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From the Podium

By Carol Olechowski

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INAUGURATION WEEK

Join us for a week of special events commemorating the inauguration of the University at Albany's 19th president, Robert J. Jones, Ph.D.

The following events are open to the public:

Sept. 21

All day, Science Library Atrium: *Celebrating Students and Faculty of the University at Albany, 1844-2014*. (The exhibit continues during regular Science Library business hours until May 1, 2014.) *Free*.

7 p.m., Bob Ford Field (multi-sport stadium), Great Danes football: UAlbany vs. Central Connecticut State. *Purchase tickets at www.ualbansports.com or call (518) 442-Dane*.

Sept. 23

6 p.m., Page Hall, downtown campus: A Dialogue With the Tutu Sisters. *Free*.

Sept. 24

7:30 p.m., Performing Art Center (PAC) Main Theatre: An Evening With Three-Time Tony-Nominated Broadway Star Carolee Carmello '83. *Purchase tickets at www.albany.edu/pac or call (518) 442-3997*.

Sept. 25

4:30-8 p.m., Lecture Centers and PAC: A Celebration of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity at UAlbany. *Free*.

Sept. 26

4:15 p.m., PAC Recital Hall: Seminar, New York State Writers Institute Visiting Author Gilbert King. *Free*.

Sept. 28

10 a.m., PAC Main Theatre: Installation Ceremony for President Robert J. Jones, followed by reception (*registration required*).

8 p.m., SEFCU Arena: World Within Reach Speakers Series (*registration required*).

For additional details, link to www.albany.edu/inauguration/events.php

Price Heads SUNY Student Assembly

Tremayne Price, B.A.'12, has been installed as president of the State University of New York Student Assembly for 2013-14.

Price, a native of Elmira, N.Y., earned a bachelor's degree in public policy and management from UAlbany. He is currently pursuing a master's in educational administration and policy studies at the University.

The Student Assembly president, elected annually in the spring by his or her peers across the SUNY system, heads a body committed to empowering SUNY students throughout New York State and nationally, and to ensuring the highest quality

of student life on each of the system's 64 campuses. As president, Price serves as a member of the SUNY Board of Trustees, with full voting privileges, and as a voting member of the board for the Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC).

In congratulating Price, Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher noted, "Trey brings leadership experience to the post, as well as a deeper understanding of how students can get the most out of their higher education and help shape SUNY for future generations."



SUNY



A Milestone for Five Quad

Five Quad members – past and present – gathered April 27 at the Albany Hilton for a banquet celebrating the ambulance squad's 40th anniversary. Here, guests pose for a photo commemorating the occasion.

BRINK 5K Honors Alum

Jordan Arnold, B.A.'97, and David "Brink" Brinkerhoff, B.A.'01 met while serving on Five Quad "and became fast friends." Arnold recalled: "We were steady shift partners on the ambulance. Brink had a tremendous work ethic. He was sharp and really funny. He was also a genuinely good person; helping others came naturally to him." The two "remained close and saw each other regularly" even after Brinkerhoff left to attend the New York State Police Academy and Arnold went off to law school at Vanderbilt University.

Arnold clearly remembers April 25, 2007, the day Brinkerhoff – by then a state trooper who had returned to UAlbany to complete his degree in political science – died in the line of duty. On receiving the news that his friend had been shot during a manhunt, "I grabbed a suit, left work and drove to Brink's house just south of Albany," said Arnold. "Later, I stayed near the uptown campus and ran the [Perimeter Road] loop each day to

clear my head. On one of those runs, I was thinking about how often Brink ran the loop, during college and while at the academy. Brett Morey, B.A.'98, one of Brink's best friends, and I had already been talking about how we would honor his memory." A scholarship funded by "a charity run on the loop, held as close to April 25 as possible so that Brink's family could look forward to something positive around that day every year," seemed a fitting tribute. "It had the BRINK 5K name before I finished that run."

The course, a certified 5K, "includes a portion of the loop, so that runners get to trace Brink's footsteps. It's a challenging, multi-terrain course that also cuts around Indian Lake." The race is open to anyone, "and every year, the pack includes active and retired New York State police, as well as active and alumni members of Five Quad."

Arnold credited Five Quad volunteers for their work in building the scholarship



endowment. "They took on this event with amazing spirit and limitless dedication. It says so much about Five Quad that the volunteers didn't even know Brink, and yet they honor him like family, year after year. It's deeply satisfying to know that the values he stood for and the contributions he made will be honored at UAlbany forever," said Arnold.

Last April, more than 250 runners participated in the BRINK 5K. A highlight of the 2013 event – the awarding of the first *David C. Brinkerhoff Memorial Scholarship* to sophomore Brendan McCann, a criminal justice major and Five Quad member – was "incredible," Arnold observed. The race's tagline, "Run Toward It," was developed because "first responders – police, fire, EMS – run toward danger." It also ties in with the award: "Through the scholarship, we want to help each year's recipient run toward his or her goal," explained the New York City resident.

Arnold, a Manhattan District Attorney's Office prosecutor who led the development of the office's Financial Intelligence Unit, noted that the BRINK 5K has reconnected him with UAlbany. "I spent some of the most special years of my life at the University," he said.



From left, Mike Brinkerhoff, Karen Howard, Barbara Brinkerhoff-Anslow and Roy Brinkerhoff present a ceremonial check to Five Quad member Brendan McCann, right, the first recipient of the *Brinkerhoff Scholarship*.

For more information about the *David C. Brinkerhoff Memorial Scholarship*, please link to www.brink5K.com.

Out and About

By Christine J. Binney, B.A.'05, M.A.'07



Bunshaft Lecture

Photo: Mark Schmidt

Jonathan Rochelle '85, director of Product Management at Google Apps, shared his advice for becoming and staying innovative during the second annual Bunshaft Lecture in April. Rochelle co-founded, built and sold two technology start-ups, one of which was acquired by Google and used as the foundation for Google Docs.

University at Albany President Robert J. Jones and Jonathan Rochelle '85 pose with Caryn Bunshaft '82 and Albert Bunshaft '80, who established the Bunshaft Endowment to provide information to the student community about a broad range of topics related to careers in computing science.



Celebrating Philanthropy

Photo: Mark Schmidt

UAlbany's most loyal donors were invited to University Hall in June to meet with President Robert J. Jones and The University at Albany Foundation board for a reception to celebrate philanthropy at the University. Prior to the reception, guests were treated to an informational talk by Nobel laureates Ada Yonath and Jack Szostack, who discussed the origins of life.

Jack Szostack and Ada Yonath pose with President Jones. The two were the keynote lecturers for Albany 2013: The 18th Conversation, a four-day symposium sponsored by the University's departments of Chemistry and Biological Sciences and the National Institutes of Health.

Business Leaders Breakfast

Photos: Mark Schmidt

Capital Region business and community leaders gathered at the main campus April 25 for breakfast and a conversation with President Robert J. Jones. The event was hosted by Omar Usmani, executive partner with Aeon Nexus, sponsor of the event. Attendees included delegations from Afghanistan and Mongolia.



University at Albany Foundation Board Member Omar Usmani welcomes attendees.



Delegations from Afghanistan's government and from the Mongolian University of Science and Technology meet with School of Social Welfare Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson, Stephanie Wacholder and President Jones.

Summer Alumni Gatherings

Photos: Courtesy UAlbany Alumni Association

The Alumni Association took full advantage of the beautiful summer weather by hosting a variety of alumni events.



Football alumni met July 13 at Normanside Country Club in Delmar, N.Y., for an afternoon of golf celebrating a new era of UAlbany football in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Conference.



In August, alumni enjoyed a pre-game gathering at McFadden's in Flushing, N.Y., before catching a Mets game.



In July, Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) gathered at Brown's Brewing Co. in Troy for a party featuring beer and food pairings. Attendees included Brian Fessler '06, '07; Casey Crandall '07, '12; Jacob Crawford '08, '09; Leah Rotella '11, '13; and Jillian Pasco '10, '12.

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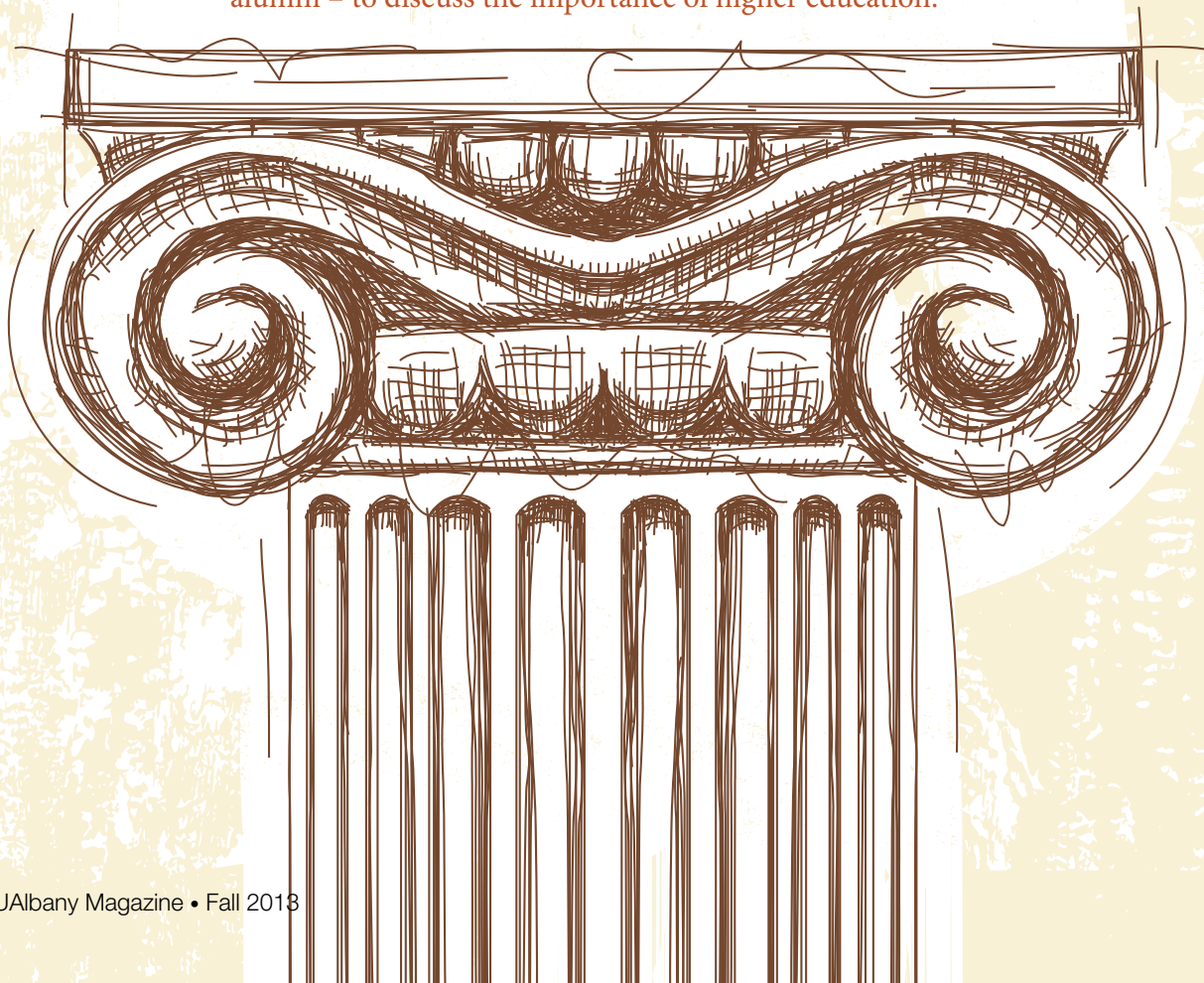
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Cover: Today, escalating tuition costs, mounting student debt, stagnant graduation rates and uncertain job prospects are calling the value of a degree into question. In this issue of *UAlbany*, University President Robert J. Jones, Ph.D., and five other high-level education professionals testify to the value of their own college experiences and encourage young people to prepare for life by pursuing post-secondary studies.

THE VALUE OF Higher Education

By PAUL GRONDAHL, M.A.'84

UAlbany President Robert J. Jones joins four other college and university presidents and a school district superintendent – all UAlbany alumni – to discuss the importance of higher education.





The University at Albany's downtown campus

With higher education under intense scrutiny, the value of a college degree is being questioned like never before. For generations of Americans, attending a four-year residential college was part and parcel of the American dream, a path that led to a career with upward mobility and often a rise in social class, as well. For working-class families, in particular, a college degree was the great equalizer and a portal to opportunity. Now, however, naysayers point to escalating tuition costs, mounting student debt, stagnant graduation rates and uncertain job prospects as arguments against the primacy of a college degree.

College presidents are battling on many fronts against the forces undercutting higher education. For this article, University at Albany President Robert J. Jones, Ph.D., and four college presidents and the superintendent of a large suburban upstate New York school district – all UAlbany alumni – added their voices to this important discussion, conceding that they have never felt such intense questioning about the importance of higher education. “Unprecedented” and “crossroads” are among the words they used to describe such disturbing trends as declining government funding, a boom in online learning and concerns that high tuitions are pricing middle-class families out of the market.

On the other hand, the presidents cite statistics to bolster their argument. For instance, despite a lingering recession, the unemployment rate for college graduates with bachelor's or advanced degrees was 3.8 percent compared to 7.4 percent for high-school graduates, according to a May 2013 report from the U.S. Bureau

of Labor Statistics. A 2012 study by the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce found that, between 2010 and 2012, people with bachelor's or graduate degrees gained 2 million jobs, while those with high-school diplomas, and those with less than a high-school education, lost 230,000 jobs over the same two-year period. That same study confirmed that, on average, college graduates still earn nearly twice as much as high-school graduates over the course of their working careers – a stark wage disparity existing since 2005. At the same time, such narrow assessments of

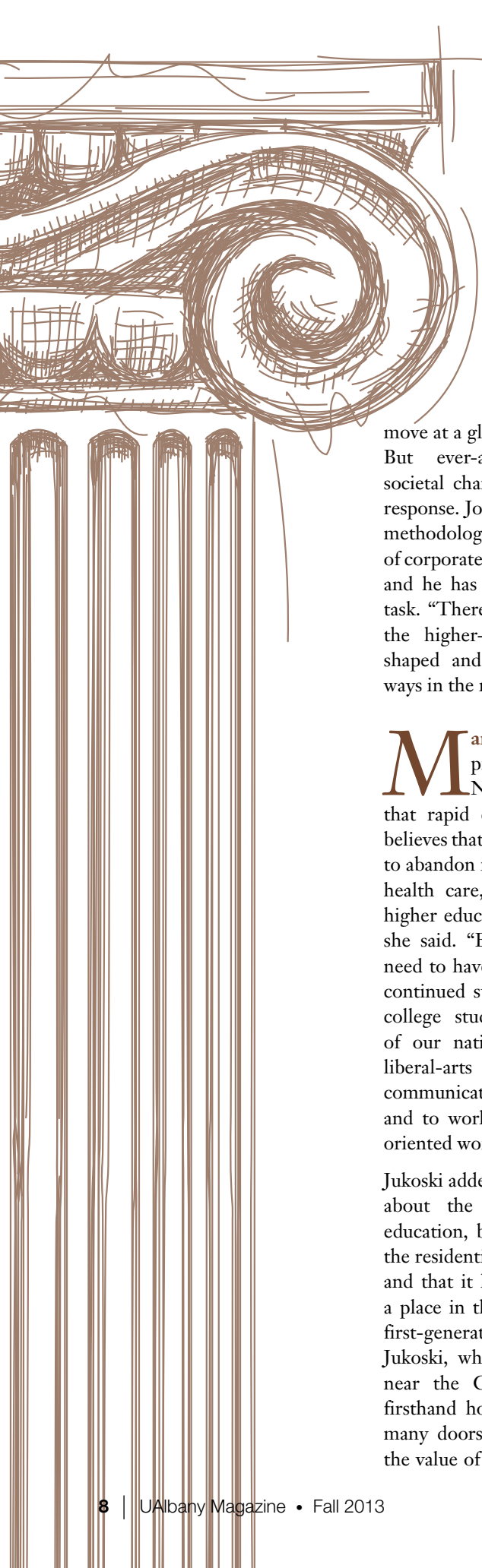
return on investment fail to recognize the less-tangible benefits of a college degree, such as civic engagement, societal contributions and a richer understanding of the world.

“The ultimate purpose of higher education is to give students a broad base of knowledge and skills, rather than to train them for a specific job,” said Jones, who attended three

national forums since May to discuss the “perfect storm” of forces challenging higher education. “We need to prepare students who possess analytical and critical skills and also have the entrepreneurial ability to shift jobs several times. We need critically engaged citizens who can reinvent themselves for jobs that, in some cases, don't even exist today. I get worried about this growing trend of trying to commoditize higher education. We are a four-year public university at UAlbany, and we're not meant to be a technical school that offers training for a specific job.”

Jones said a president's challenge is leading large and complex institutions that are not very nimble and tend to

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move at a glacial pace, ruled by committee. But ever-accelerating workplace and societal changes require a swift and agile response. Jones is endeavoring to bring the methodology of academia and the demands of corporate America into closer alignment, and he has a sense of urgency about the task. “There is no doubt in my mind that the higher-education landscape will be shaped and re-shaped in unprecedented ways in the next 10 to 20 years,” Jones said.

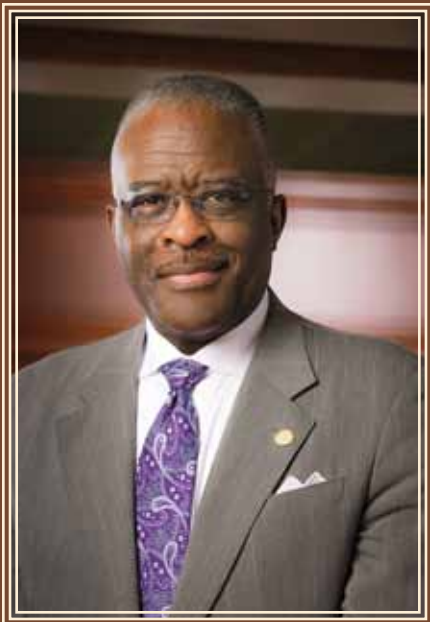
Mary Ellen Jukoski, M.S.’74, president of Mitchell College in New London, Conn., concurs that rapid change is inevitable, but she believes that higher education cannot afford to abandon its bedrock principles. “As with health care, media and other industries, higher education is at a crossroads today,” she said. “But we cannot forget that we need to have an educated citizenry for the continued success of our country. Today’s college students are the future leaders of our nation, and they will require a liberal-arts foundation and the ability to communicate articulately, to think critically and to work well with others in a team-oriented workplace environment.”

