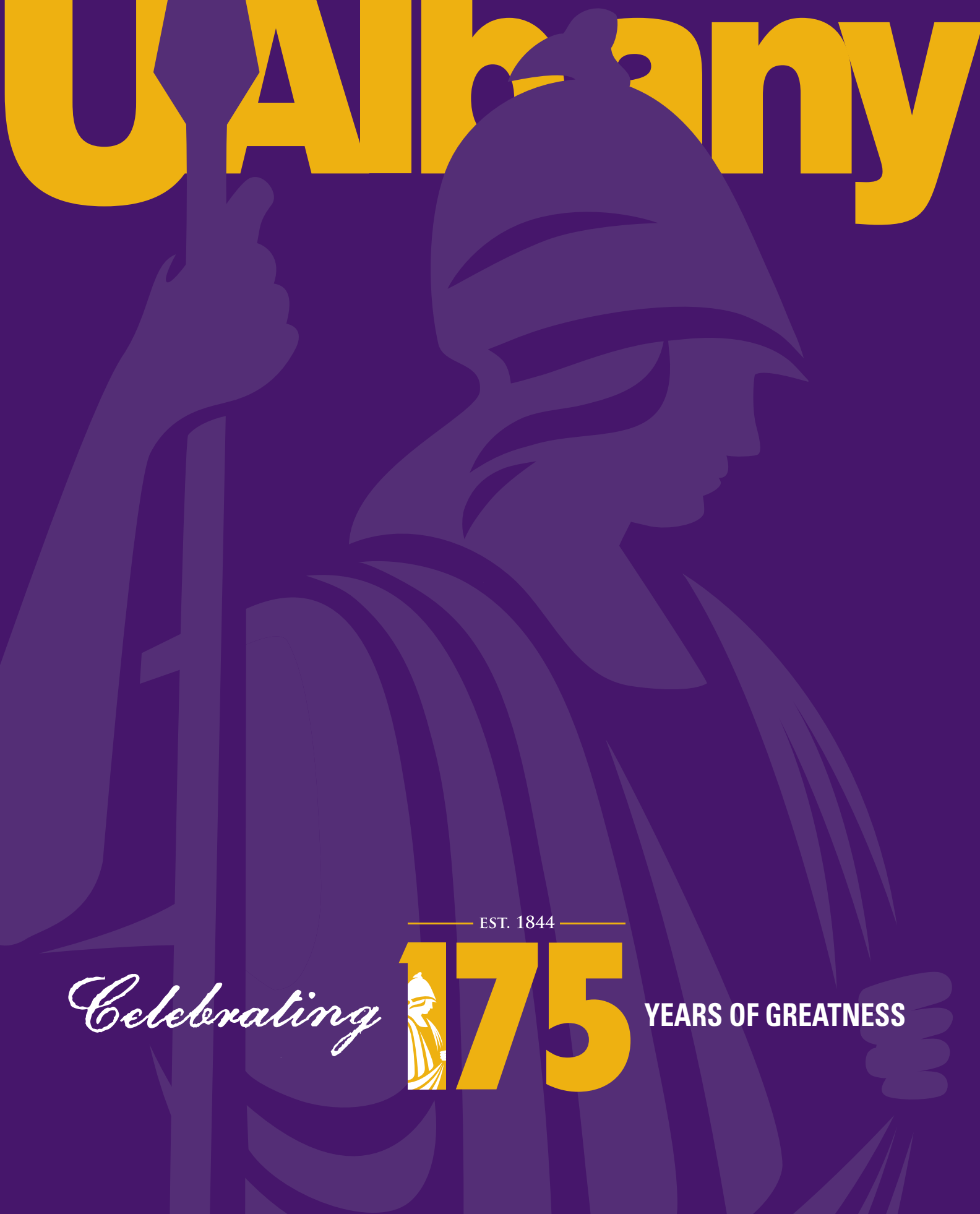


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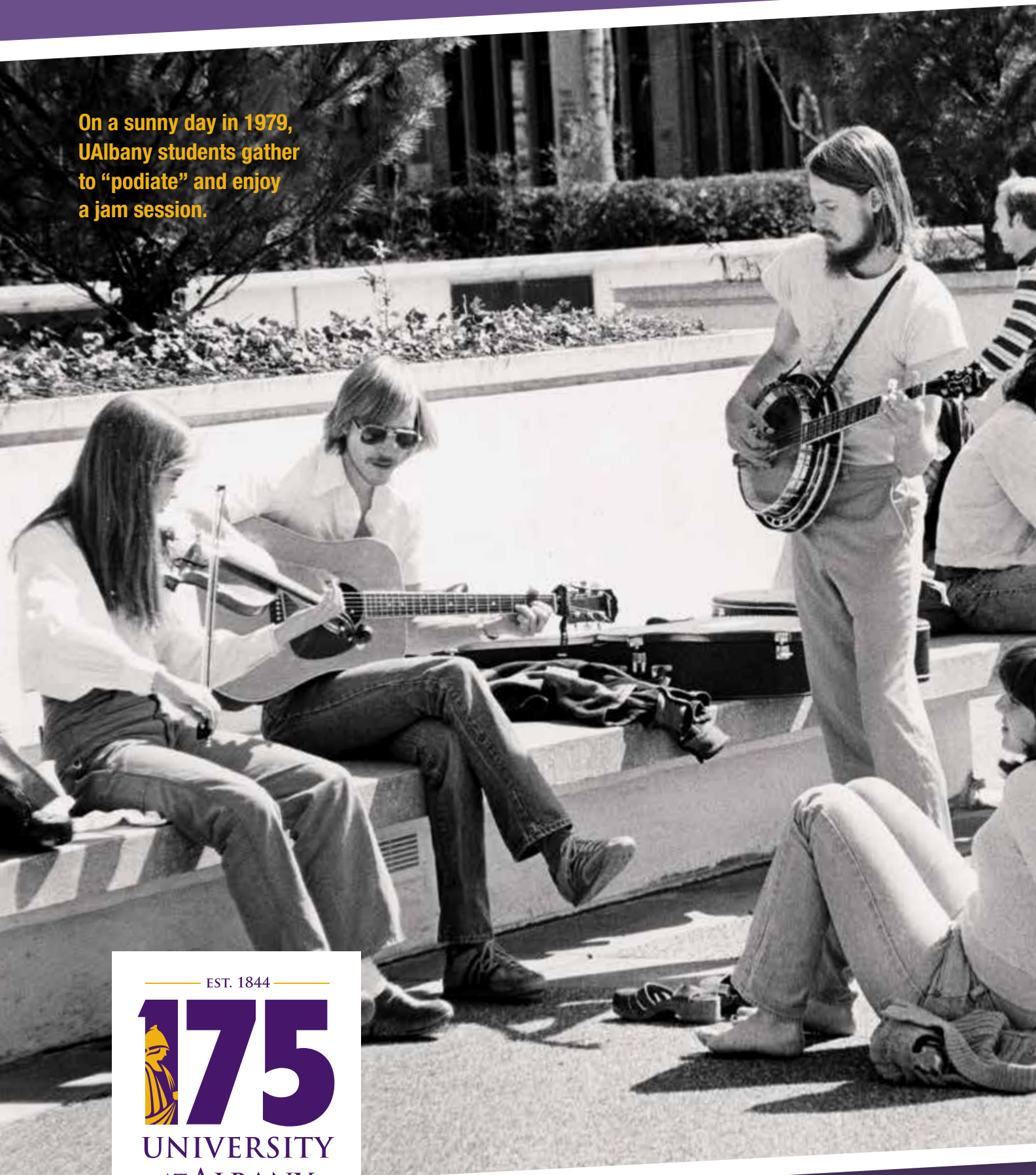
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Unleashing Greatness for UAlbany's 175th

Giveaways, refreshments, speeches, and prizes were all on the agenda Jan. 23 in the Campus Center when members of the University community gathered to “Unleash Greatness” with the kickoff of UAlbany’s yearlong 175th-anniversary celebration. Students newly arrived for the beginning of the spring semester, faculty, and staff also enjoyed learning about some of the activities – including University Art Museum exhibitions, New York State Writers Institute offerings, sporting events, and Performing Arts Center presentations – planned for late January and beyond. **Happy 175th, UAlbany!**



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Stuart Milk Visits Campus

Stuart Milk, international human-rights activist, youth advocate, and Harvey Milk Foundation co-founder and executive chair, visited the University Oct. 25 to speak about “Global LGBT+ Rights and the Power of Your Story.” Milk is the nephew of 1970s gay-rights icon and UAlbany graduate Harvey Milk ’51, a San Francisco supervisor at the time he and the city’s mayor were assassinated 40 years ago.



Schell Is Named Distinguished Professor

The SUNY Board of Trustees has elevated Lawrence M. Schell of the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Public Health to the rank of Distinguished Professor. Schell, a faculty member in the Department of Anthropology, holds a joint appointment in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics. He also directs the Center for the Elimination of Minority Health Disparities and serves as a clinical associate professor in Albany Medical College’s Department of Pediatrics.



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Influencing Change

In November, Samhita Mukhopadhyay '00 returned to campus for the first time in 18 years to give the Joan E. Schultz Biennial Lecture, hosted by the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. The Teen Vogue executive editor's talk, "Feminism Goes Viral: A Women's Studies Alumna Addresses the Changing Media Landscape," focused on her career, UAlbany's impact on her work, how blogs have helped to launch feminism into the public consciousness, and the ways young writers and women can influence change.



Samhita Mukhopadhyay and Professor of Women's Studies Vivien Ng, her adviser and mentor at UAlbany, reconnected last November when Mukhopadhyay returned to campus to deliver the Joan E. Schulz Lecture.

Olympian **ALY RAISMAN** discussed her life experiences Dec. 3 as the headliner for the University's Fall 2018 Speaker Series. Raisman, one of the most decorated American gymnasts of all time, won six Olympic medals as a captain of the U.S. women's gymnastics teams, 2012's "Fierce Five" and 2016's "Final Five." The author of *Fierce: How Competing for Myself Changed Everything*, now uses her platform to promote body positivity, advocate for sexual-abuse survivors, and push for systematic changes within the sport of gymnastics.



Brian Bushner

Citizen Laureates Are Honored

Former University at Albany President Karen R. Hitchcock, civic leaders Peter M. and Barbara J. Pryor, and longtime Capital Region businessman and promoter Richard Kotlow were honored Nov. 1 at the 39th Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner.

Hitchcock, a cell biologist, joined the University staff in 1991; served as UAlbany president from 1996-2004; and led Queen's University in Ontario, Canada, from 2004-08. In the Capital Region, she chaired the Albany-Colonie

Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Center for Economic Growth, and was a trustee of WMHT and The Doane Stuart School.

The Pryors, who held leadership positions under New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, are active in the community. Peter, who founded the Albany Urban League, was president and general counsel of Albany's NAACP chapter. He served with the SUNY Board of Regents from 1996-2000. Barbara, a longtime supporter of the University at Albany School of Social Welfare, was also a member of its Community Advisory Board.

Kotlow retired in 2012 as CEO of UHY Advisors NY, where he served 40 years in leadership positions. He has made expansive contributions to such Capital Region organizations as the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Albany Convention and Visitors Bureau.



Patrick Dodson

UAlbany Foundation President George R. Hearst III congratulates Academic Laureate Karen R. Hitchcock.

UAlbany's Architecture Garners Acclaim

Architect and author Sam Lubell says the UAlbany campus is one of the 10 most impressive highlights of modernist architecture on the East Coast.



For his *Mid-Century Modern Travel Guide: East Coast USA*, published last fall by Phaidon, Lubell compiled a list of 250 sites along the Eastern Seaboard, then selected just 10. In describing the University's uptown campus, designed by architect Edward Durell Stone in the 1960s, Lubell singled out its "cast-concrete and stone-paneled structures"; "large ornamental overhangs"; "gridded stone walkways, colonnades, plazas, gardens, sunken fountains, and reflecting pools"; "four symmetrical residential quads"; and "space-age flourishes."

In an Oct. 8, 2018 story about *Mid-Century Modern Travel Guide: East Coast USA*, Dan Howarth of the London-based online architecture magazine Dezeen noted UAlbany's selection for the work. Other highlights included structures designed by I.M. Pei, Eero Saarinen, and Frank Lloyd Wright.

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UAlbany Launches *This Is Our Time*

Alumni, friends, and members of the campus community gathered at the main fountain Oct. 19 to kick off the public phase of *This Is Our Time: The Campaign for the University at Albany*. A dinner at the Massry Center for Business followed; more than 120 guests attended.

Gifts to the \$150-million-dollar campaign already total more than \$110 million, and 140 new endowed scholarships have been created.

“Our campaign will continue to elevate UAlbany’s standing among the nation’s leading research universities,” said President Havidán Rodríguez. “The generous support of our alumni, friends, faculty, and staff strengthens our University’s commitment to serving as an engine of opportunity for our remarkably diverse student body, and as a force for change through our faculty’s groundbreaking research and creative works.”

As part of the campaign, the University launched its most-



ambitious two-day giving challenge ever, with the aim of raising 1,844 gifts between Monday, Oct. 22, and Tuesday, Oct. 23. A University at Albany Foundation board member pledged to donate \$1 million to the campaign, provided the goal was realized. We are proud to note that donors in 43 states and Puerto Rico generously made 2,012 gifts, surpassing that objective.

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Acclaimed Alumni Help Secure NYSWI's Future

By Greta J. Petry, M.A.'01

Two renowned UAlbany alumni – one a novelist, the other a screenwriter and producer – will ensure that audiences continue to enjoy New York State Writers Institute programs that bring celebrated writers and films to the Capital Region.

Gregory Maguire, B.A.'76, author of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, and Marc Guggenheim, B.A.'92, co-creator of the TV series “Arrow” and screenwriter for the movie “Green Lantern,” have made six-figure pledges to the New York State Writers Institute (NYSWI), which is based at UAlbany.

“The Writers Institute provides a sort of *agora*, or ancient Greek market square, for the sharing of ideas and ideals,” observed Maguire, whose novel inspired *Wicked*, the sixth-longest-running Broadway show in history. Through *The Maguire Family Endowment at NYSWI*, the Albany native is providing financial support for the institute to host authors throughout the year. The \$500,000 endowment honors his

family, and in particular his parents, John Maguire, Helen Gregory Maguire, and Marie McAuliff Maguire.

Maguire, whose mother Helen passed away when he was born, learned about her from “my father and my second mother [Marie],” Helen’s best friend from childhood. “I know that her interest in literature was as rich as theirs.”

There is great value in the power of public higher education, as well as in making that education accessible to a part of the population previously unable to access it, noted Maguire. As an English and studio-art double major at UAlbany, he was influenced by Professor Lillian Orsini, a librarian who taught a graduate-level class on children’s literature – the only one offered at the time. “She let me take the course as a sophomore. I already possessed a belief in the value of good literature for children. Her generosity of spirit in letting me in was nonpareil in my experience,” recalled Maguire, who penned his first novel senior year as an independent-study project. *The Lightning Time* was published two years later.

Guggenheim made his \$100,000 pledge to sustain NYSWI’s Classic Film Series because cinematic history is important to him. Although he didn’t attend film school, “I’m a big believer



Above, left: Author Gregory Maguire poses with UAlbany President Havidán Rodríguez and the president’s wife, Rosy Lopez, at NYSWI’s inaugural Albany Book Festival last fall. Above, right: Marc Guggenheim chats with Purple and Gold students during a taping of the interview show “Person Place Thing” with fellow alum Randy Cohen, B.A.’71, last November in New York City.

that classic films are the best teacher for people interested in becoming filmmakers. It's important that these works not fade into obscurity and that people continue to have easy – which often means 'free' – access to them."

At UAlbany, Guggenheim studied in the English Honors Program. He credited Rosemary Hennessy, his thesis adviser, with inspiring his love of writing.

