snapshot of a county's health based on years of previous research on the factors we know are important for health. Our goal in developing these reports is to really increase the public's awareness about the multiple factors that impact health and to encourage all sectors, business, government and education, to really work together because that is the only way we are really going to improve the health of the population."

Cortland County ranks 53rd out of the 67 counties measured in New York state on health outcomes and 41st on health factors, Henry noted.

"So Cortland County is not doing too well," she advised. "But, if the county improves health factors it would see an improvement in the health outcomes."

The RWJF provided just under \$5 million for the project run by the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute using data from the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Census, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and other sources, she noted. Funding also was provided to effectively communicate the report's results to the public.

To effect change, research information must be communicated clearly, Henry told the students in her keynote, titled "Leveraging Research for Action."

Her message applies across all academic research specialties.

"Over the years I've found that many researchers do not do a good job in making their work accessible to outside audiences," she told the campus community. "And to be honest, I'm shocked at the extent to which the research community struggles to communicate to people outside their area of studies. These problems cut across all forms of communication."

"On average, researchers estimate, it takes 17 years for research in the area of clinical care to make it into standard clinical practice," Henry said. "So if we take this average, then the research that was conducted in 1993 is only now making its way

into standard practice in clinical care. It would basically be the equivalent of the Pentium processor, which was invented back in 1993, only becoming incorporated in computer systems now. Imagine how far back in technology we would be if that were the case."

The problem originates, she noted, when future researchers aren't properly schooled in effective writing and public speaking strategies.

At the foundation, Henry learned strategies to develop clear public communications.

"The County Health Rankings project was the first time that I was part of the process of crafting the messages," she said. "All of us who had something to do with this project came to the table and talked about what our perspectives were, what our various messages were. We made sure we came to a consensus about what the main core of our message should be. And, it was painful for a time. As a researcher who is well versed with the data and research underlying the messages, it was important to be able to express to our communications experts the nuances between how they were crafting the message and when it was really missing the point."

The hard work paid off. Following the early 2009 publicity blitz, a subsequent content analysis of a select set of news media found that 98 percent of the messages in those articles were messages that the team had crafted.

"Which is pretty amazing," Henry said.

A graduate of LaGuardia High School of Music and Art and Performing Arts in Manhattan, Henry recalls when studying to become a physician was her dream.

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 "I wanted to combine my love of medicine with sports, so I enrolled in physical education. But I was turned off by all the activities classes I had to take as a physical education major. I just kept on thinking, 'I don't want to go in this direction.' Health came on my radar as a major in which I could transfer all my credits and not stay extra time at Cortland. As much as I enjoyed my time at Cortland, I just wasn't trying to stay extra years."

"I was debating between health education and health science," said Henry, who opted for the latter based on a professor's advice.

"Then I started digging a little more and understanding what health was," Henry said. "It was the first time I was coming face to face with what public health was. There was this whole field dedicated to preventing people from getting sick to begin with. Trying to do it at a population level, for me that was so much cooler than being a doctor."

In addition to Wodi, she fondly recalls Professor of English Emmanuel Nelson and Professor of Biological Sciences Barry Batzing.

"I remember the two courses I took with Dr. Nelson, Introduction to African American Literature and African American Autobiographies. He would not tolerate grammatical errors in the work. You're consciously trying to not make any grammatical errors because if you do, he wasn't going to give you leeway

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on it, and it would be reflected in your grade. As undergrads do, I complained about it. But, in hindsight, it was the most brilliant thing ever, because it really made me conscious of my writing.

“Dr. Batzing obviously loves his work,” she said of the professor, now emeritus, from whom she took Microbiology. “I found he was always able to relate these complex topics in ways his students could understand. He, more than anyone else, I always kept in touch with.”

SUNY Cortland was a bit of a culture shock to the newly arrived Henry.

“I first stepped foot on this campus for orientation,” Henry said. “I had never seen it before. Coming from New York City, I had to adjust to the fact that the campus was not as diverse as the high school I had attended or the neighborhood where I had lived. So, it was really a time period where I had to figure out where I was in the larger context of society. It’s a period everybody goes through. It was the first time I got a sense of what it meant to be an Afro-Latina woman in the United States.

“It was great because I started seeing the community and the need to reach out. I’ve always said to everybody that it’s really about the networks you make and the connections you make. I made great friends here, some of whom I still keep in touch with. That was a great support network while I was here.”

Henry found herself unexpectedly recruited into RWJF while attending a professional conference when she served as program director for the Center for Applied Research and Technical Assistance, Inc., in Baltimore, Md., a national nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the healthy development of all young people, specifically youth of color.

Before that, she had conducted data analysis as a research associate for High/Scope Educational Research Foundation in Michigan, and was a graduate research assistant for the University of Michigan, School of Public Health’s Center for Research on Ethnicity Culture and Health.

Her extensive research background includes a range of positions at the University of Michigan, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Joseph L. Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University. A member of the American Public Health Association, she has received numerous academic awards and honors.

In her current role, Henry works to achieve RWJF’s goal of ensuring quality in the nation’s public health system and advo-

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 cating for policies that protect, promote and preserve the population’s health. Her duties span several key research areas, including helping to develop the RWJF-funded Public Health Services and Systems Research (PHSSR) portfolio of work, which seeks to answer some of the most important and challenging questions about how best to structure, fund and support the nation’s public health system. She also helps to further the foundation’s effort to support researchers from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities and to expand the diversity within the evaluation field overall.

The foundation’s message is much too important to lose in the mix.

“Public health makes its career in the non-event,” she observed. “Think about it. We’re all about things not happening. We’re about keeping you healthy. So the only time people become aware of what public health is, is when something goes wrong. When there’s an E-coli contamination of spinach, that’s when people realize, ‘Oh, there’s a food inspection industry back there that’s taking care of this’; or, when there’s an outbreak like last year’s H1N1 virus. We — public health — have a crisis in communications. That’s what this county health rankings report is all about, to start putting public health on the map so that people can realize what keeps them healthy and will support greater investment in those things.”



Brenda Henry '95, shown second from the left outside Moffett Center, listens to ideas from a student majoring in health professions who breakfasted with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation staff member this spring.

Alumni Association to honor Distinguished Alumni

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumni Award, to three graduates during the Alumni Reunion Weekend luncheon in Corey Union on Saturday, July 17.

The 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Judith Rink '65, a professor of physical education at the University of South Carolina who has been nationally and internationally recognized in her field, and the late Kathleen O'Callaghan Maul '72, who was nationally recognized for her leadership as the executive director for United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Suffolk (UCPGSC). The association will bestow its Distinguished Young Alumni Award on Amber Larkin Rice '03, a North Carolina schoolteacher who joined 19 outstanding educators on the 2007 national All-USA Teacher Team.

Since 1968, 109 SUNY Cortland graduates, including this year’s honorees, have received the Distinguished Alumni Award for their career accomplishments and outstanding service to their community and alma mater. In addition, 19 alumni have been recognized with Distinguished Young Alumni awards and six have been named Honorary Alumni.

To read more about this year’s Distinguished Alumni, visit the link on the SUNY Cortland online alumni newsletter, *Moments*, at alumni.cortland.edu/momentsmay2010.



From left to right: Judith Rink '65 on the University of South Carolina campus, Amber Larkin Rice '03 in her classroom and the late Kathleen O'Callaghan Maul '72.

Nominate an exceptional grad

FILL OUT THIS FORM | DEADLINE: JAN. 31, 2011

Nominations for 2011 Distinguished Alumni, Distinguished Young Alumni and Outstanding Alumni Volunteer Awards are now being accepted by the SUNY Cortland Alumni Affairs Office. The three awards are the highest honors that the Alumni Association can bestow upon graduates of SUNY Cortland. Established in 1968, the Distinguished Alumni awards have been presented to 109 graduates. In 1977, the Distinguished Young Alumni Award was introduced and, to date, 19 such graduates have been honored. Created in 1999, the Outstanding Alumni Volunteer Award has been presented to seven graduates.

These awards seek to recognize Cortland alumni for distinguishing themselves in their careers and communities, and/or rendering outstanding service to the College or Alumni Association, thus bringing credit to the alumnus or alumna and honor to the College.

Distinguished Young Alumni Award winners must be under 35 years old and must have graduated in the last 10 years. Those alumni nominated since 2007 who have not received awards do not have to be re-nominated. Nominations are active for three years inclusive of the year of initial nomination. Distinguished alumni, young alumni and outstanding alumni volunteer awards will be presented at the Alumni Reunion Weekend Luncheon on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

Nominations will be accepted by filling out and submitting the form below or by visiting the Alumni Affairs Office website at www.cortland.edu/alumni and going to 'Distinguished Alumni.'

I WISH TO NOMINATE:

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS:

for the (check one):

Distinguished Alumni Award

Distinguished Young Alumni Award

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

IMPORTANT: Please include with this nomination form a letter of recommendation that strongly emphasizes how the nominee has distinguished himself or herself. If more than one nomination is submitted, please attach the extra names and supporting documentation to this form. Please submit nominations by Jan. 31, 2011, to: Alumni Affairs Office, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045-0900.

ALFRED F. PISANO, JR. '61
Palm Harbor, Fla.

As the Cortland men's lacrosse coach from 1965-69, Al Pisano was the architect of the Red Dragon program's growth into a national powerhouse, while also guiding several student-athletes who would become some of the top lacrosse coaches in the country.

Pisano, who graduated from Mineola (N.Y.) High School, had started all four years as a defenseman on the lacrosse squad at SUNY Cortland, where he majored in physical education. An honorable mention All-American and two-time all-state selection, he captained the team and won the Red Letter as a senior.

The house president of Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity, Pisano won two letters as a football guard and linebacker.

After graduating in 1961, Pisano earned a master's degree in physical education at The Pennsylvania State University, where he coached the freshman lacrosse squad. He returned to Long Island as a lacrosse and football coach at Massapequa High School for two years.

In 1964, Pisano became a physical education instructor, assistant football and head gymnastics and lacrosse coach at SUNY Cortland. Over the next five seasons, he put Cortland lacrosse on the national map. His teams went 45-12-1, including one-loss campaigns in 1967 and 1969 and a pair of wins over Syracuse University, and moved from 33rd nationally to eighth in the country at a time when there was only one division.

He coached several All-Americans and participants in the North-South game, in which he was both an assistant and a head coach in 1969 and 1970, respectively.

Pisano launched Cortland's well-deserved reputation as "The Cradle of Lacrosse Coaches." His former Red Dragon charges include: Tony Seaman '65 (Towson, Pennsylvania, Johns Hopkins, C.W. Post), Mike Messere '66 (West Genesee High), Dave Urick '70 (Hobart and Georgetown), Rich O'Leary '70 (Notre Dame), Mike Waldvogel '69 (Yale), Rich Speckmann '67 (Nassau Community College) and the late Paul Rose '67 (Geneseo, Colgate, Morrisville).

C-Club Hall of Fame to add six in October



The SUNY Cortland C-Club will induct six new members into its Hall of Fame during the 42nd Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Corey Union Function Room.

This year's honorees are: Alfred Pisano '61, Fred Acee '63, Richard Bianchino '63, John Anselmo '71, Sue Lauder '75 and honorary inductee Joan Sitterly.

Established in 1969, the C-Club Hall of Fame recognizes Cortland alumni who competed as athletes at the College and who have since distinguished themselves in their professions and within their communities. Honorary members are recognized for their long and significant contributions to SUNY Cortland athletics.

New C-Club members have been added annually, and this year's ceremony will bring the Hall of Fame roster to 213 alumni and 24 honorary members.

Pisano joined the U.S. Military Academy staff in 1970 and directed Army men's lacrosse to a 53-19 record, including an appearance in the first-ever NCAA final four in 1971, over the next seven seasons. Six of his former Cortland and Army players are members of the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

From 1976-83, he was physical education director and head football and lacrosse coach at Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy.

Since 1983, Pisano has been at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. He joined the staff as a physical educator and football coach. His teams went 70-35 between 1983-93 with two undefeated seasons and a district and regional championship. He was the 1985 Florida Athletic Coaches Association District Coach of the Year. Pisano has served as athletic director and, since 1993, has been dean of the students in the upper division.

A 2000 inductee in the Berkeley Hall of Fame, Pisano has received both its Pro-Communicate Award and The Berkeley Shield for contributions to the school community. In 1988, Berkeley renamed its softball field for Pisano and his wife, Marguerite "Peg" Mottola Pisano '66, a teacher and coach there. They have four children, Alfred, Laura, Michael and Ronald.

FRED ACEE '63
Monument, Colo.

Over the past four decades, Fred Acee '63 has impacted collegiate lacrosse as a highly successful coach, role model and one of the founders of the Intercollegiate Men's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IMCLA).

Between 1966-97, Acee guided the Farmingdale Community College men's lacrosse program to an amazing 312-119-1 overall record, 25 final four appearances in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) championships, and national championship titles in 1977, 1981 and 1987. He was voted the national junior college Coach of the Year in each of those three seasons.

Acee, who holds a career record of 350-223-1, was the U.S. Air Force Academy head lacrosse coach from 1998-2008. He served in an administrative capacity during his final year with the Falcons before retiring in 2009. He returned as a volunteer assistant in the 2010 season.

In 1994, he was the defensive coach of the USA Lacrosse Team that captured the world championship. Four years later, he served on the executive board for the USA Team. In 2002, he coached the South team in the North-South Division I lacrosse game.

In 2001, the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) presented Acee with its prestigious Howdy Meyers Man of the Year Award for his extraordinary contributions and unselfish and untiring devotion to the game of lacrosse. He served on the USILA Rules Advisory Committee.

He received the USILA's Joseph R. "Frenchy" Julien Award in 2007 for outstanding and continuous service to the sport. The same year, IMLCA gave Acee its Creators Award. In 1992, he was inducted into the Long Island Metropolitan Lacrosse Sports Hall of Fame. A past president of NJCAA, Acee was inducted into its Hall of Fame in 2005.

Acee serves on the board of directors of the IMLCA, an organization of college coaches devoted to growing the sport, providing coaching development and monitoring the integrity of lacrosse.

A native of Clinton, N.Y., Acee was a standout in football, basketball and baseball at Clinton Central High School, where he is a 2005 Hall of Fame inductee.

Acee majored in physical education at SUNY Cortland, where he played quarterback on the football squad and competed all four years as a midfielder on the lacrosse unit. He earned the Red Letter and was an All-Morrill Division selection as a senior. He was a member of Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity and performed with Bess Koval's Folk Dance group.

He graduated from Cortland in 1963 and earned a master's degree from Ithaca College in 1966. He taught physical education and coached boys and girls sports at Leonardsville (N.Y.) Central School from 1963-65 and was an elementary physical education instructor in the Ithaca (N.Y.) City Schools the following year.

At Farmingdale Community College, Acee chaired the Physical Education Department from 1975-97, was head soccer coach from 1966-76, directed intramurals from 1972-76 and was head women's tennis coach from 1992-96.

Acee, who has been active recently with the Starlight Children's Foundation in Colorado Springs, Colo., has three children, Andreana, Michael and Paulette.

RICHARD L. BIANCHINO '63
Anaheim Hills, Calif.