Jukoski added, “I don’t have all the answers about the future direction of higher education, but I have a strong belief that the residential-college experience has value and that it has a place now and will have a place in the future.” As the daughter of first-generation immigrants from Europe, Jukoski, who grew up in Massena, N.Y., near the Canadian border, understands firsthand how a college degree can open many doors. “My parents always stressed the value of higher education because they

saw it as a great opportunity,” she said. “I loved it at UAlbany, and it led me to pursue a career as a leader in higher education.”

California State University, San Bernardino, President **Tomás Morales, M.S.’78, Ph.D.’98**, whose career in higher education spans 38 years, puts it plainly: “There is no way I would be where I am today without my Ph.D. from UAlbany. The return on investment has been huge for me.” Morales, who raised three children with his wife of 41 years, Evy, worked full time as an administrator at the State University of New York at New Paltz when he began graduate school part time at UAlbany. It took him eight years to complete his Ph.D. in educational administration and policy studies. Born in Puerto Rico, Morales grew up in the South Bronx in a lower-middle-class family. His father worked in a Farberware factory, and his mother was a crossing guard; they made great sacrifices to send Morales and one of his brothers to college. His other brother chose to join the military and later served with the New York City Police Department.

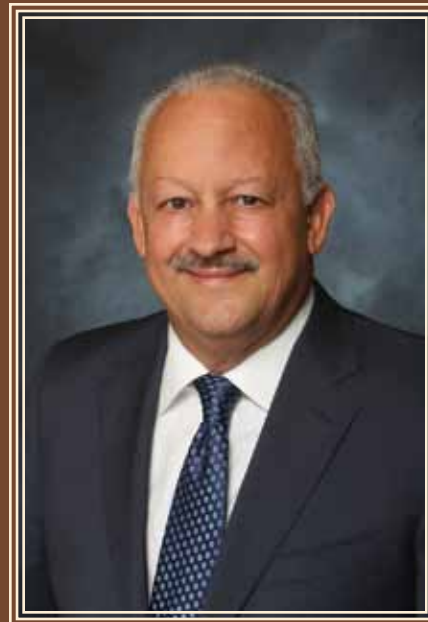
At San Bernardino, situated in a financially challenged county in southern California, fewer than one adult in five has a baccalaureate degree. The college’s motto, “Transforming Lives and Communities Through Higher Education,” is more than a slogan to Morales. He is testament to the transformative effect of a college degree, and he wants to ensure that future generations of students from humble backgrounds such as his still have that opportunity to attend college.



Robert J. Jones, Ph.D.
President, University at Albany



Mary Ellen Jukoski, M.S.'74
President, Mitchell College



Tomás Morales, M.S.'78, Ph.D.'98
President, California State University,
San Bernardino

Next year, Morales will assume the chairmanship of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. “We are going to have to embrace change and control our destiny as a higher-education industry,” he said. “I am on other national organizations, and we are talking about this issue constantly. I would not say we are not yet pushing the panic button, but we are all looking at how best to serve students, how to increase student success and how to reinforce the value of a baccalaureate degree.”

University of South Carolina President **Harris Pastides, B.S.'75**, said a college degree has never been more important. He added: “But don’t just take my word for it; ask business leaders and the innovators in our technology sector. They will tell you a bachelor’s degree is now the minimal entry point for getting a decent job. There is simply no better pathway to earning a healthy lifetime living than a college degree.” Pastides noted the current rate of 35-40 percent of Americans earning a bachelor’s degree “is not good enough,” and the U.S. is losing ground to China, India, Brazil and other countries that are robustly subsidizing and placing a premium on higher education.

Pastides said his biggest concern remains rising tuition costs resulting from cuts in government funding, and his top priority is to devise ways to hold the line on price.

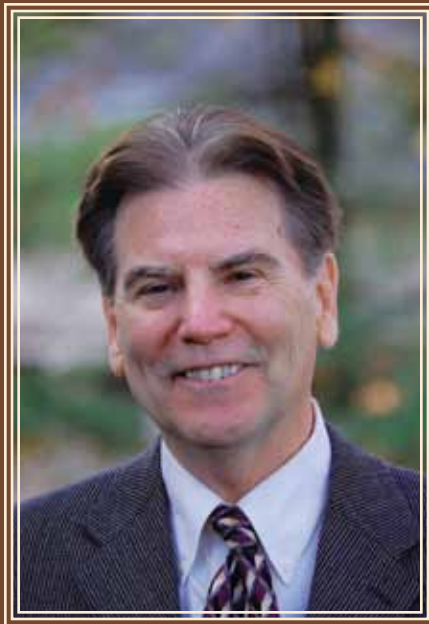
But he refuses to be an apologist for higher education: “The American model of public higher education is the best ever developed in the history of the planet. That’s why we pull the best and the brightest students from around the world to U.S. colleges and universities. I believe if we fiddle with that too much, we’re going to be in trouble. College is the last organized place society has for inculcating leadership.”

Pastides grew up in a working-class family in New York City and graduated with honors from highly regarded Stuyvesant High School. He had many choices for college but chose UAlbany, where he majored in biology, “because it was a high-quality education at a very low cost.” A New York State Regents Scholarship covered nearly his entire tuition. At the University, “I made lifelong friends, and it was one of my best choices and among the most formative experiences of my life. It all started for me at Albany,” said Pastides, who went on to earn a master’s of public health and a Ph.D. in epidemiology at Yale University.

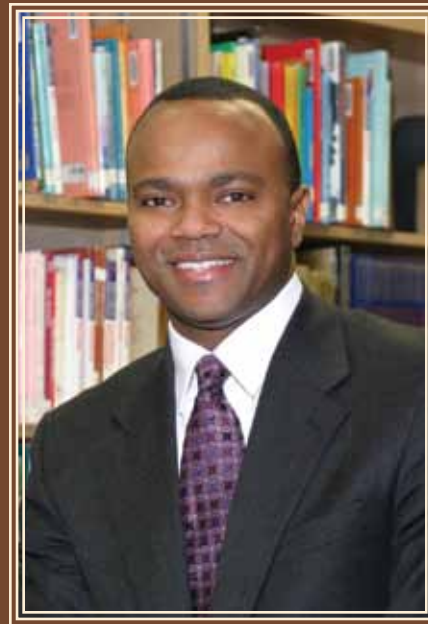
Joseph S. Brosnan, M.S.'69, Ed.D.'81, president of Delaware Valley College in Pennsylvania, grew up lower-middle class in Levittown, Long Island. Neither his father, a plumber, nor his mother, a secretary, had gone to college, but they were committed



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to ensuring that Brosnan and his brother and sister would enjoy the benefits of higher education. After earning a bachelor's degree from Marist College, Brosnan was accepted to Columbia University for graduate school but chose UAlbany because the tuition was more affordable. He praised provost Susan Phillips, who chaired the committee that reviewed his dissertation on determinants of student success in college, noting that the University "gave me access to a great education." Added Brosnan, who received fellowships that provided tuition waivers and stipends: "Albany really launched my career and provided me with a great network of colleagues. It opened up a door that helped me get hired in the SUNY System at Potsdam, where I worked eight years as an administrator."

A veteran of 40 years in higher education, Brosnan said this "is one of the most critical periods I've experienced." He added that the pressures and challenges of being a college president are underscored by the fact that the average tenure for a president has dropped from eight years to five in the past decade. "We used to emphasize the intrinsic value of higher education and how a well-educated person would have a better, richer life. But I make the economic argument much more often now. I've seen studies that show a person with a college degree is going to earn anywhere from \$300,000 to \$1 million more over the course of a lifetime than a person with a

high-school diploma. I also quote the statistic that shows that a high-school graduate will only be able to earn 67 cents to every \$1 earned by a college graduate," said Brosnan.

But he cautioned that the irrefutable evidence of a college degree's superior value will be moot if colleges and universities cannot rein in costs and control rising tuition rates. "Affordability is the most important issue facing higher education," Brosnan said. "The economic model we're working with now is broken. We have to find a more affordable model. My bottom line is that yes, higher education has value, but if college is no longer affordable for families, the question is irrelevant. That is why continued federal and state support of post-secondary education is so important."

L. Oliver Robinson, M.S.'94, Ed.D.'96, is superintendent of the Shenendehowa School District in Clifton Park, an Albany suburb. Eighty-five percent of the 740 students who graduated in the high school's Class of 2013 will attend a two- or four-year college. That rate of college-bound students continues to increase, but Robinson said parents, with growing concern, are questioning higher education's value. "The parents I talk with are still afraid their children will lose a competitive edge in the workforce if they don't get a college degree," Robinson observed. "But they also want to get the biggest bang for their buck. I

think colleges need to add more skills-oriented classes to their liberal-arts cores. Students need to come out of college with skill sets that are marketable, and that's a legitimate concern for parents. I am hearing a lot of concern from parents who say they're spending a lot of money and taking on debt, and the kids are coming out college educated but grossly under-skilled for the labor force. Parents want to see their children get practical experience while they're in college, through internships and other workplace opportunities."

Robinson's parents were adamant that he and his seven siblings would all have a chance to attend college, and they did. Robinson, the youngest, earned a bachelor's degree in economics at Brown University, and his graduate degrees in educational administration and policy studies at UAlbany, he said, were a sound investment. "The practical nature of my courses at UAlbany gave me direct skills that applied in my field. The biggest benefit was that they prepared me to be a school administrator," added Robinson.

Jones, who grew up poor on a sharecropper's farm in Georgia, said his parents instilled the value of education at a very young age in him, his brother and sister. "My parents made sure we went to school and did well," he said. "I remember they went to PTA meetings after working in the fields all day so they could meet with our teachers and check on our progress. My



Jukoski congratulates a recent Mitchell College graduate.

parents only went to school through the sixth or seventh grade, but they encouraged me to go on to college and graduate school. The only thing intentional in my entire career was to get a Ph.D. and to become a scientist. Everything else that has happened, from working with Bishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa to becoming the president of this University, has been unexpected.

"With a college education, all kinds of unintended, exciting things can happen in your life. Once you acquire the credentials, the world is an open door, and you can go anywhere."

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Alumni Profiles

A portrait of Larry Bortstein, a middle-aged man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling and standing in front of a blurred city street background with buildings and streetlights.

Larry Bortstein, J.D., B.A. '91

By Carol Olechowski

From Typewriter to Personal Computer

Larry Bortstein arrived on the University at Albany campus in 1987, “the dawn of a new era in computing. I literally came to Albany with a typewriter and left with a PC.”

Now one of the preeminent legal experts in his field, Bortstein was named the top information-technology attorney in the New York City area for 2013 by Lexology, a firm that rates attorneys around the globe. Chambers USA, publisher of “the world’s leading guides to the legal profession,” has recognized the New York-based Bortstein Legal Group (BLG) in the “Technology and Outsourcing” category for three years.

Bortstein, who earned his J.D. from Brooklyn Law School, served as senior technology counsel at American Express and global head of technology law at Lehman Brothers. After Lehman’s bankruptcy in 2008, he founded BLG, a law firm specializing in technology transactions with a focus on the financial-services industry. “We bring expertise and dedication to a unique area of law,” Bortstein says of the firm, which recently opened a London office.

“Albany instilled in me an appreciation for the utility of technology, and the classes I took helped me understand how I could apply it in the real world,” recalls the former

political-science major, who minored in English and history. “It was an exhilarating time to be studying technology.”

From Nancy Belowich-Negron, who worked for Disabled Student Services and now directs the University’s Disability Resource Center, Bortstein “learned perseverance and toughness. She is an incredible person, and the number of students she’s helped throughout her career is remarkable. I’m forever grateful to Nancy for the time she spent with me.”

Through Belowich-Negron, Bortstein has supported the *Disability Resource Center Scholarship Fund*. “I have very fond memories of Albany, and I want the school to be great,” he notes, adding that he tells friends whose children are UAlbany students that “their children are getting a phenomenal education.”

Although he hasn’t visited UAlbany recently, the Great Danes basketball fan would welcome the opportunity to talk with students on campus. “Albany is a hub for technological investment and innovation in New York State,” Bortstein observes. “That’s exciting for me. I really got the bug at Albany, and I still get excited by technology.”

For more information about Larry Bortstein and BLG, please visit <http://blegalgroup.com>.

Deborah Rosenbaum, B.S.'81

Taking Time to Give Back

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

While a student at UAlbany, Deborah Rosenbaum was hungry for additional experiences that could enrich her education. Her experiences included an internship in a senator's office, student teaching and independent study – all while earning her degree in business administration.

This hunger continues today.

In July of 2012, she took a six-month leave from her job as an account manager in graphic-arts solutions for Xerox to volunteer her talents to the Syracuse chapter of Say Yes To Education, a nonprofit education foundation designed to increase high-school and college graduation rates for urban youth. During this time, she helped Say Yes cultivate new relationships in the Syracuse business community. Her efforts will not only enhance fundraising for the organization, but will also help attract mentors and create internship and job opportunities for youths in the Say Yes program.

“It’s such an important organization,” explained Rosenbaum, when asked why she chose to volunteer full time for Say Yes. “I believe that education is the key to ending the cycle of poverty.”

The best part: Her leave was not only approved and encouraged by Xerox – it was paid in full through the company’s Social Service Leave program. Through a rigorous application process, Rosenbaum was one of only 11 Xerox employees nationwide selected to take part in this program last year.

“It’s such a unique program; I was very fortunate to be part of it,” said the mother of four and native of Manlius, N.Y.

“Xerox is truly committed to fostering stronger communities.”

Even though her full-time stint is over, Rosenbaum remains active in the Say Yes organization. She also maintains strong ties to the UAlbany community ... from annual trips with close alumni friends to occasional trips back to campus. Rosenbaum credits UAlbany with providing a foundation for her well-rounded life and career.

“I got a great education and opportunities for great experiences,” Rosenbaum noted. “Life is about experiences.”



THE RNA INSTITUTE:

Distinguishing UAlbany

in Life Sciences Research

By Jill U Adams

Photos by Gary Gold '70

A photograph of Professor Daniele Fabris, a man with dark hair and glasses, standing in a laboratory. He is wearing a light blue button-down shirt and has his arms crossed. Behind him is a large, complex piece of scientific equipment, likely a mass spectrometer, with various tubes, containers, and mechanical components. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the lab environment.

**Professor of Chemistry
and Biology Daniele
Fabris is the director
of the RNA Mass
Spectrometry
Center, part of the
RNA Institute.**



Muscular dystrophy, antibiotic resistance, breast cancer, arthritis. These disparate diseases have something in common, something beyond biology gone wrong.

“Central to all that bad biology is RNA,” says Paul Agris, director of the newly christened RNA Institute expansion at the University at Albany.

A quick primer for the non-biologists out there: RNA is a kind of middleman between DNA and proteins. Our genes are made of DNA and represent the blueprint for all our features and predispositions. Proteins are the workhorses of the cell; they include enzymes, hormones and structural components.

The job of RNA is to “transcribe” the DNA information and “translate” it into proteins. In the realm of scientific research, however, says chemistry professor Dan Fabris, “RNA is a little neglected.”

Some researchers have studied RNA their whole careers. Agris became intrigued with RNA in graduate school. Others, such as biology professor Ben Szaro, came to RNA late, by following a research question to its core.

Szaro studies how neurons send out projections in order to connect to other neurons. “When connections are lost between neurons, disease results,” he explains, naming neurodegenerative diseases such as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and Alzheimer’s. Focusing on neurofilament proteins, which provide structural support for neuronal projections, Szaro studies how nerves can regenerate. “We originally focused on proteins,” Szaro says. “Then we focused on DNA. Then we realized, nope! It’s the RNA that is the major central point by which the neurons decide how much protein to make.”

BIRTH OF A NEW INSTITUTE

The story of the RNA Institute begins with a coincidence – a conglomeration of UAlbany and Capital District scientists whose research focused on RNA and who nurtured their shared interests through the Hudson Valley RNA Club. It continued with a strategic vision, a recognition that UAlbany could not compete against the country’s top research universities in genomics and proteomics.

Lynn Videka, then UAlbany’s vice president for Research, saw that by fully engaging this RNA research, the University could get ahead of the game. A senior scientist was needed to provide leadership.

Enter Agris, who had spent years at North Carolina State University as researcher, professor and department chair. There, he formed the RNA Society, which brought together Research Triangle Park scientists to share data and methods. But his efforts to establish a formal RNA center never gained traction.

Former Duke postdoctoral fellow Scott Tenenbaum, now at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, called Agris to come take a look at UAlbany. Agris took up the challenge



RNA Institute Director Paul Agris looks on as biochemistry student Seoyeon Hong works on a UV-visible spectrophotometer; Hong consults with her mentor, postdoctoral fellow Kimberly Harris.

and, in 2009, started working on formalizing the RNA Institute, hammering out new faculty lines and new facilities while still doing research at NC State. He moved to UAlbany full time in 2010. At that time, senior faculty slots were filled first by Fabris and later by Marlene Belfort, who was previously at the Wadsworth Center of the New York State Department of Health.

Since then, two new junior faculty have been hired, and two more are on their way. “We’re using the institute as a way to recruit great faculty,” Agris says, adding, “The institute wouldn’t be here without the desire of UAlbany faculty in the first place.”