New York State Writers Institute Director Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84, thanked Maguire and Guggenheim for their "transformative gifts." The "two brilliant writers and deeply committed University at Albany alumni," Grondahl added, "have been past guests of the Writers Institute, and they shared insights into their creative imaginations with our students, faculty, alumni, and community members.



"Now, with these major gifts, they are helping to ensure that those meaningful conversations with writers and filmmakers from around the world will continue for many years to come. Their generosity will allow us to offer the very best literary and classic film programming to be found anywhere, free and open to the public. Thank you, Gregory and Marc. You're part of the Writers Institute family now."

Last October, Maguire signed books at NYSWI's inaugural Albany Book Festival, an event that drew 5,000 participants. In an April 2018 appearance co-sponsored by the Writers Institute and the UAlbany Speaker Series, Guggenheim screened clips of his film and television work, offered commentary, and participated in a question-and-answer session.

Guggenheim enjoys talking to students when he returns to campus. "I love their curiosity and passion. They're growing up at such an interesting time, particularly in terms of politics and popular culture. It's inspiring to see how many of them want to become writers," he said.



Keeping "the Educational Light" Burning

By Vincent Reda, B.A.'74

Given that **Daniel P. Nolan, B.S.'74**, did not participate in an NCAA or intramural program – or attend many games – in his three years at UAlbany, his \$1-million unrestricted gift to support University athletics is ironic. But he's grateful to UAlbany for switching on "the educational light" for him – and he wants to keep that light burning for today's students.

Nolan cites "the tremendous success of the University's programs in basketball, lacrosse, soccer, and other sports" – and the resulting "increased pride of alumni" – as two reasons for making the donation. He also recognizes that athletics provide a gateway to encouraging alumni support for students – many of whom lack the resources they need to learn and succeed.

Nolan, who lived at home in Colonie while majoring in business, worked his way through school with part-time jobs at Macy's and Valle's Steak House. He recalls that he loved UAlbany and attributes "most of what I've accomplished" to the University and to Albany Law School, where he earned a J.D. in 1978.

His achievements include 28 years

at Ayco Company, providing tax, investment, and financial-planning advice to its highest-net-worth clients, and founding its Special Investment Group. In 2003, after the firm's sale to Goldman Sachs, Nolan led the effort to integrate Ayco into Goldman Sachs' Private Wealth Management practice. Since 2008, he has served as president and CEO of Albany-based Hugh Johnson Advisors, LLC.

"Alumni possess critically important resources to offer the University's students," observes Nolan, who made the first significant contribution to the 2003 fund that created what is now Bob Ford Field at Casey Stadium. Those resources, he explains, include not only grants and other monetary gifts, but "networking opportunities, internships, and mentoring."

Nolan began actively supporting higher education in the Capital Region two decades ago, initially as a trustee at The College of Saint Rose and later in the same capacity at Albany Law School. He served as board chair for both colleges.

In 2014, Nolan received UAlbany's Community Laureate Award.

Gracie Mercado, B.A.'00

Empowered

By Claudia Ricci, Ph.D.'96

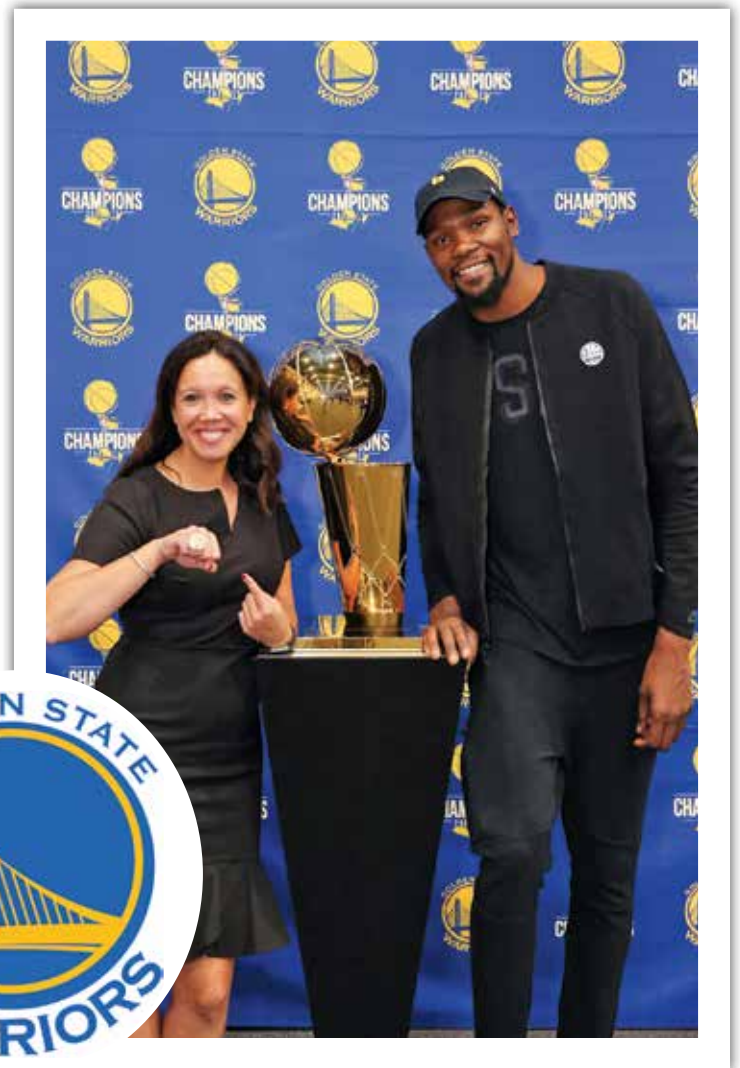
When Gracie Mercado arrived at the University at Albany as a freshman in 1996, she was a young woman who had not experienced a great deal outside of her Bronx neighborhood. For four years, she had attended a Catholic high school that prepared her for college studies, though it was very regimented. She had never held a job, nor had she handled her own finances. “I had never even cooked or done my own laundry before,” she laughs.

By the time she graduated with honors as an English major in 2000, Mercado had landed her first job in human resources. She also had a credit card and a cell phone and was paying her own bills.

“Albany gave me invaluable life skills,” she recalls. “The University prepared me for the real world. It helped me gain confidence and develop independence.”

Today, Mercado, vice president of Human Resources for the Golden State Warriors, is responsible for 220 employees on the business side of the basketball team’s operation. Before long, the number of employees will skyrocket, as the 2017 and 2018 NBA Championship-winning Warriors are building a privately financed sports arena designed to seat more than 18,000 fans. The Bay Area arena will host not only Warriors games, but a regular lineup of concerts and family shows.

Mercado, who joined the Warriors in October 2016, will lead the organization in hiring more than 100 new full-time employees and thousands of part-timers to work in the new Chase Center. She is currently strategizing with her colleagues to prepare for the upcoming expansion. “We are incredibly excited about opening the arena,” says Mercado, adding that the prospect of the new facility was a principal reason she uprooted herself from New York to take the job in California.



Mercado came to the Warriors very well prepared. From 2014 to 2016, she was vice president for Human Resources for the New Jersey Devils. Earlier, during her seven years with the YES (Yankees Entertainment and Sports) network, she was promoted from manager to director of Human Resources. Mercado’s career also includes stints at fashion giants Coach and Ralph Lauren, where she held various HR positions, including one that combined human resources with finance.

What advice does she have for SUNY students? “It’s OK if you don’t have your career all figured out at 21 years old,” she says. As an undergraduate, Mercado put a lot of pressure on herself, trying to chart a career. She insists that isn’t necessary; “there is no perfect path to the perfect job.”

Mercado notes that “Albany instilled a great work ethic in me and empowered me to write my own ticket.”

Chris Brennan, B.S.'88

NBA Retail Star

By Nick Muscavage, B.A.'16

While Chris Brennan has kept busy working for the National Basketball Association for the past 20 years, he always finds time for his *alma mater*.

Brennan, who graduated from UAlbany with a degree in communication and marketing and later earned an M.B.A. from St. John's University, is senior vice president, overseeing the Retail Partnerships Group at the NBA. He is responsible for activating and managing the marketing and promotions for all NBA operations and relationships.

In 2016, Brennan returned to UAlbany to deliver the commencement address to communication and journalism graduates. "It was a lot of fun," said the 52-year-old Staten Island native, who now lives in Westfield, N.J. His speech highlighted the motto he embraces: "Professionalism, Patience, and Persistence."

"Those are my "three P's, and I've stuck with them pretty much my entire life," he said. Brennan acknowledged that the "three P's" have enabled him to pursue opportunities as varied as his first job out of college, at Russ Berrie, maker of the iconic toy trolls; his



merchandising job with Foot Locker; and his career with the NBA.

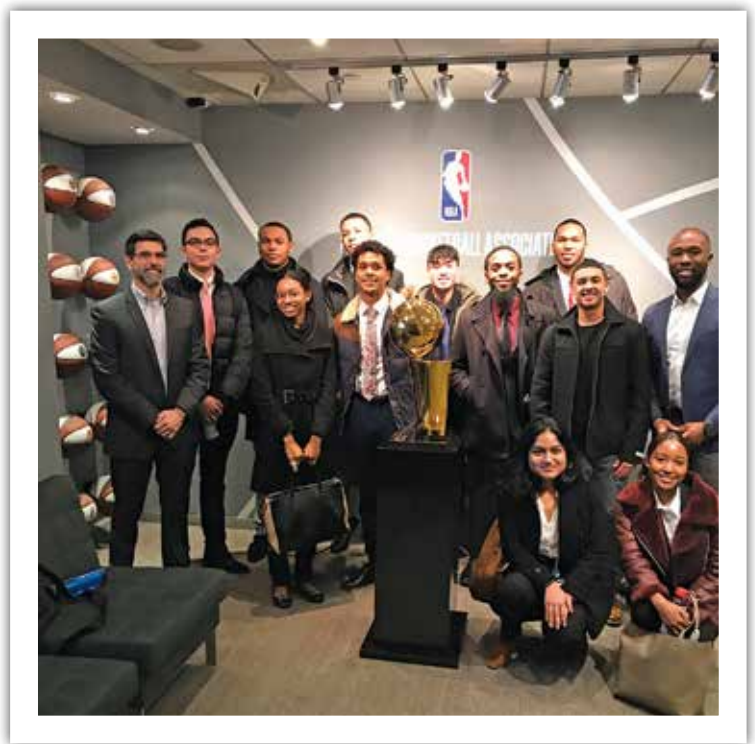
Since serving as commencement speaker, Brennan has visited the University several times to talk with students. "I also bring students to the NBA every year. We do a question-and-answer [program], and we talk about professionalism and ask if they would like to be a part of the NBA, at some point," Brennan recalled.

Two years ago, he was instrumental in arranging UAlbany's first internship opportunity with the NBA and is "trying to help them apply each year. I do this because I have wonderful friendships that came out of UAlbany," said Brennan.

He met his wife, Michelle (Molinelli) Brennan, B.S.'89, at the University, and still takes an annual trip to Dippikill, UAlbany's Adirondack campground, with college friends.



Chris Brennan hosts students interested in learning about his career with the NBA, as well as about internship opportunities.



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University at Albany alumni who found their professional callings in the arts use their talents to inform us, make us think – and sometimes, to make us laugh.

Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah, B.A.'13

A Literary Superstar Arrives

By Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84

Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah is having the kind of astonishing literary moment that most writers can only dream about.

On Oct. 23, his debut story collection, *Friday Black*, received a rave review on the cover of *The New York Times Book Review*, the pinnacle of literary success. Reviewer Tommy Orange said the author “has written a powerful and important and strange and beautiful collection of stories meant to be read right now.”

In December, *Friday Black* was included in the 100 Notable Books for 2018, chosen by *The New York Times Book Review* editors, who hailed Adjei-Brenyah as “a new and necessary voice.”

The collection tackles fraught themes, such as racism and violence, in a wildly original narrative style shot through with dark comedy. Critics have likened his fiction to that of such literary lions as Isaac Babel, Ralph Ellison, Anton

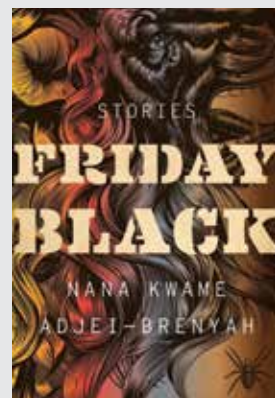
Chekhov, and Kurt Vonnegut. Author Roxane Gay praised *Friday Black* as “dark and captivating and essential.”

Adjei-Brenyah made a triumphant return to campus Oct. 30 as part of the Writers Institute’s Visiting Writers Series. He spoke to large and appreciative afternoon and evening audiences, including several alumni classmates and former professors. He also

had an informal conversation with English majors in the morning, at the invitation of English professor and author Edward Schwarzschild, whom he considered a mentor.

“*Friday Black* is no ordinary first book, no ordinary story collection,” Schwarzschild said in his introduction to Adjei-Brenyah’s Recital Hall evening event. “It is a literary sensation, arguably the fiction debut of the year. And that’s not a former professor making the argument; that’s not another proud Great Dane engaging in hyperbolic speech. That’s just the way it is. And if you don’t believe me, all you have to do is take a look at what they’re saying about *Friday Black* in newspapers and magazines around the country.”

In my interview with Adjei-Brenyah for the Writers Institute podcast, he expressed gratitude and humility about the homecoming at UAlbany.



Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah was featured on the cover of the *New York Times Book Review* in November.

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Adjei-Brenyah appeared on campus in October 2018 to talk about his experience at UAlbany and his book.

Patrick Dordson



“It’s great to come back to the place where I first allowed myself to admit that I wanted to be a writer,” he said. “That idea, that possibility, became real at UAlbany.”

Adjei-Brenyah grew up in Spring Valley, N.Y., the son of Ghanaian immigrants. He recalled that his parents would drop him off at the local library for the day, and he would read a lot of fantasy, science fiction, and Japanese Manga. “In my house, reading was cool because of my older sister,” he said. They had their share of sibling rivalry, and when she was accepted at Columbia University, he was upset that he, too, did not make it into an Ivy League school.

“I have to be honest: I came to UAlbany with a chip on my shoulder,” Adjei-Brenyah acknowledged.

“I chose it because it was close to home and affordable. I ended up loving UAlbany and making my best friends – the people who became like family to me – here. I also found wonderful writing mentors here. It was the exact place I was meant to be.”

Adjei-Brenyah praised the assistance of Schwarzschild and Lynne Tillman, an English faculty member. Both of them are fellows of the Writers Institute. “They helped me come into my own as a writer,” he observed.

While majoring in English and completing minors in journalism and film studies, Adjei-Brenyah was active in several student organizations, including ASUBA; Pan-Caribbean Association; and Lola’s Love, which raised money for cancer patients. He went on to earn his M.F.A. in creative writing at Syracuse University, where he now teaches.

“We had an inkling he was bound for greatness,” recalled Amy Biancolli, who attended Adjei-Brenyah’s talk and a campus dinner honoring him. She worked with Adjei-Brenyah during his internship in the arts department at the *Albany Times Union*. “I was bowled over by both the mesmerizing genius

of *Friday Black* and the good-natured ease with which he’d assumed his new role as emergent literary star,” Biancolli commented.

After his evening reading, I joined Adjei-Brenyah and a half-dozen of his former classmates at Bombers on Lark Street, a favorite hangout from their student days.

“He’s the same Nana we’ve always known,” said Jamere Shelby, laughing and reminiscing over orders of chicken wings, tacos, and French fries. “Just a great guy. We are all so proud of him.”

Paul Grondahl, M.A. ’84, is the director of the Writers Institute; the author of several books; and a columnist for the Times Union, where he worked 33 years as a reporter.