A four-sport athlete at Cortland, Richard Bianchino became a highly decorated Marine Corps officer and pilot whose repeated courage and valor in the face of danger saved lives and earned him a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts, and the Republic of Vietnam Air Cross of Gallantry.

The Albany (N.Y.) High School graduate and exceptional scholastic athlete majored in physical education at Cortland. He played halfback and safety in football, was among the state's fastest track sprinters, competed as a lacrosse midfielder and performed on parallel bars and vault at the NCAA Eastern Regional gymnastics meet.

Bianchino was vice president of his class, active in the Men's Glee Club, Dance Club, Social Activities Council, Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity and was a residence hall counselor.

He graduated from Cortland in 1963 and later earned a master's degree in human resources management from Pepperdine University.

In 1963, he began his long career with the U.S. Marine Corps. Over the next three years, he served in both the U.S. and in Vietnam as an infantry officer with the 3rd Marine Div., and infantry company commander with the 1st Marine Div. Promoted to captain, he was staff platoon commander and instructor at The Basic School in Quantico, Va.

Bianchino became a student at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla., where Roger Staubach quarterbacked his Navy Goshawks football squad.

In 1969, he returned to Vietnam as a pilot with the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 364, the most decorated squadron in Vietnam and the unit with the highest casualty rate. Bianchino suffered severe wounds in April 1969 when his helicopter was shot down attempting to save trapped Marines. He returned to duty as instructor pilot in Florida, where he was promoted to major.

In 1975, as a commanding officer, he helped to design and execute the plan for the safe evacuation of U.S. forces and civilians from the city of Saigon. From 1975-78, he was head of the Marine Corps Sports Unit, served on the U.S. Olympic delegation to Montreal, and mentored fellow U.S. Marines and Olympic boxer Leon Spinks.

In January 1979, he nicknamed his newly activated helicopter squadron the "Red Dragons" in deference to his alma mater. The squadron, still known by the same name, has been honored for its actions in combat situations and worldwide disaster relief operations.

Bianchino served as executive assistant to the chief of staff for the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii and was an associate professor and director of the University of Washington Navy ROTC, before retiring in 1987.

He was staff manager of human resources for McDonnell-Douglas Corp. and worked for Interstate Specialty Marketing in California. He now presides over real estate and marketing firms.

Assisting the sick and youth groups for nearly 30 years with the Knights of Columbus, Bianchino has been active with local organizations to provide high school scholarships for budding artists and to paint the homes of elderly and disabled residents.

He and his wife, Brenda, have two daughters, Leah and Nicole.

C-Club Hall of Fame

NOMINATION FORM

The Hall of Fame was established in 1969 to recognize and honor those men and women associated with SUNY Cortland athletics who, through their efforts and accomplishments both as student-athletes and later in their professional lives, have brought great honor and distinction to the College. On special occasions, non-alumni have been recognized as honorary inductees into the Hall of Fame for their outstanding devotion and loyal services to the College athletics program.

C-Club Hall of Fame nominations may be submitted by anyone. In order to be considered by the C-Club Board of Directors the nominator must send a detailed letter of recommendation with the nomination form.

NOMINEE'S NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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IF A CORTLAND GRADUATE, LIST CLASS YEAR _____

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IF A CORTLAND GRADUATE, LIST CLASS YEAR _____

Once an individual's Hall of Fame nomination form and nominator's letter of recommendation have been received, the athletics director will send the nominee a Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame candidate information form.

Please submit nomination materials to Athletics Director, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045-0900 by Jan. 14, 2011.

JOHN ANSELMO '71
Syracuse, N.Y.

Presently the Syracuse University football secondary coach, John Anselmo '71 set the highest standard of excellence at Nassau Community College where his football teams won a staggering 80 percent of their games during his 18 seasons as head coach.

From 1987-94 and 1999-2008, Anselmo guided Nassau to an impressive 152-37 record and 12 Junior College Bowl games. His squads finished undefeated in 1989, 1991 and 1993, capturing the national title in the latter year. Between 1989-94, Nassau won 55 of 58 contests. His teams finished ranked in the nation's top three on five occasions and the top 20 in 15 different seasons.

A five-time Coastal Conference Coach of the Year, Anselmo mentored more than 150 student-athletes who went on to Division I schools and more than 600 student-athletes who advanced to compete at four-year colleges. Of those, more than 300 received scholarships to compete and earn educations at NCAA Div I or Div I-AA institutions. More than 50 of his charges played in the NFL. Overall, 85 percent of all his Nassau football players advanced to four-year institutions.

Anselmo took over as the Georgia Tech secondary coach for Coach George O'Leary between 1995-98, when his players included future NFL competitors Ryan Stewart, Travares Tillman and Jason Bostic. Georgia Tech competed in the 1997 Carquest Bowl.

A Freeport (N.Y.) High graduate, Anselmo excelled in athletics at Cortland. He won the Red Letter and captained the football team as a record-setting and All-ECAC quarterback. He lost just once in two years as a wrestler. He was the baseball Red Letter Award winner and team captain as a senior. He became only the second Red Dragon to bat over .300 for three consecutive years. He was an All-State University of New York Athletic Conference outfielder and the league's leading hitter.

Anselmo, a member of Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity, served as vice president of the Interfraternity Council on campus. Active with the Men's Athletic Association, he was listed in the 1971 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Cortland in 1971, a master's degree from Syracuse University in 1972 and an School District Administrator certificate from C. W. Post in 1981.

He began his professional career teaching physical education and coaching football, wrestling and baseball at Tappan Zee (N.Y.) High School from 1972-77 and at Freeport High School from 1977-86.

Anselmo was the Nassau football defensive coordinator from 1978-86 for Cortland C-Club Hall of Famer Jim Weinman '60. He joined the Nassau faculty in 1986 as a professor of physical education and remained in that capacity at the college until he left in 2008. In 1993, he received the Distinguished Adjunct Professor of the Year Award.

Within the community, he was active with the Nassau County Heart Association Fundraiser and was a Nassau County Marathon volunteer.

He and his wife, Carol Eichel Anselmo '71, have three children, Alison, Tracy and Peter.

SUE E. LAUDER '75
Worcester, Mass.

A gifted four-sport athlete at Cortland, Sue Lauder '75 has distinguished herself throughout her professional career as a highly successful coach, athletics director, football conference commissioner and member of influential NCAA Div. III national committees.

Since 1996, Lauder has directed and greatly enhanced both the intercollegiate



New York Jets owner "Woody" Johnson outlines the advantages of his NFL team returning to SUNY Cortland for the 2010 Training Camp in August. Last year, the Jets moved the camp to SUNY Cortland and advanced to the American Football Conference (AFC) championship game, one win away from the Super Bowl. The team announced a three-year agreement, with provisions for additional years, during an April 12 press conference in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room. [See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/view](http://www.cortland.edu/view)

athletics and recreation programs and opportunities at Fitchburg (Mass.) State College. She was a catalyst behind the construction of new facilities and secured one of only nine NCAA/Strategic Alliance grants to help fund Fitchburg athletic initiatives.

Her emphasis on Fitchburg's coaches and student-athletes becoming involved in the community has established a standard of service that has helped Special Olympics, nursing homes, Habitat for Humanity, blood drives and care packages for the troops. The Fitchburg athletics program received an NCAA Div. III Sportsmanship Award at the national convention in 2010.

Lauder has been the commissioner of the 16-member New England Football Conference — the largest in NCAA Div. III — since 2005. The only female to head a collegiate football-only league, she received the All-American Football Foundation's Asa S. Bushnell Outstanding Commissioner Award in 2009.

A past president of the Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC), Lauder currently serves as vice president and on its Executive Committee.

On a national scale, Lauder chaired the NCAA Div. III Women's Basketball Committee from 2000-02 and served on the NCAA Nominating Committee from 2005-09. She assisted with the NCAA Future of Div. III Focus Group in 2003-04 and, from 1993-96, served on NCAA Div. II Women's Basketball Legislative Committee.

A graduate of Camden (N.Y.) Central High School, Lauder excelled as a Cortland student-athlete. She competed all four years as a halfback in field hockey and a guard in basketball, serving as team captain in both sports as a senior. She was a softball catcher for a season and sprinted and threw javelin on the track and field squad.

Lauder, a member of Theta Phi sorority, studied in Cologne, Germany, at the Deutsche Sporthochschule as a senior. She earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from Cortland in 1975 and a master's degree from Syracuse University in

1978. She taught and coached at Romulus (N.Y.) High School from 1975-77.

Lauder was director of women's athletics and the women's basketball and tennis coach at Hartwick College from 1978-85. She posted a 103-52 overall record in basketball. She won the New York State AIAW Coach of the Year in 1982-83, when her team was undefeated in the regular season and participated in the first-ever NCAA Div. III Tournament.

She was a consultant in adaptive physical education for The Education Cooperative in 1985-86 and assistant director of athletics and director of intramurals and wellness at Quinsigamond Community College in Worcester, Mass., for a year.

Lauder worked at Assumption College in Worcester from 1987-96 as the assistant director of athletics, head women's basketball coach and the senior women's administrator.

JOAN SITTERLY (HONORARY)
Newark, N.Y.

One of college's all-time premier volleyball coaches, Joan Sitterly established a dynasty in her 22 years as Cortland's head coach before translating that success into guiding Cortland's elite NCAA Div. III intercollegiate athletics program from 2004 until her retirement in 2010.

Sitterly, who joined the Cortland physical education faculty in 1983, coached the women's volleyball program to a phenomenal 816-234 record between 1983 and 2004, when she became only the second coach in Div. III women's volleyball history to reach 800 career wins. Her Cortland teams qualified for the NCAA Div. III Tournament in 18 of her last 20 seasons, while capturing 13 State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) titles and the SUNYAC East Division championship every year between 1985-2001.

A seven-time SUNYAC Coach of the Year, Sitterly also was voted the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Regional Coach of the Year on seven occasions. Promoted to assistant professor in 1990 and associate professor in 1998, Sitterly was interim athletics director in 2000-01 and in 2003-04 before she was appointed to the full-time position.

As Cortland's athletics director, Sitterly oversaw a 25-sport program that perennially ranked among the most successful in the nation. Under her watch, Cortland remained just one of six colleges among more than 400 in NCAA Div. III to annually finish in the top 20 of the all-sports National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Directors' Cup. Cortland finished third in 2006-07 and fifth in both 2005-06 and 2008-09.

Sitterly, as executive director of the SUNY Cortland C-Club, was a catalyst for the construction of the C-Club Pavilion, refurbishing the C-Club Wall of Fame in the Park Center Hall of Champions and the hosting of the Pre-Title IX Women's Teams Reunion.

The SUNYAC president in 2006-07, Sitterly served on the NCAA's Management Council, Women's Volleyball Rules Committee and Div. III Championships Committee.

A Fairport, N.Y., native, she earned her bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Brockport in 1974. She was a standout competitor in basketball, field hockey, lacrosse and tennis at Brockport, where she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2007.

Sitterly earned a master's degree in 1979 from the University of Colorado. She received a doctorate in education from Syracuse University in 1995.

From 1974-83, Sitterly taught physical education and was the head volleyball and basketball coach at Newark (N.Y.) High School. Her volleyball teams won five Finger Lakes League (FLL) championships and captured the 1982-83 Western New York championship. She won two FLL titles in basketball and was assistant track coach for the undefeated Newark track and field squad from 1982-84. She coordinated the Finger Lakes Volleyball League and served as chair of Section V Class A Basketball.

A U.S. Lacrosse official for girls and women's lacrosse since 1974, Sitterly is married to Gary Miller.

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Wurth said. "What the study was trying to do was determine if hospice provided good care and was cost-effective."

She interviewed patients about pain control and effectiveness of service, while gathering figures on the associated costs of providing hospice service. When her research term ended, Wurth was hired by St. Peter's as its full-time assistant director because of her knowledge of data collection and handling of sensitive issues. After two years, Wurth assumed the hospice directorship and began to demonstrate the strong sense of organization that has become her trademark.

"I added organizational rigor," admitted Wurth, who worked closely with the state Department of Health to have St. Peter's become compliant and earn funding. "At that point, we were becoming legitimate. We had no policies and procedures. We were doing very good clinical work, but we didn't have the organization structure around it. It was under my tenure that we got Medicare certification, joint commission accreditation and state licensure."

Wurth received a lifelong management style lesson during those years.

"One of the things I like about hospice care is that it's very much an interdisciplinary, holistic approach," she explained. "I tend to think broadly about things. Looking at health care isn't just the physical issue you are presented with, but the general health, your spiritual side and your social supports."

"We could take a lot from hospice and apply it to other areas of health care. Around one table we had the physician, the lead nurse, the pharmacist, the chaplain and the social worker. We would discuss, say, Mr. Henry, and really talk collectively from our various expertise about what was the right treatment plan for Mr. Henry going forward. I saw the value of that exchange very early on. That is something I have carried throughout my whole professional career."

You need to hear a variety of perspectives to come up with the right solution.

"I often say I got my heart as a manager and a leader in my hospice days because it makes you focus on what's important in life and what isn't. The best part of my job is to go out and see the customers. Back then, it was to go out and visit the patients. I was used to doing that from my work on the study. It reminded you very quickly how important it was and what a privilege it was to be a part of that most vulnerable and intimate part of somebody's life and to make it just a little bit easier. But it also reminded you as a healthy person, don't get hung up on the small stuff. My own mother had died by that point. I felt a real affinity for what the people were going through and really believed it was a very powerful, passionate mission that was being done."

Wurth admits that she could have stayed in that job forever but left in 1986 shortly after her eldest daughter, Sara, was born. A chance encounter a few years later with Carolyn Scanlan, a former St. Peter's colleague who was working for the Health Care Association of New York State (HANYs), led to Wurth taking a part-time position there. Within a year-and-a-half, Wurth was appointed HANYs' vice president for continuing care services.

"HANYs is the state advocacy association for hospitals and health systems in New York," she explained. "It's a pretty sizeable organization. They had a very strong section for nursing homes, home health and hospice, adult day care — the post-acute continuum. I was hired into that to develop what their advocacy agenda would be."

"Those were great years. While I got my heart in hospice, I got my head working in the association world, where I learned about politics and how policy is made. I was living and breathing what I studied at Cornell."

Wurth lobbied for adequate funding, a reasonable surveillance process, quality initiatives, and worked with the Department of Health as it began to expand assisted living programs.



In April, IHA President Maryjane Anderson Wurth '78 explained the implications of a recent Illinois Supreme Court ruling to the board of directors for Paris (Ill.) Community Hospital, a small 25-bed facility in central Illinois.

In 1998, HANYs named Wurth as its chief operating officer — its second in charge — as part of a larger strategic plan. In 2001, Wurth added the role of president of HANYs Solutions, a \$20 million for-profit subsidiary company that dealt with data solutions, retirement investment programs, background screening and group purchasing for its member institutions.

"Part of my challenge is that I get bored easily, so health care is a perfect fit for me because it's changing all the time," admitted Wurth, who was not looking for a new job when a "headhunter" agency approached her in 2009 about the IHA position.