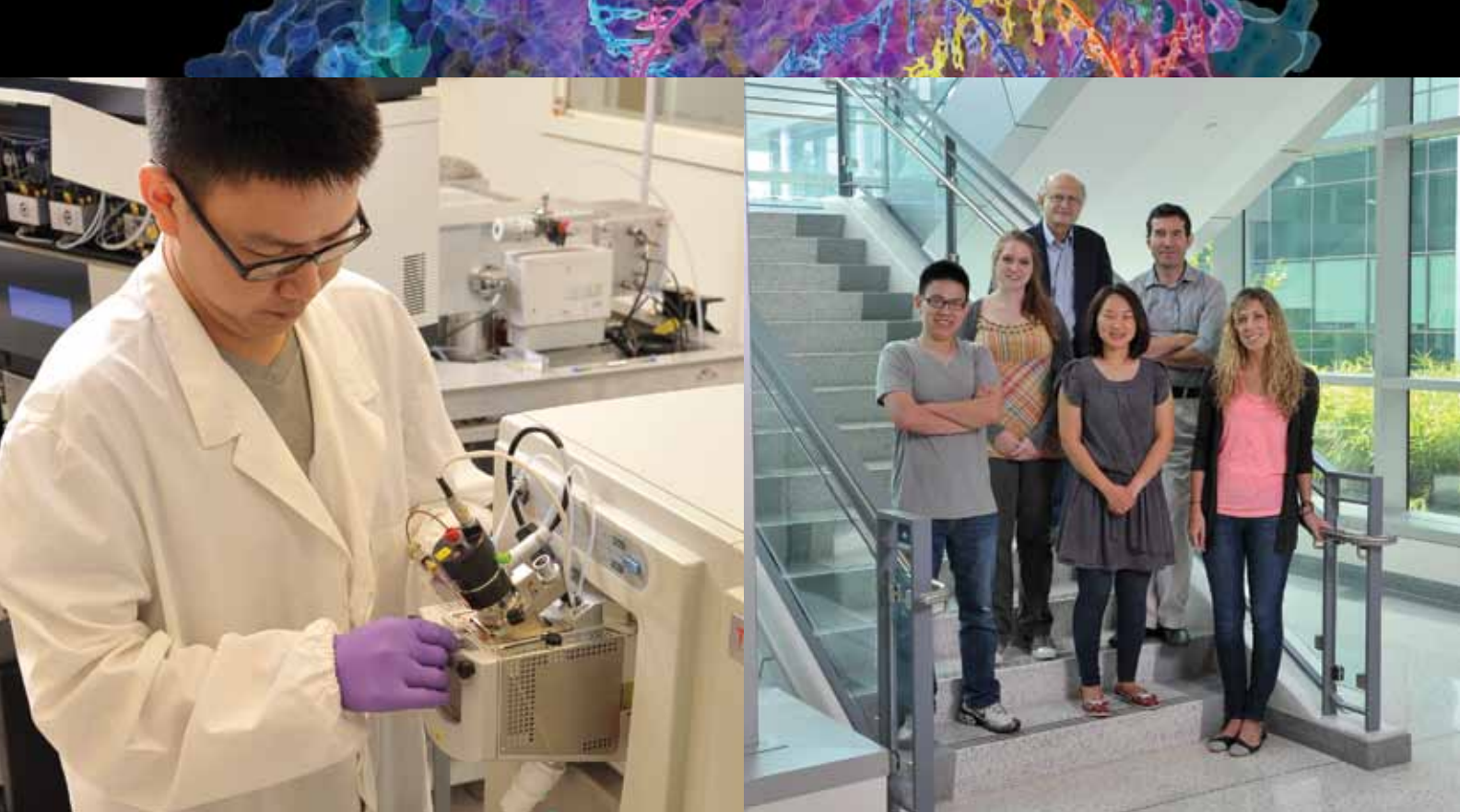
RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS

How niche is RNA research? It’s not exactly a poor stepchild to genetics and protein research: Indeed, researchers in the field have been the recipients of more than 30 Nobel Prizes, eight of them since 2006. Still, with perhaps one exception, it’s been largely limited to very basic research in cell biology. Viewing RNA as a road to therapeutics has been slower to catch on. That one exception is the potential of a type of RNA that silences, or turns off, genes.

“Two-thirds of the research in my lab is disease-oriented,” Agris says, and includes rare and neglected diseases, such as multi-drug-resistant infections. Agris has identified a bacterial RNA target for novel antibiotic drugs, which would be effective in treating drug-resistant infections that confound current antibiotic arsenals, such as multidrug-resistant tuberculosis and methicillin-resistant staph infections (MRSA).

The vast majority of pharmaceuticals on the market are designed to target proteins in the body. Take, for instance, the top two prescribed drugs of 2010: Hydrocodone binds to neuronal proteins that dampen pain signals, and lisinopril binds to an enzyme in blood vessels to lower blood pressure.

Fabris says RNA has the potential to be a much more efficient target for therapies. Here’s why: To provide enough drug to interact with most copies of a particular protein, the dose is often high enough to produce other effects – including toxic side effects – on the body. But a single strand of RNA can code lots of the same protein, so in theory one might get more effect with lower doses. It’s comparable to shutting down production of widgets at the factory, rather than trying to track down and pull the product from store shelves later.



After working in the Mass Spectrometry Center lab, student Yik Siu pauses for a photo with, clockwise from left, graduate student Rebecca Rose; Agris; Fabris; Harris; and Hong.

INNOVATION RULES

Making RNA the focus of an institute is novel in itself – and UAlbany covers the spectrum, from biophysics of the molecules to cellular functions. The RNA Institute has proved innovative in other ways, too.

The research facilities, located in the Life Sciences Research Building, include specialized laboratory spaces, such as an advanced computational center and an advanced instrumentation lab. Agris is adamant that these facilities are of a programmatic nature, much more than “core facilities,” because they also house potential collaborators for anyone investigating RNA. “They’re not just instruments, but staff people, too,” he says. “Thus, the institute engages in full-fledged, long-term collaboration with investigators on papers and on grant proposals. It is also a necessity to make the institute economically sustainable.”

Another way the RNA Institute distinguishes itself is through its commitment to undergraduate research. No lip service here: The institute supports graduate students’ and postdoctoral fellows’ travel to present at national and international meetings. Individual faculty members

financially support undergraduate research in the labs.

Seoyeon Hong, a biochemistry major, learned about research opportunities from a friend and, after working about 10 hours per week, for credit, during her junior year, spent her summer in the Agris lab. The work sharply contrasts with her coursework experience, where she followed standard written protocols to obtain expected data. Doing real research in a real lab is beyond what’s in a textbook, she says. “We sometimes get data we can’t explain.”

When that happens, Hong consults with Agris or postdoctoral fellow Kimberly Harris to troubleshoot. Or she combs through the scientific literature for alternative methods or interpretations.

Hong is undecided about her future, but continuing research science is an option she’s considering.

Agris, too, got his start as an undergrad. “I came out of that experience motivated to look for things that were new – not just what everyone else is doing.”

You know what he found: RNA.

Getting Down to Business

After years of planning and fundraising and months of construction, UAlbany's new School of Business building opens this fall. The 96,000-square-foot LEED-certified structure, designed by architect Perkins+Will and constructed by Kirchhoff-Consigli Construction Management, was completed at a cost of \$64 million – \$9.75 million of it from private sources. To date, 81 percent, or nearly \$8 million, of the private funding has been raised.

Designed to accommodate 21st-century teaching and learning, the School of Business includes:

- one trading room • 17 classrooms, including a specialized executive-education classroom, a computing classroom and an honors/enhanced classroom
- one business center • one Student Services suite • five labs • one research computing lab • one graduate student lounge • one faculty lounge
- 11 seminar rooms • two interview offices
- five conference rooms • 10 group-study rooms • Office of Career Services
- 50 faculty offices • one café and seating area



Stacy J. Kanter, B.S.'79

The Art of the Deal

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

"I love puzzles," said Stacy J. Kanter, partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, one of the largest law firms in the world. "I enjoy working through a challenge and bringing something to a successful conclusion."

It's this love – and a unique combination of problem-solving and people skills, underscored by tenacity and perseverance – that has made Kanter a nationally recognized leader in the legal community.



She was recently named a "Dealmaker of the Year" by *The American Lawyer* magazine, which honored Kanter for her work in guiding Realogy Holdings Corp. through a successful initial public offering (IPO). The task was a multi-year, multi-layered challenge as she helped the real-estate giant (parent company to brands such as Century 21 and Coldwell Banker) navigate the intricacies of a debt restructuring during a real-estate downturn ... and ultimately raise \$1.2 billion dollars, making it the biggest private equity-backed IPO of 2012.

In her work for Realogy and other clients, Kanter employs expertise that intersects law and business, building on a foundation she formed as a business major at UAlbany.

"I was looking for a quality education from a public university, and UAlbany was my best choice," she explained. She also credits experiential opportunities at the University – such as serving as an R.A. and on student boards – with helping to foster her leadership skills.

The mother of two currently lives and works in Manhattan. She is both co-head of her firm's Global Corporate Finance practice and co-chair of its Global Diversity Committee.

Whatever puzzles are coming her way in the future, Kanter is ready.



Three Literary Masters

By Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84

The following profiles, excerpted from stories published by the *Albany Times Union* in May and June 2013, are reprinted with permission.

Joseph E. Persico, B.A.'52 *Merging History and Biography*

At age 78, Joseph E. Persico took on the most demanding assignment of his career: a sweeping history of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and his interactions with the military commanders he appointed to lead American forces in World War II. "I told my wife this book was either going to keep me alive or kill me," said the author, now 83. "Well, I'm still here."

Roosevelt's Centurions: FDR and the Commanders He Led to Victory in World War II was published May 28 by Random House. The magisterial work merges an expansive military history with an intimate political biography. The 650-page volume includes 70 pages of bibliography and source notes.

Persico's research techniques are a curious hybrid of old school and new technology. "The material that can be found online now is miraculous," he said. He read the Marshall

Papers (housed in Lexington, Va.) and the Eisenhower Papers (Johns Hopkins University) online from his winter home in Mexico. Persico still takes research notes in long-hand on 3x5 index cards and files them in a large box kept under his bed. When the box is full, he starts writing. "The under-the-bed box worked its magic again," he said.

Roosevelt's Centurions probes the machinations of FDR as commander-in-chief and adds profiles of the deep bench of talent the president recruited. "He made some brilliant choices," said Persico. "[George C.] Marshall was FDR's stout oak and a selfless man, universally respected. Hap Arnold became the founding father of the U.S. Air Forces. The team Roosevelt appointed was so good that they stayed in place throughout the war, while Churchill was firing generals left and right."

Persico was critical of FDR for contradicting commanders and choosing North Africa for the initial campaign



John D'Annibale/Times Union

in the European theater: “Churchill saw the Mediterranean as the lifeline of the British Empire, and he was focused on preserving it. He was very persuasive and had so much military expertise that FDR went along with him. It turned out to be a bad decision because the American campaigns into North Africa, Sicily and Italy postponed D-Day and the invasion of Normandy by at least a year and extended the war.”

Still, FDR “was the right commander-in-chief for the time,” Persico said. “It’s hard to argue with victory.”

Coming Attractions

Through the New York State Writers Institute’s Visiting Writers Series, Man Booker International Prize winner and UAlbany professor Lydia Davis will give a reading Oct. 1 at 4:15 p.m. in the University’s Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

Other literary luminaries appearing this fall include:

Sept. 26

Seminar and reading by Pulitzer Prize-winning nonfiction author Gilbert King

Oct. 5

Reading by bestselling nonfiction author Bill Bryson

Oct. 8

Seminar and reading by fiction writer T.C. Boyle

Oct. 18

Reading by U.S. Rep. and author Luis Gutierrez

Oct. 23

Seminar by Ava Homa and Kaziwa Salih, writers of the Kurdish Diaspora

Oct. 24

Seminar and reading by Iranian fiction writer Goli Taraghi

Oct. 25

Reading and film screening: A Celebration of Swedish Author Stig Dagerman (1923-1954)

Oct. 29

Seminar and reading by fiction writer and essayist Douglas Bauer

Nov. 14

Lecture by religious studies scholar Robert Orsi

Nov. 21

Seminar and reading by Native American fiction and nonfiction writer David Treuer

Dec. 3

Seminar and reading by novelist Ayana Mathis

Each event is free and open to the public. For times and locations, and for more information about NYSWI Fall 2013 programming, link to www.albany.edu/writers-inst/.



Janie Atrey

Lydia Davis Painting With Words

University at Albany professor and writer-in-residence Lydia Davis, who has published a chapbook of observations of three cows that graze across the road from her rural Rensselaer County house, is the 2013 winner of the Man Booker International Prize. The prestigious literary award, presented in London last May, carries a cash prize of £60,000 (roughly \$91,000).

"She is a unique fiction writer who writes very short stories that are highly reflective, kind of ironic and sometimes comical. They play with the very concept of what storytelling is," said Donald Faulkner, director of the New York State Writers Institute at UAlbany.

"This is a wonderful tribute and great recognition of a brilliant writer," said fiction writer and UAlbany faculty member Lynne Tillman, who shares an office with Davis and teaches a fiction workshop with her. "She's very observant of the world around her. I think of her as making paintings with words."

Sir Christopher Ricks, chairman of the Booker Prize judges, said that Davis' fictions "fling their lithe arms wide

to embrace many a kind ... They have been called stories but could equally be miniatures, anecdotes, essays, jokes, parables, fables, texts, aphorisms or even apophthegms, prayers or simply observations."

In the first sentence of "Cows," Davis, 66, writes: "Each new day, when they come out from the far side of the barn, it is like the next act, or the start of an entirely new play."

Davis, recipient of a 2003 MacArthur Fellowship, is also an acclaimed translator of classic works of French literature into English. She was named a Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters in France for her translations of Proust and Flaubert.

"She is an excellent editor, great teacher and sympathetic reader who has helped a lot of young writers," Faulkner said. "She's not a *prima donna* on any level."

After she won the MacArthur grant, Davis chose to remain in the classroom. "I've realized I miss working with undergraduate students because they make me laugh and their writing can be very exciting and unexpected," the Writers Institute Fellow told the *Times Union* in 2005.

William Kennedy

Roscoe's Operatic Rendering

William Kennedy finds it fitting that his novel *Roscoe*, a fictional reconstitution of Albany's legendary Democratic political machine, is going to be turned into an opera by composer Evan Mack.

"I think Roscoe would approve because he led a grand, operatic life," Kennedy said of the title character, Roscoe Conway, the fixer and bagman who wants to quit politics after 26 years of carrying out the machine's chicanery. *The New Yorker* praised the novel – set in Albany on V-J Day 1945 – as "thick with crime, passion and backroom banter." *Roscoe* was published in 2002 and reached the *New York Times* bestseller list.

Last June, Mack announced a two-year development deal with Kennedy to render the fictional portrait of the O'Connell-Corning machine into a new American opera. "The novel had been sitting on my desk for a while. I read it a few months ago, and it hit me in the gut that this is an opera," said Mack, an Albany-based award-winning opera composer and professor of music theory and piano at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs.

"Roscoe" will be Mack's third full-length opera and his second collaboration with librettist Joshua McGuire. Mack's operas have been performed around the country. He figured it will take about one year to create the opera.



Suzanne Lance

Kennedy, founder and executive director of the New York State Writers Institute, said Mack approached him. He listened to the composer's work and liked it.

It is the first time that the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, who has sold movie and stage options for his novels, inked a deal for an operatic rendering of his work.

"The world of opera is a new musical incursion for me," said Kennedy, who is known for singing popular tunes at parties, sometimes while playing ukulele, and for performing in a barbershop quartet.

Kennedy reads at Skidmore each summer as part of the Writers Institute. At 85, he is rewriting two plays and "fiddling around with a new novel."



Something to CHEER ABOUT!

The UAlbany family is cheering the completion of the University's long-awaited multi-sport complex.

Ground was broken April 17, 2012, for the complex, which features seating for a total of 8,500 spectators, as well as chairback seats and luxury suites. The total construction cost of \$23 million includes \$3.5 million for the new track facility.

Great Danes football and men's and women's soccer will be played at the complex.

To view a webcam video of the construction process, link to <http://tinyurl.com/n5ngl5b>.



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Vice President for Athletic Administration and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy, left, and Deputy Athletics Director Rick Coe, right, check out the press area.



Mark Schmidt



Mark Schmidt

Student-athletes attend the April 2012 groundbreaking ceremony.



Colleen Piccolino

Coach Bob Ford, who has announced he will retire after the end of the current season, poses in front of the field named for him.

Colleen Piccolino



A state-of-the-art video screen is mounted atop the scoreboard. The two dotted screens on either side are also video screens; the four white rectangles are advertising boards.



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Great Danes football players will enter Bob Ford Field along this ramp.

Ask Geoff

By Geoff Williams, University Archivist

HOME SWEET HOME

PART 2

By the early 1960s, noted Architect Edward Durrell Stone was designing and building the first of the University at Albany's uptown campus dormitory complexes. Dutch Quadrangle was partially occupied in Fall 1964, two years before courses were held on the new campus.

In many ways, the uptown campus dorms were similar to those on Alumni Quadrangle. All had communal spaces where students could congregate, but rooms were now gathered around central suites. Each suite had an individual washroom, rather than shared bathrooms down the hall. (The Indian Quad low-rises, the exceptions, are now being remodeled to include *en suite* bathrooms.) Gone, however, were such amenities as the beautiful molding that characterized Alumni Quad, as the pressure to build on a massive scale as quickly and inexpensively as possible meant the elimination of molding and woodwork. The Stone dormitories would be the last residences to have dining halls. By 1972, the last of the uptown campus residence hall complexes, Indian Quad, was completed.

No new construction of residence halls or academic buildings would take place on the campus until the late 1980s. While there were many reasons for the halt in construction – including the '70s decline in student enrollment

and periodic New York State fiscal problems – one major reason was repaying the bonded debt that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller had accumulated while expanding every campus in the SUNY System simultaneously. In the mid-1960s, University President Evan Collins required every fraternity and sorority to sell, or give up the lease on, its house and relocate residents to the uptown campus dormitories. Fully occupied dorm rooms paid off the quadrangles' construction.

The Greeks' move to campus would have long-term consequences, though. The anti-establishment atmosphere of the time made it difficult for the Greeks to fill

dormitories, and most of the groups disbanded. A grouper law imposed in the mid-'70s prevented fraternities and sororities from having houses in Albany, and the era of small-group housing owned or rented by the organizations and the school was over.