Check out these podcasts featuring Adjei-Brenyah.
WAMC podcast: <https://bit.ly/2T6YRKC> | *The New York Times*: <https://nyti.ms/2EmVirh>

Melissa “Bunni” Elian, B.A.’10

Out in the World

By Carol Olechowski

By age 14, Melissa “Bunni” Elian was already thinking about college. A few years later, when she was ready to enroll, the Yonkers, N.Y., native “completed a College Board test that would assess what kind of job I would like, based on my personality.” The test revealed that “it was important for me to have a product for whatever I would be doing, to see the results of my labor.”

After considering career options as varied as movie director, architect, and graphic designer, Elian, now 31, enrolled at Penn State to study advertising. A year later, she transferred to UAlbany as a pre-med student. Though she spent two years on that track and enjoyed her classes, “I felt I wasn’t fulfilling what I envisioned for myself. I wanted to travel and be more out in the world,” Elian recalls.

University Photo Service (UPS) and a Judaic-studies class on the creation of Israel persuaded Elian to switch her major to journalism. For her first UPS assignment, “I picked up a camera and walked around campus taking pictures, filling the 36 frames on the roll of film, and went back to the office to develop it.” Patrick Dodson, B.A.’12, a UPS photographer who now works as staff photographer at UAlbany, “was surprised I had come back so fast. I was really, really eager,” says Elian, who later became chief photographer at UPS.

Elian found inspiration everywhere: in the “really interesting” shape of a fellow commuter’s hair, the “beautiful light” surrounding

a subject, the mood of a gathering. An eye for detail and a gift for “capturing and sharing” emotions, colors, and textures through the lens of a camera would serve her well in her chosen profession.



Patrick Dodson

Melissa “Bunni” Elian visits the University Photo Service’s office on campus in January.

Elian is pictured as a student, working in the University Photo Service darkroom.



In one of Elian's most memorable assignments – for her first job, with her hometown newspaper, *The Journal News* – she photographed a farewell ceremony for New York Army National Guard soldiers preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. Moved at the sight of “family members meeting each other for potentially the last time, separated by just a few feet but not touching,” she nervously trained her lens on a woman soldier weeping during a prayer and captured an unforgettable image depicting “the sadness of saying goodbye.”



In the years since, Elian has held several positions, working both freelance and under contract for NBC, as well as for *The New York Times*, Google, and the Obama Foundation. The Haitian-American journalist enjoys gaining international reporting experience and experiencing the independence that comes with it but acknowledges that a freelancer has to be “everything: a businessperson, an accountant, a marketing department, and a salesperson.”

Elian welcomes the challenges – and the opportunities – that come her way. The latter include covering Afropunk, an entertainment entity that employs “musical forms, from jazz to hip-hop, to connect the African diaspora, including the #BlackLivesMatter movement in the U.S., and uphold African traditions,” notes Elian, who credits her UAlbany experience with “shaping the work I do.”

When she completes her graduate studies at Columbia University this spring, Elian plans “to establish myself more as a business entity. I’m taking a break from my Instagram account, and I want to experiment more with Patreon,” a website that enables photographers, artists, writers, and other creative types to generate sustainable income while working at their crafts. She’ll also re-brand her company, currently known as Quick Rabbit Productions.

Elian, who associates the rabbit with creation, chose “Bunni” as her nickname. “I was born in April, and my birth year, 1987, was the Chinese Year of the Rabbit. I’m like a bunny – carefree and happy, but leery.” She subsequently learned of another connection: “In Swahili, the word ‘buni’ means ‘creative’ or ‘inventive.’”



More recently, Elian has covered Afropunk, an entertainment entity that employs “musical forms, from jazz to hip-hop, to connect the African diaspora, including the #BlackLivesMatter movement in the U.S., and uphold African traditions.”



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Subway Doodle (a.k.a. Ben Rubin, B.F.A.'92)

Embracing His Inner Blue Monster

By Stephen Shoemaker, B.A.'02

Real or imagined, the underground denizens of New York City – giant rats, mutant turtles – occupy a unique niche in popular culture. New creatures are joining them, captured on social media as they lurk along the rails, skulk around station platforms, and even mingle among passengers throughout the subway system. The strange, usually blue monsters are now starting to pop up above ground, too, and will soon be prowling television signals.

The critters are the spawn of artist Subway Doodle, a 1992 graduate of UAlbany's art program, and they evolved from a daily endeavor meant to reinvigorate his artistic side. In 2011, while working as the design director at cable-television giant AMC, he took inspiration from a fellow subway commuter he noticed sketching on a tablet.

"At this point, I'd been in kind of a creative rut. I hadn't really been doing much," he remembered. "So I bought an iPad and started drawing on it. And it just kind of became an obsession."

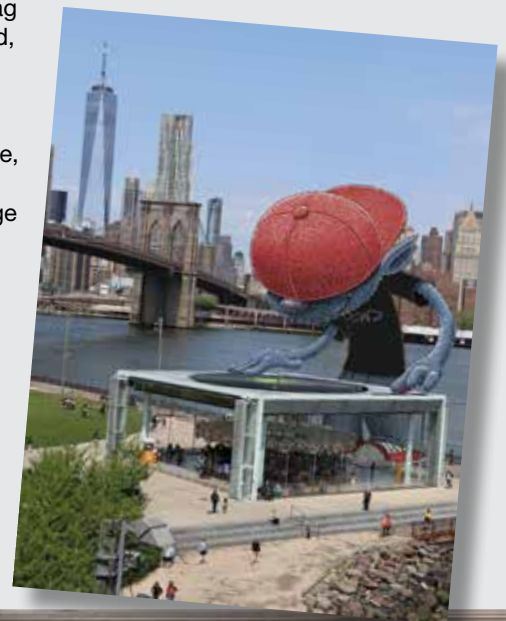
On a whim one day, Subway Doodle took a photo with that iPad and sketched over it, and the self-imposed challenge took on a new angle: Snap a photo and finish a doodle on it during the approximately 20-minute ride from Brooklyn into Manhattan. The creatures roaming his imagination lent themselves to the task.

"The great thing about monsters is you can't draw them wrong. They're just easy to draw, because they can be anything you want," he said.

Though SWD usually doodles funny scenes in New York City, right, he has been known to visit the University at Albany, opposite. [Reprints of his work are available at themintfarm.com.]

The creatures are at times impish, irreverent, or irrepressible. They include a monster looming over a sleeping passenger, ready to pop an inflated paper bag over the rider; a wispy four-armed, three-eyed creature with another eye and mouth set in its chest, dressed in genie garb; and a beastie wearing a contented smile, curling up for a nap beneath a flowering tree, the Brooklyn Bridge in the background.

In 2014, SWD, as he tags his works, started his Instagram account (@subwaydoodle) as a way to archive his growing portfolio. But as often happens with quirky things on the Internet, Subway Doodle's work was noticed, and his account steadily gained followers. He recalled that the account hit a



3 Feet Deep



Pictured, from top, are one of Ben Rubin's early artistic endeavors, published in the *ASP* in early 1992; and some "monstrously" amusing adventures chronicled by Subway Doodle.



turning point during a week he was working extra-long hours.

"I kind of missed that flash moment where it really just exploded. It was very bizarre," he said. "All of a sudden, people are calling, and they want to interview me." Among the calls Subway Doodle took were some from Hollywood: He recently finished a 10-second network identification for TBS, and has an animated show based on his creatures in development at another network.

In 2016, he left AMC to found The Mint Farm, a Brooklyn-based marketing studio specializing in video and digital graphics. There, Subway Doodle works alongside fellow UAlbany graduate Ben Rubin, B.F.A. '92, who has an eerily similar résumé, to produce work for clients that include the History Channel, Audible, HBO, Crunchyroll, Marvel, and Comedy Central.

The Mint Farm hit the ground running and hasn't slowed. While Subway Doodle's original sketches were done over the span of his commute, he now works on them where and when he can. He's also done several murals in Brooklyn's Bushwick neighborhood and one just north of the city in Mount Vernon. His three eyes are now set on some prime wall space in Manhattan.

As his distinctive beasts spread across New York City and beyond, SWD credits a valuable lesson on self-expression learned as a student at UAlbany: After weeks spent laboring on an oil painting, he knocked another out in a few days. His professor expressed a resounding preference for the latter piece.

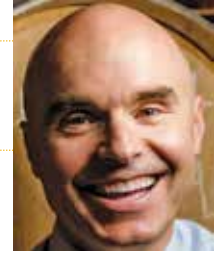
"He was right. The second one was much more expressive, as opposed to the first one being in a style that wasn't quite mine. It was really the first time I thought about, instead of copying other people's styles, really starting to develop my own."

It's a good time to be a blue monster, and Subway Doodle is embracing the success and opportunities his coterie of creatures provided. "People are always like, 'What do you do?'" On the professional side, with the production company, it's a really long story [about] what I do," he said.

"But only recently, for the first time in my life, when people say, 'What do you do?' the answer can simply be, 'I'm an artist.' That's pretty great, because I feel like that's really what I'm meant to be doing."



John P. Forsyth, Ph.D.



Deflecting the Pink Elephant

By Carol Olechowski

If you've ever felt "stuck on autopilot," UAlbany psychology professor John P. Forsyth, Ph.D., has some advice for you: "Connecting with your deeper feelings about what's important to you" makes for a happier, more successful life.

Forsyth, a licensed psychologist who directs the University's Anxiety Disorders Research Program, has felt "stuck," too. As a young adult expected to join his parents' business, he took the real-estate exam and failed. "My heart wasn't in it," Forsyth recalls.

Instead, he worked for two years as a psychology technician at Boston's National Center for PTSD – Behavioral Sciences Division, where he "developed a passion for research." He later earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from West Virginia University and completed a pre-doctoral residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center's Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, where he served as chief resident.

Many of us "go through the motions, doing what we think we should be doing, or ought to be doing," notes Forsyth, co-author, with Georg Eifert, Ph.D., of *Anxiety Happens: 52 Ways to Find Peace of Mind*. "If left unchecked, we can end up living an idea of a life that is not our own, and eventually find ourselves headed down a path of regret and despair. To get a different outcome in life, we have to be willing to change what we're doing."

Forsyth observes: "Once humans develop the capacity for language and cognition, we very quickly lose contact with the present moment. We over-identify with thoughts and take them literally, even if they don't serve us well: 'I'm stupid.' 'I can't do this.' 'I'm not good enough.'" It's important instead to focus on "the things that matter to you in life," rather than "trying to change what you think and feel. The more you try to avoid a feeling or memory, the more you'll experience it. There's just no healthy way not to think a

thought without thinking it. It's like trying not to think about a pink elephant. You end up with pink elephants stuck in your head."

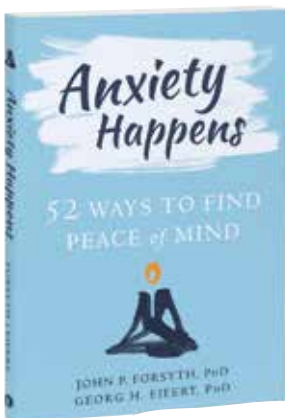
We give too much credence to "the inner critic" – thoughts, judgments, evaluations, and so on. "We miss that we are historical creatures. Our nervous systems are additive, not subtractive. So, what you and I think, feel, remember now is a mix of everything that has come before," explains Forsyth.

Forsyth suggests a few ways to confront painful memories and anxiety:

- Put your thoughts on paper. Whatever occurs to you – even if it's painful, like fears about intimacy or social anxiety – "write it down."
- Ask if a particular thought is helpful or not in the service of the life you wish to create. Don't try to avoid negative thoughts: "Whatever goes [into our minds] stays in; that's how our brains work. All thoughts will come and go; they need not be trusted or believed."
- Be more open about what you want to become and do. "There is no escaping pain. In turning away from pain, we turn away from our lives. Confronting pain openly is how we navigate and move with obstacles and problems in life."
- Step back to gain perspective. "When you become more present and more open in your emotional life, you'll connect with your values, and anxiety and depression will lessen."
- Treat yourself with "a heavy dose of kindness and compassion, the way you would treat a family member, friend, or beloved pet. Science shows that self-compassion is both a skill and a powerful antidote to needless suffering. This skill will help you feel better and live better."

Currently on sabbatical, Forsyth will return to UAlbany in the fall. He regularly teaches the graduate course *Adult Psychopathology* and an undergraduate course, *Abnormal Psychology*.

Link to John Forsyth's webpage at www.drjohnforsyth.com/.



FOR THE Greater Good

In the good works they perform at home and around the world, UAlbany alumni strive to improve others' lives.

David Fleming, M.D., B.S.'75

Right Place, Right Time

By Claudia Ricci, Ph.D.'96

David Fleming's undergraduate major in biology in the 1970s did more than just teach him what he needed to go on to medical school at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse. The University at Albany also helped to prepare him for the extraordinary work he does today to improve the health of children and families all over the world.

"Majoring in biology with UAlbany's great professors gave me a strong base in science," Fleming says. But the major required only 30 specific course credits, leaving him "90 credits to take whatever I wanted." He opted for "very cool" electives in art, drama, creative writing, and "a whole bunch of social sciences, which really prepared me for the work I do."

Today, Fleming is vice president of Global Health Programs at PATH, an international not-for-profit public-health agency that works in some 70 countries around the world. Before joining PATH in 2014, he served for seven years as director of Public Health for Seattle and Kings County in Washington state. Previous to that, Fleming directed the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation's Global Health Strategies Program and also served as the deputy director at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Fleming's career has focused on the often glaring disparities in health status among peoples around the globe. "The world has profound inequities in health," he observes. "In the U.S., we've figured



The densely crowded slums of Mumbai, India, are home to many tuberculosis patients who often do not complete treatment for the disease.

PATH/Prashant Vishwanathan

out how to make most people live long and healthy lives. The question is, how can we make the same thing happen for people in other countries around the world?”

Global public health has changed over the years, Fleming notes. “Fewer and fewer people are dying from infectious diseases. And people are living longer. People are now facing environmental and non-communicable diseases, like diabetes and hypertension.”

One of the many projects that Fleming is working on for PATH involves treating high blood pressure in people living in India’s urban slums, where hypertension is now more common than in the U.S. Typically, these people don’t seek treatment in government clinics; rather, they prefer to see local medical providers who generally have only modest levels of training. Fleming’s work involves providing access to free medications and technical assistance to help set up referral networks so that patients who need more sophisticated medical care can get it.

This treatment system, Fleming adds, was a follow-up to a PATH project to treat people with tuberculosis in these same Mumbai slums. Tens of thousands of TB patients who otherwise would not have been successfully treated received free diagnostic tests and drugs while continuing

to see the private provider of their choice. “We decided to take this model for TB and make it work for other, non-communicable diseases,” he says.

In another PATH campaign recently completed in Zambia and Tanzania, Fleming oversaw the creation of immunization registries using smartphone and other mobile digital technology to record and compile information. “With the old-fashioned paper systems, Tanzania wasn’t able to do much more than immunize the kids who walked in the door.” With the advent of smartphones, however, health providers can now keep track of who was immunized, and for what diseases, and who wasn’t. This system also has enabled providers to monitor the vaccine supply closely.

“If you don’t have a system tracking how much vaccine you have, you can run out of what you need,” explains Fleming.

At the Gates Foundation, Fleming also helped to develop a system whereby a group of donor countries and foundations came together to guarantee vaccine manufacturers in advance that if companies produced vaccines for poor children in low-income countries, they would be paid for and used. The pneumococcal vaccine was successfully introduced using this Advanced Market Commitment system. As a result, tens of millions of children were immunized.



Health workers in Arusha, Tanzania, use tablets to pull up patient records.