She and her husband, Chris, who also works in health care with physician practices, discussed the offer and agreed that they should take advantage of the window of opportunity in their personal lives that the IHA director presented.

"I had been at HANYs for just shy of 20 years and I had accomplished much of what I had wanted to do there," she said. "I felt very good about my contribution and getting that association well-positioned for the future."

In Illinois, she reports to a 29-member board of directors, who represent the four branches of the IHA: teaching universities, such as the University of Illinois, Northwestern University and Rush in Chicago; the 50 community hospitals across the state with 25 or less beds; rural and suburban facilities; and the specialty institutions, such as children's and psychiatric hospitals.

"Lobbying is the core work," said Wurth. "We also provide education and business solutions that provide tools, data and information."

Although she's been in the job six months, she is already making her mark. She expanded IHA's traditional focus on state issues to include positioning its members for the impact of federal initiatives, most notably, health care reform. She admits that there are advantages and disadvantages to the Illinois hospitals in the federal reform act, as it stands and that she will be advocating for the changes in it the IHA member institutions see as necessary.

"We have very good quality care occurring in our hospitals," she said in response to a question about health care in America. "We are still one of the most advanced countries, but we have work we need to do. We can't sustain the level of health spending in this country and in most states, given the economic downturn. We have to look at new models of health care delivery. I think federal reform does give incentives in that direction. I know that Illinois hospitals are very much looking at innovation and making care delivery more efficient, more user friendly, and at a lower cost."

Wurth believes hospitals still hold a special place in the nation's communities.

"People are very loyal to their hospitals," she said. "You want one when you need it and you want it close to you. We know there is enough science that says in certain conditions you need to get to a health care provider very soon. There really is a very strong community identity and expectation that hospitals be the safety net."

"I was in New York on 9/11. I knew what our hospitals went through. People were coming in just for water, for information, for shelter from the cloud dust. You turn to your hospital when something like that happens. We have this expectation, but we don't really want to understand what it costs to make sure there's an adequate system, to understand those unique circumstances, and to keep the doors opened for the ERs. These are good people called to a higher calling, whether they are physicians or nurses. Their mission is to take care of whoever is in need."

In the meantime, Wurth's avocation, employing a self-assuredness that she discovered all those years ago on the Cortland campus, is to help each and every Illinois hospital attain those noblest of goals.



Maryjane Anderson Wurth '78 testified before the Illinois House of Representatives' Human Services Committee in March 2010 in support of an IHA proposal to boost Medicaid funding for Critical Access Hospitals, those with 25 or less hospital beds and serving rural and underserved areas. To her left is State Representative John Bradley.

VIEW FROM the Hill

Buchanan, Ryerson earn honorary degrees

Two SUNY Cortland graduates, University of Wyoming President Thomas Buchanan '74 and Wells College President Lisa Marsh Ryerson M '91, received honorary degrees from State University of New York during the Undergraduate Commencement exercises in Park Center Alumni Arena on Saturday, May 22.

Ryerson addressed the graduates at the morning ceremony, while Buchanan spoke during the afternoon ceremony. Brief biographies of Buchanan and Ryerson, both of whom received the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, follow.

THOMAS BUCHANAN '74



Thomas Buchanan '74

As president of the University of Wyoming (UW) since 2005, Thomas Buchanan set priorities for the university that resulted in increasing excellence in academics, promoting access to higher education in Wyoming

and enhancing the state's economic and workforce development.

Under Buchanan's direction, the university has experienced extraordinary success with the Wyoming State Legislature, resulting in unprecedented support for the university, including the allocation of \$82 million in state matching dollars for private contributions as well as more than 100 new faculty positions. Buchanan was instrumental in helping shape legislation that established programs supporting higher education throughout Wyoming, including the Hathaway Scholarship Program and the Excellence in Higher Education Endowment.

His leadership at UW has led to record-breaking growth in private giving and research funding, with more than \$500 million dollars in capital construction projects. In addition, Buchanan guided the development of the UW School of Energy Resources, successfully negotiated contracts with the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and the National Science Foundation to establish a supercomputing facility in Wyoming, and worked with General Electric for the development of a coal gasification research facility.

Like most colleges and universities, UW has been impacted by recent economic conditions. Buchanan led the university through its most significant budget reduction in the history of the institution in order to meet budget objectives of the state of Wyoming.

Buchanan's higher education career has spanned more than 35 years as a student, teacher and administrator.

After graduating from SUNY Cortland in 1974 with a bachelor of science in recreation education, the Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., native earned a master of science degree from the

University of Wyoming in 1975 and a Ph.D. from the Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1979.

Upon completing his doctorate, Buchanan returned to the University of Wyoming as an assistant professor in the Department of Geography. Over the next 30 years, he advanced through the faculty ranks to department chair, full professor, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and vice president for academic affairs. On July 1, 2005, he was appointed the 23rd president of the University of Wyoming.

As a faculty member, Buchanan received research dollars and state agency funding for his various projects. He worked with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department on the reintroduction of wolves to Yellowstone. He and his students studied the chemical composition of fresh snow on Mount Everest. He also worked with the state's Department of Commerce on the impact of tourism.

In 1988, he received the University of Wyoming's highest honor for classroom teaching — the John P. Ellbogen Meritorious Classroom Teaching Award. In 1990, he was the College of Arts and Sciences Siebold Professor, which provided an honorarium to enhance one's career. Buchanan used it to bring the first Geographic Information System (GIS) to the UW campus.

As president, he serves on the governing boards of the Mountain West Athletic Conference, the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education and the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications. He is Wyoming's representative to State Higher Education Executive Officers (SHEEO).

Buchanan is married to Jacque, whom he met while a student at UW. They are the proud parents of Eric and grandparents of Bradley.

LISA MARSH RYERSON M '91

An experienced, innovative leader known



Lisa Marsh Ryerson M '91

for her advocacy of gender equity, the liberal arts and commitment to providing increased access to higher education, Lisa Marsh Ryerson has served as president of Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., since 1995. The first alumna to become

president of Wells College, she is the institution's 17th president and currently the senior college president in the region.

Nationally recognized for her progressive views on higher education and community partnerships, Ryerson speaks and writes about the benefits of inclusive co-education, gender equality in education and society, women in leadership, and business-education partnerships among many other topics.

She has elevated the college's national standing as a leader in providing an excellent liberal arts education at an affordable price. Ryerson led the board of trustees through a planning and decision-making process that included opening the college's doors to matriculated male students for the first time in the college's history beginning in Fall 2005. She directed Wells' successful transition to co-education and subsequent 45 percent increase in enrollment.

In February 2010, Ryerson announced the addition of an innovative business center to Wells' liberal arts offerings. This program puts Wells at the forefront of national efforts to revitalize undergraduate business programs by connecting them more fully to the liberal arts.

Ryerson played a key leadership and collaborative role in economically revitalizing the village of Aurora through the restoration and refurbishment of the college's extensive holdings in the village's commercial district. Additionally, she has overseen the construction of Stratton Hall, the college's state-of-the-art science facility. Under her leadership, Wells completed the largest and most successful fundraising effort in its history — a comprehensive campaign that surpassed its ambitious \$50 million goal.

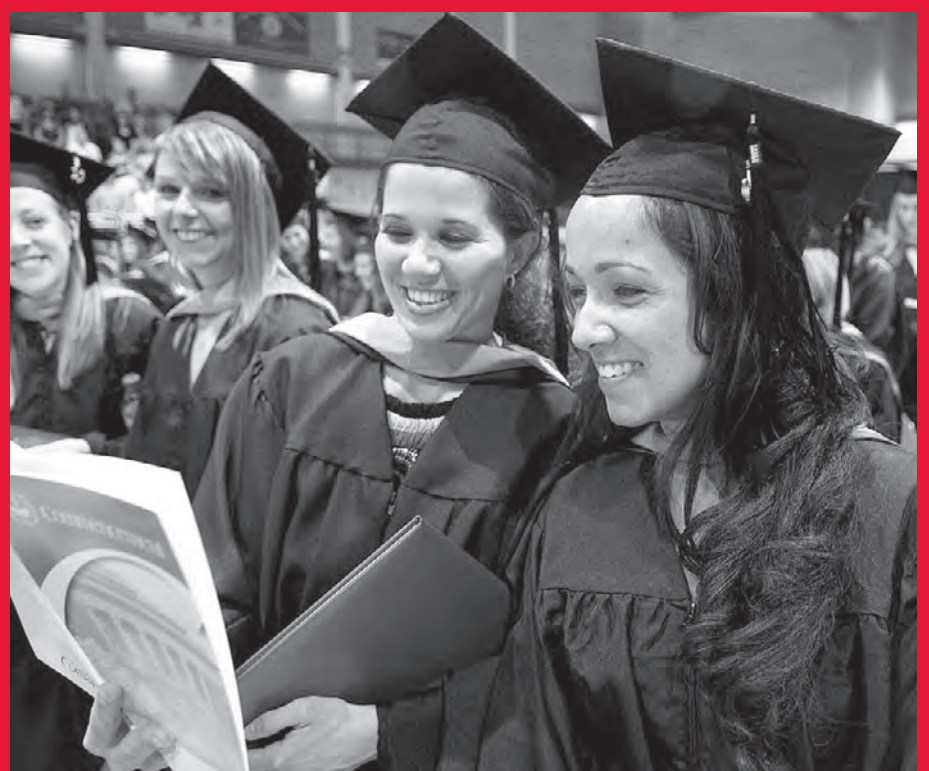
An active leader in many national, state and local organizations, Ryerson serves as a commissioner and executive committee member of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education; a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Management Council; a director of the Metropolitan Development Association (MDA) of Central New

York; a director of the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra; a member of the Central New York Advisory Board of HSBC Bank; a member of the board of the Northwood School in Lake Placid, N.Y.; a trustee of Auburn Memorial Hospital; and member of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art Community Advisory Committee at Cornell University.

Ryerson is a past chair of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities of New York State, the Executive Board of the Public Leadership Education Network and the Women's College Coalition in Washington, D.C. She is a vice chair of the Council of Independent Colleges, the American Council on Education's Commission on Leadership and Institutional Effectiveness, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

She has been honored with the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District II Chief Executive Leadership Award; a New York State Senate Woman of Distinction Award; the Girls Inc. of CNY Spirit of American Women National Role Model for Girls Award; the Central New York Chapter of The Public Relations Society of America Communications Advocate Award; a Post-Standard Achievement Award; and a Seven Lakes Girl Scout Council Woman of Distinction Award.

The Jamestown, N.Y., native earned her bachelor's degree from Wells and her master's degree of science in education in reading from SUNY Cortland. She resides in Aurora with her husband, George E. Farenthold, and three daughters, Annie, Carol and Julie.



Two master's degree recipients eye a list of successfully graduating classmates in a program during the 2010 SUNY Cortland Graduate Commencement ceremony on May 21 in the the Park Center Alumni Arena.

New debate team speaks up in regional competition

BY ALEXANDRIA GUCCIONE '10
Public Relations Intern

Aware that her time limit is quickly approaching, freshman Ashley Cattaneo tightens her fingers around her stack of notes and makes one final declaration.

"Obama's stimulus package is a step in the right direction," she tells the crowd of students and faculty gathered for this inaugural SUNY Cortland Speech and Debate Club presentation in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. "We haven't seen the full effects yet. We must be patient."

To her left, Mike Panetta, one of her two opponents, shakes his head in clear disagreement while demonstrating a bit of his own patience as he waits for his turn behind the microphone.

"You can't just throw money at your problems and expect positive results," retorts Panetta, a secondary education major from Auburn, N.Y. "There is a lack of legislation and regulation to address the real problems."

Panetta offers a few more arguments before club vice president Aaron Thomas, acting as both scribe and timekeeper for the debate, holds up his hand to signal that Panetta's allotted time has ended. Now, the four participants fidget nervously in their seats awaiting the verdict.

The club's faculty advisor, Elizabeth Owens, a lecturer in the Communication Studies Department, asks the audience, who braved the late February snows to hear the debate over President Obama's stimulus package, to serve as judge and jury. Many of the fledgling club's 10 members fill the spectator seats.

A deadlock emerges when Cattaneo and her teammate Trevor Curry, the club's president and founder, receive the same number of votes as Panetta and Georgiana Mihut, a Romanian studying international relations at SUNY Cortland. In reality, all the team members come away as winners.

"Being able to effectively communicate with others, whether you agree or disagree with them, is a precious skill I



Georgiana Mihut interrogates Ashley Cattaneo while Mihut's teammate, Mike Panetta, takes notes, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge during a spring semester debate over Obama's stimulus package.

wouldn't trade for the world," explains Curry. "People say they are not good public speakers, but they are. They already know what they want to say. Debate teaches you how to say it. It's the connection between the brain and the mouth."

Curry, a senior political science major from Spring Valley, N.Y., became enthralled with the benefits of debating as a Rockland County Community College debate team member and made it his mission to form a team at SUNY Cortland after he transferred to the campus.

"We succeed because we all get along so well," adds Curry. "It is easy for us to find relatable ground even though we have different personalities. We have come together and formed a bond."

The debate team members meet every Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. in Corey Union, Room 305. Students can receive academic credit for participation in the club and membership is open to all majors.

The team travels frequently to compete against other schools in the Public Forum Debate League, including Ithaca College, Rockland County Community College and SUNY Albany. The league aims to present "audience-centered intercollegiate debate devoted to making debate accessible to as many college students as possible," according to its website.

"I'm always so proud when we win a competition," says Curry. "On the drive home, we usually stop for food so we can show off our trophy!"

"The students have all worked very hard," explains Owens, who volunteered for the advisor position. "It has been so interesting watching them grow and develop into skilled debaters."

"I'm excited to implement what I have learned (from debate) in the classroom," adds Cattaneo, a special education major from Elmont, N.Y. who also represents the Speech and Debate Club at the Student Government Association meetings. "I can bring in articles

and have a discussion with students, posing questions and getting their feedback."

Interestingly, the debate club has attracted international students. In addition to Mihut, who participated in debate in her home country, another Romanian exchange student, Raluca Balas, joined the club as a novice. Kadir Onder, an exchange student from Turkey, is also an active participant.

Recently, Balas joined Curry for a debate at Rockland Community College, where the duo placed second in the extemporaneous debate competition.

The international students, like their American counterparts, bring something special to the debate team, says Curry.

"They have different experience levels, but they all provide a new perspective and enrich the team's culture," he concludes.

For more information on the SUNY Cortland Speech and Debate Club, contact Elizabeth Owens at (607) 753-5726.

Academic Hall of Fame nominees sought

The College's Academic Hall of Fame Committee welcomes nominations from alumni for future inclusion in the institution's pantheon of stellar achievers.

In 2006, SUNY Cortland created a hall of fame dedicated to successful alumni who graduated 10 or more years ago with magna cum laude or higher honors, and who have made significant contributions to society through their chosen professions.

Ten inductees are currently honored in the special display in the Old Main lobby. Michael Morandi '76 was inducted during the 2010 ceremony on March 26 in conjunction with the College honoring its President's List students. The other members are: Thomas Buchanan '74, Anne Knupp Crossway '78, Ronald Dye '76, Eileen Jaffe '75, Stephen Langendorfer '72, Wayne Marley '75, William Thomas '82, Judith Treadway '81 and Joyce Johnson Valenti '77.