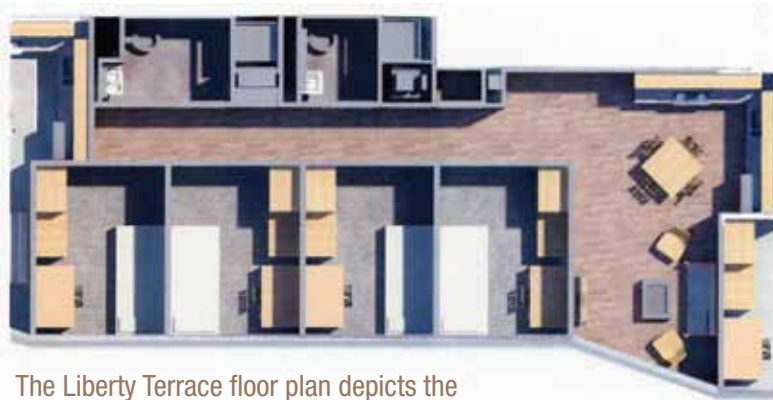
The housing situation retained the status quo until 1988, when Freedom Quadrangle opened across Fuller Road. Projected to cost \$6.8 million, Freedom Quad represented a distinct departure from all former housing at the school. Driven by demand for more amenities in student housing, the project represented the first campus residences based on an apartment model. Each unit had a fully equipped kitchen. Arranged in four clusters of buildings, Freedom Quad provided accommodations for 410 graduate and upper-division undergraduate students.

An even more ambitious project, the apartment-style Empire Commons, opened in 2004. The complex, consisting of 26 buildings on 25 acres on the western side of the campus, houses 1,200 graduate and upper-level undergraduate students. Each building designated for undergraduates has 12 four-bedroom, two-bath apartments.



Members of Gamma Kappa Phi gathered at Herkimer Hall for this photo published in the 1968 *Torch*.

Housing options have expanded on and near the uptown campus over the past 25 years, as evidenced by the aerial photo, below, of Freedom Quad; the Empire Commons picture, right; and the interior and exterior shots of Liberty Terrace, below, right.



The Liberty Terrace floor plan depicts the apartment-style layout of the complex.



Graduate accommodations include four bedrooms and four baths per unit. All Empire Commons apartments include kitchens, living rooms, and washers and dryers. A commons building houses exercise and mail facilities, vending rooms, staff offices and meeting areas. All rooms provide high-speed Internet access – an amenity since retrofitted into older residence halls at considerable expense. The \$59 million cost of Empire Commons’ construction was funded through tax-exempt municipal bonds.

UAlbany’s newest student housing, Liberty Terrace, built at a cost of

\$66.2 million, continues the trend of apartment-style living. The 500-bed complex, which opened in Fall 2012 on the east side of the campus, overlooks the pond behind Indian Quad. A typical apartment layout features four single bedrooms and two baths. Liberty Terrace has a number of commons areas. Like Empire Commons, it includes weight rooms, which are being retrofitted into all uptown housing. UAlbany’s Student Housing Corporation manages the complex.

Although much smaller than Empire Commons, Liberty Terrace affords

“swing space” to house students while older uptown-campus dormitories – the oldest opened nearly 50 years ago – can be gutted and remodeled. The complex also boasts another distinction: It’s environmentally sustainable. Equipped with a geothermal heat-pump system, Liberty Terrace is expected to reduce energy and water usage by 50 and 45 percent, respectively.

the Carillon

Alumni News & Notes



41 In November 2012, at the ages of 94 and 96, respectively, **Vincent Gillen** and his wife, Margaret, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. Vince reports that he tried to get to the reunion, but was not able to make it. He called **Charlie Quinn, Shirley Tooker, Buzz Miller, Josie Autilio, Janet Risacler** and **Harvey Klaus** and found them all to be in reasonably good health, but they were also unable to attend the reunion. If you have a news item please contact Vince, who now lives in New Bern, N.C., at (252) 638-1048. **Norman Baldwin's** wife, **Louise Owire '43**, passed away in 2003. He has since moved into a retirement home in San Francisco, Calif. Norman, now 93, is still the secretary for the Stanford School of Business' Class of 1947. **Miriam Newell Biskin** is the author of many books and remains active.

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

47 College of the Atlantic commemorated its third president, **Dr. Louis Rabineau**, by dedicating The Lou Rabineau Educational Studies Center April 5. An avid educator who had previously served as chancellor of the Connecticut Commission for Higher Education, Lou served as president of COA from 1984 to 1993. Lou's intellectual curiosity, humor, openness and astute ability to engage experts in a wide variety of fields have been credited with saving the college while it was in a state of turmoil.



48 *A note from your class counselor:* **Donald Sayles** has summed up the feelings of the Class of 1948 by wondering what kind of news people of our vintage might have that's worth being published in *The Carillon*. Since most of the men had started college in the early 1940s, then served in World War II, they are now approaching some 90 years of age. However, Don reports that he can still walk, see, hear, drive, sail, swim, read and do yardwork. There are limitations about work, though. In army training, the march lasted 50 minutes, followed by a 10-minute break. Now any energy demanding work calls for 10 minutes' work and 50 minutes' rest. He says that he does value the magazine and mentions his happiness about the new football stadium, which will be opening this fall. **Helen Kiesel Schick** traveled for four days from Long Island to Potsdam for her grandson's graduation from

Clarkson University in May. Helen was able to spend Mother's Day with family before returning to Bay Shore Atria in New York. Another one of her grandsons graduated from UMASS Amherst – now all five of her "varsity" are out of college, leaving the "junior varsity" five to follow in the years to come. Helen did her "Queen Elizabeth" wave from a convertible in West Islip's Memorial Day parade and participated in the after-parade festivities. Her work with historical societies, Atria programs and planning for the 36th County Fair keeps her busy. **Sam Dickieson** reports from Seneca Falls, N.Y., that all is well with him and his wife, **Dorothy '47**. They are looking forward to their 66th wedding anniversary. **Edna Wylie** is continuing her work at her retirement community. Both of her grandchildren are college students. **Jane O'Brien** is well and enjoys seeing her five children and 11 grandchildren. **Isabel Cooper Baker's** grandson from Glens Falls, N.Y., earned first place in a recent pentathlon, and will enter Syracuse University in the fall. He plays lead trombone in the All State Youth Orchestra. Isabel and **Robertson Baker '49** have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. **Ruth Doran** from Baldwinsville, N.Y., is holding her own but not traveling. **Eileen Abrams Pettersen** and **Wanda Tomasik Methe** live in the Cohoes area, are doing well and see each other often.

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

49 *A note from your class counselor:* I am sad to report that some of our classmates have passed away recently. They are: **Annette Gardiner DeLyser** (6/15/13), **Horty Zeilengold Schmierer** (6/15/13), **Joe Amyot** (1/4/13), **Jeanne Valochovic Carpenter** (1/24/13), **Joe Carosella** (9/7/12), **Elsie Landau Finkelstein** (1/21/13), **George Frank** (2/12/13), and **Larry Appleby** (5/31/13). **Bonnie Lewis Adkins** notes that her granddaughter, Dee Hertzberg, has moved from Paraguay to Madagascar, where she is serving as country director of Mission for the Peace Corps. Bonnie and Lee have finally finished remodeling their living quarters in Middlebury, Vt. They have a new living area with a bedroom alcove. Now, classmates traveling through the Vermont/New England area have a place to stay free of charge. Bonnie states, "We are looking forward to our 65th reunion in 2014 and seeing all of our classmates." **Doris Hoeninger Andersen** writes from Grand Rapids, Mich., that her husband, Dan, a V-12 graduate of Union College, celebrated his 88th birthday May 30. She keeps in touch weekly with **Ruth Leiger Fishburn**, who lives in Good Samaritan Village in Kissimmee, Fla. **Lena Sorcinella**

Capuano sounded so happy when she wrote about the birth of her great-grandson, Brady, born April 9, 2013. Brady's father, Marine Staff Sgt. Wesley, is stationed in Japan and Okinawa, but made it home three days before the birth. Lena states: "Spring is unbelievably beautiful here in Altamont. It's great to be alive and see the beauty all around us." Doesn't she sound happy?!! **Elsa Moberg Cox** writes that she is so busy in southern California that she does not even think of traveling elsewhere. She did travel to Arizona for a week to visit her son and grandson. Elsa is very involved in church activities, serving as a circle leader for a women's group and as deacon, and administering communion to shut-ins. She may make plans to attend our 65th reunion and again bring her daughter Kristen. **Don Dickinson** continues to be involved in his church library in Tucson, Ariz., and

also attends regular meetings of two book clubs (a true librarian!). In May, he attended the high-school graduation of a granddaughter. **Richard Foster** reports from Sarasota that he has little to complain about. He still plays for Vesper services and enjoys singing with the Harmonaires, playing bridge two or three times a week, and attending theater often. It was great to receive a letter from **Mary Jane Peris Fredericks**, who was the editor of our yearbook, *The Pedagogue*. She and her late husband, Charlie, made many moves around the United States, including California and Delaware, before settling in Gloversville, N.Y., near their Johnstown roots. Charlie passed away far too young in 1982, but Mary Jane states that she was fortunate to be left with four terrific daughters. Her family now includes seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She retired from

teaching French at Gloversville High School in 1988. Being involved in church activities, the local library and playing bridge regularly keep her active and out of trouble. It was great to receive a nice, long letter from **Janet Lewis Hanson**. She graduated from Fort Edward High School with **Marea Battershall Reid-Roberts**, **Bob Nichols** and **Ursula Neuhaus Schiff**, all of whom attended NYSCT. At Albany, Janet lived with nine other girls on Western Avenue, in a house connected to Pierce Hall and called "New House." The girls have remained close all these years, although some have passed away. Janet served as a librarian in the Hudson Falls, N.Y., Central School for 30 years and retired more than 20 years ago. She keeps active as a guide and archivist of photographic materials for the Fort Edward Historical Association; Janet also belongs to AAUW and a local

garden club. With two grandsons, three great-grandsons and the rest of their family, Janet and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July. **Audrey Schmay Jones** reports that her husband, Art, 92, is in poor health but great spirits. He is receiving skilled nursing care in the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington. Audrey has a room in the "Dorm" and comes and goes as she pleases. Congratulations to Audrey and Art on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary in May. Audrey keeps in touch with **Betty Uline Engineri**, **Helen Califano Belanger** and **Glenyce Jones Trainor**. **Bob Kaiser** proudly reports his grandson Alex graduated from St. Michael's in Winooski, Vt., in May, and his grandson Zachary graduated from MIT with a degree in graphic arts. **Bob Kittredge** and wife Diana are on the go, as usual. In January, they spent a



Did you hear WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

With this fall comes a new stadium, new fountains and a new School of Business building. This is an exciting time for UAlbany as we will have access to the types of facilities worthy of UAlbany's stature.

What does this mean for alumni?

As your university grows, so does its reputation as a leading public research university. Our development is symbolic of the growing prestige of UAlbany and in turn the value of your diploma. It also allows us to build school pride for future alumni (some people call them students) as they will watch their first Colonial Athletic Association football game being played on the brand new Bob Ford Field here on campus. A previous

stroll by the fountains will now be a stroll through (yes, through) the fountains with exciting new multi-color LED lighting. The business building will host collaborative programming with business leaders from every industry.

You've got to see this!

I invite you to join us as we embark on this next era of the UAlbany journey. **Homecoming Weekend (October 18-20)** will provide the perfect opportunity to experience this new excitement. On Friday night, you are welcome to a wine-tasting reception and tour of the new business building.

Saturday's tour of the campus will show you what's new and remind you of what was. I guarantee you will be in awe of what goes on in these facilities every day, from providing

access to a great education at an unbelievable value to the cutting-edge research that is creating new knowledge for the future.

Of course, our tailgate party prior to the big game on Saturday is always a can't miss. Only this year the live music, food and games will take place in the shadow of our new state of the art facility. Who knows, maybe your image will even end up on the new scoreboard?

Attend the game, tour the facilities, come home. Trust me, you will not be disappointed. Please visit www.albany.edu/homecoming13 for detailed information about Homecoming Weekend. And, as always, please contact me at lserravillo@albany.edu to find out how you can stay connected and collectively, we can make UAlbany stronger.

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Paul Dybas '12 joined other alumni for an accepted-student reception in Syracuse in March. He was one of 33 alumni who volunteered to share their experiences and enthusiasm for UAlbany at spring admissions receptions in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

week at the Palm Springs Film Festival, and in May they flew to Spokane, Wash., to attend the graduation of their granddaughter, Hannah, from Gonzaga University. Bob couldn't help bragging about her achievements: graduating *summa cum laude* and receiving both the president's four-year leadership medal and the Honor Society medal. In November, Bob and Diana will be on

a cruise through the Panama Canal. About once a month, they travel from Fresno to San Francisco to visit family and dine in their son's restaurant, the Tryptych. **Gloria Maistelman Herkowitz** and husband have their house in Albany on the market and plan to move to an independent retirement community. Gloria says in order to "keep moving or you lose it," she takes classes in Gentle Ballet, NIA,

which consists of martial arts, dancing and healing arts and an osteo class.

Freddy Laemmerzahl Miller traveled to Fountain Hill, Ariz., to attend her grandson's high-school graduation. Oklahoma had some terrible tornadoes and floods in May, but Freddy said she was lucky and missed the devastation. **Anne Sulich Raser**, who lives in Los Angeles, continues to participate in the Women's Health Initiative at UCLA as she has for the past 20 years. She is also part of the California Teachers Study run by USC. Both activities keep her hopping, keeping regular appointments and filling out lengthy questionnaires, but she feels her efforts are worthwhile because the research these studies publish adds to our general knowledge about health issues. **Jerry Reisner** and Estelle proudly report that two of their granddaughters have graduated from college. One is employed by the federal government and one is a CPA. Jerry states that he is finally retiring from substitute teaching and jokingly says that he is now dependent upon Estelle for extra income. Estelle continues to donate blood and to date has given 32½ gallons! Good going, Estelle! **Ursula Neuhaus Schiff** received a lengthy write-up in *The Piper*, the newspaper of the Glenridge Retired Community, where she lives. The article was a tribute to Ursula upon her retirement after serving for more than seven years as coordinator of ushers for the Glenridge state-of-the-art theater. From the article, it was obvious that Ursula's diligence and organizational skills were instrumental in developing a professional group of ushers. **Betsy and Jake Schuhle** report that four generations of Schuhles gathered in May to celebrate Betsy's 85th birthday. In mid-March, she traveled solo to North Carolina to celebrate the 90th birthday of a beloved cousin. **Jo Ann Joplin Stutz**, widowed since 1976, writes from Winter Park, Fla., that her three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren all keep her entertained and involved in all those "landmarks of evolving lifelines." Jo Ann says that having spent time with the U.S. Foreign Service in such "hot spots" as Iraq, Sudan, Morocco and Lebanon — before they were as "hot as they are now" — she thrives in the heat of Winter Park all year. **Millicent Robinson Tubbs** reports that her life has taken quite a turn. Instead of

has now taken up the responsibility of caring for her 96-year-old husband. One daughter has moved from California back to Trumansburg, N.Y., to be of assistance. Milli and her husband celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in April. In June **Joe and Joyce Zanchelli** had two occasions to celebrate: their 62nd wedding anniversary and the high-school graduation of their grandson Patrick, who lives in Mechanicsville, Va. He will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University starting this fall. By now, you should have received a survey letter from our reunion committee concerning our 65th reunion, which may be our last. It would be of tremendous help to our committee if you would return it to us. Please explore all possible means to attend. WE NEED YOU! It was great to receive news from so many "new" classmates for this edition; I am very grateful for your cooperation. KEEP IT UP!

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50 *A note from your class counselor: Elise DeSeve and Irwin Baumel* remained in touch after graduation. When both were widowed, they traveled together to South America. Thereafter, they passed the spring and fall in Elise's condo in Washington, D.C., and summer and winter in Irwin's home in Whittier, Calif., enjoying the best of both locations. They have taken several trips abroad: three weeks in northern Italy, where they visited **Sparky Vaughn** in Florence, and three weeks in northern Spain, plus a trip to visit some of Elise's family in Alaska. They also took a weeklong trip to London, followed by a week in Paris. Elise has been retired from teaching for 20 years. Irwin has been out of the line of fire for about the same period of time. Fortunately, the income from his real-estate properties is being managed by one of his daughters, making travel possible. Irwin and Elise have made three round trips by car between Washington, D.C., and California, visiting state capitals and friends. Another trip is planned for September, beginning in San Francisco, where Irwin will celebrate his 89th birthday watching the Giants beat the Dodgers (hopefully). Irwin reports, "We are in pretty good health for octogenarians and hope to squeeze out a few more good years."

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In April, **Ben and Gloria Jackson** attended the spring concert of the New Albany Symphony Orchestra in New Albany, Ohio. It was the first time they were able to combine a visit with Benita and her family and a concert since she became a member of this community orchestra. In an interesting coincidence, the conductor's father was the conductor of the Saratoga School for the Performing Arts when Benita spent the year there while in high school. **Lila Lee Harrington** wrote from Ames, Iowa, while visiting her daughter, Leslie, and family for two and a half weeks over Mother's Day. She attended her grandson Andy's high-school graduation and enjoyed family time together. In February, they were blessed to spend a glorious week in Sarasota, Fla. From Ames, Lila will fly back to her Saratoga Springs apartment at Prestwick Chase and resume work on the in-house newspaper, *The Chase*; review Belva Plain's *Heartwood* for Book Chat; check on the bluebird houses' and interview residents. She hopes to visit **Maggie Winne** in Oneonta this summer. Lila keeps in touch with **Jeanne Walsh** in Norwich and **Audrey Feathers** in Glens Falls. "Hello to all my '50 classmates. Life is good." **Marjory D. Lyons** continues an active life with a major focus on the theater. On May 4 and 5, she appeared in a short play, the comedy *Dead to Right* by Jon Frangipane, a member of the South Florida playwrights group active in the Fort Lauderdale area. "A wonderful cast party," Marjory wrote. In March, she attended a University at Albany Alumni Association event where she met the new president, Dr. Robert Jones. She brought the Class of 1950 *Pedagogue* Yearbook, which Dr. Jones found intriguing. She was the judge for the young-adult category of entries in the South Florida Annual Writing contest. It was the 15th year of the contest, which began when she was president. Some years ago, Marjory taught young-adult literature at Nova Southeastern University, where she currently works online with doctoral students. She will be in Washington in July and plans to see Sparky Vaughn and other friends in the area. **Earline "Ken" Sorensen** wrote that nothing much has changed — "which is probably a good thing" — since she last wrote. She still walks every day; does Tai Chi daily; does volunteer work; and, best of all, travels as much as

possible. Earline had a great trip last August to Scandinavian countries, with several days on the fiords of Norway ("Absolutely beautiful") and felt very much at home in Denmark, where her last name is among the most common. In May, her oldest grandson, Dylan, graduated from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University. **Harold "Sparky" Vaughn** served on the host committee for the University at Albany reception in Washington D.C., in honor of the new president, Dr. Robert Jones. He would like to continue playing tennis but has run out of partners, which he realizes is subject to various interpretations. Daughter Karen just returned from a month in Florence, Italy, where she and a few friends stayed in the Vaughn family apartment, as they did a year ago. Her architect daughter, Christine, came near the end. In June, Sparky will join much of the family in California to take part in the wedding of a grandson, Matthew Scaglione, son of daughter Connie.