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation/John Healey

Fleming realizes that he has been very fortunate to have a diverse and rewarding career filled with opportunities “to be in the right place at the right time.” But then, he was fortunate with his UAlbany classes and professors, too. Stephen C. Brown, who taught invertebrate zoology, “was unbelievable,” Fleming remembers. “He made me appreciate the sophistication and beauty of life in these tiny animals I’d never given a second thought to before.” Another professor, John Aronson, permitted Fleming to complete a very non-traditional paper that speculated on how transfer RNA operated in the cell to help form amino-acid structures.

When it was time to start thinking about a career during his junior year, Fleming got lucky once again. “I was dead set on being a wildlife biologist,” he recalls. But when he met with his career counselor, she diplomatically asked him if there were a lot of jobs for wildlife biologists. “She asked exactly the right question, because when I went to take a look, to my horror, there were not.” The counselor encouraged him instead to consider graduate school or medical school. Eventually, Fleming chose the latter, and the rest, of course, is history.



PATH/Prashant Vishwanathan

Dr. Prakash Khaitani, a private provider, checks a patient seeking tuberculosis treatment at a hospital in the Govandi area of Mumbai.



Ibrahim Khan, B.A.'06

Protecting New Yorkers' Rights

By Nick Muscavage, B.A.'16

Ibrahim Khan graduated from the University at Albany 13 years ago, but his new job as chief of staff for New York State Attorney General Letitia James brings him back to the Capital Region frequently.

Khan, who earned a degree in political science, “had a pretty good sense” of what he wanted to do with his career. At UAlbany, the Long Island native served as managing editor of the *Albany Student Press (ASP)* and as Muslim Student Association president. “I knew I wanted to do something with words and ideas. I always thought I would go into either journalism or some sort of public service.

“I benefited from the traditional classes I took, but I think what really helped me was meeting people from all over the world, learning to produce a newspaper on a deadline every week, and taking up leadership opportunities,” explained Khan, 34.

UAlbany’s presence in the state capital, he added, made his initial foray into politics – as legislative director for Assemblyman Phil Ramos – possible. From there, Khan held various other roles in the political field; they ranged from working on Hillary

Clinton’s 2007 presidential campaign to joining a political-consulting firm that manages high-profile political campaigns. Before joining the attorney general’s office, he served as chief of staff and deputy public advocate for five years for the New York City public advocate and campaign manager for James’ attorney-general campaign.

James tapped Khan for his new position when she took the helm of the AG’s office in January. Khan described his role as critical to “advancing the agenda of the attorney general with an eye towards ensuring that the rights of all New Yorkers are protected.”

He is excited about that mission: “There’s no question that my work today remains colored by the people I met and the opportunities I had at Albany. Given the tumultuous times we’re in, there’s a real need to have someone who’s a watchdog for New Yorkers’ rights, particularly civil rights. It’s an opportunity of a lifetime.”

Khan and his wife, Christine (Marrero) Khan, B.A.'06, reside in Queens. They met at UAlbany, where Christine received a degree in communication and media.

Howard Grossman, B.S.'77

“Making a Difference” for Kids in Need

By Carol Olechowski

In 2016, after two rounds of downsizing at JP Morgan Chase in Rochester, N.Y., left all his work based in New York City, attorney Howard Grossman found himself opting for retirement – and seeking a new challenge to keep him busy in a way more locally based and values driven. He found that opportunity with Pencils & Paper, a Jewish Family Service of Rochester program that helps students in the community by ensuring that their teachers have the basic supplies necessary for instructional and learning success.

Grossman, then 60 and long active with such organizations as Jewish Family Service, consulted other civic leaders. He also looked into the Kids in Need Foundation, which sources donations and provides support for more than 40 similar stores across the country where teachers at high-poverty schools “shop” – free of charge – for supplies for students whose families cannot afford them. Grossman and Jewish Family Service saw a need for such a program in Rochester, where “50 percent of kids live in poverty.” Pencils & Paper was born in Spring 2016 and later became a Kids in Need Foundation affiliate store.

In Pencils & Paper’s first year of operation, 824 teachers shopped for more than \$700,000 of materials and benefited nearly 21,000 students. In its second year, with several more months of shopping ahead, those numbers have already been surpassed.

As program co-founder and operating manager, Grossman oversees the store, orders supplies, assures that shelves are stocked, and fosters relationships with other community organizations. Inventory “comes from recycling unused supplies from local companies, national sourcing organizations, and leveraging donor dollars through Kids in Need Foundation bulk purchasing,” Grossman explains.

Wegmans, Staples, and the local Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired have donated products, and numerous businesses, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, have conducted supply drives to stock the store’s shelves. A local real-estate broker donated his commission, assisting Pencils & Paper in renting 10,000 square feet of store and warehouse space located “within 5 miles of every poor kid in Rochester,” Grossman notes. Wegmans provided carts, shelving, signage, and design. The store is staffed by volunteers and provides opportunities for those with developmental disabilities. And as beneficiary of the final Howard J. Berman Prize – named for a donor who joined Jewish Family Service in giving Pencils & Paper its start – the charity has established a \$132,000 endowment.

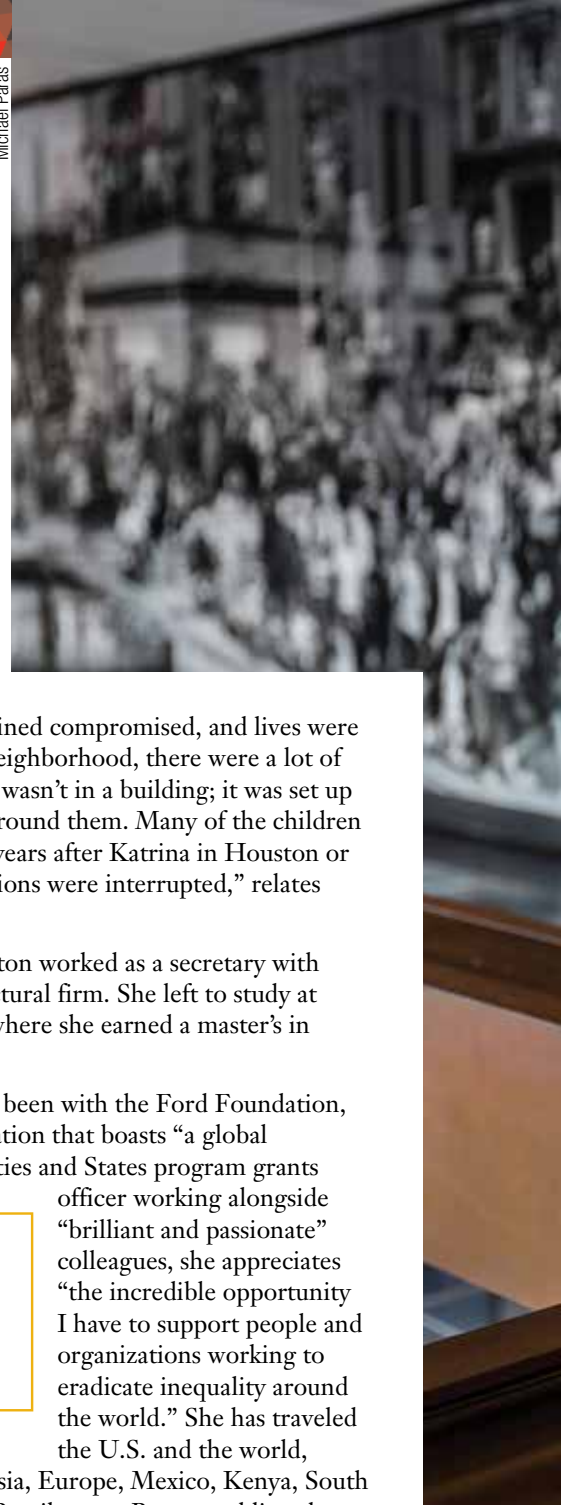
For Grossman, Pencils & Paper has been “a labor of love. It’s nice to be making a difference in an encore career.”



Right: By invitation, teachers shop at Pencils & Paper for school supplies; arts-and-crafts materials; and such personal-hygiene items as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and deodorant.

Above: Students thank Pencils & Paper for their school supplies.





Jacqueline Burton, B.A.'08

Working for Social Justice

By Carol Olechowski

When Jacqueline Burton applied for admission to the University at Albany, she received an unexpected offer: a Presidential Scholarship. “I couldn’t refuse,” she says. “It was an honor.”

The only subject Burton knew she wanted to study was Spanish. “Coincidentally, I took urban sociology and found out that it was part of a broader program. UAlbany was one of the two SUNY schools that offered a bachelor’s in urban planning – how lucky! I declared a major and never looked back,” she remembers.

For a while, Burton considered a career as an architect. Her urban-planning studies, focused on “why places look and function as they do; why suburbs exist; the impacts, good and bad, policies have on people,” were “fascinating.” However, her studies were interrupted just before the start of her final semester at UAlbany when she was diagnosed with lymphoma. Burton went to stay with her parents in Saratoga Springs while undergoing treatment. She returned to the University a year later, splitting her coursework into two semesters.

After graduating in December 2008, Burton worked for the Historic Albany Foundation for about a year, then “wanted to try new things.” Accepted to Teach For America (TFA), she left for New Orleans in 2010. “I’d been there once and really loved it,” Burton recalls, “and I was eager for the opportunity to live there, helping and serving.”

Burton taught seventh-grade science for a year at an all-boys charter school in the city’s Ninth Ward. Even five years after Hurricane Katrina had devastated the city,

the infrastructure remained compromised, and lives were still upended. “In my neighborhood, there were a lot of empty lots. The school wasn’t in a building; it was set up in trailers with fences around them. Many of the children had spent the first few years after Katrina in Houston or Atlanta, so their educations were interrupted,” relates Burton.

After leaving TFA, Burton worked as a secretary with a New Orleans architectural firm. She left to study at New York University, where she earned a master’s in international planning.

Since 2014, Burton has been with the Ford Foundation, a social-justice organization that boasts “a global vantage point.” As a Cities and States program grants

officer working alongside “brilliant and passionate” colleagues, she appreciates “the incredible opportunity I have to support people and organizations working to eradicate inequality around the world.” She has traveled the U.S. and the world,

visiting Uganda, Malaysia, Europe, Mexico, Kenya, South Africa, Colombia, and Brazil, notes Burton, adding that her work has enabled her to use the Spanish-language skills she acquired at UAlbany. “Puerto Rico is really top of mind for me right now.”

Burton has learned that “natural disasters impact people differently.” She explains: “Those who have more tend to live in less flood-prone areas and have less physical damage from the storm. They have better insurance, get their homes fixed more quickly, and pay for more things out of pocket. They’re able to leave when the storm is coming and return when it’s over.

“Marginalized and vulnerable groups are more often





Jackie Burton pictured at the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice in Manhattan.

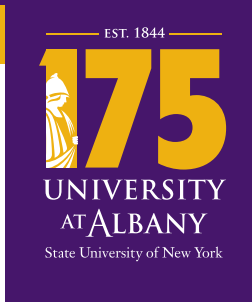
displaced, and displaced permanently. They have limited access to transportation, jobs, and quality housing. I work with groups advocating for policy change to impact those inequities.”

The “solid theory and practice” in UAlbany’s urban-planning courses prepared Burton well for both graduate study and her profession. “I learned a lot from Jeff Olson, an adjunct who brought in examples of how things are done outside the U.S. [Associate Professor] Gene Bunnell taught Community and Regional Planning. He was a great scholar, a treasure trove of information and a walking textbook, and he had a lot of practical experience. He wrote

my recommendation for graduate school. [Professor] Chris Smith, my adviser, was very encouraging when I returned to school after undergoing cancer treatment. [Distinguished Service Professor] John Pipkin knew all kinds of trivia and talked about how buildings affect people emotionally.”

Pipkin, Smith, and Bunnell are now emeritus faculty.

Burton is also grateful that her scholarship was restored when she returned to UAlbany to complete her degree requirements. The support she received after her cancer treatment, she says, allowed her to resume her studies with “renewed energy.”



A Journey Through Time: Looking Back at UAlbany's 175 Years

At its start 175 years ago, the New York State Normal School embraced a noble mission: to educate the men and women who would teach the children of a young nation.

From those solid roots as a training ground for teachers, the school evolved into a great public research university. Today, UAlbany still keeps the promise made in 1844 – to provide an outstanding education to those “who aspire to do great things.”

This special publication of *UAlbany* magazine pays tribute to the University's 175 years of history: to its outstanding people and to its educational, research, and social advances, which have drawn national and international acclaim. The Fall 2019 issue will also include some highlights of UAlbany's status as a unique, spirited, and collegial place.

Please join us in proudly reflecting upon the University's past as we embark together toward UAlbany's future.



Above, left: Students gather to study at the Hawley Library in 1940.

Above, right: In 2017, students work at the Science Library on the uptown campus.



Mike Buetow, New York State College for Teachers, Class of 1946, and an unidentified female student sit on the steps of the downtown campus.



SCHOOL NAMES THROUGH THE YEARS

New York State Normal School
May 1844 – March 1890

New York State Normal College
March 1890 – April 1914

**New York State College
for Teachers**
April 1914 – September 1959

**State University of New York
College of Education at Albany**
September 1959 – October 1961

**State University of New York
College at Albany**
October 1961 – August 1962

**State University of New York
at Albany**
August 1962 – September 1986

University at Albany, SUNY
September 1986 – present

STUDENT ENROLLMENT



1909: 180

1929: 1,227

1947: 1,330
1,196 undergraduates
134 graduate students

1963: 3,858

3,042 undergraduates
797 master's candidates
19 Ph.D. candidates

1969: 12,143
8,378 undergraduates
3,765 graduate students

1982: 15,732

11,194 undergraduates
4,538 graduate students

1990: 17,405

12,459 undergraduate
4,946 graduate students

2017: 17,746

13,504 undergraduate
4,242 graduate students



Between 1845 and 1965, commencement was held at various sites. Those venues included the Auditorium Building and Page Hall (1929-1949) on the downtown campus, The Palace Theatre in Albany, and Alumni Quad and Thurlow Terrace (1960-1965). The first graduation on the uptown campus took place in 1966 with 1,126 graduates receiving their degrees behind Dutch Quad. From 1990-2000, undergraduate commencement was held at the Times Union Center (formerly Knickerbocker/Pepsi Arena.)

The south lawn on the uptown campus, behind the Science Library, was the setting for the Class of 2001's graduation. Undergraduate commencement moved to its current entry-plaza location in May 2009. At Commencement 2018, degrees were conferred on about 2,320 undergraduate students from 17 states and 19 countries; first-generation students comprised 31 percent of the class. There were 805 master's and 134 doctoral graduates, as well as 43 students who earned graduate certificates.

— UALBANY NOTABLE —
FIRSTS

1865

Harriet Twoguns

First Native American to graduate



1866

Kate Stoneman

First woman lawyer in New York State



1877

Sensaburo Kudzo

First foreign student to graduate



1884

Evelena Williams

First African-American graduate of the school

1910

Javier Adriansen

First Latin-American graduate



1951

Harvey Milk

Class of 1951 graduate was one of the first openly LGBTQ elected officials in the U.S.



1990

H. Patrick Swygert

First African-American UAlbany president



1995

Karen R. Hitchcock

First woman UAlbany president



2017

Havidán Rodríguez

First Hispanic/Latino president of any of the SUNY four-year campuses



In the early 20th century, a women's gym class is held in the Auditorium basement, where the Dewey Library is now located.