Send nominations to Jerome O'Callaghan, Associate Dean, Arts and Sciences, SUNY Cortland, Cortland, NY 13045-0900 or jerome.ocallaghan@cortland.edu. Please include the candidate's name, address and your letter of recommendation that strongly emphasizes how the nominee has distinguished himself or herself in their career. The nomination deadline is Aug. 16, 2010, for induction in 2011.

Students support Haitian relief

BY ALEXANDRIA GUCCIONE '10 Public Relations Intern

Sarah Gentillon, one of several Haitian students at the College, joined the ranks of those on campus providing aid to the victims of the earthquake that struck her impoverished Caribbean island nation in early January.

"I was here for the winter session when I first heard about the earthquake," said Gentillon, who is president of the Caribbean Student Association. "It pained my heart and soul to see that happen to my country because Haiti is like no other country on this side of the globe. It's a very poor place where people struggle to eat and fend for themselves every day. The earthquake made everything worse."

From residence halls to student organizations, the campus unified in a semester-long effort to provide Haiti relief.

More than 750 students and community members filled the Corey Union Function Room on April 30 for the Student Activities Board's Rock for a Cause benefit concert, featuring Grammy award winner Colbie Caillat. Ticket sales raised \$3,735 with an additional \$212 collected from raffle ticket sales and a donation basket. All proceeds were donated to the Haitian Orphan Rescue Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation.

Joseph Piliero, a resident assistant in Hayes Hall, was inspired by the hardship in Haiti and raised almost \$100 for the American Red Cross.

"I went door to door with a donation cup," said Piliero, a senior sociology major from Hampton Bays, N.Y. "Students were quite generous, some donated spare change and others upwards of five dollars."

The Health Promotion Office also spearheaded a successful campaign during Body Appreciation Week, Feb. 22-26, urging faculty and staff to donate \$1 per day for the right to dress casually. This, combined with two Coffee House events featuring student musicians and poets, raised more than \$1,000.



SUNY Cortland senior Sarah Gentillon, a Haitian immigrant, right, thanks Lauren Zuber, Student Activity Board music coordinator, for her Haiti fundraising efforts.

Not all of the campus' donations were monetary.

The Biology Club and WSUC teamed up with the American Red Cross to create the most successful blood drive in the past five years. Ninety-four productive units were donated, a portion of which was sent directly to Haiti.

This semester, the Student Government Association created and funded a scholarship for two Haitian students to study at Cortland. This augments an initiative made by the SUNY system in March to establish a tuition fund that allows Haitian nationals who attend SUNY schools to pay resident tuition rates through the spring of 2011.

"There's one thing I admire about the Haitian people," said Gentillon. "They never lose hope and faith. Although they have lost their homes and family members, they still have hope for a better future."

Hilltop HAPPENINGS

Five receive Chancellor's Awards for Excellence

Five SUNY Cortland faculty and staff members received the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence during the 2010 Undergraduate Commencement on May 22 in the Park Center.

The honorees are:

- David F. Berger, professor of psychology — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service;
- Girish N. Bhat, associate professor and chair of the History Department — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching;
- Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo, professor of geography — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities;
- Louis Larson, associate director of Career Services — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service; and,
- Deborah Williams, secretary I in the Communication Studies Department — Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Staff.

The Chancellor's Award process begins at each of the 64 SUNY campuses with nominations submitted by the respective presidents. The SUNY Committee on Awards then reviews the nominations and makes its recommendations.

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This year's five recipients of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence were presented their medals at the 2010 Undergraduate Commencement on May 22 at Park Center. They are, from the left, Girish N. Bhat, David F. Berger, Louis Larson, Deborah Williams and Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo.

Bitterbaum recognized by alma mater



Erik J. Bitterbaum

The Alumni Association at Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif., presented SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum with an Alumni Seal Award for Professional Achievement during the annual Alumni Weekend June 11-13 on the campus.

"What attracted the Occidental Alumni Association Board of Governors was that he oversees a major university in New York state and has a great

track record in education," observed Jim Jacobs, Occidental's director of alumni relations.

In 2003, the State University of New York Board of Trustees appointed Bitterbaum as SUNY Cortland's 10th president since the College's founding in 1868.

Since then, SUNY Cortland has gained the reputation of being among the most competitive four-year, comprehensive colleges in the SUNY system, with approximately 13,000 prospective students vying annually for 1,000 freshman openings.

A 1975 Occidental graduate, Bitterbaum has shepherded SUNY Cortland to a number of national recognitions in higher education. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine recently ranked the College among its 100 Best Values in Public Colleges for a fourth consecutive year. Students pursuing education-related degrees find themselves in the classrooms of the East Coast's largest teacher education program accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

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Gallagher chairs College Council



Thomas Gallagher

Gov. David Paterson appointed Thomas Gallagher of Cortland, N.Y., in early 2010 to replace Dorothea Kreig Fowler '52 as chair of the SUNY Cortland College Council.

Gallagher, the former mayor of Cortland, joined the College Council on Jan. 3, 2008, to complete the term of Patrick McHugh. Gallagher will serve as the chair until that term ends on June 30, 2011. Fowler had been the College Council chair since Oct. 30, 2006.

Gallagher was mayor of Cortland from 2002-09. He was the executive director of the Cortland County Chamber of Commerce from 1994-2001 and then headed special projects for the Cortland County Business Development Corporation/Industrial Development Agency in 2001-02.

Gallagher served on the YMCA Board of Directors for 38 years and is a past president. His 25 years on the Cortland City Water Board include serving as chair. He is a Past Exalted Ruler and a Board of Trustees member of the Cortland Elks Club. He was a founding member of Leadership Cortland and the Cortland Business Network.

The 2007 recipient of the Boy Scouts of America's Cortland County Distinguished Citizen Award, Gallagher served on the steering committee for the 25th Empire State Games co-hosted by Cortland in 2002. He serves on the advisory board of the Cortland Regional Sports Council, the McDonald Sports Complex Board of Directors, the Cortland Regional Medical Center, the Tompkins-Cortland Community College Foundation, the United Way of Cortland County and the Tompkins County Trust Company Economic Development Board.

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Compagni '68, Tytler M '88 join College Council

Gov. David Paterson appointed Katherine Emerich Compagni '68 of Homer, N.Y., and Bruce R. Tytler M '88, C.A.S. '05, of Cortland, N.Y., to the SUNY Cortland College Council in January.



Katherine Emerich Compagni '68

Compagni replaced Dorothea K. Fowler on the College Council and will serve until June 30, 2016. Compagni retired in 2001 after 16 years as an assistant professor in the Writing Department at Ithaca College. From 1975-79, she was an adjunct instructor in the English Departments at SUNY Cortland and Tompkins-Cortland Community College. She taught in the English Department at Homer High School from 1968-71 and 79-85.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Early Secondary English and a Master of Arts in English from SUNY Cortland and a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Communications from Syracuse University.

Compagni currently serves as secretary on the Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors. She was appointed to the board in 2004. Compagni fulfilled a prior term from 1997-2001, when she was vice-president from 2000-01.

In the community, Compagni has served the Cortland Memorial Foundation Board of Directors since 2006 on its development, budget and scholarship committees. She joined the YWCA of Cortland Board of Directors in 2001, was president from 2006-08, and chaired the Community Relations and Annual Women in History Essay Contest Committees.



Bruce R. Tytler M '88, CAS '05

Tytler replaced Kim Potter Ireland '97 and will serve through June 30, 2015.

The principal of Whitney Point (N.Y.) High School since August 2008, Tytler has been an educator for nearly three decades.

A native of Oxford, N.Y., Tytler earned a bachelor's degree in history from SUNY Potsdam in 1980. He received both a Master of Science in Education in 1988 and a certificate of advanced study in 2005 from SUNY Cortland.

Tytler began his career as a social studies teacher in the Houston (Texas) Independent School District from 1982-85 and at DeRuyter Central School from 1985-88. He taught social studies in the Homer (N.Y.) Central School District from 1988 until 2008, serving as Social Studies Department chair from 1992-96 and from 2005-08.

As a City of Cortland alderman between 1996-99, Tytler was a catalyst in the creation of a number of local initiatives, including the Great Cortland Pumpkinfest, the skateboard park and the City of Cortland website. Tytler served as Cortland's mayor in 2000 and 2001. He concurrently served on the board of directors for the Cortland County Business Development Corporation/Industrial Development Agency.

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Couturier presides over national physical education association



Lynn Couturier

Lynn Couturier, who chairs SUNY Cortland's Physical Education Department, recently was elected president of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE), the preeminent national authority on physical education and a recognized leader in sport and physical activity.

She was named president during NASPE's national convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

Couturier, who joined the College in 2008, will oversee the nonprofit professional education association based in Reston, Va., which has a mission to enhance knowledge, improve professional practice, and increase support for high quality physical education, sport and physical activity programs. NASPE is the largest of the five national associations that comprise the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

"Since its inception, NASPE has been setting the professional standards for our field and promoting the importance of quality physical education, sport and physical activity experiences," Couturier said. "My professional life has been committed to these same ideas so it's truly an honor for me to serve as president of this organization."

The organization's 15,000 members come from the ranks of K-12 physical education teachers, coaches, athletic directors, sport management professionals, researchers, and college/university faculty who prepare physical activity professionals. NASPE advocates for the critical importance of daily physical activity by everyone to improve school or work performance and health. [See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/view](http://www.cortland.edu/view)



Students Samantha Bonacci, left, and Katiemae Tate discussed which Scholars' Day 2010 events to attend while perusing informational brochures at the informational table in the Old Main lobby on April 16. The 14th annual Scholars' Day, a series of presentations highlighting faculty, staff and student scholarship and research at SUNY Cortland, took place in Old Main. This year's 14th annual all-day event encompassed 95 different presentations and poster sessions on a wide array of academic disciplines offered by hundreds of undergraduate and graduate students and more than 50 faculty and staff members.

Barduhn promoted to assistant provost



Marley Sweet Barduhn '76, M '85

Marley Sweet Barduhn '76, M '85, who has served SUNY Cortland as interim assistant provost for teacher education since August, was permanently appointed to the newly created position on Feb. 1 following a national search.

Barduhn, who has served the College for 30 years in many different capacities, most recently as associate dean and acting dean of the School of Education, Barduhn is responsible

for the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) process and all services that support campus-wide teacher education programs.

She chairs the Teacher Education Council and oversees the Field Placement Office, the Center for Educational Exchange and the Professional Development School. She also oversees the several grant-supported education programs on campus, including Access to College Education, Center for the 4th and 5th Rs, Cortland Urban Recruitment of Educators (C.U.R.E.), Liberty Partnerships Program, and Migrant Education Outreach Program (MEOP).

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Van Der Karr named associate provost



Carol Van Der Karr

Carol Van Der Karr, SUNY Cortland's interim associate provost for academic affairs since November, was appointed to the permanent position on April 23, following a national search.

Van Der Karr will oversee the College's curriculum review process, the General Education program, and the Registrar's Office, Institutional Research and Assessment Office and Advisement and Transition, said Mark J.

Prus, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

As associate provost, her leadership initiatives will foster cohesiveness and collaboration among departments, motivate and sustain the highest level of excellence in unit efforts and provide encouragement and support for ongoing professional development.

Van Der Karr previously fulfilled the duties of interim assistant provost for enrollment management from 2007-09. Before that, she had directed academic advisement since 2002. She joined SUNY Cortland in 2000 as coordinator of academic advisement and first-year programming.

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Student earns Fulbright assistantship



Chelsea Dixon '10

Chelsea Dixon '10 of Shirley, N.Y., who graduated in May with a dual diploma in childhood education and Spanish, was awarded a prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) for the next school year in Madrid, Spain.

"I will use this knowledge to transform the world through my classroom," said Dixon, who anticipates teaching Madrid elementary school-children and assisting teachers with

English classes 16 hours per week for nine-and-a-half months in a Spanish elementary school beginning in September 2010.

Dixon was one of 68 among 291 applicants selected for the Fulbright ETAs in Spain for 2010, said Jerome O'Callaghan, associate dean of the College's School of Arts and Sciences.

Dixon's Fulbright year will advance her knowledge of Spanish language and culture and will be very valuable in her future career and academic pursuits, he added.

"Since I have added my dual major in Spanish, I realized that a career in that field is what would make me most satisfied," said Dixon.

"I feel like I really didn't learn Spanish or come to love it until I came to Cortland, because at Cortland the professors really submerged you in Spanish. All my classes were entirely in Spanish. It was hard work at first and I put a lot of energy into my studies. I think I spent most of my time doing Spanish homework and I would drag my Spanish dictionary everywhere with me. I was trying to improve all the time."

A 2005 graduate of William Floyd High School in Mastic Beach, N.Y., Dixon earned an associate degree in arts and sciences from SUNY Suffolk Community College, where her studies emphasized child study.

"I came to SUNY Cortland because of its outstanding childhood education program," said Dixon, who enrolled as a childhood education major, adding the Spanish major in Fall 2008. She aspires to teach elementary school level Spanish and earn her master's degree in English as a second language.

At SUNY Cortland, she was inducted into the foreign language honor society Phi Beta Delta, the education honor society Kappa Delta Pi and the Spanish honor society. The James M. Clark Center for International Education presented her with an Overseas Award Program stipend, which enabled her to study during Summer 2009 in Madrid. Dixon also was awarded a Phi Beta Delta scholarship by the honor society's local chapter.

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Michelle Santoro presents at Scholars' Day 2010.

Four students honored by SUNY

Four SUNY Cortland seniors were among 228 students who were honored on April 6 in Albany, N.Y., with 2010 State University of New York Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence.

The SUNY Cortland recipients, all seniors, are:

- Jeanna Dippel, a dual major in biology and kinesiology from DuBois, Pa.
- Brandon Herwick, a physical education major from Coxsackie, N.Y.
- Keith Lusby, a dual major in political science and history from West Babylon, N.Y.
- Michelle D. Santoro, a political science major from North Bellmore, N.Y.

The recipients from the 63 SUNY campuses, who were recognized by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher during the ceremony in Albany, N.Y., were honored for integrating academic excellence with accomplishments in leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement. This year's honorees have an overall grade point average of 3.8.

With this year's awards, 56 SUNY Cortland students have earned a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence since the program was created in 1997.

Each year, SUNY campus presidents establish a selection committee to review outstanding graduating seniors. The nominees are forwarded to the Chancellor's Office for a second round of review and a group of finalists is selected. Each honoree received a framed certificate and a medallion that is traditionally worn at commencement.

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Institute for Civic Engagement to research hands-on learning

SUNY Cortland's award-winning commitment to develop more well-rounded and civically engaged students will pick up speed with a new initiative to assess and improve the quality of its programs, supported by a \$100,000 Bringing Theory to Practice grant.

By accepting the two-year matching grant, which runs from July 1 of this year until June 30, 2012, the College's Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE) agrees to launch a demonstration site for Bringing Theory to Practice (BTtoP), an independent project in partnership with the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), of which SUNY Cortland is a member. The Bringing Theory to Practice project is supported by the Charles Englehard Foundation.