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51 Howard Swartz, husband of **Goldie Brenner Swartz '51**, made a generous contribution to *The Goldie Brenner Swartz '51 and Howard Swartz Scholarship Fund* on Mother's Day, in memory of Goldie and in dedication to all mothers past, present and future. Goldie, who passed away June 1, 2010, was the mother of their two sons, Mark and Barry. Howard misses Goldie very much.

52 *A note from your class counselor:* **Jeanne Seymour Earle** has some happy news. Her son Chuck was married in September 2012 to a "very wonderful young woman" and is now involved in settling into a new apartment. Best wishes, Chuck. Although Jeanne is no longer subbing, she is still working three days a week at the Putnam Valley Library, overseeing her large property and taking care of her health. **Vickie Eadie Eddy** brings us up to date on her oldest daughter, Pamela, who was named a full professor in the higher education department at William and Mary College. She also received the Senior Scholar Award from the Council for the Study of Community Colleges. She and husband David have three children; two have graduated from

college, and one is a junior at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia. Vickie is grateful that her five children are healthy and remain involved with their children and with her, whether she is at her winter home in Yuma, Ariz., or in her summer home in Olean, N.Y. "I am very blessed," she writes. **Evie Erdle Eisenhard** states that she and her husband now live in Ashburn, Va., just west of Washington, D.C., in Ashby Ponds. She says there are lots of interesting things to do there, which keeps them busy. Cheryl, one of their daughters, lives close by and works at the United States Geological Survey in Reston, Va. She ends her email with, "so many interesting things to do daily ... we are always busy." **Tom Holman** reports that he's still avoiding Long Island winters by spending them in Naples, Fla., and St. Maarten. He was in New York City in March to help entertain his nephew and his nephew's daughter, who came from Japan for her first visit to the United States: "Good to see the Big Apple through the eyes of a 15-year-old." On May 18, **Kitty Kloser Irons** welcomed Megan, her oldest granddaughter, home from South Africa, where she had spent the second semester of her junior year. Her younger sister Erin has joined her at St. Michael's, having

transferred from the University of Vermont. Kitty also reports that her mini-quilt group just finished a Quilt of Valor and is sending it off to Afghanistan. Each wounded soldier receives a quilt when he or she is taken to the hospital. It is theirs to keep and was made by a quilter in the United States. **Jane Minckler Jennings** writes that, this spring, she, her daughter and son-in-law visited her niece in her beautiful, huge house on the outskirts of Tucson, Ariz. Jane said they saw many interesting sights and had beautiful weather. She also reported that **Mimi Gorski Blake's** husband fell, which necessitated a partial hip replacement, followed by rehab. **Anna Morrissey Karpiak** had a lovely four-day trip to the Catskills with the members of her St. Pius X Senior Club. She said, "It is so much better to travel with people you know and like (as well as those with whom you have so much in common) rather than alone." True, Anna. **Dave Manly** alluded to some maladies and medicines but says retirement living at Hilton Head is still wonderful. He continues to fill the pulpit at nearby churches while up north, more often preaching than officiating at weddings or funerals. "Life is good with caring wife Jean in our 48th year of marriage." **Maureen Davis Mullin**



President Robert J. Jones and Nishtha Modi '12 chat during the fifth annual Celebration of Vital Volunteers April 20. Modi, Samantha Hiza '13 and Jennifer Pollard '13 shared their compelling volunteer experiences with more than 125 volunteers.



Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy honored seven distinguished individuals for their outstanding contributions in the areas of political science, public administration, leadership and continuing professional development at its annual Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17. Left to right: Dean David Rousseau; The Honorable Bonnie Jenkins, M.P.A. '88; The Honorable John McHugh, M.P.A. '77, The Honorable Addie Russell B.A. '00; Brian Fessler B.A. '06, M.P.A. '07; Peter Brusoe, B.A. '03, M.A. '04; Edward Murphy, M.P.A. '81; George P. Richardson; Assistant Dean R. Karl Rethemeyer; and Department of Political Science Chair Julie Novkov.

expresses regrets that she missed our 60th reunion, but she had accepted a job teaching French at Santa Ynez High School. Two of her sons live there, one of whom also teaches at the high school; the other is a professor at UC Santa Barbara. With her in the high school were her grandchildren Abigail in 9th grade; Alice in 12th grade; and Maureen and her son in the classroom: "We were running the show." She had an interesting conversation with Joan Baez this year. Ms. Baez and her sister, Mimi, were in Maureen's class when she taught in

Belmont, Mass., so they relived old times. She adds that SUNY Albany is getting well known on the West Coast and that the four years she spent at Albany were four of the best years of her life. **Joan Bennett Kelly** spent two weeks with "the kids" because her daughter turned 50 and her granddaughter turned 21 — milestones both. She attended a track meet in Binghamton and two lacrosse games in two different states. Those Kellys sure do get around. Joan's oldest granddaughter has the lead in an off-Broadway play, *Blood Brothers*; it

got a good review in *The New York Times*. Let's hope we soon see it on Broadway. Congratulations to **Joe Persico** on the publication of his 12th book, *Roosevelt's Centurions and the Commanders He Led to Victory in World War II*. The book, which deals with FDR's relationships with his military commanders, has already garnered favorable reviews. The 650-page volume includes 70 pages of bibliography and source notes and took Joe four years to write. **Nancy Frey Pettinelli** sent her usual "tongue-in-cheek" humorous response. She starts her email, "Well, this just in ... I have just won the lottery for the sixth time this year ... I'm pretty much set for life now ..." She surely has fun with her "news." **Shirley Feinstein Rosenbaum** sounds very involved. She's an active member of the League of Women Voters (LWV) and a board member of both the Virginia state and local leagues. This year, she was trained as a coach for the Membership Development Learning Program for LWV. She also continues to perform in the Morgantown Community Orchestra. Good to hear from **Kathleen Cody Sengle**, who celebrated two granddaughters' college graduations: one in nursing from Pittsburgh, and the other in industrial design from Pratt. She hopes to attend her 65th high school reunion in Cazenovia in July, then spend a week in Maine in August. Kathleen also hopes to get together with classmate **Barbara Anderson Hadden** sometime this summer. **Jean Faville Smith** celebrated her daughter's wedding on Valentine's Day

in Hilo, Hawaii. It was held in a pagoda with all the Hawaiian traditions. Sounds beautiful. Jean and Smitty are planning a 22-day cruise later this year from Rome to Athens, Cairo, and home from Istanbul, with more stops in between. They will celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary this year. Jean also states, "Our reunion last year was wonderful, and we wish more of you would attend." **Marilyn Johnson VanDyke**, class president, and **Joan Roeder Barron**, class councilor, attended UAlbany's Department of English 2013 Recognition Ceremony during graduation weekend. They presented the *Class of '52 Scholarship* to English major Samuel Joseph Gorenstein. They met Samuel's parents and brother after the ceremony and learned the Gorensteins are from Guilderland. Samuel is planning to study improvisational performance in New York City. Marilyn proudly announces that her grandson, Alexander Aust, completed his first year as director of Brubacher Hall, which is now leased to The College of Saint Rose and houses first-year students from CSR. Alex has a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oneonta and a master's in student living from Saint Rose. A nice, long email from **Bill Wiley** tells us that he retired as president of his Townhomes Association coincident with him and his wife moving to a great Hilton Head senior community that provides all kinds of trips, activities and diversions. Their "kids" are spread up the East Coast: two in Florida with two granddaughters (one working for Best Buy and the other a very talented middle schooler); and one in Marietta, Ga., with two grandkids, a boy who is Bill's namesake, a great Cub Scout and superior lacrosse and soccer player, and a girl who is a joy and a good soccer player. She's also a flautist and sings like a bird! A daughter in Indianapolis has two daughters. One, an electrical engineer working with an aerospace company in Dayton, is taking a leave to attend the University of Arizona to get her master's; the other is an anthropologist from Grinnell College. Bill's oldest daughter, who has her doctorate in art history, has worked most of her career as a development consultant for universities, hospitals and other entities. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** and husband Joe had two reasons to celebrate: Their grandson

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Patrick, who lives outside Richmond, Va., graduated from high school and will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University in the fall, and they celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Joyce and Joe continue to enjoy life in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where there are a number of activities to keep them busy.

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53 **A note from your class counselor:** It has been 60 years since the Class of 1953 graduated from what was then New York State College for Teachers. What good times we had getting to know one another in Frosh Camp, participating in rivalry, being awed by the faculty, and doing our student teaching. Students today have trouble believing that women students of our time had curfew – and that, consequently, the men had a curfew, as well. So many of the upper-classmen were WWII veterans; how we admired them. A great number of us were first-generation Americans and were fulfilling our parents' dreams of seeing their children succeed through education. There we were on the old campus, where you could move from one building to the next via the elegant peristyles. As freshmen, we had to wear our red beanies, and we gave homage to Minerva in the rotunda of Draper Hall. We were required to answer questions from our handbooks when stopped by upperclassmen – especially the dreaded Sophomore Yellowjackets. Proudly, we performed in our Big-4 productions and cheered for our Red Devil teams. Was there ever a better life? Because our class was relatively small when compared to today's classes, we knew one another and greeted our classmates when encountering them. We got our mail in The Commons and met there for noontime dancing. If we had extra funds, we could eat at "The Boul" – or, even better, go to Joe's Delicatessen for indescribably wonderful sandwiches. The years went swiftly by and, with great surprise, we were graduating. One never expected the sadness as we watched our class officers walk off into the dark with our banner on their backs as Torch Night came to an end. We were expected to grow up now ... to put into practice what we had learned. We were well prepared for the world after State; no better education could be found. Some

of us went on to earn more degrees; some went to teach in secondary schools; others found jobs where they could use their talents; and others went into the military. Since that sunshiny day of our graduation, some no longer are with us. Reading the list of those who have passed on, one is reminded that we are no longer those young graduates who had the world before them. Our class of close to 300 has lost 96 – almost 35 percent. Let us remember them with those lovely words from "Follow the Glean," the Torch Night Song: "When the sun sets on college days, resplendent with love you've won; when you leave all the friendly ways to those who will after come. We will follow, follow the gleam, torches alight, all through the night; we will follow, follow the gleam, of the Great Fires of S.C.T." **Millie Foote Frandino Sheerin** was the first to respond to our call for news from the class. She's still full of that pep she exhibited as a student and walking three miles a day! She reported that she, **Ruth Dunn Reed** and **Joan Allen Balfe** enjoyed a mini-reunion at Ruth's home in Rome, N.Y., last year. "We still try to meet at least every year or two at one or another's homes." Millie recently directed the Neil Simon play "Lost in Yonkers" for a local community theatre in Orleans on Cape Cod. She manages to stay involved in either acting or directing as often as she can. She proudly told us that she is blessed with 18 grandchildren and has her first "great" on the way! Can't help but wonder if Millie wins the prize for having the most grandchildren! **Rosie Keller Hughes** and **Bob Hughes** are quite proud of their son, who won an Emmy in April as producer for a documentary, *Signs of the Time*, about the signs used in baseball. This is the first year that the Hugheses haven't gone on a major trip, but they hope to get back in the swing next year. They've traveled to 61 countries; they set a goal to visit 100, but time has marched on and is running out. During some of their foreign travel, they have researched their genealogical roots. Rosie has 13,971 relatives on her family tree, thus far. Both Bob and Rosie agree that the Internet has been the greatest tool in their quest. **Hank Koszewski** stopped in Rochester on his way to Toronto a year or two ago and regaled Bob and Rosie with his life in Hawaii. Hank should be getting a stipend for promoting our beautiful 50th state!

Linda Hopkins McGrath tells us that all is well in Naples, Fla. Fortunately, she enjoys good health. She plays a lot of golf and bridge, and works with the boards of her homeowners association and country club. Linda has two young grandsons, ages 2 and 5, and family visits are high on her list of activities. She sends warm greetings to her former classmates and has high hopes that a 60th reunion becomes a viable undertaking. **Irene Brezinski McDonald's** travel with husband Dan has become limited because of Dan's glaucoma-induced blindness, but they still keep busy at the nearby University of South Alabama, enjoying the music programs and the great recreation center there. Irene and Dan still live at the same address in Mobile, Ala. Despite their attempts to bribe their children with room and board and other benefits to live in Mobile, the children continue to live in Phoenix, Austin, and St. Croix. Irene writes a column for their diocesan publication *Catholic Week*, a kind of non-denominational affair called "Reading and Renewal." Irene went on to say that the McDonalds love company and would enjoy seeing any alums who venture to this lovely area; as an enticement, she added that there are beaches nearby. Unless we hear differently, we have to list **Betty Coykendall-Hart** as the Class of

'53's secondary teacher with the greatest longevity! When questioned whether or not she is still teaching, her reply was: "Yes, I am still in the saddle and loving it, but many changes are on the horizon all around, including teaching and medicine. Probably this will be my last year. The poor district has put up with me for 50 years." It's this reporter's opinion that the Webster, N.Y., educational system has indeed been lucky to have Betty there for that length of time! Betty, you amaze us! **Janet Norton DeFabio** tried changing her address but went back to her beloved Florida. "In January of 2012, I sold my home and moved to North Carolina (near Charlotte and one of my three daughters!). I stayed until June 1, 2012, when I moved back to Florida!! Mayflower Moving loves me and I love Florida!!!" As with a lot of us, Janet's activities have been scaled down in the last few years. After eight years as a volunteer with the Make-A-Wish Foundation, she is now planning to begin participating in the volunteer program at Golisano Children's Hospital in Fort Myers. Janet is still ready to get back in the saddle! In March 2013, her family gathered for a second time in Myrtle Beach – and they have decided to come together annually. Janet went on to say, "I even went horseback riding with everyone

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(and I have the pictures to prove it!).” Doing physical or adventurous things seems to be a theme in our class of senior citizens. For his 80th birthday last year, **Bob Hughes** was given a flying lesson. It had always been his secret wish to learn how to fly. He loved the whole experience: a half-hour of instrument instruction, then an hour of soaring over the beautiful countryside of western New York, from Rochester to Canandaigua. Bob’s flying time included takeoff; he would have handled the landing, too, if the wind had not been so strong that day. Another item was checked on Bob’s bucket list: He is thinking of taking another lesson this year! **Marie Hoffman** earned a chuckle for her comment: “Please condense as you see fit. A keyboard encourages me to ‘talk’ too much.” No condensing was needed. Marie is very interested in

genealogy and has used the Internet in her quest. The Hoffman Labs email, her son’s website, is how we connected with Marie. She told us all about her son and his wife, something we all tend to do; talk about our kids; they live in New Hampshire. No grandchildren, but her son produced two computer books, “one adopted by some college as a textbook.” Her daughter-in-law, Kelly Kreiger Hoffman, worked in the computer lab at SUNY in the early 1980s. Now she works for Agilent Technologies. Marie retired at 55 in 1986 from Algonquin Middle School in Averill Park, N.Y. She was happy to report that she did not die several years back, as reported by the alumni magazine. **Paul Ward** straightened that out before Marie even knew her death had been incorrectly reported. It was another woman of the same name, and Paul

and Marie were both volunteering in the Education building, so he knew it wasn’t true. (Mark Twain would have enjoyed this situation, as he is quoted as having said, “The reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated.”) In the late ’90s, Marie ran for Poestenkill town justice and became the first woman judge in town. After that, she tried a seat on the town board for four years. At the end of that stint, Marie wanted more time to volunteer at the New York State Library, so she didn’t seek re-election. She was (and still is) active in Capital District Genealogical Society. Marie has bad knees, which got her out of the State Library, but she gets around pretty well and is still driving. Her health is good. She had some laser eye surgeries and the usual little things that all of us get. **Joyce Turner Ogden** loves her location: “I’ve been retired out here in Olympia, Wash., for about 17 years. I love not having to shovel snow (used the shovel just four times since arriving) and don’t mind the rain that comes and comes from about September 25 to July 5. So if anybody is traveling this way they can leave their umbrellas behind and enjoy our NON-humid version of summer after those dates.” Joyce went on to say that she has happily shared a house with her “never-married daughter,” and they’ve done a marvelous job of taking care of each other. Her daughter has had cancer since 2007, and the doctor is confounded every month when she walks into his office yet another time. According to Joyce, Olympia is a great place for gardeners. In April, she had about 17 different kinds of flowers in blossom; in May, there were about a dozen – plus the multiple rhododendrons. “The downside, of course, is that when the sun DOES shine, I’m out there wearing out my back and shoulders pulling weeds.” Your councilor wants to thank all those who contributed to the first of her class notes, but she is expecting an even greater response for the next alum magazine! The Class of ’53 was a great participatory group. Don’t let me down; live up to your great reputation! Help me do a good job keeping us connected! Stay well and enjoy each moment!

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54 Gerry Holzman has

started a blog about the quirkiness and unpredictability of life by relating some unusual, and oft-times humorous, moments in his 43 years of chiseling and gouging as a woodcarver. He updates the blog weekly on Mondays and



hopes that by telling

a few of his own stories, readers will come away with some useful ideas for surviving and even flourishing in this increasingly perplexing world. More information: <http://www.soundsofcarving.com>. **Dick Bailey** sends regards to all 54’ers from sunny northern California. This summer, he and his partner, Geri West, plan to visit the Boston; Geri’s son is a professor of astrophysics at Boston University. They will also be in the Finger Lakes area visiting some of Dick’s relatives.