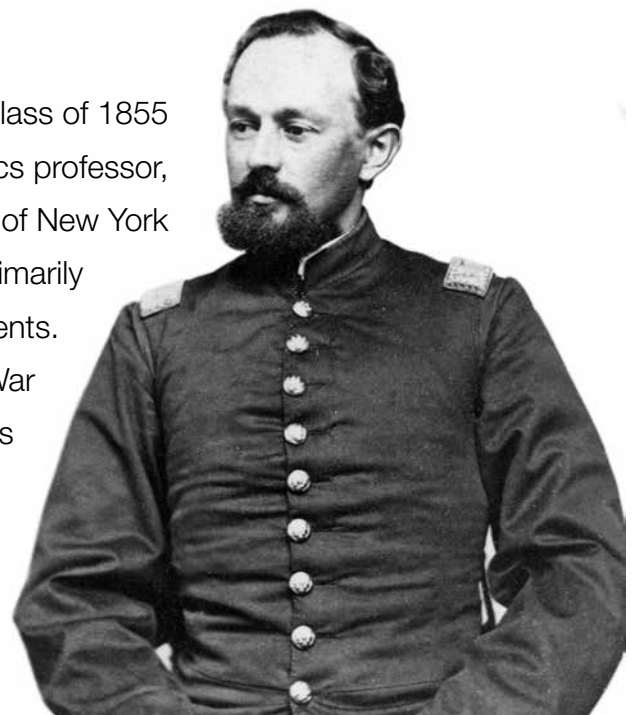
GREAT IMPACTS



The University at Albany has an annual economic impact of

\$1 billion on New York's Capital Region.

Albert Husted, Class of 1855 alumnus and mathematics professor, led the 44th Company of New York Volunteers, comprised primarily of our teachers and students. They fought in 12 Civil War battles. Husted's life was saved when a diary blocked a bullet from entering his body.



WHAT'S A DEMISEMISEPTCENTENNIAL?

A centennial is a 100th anniversary, but what is a 175th anniversary? It's a demisemiseptcentennial, of course! Demisemiseptcentennial is literally one-half (demi-) x one-half (semi-) x 7 (sept-) x 100 years (centennial).

Happy demisemiseptcentennial anniversary, UAlbany!



NOTABLE VISITORS: GREATNESS ATTRACTS GREATNESS

1865

President-elect Grover Cleveland hands out diplomas at commencement.

1938

First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt addresses the student body.

1969

Janis Joplin performs in the University Gym.

1983

U2 performs on campus in an outdoor concert before a crowd of 10,000.

1994

Bill Clinton becomes the first sitting U.S. president to visit the school.

2006

U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton visits UAlbany.

2009

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell speaks on campus.

2010

Legendary journalist Barbara Walters visits for a speaking engagement.

2011

NBA Hall of Famer Earvin "Magic" Johnson comes to the University.

2012

Barack Obama becomes the second sitting U.S. president to visit campus.



May 1949

Pedguin is selected as school mascot in a contest.

The winning entry is submitted by Paul Kirsch '51, who later stated he initially called the mascot a pedwin.

May 1965

In another contest, the Great Dane is chosen as the school's new mascot.

Kathy Earle '67 submits the winning selection: the Great Dane, "noted for its grandeur, its alertness, and its intelligence," according to the selection committee.

"It is an animal whose prowess and strength are easily recognizable and readily admired." (ASP, May 14, 1965)



Sayles dining room, 1947



Campus Center snackbar, 1972. Menu: milkshakes 30¢; toast with jelly 15¢; coffee, tea or milk 14¢



Campus Center cafeteria, 1970s



Indian Quad dining hall, 2009

FOOD ON CAMPUS THROUGH THE YEARS



1918

The first on-campus cafeteria opened in the basement of Husted Hall in the summer of 1918 as a mess hall for 250 men of the Student Army Training Corps, which trained officer candidates for service in the First World War. In the fall, the cafeteria was assigned to the home-economics department, which used it to teach food purchasing and preparation while distributing three meals a day to students and faculty.

1960

A dining hall opens on Alumni Quad between Alden and Waterbury halls. While the dining room was co-ed, there were marble staircases on each side so men and women could enter and exit separately into their respective dorms.

1994

The Campus Center extension opens with a food court. Vendors include Pizza Hut, KFC, Taco Bell, McDuff's hot food stand, and Zepps sandwich shop.

Early 2000s

Vendors that opened in the early 2000s included Burger King, Dreidel's Kosher Kafe, Ritazza coffee & tea, Frozen Treats (ice cream and frozen yogurt), and Au Bon Pain.

2019

Campus Center food choices continue to evolve. Vendors in 2019 include The Sweet Shop Ice Cream and Smoothies; Al Dente Pasta Bar; Calypso (Jamaican); The Corner Deli (sandwiches and bagels); Cusato's Pizzeria; Damien's (salads, wraps, burgers, wings); Fountain Grill (breakfast, burgers, milkshakes); Umami Sushi; Starbucks; Nikos Cafe (Greek); Star Ginger (fresh Asian flavors); SubConnection (subs & salads); The Halal Shack (Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flavors); 1844 Restaurant; and Tres Habeneros (Mexican).



1983

Several students play video games and pinball in the Campus Center game room.

1844: MDCCCXLIV



Noted architect Edward Durrell Stone designed the uptown campus on what was once the site of the Albany Country Club. Purportedly the largest single academic construction ever undertaken, the project used more than 270,000 cubic yards of concrete and fifty miles of copper tubing. It was rumored that if the 500 architectural drawings for the campus were placed end to end, they would extend for a half-mile. In the photo above, Albany Mayor Erastus Corning 2nd and Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, pictured at center, view Stone's model of the uptown campus in 1962.

UPTOWN CAMPUS BY THE NUMBERS

III There are more than **2,000** pre-cast columns on the academic podium.

Four dormitory quads contain more than **14,000** windows.

more than **3,500** trees

more than **1,000** light poles

12 miles of roadway

4 fountains along a north-south axis

The main fountain reflecting pool, holds **160,000** gallons of water.

— ATHLETICS — GREAT CHAMPIONS

1897

The college plays its first intercollegiate baseball game.

1924

The women's varsity basketball team competes in its first intercollegiate match, defeating Russell.



Sage 45 to 32

1972

This was UAlbany's first year as an NCAA-III athletic institution.

1995

For the first time, the University competed in the NCAA's Division II.

1999

UAlbany begins its first year of competition as a Division-I athletic program.

2003

The University wins the America East men's indoor track & field title – the first for any UAlbany team since the athletics program joined the America East Conference in September 2001.

2006

Men's basketball makes its first trip to the NCAA tournament, becoming the first SUNY school to compete in the men's tournament.

2012

The women's basketball team competes in the NCAA tournament for the first time.

2014

UAlbany's women's field hockey team becomes the first SUNY school ever to advance to Division 1 Final Four competition.

2018

The men's lacrosse team becomes the first Division 1 athletic team in SUNY history to be ranked No. 1 in the nation and also becomes the second SUNY team ever to make a Division 1 Final Four appearance.





Once homeless and uninterested in studies, Moises Urena turned his life around with a commitment to education and helping people.

Patrick Dodson

Moises Urena | Being There for Others

By Margaret Hartley

Moises Urena, a former peer leader at the American Sign Language High School in downtown Manhattan, aspires to work in higher education one day. And proudly watching his progress through college is a young fan: his 9-year-old sister, Abbygail.

Urena, a 20-year-old junior in the School of Education, noted that Abbygail “is into the arts. She says she wants to be like me and come to UAlbany.”

The New York Times has also taken an interest in Urena; the paper shared his story in an opinion piece published in the Oct. 2, 2018 edition. When told he might be interviewed for the newspaper, Urena recalled, “I was at a loss for words. I did not know people were actually paying attention to the work that I have been putting in and it made me feel better ... that I am making a difference.”

For Urena, who’s majoring in human development, going to college wasn’t an obvious choice. He was homeless for a time during high school and, until his junior year there, a disengaged student. That’s when he attended a program through PeerForward, a national non-profit organization that promotes high-school success through peer mentoring.

After spending two summers as an orientation leader with the University at Albany’s Division of Student Affairs, Urena

continues his mentoring role in a more informal way: He finds that other students seek him out for information and guidance – or just to vent. “I myself have a few mentors on campus and always confide in them when I need help,” he said. His mentors include Claudio Gomez, Ekow King, Sari Khatib, Keith Nunez, Maritza Martinez, Ashley Walker, Robert Peguero, Alfredo Medina, Noah Simon, Marykay Skrabalak, “and many more.” Adds Urena: “They guide me in the right direction and give me the feeling that they actually care and want to see me succeed. I don’t feel I’m talking to an administrator, but more to a family member, and I hold that dear to my heart.”

Urena is planning a career in higher education. He also wants to ensure that disadvantaged kids succeed in life.

“In five or 10 years, I see myself as an administrator at a university while also running a mentoring and tutoring non-profit to help students in low-income communities,” Urena said. “I want to help make a difference in their lives and hopefully send them off to college. I want to do this because I know how it feels to be homeless and have someone actually care for you and watch out for you. I want to be that for someone else.”

In addition to Abbygail, Urena has a sister, Anjinette, attending community college in Rochester. His older brother, William, graduated from UAlbany in 2016 with a degree in sociology.

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1948

The Class of 1948 celebrated its 70th reunion during Homecoming in October. Class members attended the Half-Century Club Breakfast and a luncheon. Those able to attend were **Eugene McClaren**, **Eileen Abrahms Petterson**, **Wanda Tomasik Methe**, **Gari Deliganis Patocopoulos**, and **Eleanor Holbig Alland**. During Sorority and Fraternity Coffee Hour, Eleanor entertained the group with recollections of sorority life in the 1940s.

Ruth Seelbach Elmore sends greetings from Florida. John Knox Village is decorated beautifully and hosts events for its residents. The village bus transports residents to events in the area. In June, Ruth and her husband took the Auto Train north to visit relatives and friends.

Joan Sherwood traveled to Phoenix to visit her granddaughter and then to Scottsdale to visit Bob Kaiser '49 and Mary Anne. Joan will welcome a new great-grandson this year. She still works on church archives, plays bridge, and volunteers at the library.

Donald Sayles has given up downhill skiing and sailing the *Dulcinea* as he approaches 96 years of age.

Gari Patocopoulos moved from Florida to Delmar to be near family.

Ruth Doran lives with her brother in Baldwinsville, N.Y. She is doing well.

Eleanor Alland and son James flew to Baltimore to spend Christmas with family.

Class councilor: Eleanor Holbig Alland, ealland214b@nycap.rr.com

1949

Correction: Bob Kaiser and Mary Ann have been married 66 years, not 40 as printed in the Fall 2018 Class Notes.

Jake and Betsy Franks Schühle of Cortland celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in September. They have six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild (five generations)!



Bonnie Lewis Adkins sends the sad news that Lee, her husband of 28 years, passed away Oct. 25 after a month in hospice care.

Elsa Moberg Cox of California says that she still drives, goes to four exercise classes, attends church activities, manages her home and yard, and frequently visits shut-ins.

Dolores Stocker Eklund still resides in independent living and drives locally.

Mary Jane Peris Fredericks celebrated her 90th birthday with family, including four great-grandchildren. She feels very blessed.

Jean Pulver Hague still has one foot in Atlanta but is spending more time in Juno Beach, Fla.

Gloria Meistelman Herkowitz celebrated her youngest great-grandson's second birthday in November.

Audrey Schmay Jones lives in the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington and goes to target practice at the air-rifle shooting range.

Freddy Laemmerzahl Miller of Oklahoma visited her daughter in Delaware during the holidays.

Anne Sucher Raser traveled with her son 400 miles to San Jose for a family Thanksgiving get-together. While there, Anne met her newborn twin great-granddaughters for the first time.

Juanita Evans Thompson lives with her son and daughter-in-law in Farmington, N.Y. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Glenyce Jones Trainor is in good health and spirits. Her husband died 17 years ago, and her son took over Trainor Funeral Home in Boonville, N.Y. Glenyce serves as secretary-treasurer. She visited her good friend **Audrey Schmay Jones** in Bennington, Vt., last summer.

Bob Kittredge's wife Diana passed away in October at the age of 93. They were married for 63 years.

Class councilor: Joe Zanchelli, jjzanch@yahoo.com

1950

Audrey Koch Feathers is enjoying her new role as a great-grandmother; Natalie was born in April 2018, and Cassidy was born in June 2018. She says, "Just call me GG from now on." Audrey's daughters, Cindy and Suzy, are both lawyers.

Lila Lee Silva Harrington had a busy year. She visited family in Scottsdale, Ariz., once for

Thanksgiving and again to celebrate her 90th birthday. Lila's daughter Leslie visited in July; they drove to coastal Maine to get their "lobster fix" and enjoy family get-togethers. Lila is an active resident at Prestwick Chase, an independent-living center in Saratoga Springs. She serves on the executive board of the in-house newspaper and enjoys aerobics, bingo, the Women's Breakfast Club, Poetry Club, and Book Chat.

Harold "Sparky" Vaughn remains involved in anti-human-trafficking activities through the Rotary Club. A Rotarian from Bangkok was in Washington, D.C., in December for consultations. Sparky gathers with a small group in his building for monthly dinners. His granddaughter is the architect for the Harvey Milk '51 Memorial in San Francisco. She studied in Florence, Italy. Sparky's two grandsons are lawyers.

Audrey Hartman White attended a family reunion in Utah, took her granddaughter on a Panama Canal cruise in November, and traveled to Houston for Thanksgiving and to

attend her grandson's graduation from Baylor Medical School. Audrey says **Elly Rapacz** finally bought a smartphone.

Class counselor: Harold "Sparky" Vaughn, vaughnha@aol.com

1952

Nancy Frey Petinelli's oldest grandson will be interning at a St. Louis lab on a heart-related project; the next-oldest is doing community-project work in Quito, Ecuador. Nancy's oldest granddaughter is studying animation.

Mary Anne Lanni lives in Guilderland with her son Joseph. Five of her children live in the Capital Region. Mary Anne enjoys the Philadelphia Orchestra and the NYC ballet in Saratoga; the Glimmerglass Festival in Cooperstown; and museums and theater in Williamstown, Mass. She enjoyed a lunch date with **Joan Barron**.

Jeanne Seymour Earle spent the summer cleaning up property damage from a tornado. She recently spoke to **Joan Bennett Kelly**, who is doing well.

Bert Jablon and Myra enjoyed Thanksgiving with their son Clark's family in Pennsylvania. Their other son, Kyle, works in New York City.

Tom Holman spends summers in Long Island and the cooler months in St. Maarten. He saw Bette Midler in *Hello, Dolly!* last summer.

Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli continues to serve on various committees in her church and at the UAlbany Alumni Association, but has slowed down a bit. She resigned from the Yaddo Garden Association board. She and Joe continue to love Saratoga.

Vicki Eade Eddy became a great-grandmother in April when Esme Stella was born to Vicki's grandson and his wife. Vicki's son Chris will retire from the FBI. He teaches Miami University's leadership course.

Shirley Rosenbaum's granddaughter Eliana worked for a congressional candidate and spent time in Cuba. Shirley's grandson was selected to play cello in the Kentucky State Youth Orchestra.

Dave Manly and wife Jean plan to sell their condo in Hilton Head and

rent an apartment-sized unit in the same area.

Class counselor: Joyce Zanchelli, jjzanch@yahoo.com

1953

A small but enthusiastic group of Red Devils celebrated their 65th reunion during Homecoming.

Rosie Keller Hughes and **Joe Lombardi** arrived wearing their beanies. Others who attended were **Tina Nicastro Beck** and husband Ray; **Betty Coykendall Hart**; **Yvonne Kloosterman Farmer**; **Howie Fenenbock**; **Doug Nielsen** and wife Gail; and **Owen Smith** and his wife. **J Paul Ward** and **Alice Goewey Goebel** joined us at the class luncheon. Class counselor **Rosie Keller Hughes** appreciates all of the thank-you's she received from classmates for helping to plan the reunion with the guidance of Loida Vera Cruz at the Alumni Association.