The grant, which is intended to improve the well-being and academic preparation of SUNY Cortland's students, will research a host of projects both inside and outside the



Members of Cortland Students Advocating for a Valuable Environment (C-SAVE) piled up colored wooden blocks to create a sustainability "footprint" for each visitor who filled out information on his or her energy and resource consumption, at a booth beside Sperry Center during the College's Sustainability Week 2010, from April 17-24. The week featured events such as an all-day Sustainability Conference with many speakers, information sessions on "going green," a series of community cleanups, a film, a sustainable lunch, an art exhibition and a public forum. Representing C-SAVE, from the left, were Shelby Persons, Debora Gomes, Matt Rankin, Meaghan Halliday and Lindsey Quenville.

classroom that incorporate high-impact learning practices to measure their effects on student learning outcomes, particularly indicators of well-being such as perspective taking, identity formation, emotional competence and resilience.

The term "high-impact learning" is used to describe a variety of engaged learning activities, both in connection with college course credits and outside the classroom. For example, students might engage in service-learning, undergraduate research, community-based research, senior theses, capstone courses, internships, international experiences and multi-cultural experiences.

"With this grant, the Institute for Civic Engagement is now able to add a research component to its program,"

observed Richard Kendrick, who directs SUNY Cortland's institute. "And we are including some of our newer faculty members in this project."

"This project will advance the goals of the President's Leadership Coalition for Student Engagement, who will learn much from the research design and findings," observed Amy Henderson-Harr, SUNY Cortland's assistant vice president for research and sponsored programs.

"This effort should also further SUNY Cortland's top standing as a national model for engaged learning."

Through this project, the institute will systematically examine the connection between high-impact learning practices and students' flourishing at college, including the cumulative effects of such practices, Kendrick explained. In addition, the College will share with its peers in higher education findings about effective ways of deepening transformational change through high-impact learning.

The four grant reviewers, composed of representatives from the AAC&U, The Charles Engelhard Foundation, and the BTtoP Demonstration Site Program, noted in their letter approving grant funding that the College was among only a very few institutions to receive the grant in a highly competitive process in which limited funding was available.

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National librarians praise Professor Thomas Hischak's book



Thomas Hischak

Thomas Hischak, Performing Arts Department, was awarded the Outstanding Reference Book Award of 2009 by the American Library Association (ALA) for his nonfiction work, *Broadway Plays and Musicals: Descriptions and Essential Facts of More Than 14,000 Shows Through 2007*.

The 644-page volume, published by McFarland & Co., Inc., Publishers, was selected as one of the top 10 reference books by the ALA. The book briefly describes every Broadway production, play, musical, revue, revival and specialty, between 1919 and 2007, giving plot, personnel, critical reaction and any significance in the history of New York theatre. The book also discusses another 600 noteworthy productions from before 1919.

Reviews for Broadway Plays and Musicals describes the book as "the most complete listing of plays ever" and "truly a reference history of New York's famous Broadway district," and state "(Hischak) hits a bull's-eye with this comprehensive catalog." *In The Groove Magazine* wrote, "A must for libraries and those interested in musical theater."

Hischak has taught and directed theatre productions at SUNY Cortland since 1983. He has written 20 books on theatre, film and popular music, and is a playwright with 24 published plays. In 2004, he was honored with a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities. Hischak holds degrees in theatre and English from St. Louis University and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

He won a similar award from the ALA in 1995 for his book *The American Musical Theatre Song Encyclopedia*.

Adapted physical educator awarded



Timothy Davis

Timothy Davis, assistant professor of physical education, has been named the 2010 Outstanding Professional Award recipient by the Adapted Physical Activity Council (APAC) of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

A nationally respected SUNY Cortland faculty member since joining the College in 1998, Davis was recognized on March 18 during the AAHPERD convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

"He embodies the concept of a truly selfless, compassionate professional, always taking the time to help others," noted University of Florida Professor Christine Stopka, in her nomination of Davis for the honor.

"In fact, his mission has been to improve the quality of physical education services for children with disabilities through the development and promotion of highly qualified adapted physical education teachers, one teacher at a time. He believes strongly that empowering individual teachers can have a profound effect on the quality of lives of children with disabilities."

The APAC award recognizes an exceptional member who not only has provided leadership to the organization and who has contributed to scholarly publications in the field of adapted physical education, but also someone who has "made a significant mark on the lives of others through teaching, athletics, entertainments, serving in public office, or in some other way enhancing the positive image of people with disabilities in society."

Davis, who presided over APAC from 2000-02, has been a role model and an indefatigable adapted physical education leader in both service and scholarship for years, noted Stopka.

The chair of the Adapted Physical Education National Standards (APENS) Project for the past eight years, Davis is the anonymous "expert" behind the organization's PE Central "Ask the Expert" online service.

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Retirements



RICHARD PEAGLER

Richard C. Peagler, who served SUNY Cortland for 38 years, will retire on July 31. He has been designated as director emeritus of counseling and student development.

A member of the SUNY Cortland community since 1972, Peagler joined the Division of Student Affairs as a counselor. He later became a senior

counselor, assistant director of counseling and director of student support services. In 1998, he was named the Student Development Center director, responsible for overseeing counseling, career services, health promotion, student health services, student disability services and substance abuse prevention and education.

In Summer 2006, Peagler was named the College's interim vice president for student affairs, an appointment he filled until a permanent vice president was hired in Summer 2008. Peagler then returned to his former position as director of counseling and student development.

Within the Division of Student Affairs, Peagler was the first coordinator of Cortland's Urban Recruitment of Educators (C.U.R.E.), a scholarship program that prepares students to teach in urban centers. He also coordinated the First Year Orientation Welcome weekend and served on the Faculty Senate. He has worked extensively with the College's Educational Opportunity Program and helped

shape and implement SUNY Cortland's multicultural and diversity initiatives, most recently as a member of the College's newly formed Multicultural Council. He serves or has served on numerous College-wide and Student Affairs committees.

A 1999 recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, Peagler has won numerous awards during his service at the College. The New York State United University Professions selected Peagler for its 1990 Excellence Award for his outstanding performance and superior statewide service. In 1992, Peagler was inducted into the Cortland Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an interdisciplinary academic honor society; he has directed its Graduate Fellowship Committee. He received the Faculty Award in 1992-93 in recognition for unselfish service to the Black Student Union. In 1998, Peagler earned the Faculty/Staff Award, presented to individuals who have been instrumental in ethnic students' academic success.

In 2003, he won a SUNY Cortland Excellence in Professional Service Award and a SUNY Cortland Dedicated Service Award. The Student Government Association acknowledged him as its 2006-07 Outstanding Staff Administrator. In 20 of his 38 years and most recently in 2009, SUNY Cortland presidents have honored him with a Recognition of Meritorious Service.

Peagler has frequently served as a consultant for the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc., by which he has evaluated counseling and mental

health services at other colleges. He also has served as a consultant on race relations, motivation and the assessment of leadership potential.

Before joining SUNY Cortland, Peagler worked as an academic counselor at Western Connecticut State College in Danbury and as an Upward Bound Project Director at Wooster Prep School, also in Danbury.

A native of New Milford, Conn., Peagler earned his bachelor's degree in education from Central State University in Ohio, his master's degree in student personnel counseling from the University of Connecticut and his doctorate in counseling and human services from Syracuse University.

Within the Cortland community, he served since 1997 as member of the Cortland City School District Board of Education and since 2005 on the Cortland County Council on Aging Advisory Board. A board member of the Seven Valleys Council on Alcoholism, he has participated as a Red Cross volunteer and conducted volunteer training in stress debriefing.

Peagler and his wife, Vashti, live in Cortland. Vashti retired recently as a human resource associate at Cornell University after 34 years of service. They have one son, Richie, who is employed as a residential counselor with the William George Agency in Dryden, N.Y.

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Board service means different things to alumni

BY JENNIFER WILSON *Associate Editor*

Paul Fardy '63 has cheerfully offered the Alumni Association Board of Directors his talents for many years.

"Volunteering to the alumni board has been a 'labor of love,'" said Fardy, a Queens College professor of physical education who often can be seen helping out at alumni events. "The academic, social, athletic and ethical impact of my Cortland education is immeasurable. Being an active volunteer is my way of saying 'thank you.'"

At SUNY Cortland, the Alumni Association Board creates policy, develops programs and advocates for alumni on-and off-campus. Currently, the board is actively seeking to recruit new members, especially younger alumni.

"We have a very strong, dedicated corps of board members, some of whom have served for 20, 30 and 40 years," observed Stacey Goldyn-Moller, executive director of alumni affairs.

"President Bitterbaum has expressed to me how important it is for SUNY Cortland to have alumni intimately involved and integrated into the current life of the campus," she said. "Indeed, alumni board involvement is a key point in the College's new strategic initiatives."

Goldyn-Moller describes the board as the College's "primary focus group."

"Any time we need perspectives we can depend on our alumni for a great deal of institutional history," she said. "The more recent graduates add a fresh and current perspective. As administrators, we rely on them all. We enjoy having alumni board volunteers who retain a great passion for Cortland, informing us how to engage their fellow alumni. We also depend on our alumni volunteers to inform the process; to let us know what the experience of staying involved is like from their own perspective."

Kristen Beyer '10, a communication studies major from Copiague, N.Y., who graduated in May, offered her own reason for serving the board as a student representative. As a future alumna, Beyer appreciated



Board Member Paul Fardy '63 helps at a recent Alumni Association tailgate event.

the opportunity to interact with the board members for the past three years despite her significant difference in work and life experience.

"They really make a point to include you so you feel extremely comfortable," Beyer noted of the 28-member board who individually graduated as recently as 2000 or as long ago as 1947. "They provide an outside perspective on the real world and are there as mentors."

"As a student representative, I acted as a liaison between the Alumni Association and the student body," continued Beyer, who also served on the Student Alumni Association board. "My task would be to attend Alumni Association meetings once every semester and give a report along with another student

representative. We give the board more of the students' perspective."

According to Goldyn-Moller, the current board, as well as additional alumni volunteers who serve on its committees, have made great strides on behalf of the 60,000 alumni they serve. They participate in regional and chapter programs, manage board finances, sponsor campus activities and events, and consider the annual admission to the College of promising prospective students who have barriers to overcome.

The association's four officers — president, vice-president, treasurer and immediate past president — serve two-year terms, Goldyn-Moller explained. After 10 years, board members may elect emeritus status, which allows them to continue to serve in an advisory capacity. When they meet, board members are hosted at a dinner, offered networking opportunities and invited to take part in a variety of campus events.

Board members may also elect to serve on committees. Many alumni who aren't board members do so as well. As a first step, volunteer committee participation is beneficial as it offers graduates a first taste of future full board membership, Goldyn-Moller continued.

Judy Wolfe '84 gives an unusual reason for deciding to serve on the Board of Directors of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association.

"It has given me greater insight as to why volunteers do what they do, what motivates them, and the challenges that they face in completing their volunteer assignments," observes Wolfe, speaking about her experience one year after joining the board.

A development officer at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., she strives to do her own job better.

"It's interesting to be on the other side of the table: to be someone who is participating

strictly on a volunteer basis, to be the person who is juggling the different priorities of life with a volunteer commitment to Cortland," said Wolfe, who travels from Newburyport, Mass., to attend the association's four meetings a year.

Wolfe said her first year of service has given her an opportunity to think about the College, the programs, the students and the campus leaders in very different ways than she did before.

"It has been a very rewarding and challenging experience," she said. "I have had an opportunity to meet people that I would not have encountered if I were not involved, which has been a real bonus."

"I had a lot of assumptions based on my student experience, which was very positive. As a volunteer I have heard very directly from campus leaders that the school has grown and changed, and continues to offer the same strong fundamentals to students, along with so much more."

Beyer commented, "I think students need to have a strong alumni connection, because alumni really do have a lot of connections to the outside world. This would make it a lot easier for many students who are looking for an internship or a job when they are a junior or a senior. My board involvement has given me a lot of references and connections."

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— Paul Fardy '63

"Cortland is very open. All the students, faculty, administration and alumni are really willing to help you pursue whatever you want to and help you further your career. I believe what makes this work is the Alumni Association. If the alumni are coming back, taking part and becoming involved, it can only help make the College that much better. I think you always need to think of giving back to the institution that made you who you are. You need to pay back with your time."

Wolfe agreed, noting, "I gained so much from Cortland. I had a wonderful experience and the older I get, the more I realize how much I learned when I was there. Consequently it's important for me to give back consistently and significantly. If I can combine my philanthropic dollars with my time, that feels like the significant gift that I want and am able to make."

To find out more about volunteering with the Alumni Association on its Board of Directors or in another capacity, visit the website alumni.cortland.edu and select the "Alumni Volunteers" link or call (607) 753-2516 or e-mail alumni@cortland.edu.



Alumni Association Board members Nancy Niskin Sorbella '82 and Kathleen Hoefert Schuehler '78 use the Goodale '61 Family Library of the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House to confer informally about a board issue.

Red Dragon Ride to support local scholarships

Alumni cycling enthusiasts will want to pedal to support their alma mater's Red Dragon Ride on the weekend of Oct. 1-3.

The inaugural non-competitive event will feature three scenic rides of approximately 25, 55 and 83 miles on Saturday, Oct. 2, and two rides of 40 and 55 miles the next day.

Between bike tours through Finger Lakes country, the cyclists and their families can sample the 15th annual Great Cortland Pumpkinfest, featuring a cornucopia of sights and activities in Courthouse Park.

"Pumpkinfest is a nice event that brings a lot of people into town," said Raymond Franco '72, SUNY Cortland's vice president for institutional advancement. "This event takes advantage of the beautiful Finger Lakes region to bring people to Cortland."

In addition to being a fun activity to complement the well-known annual Bon Ton Roulet Finger Lakes Bicycle Tour, the Red Dragon Ride will serve as a fundraiser for scholarships to Cortland County high school graduates who attend SUNY Cortland as well as youth programs at the Cortland YMCA.

"The Red Dragon Ride is the result of a nice community-college partnership between the Cortland College Foundation and the Cortland YMCA, the Cortland Visitor's Center and the Cortland Regional Sports Council," Franco said.

The \$90 registration fee will provide a tee shirt, drinks and snacks at the beginning of the ride and along the route, dinner and a social with entertainment.

Proceeds of the event will benefit the YMCA as well as help endow the Cortland Community Appreciation Fund, a challenge fund established in Fall 2008 by David Hennessy '53 and his wife, Milly.

The Hennessys, philanthropists in their own community of Nashville, Ind., pledged to contribute their own \$50,000 to the fund over five years, to begin being awarded as a renewable scholarship to one or more outstanding Cortland County high school seniors each year, once the community or other donors matches their gift with \$100,000.

So far in the current fund drive, several significant gifts have been made that meet the Hennessy Challenge criteria.

Cyclists can relax and enjoy the event, which is not a race. "People can show up, register and ride, instead of having a start time," Franco said.