Art Stone is still working steadily at his costume company, making costumes for dance studios all over the United States and many other parts of the world. He also is still putting out a magazine about dance teachers. Art currently is teaching at conventions in Chicago and Phoenix, but only ballroom dancing. At his age, he is thrilled to still be doing what he loves. **Ed Osterhout** and his wife, Carol, are still actively participating in Volunteers in Mission. They completed their 17th annual mission to Salem, Maine, to work on poverty housing this past July. Ed spent his 80th birthday moving his mother-in-law into a condo; he also helped move his daughter and son-in-law to New Mexico. Ed’s house was recently remodeled to make it accessible for their 42-year-old multiple sclerosis-afflicted son. **Barbara Vanderveer** retired from Finger Lakes Community College, where she held a really interesting part-time job as manager of the computer help desk. The retirement lasted over the winter. Now, Barbara works as a docent at Rose Hill Mansion, a restored Greek revival mansion owned by the Geneva Historical Society. She also has spent time working at The Center of Concern and the affiliated food pantry. In addition, Barbara made time to visit her daughter in Willsboro Bay, N.Y. **James Thompson** turned 80 last fall and had two parties in



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Arash Alaei, second from left, and Kamiar Alaei, second from right, pose with UAlbany Alumni Association President Timothy Murphy '77, left, and University President Robert J. Jones, right, after receiving the Citizen of the University Award at the 2013 Excellence Awards Gala in April. The brothers were among 15 alumni and friends of the University honored at the annual event.



honor of the milestone. The first, mostly for family, was at his son's home in New Jersey; the other was in Latham, N.Y., for a limited number of friends. James sees **Bill Floyd** once a month for lunch, so he celebrated at the Latham party. James also got the chance to visit his son, a Navy captain in Washington, D.C.; his son and family in New Jersey; and his daughter and her family in Vermont this past year. He and his wife enjoyed their summer season at Tupper Lake, N.Y., with their travel trailer. **Gertrude Smith Daly** reports that she is 80 years old and is in pretty good health. She is still working with the Hudson River Shakespeare Company, where her daughter is the general manager, her son is the artistic director and Gertrude is the treasurer. The company is in its 15th year of operation. **John Centra** is still consulting with a former employer, Educational Testing Service. He also is conducting an evaluation study of online teaching and learning. He and Nancy spent their 12th year wintering in Charleston, S.C. **Bonnie Brousseau** had major back surgery in June, so she wasn't able to travel this past summer, but is hoping that this year will be better. **John Cooper** and his wife followed their visit to the Oregon Shakespeare festival with a trip to central Oregon this past June. In August, they headed to Alaska to visit Denali, also known as Mount McKinley. Aside from traveling, John has been delivering meals on wheels. Trying to keep alive intellectually, he has sent off a scholarly article on Milton for publication. John also enjoys spending time with his one granddaughter, who just turned five. **Bea** and **Jim Finnen** are doing well and staying involved in their community. Bea belongs to two book clubs and volunteers for the St.

Vincent de Paul Society and at the nearby St. Francis Retreat House; Jim also helps out at the retreat house. They have been residents of Easton, Pa., for more than 50 years, and Jim is entering his 49th year as the public-address announcer for Lafayette College athletics. They're also preparing for a grandson's wedding and a granddaughter's departure for Pennsylvania State. **Stu** and **Myra Macnofsky** went to San Diego. From there, they took a trip to California Berkeley for their grandson's graduation and attended their granddaughter's graduation from the University of California. They also stopped over in Santa Barbara and Paso Robles along the way. **Eileen Sloth** retired this past July after serving as a minister in the Methodist Church for 23 years. She is planning to move to Jacksonville, Fla., after she and her husband, Sven, purchase a

house there. **Phyl Weaver** spent four weeks in Laos and Vietnam this past May. **Anne Sichel** has moved from Michigan to a lovely retirement home, North Hill, in Needham, Mass. She has been playing duplicate bridge, and enjoyed the weather this past spring season. **Joseph Stella** has been keeping busy attending graduation ceremonies for his his granddaughter, from Drexel Medical School, and his grandson, from Johns Hopkins University. Joseph notes that he and his wife, Madeleine, are fine and strive to keep pace with their active family. They also enjoy the pleasures of retirement, mainly golf, bridge, cultural events, reading, and visiting family and friends. **Mimi Webb** enjoyed a family

reunion in Maine this past summer, with family members traveling in from New Mexico, New Hampshire, Florida, California and Europe. **Bradford** and **Ingeborg Miller** celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary May 14 during a trip to South Carolina. They were able to visit the fantastic 9,000-acre Brookgreen Sculpture Gardens on Pawleys Island. The gardens contain more than 1,000 bronze and stone statues, all done by American artists. Bradford and his wife even spotted some alligators on their visit. **Arline Lacy** and **George Wood** report that they lead a pretty relaxed life with no bumps in the road. They hoped to spend time at their house at Babcock Lake in Petersburg, N.Y., this past



Members of the Class of 1954 met in May for their annual get-together.

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summer. **Frank Giannone** spent three months in Maui last winter, as he and his wife, Laura, usually do, enjoying the sun, sand and sea. Laura was recovering from back surgery, and the Hawaiian weather was just what she needed. They are now settled back in Rochester, N.Y., hard at work getting their gardens back into shape and maintaining their 118-year-old historic house. If you would like to see some scenes of their home, visit their website at www.berkeleymansion.com. If any of you are visiting in the Rochester area, please call Frank and Laura and they will share a bottle of wine and memories of things past.

Rose Mary Zongrone reports that because they had such a good time at the 25th reunion years ago, a group of classmates decided to meet for lunch on an annual basis. They have been meeting for 34 years as of this past August. This year, they met in May, when **Buz Neumetzger** was visiting from Florida. This year's group included **Dottie Potochnik**; **Mary Lou Ricci**; **Bernice Shooobe**; **Barb Osborne**; **Rose Mary Zongrone**; Buz and her daughter, Cheryl; and good friend Lucretia Zongrone. A note from **Cheryl Neumetzger**: "I would like to thank you for your card and birthday gift. It was nice to observe my

mom's college generation (two before me) reminisce about their days of education and pure fun. I admire that you do make the effort to get together every year."

Class notes counselor:
Bernice Gunsberg Shooobe,
bshooobe@pol.net

55 **A note from your class counselor:** Dee Montalbano's book, *Crossing Seventy: Moments in Outrageous Aging*, has been published as an e-book and is currently available from Amazon.com, "cheaply," she says. And, as a by-the-way to her email, she added that, after two years, her request for citizenship has been granted by the Italian government. In 2012, **Dee** and **Nancy Bush** had a reunion at Nancy's oceanside North Carolina home — an affectionate and laugh-filled visit, they agreed. **Joan Rogers** writes that her husband, Ray Peterson, died in 2012. Joan's home is Cape Vincent, N.Y., and she spends her winters in Florida. **Dottie** and **Custer Quick** are delighted with another grandchild, born in 2012. In June, **Ada** and **Mel Gollub** took a Baltic Sea cruise. **Wilma Thorton** was delighted by the same cruise in May. In June, Wilma attended her

granddaughter's wedding in Colorado. **Jan Garvin Gillespie** is pleased with her new home in Hilton Head Island, S.C. In addition to pursuing her interest in genealogy, she enjoys the company of her daughter's family, who live nearby. The 2013 recipient of the *Class of 1955 Award*, Josiah Boehike, wrote to express his gratitude for our generosity as he pursues a master's degree in the University's curriculum development and instructional technology program. As a student teacher, he won praise from his supervisor for his creative teaching methods. Take a moment to pencil in 2015 for our class' 60th anniversary. Details later.

Class counselor: John Orser,
xiety3jo@hotmail.com

56 **Margie Kelleher Shea** writes that she and George (Jerry) continue to enjoy cultural and political life in New York City.

Class notes counselor: Vivian Benenati,
TomVivian@aol.com

59 **A note from your class counselor:** Our Facebook page, formerly "Green Gremlins of Albany State," is now titled Class of 1959, SUNY Albany. The page can be found here: <http://on.fb.me/147pSLI>. **Herb Piper** and I are the only two there, so far. Log on and send us a greeting, responses, "likes" or pictures. For the next "Alumni News" for Class of 1959, please send information to alumniassociation@albany.edu or to Alumni Association, University at Albany, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222. **Jane Bruskawicz Stephan** is a medical technologist and has been a member of the New York State Society of Medical Technologists for more than 30 years. She has been employed full and now part time for 45 years and is also blood-bank technologist certified through the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Her grandson, Derek Treonze, also will be a graduate of UAlbany, and she couldn't be any happier.

Class counselor: Miriam Russell,
msrussell38@gmail.com

60 **John and Nancy Lou Ryan Gnan** enjoyed a pleasant 21-day transatlantic cruise in May, stopping in Gibraltar; France; and Italy, where they visited Florence, Pisa and Rome. They were treated to a royal tour

of Barcelona by Lotta, a Swedish exchange student who was in Nancy's high-school Spanish class when she used to teach. In February, Nancy and John spent a day with **Charlie** and **Doris Hische Brossy** at Disney World in Orlando for a long-overdue mini-reunion.

61 **A note from your class counselor:** Thanks, everyone, for keeping in touch and sending in your class notes. It is always good to hear from you. If you are not receiving my emails, please send me your current email address (melandsis@yahoo.com). Sissy and I have been enjoying our four granddaughters, a winter month in Florida, vacations in Ireland and Las Vegas, and keeping active in the yard and in my organizations (Rotary, US-China Friends and Character Education). **Minerva Janet Woodward Beardsley** has lost 55 pounds over the past year. **Dr. Peter A. Spina** was named president emeritus of the State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome May 6, 2013. He served as president there from 2003-2008. This is his second such honor; he was named president emeritus of Monroe Community College in Rochester in 1999. **Judith Bacon Bleezarde** spent a lot of time on the beautiful Taconic Golf Course in Williamstown, Mass., this past spring. She also enjoyed summer theater and Tanglewood and notes that the Berkshires in the summer are glorious. Judith invites anyone to come visit!

Irv Freedman retired 16 years ago from SUNY-Administration, where he was vice chancellor for Capital Facilities and general manager of the State University System Construction Fund. Jackie, Irv's wife, who graduated after us but knew most everyone in our class, also retired just before Irv as executive director of the Large City Boards of Education. Since then, they have strived to be model grandparents to six wonderful kids (three from China), and they spend lots of time at their house on Brant Lake. Irv and Jackie hope to hear about others in their classes. **Janet Beardsley** had a great winter in Florida and learned how to play mah jong. Next winter, she is going to learn how to play pickleball; it is all the rage in Florida. Her grandson is now 13, and her granddaughter is 11. They are the delights of her life. Janet expects to do the Great Escape with them this

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 23-28 – Celebrate & Advance UAlbany
- 24 – An Evening with Broadway's Carolee Carmello '83

October

- 11-13 – EOP Reunion
- 18-20 – Homecoming and Reunion and Family Weekend
- 18 – GOLD Reunion, Albany
- 18 – All-Alumni Wine Tasting at the School of Business
- 19 – Touchdown Tailgate
- 25 – Atlanta Alumni Reception with President Jones

November

- 8 – UAlbany vs. Siena Basketball Game and Pregame Party
- 11 – Culinary Institute of America Dinner and Tour

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New graduates played the Great Dane Toss, won prizes and learned about GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) at the Alumni Association's GOLD tent at the May Commencement Picnic.

coming summer. **Jan Goodermote Newport** and her husband are now completely retired. Due to health considerations, they sold their house in Poestenkill, N.Y., last fall. They had lived there for 48 years. They now own a townhouse near Hudson Valley Community College, which they love. Two of their three children live locally, so they are able to see them frequently. Their youngest son and his family, including the two youngest grandchildren, live in Charleston, S.C., so they travel now primarily to visit there. Jan and her husband have been privileged to have three grandsons; unfortunately, the first was killed at age 16 nine years ago by a drunken hit-and-run driver. Every year on his birthday, their family and friends ring the Salvation Army bells in his memory. After having majored in social studies at Albany, Jan received an up-close-and-live dose of government in action following Christopher's death. With great effort and time, the family succeeded in having a law passed that makes "leaving the scene" the same degree felony as is DWI in New York State. Their intent was to encourage drivers to stay with the victim and get help, as opposed to leaving the scene in order to "sober up." They also advocated strongly for widespread implementation of the ignition interlock device, knowing that its usage could be a significant factor in preventing DWI-related deaths. The only member of our class with whom she maintains close contact is **Dave Murphy**. Jan never knew Dave when they were fellow students, but they started their teaching careers together at Bethlehem Central. She does often think of others from that bygone era and would love to hear from people she knew then. **Elaine Frankonis** is living a relaxing life in western Massachusetts with her daughter and family, experimenting with suburban farming, continuing to blog sporadically, and learning math and science concepts she never knew as her 11-year-old grandson explores the excitement and innovations of home schooling. **Joan and Carl Herman** are well and enjoying retirement. They spend 10 weeks in Florida, where they play a lot of golf and spend time with good friends. Joan continues to be involved with two choruses: one, a community mixed chorus; the other, a Sweet Adeline chorus. Other than that, golf, quilting and Italian class keep her busy. She wishes the very best to everyone in the class of '61. **Nancy**

Rubin Bernstein is sorry she was not able to make the 50th reunion. She has such fond memories of her days as an undergraduate at Albany, but unfortunately, she has been out of touch with many of our classmates. She does see **Connie Herodes** and **Barbara Dolansky** every so often, as they all live in the Poughkeepsie area. Nancy and Sandy '58 celebrated their 50th anniversary. They have three daughters and five grandsons. They have been fortunate to enjoy retirement. **Donna Steele Parks** still lives in "God's Country" a.k.a. Watertown, N.Y., where they have snow but no tornadoes or floods! She has been married 52 years; Donna and her husband have five children and nine grandchildren whom they happily enjoy during their retirement. She still enjoys her horses (and also a very spoiled springer spaniel), and she has been reading John Sullivan's book. Donna had a great time reconnecting with old friends at the 50th reunion, and she wishes good luck and good health to you all. **Joan Valesente** and Bob sold their home and purchased a townhome a few blocks away on the marsh in Hilton Head, S.C. They enjoy beautiful sunsets from their deck, but not all the remodeling projects. Their children and grandchildren all live nearby, so they can visit often. Joan and Bob celebrated their 51st anniversary this past summer and note that life is good.

Class Councilor: Mel Horowitz, melandsis@yahoo.com

62 Hannah Schnitt-Rogers and husband Steve welcomed their first grandchild in February. **Robert Sweeney** relocated from Asheville to Flagler Beach, Fla., and would love to find classmates or an alumni chapter there. **Fran Shepherd** and husband spent a joyful time in Florida with her Albany roommate, **Linda Zucconi Dellea**. **Sheril Joan McCormack** spent three weeks in Belgium, Holland and Scotland in April. **Hannah Schnitt-Rogers, Carole Pixie Wilbourn, Linda Bosworth** and **Sheril McCormack** all met and stayed at the Algonquin Hotel in New York City; they did some serious theatre attending. **Alice Green** was an honoree at the 42nd annual Legislative Conference of the



Alice Green



New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, which was held in conjunction with the Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus' 32nd Annual Leadership Breakfast. Alice is the executive director of the Center for Law and Justice in Albany, N.Y. She also is an adjunct professor at UAlbany, and has taught at Russell Sage and Siena College over the years.

Class notes councilor: J. Sheril McCormack, vanillastar202@yahoo.com

65 Dave Simons retired from IBM Corp. in 2005 after 42 years of service. Most of that time was spent in

Raleigh, N.C., although two years were spent on assignment in Nice, France. He now stays busy with three nonprofit organizations. He is in his third year as secretary of the United States Power Squadrons® District 27 (mostly North Carolina). Dave volunteers two days a week at Saint Saviour's Center, a venue for several different services for low-income families and the elderly. He also is a founding member and the current administrative officer of Global H2O, a charity that provides clean water in poor countries. In November 2012, Dave and his wife, Carolyn, spent two weeks in Uganda, where the GH20 team saw the completion of seven new wells and



Great Dane Pregame

Oct. 19, 1-3:30 p.m.

Get into the UA spirit, and check out the new multi-sport complex before the Homecoming football game. Enjoy food, fun and entertainment. Free parking in the Dutch Quad lot. Registration required.

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the rehabilitation of five old ones. These wells will provide clean water for approximately 20,000 people. Carolyn officially retired Feb. 28 of this year. The next morning, they left for three weeks of skiing in Colorado. Now that she is retired, they are able to spend more time on their boat. They have four children and six grandchildren between them.

66 C.W. Sullivan has retired as distinguished professor of arts and sciences from East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., after 34 years. C.W. and his wife, Sheree Scarborough, now live in a log cabin near Floyd, Va., and he teaches in a summer graduate program in children's literature at Hollins University in Roanoke, Va.
Class counselor: Gary Spielmann, spielmann92@fairpoint.net

68 Diane Call has been appointed president of Queensborough Community College. She has been the interim president since July 2010. Prior to that, Diane was Queensborough's provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. She also has served as vice president

for Finance and Administration, assistant dean for Instructional Support Services, and in other posts in a career spanning three decades at the college and The City University of New York.

70 Your co-councilor, **John Michalke**, ended his rewarding 40-year career as an associate economist with the New York State Department of Labor in Albany this past October. He started with the department in October 1972 as an unemployment insurance reviewing examiner. After bouncing around different state departments, he returned to the labor department and was primarily involved in extensive reports and research projects relating to the state's unemployment insurance program. He plans to catch up on reading, long-neglected hobbies, doing volunteer work, and traveling to visit family and friends.

Class notes councilor: John Michalke, jnichalke@aol.com

72 Adewale Troutman is the American Public Health Association's (APHA) newly elected president. APHA "is the oldest, largest and most

diverse organization of public health professionals in the world" with more than 20,000 members.