Doug Nielsen and Gail recently moved to a retirement center in Liverpool, N.Y. They enjoy visiting



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Class of 1953 alumni Tina Nicastro Beck, Doug Nielsen, Joe Lombardi, Rosie Keller Hughes, Betty Coykendall Hart, and Howie Fenenbock celebrated at Homecoming. Not pictured: Yvonne Kloosterman Farmer, Alice Goewey Goebel, J Paul Ward and Owen Smith.

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their two great-granddaughters. Doug volunteers at the local library. He and Gail are still active in their church. Their grandson joined the constabulary and is a court official in the Town of Lyons near Newark, N.Y.

Louise Petfield Burns visited family in New England in the fall. She and one of her daughters visited Louise's brother in Rhinebeck, N.Y. Louise enjoys church activities, including Bible studies; playing hymns on the piano for seniors; and knitting for charity. She exercises at Curves during the week.

Yvonne Kloosterman Farmer visited many buildings, including Dewey Library and the University Art Museum, during the reunion.

Carol Wandersee MacDonald moved closer to her daughter in Hilton, N.Y., in October. We send our sincere sympathies to Carol, whose husband recently passed.

Al Brown's son is president of a professional chauffeur business and a member of the Bucket & Mop Brigade, a volunteer group that keeps America's military monuments clean. Al served in the Air Force and hopes to take an Honor Flight in the future. Classmates who are veterans are reminded to check for their listings at www.alumni.albany.edu/veterans.

One of **Beverly Prantis Railey's** grandchildren transferred from St. Lawrence University to a school in Pennsylvania, "closer to home and with less snow piles." Bev heard from **Pat Aswald**.

Marlene Southard Fleming does limited walking, doesn't drive, and has the "I've fallen and I can't get up" jewelry around her neck. She enjoys reading and knitting. Matt still lives with her and is teaching in Watertown, N.Y. Marlene stays in touch with **Tillie (Mary) Malouf Hecox**. If you'd like to contact Tillie, please reach out to your class councilor. For the last two years, **Sally Swanson Devine** has not responded to birthday and Christmas cards Marlene sent to her. If you have any news about Sally, please let Rosie know.

After the reunion, **Rose Mary (Rosie) Keller Hughes** fulfilled a bucket-list item and traveled with her son and two nephews to the Panama Canal. She enjoyed seeing everyone during Homecoming!

Your councilor sent out a survey regarding the designation of the reunion class fund. The majority of responses were in favor of donating to the Dewey Graduate Library, formerly known as Hawley Library. Rebecca Mugridge, dean of University Libraries, mailed a letter to your councilor expressing her appreciation to our class for the donation. The gift will help maintain its historic murals and stained-glass windows. Please stay in contact, Red Devils! Share your news with your class councilor. If you're on Facebook, join the Class of '53 Group and connect with classmates. Visit www.facebook.com/groups/688873657809259/. If you know of a classmate's passing, contact the Alumni Association.

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



Unleashing Greatness

A year of special celebrations and new opportunities

Throughout 2019, the UAlbany Community will honor the University's 175th anniversary. We hope you'll join us by sharing your favorite moments in University history using the hashtag **#UAlbany175** on social media. We invite you to infuse UAlbany's history with your own stories — the moments that define you, a proud UAlbany alum, as *One of the Greats* — and show the world why *Greatness Lives Here*.

At the start of the new year, the Alumni Association, in collaboration with Admissions, rolled out an exciting program, the **Postcards From Alumni** project. Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) added a personal touch to UAlbany's recruitment efforts by sending handwritten postcards to highly sought-after high-school seniors accepted into the University's early action program. This project, like many of our other programs and events, including UCAN, career panels, and professional networking receptions, provides alumni an easy way to stay engaged with their *alma mater* and make a difference for current and future Great Danes.



Our website has a fresh new design and simplified navigation to help you easily connect with your most valuable network. Visit www.alumni.albany.edu to read new alumni interviews, update your contact info, register for events and volunteer opportunities, and donate to UAlbany.

Honoring Excellence

For the past 50 years, the Excellence Awards have given us the opportunity to recognize alumni and friends who have brought distinction to our University through their achievements and service. The Alumni Association will honor 14 alumni and friends of the University at a very special Excellence Awards Gala on May 4, and will welcome back past recipients to celebrate the awards' 50th anniversary.

Stay Connected on Social Media

Join us in celebrating UAlbany's 175th Anniversary: **#UAlbany175**

Share your pride: **#UAlbanyAlum** **#OneOfTheGreats**

Donate to UAlbany: **#ThisIsOurTime**

QUESTIONS? Email alumniassociation@albany.edu or reach out on

Twitter, Instagram, or Facebook

Calendar of Events

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Reception
for Avila
Residents



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Alumni
Reception,
Encino, Calif.

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Alumni
Reception,
Marina
del Ray

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Alumni
Reception,
San
Francisco

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GOLD
Financial
Literacy
for Young
Professionals

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Alumni
Reception,
Palo Alto



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MAY

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Excellence
Awards Gala

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Night at the
Nationals

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Torch
Reception

JUNE

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GOLD Cruise

JULY

21

Night at the
Valley Cats

AUG.

1 or 2* TBD

Day at the
Races

1954

The Class of 1954 will celebrate its 65th reunion in October! Let your class councilor, Joan Paul, know whether or not you plan to attend and if you have any reunion ideas by emailing her: fpaul1@nycap.rr.com.

John Allasio and Marge of Auburn Hills, Mich., have had some health problems but remain active. John's grandson and great-grandson, both named John also, are now in Michigan, as well.

Sven Sloth and Eileen celebrated his 85th birthday on a Southern Caribbean cruise in December. Sven began studying at UAlbany when he was 16. He wonders if anyone else in the Class of '54 was born after Dec. 7, 1933.

Joan Hartman has been busy visiting family. She reunited with her sister Audrey, brother, and sister-in-law in Orlando in December 2017; spent some time at Disney World; and enjoyed visiting with her nephew and his family. Joan gathered with her family again in September, this time at a resort outside of Salt Lake City. She continues to volunteer with RSVP.

Jim Thompson meets **Bill Floyd** for lunch each month.

Dillies Pilevsky moved to Riderwood, a retirement community in Silver Spring, Md., to be closer to his daughter and her family. His significant other, Don Kratzer, passed away a year and a half ago. Dillies teaches at Brookdale Community College and Prince George's Community College Sage Program. He would like to hear from classmates; please contact the Alumni Association for his phone number.

William Floyd's grandson graduated from Marist in May and is now the early morning anchor at KTWO-TV in Casper, Wyo. Bill's son Greg is the evening anchor at Channel 6 in Albany. Bill stays in touch with **Naoshi Koriyama** and received a copy of Naoshi's newest book, *A Fresh Loaf of Poetry from Japan*. Naoshi turned 92 in November.

John Granito and **Dolores White Granito** are doing well. Dolores traveled to Russia; they also went on a Viking River Cruise to Paris and Normandy with their youngest daughter and her family. John and Dolores spent the summer on Keuka Lake and attended Dolores' high-school reunion, where they met up with **Rosemary Bradt Zongrone** and **John Zongrone**. John and Dolores welcomed two new great-grandchildren in late 2018. They plan to go on a Viking Cruise on the Rhone/Saone rivers in June.

Dorothea "Dottie" Cherubini Potochnik lives at Kingsway Community in Schenectady. She is in the independent facility in a lovely apartment, and Frank is in the nursing home, where Bob Coan '55 and Kathy live right down the hallway from Dottie.

Donald Voellinger recently found a house in Oldsmar, Fla., where he spends the winter months after "finally having enough snow" in New York City. He lives in Cape Cod the rest of the year.

Arline Lacy Wood is still at The Fountains in Millbrook; she lives in an apartment in a re-purposed brick firehouse. Arline invites classmates to visit.

Bradford Miller's new email address is icmbwm2018@gmail.com.

Stefanie Patricia Manning of Clearwater, Fla., wrote from Rome. She volunteers at a nursery school three mornings a week and still reviews children's science books for *School Library Journal*. Her son Steve is head of the psychology department at Albertus Magnus College. Granddaughter Olivia graduated from Brandeis University, granddaughter Julia is a junior at Macalister, and grandson Alex is a sophomore in high school.

Class councilor: Joan Paul,
fpaul1@nycap.rr.com

1955

Wilma Baker Thornton is doing well. She gave up tennis but is now in her 46th year of league bowling. She goes on a cruise occasionally.

During their fall visit with family in Herkimer, N.Y., **Ed Franco** and wife Anne reunited with longtime friends **Marilyn Gadd Koster** and Peter McManus '54 in Albany.

When the John Keats Society gathered to honor the poet's 223rd birthday in Westminster Abbey last fall, **Nancy Evans Bush's** daughter Katy, a London-based poet and blogger, laid the wreath and read from Keats' letters.

Dorothy Croce Ferguson was honored with the Collier County Child Care Resources Distinguished Volunteer Award In 2017. She served as the Florida organization's first director and volunteered for 20 years.

Class councilor: John Orser,
xiety3jo@hotmail.com

1957

Carole Rising Martin and Charlie celebrated several family events in Florida and the Northeast.

Marilyn De Santa DeLorenzo participated in several Road Scholar adventures; they included visiting Pittsburgh and watching the Rose Bowl.

Sheila Lister Bamberger and Hank toured Newfoundland with Road Scholar.

Class councilor: Sheila Lister Bamberger,
bambergersheila@gmail.com

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

EXCELLENCE AWARDS *Gala*

MAY 4, 2019

The University at Albany Alumni Association will bestow Excellence Awards on the following alumni and friends for their outstanding achievements and service. The awards will be presented at the 2019 Excellence Awards Gala May 4.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

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



Monte Lipman, B.A.'86, Founder and CEO, Republic Records; and Avery Lipman, B.A.'88, Founder and President, Republic Records



CITIZEN OF THE UNIVERSITY

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



University at Albany Employees

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

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

Binahayati Rusyidi, M.S.W.'06, Ph.D.'11, Chair, Graduate Social Welfare Programs, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

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



Nora Lum, B.A.'11 (Awkwafina), Rapper, Talk Show Host, Actress

EXCELLENCE IN ALUMNI SERVICE

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

Doug Ketterer, B.S.'87, CEO, Atria Wealth Solutions; and James Neiland, B.A.'87, Vice President, Goldman Sachs



Sharon R. Kantor, Ph.D., Esq., B.S.'73, Founder and Managing Attorney, The Firenza Group Ltd.



EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in for-profit business

Marc T. Macaulay, B.S.'91, Senior Vice President, Deputy Corporate Controller, Wells Fargo



EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

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

Chris Thomas, B.A.'86, Attorney, Nixon Peabody LLP



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

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

Cheryl L. Dozier, Ph.D.'01, Associate Professor, Department of Literacy Teaching and Learning, University at Albany



EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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

Jahn Levin, B.S.'89, President, Purity Products



EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE

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

Richard Reyes-Gavilan, B.A.'91, Executive Director, DC Public Library



Theresa E. Taylor, M.S.W., M.A.'12, Deputy Director, The Choice Program, The Shriver Center at the University of Maryland Baltimore County



MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2020:

If you are interested in nominating someone for a 2020 Excellence Award, contact the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or email alumniassociation@albany.edu.

The deadline is Oct. 11, 2019.

Visit www.alumni.albany.edu/awards for more details.





Baby Danes



Brian Fessler '06, '07 and Katie Fessler '08 welcomed son Calvin Fitzgerald on Sept. 6, 2018.



Steve Murphy III '08 and Linda Murphy '09 welcomed daughter Hannah Rose on Sept. 21, 2018.

1958

Ellen McLaughlin taught pre-med courses at Samford University and served as the school's histologist and embryologist for 40 years before retiring in 2007. She is in great health and continues to travel, teach, and give talks on natural-history topics. Ellen recently published a book on wildflowers in Maine.

1961

Nancy Rubin Bernstein and Sandy spent a few weeks in Florida and enjoyed Broadway shows in New York.

Nancy Wirtz's home in Paradise, Calif., was destroyed by a recent forest fire. "It truly was cataclysmic. We had just over a half-hour warning... We left everything. But we got out, unburned," Nancy said. She did not expect to survive and wrote notes to all of her loved ones. Nancy bought another house in Chico, and new and old friends and family members are helping her to adjust. Please contact your class counselor or the Alumni Association for Nancy's new mailing address.

Mel Horowitz still enjoys traveling with his wife to timeshares in Maine, Florida and Massachusetts; spending time with their granddaughters; and volunteering for Rotary, the US-China Friendship Association, the International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation, and UAlbany.

Judy Bleezarde cares for her husband, who has Parkinson's disease and has lost most of his mobility, limiting their travels. They spent Thanksgiving in New Hampshire with their older son. Their younger son lives in Charleston, S.C. Judy still leads a monthly book group.

Brad Mundy and Margaret are doing well. Margaret enjoys quilting, working with church music activities, and taking guitar lessons. Brad enjoys writing, generating instructional materials, and working on his family tree.

Jim Kelly visited **John Sullivan** in October and had Thanksgiving dinner with **James Clavell**.

Please send your current email address and news to Mel at melandsis@yahoo.com. We'd love to hear from you!

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

1962

Earl "Buzz" Welker volunteers at hospitals, and enjoys biking and walking along the Erie Canal in Newark, N.Y. He celebrated his 60th high school reunion and reports his life filled with contentment.

Elena Rabine Halady celebrated the arrival of her 10th great-nephew with family. She and her fiancée winter in Del Ray, Fla., and enjoy New York summers in Lake George, Saratoga Springs, Cooperstown, and Fort Ticonderoga. Elena stays busy ballroom dancing, traveling the world, and playing golf and tennis.

Alice Orr, a workshop presenter at International Women's Writing Guild, is living her dream of writing full time. She has published 16 novels, three novellas, and a memoir. Alice has two children and two grandchildren, and lives in New York City with her husband.

Gene Altman is a lifeguard and swimming teacher.

Jean Brody Somlo teaches art to seniors at Oasis Educational Center and exhibits personal works.

Robert Sweeney and wife Phyllis river-cruised Europe and drove to Munich. Their oldest daughter is an ordained Methodist minister and a pastor. Their second grandchild will be a girl. Bob does charity work at food banks and a horse range for challenged youth. He also helps Flagler Beach Historical Museum to secure external funding.

Gene Altman and wife Shelley Levin Altman '66 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family in Oregon. Gene is a lifeguard, swim instructor, and SCORE mentor for small businesses.

Class counselor: Sheril McCormack, vanillastar202@yahoo.com

1964

Corky Petrick informed us that **Carol Eaton** passed away last July. Carol was very active in campus life as a member of Psi Gamma Sorority, co-associate editor of the Torch yearbook, and a residence-hall counselor. She earned a Ph.D. at Boston University and served as superintendent of schools in districts in both Massachusetts and New York. Your co-counselors had the pleasure of meeting with Loida Vera Cruz for lunch recently, and we discussed the upcoming 55th reunion. Fifty-fifth reunion committee members include **Corky Petrick** and **Columba DeFrancesco Heinzelman, Paula Dulak**, and **Edward Reid**. Please update your contact information, if necessary, and share your news with us.

Class co-counselors: Alan Minarcik, acmouse@hotmail.com; Bill Robelee, wrobelee31@gmail.com

1965

Elissa Gold Laster is still looking for classmates **Lana Everett** and **Joyce Judson**. Elissa stays busy scuba diving, traveling, and making jewelry.

Harriette Cooperman Sacklow moved to Brookdale Senior Living in Niskayuna, N.Y.

Judy Koblintz Madnick and husband Stu enjoyed another season of UAlbany basketball as season ticket-holders for both the men's and women's teams. Judy was recognized as the UAlbany Alum of the Night at a game last season. She and Stu are proud to be 1844 Champion members of the Great Dane Athletic Club (GDAC).