All the rides will originate starting at 8:30 a.m. in front of Park Center near the entrance facing the main parking lot and tennis courts. The ride routes, the longest of which is an 83-mile tour along the roads surrounding Skaneateles and Otisco Lakes, are posted on the Red Dragon Ride website at www.cortland.edu/reddragonride.

Cyclists will be offered water and Gatorade at the start and will be provided the fluids and light snacks at two rest stops along the routes. On Saturday evening when the rides are over, riders and their companions can celebrate with dinner and entertainment in downtown Cortland. Those enjoying the weekend on their own two feet may tour the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Traci Washburn, assistant director of The Cortland Fund, will coordinate activities for the College, and will recruit, train and manage student and alumni volunteers for the event. The volunteers will handle registration the day of the event, staff rest stops along the ride routes, and ferry riders who can't complete their tour.

The deadline for early registration is Thursday, Sept. 2. Late entrants will be charged an additional \$20.

Registration is being handled by the YMCA. To learn more about the Red Dragon Ride or to download the color brochure with registration form, visit the website at www.cortland.edu/reddragonride or contact the YMCA at (607) 756-2893 or by writing to 22 Tompkins St., Cortland, NY 13045.

For more information about the scholarship fund, contact the Cortland College Foundation at (607) 753-5787 or visit Brockway Hall, Room 317 on the SUNY Cortland campus. Donations should be addressed to the Cortland College Foundation and mailed to P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045-0900.

"We're hoping our alumni who are into cycling will want to come back and enjoy the community and the rides," Franco said.



The green hills and valleys of the Finger Lakes region provide a wonderful backdrop for a vigorous bike ride by Linda Battin, left, and her daughter, Whitney Battin '07, who prepare for the Oct. 1-3 Red Dragon Ride. Linda manages financial operations for the Cortland College Foundation.

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Cortland Alumni Invited to Welcome the New York Jets



The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will have the unique opportunity to host events in conjunction with the New York Jets in 2010-11. To be sure you receive information and invitations to these gatherings, please complete the form below and return to: Alumni Affairs Office, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045-0900.

You may also indicate your interest online and update your alumni record by visiting www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate.

General information about the New York Jets Training Camp at SUNY Cortland can be found at www.cortland.edu/jets. Please check this site often because information will be continually updated as plans develop.

Alumni Interest Form

Yes! Please keep me informed of New York Jets-related events hosted by the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association.

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Class Notes

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Helen Hayes Edinger '30 celebrated her 100th birthday with her family on April 16. Seated, from the left, are: Helen, Jillian Edinger and Cory Edinger; and standing are: Jon Edinger, Linda Edinger, Derek Edinger, Stacey Edinger and **Heather Edinger '03**. A charter member of Nu Sigma Chi sorority founded in 1928, Helen received a NEX blanket from sorority sisters. She was a former junior high school social studies teacher, an active church member, and raised two children with her husband, Paul, a school superintendent, the *Cortland Standard* reported in its April 19 edition. Helen has two grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and now enjoys playing bridge, reading and craft-making.

1930

Margaret Gildersleeve Norton

became a centenarian on March 3 in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., on the north shore of Long Island. An English language arts middle school teacher for 38 years, she began her career in a wooden schoolhouse which is now Cold Spring Harbor DNA laboratory. Today Maggie enjoys volunteering for the Huntington Historical Society, exercising with a personal trainer, reading and making cookies with friends at Christmas. Three years ago she wrote *Maggie's Memories: A View of Cold Spring Harbor*, which recounts the days of her youth. Her son, William Norton, Jr., lives nearby.

1953

Gordon Robinson wrote with fond recollections of his football years as quarterback under Carl "Chugger" Davis and assistant professor emeritus of physical education **Robert "Sparky" Wallace '53** and Physical Education Department professor and administrator **Anthony Tesori '39**'s guidance. He was a student teacher then. Retired since 1989 from Singer/Link Corp. as a quality engineer, Gordon lives with his wife, Bernice, in Sayre, Pa.

1956

Norman Friedman has joined the board of StopItNow.org, which he describes as the premier national organization dedicated to the identification and prevention of child sexual abuse. He lives in White Plains, N.Y., and is a Congregate Care consultant.

1957

After 50 years in education, **Ronald Vale** retired from the Long Island, N.Y., Commack School district in June 2007. During his tenure at Commack High School, where he served as principal for 14 years, Ron implemented numerous new programs and curriculum enhancements including the international baccalaureate, academic eligibility and community service programs. He developed the alumni association and is credited with his staff for the significant improvement in both the graduation rate and the number of students receiving the Regent's diploma. Presently, Ron and his wife, Ginny, reside in Longboat Key, Fla. They have five children and six grandchildren.

1958

The Bay Shore (N.Y.) Historical Society recently honored charter members **Robert Hancock** and his wife, **Priscilla Tedesco Hancock '60**, as its 2010 Distinguished Bay Shore-Brightwaters Citizens. Dedicated volunteers, Bob and Priscilla have been involved in countless projects and fostered community interest in the area's impressive heritage for 25 years. Bob served as treasurer and trustee and is current president of the society, while Priscilla has long acted as vice-president, membership chairperson and founder/director of the organization's library. Also active in Suffolk County Boy Scouts of America, Bob became the district chairman and received scouting's highest honor for adults, the Silver Beaver Award. Retired from the education profession, Bob and Priscilla will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children, Greg, Kimberly and Glenn.

1963

Director and founder of the Gifted and Talented Development Center in Westchester County, N.Y., **Carole Baltuch Berman** has created innovative learning environments for children with gifted-specific curriculum featuring courses in robotics, astronomy, magic and chess. Through her initiative the Challenge Camp, which focuses on enrichment programs for gifted and talented children, was established 30 years ago in Eastchester, N.Y. Carol, who received a graduate degree from Columbia University Teacher's College in 1965, is a board member of the New York State Camp Directors Association and a member of the American Camping Association.

1967

After 42 straight seasons, **Judson Hulbert** is retiring from coaching football. In addition to his football coaching career at the high school, college and semi-professional levels, he coached high school swimming for 23 years, wrestling for 15 years and track for eight years. Judd is a biology



Lawrence Briggs, Jr. '66 and **Paul Lombardi '66** are pictured with the shirts they wore on a daily basis as physical education majors during their college years. Larry and Paul currently reside in southeastern North Carolina.

and human physiology teacher in the San Diego area at Grossmont High School where he has served as athletic director for 12 years and been honored 10 times as "Coach of the Year." Currently, he consults as a defensive football specialist.

1971

Davina Hochberg Glaser has worked as a hospice nurse for the past three years at Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix and Scottsdale, Ariz. Previously, she was a legal nurse consultant. She served on the Hospice of the Valley ethics committee and regularly sits on a panel focused on ethical and cultural considerations at end of life. Davie recently co-authored an article in the *Journal of Practical Pain Management* titled "Pain Management in Nursing Homes and Hospice Care."

May 8 marked the 40th anniversary of **Robert Vinal**'s drive from Cortland to Washington, D.C., to join the national protest of the Kent State University shootings four days earlier. Three Lambda Phi Delta fraternity brothers, **Frederick Alesandro**, **Lawrence Berlin** and **Lon Wilson '74**, accompanied him. He will never forget sleeping underneath the Washington Monument on the bare ground the night before the rally alongside thousands of other college students.



Helen Robinson '66, right, first met **Lori Edwards Radcliff '76** at the Eagle Creek Country Club in Naples, Fla., where Lori is employed. Writing from her winter residence in Marco Island, Fla., Helen lives in Eaton, N.Y., and Groton Long Point, Conn., during the rest of the year. Her favorite activities include golfing, painting and visiting her seven living children, 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren in five different states.

1972

In May, **Kathleen Greenmun** completed a two year Peace Corps service in Botswana, Africa, which has one of the highest HIV rates in the world. She taught life skills to teenagers at a junior secondary school and helped found the Kagisano Society Women's Shelter Project in her home village of Molepolole. Because there is a high correlation between domestic violence and HIV transmission to women, the project was undertaken to provide counseling, educational outreach and temporary emergency shelter to survivors of domestic violence. Kathleen returned to her job as a mental health crisis counselor in Vermont.

1973

After a 27-year career with the U.S. Army, **Janice Atwood** retired in 2000 as a lieutenant colonel. Last November, she attended a White House tea given by first lady Michelle Obama in honor of the Women of the Military. Jan was invited as a charter member of the Women's Memorial, the only major national memorial honoring women who have served in the nation's defense during all eras and in all services. Attendees included numerous dignitaries associated with government and armed services, namely General James Cartwright, vice chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Janet Napolitano, secretary of the department of homeland security, and Army **Gen. Ann Dunwoody '75**, the first female four-star general in U.S. History, whom she met for the first time. Presently, Jan is the principal information assurance engineer for SPARTA in Columbia, Md., which develops strategic defense and offense systems, tactical weapons systems and space systems.

Kenneth Goebel transitioned to higher education fundraising in the mid-1990s after more than 20 years in YMCA work. He now directs development at Keene State College in Keene, N.H. When he is not working, Ken can be found in the out-of-doors hiking, cycling, golfing or skiing. He and his wife, **Lorraine Tomei Goebel '72**, live in Marlborough, N.H., at the base of Mt. Monadnock in the White Mountains.

1974

Gary Montalto is retiring from Arlington Central Schools in Lagrangeville, N.Y., after 35 years as a middle school physical education teacher. This past fall he stepped down from the varsity boys soccer head coach position following 542 wins and three state large school championships in 31 seasons. Last summer at a ceremony in Lake Placid, N.Y., Gary was inducted into the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

1976

Deborah Bogan was honored with the Big Sister of the Year 2009 award by the Big Brothers Big Sisters program of Peoples Equal Action and Community Effort (P.E.A.C.E.), Inc., Syracuse, N.Y. Retired after 33 years from Onondaga County Department of Social Services, she currently volunteers at Community General Hospital and St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, also in Syracuse, N.Y.

1977

The 33-year veteran and publisher of the Scotsman Press in Syracuse, N.Y., **A. Loren Colburn** has accepted the position of executive director of the Association of Free Community Papers (AFCP), a national forum for free paper publishers focused on building a stronger free paper industry. He will assist with the AFCP headquarters transition from Denver, Colo., to Syracuse, N.Y. Honored many times, Loren received the 2007 AFCP Distinguished Service Award, the 2004 AFCP Publisher of the Year Award and the 2002 Free Community Papers of New York (FCPNY) recognition as Publisher of the Year. He was past president and treasurer for AFCP and FCPNY and now serves as a board member for both organizations. A charter graduate of the Leadership Institute, Loren has served on the boards of Midstate Youth Hockey, the Empire West Amateur League and the Syracuse chapter of the March of Dimes. He and his wife, Cindy, have three sons, Chris, Brian and Jeff, and live in Liverpool, N.Y.

At the University of California, Los Angeles, **Charles Alexander '74** serves as associate vice provost for student diversity. He directs the Academic Advancement Program (AAP), represents the Chancellor's Advisory Group on Diversity Membership, and is liaison for the Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Relations with Schools.

Prior to UCLA, he was an associate adjunct professor of oral epidemiology and dental public health and the associate dean for student affairs in the School of Dentistry at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where he oversaw the areas of student admissions, outreach and recruitment, academic support programs and student services.



Charles Alexander '74

Earlier in his career, at Marquette University and Brandeis University, Charles taught while creating and administering student

diversity programs. He also held teaching positions at UCSF and Ohio State University, was president of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators, and has been active in the Council for Opportunity in Education.

Widely honored, Charles received Kentucky's highest award, a commission as a Kentucky Colonel; the National Association of Medical Minority Educators Outstanding Leadership Award; and UCSF's Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for extraordinary leadership and the advancement of social and economic justice.

Charles earned a master's degree in sociology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a doctorate in the sociological foundations of education from Marquette University.



Celebrating 40 years of friendship recently in Connecticut were, from the left: **Coral Weiher Horton '73**, **Nancy Hurlburt Mercier '73**, **Karen Hollender Hochron '73**, **Martha Goldman '73** and **Evelyn (Lynn) Losert '74**. They met as freshmen in 1969 and "have been friends ever since," Karen writes.



Katharine Pawelko '74, M '78, shown with flowers in the foreground, is congratulated by professional colleagues at the annual professional development conference hosted by the Recreation, Park and Tourism Department at Western Illinois University. She received the 2010 Excellence in Education award from the Graduate Recreation Society.



James Gloor '78 and **Deborah DeProspero Gloor '76** enjoy their New York Yankee games, having attended this September 2009 game against the Baltimore Orioles at Yankee Stadium.

ALUMNI IN PRINT



Anthony Sorrentino '63 is the co-author of this year's new textbook, *Preparing for the OAA Science*, designed for Ohio's 8th grade science achievement assessment. The book offers a complete review of Ohio's 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science curriculum and was designed specifically to meet state grade level benchmarks. Sorrentino and his fellow writing team members, Paul S. Cohen and Jerry Deutsch, together have written 13 science books for Amsco School Publications, Inc., since 1993. The books were written specifically to prepare students to meet 8th and 11th grade state science tests in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Ohio. Material in each book is organized to meet state standards, and contain several practice tests and numerous questions for students to test their knowledge of science. In 2009, they released the second edition of *Reviewing Intermediate-Level Science*, designed to help students prepare for the grade 8 science test in New York state. In 2008, the authors introduced *Amsco Science: Grades 6, 7, and 8* as a middle school science textbook series. The three book series contains many activities and exercises that will encourage the inquiry processes of science education.

After 37 years in education as a teacher, assistant principal, staff developer and middle school principal, **Ann Scher Goldfarb-Clapp '72** retired to the foothills of the White Tank Mountains in Arizona. "Somewhere between lesson plans, curriculum mapping, scheduling, conferences and volunteer work for local animal shelters, I began a second career as a non-fiction writer for trade magazines," Ann writes. "Then, I took a bold step into fiction and my first young adult novel, *The Face Out of Time*, was released on Amazon. A blend of historical and science fiction seasoned with mystery and suspense, her book opens the realm of time travel in which a high school sophomore seeks to solve the mystery of two upstate New York women who disappear under similar

circumstances but 50 years apart. "Time doesn't always move forward," the book synopsis states. "Sometimes it folds. And sometimes, people get stuck." The novel is a fast, fun read for adults as well as the teenagers for whom it is intended, Ann writes.



John "Jay" Kimiecik '80 recently authored *Runner as Hero: The Inner Quest of Becoming a Runner or Athlete or Just About Anything...* At *Any Age*, published by University Press of America. In his book, Jay uses his experiences in becoming a competitive masters runner as a way to explore what it means to live a meaningful, purposeful, and healthy life. In a first-person, narrative style, he explores the process of aging, training and performing through a self-experimental, self-reflective lens that merges science, mythology and performance psychology. *Runner as Hero* is Jay's third book and a personal sequel to *The Intrinsic Exerciser: Discovering the Joy of Exercise*, published by Houghton Mifflin. He also wrote the *Y Personal Fitness Program: 12 Weeks to a Better You* for the YMCA of the USA. An associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health at Miami University (Ohio), he directs Miami's employee health and well-being program.