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

73 Pryor Cashman partner **Kenneth Schulman** was honored by Ronald McDonald House New York as a recipient of its 2013 Hope Award for his distinguished leadership and dedication as a volunteer. The Hope Award, which represents optimism, faith, promise and positive expectation, is the most prestigious recognition the organization can bestow upon a volunteer.

75 **Paul Morton** has been elected a fellow in the College of Law Practice Management. He will be inducted at the college's annual Futures Conference in Chicago in October. Paul is the chief operating officer of Boston-based law firm Burns & Levinson LLP. **Harry Feiner** was the scenic and lighting designer for the production *The Silver Cord*, a



President Robert Jones (left) had an opportunity to speak with past UAlbany president Patrick Swygert at the Washington, D.C., alumni reception in April.

harrowing and hilarious melodrama from Pulitzer Prize- and Academy Award-winning author Sidney Howard.

76 **Nate Salant** has been appointed to the NCAA D2 National Championships Committee. Nate is in his 21st year as commissioner of the Gulf South Conference.

77 **John Gionis** was awarded the Legal Eagle award for Civil and Criminal Litigation by the Long Island *Pulse* magazine in April. John's practice encompasses commercial litigation; personal and catastrophic

Donna Ashcraft, M.A.'87, Ph.D.'88

Donna Ashcraft, professor of psychology at Clarion University and one of the "founding mothers" of the Women's Studies program there, recently published *Deconstructing Twilight: Psychological and Feminist Perspectives on the Series*. Using feminist and psychological theory, the author examines the behavior, relationships and gender roles depicted in the popular *Twilight* series, and includes perspectives from both fans and detractors of the series. The book discusses whether the character Bella, and the series in general, is antifeminist or an example of modern feminism, and whether the relationship between Bella and Edward is healthy or maladjusted. Integrating

research findings and theories in the areas of personality and social psychology, as well as scenes from the novels and surveys of readers, *Deconstructing Twilight* separates myth from reality regarding the series' depictions of women, men, romantic relationships and motherhood. A social learning perspective is employed to demonstrate the effect the novels can have on gender role formation and the development of relationship scripts in young-adult readers. Social psychological concepts are used to explain and integrate the discrepant views of fans and critics. Ashcraft also edited and wrote three chapters for *Women's Work: A Survey of Scholarship by and About Women*, an introductory



women's studies text. Her *Personality Theories Workbook* is currently in its 5th edition, and she is working on the 6th. Ashcraft, who received her bachelor's degree from Buffalo State College, has taught at Clarion since 1988. For more information about purchasing her books, visit www.peterlang.com, barnesandnoble.com or www.amazon.com.



injuries; real estate; trusts and estates; and criminal law, including white collar crime cases involving fraud. He has successfully tried to verdict cases in both state and federal courts in the New York metropolitan area. **John McHugh**, secretary of the Army, received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Rockefeller College Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17. **Allison Berg** is happy to announce the birth of her grandson, Trace Martin Petriccione, on Jan. 1, 2013. **Stuart Gelberg** was selected as a Top Long Island Legal Eagle for the third consecutive year by *Pulse* magazine. Recognized as a Top Attorney by *Newsweek* magazine and featured in its final print issue, Stuart was also selected as a Top Attorney by *New York* magazine in its December 2012 special double issue.

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Steve Basset recently formed the Steve Basset Band and has released an acoustic debut album, *So Beautiful*. He uses his love for the Grateful Dead, the Beatles and Willie Nelson to inspire his folk leanings. He has been a supporter of the Salt Lake City music scene since moving to Utah in 1994. You can listen to and see Steve perform at www.reverbnation.com/steveabassett and <http://steve-bassett.com>.



Steve Basset

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Johannes Froebel-Parker was part of a live online interview this past June at a new program/website for authors helping authors and future authors. More information: www.slushheap.com.

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Patricia Nugent has been featured in a new collection of true narratives, *I Wasn't Strong Like This When I Started Out: True Stories of Becoming a Nurse*. In this collection, nurses remember their first "sticks," first births and first deaths, reflecting on what gets



Patricia Nugent



Michael Levy

them through long, demanding shifts and keeps them in the profession. More information: <http://bit.ly/16wRyve>. **Michael Levy** was elected judge of the 15th Judicial Circuit by the Virginia General Assembly on April 3, 2013. He has served as a judge in the 15th District Court for the past four years and took his new seat on July 1, 2013. **Tom**

Burke was faced with a great surprise when two UAlbany Roof and Maintenance Division staff members, Scott Thomas and Brian Edwards, found his high-school ring, lost 36 years ago on Colonial Quad. They mailed the ring back to Tom immediately – and he was very impressed by their sincerity and the lengths they went to to return it.

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Joshua Bloom has been elected chair of the Executive Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco's (BASF) Environmental Law Section for 2013. Joshua's environmental and natural resources practice involves counseling, litigation and transactional work. The mission of BASF's Environmental Law Section is to serve and educate both attorneys and the general public about environmental law. **Ian Farrell** has been appointed assistant vice president of Development for Colleges at Virginia Tech. He brings to the position extensive experience in university development and fundraising. Most recently, he served as director of regional development at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he assumed responsibility for a major-gifts program. **Edward Murphy**, president and executive director of Workforce Development Institute, received the Distinguished Continuing Professional Education Leadership Award of Excellence at the Rockefeller College Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17.



Joshua Bloom

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Lauren Solotar has been promoted to president and chief executive officer of May Institute in Randolph, Mass. Lauren began her career there in 1996 as chief psychologist and vice president of Clinical Services. May Institute is a nonprofit organization that



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83 **Maritza Martinez** has been awarded the 2012 Director's



Community Leadership Award. Maritza is the director of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at the University of Albany. EOP, which provides admission opportunities for low-income New York state students, also supports students in academic, financial, social and personal matters. Maritza demonstrates leadership through her personal involvement with the students. Under her leadership, the EOP at UAlbany has been recognized as a model program in New York State public higher education. **A note from your class councilor:** Fellow classmates, it is hard to believe that we graduated 30 years ago. The style of our class obviously set the tone for the decade that would later become famously known as "The Big '80s." Please think about returning to campus to celebrate that golden era

during Homecoming/Reunion Weekend this Oct. 18-19.

Class councilor: Dave Schaffer, dpschaffer@mblaw.net

84 **Karu Hangawatte**, a professor of criminal justice at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) has been appointed by the government of Sri Lanka as the next ambassador to France and UNESCO, with oversight authority of Spain and Portugal. From 2010-2012, Karu served as a commissioner of Sri Lanka's Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission, a post-war presidential commission. As an expert commissioner, he investigated and analyzed the national issues occurring between the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam and successive governments in Sri Lanka.



Karu Hangawatte

85 **Elizabeth Donovan** works as a clinical program director at Ave Maria School of Law in Naples, Fla. She previously worked as an assistant clinical professor at Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, Mich. Her areas of focus are human trafficking and



Michael Shaps

mediation-law; she teaches law clinics in both.

Michael Shaps was recognized this past April at Fenway Park before the start of a Red Sox game as the 2013 Most Valuable Educator by the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the Boston Red Sox. A school psychologist for 19 years, he is currently working in the Waltham, Mass., Public Schools. To watch the video of Michael receiving his award, visit: <http://bit.ly/11jz56r>. He is featured about four minutes in.

Class councilor: Patty Salkin, psalk@albany.edu

86 **Gordon Plutsky** is the chief marketing officer at King Fish Media in Salem, Mass. King Fish Media is a leading content-marketing agency. Gordon also is an adjunct faculty member at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass., teaching marketing strategy and digital marketing to master's students. **Jennifer Manner** has been hired by EchoStar Corp., a leading global satellite services provider and developer of hybrid video-delivery technologies, as vice president of Regulatory Affairs. Jennifer, who has more than 20 years of experience as a telecommunications policy and regulatory executive, formerly was the deputy chief of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology. **Joan Solotar** was honored by the National Organization for Women, New York City, with a 2013 Women of Power & Influence Award. She is the senior managing director and head of the External Relations and Strategy Group for Blackstone.



Joan Solotar

87 **James O'Sullivan** joined the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust as a program director this past March. James, who leads the trust's IBD & Crohn's Program, also serves as a senior adviser to its Israel program. He comes to the trust from Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA). Prior to joining RPA in 2008, James worked at the John A. Hartford Foundation. **Dave Schaeffer** is a physician based in Phoenix, Ariz. He recently was recognized by the



In London on business last spring, Saks Fifth Avenue senior executives Thomas Ott, B.S.'88, left, and Ronald Frash, B.S.'70, right, came across a familiar name on fashionable Savile Row. We're glad they shared the moment with us!

U.S. News and World Report as a top physician in the Southwest. Phoenix Magazine also recognized Dave as "Top Doc" in gastroenterology for the metropolitan Phoenix/Scottsdale region.

88 **Donna Barket** has been named a Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellow by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. With the \$30,000 stipend, Donna will complete a special intensive master's program at Purdue University to will prepare her to teach math and/or science in Indiana's urban and rural public schools. **Bonnie Jenkins**, coordinator for Threat Reduction Programs with the United States Department of State, received the Distinguished Alumna in Public Administration and Policy Award at the Rockefeller College Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17.

90 **Thembayena Dlamini**, who earned her Ph.D. in economics at UAlbany, was appointed ambassador to Russia from her country, Swaziland, this past year. She is pictured here shaking hands with Vladimir Putin. **Michael Rosenblut**, president and CEO of the nationally acclaimed Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation, was named Business Person of the Year by the Queens, N.Y., Chamber of Commerce this past March.



Thembayena Dlamini

92 **Ken Rosenberg** was sworn in as president-elect of the Essex County Bar



Ken Rosenberg



Annual Homecoming 5K Run and 2.5K Walk

Saturday, Oct. 19

To benefit the UAlbany Cancer Research Center's Fund for Memory and Hope.

Timing, prizes and giveaways.

Event is open to all.

For details and registration, visit

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Association (ECBA) this past April. The ECBA is the largest county bar association in the State of New Jersey.

94 Meredith Celentano has been named chair of the 2013 Philanthropy Day by The Association of Fundraising Professionals Long Island. Philanthropy Day, which will take place in November, focuses on harnessing the latest advances in development, learning best practices and new techniques, and networking with accomplished members of the development profession. Meredith is the assistant vice president for Development and Alumni Affairs at Hofstra University.

95 Atlanta-based accounting firm Moore Colson CPAs recently announced the admission of **Michael Elliot** as a partner in the firm's tax services practice.



Mike Elliot

Moore Colson is a full-service accounting firm located in Atlanta, Ga., providing tax and assurance services, management consulting services, lender services, estate and financial services, information-technology audit services and corporate accounting. **Carmen Pena** has launched a new business that uses her passion and the unique skills and knowledge she's gained over the years to help people of all ages and at all stages of life. She has developed a universal message of personal awareness and growth, "Life Conversations with Carmen: Life's Big Questions & Practical Ways to Live Your Best Life Now." Her intention is to conduct seminars, small-group and

private sessions with people or organizations interested in making the courageous and empowering decision to do "life work" to create successful outcomes and balance in all life areas.

97 Chuck Bennett was commissioned in April as a U.S. Foreign Service officer. He currently is serving a two-year tour as vice consul at Embassy Kingston in Jamaica.

98 Lauren Rudolph was featured in *Nyack News and Views* for recent artwork and accomplishments. In 2011, inspired by her daughter, Lauren opened Little Light Art Studio for children ages 3 through 6. After the birth of her son, Gabriel, in 2012, Lauren's creative spark was reignited. Her paintings are typically portraits, and she plans to continue to expand as an artist.



Lauren Rudolph

99 Rachel Santarlas recently was promoted to counsel in Wolff & Samson's Intellectual Property and Media and Technology Groups in West Orange, N.J. Previously an associate at the firm, Rachel counsels both domestic and international clients in a variety of areas, including those in the fashion, perfume, clothing, music entertainment, media, Internet, spice, food and beverage industries, as well as nonprofit organizations.



Rachel Santarlas



Miguel Aguilera, M.A.'98, Ph.D.'04 "Explaining Our World"

In an email from Tempe last spring, Arizona State University (ASU) Associate Professor of Religious Studies Miguel Aguilera confirmed that good things do come in threes.

Aguilera published *The Maya World of Communicating Objects: Quadripartite Crosses, Trees, and Stones* (the University of New Mexico Press) in 2010. That same year, the ASU School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies faculty member was tenured. And last May, he received the Zebulon Pearce Distinguished Teaching Award, named for an 1899 graduate of the Territorial Normal School at Tempe, now ASU. In accepting the award, Aguilera acknowledged the "professors, colleagues, students, relatives and Maya consultants" who have inspired him. "I try to bring to my teaching what I admire most in many of them: a vivid interest in explaining our world and our place within it."

His students attest to Aguilera's success as both teacher and mentor. One noted: "Dr. Aguilera has influenced my scholarship and teaching in profound ways. While these have been critical to my professional development, my interactions with Dr. Aguilera have resulted in strengthening my character, as well. He has instilled in me ethics that guide my work and interpersonal relationships. Most of all, he has taught me that honesty and personal accountability are key for being a good researcher, teacher and human being."

Aguilera learned those same lessons at UAlbany. Anthropology faculty Marilyn Masson and (now emeritus) Gary Gossen – to whom Aguilera dedicated his book – co-chaired his doctoral dissertation committee and "taught me what it means to be a scholar. They gave unselfishly of their time in guiding and mentoring me. Without them, I doubt I would have attained a tenure-track position, never mind Distinguished Associate Professor status, at Arizona State University," Aguilera said.

– Carol Olechowski

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Alumni News & Notes

00 **Addie Russell**, a member of the New York State Assembly, District 116, received the Distinguished Alumna in Political Science Award at the Rockefeller College Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17.

01 **Michael Schnipper** was promoted from attorney to partner this past February by Nixon Peabody LLP in Boston. Michael's practice focuses on the representation of both public and private companies in business law and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions, as well

as debt and equity financings. **Matt Ammerman** has created a startup company called Apprenda. His company utilizes a software platform that enables large businesses to develop and deploy their own cloud applications. Cloud computing moves applications from individual desktops and puts them on servers that users access remotely via network connections. Some of Apprenda's clients include JP Morgan Chase and Diebold. Apprenda is a Clifton Park-based company, and Matt believes that the Capital Region was helpful in the success of his startup.

05 **Angelo Maddox** has moved to expand his business, Fresh & Fly Clothing, formerly Young Fresh & Fly, to 13 South Pearl Street in Albany, N.Y.

06 **Samantha Williams**, who works in the Tax-Exempt East office, has been promoted from in charge to senior at the Bonadio Group in Albany, N.Y. The Bonadio Group is upstate New York's largest provider of accounting, consulting and financial services. **Matthew Cueter** has joined Rawle & Henderson LLP as an associate at the firm's New York office. Matthew's practice focuses on the areas of construction, insurance, products liability, premises liability, toxic tort litigation and professional liability. **Stephanie Amann-Winokur** and **Lyle Winokur** purchased their first home in Albany. **Brian Fessler**, specialist with Questar III State Aid and Financial Planning Service, received the Young Alumnus in Public Administration and Policy Award at the Rockefeller College Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17.

02 **Karen Schwimmer** has joined the law firm Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. as an associate. She will be based in Porzio's New York City office and is a former member of Wagner Davis P.C. Karen represents clients in commercial real-estate transactions.

03 **Peter Brusoe**, campaign finance and lobbying data analyst for Bloomberg, L.P., received the Young Alumnus in Political Science Award at the Rockefeller College Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony May 17.

07 **Ralph Underwood** is currently the senior accountant at Dormitory Authority, State of New York (DASNY), in Albany. **Priya Anand** is fashioning an acting career in India. She recently starred in the Vashu Bhagnani's Priyadarshan-directed movie "Rangree." She has starred in nine other films and finds that acting is a way to discover herself. **Monika Nizio** married her law school sweetheart this past September. She has been working as a real-estate attorney in Miami after graduating from the University of Miami Law School. **Katelyn Primomo** graduated from Albany Law School this past year, passed the bar and was admitted. She is currently working for The Legal Project as a domestic violence attorney. Katelyn was married in January 2013; her new name is Katelyn Primomo-Millwood. **Amy Bourdeau** recently received her master's from the University of Phoenix online while working full time at Capital Living and Rehabilitation Centers. She started there in May 2010 and previously was with Leverpoint Management LLC for three years. Amy planned to sit for one of the C.P.A. exams this past July or August. **Marc Pallozzi** graduated from Albany Law in 2012 with honors and is currently working

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for Gilberti, Stinziano, Heintz & Smith P.C., an environmental law firm with offices in Albany, Syracuse and New York City. After completing a master's degree in criminal justice at UAlbany in 2008, **Dianna Maneksha** relocated to Boston, where she works as a crime analyst for the transit police. The rock-music duo she co-founded, Satin Kittens, has played to large crowds in both Boston and New York City.

Amanda Munk lives in Albuquerque, N.M. She married Peter Munk in 2011 and had a daughter in August 2012. She works in the microbiology department of a medical laboratory.

Karen Granger graduated from the Basic School of the New York State Police Academy this past May. She is assigned to Troop D in Oneida.

08 Alicia Garofalo has been promoted to paralegal at the law firm of Harter Secrets & Emery LLP. Alicia's litigation work focuses on design malpractice, product liability and

commercial litigation. She previously worked with the firm's corporate department concentrating on mergers and acquisitions, as well as venture-capital deals.

09 Caitlin Root has been promoted to staff accountant by Lumsden McCormick. Caitlin joined Lumsden McCormick as a general ledger analyst serving the company's commercial business team. A certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor, she is specially trained as a QuickBooks expert. **Diana Mauro** received a Juris Doctor degree from the Roger Williams University School of Law during commencement ceremonies this past May. Diana was a member of the Criminal Law Society, Phi Alpha Delta and the Student Bar Association. She completed a legal externship with the Rhode Island Medical Legal Partnership at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, R.I. She also worked as a summer associate with

Gaines, Gruner, Ponzini and Novick LLP, based in White Plains, N.Y.

10 Vimmi Bhaskar has been hired as a senior for the small business advisory team within The Bonadio Group. Previously, Vimmi worked as a senior staff member with Crow Horwath LLP.