Class counselor: Judy Madnick, jmadnick@gmail.com

1967

Anne Fischer Klingner retired after 27 years as a crisis intervention/family support program coordinator at Mental Health Association in Orange County, N.Y. She is working per diem at MHA, assisting families with Article 17A Guardianship petitions through Orange County

Surrogate's Court. **John Klinger** retired after 35 years as a school-library media specialist. He is a part-time reference librarian at SUNY Orange in Middletown, N.Y.

Class councilor: Canon Kay Carol Hotaling, FHC, Aspenpaepke@msn.com

1968

The Class of '68 celebrated its 50th anniversary during Homecoming Weekend. We kicked off our reunion at a gathering around the main fountain on Friday night and were welcomed by University President Havidán Rodríguez and Alumni Association President Brian Fessler '06, '07. Saturday's events included the Half-Century Club Breakfast and Induction; the President's Showcase; Sorority and Fraternity Coffee Hour; and tours of the Campus Center, the Veterans Wall

of Honor, and the University Art Museum. We also enjoyed the Great Dane Game Day pregame event at Casey Stadium and cheered on the football team. Our reunion dinner was held Saturday evening at Treviso Restaurant. We looked at memorabilia from the Class of 1968 archives, leafed through yearbooks, and shared memories. We remembered our deceased classmates with a candle lighting. On Sunday, we toured the downtown campus and got the chance to look at our first-year living quarters. We wrapped up the reunion with brunch at Waterbury/Alden cafeteria.

The Class of '68 would like to thank all who made the reunion possible. Classmates who assisted with reunion planning including **Kitti Eaton Michalowicz**, who helped relocate lost members; **Michael** and **Laurel Ginsburg**, who led the remembrance of our deceased classmates; **David**

Bopp, who found classmates, did venue tours, helped transport materials, and put up with the ups and downs of making the reunion happen; and the Alumni Association, the student tour guide, and UAlbany dining staff. We were a family – the Class of 1968, the class that was the bridge between the old and the new University at Albany experience.

It has been an honor to serve as your class councilor. I am resigning now that our 50th reunion has come and gone. Please contact the Alumni Association if you're interested in representing as class councilor.

I wish you all the best for the years we still have left to change the world!

– Linda Stehr Bopp

Dave Spence retired as president emeritus of the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta, Ga.

During his 50-year career, he served as an administrator, policy innovator, and teacher.

1969

Gary Mattson was appointed to a second two-year term as the non-partisan member of the State Financial Audit Monitoring Board, City of Covington, Ky. He taught for 34 years and currently serves as a part-time economic-development consultant. Gary is a member of the Banklick-Licking River Watershed Council.

1973

Charlotte Biblow was named a 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyer.



Telethon 1967-1987

1967: raised over \$5,500

1973: raised \$12,500

1976: raised over \$24,000

1979: raised \$34,895

1982: raised \$46,317

1986: raised over \$37,800



UAlbany's first Telethon was held March 10, 1967, to raise funds for the New York State Association for Mental Health. For 24 hours, student musicians, singers, dancers, thespians, comedians, and other entertainers played to enthusiastic audiences. Alumni and community members were also welcome to join in the fun.

Telethon evolved into a weeklong extravaganza culminating in the 24-hour event. Its philanthropic aim also expanded to support Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Albany; Wildwood School; Capital District Speech Center; Parsons Child and Family Center; Albany Medical Center's Department of Pediatrics; Albany Boys Club; and many other organizations.

1975

Gloria Jean received the New York State School Counselor Association's Career Achievement Award. She has worked in the Capital District for over 30 years. Gloria was instrumental in securing funding for the Child-Lures abduction-prevention program, coordinating the Drug Free School Grant Advisory Council, and integrating school-counseling program supports into the classroom and school-wide assemblies. Most recently, she helped develop school-counseling program regulations adopted by the New York State Education Department Board of Regents. Gloria retired from the Niskayuna School District in 2009 as director of K-12 Counseling Services. She teaches at The College of Saint Rose and provides consultant and professional development programs for school districts.

Donna Burton retired as a tenured full professor after 33 years at Schaffer Library, Union College.

1976

Nate Salant's collection of Jerusalem antiquities is available for display by non-profit organizations as a fundraiser. The collection ranges from 4000 BC through the Byzantine Period (630 AD), with an emphasis on the Time of the Patriarchs (1550-1250 BC), Davidic Kingdom (1050-586 BC), Macabbean/Herodian Kingdoms (330 BC - 70 AD), Revolts Against Rome (67-73 and 132-136 AD), and the Early Christian Period (330-630 AD). Highlights include more than 100 ceramic items, rare coins, a silver half-shekel from the Second Temple, and two crucifixes that belonged to the archbishop of Jerusalem in the fourth century. Contact NateSalant@yahoo.com.

1977

Stu Bondell was named a 2018 top music lawyer by Billboard magazine. He is executive VP, Business and Legal Affairs, International, Sony Music Entertainment.

Samuel Moskowitz was selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2018 Massachusetts Super Lawyers. He is a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., Boston.

1978

William Bosshart retired after a 40-year career in accounting and insurance. His wife of 20 years, Jenette Barrow-Bosshart '81, retired from practice at Otterbourg, P.C., in New York City. She was one of the first female equity partners to join the century-old law firm. William and Jenette met on State Quad in 1977. They established

the Barrow-Bosshart Charitable Fund 10 years ago.

Class councilor: Nancy Benz, sunyacouncilor78@yahoo.com

1979

Jack Kull received the Special Operations Association's President's Award of Excellence. He is the senior Vietnam War Policy Officer; Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency; Washington, D.C.

Paul L. Feldman was named a 2019 Best Lawyer in America. He is a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., in Boston.

Daniel Lark retired after serving 38 years in the information-technology field.

1980

Jacqueline LaMar retired from the federal government and relocated to coastal North



Authors & Editors

Marjory D. Lyons, B.A.'50, M.S., Ph.D., published her first book, *Think you can't write? Think again! A foolproof guide to getting your story written at last!* with co-author Beverly Johns.

Naoshi Koriyama, B.A.'54, published *A Fresh Loaf of Poetry from Japan*. The collection includes approximately 200 of Koriyama's poems.

Carol Stephenson Nolde, B.A.'61, published her second poetry chapbook, *Things Live After*. Her first chapbook, *Comfort in Stone*, is also available from Finishing Line Press. Both collections

speak of the many changes in rural life from the days of her childhood on a small farm in New York's Sullivan County.

James S. Pula, B.A.'68, is the author of *Under the Crescent Moon with the XI Corps in the Civil War, Vol. 2: From Gettysburg to Victory, 1863-1865*.

Gary Mattson, B.A.'69, is the author of *American Hometown Renewal: Policy Tools and Techniques for Small Towns*, published by Routledge Press.

Linda Ford, B.A.'71, M.A.'72, published *Women Politicals in America: Jailed Dissenters from Mother Jones to Lynne Stewart*. The book is available on Amazon.com.

Chauncey DePree, B.A.'72, published *401(k): TAKE CONTROL*, which provides useful tools for selecting investments from the lineup of mutual funds available in your 401(k) retirement plan. DePree, who served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, is a retired professor. He has published in the areas of accounting, ethics, finance, law, logic, and operations research.

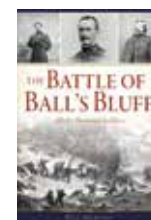
E. Howard Ostrom, B.A.'73, is the author of *Sherlock Holmes on Screens, 1889-2000*. The book is part of Mycroft's *Brother Sherlock Holmes Cyclopaedia*. Ostrom resides in Ocala, Fla.

Jeffrey Cramer, M.L.S.'78, is the author of *Solid Seasons: The Friendship of Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson*, published by Counterpoint.



Gary Robinson, M.S.'81, C.A.S.'81, is the co-author of *The Daily Brew: a 365 Day Guided Journal*, published by Outskirts Press. All proceeds from journal sales are donated to charity. Robinson is the director of Counseling Services at Hartwick College.

Bill Howard, M.A.'84, is the author of *The Battle of Ball's Bluff*, published by The History Press.



Carolina. She has been renovating her home and was fortunate to suffer minimal damage from Hurricane Florence. Jacqueline serves as president of the New Club at Brunswick Forest, is yearbook chair of the Daughters of the American Revolution Stamp Defiance Chapter, and is active in the Cape Fear River Watch. Her youngest daughter graduated from George Mason University in December.

1981

Bill Newman was recognized as a top national financial representative by Northwestern Mutual for the fifth time. He is affiliated with the Tronco Network Office, based in Latham, N.Y. Bill received the UAlbany Alumni Association's Excellence in Business Award in 2018.



Sharon Potoker Liese is the creator and executive producer of the CBS true-crime series "Pink Collar Crimes."

1982

Peter Weinstock was named to the National Law Journal's list of Mergers & Acquisitions and Antitrust Trailblazers for 2018.

1984

Tracy Nimmo Zaweski is a franchise owner of Home Instead Senior Care in Hampton Bays, N.Y. Her daughter, Drew, is a junior accounting major at UAlbany.



Richard Joslin was named a 2019 Best Lawyer in America. He is an attorney at Collins Einhorn Farrell PC in Southfield, Mich.



Wendy Kalman was promoted from Willis Re's Production Services unit to Knowledge Management Leader for the Investment, Risk and Reinsurance (IRR) segment of the parent company, Willis Towers Watson. She has been with the company

since 2006 and resides in Marietta, Ga. Wendy blogs weekly for *Atlanta Jewish Times/Times of Israel*.

Joan Phillips was named dean of Barry University Andreas School of Business. She began her career as a marketing professor, then served as department chair, associate dean, and special assistant to the president. She also served as a fellow for the American Council on Education in 2015-2016.

1985

Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos appointed **Paul Gasparini** secondary-school principal. He chairs the Central New York High School Principals Consortium and was named state high-school principal of the year by the School Administrators Association of New York State. Paul has served as principal of Jamesville-DeWitt High School in Dewitt for 17 years.

Gary Farkas joined the UAlbany Department of Information Technology as a senior solutions

analyst. He and fellow Telethon alumni celebrated the group's 50th anniversary during Homecoming 2018.

Gerard Campione was elected second vice president of the Edison Township Education Association. He teaches sixth grade English at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Edison, N.J.

Mark Gesner is the executive director of The Stritch Hub for Innovation and Community Engaged Learning at Cardinal Stritch University. He recently completed a manuscript and is marketing his work to publishers.

1986

Deirdre Sanders of Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds in Concord, Mass., was sworn in as president of the Boston Patent Law Association in December.



Mark A. Schaefer, B.A.'90, M.A.'91, is the author of *The Certainty of Uncertainty: The Way of Inescapable Doubt and Its Virtue*. The book is a reflection on the unavoidable nature of uncertainty and doubt and why embracing them is a good thing for individuals and communities.

Jayne R. Boisvert, Ph.D.'98, is the author of *Pilgrimage to Paris: The Cheapo Snob's Guide to the City and the Americans Who Lived*

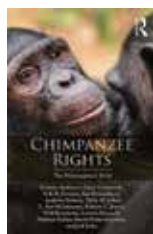
There, published by Open Books. Boisvert provides travel tips and short biographies of famous Americans who've lived in the European city.

Jennifer Degl, T.C.H.B.S.'99, published her second book, *Stuck in Bed: The Pregnancy Bed Rest Picture Book for Kids ... and Moms*. The picture book is about pregnancy bed rest written from a child's perspective. Degl recently started



Speaking for Moms and Babies, Inc., to spread awareness about maternal and neonatal health issues through advocacy and education.

L. Syd M Johnson, M.A.'02, Ph.D.'09, is the co-author of *Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers' Brief*, published by Routledge.



Lomarsh Roopnarine, Ph.D.'02, received a GKSL 2018 Book Award for *The Indian Caribbean: Migration and Identity in the Diaspora*, published by University of Mississippi Press. Roopnarine is a professor of Latin American and Caribbean history at Jackson State University.

Jean Chodkowski, M.A.'05, is the author of *A Year in the Anatomy of Horse Racing Handicapping III* and numerous other books about horse racing, based on research she did while a student at UAlbany. She was a guest expert at the 2018 UAlbany Day at the Races.

Nissim (Tai) Kaufmann, Ph.D.'12, is the translator of *STORIES: Sipurei Maasiyoth*, authored by Rav Nachman of Breslev.

Fiction author **John Teevan III, B.A.'12, M.A.'12, M.S.'14, C.G.S.'18**, published two short-story collections, *A Mysterious Evening in Vienna* and *The Love Letter with a Bullet Hole*.

Erik Schlimmer, M.S.W.'18, reveals the story behind Albany's 785 street names in *Cradle of the Union: A Street by Street History of New York's Capital City*.

Steve Gawley was named a 2018 top music lawyer by *Billboard* magazine. He is executive VP, Business and Legal Affairs, at Universal Music Group.

Jennifer Manner, senior vice president of Regulatory Affairs at EchoStar/Hughes, was named one of the most powerful women in the world in telecommunications and media by CableFax.

1987

Cheryl Dessen Korman received a Leadership in Law award from *Long Island Business News*. She is an appellate lawyer at Rivkin Radler Attorneys at Law in Uniondale, N.Y.



1989

Sharyn Potter discussed individual and societal economic and human capital losses

attributed to sexual violence in her TEDx Talk, "Why Society Can't Afford Campus Sexual Violence." The talk can be streamed at <http://bit.ly/campusviolencecosts>.

1991

Erika Irish Brown was included in *Worth* magazine's list of the top 100 most powerful men and women in finance for the second consecutive year. She was named chief diversity officer at Goldman Sachs in July.



Michael Balch joined Saiber LLC as partner in the Insurance and Reinsurance practice group in the Florham Park, N.J. office.

Adam Cotumaccio became the executive vice president, chief impact and philanthropy officer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Stephen H. Soucy was the recipient of the LA Theatre Alliance 2019 Ovation Award for Best Production of a Musical for *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*.



1993

John M. Bagyi was named a Best Lawyer in America for the 13th consecutive year. He also was named a 2018 Upstate New York Super Lawyer.

New York Life Senior Vice President **Carla Rutigliano** recently was appointed to the executive management committee. She will become head of Human Resources in July 2019 while retaining oversight of Corporate Communications, Corporate Responsibility and Events Management.

1995

Rosa Clemente was featured in the News Beat Podcast "The Truth About Puerto Rico: A U.S. Colony."

Michael Tobman of Tobman Strategies in Brooklyn recently purchased *Queens Tribune*. He is counsel to Ocean Gold Media. Michael serves on the Rockefeller College Board of Advisors.

Chermia Smith-Hoeffner was named VP of Human Resources at the National Audubon Society.

1996

Jason Samuels of Farrell Fritz in Uniondale, N.Y., was named a 2018 New York Metro Super Lawyer.



Jonathan Temps serves as counsel in the North America banking, finance and major projects practice at Baker McKenzie in Chicago.



Weddings for Danes



John Scognamiglio '11 and Leah Rotella '11, '13, Oct. 7, 2018

Laine Mackey '11 and Tom Edathikunnel '11, Oct. 27, 2018



Kevin Persaud '11 and Amelia Persaud, Aug. 18, 2018



Madeline Cohen '12, '13 and Cody Toscano '12, July 14, 2018



Greg Palladino '12 and Caroline Culleton '12, Oct. 19, 2018

1997

Jennifer Riekert was named one of Westchester County's most impressive female leaders of 2018 by 914INC. magazine. She is the first female named vice president of Communications and Strategic Initiatives at New York Medical College and is the only female member of NYMC's senior leadership.

1999

Melanie Kadlic Meren completed the Political Leaders Program at the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership. She is running for the Fairfax County School Board in November 2019.



2002

Michael Grignon was elected secretary-treasurer of the Association of Oncology Social Work Board of Directors. He is an Alumni Association volunteer.