Joseph Ferrari M '81, a professor of psychology and the St. Vincent de Paul Professor at DePaul University in Chicago, will release his first consumer book on procrastination, *Still Procrastinating? The No Regrets Guide to Getting It Done*, in September. "Contrary to conventional wisdom, chronic procrastination is not about poor time management, but about self-sabotaging tendencies that can prevent you from reaching your full potential," says Joseph, a psychologist who is an international expert on the subject of

procrastination. "This book gives you the knowledge and tools you need to understand and overcome these tendencies so you can start achieving your goals, not next week, next month, or next year, but today." His newest 256-page book, published by Wiley, helps readers from outside academia explore why they put things off — "What if I make a bad decision?" "What if I fail?" "I'm better under pressure" — and learn to conquer procrastination for good. The volume draws on more than 20 years of scientific research on procrastination conducted by the author and his colleagues, to offer insight on what stops individuals from getting things done so that they can find the solutions that will really work. According to the Amazon.com website, Joseph is the author or co-author of more than 20 academic textbooks, paperbacks and electronic books on many subjects in psychology, including procrastination. He directs DePaul's Master of Science in General Psychology and is editor of *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*.



In his non-sugarcoated military memoir *The Last Wolf*, **Thomas Cox '95** delivers his vivid and poignant experiences during his eight years of active duty as a Marine scout sniper with the Third Battalion Seventh Marines, 29 Palms California. Released in January by ExLibris, the book takes readers into the precision-dependent world of one of the most sought-after military professions in the world, scout sniping. *The Last Wolf* traces Tom's military life from peacetime to war time, beginning with his New Yorker background, building up with the grueling military training and finally going into actual combat in war. Tom served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1995 until 2004. He was the chief scout sniper for the Battalion's Scout Sniper Platoon from August 2000 until October 2003 including a combat tour with Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tom also served as an 11 Bravo for the 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment, New York Army National Guard from 1991 until 1994. He now works as a respiratory therapist and lives with his wife of 11 years in Southern California.

A cooperating teacher from 2003-2008, **Michael Turi** praises the College as the best undergraduate school for physical education "in the world." Michael supervised and mentored seven SUNY Cortland students who all became physical education teachers in the Orange County area of New York. They are **Ryan Kearns '03, Shawn Myers '04, Steven Weymer '05, Gerard Gass '06, Matthew Carcaterra '06, Michael Fratto '06** and **Thomas Uhrig '07**.



Jill Walker Dale '80, certified athletic trainer of Corning, N.Y., right, was inducted into the New York State Athletic Trainers Hall of Fame in January. She is one of only 11 inductees and is the first woman to receive this honor, writes **Steven Norman '82**, left.

1979

Linda Hunt is a retired Loudoun County, Va., middle school teacher and varsity coach. She taught United States history, reading and English for 30 years and coached soccer, basketball and softball for eight years. Chosen to attend the National Geographic Society (NGS) summer institute in 1987, Linda became a NGS teacher consultant. In 1992 she was the recipient of the Sterling Jaycees Outstanding Young Citizen Award for Education.

1980

Paul Rotondi is a senior geologist with the engineering firm of Keller and Kirkpatrick in Lambertville, N.J. He and his wife restored their 1830s colonial home, which they share with their beagle, Allie, and cat, Beauty.

1983

Newly inducted into the Marshall University Sports Medicine Hall of Fame, **Brian Toy**, a 1985 Marshall graduate, served as a graduate assistant athletic trainer for the 1983 Thundering Herd football team and the 1984-1985

conference winning men's basketball team. Brian became the head athletic trainer at Lake Superior State University where he was a member of the school's 1988 NCAA Division I men's ice hockey national championship team. He completed his doctorate in exercise physiology at the University of Toledo in 1992, served as a faculty member and chairperson at Southeast Missouri State University and is currently an associate professor of athletic training at the University of Southern Maine. Brian has also served Southern Maine as director of the accredited athletic training education program, founding chairperson for the Sports Medicine Department, and associate dean and interim dean for the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The author of the 2009 textbook *Primary Care for Sports and Fitness: A Lifespan Approach*, he has made numerous national presentations and has many peer-reviewed publications related to the field of athletic training. Brian and his wife, Jacqueline, have a daughter, Christine, and a son, Aiden.



Nine SUNY Cortland alumni were honored for participation in the Long Island Tobacco Free Health Schools Project. They are, from the left: **Lori Nobile Hewlett '85, Nancy Koehler Hemendinger '82, Richard Caravaggio '78, Lori Berger Benincasa '78, Michael Draper '03, Patricia Begley Broderick '81, Marianne Beatty Zacharia '77, Christian Scott '92** and **Diane Miller '76**. Not pictured are **Thomas Logatto '91** and **Siobhan Carey '08**.



W. Scott Wheatley '86 married Mary Ellen Stacey on September 25 in Park Ridge, N.J. Attendees included his friends "from day 1 in Fitzgerald Hall in 1981." Shown from the left are: Mary Ellen, **Frederick Dunau '85**, Scott, **Cleland "Lee" Conklin '87** and **Drew O'Conner '86**.

2002

Jonathan Brown began in March as agency training and development specialist trainee I with the New York State Office of Mental Health in Albany, N.Y. He is developing a training program for clerical, technical, supervisory and administrative personnel, which includes online training modules for state psychiatric centers. Jonathan received a master of arts degree in political science from SUNY Albany's College of Public Affairs and Policy in 2008.

A member of the Deposit (N.Y.) Teachers Association and a first grade teacher, **Ryan Siciliano** won a New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Journalism Award for his essay titled "Confessions of a First Year Teacher."

1984

For four consecutive years, **John Barrett** has been recognized on Barron's list of "America's Top 100 Financial Advisors." A financial advisor with Merrill Lynch for 24 years, John and his wife have four children and live in Montclair, N.J.

1987

Ralph Capasso, the owner of Squeeze, a local club in Charleston, S.C., met with **Paul Fardy '63**, who visited while on a family vacation at Christmas.

1989

Stephanie Hinton taught physical education and coached high school swimming in Metro Denver for 10 years. She recently was hired by Denver Area Youth Services (DAYS) as a health educator to educate youth and seniors in the prevention of diabetes, obesity and heart disease. In August, Stephanie travels to Israel to teach elementary physical education and swimming at the Walworth Barbour American International School in Even Yehuda, north of Tel Aviv.

1994

Bellefonte (Pa.) High School Head Coach **Susan Deitrich Besch** has guided the gymnastics team to an unprecedented 10-0 record, including wins at the Silver Division Team State Championships and the Central Pennsylvania District Championships. Eleven gymnasts, a record number for the team, qualified for the Pennsylvania Classic Individual Championships, with eight bringing home 21 awards.

1995

Michael Snyder purchased the Nick Stoner Inn in Caroga Lake, N.Y., which is part of Adirondack State Park. The property is composed of a restaurant, bar and 14-room inn located on a golf course:

2000

Elementary school teacher **Amy Seldin** earned a master's degree in adapted physical education from SUNY Cortland, and has been teaching at Caroline Elementary School in Slaterville Springs, N.Y., for 12 years. In addition to classroom teaching, Amy organizes two of the school's most popular events, Winterfest and Sock Hop.

2007

Henry Pietrani M '09 was hired as event coordinator at Waccabuc Country Club in Westchester County, N.Y., where he had interned during his graduate program in sport management at SUNY Cortland.

2009

Mark Kanellis M '09 has joined the athletics department at SUNY College of Technology at Alfred as director of intramurals and head coach for men's lacrosse. Previously, he served as a marketing assistant at the SUNY Youth Sport Institute and as lacrosse coach at Cortland High School. Mark received a bachelor's degree from Nazareth College.



A former member of the College ballroom dance team, **Patricia Applegate '93** competed in the 2010 USA Dance National championships held in April in Los Angeles, Calif. She and her dance partner, Jaime Hurtado, placed first out of 33 couples in pre-championship international standard. Trish and Jaime will perform a demonstration dance at the Ballroom Dance Team reunion on Friday, July 17, in the Park Center Dance Studio.



Joseph Shanahan '05 and Brianne Capasso '07 exchanged wedding vows on June 6, 2009, in Corinth, N.Y. Brianne and Joseph are shown in the foreground. Also attending, from the left, are: Sean Mack '06, David Lee '90, Margaret Neugebauer Race '54, Jaclyn "Jackie" Mallison '06, Nancy Race Dalley '96, Kimberly Sabiston '06, Nicholas "Nick" Shanahan, Daniella Rodriguez, infant Hunter Shanahan, Michael Shanahan '88, Kurt Shanahan, Deanna Hand, Kristin Boniello '06, Sarah Williams '06, Danene Siragusa '06, Mike Musjce, Christian Helwig '06, Ted Buffa, Gilberto Alvarez, William J. Zajkowski Jr. '06 and John Ciulla Jr. '71.



Amanda Smeenk '05 and Jeffrey Carpenter were wed on Aug. 1, 2009, in Rochester, N.Y. Present at the nuptials were, front row from the left: Matthew Carpenter '07, Jeffrey and Amanda; middle row: Christopher Soluri '05, Erin McIncrow '06, Katie Passino '05, Kathleen Young Murtagh '05, Amanda Marra Parton, Jenna Pecor '05 and Lacie Urban '06; and back row: Maura Rush '05, Megan Rapple '05, Kelly Van Pelt '05, Janelle Economou '05 and Stephen Esposito.

Marriages

W. Scott Wheatley '86 to Mary Ellen Stacey on Sept. 25 in Park Ridge, N.J.
 Jessica Chase '02 to James Goldie on Aug. 29 in Stevensville, Md.
 Joseph Shanahan '05 to Brianne Capasso '07 on June 6, 2009, in Corinth, N.Y.
 Amanda Smeenk '05 to Jeffrey Carpenter on Aug. 1, 2009, in Rochester, N.Y.
 David Lawrence '06 to Melanie Szumowski '06 on April 17 in Little Falls, N.Y.
 Kevin Slade '06 to Jenna DeMayo '07 on Feb. 13 on Long Island, N.Y.

Births

Timothy Norman '99 and Melissa Weitzel Norman '00, a daughter, Lily Katharine, on Sept. 30.
 Jocelyn Dubach Van Hee '00 and Todd, a son, Beckett River, on Sept. 17.
 Kevin Flynn '97 and Cathy, a son, Edward Kevin, on Sept. 21.

In memoriam

Virginia McCurdy Green '27
 Charlotte Overton Carbrey '28
 Elizabeth Baggerly Colyer '35
 Welda Caughey Greene '35
 Catherine Casey Bracht '36
 Jean Estelle Tuthill Woodhull '37
 Cecile Bloom Chambers '38
 Barbara Learn Allen '39
 Anthony Carolla '39
 Shirley Mynter Morse '39
 Gerald Nelson '40
 Esther Briccetti Candreva '43
 Ruth Plume '44
 Merrill Archard '46
 Charles Boland '48
 Barbara Ann Scott Ludwig '48
 Ruth Hackett Wilson '48
 Joan Charpek '49
 John Vertetis '49
 John Brislin '50
 Raymond Connell '50
 Herbert Edwards '50
 Joyce Newell Edwards '50
 Doris Elise Krumlauf '50
 Marion Keller Green '51

Anthony "Raymond" Barretto '52
 Donald Forbes '52
 Lee Dluginski '54
 Margaret "Peg" Collins Katims '54
 Marilyn Thomas '54
 Kay Ann Weiszmilller '55
 Carol Ann Masters Schiller '62
 Charles Chamberlain '63
 Linda Fliegel Perry '64
 Joanne Hartung Wetter '66
 Paul Rose '67
 Robert Burleigh, Jr. '68
 Anthony Caramanica '69
 Harriet Helfstein '71
 Linda Surbeck Porras '72
 Stuart Schaller '73
 Diane Yvonne Sherrer '73
 John Zeloznicki '78
 Constance Johnson Spoerl '79
 Loretta Busby Riehlman '80
 Kathryn "Kathy" Ferris '83
 Joanne Mathers Fitch '85
 Audra Tufo Spinella '93
 Sandy Brown Custer '04



David Lawrence '06 and Melanie Szumowski '06 exchanged wedding vows on April 17 in Little Falls, N.Y. Attending, front row from the left, were: Jennifer Rockwell O'Neil '06, Rebecca Hansen '06, Sarah Coelho, Jocelyn Ellis '06, Joni Gehebe '05, Sabrina Wadd '06 and Melanie; second row: David, Mary Fitzgerald Kelly '84, Amanda Yonkers '07 and Joseph Sapienza '88; and back row: Matthew Robinson '08, Kason O'Neil '04, Jonathan Pravel '04, Nick Lamalfa, Brett Heritage '06, James Hahn '06, Patrick DiPrimo '06, Justin Abbott '04, Derek Swartz '07, Michael Castaldo '06, Gerard Mullaney '05, Niclaus Florek '06, Pat Corrigan, Jacob Smith '06 and Ryan Ritchie '07.

Obituaries

MARCIA SPAETH McDERMOTT

Marcia Spaeth McDermott of Brevard, N.C., a professor emerita of recreation and leisure studies who served the College for 17 years, died on March 30.

A native of Ithaca, N.Y., she grew up in Urbana, Ill., and graduated from the University of Illinois with highest honors. She received a scholarship to attend the University of California, Los Angeles for her master's degree.

Following graduate school, she spent a summer touring nine countries in Europe by bicycle, thus beginning a lifelong interest in foreign travel. For a few years, she served as executive director of the Girl Scouts in Palo Alto, Calif., and Utica, N.Y. She longed to return to the academic community and joined the faculty at SUNY Oswego.

After earning a Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, she became an academic dean at SUNY Cortland in 1968, following in the career footsteps of her grandmother and father, who were college administrators. An advocate of international studies, she was instrumental in establishing study abroad programs for SUNY students in the U.K., Germany and China.

At SUNY Cortland, she was associate dean in the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation from 1968 until 1980 and in the newly formed Division of Professional Studies from 1980 to 1982. She served as its acting dean in 1982-83. She was professor and chair of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department from 1983 until retiring in 1985.

She was associate editor of the 1975 Prentice-Hall textbook, *Administrative Theory and Practice in Physical Education and Athletics*.

In 1977, she received the newly created SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Administrative Services.

An accomplished athlete, McDermott was a member of the National Ski Patrol, skiing most of the major ski centers in the Northeast as well as many in the Swiss Alps. At 50 years of age, she became a competitive runner in the masters division and won gold or silver medals in a score of races throughout the U.S. and Ontario. She once concurrently held national records in seven events. At the World Masters Games in Hanover, Germany, she won gold and silver medals. After retiring, she took up tennis, and chaired the tennis program at Connetsee Falls, N.C.

Besides her husband, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Geography George McDermott, she is survived by a stepson, James McDermott, and his wife, Leslie; their son, Patrick; and a sister-in-law, Shirley Spaeth of Juno Beach, Fla.

2009-10 WINTER SPORTS

Forward Jessica Laing concludes brilliant women's basketball career as SUNYAC record holder



BY FRAN ELIA *Sports Information Director*

SUNY Cortland forward Jessica Laing secured her place as one of the best women's basketball players in school, league and, arguably, NCAA Div. III history with an All-America senior season. The Bloomville, N.Y., native graduates as the all-time scoring leader and second-best rebounder in State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) annals.