11 Benjamin Parsons has been appointed by Civil Service Employees Association President Danny Donohue as a state legislative representative in the union's Legislative & Political Action Department. Ben is working alongside fellow UAlbany alumnus Joshua Terry '05, who has been with the department since 2007.

13 Luis Gabriel Sanchez (Gabe) traveled as an observer/volunteer to Haiti with Dr. Robin Rose, leadership programs director at Brown University. They visited the

Partners in Health program, which has helped bring emergency medical care and supplies to survivors of the massive earthquake that struck Haiti in 2010. **Julie Parlato** recently was appointed regional preparedness associate for the American Red Cross Northeastern Region. Julie will oversee the disaster-preparedness curricula in the community, as well as CPR skills for the general public. In addition, she will manage up to five full-time AmeriCorps state members and approximately 90 volunteers across four chapters and 17 countries. **Chol Majok** welcomed new United States citizens at a naturalization ceremony held in the U.S. District Court in downtown Syracuse this past April. Chol recently was hired as the scheduler for Syracuse's mayor. He is an immigrant from Africa, and his journey to the United States was not an easy one. More information: <http://bit.ly/13xhlfw>.



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Christina Esposito, B.A.'00, Ph.D.

Congratulations to Christina Esposito, who recently attained tenure at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. The associate professor of linguistics researches the interaction between phonation and prosody (the rhythm, stress and intonation of speech) and languages, such as White Hmong, Zapotec, Gujarati and English, that use different voice qualities to make phonological contrasts. A summa cum laude graduate of the University at Albany, where she majored in anthropology and linguistics, Esposito completed her doctoral studies at the University of California, Los Angeles.



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Deaths

1930s

Margaret Mulligan Noon '31, April 20, 2010
Ruth Lecaro Peckham '34, Jan. 26, 2012
Beatrice Burns Montgomery '35, Aug. 30, 2010
Ethel Bayley Scofield '35, Jan. 1, 2009
Emma Mead King '36, Feb. 5, 2011
Luella Wersen Taylor '36, Aug. 21, 2008
Jane Miller Elia '37, Dec. 13, 2012
Norma Fletcher Oakes '37, Oct. 15, 2012
Alice S. Bennett '38, Feb. 1, 2013
Dolores Leffler Corcoran '38, Dec. 30, 2008
Elizabeth Allen Derr '39, June 27, 2010
Mildred King Hopke '39, June 26, 2009
Margaret Hora Mach '39, June 13, 2011
Anne Kalichman Parnes '39, Jan. 17, 2013
Eleanor Wise Wood '39, Jan. 12, 2013

1940s

Norman W. Arnold '40, April 26, 2013
Mary Koonz Egan '40, Feb. 4, 2013
Sadie Flax Schneider '40, Sept. 16, 2011
Yolanda Richardson Smith '40, June 2, 2011
Enes Novelli Burns '41, March 25, 2011
Marion Simon Kehl '41, Dec. 15, 2012
James E. Gillan '42, Aug. 28, 2012
Mary Menihan Starkey '42, May 10, 2013
Barbara Bowker Butler '43, Jan. 15, 2013
Paula Nosal Rouffa '47, Oct. 27, 2012
Evelyn Stephan Foley '48, May 3, 2009
Lawrence Appleby '49, May 31, 2013
Jeanne Valachovic Carpenter '49, Jan. 24, 2013
Annette Gardiner DeLyser '49, June 15, 2013
Elsie Landau Finkelstein '49, Jan. 21, 2013
George Frank '49, Feb. 2, 2013
Joyce Dickerson Horsman '49, Aug. 4, 2010

1950s

Pauline Thompson Hill '50, Nov. 27, 2012
Gerard R. Brophy '51, Feb. 7, 2013
Robert W. Bell '52, March 24, 2013

Elizabeth Conklin Possemato '52, Dec. 17, 2012
Jeanne Corigliano McCarthy '53, March 6, 2011
Robert C. Taber '53, April 29, 2009
Barbara Coretty Feibke '56, May 8, 2013
Robert E. Jennings '56, Jan. 10, 2008
David L. Kenyon '57, Jan. 11, 2012
Margaret Kraus Todd '58, Aug. 31, 2009
Thomas H. Watthews '58, March 12, 2013
Frank A. Burdick '59, Jan. 19, 2013
David J. Pitkin '59, Feb. 13, 2013

1960s

Charles H. Bollenbach '60, May 2, 2013
Terri Boyd '60, May 24, 2012
Nellie Hemingway Brewster '60, May 22, 2011
Jeannette S. Lafayette '61, Nov. 29, 2010
Carol Clifton Turner '62, May 9, 2012
Gladys Barnes '63, May 5, 2013
Margaret Sorenson Shafer '64, April 30, 2013
Lorraine A. Underwood '64, April 14, 2013
Linda King Aukett '66, March 1, 2013
Francis Collins '67, Dec. 6, 2012
William H. Frueh '67, Feb. 9, 2013
Sondra B. Grady '68, Jan. 1, 2013
Barbara J. Pedersen Page '68, Nov. 28, 2012
Elaine Tuccillo '68, Nov. 16, 2012
John D. Leuallen '69, July 5, 2012
John Longo '69, Dec. 3, 2012
Alan F. McBrien '69, March 12, 2012
Kevin M. McClune '69, March 7, 2013

1970s

Mildred S. Resnick '70, March 1, 2013
Dorothy E. Danner '71, Feb. 8, 2013
Eva S. Greene '71, Feb. 15, 2013
Euphemia Virden Hall '71, July 6, 2012
Frank S. Winoski '71, May 13, 2012
Joseph Bowman, Jr. '72, April 10, 2013
Pamela Beninati Derrick '72, Oct. 21, 2012
Carl E. Pope '72, July 25, 2009
James F. Blackwell '73, Jan. 24, 2012
Susan Hanson Fisher '73, June 21, 2011

Robert M. Mirett '73, Oct. 4, 2012
James R. Williams '73, May 9, 2013
Mark A. Zelinger '73, June 7, 2012
Krish Lakshmi Kanthan '74, May 29, 2011
Joyce Savage '74, March 19, 2013
Pamela Reid Olson '75, May 10, 2010
Mary Kupic Walsh '75, Nov. 18, 2012
John H. Deane '76, March 3, 2010
Ernestine V. Herring '76, Feb. 5, 2013
Michael K. Ringo '76, Jan. 28, 2007
Andrew F. Britt '77, April 16, 2013
Thomas C. Castellano, Ph.D. '77, Sept. 9, 2009
Marcella L. Stewart '77, April 29, 2012
Heide U. Brandes '78, Oct. 13, 2012
Marion J. Burke '78, April 15, 2013
Sydney Schwartz Katz '78, June 9, 2012
Kenneth B. Kochmann '78, March 8, 2013
August Sellitto '78, March 21, 2008
Charles R. Hancock '79, Oct. 29, 2012

1980s

Michael P. Duffy '81, March 7, 2013
Henry J. Chaya '82, Jan. 29, 2013
Andrew R. Fairhall '82, April 2, 2013
Margaret Kavanaugh Scarey '82, Oct. 14, 2008
Katherine L. Skigen '82, Aug. 28, 2012
Ernest T. Friers '88, Jan. 16, 2013

1990s

Daniel J. Rice '90, May 21, 2013
Angelo W. Casabianca '92, Nov. 13, 2009
Gregory J. McGarry '93, Feb. 10, 2013
Aaron P. Brown '97, Sept. 21, 2012

2000s

Michelle Martineau Lake '00, Jan. 19, 2013
Tracy M. Lavery '07, March 6, 2013

Faculty/Staff

Joseph Bowman Jr., B.A. '72, M.L.S. '74, M.A. '75, Service Associate Professor, Department of Educational Theory and Practice, and Chair, Center for Urban Youth and Technology, 1994-2013, April 11, 2013

Edward D. Davis, Professor, Mathematics and Statistics, 1968-1998, Feb. 8, 2013

Andrew R. Haas, Associate Professor, Computer Science Department, 1989-2013, Jan. 23, 2013

Veronica Henighan, Business Manager, Alumni Association, 1988-2013, May 2, 2013

Walter Knotts, Professor, English Department, 1953-1991, Feb. 23, 2013

Ross M. Miller, Assistant Professor, Finance Department, 2004-2013, May 20, 2013

Gordon S. Purrington, Assistant Professor, Educational Administration and Policy Department, 1972-2001, April 27, 2012

Elisabeth Hollister (Holly) Sims, Professor, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, 1989-2013, May 5, 2013

John E. Tucker, Professor, Psychology Department, and Director, University Counseling Center, 1963-1987, June 4, 2013

Annette Gardiner DeLyser '49, '55,

a member of the UAlbany Alumni Association board from 1991-2002, passed away June 15. Annette served as class councilor (1984-2010), Class Council vice chair (1989-91), and alumni representative to The University at Albany Foundation (2000-03). Annette was a UAlbany Benevolent Association board member (1985-2010) and president (2001-2003), and in 2010 was named the first "Eunice Baird Whittlesey Director Emeritus" of the association. A past president of the UAlbany Phi Delta Alumnae Sorority and a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, she received the University's Excellence in Alumni Service Award in 1994. The Alumni Association is grateful for Annette's many years of service to UAlbany.

Weddings



2007 – **Matthew Rozea** and
Lindsay Booth,
May 18, 2013

2006 – **Creighton Navins** and
Margot Kearney, May 4, 2013



1990 – **Steven Balet** and
Mindy Borisoff, March 23, 2013



1976 – **Robert Kulikowski** and
Christopher Collins, Feb. 7, 2013

Births



1990 – **Randi Cohan Giambruno**
and husband Peter, a daughter, Ava,
May 6, 2011, and a son, Zak, Jan. 3, 2013



1996 – **Daniel Olden** and wife
Kerrey, a daughter,
Claire,
Jan. 24, 2013



2003 – **Amanda Brazee** and husband
Guy De Launière,
a son, Dominic,
May 2, 2012

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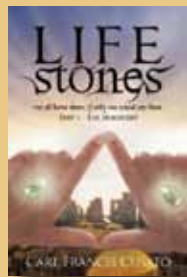
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Authors and Editors

Carl Cusato, B.A. '66, recently released his second book, *Lifestones*, a science-fiction romantic comedy. Cusato's book is a hybrid between a novel and screenplay; he has called it a "movel." *Lifestones* centers on a male nano-physicist whose wife and child were killed in a car accident. The movel is a quick read for ambitious urban professionals. More information: <http://amzn.to/12wwXCj>.



Lawrence Epstein, B.A. '67, M.A. '68, Ph.D. '76, is the author of a new book, *The Basic Beliefs of Judaism: A Twenty-First-Century Guide to a Timeless Tradition*. The novel provides an organized explanation and analysis of the central Jewish articles of faith. Subjects covered include the nature of God; the natural world; the Jewish people; why good people suffer; the Jewish ethical foundations of living; love and marriage in the Jewish community; and death and the afterlife, among others.



Richard Matturro, B.A. '68, M.A. '69, Ph.D. '73, has published *Janey*, the completion and central novel in his tri-city trilogy. The novels, set in the neighboring upstate New York cities of Albany, Schenectady and Troy, are about three women who share an aversion to all things feminine, especially motherhood. These women face unexpected detours that bring them to a place where myth and reality collide. More information: www.richardmatturro.com.



Richard Morgan, B.S. '69, recently composed a book of poems entitled *Sea Glass Soul*. His third book of poetry, it also includes art drawn by Pat Morgan. The poems were inspired by the authors living on an island off the Jersey shore. More information: <http://amzn.to/104NYrg>.

Peter Pollak, M.A. '70, Ph.D. '78, has released his third novel, *Last Stop on Desolation Ridge*. The novel begins with the main character waking up in a small hospital in upstate New York unable to remember who he is or how he ended up near death. The remainder of the book explores the main character's attempts to figure out who tried to kill him and why. More information: <http://amzn.to/165SXdU>.

Sherry Penney, Ph.D. '72, has published three books; the latest is *Next Generation Leadership: Insights from Emerging Leaders*. Co-authored with Patricia Neilson, the book deals with 21st-century leadership and how generations X and Y view leadership and what kind of leaders they want to aspire to be. Penney's other books are *A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright* and *Woman's Rights and Patrician in Politics: Daniel Dewey Barnard of New York*. More information: <http://amzn.to/YjBdai>.

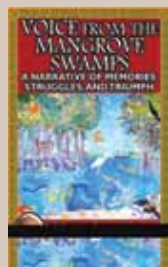
John Amodio, M.A. '73, has a new book on Amazon. *The Captain's Coin* tells the story of an immigrant 13-year-old escaping the web of starvation and death in his native County Cork, Ireland, during the potato famine. Michael Brady, young, naive and afraid, sets foot in a strange city, intent on survival. His story will resonate with anyone who has had to re-examine the direction of his or her life while readjusting to the realities of life's challenges. More information: <http://amzn.to/105lkX4>.



Susan Katz, B.A. '75, is the author of *Start Your Career: 5 Steps to Finding the Right Job after College*. This book provides a guide, through a series of steps and tips, for college students seeking to begin professional careers. In five steps, Katz demonstrates how to turn a college degree into a personally satisfying career. The book's advice ranges from identifying skill sets to creating a network and preparing for job interviews. More information: www.fivestepstotherightjob.com.

Ed Moser, B.A. '77, author of seven published books, has written a new book on American history. *A Patriot's America from A to Z* is a riveting primer for everyone interested in this nation's past, featuring heroic events and creative individuals who surmounted great difficulties to accomplish great things: traveling to the moon, defeating the Nazis, wiring the planet, setting the first large democratic republic and largely banishing starvation overseas. More information: <http://amzn.to/15r30KW>.

Bassey Essien, M.S. '77, Ed.D. '81, has written a memoir titled *Voice from the Mangrove Swamps*. The book describes Essien's early struggles working with his mother in the village farms; canoe fishing with his father on the ocean; laboring in Nigeria's mangrove swamps; working in Lagos as an apprentice photographer; and later pursuing an education in America. More information: www.dorrancebookstore.com.



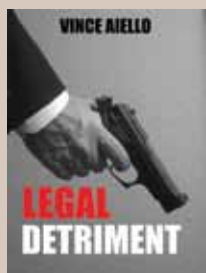
Johannes Froebel-Parker, B.A. '79, M.A. '82, M.S. '85, is the author of *The First Kindergarten*, the third novel in his Ahnentafel series. In this historical novel, which includes a great deal of biographical information, Froebel-Parker joins through literature the lives and contributions of two of the world's greatest proponents of children's education. More information: <http://bit.ly/YJMXmI>.



Patricia Nugent, M.S. '80, offers 300 vignettes about caregiving and loss in her book *They Live On: Saying Goodbye to Mom and Dad*. The book, published in 2010, offers vignettes portraying the stages of caring for and saying goodbye to a loved one, as seen through the eyes of a daughter and her terminally ill parents. More information: www.journalartspress.com.

Teresa Sutton, B.A. '80, has published her first book of poems, *They're Gone*, with The Finishing Line Press. It is about the loss of both of her brothers in 1980 from cardiomyopathy. More information: <http://amzn.to/14tEEN2>.

Sharon Sobel, B.A. '81, had a book, *Draping Period Costumes: Classical Greek to Victorian*, published by the Focal Press in March. More information: <http://bit.ly/ZLmkyw>.



Vince Aiello, B.A. '81, is the author of *Legal Detriment*. In this novel – a thriller involving a San Diego law firm – a robbery, a murder and a descent into madness all come together with a shocking outcome. It is published by Sareth Publishing House. More information: www.vinceaiello.com.

Denise Garofalo, B.A. '81, M.L.S. '82, has had a book chapter published in *Robots in Academic Libraries: Advancements in Library Automation*. Her chapter is titled "Empires of the Future: Libraries, Technology and the Academic Environment." More information: <http://bit.ly/13vyxZd>.

Jeff Laing, Ph.D. '82, has written *Bud Fowler: Baseball's First Black Professional*, the first full-length biography of the first African American to play in organized baseball. After the color line became impregnable in the 1890s, Fowler also organized and managed numerous all-black touring teams. His 35-year-long career in the national pastime mirrored the social, political and cultural turbulence of the Gilded Age.

Daniel Guyton, B.A. '00, has recently been published. His new play *Mrs. Claus Gets Menopause*, was selected by ArtAge Publications' Senior Theatre Resource Center from over 300 submissions, and is featured in ArtAge's newly released 2014 catalog.

Lisa Bundrick, M.S.W. '04, has had another children's book published. *Wonderful Words* is written to help enhance a child's self-esteem by teaching him/her the meaning of selected "wonderful words" and encouraging the child to think about how these "wonderful words" may apply to him/her.



Jean Chodkowski, M.A. '05, is the author of *The Anatomy of Horse Race Handicapping: Or How to Have Fun at the Track*. The book, based on cognitive psychology research concerning decision-making, is written for people who enjoy horse racing, whether it be following the Kentucky Derby or simply going to the races on a regular basis. More information: www.fun-at-the-track.com.



Harry Danciger, B.A. '09, is the author of *A Father's Journey*. From now until December 31, Danciger will be donating 100 percent of the proceeds from the sales of his debut novel to *The One Fund Boston*. The compelling contemporary story of unparalleled love, personal conflict, forgiveness and self-discovery examines the consequences for his family of a man's long absence from his Newport home. The book is available in paperback and e-book formats from numerous distributors.

Last Look

By Christine J. Binney, B.A.'05, M.A.'07

Photos By Mark Schmidt

For its 169th undergraduate commencement on May 19, UAlbany welcomed Republic Records founders **Monte Lipman, B.A.'86**, and **Avery Lipman, B.A.'88**, back to campus to deliver the keynote address. From their humble beginnings booking campus concerts and working at the campus radio station, the Lipman brothers went on to build Republic Records into one of the largest music labels in the country.

As a surprise for the 2,250 students at the ceremony, the Lipman brothers brought Cassadee Pope, Season 3 winner of "The Voice," onstage to perform two songs.



Clockwise, from left: Cassadee Pope greets the crowd; Monte Lipman '86, UAlbany President Robert J. Jones and Avery Lipman '88 are robed and ready for commencement to begin; graduates celebrate their big day.

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