2006

Patrick McNeely was named one of Business Insider's 25 "Rising Stars of Wall Street." He is a corporate banker at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.



Ibrahim Khan was appointed chief of Staff by New York Attorney General Letitia James in November.

2007

Jessica Chapman Bielmann was named vice president, account director at Quinlan, an advertising agency based in Buffalo.



2008

Sara Richburg joined City Habitats in NYC as a licensed real-estate salesperson. She is a member of the UAlbany Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Student Affairs Advisory Board.

2010

CaTyra Pollard was named a Forty Under 40 honoree by the *Rochester Business Journal*.



Jeff Girault was cast in Ben Stiller's Showtime series "Escape to Dannemora." In addition to his work on set, Jeff works in the New York State Comptroller's Office.

John Williams received the Pinnacle of Achievement Award from the Association of School Business Officials International. He is CFO of Uinta County School District No. 1 in Evanston, Wyo.

2011

Nora Lum (also known as Awkwafina) will star in a new 10-episode Comedy Central series inspired by her own upbringing in Queens, N.Y.

2012

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (R-NY) appointed **Anthony Pileggi** chief of Staff for her office in the 116th Congress. Previously, Anthony served as the northeast regional political director for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

2014

Nick Barrato is the co-founder of 700 Smiles, a fundraising organization that supports international children's charity Smile Train and provides free surgery to children born with cleft palates. Nick and wife Chelsea have raised more than \$32,000 in two years, enough to fund 128 surgeries. Nick is one of the top-performing consumer-loan officers at SEFCU.

2018

Hanna Godson joined HESS International Educational Group as an English teacher for elementary-aged students in Taiwan.

Michelle Isopo accepted a position as adult-services librarian at Schuylerville Public Library in Schuylerville, N.Y.

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Being selected for the *William Frederick Reyers Sr. Community Service Scholarship*, says senior business-administration major Maria Carrasco, is an honor. It also provides her "an extra push to work hard."

Carrasco, an intern with the New York State Division of the Budget's Health Unit, also volunteers as a peer mentor with Campus Bound Scholars, a student organization that pairs upperclassmen with incoming freshmen and sophomores. She enjoys advising younger students on study skills, opportunities for campus involvement – and finding the best place to eat at the Campus Center.

After graduation, Carrasco would like to join Teach For America; her ultimate career goals include becoming a financial adviser. Carrasco's dream job is to teach financial literacy to high-school students so they can become motivated and successful by seeing "the real-world applications of what they learn in class." She would also love to return to UAlbany someday to mentor students interested in entering her field.



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Hundreds of EOP family members attended the 50th-anniversary celebration for UAlbany's Educational Opportunities Program last October.



Randy Cohen '71, host of the popular podcast Person Place Thing, interviewed writer/producer Marc Guggenheim '92 before an alumni audience at SUNY Global Center in New York City last November. Listen to the podcast at <https://personplacething.org/episode-241-marc-guggenheim/>.



In January, at Network NYC and Dinner with NYC Great Danes, alumni offered students advice for living and working in New York.



Stu and Judy Madnick '65 met Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman prior to the University at Albany Speaker Series in December.



GOLD Schmooze

In September, young alumni who graduated between 2008 and 2018 and live in New York City gathered in Times Square for the annual GOLD Schmooze.





UAlbany Homecoming 2018



Go Great Danes! Recent grads gathered on the berm to cheer on UAlbany at the Homecoming football game.



Alumni Association President Brian Fessler '06, '07 greets Class of 1948 members at the Half-Century Club Breakfast.



Great Dane tradition: Several families celebrated their UAlbany bonds at the annual Legacy Reception.



Members of the Class of 1968 enjoyed a tour of old haunts at the downtown campus as part of their 50th reunion.



Chi Sigma Theta sorority sisters pose for a group photo at Homecoming. The sorority celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2014.



President Rodríguez and wife Rosy Lopez greeted Telethon alumni who attended Homecoming to celebrate the program's 50th anniversary.



A UAlbany family enjoyed the "best seat in the house" at Great Dane Game Day.



Graduating seniors had a chance to connect with recent grads and wrap up Homecoming weekend at the GOLD Brunch in downtown Albany.

Hey California!



Celebrate 175 years of UAlbany history and help us Unleash Greatness this spring! Join fellow California-area alumni at a reception near you:

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Monday, April 8

Marina del Ray

Tuesday, April 9

San Francisco

Wednesday, April 10

Palo Alto

Thursday, April 11



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- President’s Showcase
- Great Dane Game Day
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Saturday, Oct. 19

The tradition continues! Meet up with your sisters, brothers, and classmates and reminisce about your NYSCT days this Homecoming. All are welcome.



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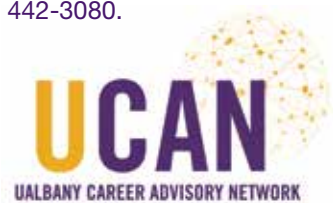


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– Tameka Edwards '16, '18,
Communications

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1930s

Dorothy Kuehn Thiel '35, June 28, 2018
Kenneth T. Doran '39, Dec. 2, 2018

1940s

Dorothe Posson Hallenbeck '40, Nov. 7, 2018
Mildred Maasch Komoroski '42, Oct. 22, 2016
Herbert W. Oksala '42, Dec. 19, 2014
Ruth Keeler Oksala '42, Oct. 25, 2018
Lucy Massimilian Rainville '43, July 13, 2018
Genevieve Young Ertelt '46, Sept. 11, 2018
Joyce McDonald O'Dea '46, Oct. 22, 2018
Jane Snyder '46, June 5, 2018
Lillian K. Kunicka Orsini '47, July 24, 2018
June Bodach Sodaro '47, May 14, 2018
Mary E. Emmet Foster '48, June 29, 2018
Marjorie Harrington '48, Dec. 15, 2017
Selene Wolf Sheriff '48, Dec. 24, 2018
Albert F. Beninate '49, May 22, 2015
William Blasberg, Jr. '49, June 19, 2018
Betty Uline Engineeri '49, Aug. 15, 2018
Theresa Salamone Guaraldi '49, Oct. 16, 2018
Gerald Reisner '49, Sept. 28, 2017
Fred M. Root '49, June 29, 2018

1950s

Geraldine Kenzie Berglas '50, Aug. 23, 2018
Alfred C. Di Cesare '50, Nov. 21, 2018
Robert F. Glenister '50, March 6, 2013
Selma Nadel Streicher '50, May 16, 2018
Jeanne B. Bowen Walsh '50, Feb. 6, 2017
Rose M. Willsey Flint '51, Sept. 23, 2018
Marianna Cioppa Larson '51, March 12, 2018
Elyne M. Howard Schulte '51, Aug. 16, 2017
Doris Myers Silverston '51, Oct. 27, 2017
James A. Coles '52, July 11, 2018
Joseph D. Dolan '52, Oct. 28, 2018
Marilyn W. Lewis Harrison '52, July 19, 2018
Maureen Davis Mullin '52, Sept. 24, 2018
Doris V. Vater Ward '52, Dec. 16, 2018
Kenneth Wooster '52, Nov. 9, 2018
Arthur F. Hagy '53, Oct. 20, 2016
Francis P. Hodge '53, Nov. 5, 2018
Leona Quigley '53, May 9, 2018
Peggy Smith Stafford '53, May 27, 2018
Robert A. Ashfield '55, Nov. 23, 2018
Barbara E. Brundage '55, Dec. 7, 2018
Custer R. Quick, Jr. '55, Oct. 27, 2018
Wayne M. Overton '56, Oct. 2, 2016
William L. Staats '56, Nov. 4, 2018
Doris E. Vradenburg Miller '57, Oct. 24, 2018
Ellenor Hughes Bruietsch '58, Jan. 24, 2018
Michael J. McGraw '58, Sept. 22, 2018
Reginald L. Less '59, July 6, 2018
John J. Quirk '59, April 22, 2018
John Sutter '59, July 31, 2018

1960s

David E. Feldman '60, Nov. 26, 2018
Robert I. Sholtz '60, Sept. 14, 2018
Albert B. Wadsworth '60, June 24, 2016

Shirley Archambault Warren '60, June 27, 2018
Arlene M. Stutzenstein Strader '61, Sept. 29, 2018
Carolyn L. Gardner Herknkind '62, Nov. 22, 2018
Nicholas S. Moreno '62, Dec. 8, 2018
Leigh E. Walker '62, Nov. 22, 2018
Jack Buchalter '63, Aug. 12, 2018
Joseph A. Fall '63, July 24, 2018
Mary Anne Chariton Odell '63, Sept. 9, 2018
Jean Hook Sandow '63, Dec. 7, 2018
William J. Simmons '63, April 16, 2018
Teresa Tomaszewski '63, Sept. 1, 2017
Carol Eaton '64, July 31, 2018
Florence Fermo O'Connor '64, June 22, 2018
Sandra Craig Brownell '65, Oct. 26, 2018
Lanelle P. Hiemstra '65, Nov. 14, 2018
Daniel C. Thomas, Jr. '65, Nov. 19, 2018
John S. Deffigos '66, Aug. 29, 2018
Elizabeth A. Faxon '66, Aug. 2, 2018
Susan L. Kulick '66, March 12, 2018
George Moross '66, July 28, 2010
Daniel J. Dugan, II '67, Aug. 20, 2018
Nicholas J. Dugo '67, Nov. 26, 2018
Gioia Ottaviano '67, July 7, 2018
James E. Girzone '67, July 22, 2018
Natalie G. Tinkelman '67, Nov. 6, 2016
Victoria Sikorski Goga '68, April 10, 2016
Marque L. Wolfson Miringoff '68, Nov. 5, 2018
Marian W. Potter '68, Dec. 6, 2018
Roberta M. Seibert Way '68, Oct. 26, 2018
William F. Pierce '69, Dec. 1, 2018
Mario Porretto '69, July 26, 2018
Barbara Marcus Sax '69, Oct. 3, 2018
Joseph Spereno '69, May 11, 2015

1970s

Charles B. Coffin, Jr. '70, Aug. 3, 2018
Sally H. Gellman '70, Oct. 2, 2018
Louise E. Kmetz '70, Dec. 10, 2018
Robert Murray '70, Nov. 8, 2018
Jon A. Olson '70, February 11, 2013
Richard W. Spiers '70, Dec. 18, 2018
Ruth H. Vanderlinde '70, Sept. 6, 2018
Andrew J. Zambelli '70, Oct. 26, 2018
John J. Bailey '71, Dec. 21, 2018
Edward W. Cavanaugh '71, July 10, 2018
Dianne M. Myers Haneke, Ph.D. '71, Aug. 6, 2015
John McCarthy '71, Oct. 1, 2018
Paul B. Remick '71, June 18, 2018
Robert D. Vessels '71, July 3, 2018
William L. Wilbanks, Ph.D. '71, Oct. 9, 2018
Mary Greco Bacon '72, Oct. 6, 2018
Boulos P. Barsoum '72, Aug. 8, 2018
Nadine Phillips Lord '72, April 22, 2017
Betty O. McCarty '72, July 12, 2018
Carl E. Meacham, Ph.D. '72, Sept. 2, 2018
Christina Binder Mellema '72, Aug. 13, 2018
Victor A. Pfaus '72, June 7, 2017
Richard P. Smith '72, July 6, 2018
Richard E. Dibble, Ph.D. '73, Oct. 13, 2018
Harris J. Galinsky '73, July 1, 2018
Kenneth D. Gonyo '73, Oct. 10, 2018
Robert J. Maurer '73, Oct. 23, 2016

Carol Cotugno Miner '73, Nov. 11, 2018
Mitchell S. Morris '73, Oct. 5, 2018
Janene A. Richards '73, July 7, 2018
Eugenia O. Rutherford '73, Aug. 10, 2018
Barbara P. Tytell '73, Dec. 23, 2018
John P. Carley '74, Nov. 19, 2018
Elizabeth L. Burns, Ed.D. '75, July 9, 2018
Helga Reissner Karker '75, Aug. 16, 2018
Joseph Z. Korber '75, July 27, 2013
Rhona L. Landau '76, Oct. 13, 2017
Peter M. Stenson '76, Oct. 20, 2018
Krista C. Bookhout Butler '77, Nov. 4, 2009
Nancy C. Glover '77, Aug. 6, 2018
Cary E. Klein '77, Dec. 6, 2018
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1980s

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1990s

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2010s

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July 4, 2018
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Morris Massry

Morris Massry, well-known Capital Region business leader, philanthropist, and longtime University at Albany supporter, passed away Oct. 29, 2018. He was 89.

The founder of Tri City Rentals, Massry served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, including the United Way, the Center for Disability Services, Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home, Proctors, and Temple Beth El. His dedication to community service earned him such honors as the Cerebral Palsy Humanitarian Award; the Albany JCC Pillars Award; the Daughters of Charity National Health System Heritage Award; and honorary doctorates from The College of Saint Rose, Albany Medical College, and the State University of New York.

For many years, Massry had a close relationship with the University at Albany as both foundation director and loyal supporter. The Massry Center for Business at UAlbany recognizes his family's long association with the University, as do the Massry Conference Center at the Gen*NY*Sis Center for Excellence in Cancer Genomics, the Massry Lecture Series, and the Massry Community Fellows Program.

UAlbany honored Massry in 1987 as The Foundation's Community Laureate, and in 2003, when he was named Citizen of the University.

Survivors include Massry's wife, Esther, to whom he was married for 70 years; daughters Jane, Marilyn, Linda, Sheila, and Lisa; son I. Norman; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.



The New York State Writers Institute's Inaugural Book Festival

Five thousand voracious readers made their way to the University's Campus Center last fall for The New York State Writers Institute's inaugural Albany Book Festival.

Held Sept. 29, the event combined appearances by local and national authors, publishers, and booksellers with panel discussions; book signings; and other activities, including children's programming. Notable literati attending included Doris Kearns Goodwin; Walter Mosley; Annette Gordon-Reed; Khizr Khan; Jonathan Santlofer; Radha Agrawal; and UAlbany alumnus Gregory Maguire, B.A.'76, author of the popular *Wicked* series. Institute founder William Kennedy signed copies of the recently published *Bootlegger of the Soul: The Literary Legacy of William Kennedy*.

Paul Grondahl, director of the Writers Institute, noted: "Fall book festivals are a fixture in vibrant American cities from Miami to Los Angeles. As one of the nation's premier literary presenting organizations, we feel that now is the time for the Writers Institute to create the inaugural Albany Book Festival. We want to capitalize on Albany's grand literary tradition while welcoming diverse communities of people to campus in a family-friendly, fun-filled event that shows off some of our University's finest assets."

Grondahl added that the festival was envisioned as a way to bring "book lovers of all ages from across the Capital Region" together with the University community to "honor the transformative power of great literature, celebrate the craft of acclaimed writers, discuss important topics in the national dialogue," and highlight the unifying nature of books.



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Author William Kennedy speaks at the book festival.



Doris Kearns Goodwin, author of *Leadership in Turbulent Times*, signs her book.



Author Marion Roach Smith leads a free workshop on memoir writing.

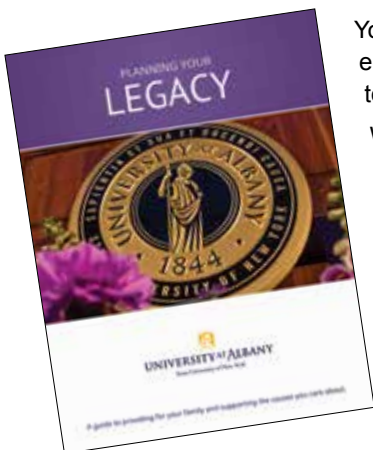


Gregory Maguire '76, author of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, signs books at the festival.



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