Laing was one of 11 Red Dragon student-athletes to earn All-America recognition during the 2009-10 winter sports season. Five of those were women's gymnasts who helped Cortland finish fourth at the Div. III national championships.

Remarkable Laing fuels successful women's basketball season

Jessica Laing started all 117 games during her four years in a Cortland women's basketball uniform. During that stretch, she compiled records and awards that will be difficult to match.

A first team All-American, Laing averaged more than 20 points and 12 rebounds per game to help Cortland finish 25-4, win the SUNYAC title and play in the NCAA tournament for the fourth time in five years. She repeated as both SUNYAC and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate New York Player of the Year and became the first player in NCAA Div. III history to register combined career totals of at least 2,000 points (SUNYAC-record 2,166), 1,000 rebounds (school-best 1,305) and 100 three-pointers (136).

Cortland enjoyed its fifth straight year with at least 23 victories. The Red Dragons won the SUNYAC tournament title for the second time in four years before losing to eventual "Final Four" participant Rochester in the NCAA first round. Sophomore guard Micki Volpini of Newfield, N.Y., joined Laing on the All-SUNYAC first team and head coach Jeannette Mosher, in her 12th season, was named the East Region and SUNYAC Coach of the Year.

Houseman's swim feats best among Red Dragons since 1983

Senior Taylor Houseman of Rushford, N.Y., earned first team All-America honors with seventh-place finishes in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke races at the NCAA Div. III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships in March. Houseman is the first Cortland women's swimmer to place in the top eight in two events at an NCAA meet in 27 years.

On the strength of Houseman's performances, Cortland finished 33rd in the final national team standings. The Red Dragons were SUNYAC runners-up and enjoyed an 11-4 dual record. Eighth-year head coach Brian Tobin '94 was voted as the SUNYAC Coach of the Year.

Houseman won the SUNYAC title in the 200-yard breaststroke and received the Grace Mowatt Award as the conference's top senior female. Senior Kristin Barnoski of Stanley, N.Y., won the league's 50-yard freestyle title. Barnoski and senior Krista Bergquist of West Islip, N.Y., each swam on three winning relay teams.



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Senior Taylor Houseman placed seventh nationally in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke races at the NCAA Div. III Championships to earn first team All-America recognition in both events. Shown swimming during a regular-season home meet, Houseman is the first Cortland women's swimmer to place in the top eight in two events at one national meet since 1983.

Women's gymnasts capture fourth at national meet

The Cortland women's gymnastics team, led by 12th-year head coach Gary Babjack, finished fourth at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Div. III national championship meet in late March at Springfield (Mass.) College. The Red Dragons earned their spot at nationals with a second place showing at the ECAC Div. III Championships, which served as the East Region qualifier.

Freshman Sarah Nadrowski of Buffalo, N.Y., tied for second nationally on vault with a career-high 9.575. Senior Christine Haungs of Derby, N.Y., garnered first team All-America honors with an eighth-place finish in the all-around and was a second team All-American with a 12th-place balance beam effort.

Senior Alyssa Neely of Allentown, Pa., finished her career as a three-time balance beam All-American. She placed 11th this winter for second team honors after winning the national title as a junior. Senior Chris Cate of Concord, N.H., and senior Jenn Najuch of North Tonawanda, N.Y., each received second team All-America honors on vault with eighth and ninth-place finishes, respectively. Najuch was also the ECAC vault champion.

Wrestling team effort produces conference championship

Behind a true team effort, the Cortland wrestling squad won its fourth Empire Collegiate Wrestling Conference (ECWC) title and third in the last four years at the league championships in February at RIT.

Three Red Dragons won individual conference titles and all 10 Cortland entries placed in the top four of their weight classes at the nine-team meet. Eighth-year head coach Brad Bruhn was chosen as the ECWC Coach of the Year for the third time after leading his team to a 16-4 dual record and surpassing the career 100-win mark.

Four Cortland wrestlers earned trips to the NCAA Div. III Championships. Senior heavyweight Joe Murphy of St. James, N.Y., won his second straight ECWC heavyweight title, senior Martino Sottile of Brentwood, N.Y., was the 197-pound champion and senior Mike Ciaburri of Palmyra, N.Y., captured the 174-pound crown. Junior Aljamain Sterling of Uniondale, N.Y., was the 133-pound runner-up

and earned a "wild card" national berth from the league's coaches.

Sterling made that second chance count by finishing fourth nationally to earn All-America honors. Sottile also picked up an All-America award with his eighth-place NCAA finish. Murphy won one match at nationals and concluded his career 103-40 with 33 pins. He is the fifth wrestler in school history to reach 100 career victories. Cortland placed 22nd nationally for its eighth top-25 finish in nine years.

Evans repeats as outstanding SUNYAC men's swimmer

For the second straight year, senior Dan Evans of Hamburg, N.Y., was selected as the SUNYAC Men's Outstanding Swimmer at the league's championship meet after dominating his conference competition.

Evans repeated as league champion in the 50-yard, 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle races and swam on four winning relay teams, leading the Red Dragons to their fifth straight SUNYAC second place finish. Evans also was honored as the James Fulton Award winner as the SUNYAC's top senior male.

At the NCAA Div. III Championships in Minnesota, Evans earned a pair of honorable mention All-America honors with his ninth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle and 15th-place showing in the 50-yard freestyle. He holds the SUNYAC record in both events. The Red Dragons finished 44th nationally.

Senior Matt Young of Schoharie, N.Y., was the SUNYAC runner-up to Evans in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle races and swam on three victorious relays. Eighth-year head coach Brian Tobin '94 was voted as the SUNYAC Coach of the Year. Cortland's 15-2 dual-meet record broke the school record for wins in a season.

Bisceglia earns men's track and field All-America honors

Junior Gino Bisceglia of Norwood, N.Y., posted an All-America eighth-place finish in the 400-meter dash at the NCAA Div. III Men's Indoor Track and Field Championships, conducted in mid-March in Greencastle, Ind.

Three other Red Dragons qualified for the national championships. Freshman Dash Ellis



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Senior forward Jessica Laing earned first team All-America honors and was a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, given to the national Player of the Year. She scored a SUNYAC record 2,166 career points and grabbed a school-record 1,305 rebounds, the second-best total in league history.

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Urtz named SUNY Cortland director of athletics



Mike Urtz '93, M '99

Mike Urtz '93, M '99, SUNY Cortland's interim director of athletics since January, was appointed on May 1 as the College's full-time director of athletics. Urtz served as interim director following Joan Sitterly's retirement as director — a position she held since April 2004.

Urtz is a 1993 Cortland graduate and also earned his master's degree from the College in 1999. He was the Red Dragons' associate director of athletics from 2004-09 and served as interim director from November 2007 through April 2008 in addition to his most recent interim role. He held the title of assistant director of athletics from 2001 until his promotion to associate director.

Assistant athletic director Tom Cranfield will now assume the role of interim associate director of athletics,

and athletics coordinator for student services. Mike Discenza has been named an interim assistant director of athletics following Urtz's promotion.

"(Mike) will continue to provide vision and guidance for SUNY Cortland's Division III intercollegiate athletics program," said Mark J. Prus, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "He will develop and lead the athletics program with an emphasis on academic achievement, integrity and a commitment to excellence and distinctiveness."

The Ilion, N.Y., native was a standout baseball outfielder for the Red Dragons from 1990-93 and also served as an assistant baseball coach for 10 seasons. As a player, Urtz earned All-SUNYAC, all-state and all-region honors in 1992, and as a senior in 1993 he helped the Red Dragons win the ECAC Upstate New York title and qualify for the NCAA Division III playoffs. A team captain that season, Urtz earned All-SUNYAC and all-region awards.

Urtz and his wife, Charlene '97, have three children and reside in Cortland.

of Tomkins Cove, N.Y., finished ninth in the triple jump and missed All-America honors by only one centimeter. Sophomore Ryan Pericozzi of Lancaster, N.Y., placed 11th in the pole vault and senior Justin Wager of Guilderland, N.Y., finished 12th in the mile run preliminaries after losing his shoe midway through the race.

Under third-year head coach Steve Patrick '97, the Red Dragons placed second at the SUNYAC Championships. Pericozzi won the pole vault with a SUNYAC indoor record height of 16' 2.75", while senior Joe Keleher of Newfane, N.Y., repeated as league champ in the 55-meter hurdles in 7.81 seconds. Ellis won the triple jump title at the ECAC Div. III Championships.

Men's basketball advances to SUNYAC semifinals

The Cortland men's basketball team finished with a 16-11 record under 15th-year head coach Tom Spanbauer '83. The Red Dragons, who placed third in the SUNYAC regular season standings with an 11-7 mark, won their conference tournament opener before falling to Oneonta in the semifinals. Cortland also lost by only four points early in the season at eventual national runner-up Williams College.

Junior guard Dustin Marshall of Newfield, N.Y., in his first season with the Red Dragons, earned first team All-SUNYAC honors. He led Cortland with 13 points, 3.3 assists and 1.7 steals per game and shot 48 percent (53-of-111) from three-point range.

Senior forward Paul Oliver of Phoenix, N.Y., averaged 11.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game. Senior forward Ben Nagle of Rochester, N.Y., joined the team this winter with one year of eligibility remaining after playing football at Cortland for four seasons. An All-America defensive end, Nagle made a nice transition to the hardwood and led the team with 7.6 rebounds per contest.

Heinz earns fourth All-SUNYAC honor

Senior defenseman Gerard Heinz of Kings Park, N.Y., became the first men's ice hockey player in school history to earn All-SUNYAC honors four straight years when he was named a conference second team all-star at season's end.

Heinz led Cortland with 15 assists and finished third on the team with 20 total points. He was a first team all-league selection as both a freshman and sophomore

and earned second team honors each of his last two years.

Third-year head coach Joe Baldarotta's squad finished the year with a 7-18 overall record and a 4-12 league mark. Among Cortland's victories was a 5-2 win over 2009 national semifinalist Hobart. Junior forward Jarrett Gold of East Setauket, N.Y., led Cortland in scoring with 14 goals and was third on the team with 13 assists.

Dalton, Nassauer capture SUNYAC women's track and field titles

Sophomore Alyson Dalton of Sherrill, N.Y., and freshman Christi Nassauer of Mount Sinai, N.Y., each won league titles at the SUNYAC Women's Indoor Track and Field Championships in February.

Dalton was the conference champion in the 3,000-meter run in 10:26.49 and Nassauer took top honors in the pole vault by clearing 10' 6". The 4x400-meter relay team of sophomore Veronica Montrose of Clintondale, N.Y., senior Mallory Baker of Clifton Park, N.Y., freshman Keri Marks of Massapequa Park, N.Y., and freshman Lex Grable of Pine Bush, N.Y., finished second at the conference meet.

Third-year head coach Steve Patrick's '97 team finished fourth in the final league standings and tied for 21st place at the ECAC Div. III Championships. Freshman Nikki Schafer of Troy, N.Y., was Cortland's top individual at the ECAC meet with a fifth-place finish in the pentathlon.

Close losses hamper women's ice hockey

The Cortland women's ice hockey team's record was somewhat deceptive during the 2009-10 season. The Red Dragons finished 4-19-1 overall and 3-14-1 in ECAC West play, but those marks included seven one-goal losses — four to league foes.

Sophomore forward Maggie Giamo of Orchard Park, N.Y., joined the team as a transfer from RIT and led third-year head coach Earl Utter's squad with eight goals. Giamo also ranked second with eight assists for a team-high 16 points. Sophomore forward Julia Fleming of Buffalo, N.Y., led the Red Dragons with nine assists.

Freshman goalie Sarah Sitcov of Arlington, Va., finished the season with a 3.10 goals against average, a .912 save percentage and two shutouts. Cortland held opponents to three goals or less 14 times.

Cortaca Jug 2010 Ticket Lottery

The 2010 Cortland-Ithaca football game will be played on Saturday, Nov. 13, at the SUNY Cortland Stadium Complex. Because the demand for tickets will exceed the seating capacity, the Alumni Affairs Office is making tickets available on a lottery basis to Cortland alumni.

Tickets are limited to two per graduate. Tickets are \$8 each. To be eligible for the lottery, this completed application form must be received by the Alumni Affairs Office no later than Sept. 17. The lottery drawing will take place on Sept. 27. Lottery winners will be notified by e-mail that week. Tickets will be available for pick up only at the Lynne Parks '68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House the day of the game. Pick up times will be listed in the confirmation e-mail.



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Attention varsity athletes who graduated from 1970-89

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will be celebrating two decades of athletic excellence at the Cortaca Jug 2010 contest.

Alumni athletes will be invited to enjoy a brunch in Corey Union, reminisce about their collegiate athletic days and celebrate Cortland's biggest rivalry.

The first 250 alumni and guests to register using the form that will be mailed to them in September will automatically receive a ticket to the game. Look for more information in your mailbox soon!

To ensure you receive this invitation and others from the Alumni Association, please update your alumni record by visiting www.cortland.edu/alumniupdate.

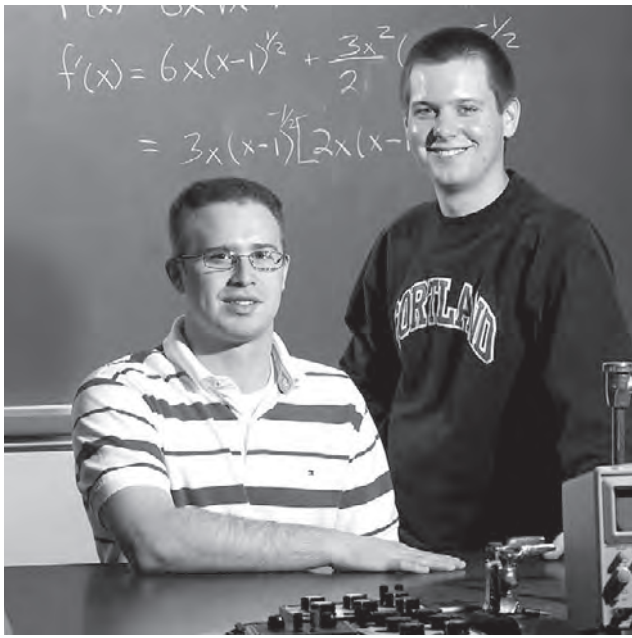


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Noyce Scholars



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Four high-achieving undergraduates and one graduate student comprise the inaugural cohort enrolled in SUNY Cortland's prestigious Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program. The undergraduate scholarships are from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in exchange for a commitment to teach science for two years in a high-need school district. The NSF grant of nearly \$900,000 to SUNY Cortland will assist up to 50 students interested in becoming math and science teachers. The recipients are, clockwise from above: future chemistry teacher Jennifer Traxel '10 of Clark Mills, N.Y.; mathematics teaching hopeful Christopher Donohue M '10 of Conesus, N.Y., and budding physics and mathematics teacher Sean Nolan '10 of Brookhaven, N.Y.; and aspiring biology teachers Stefan Birek '10 of Raleigh, N.C., and Karalyn Schoepfer of Bellmore, N.Y. **See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/view**

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