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Photo by Peter Finger
New Provost to Take Reins from Capable Hands

Staff members once gave Interim Provost Patricia Higgins a firefighter’s trophy and a certificate saying she had extinguished fires “above and beyond the call of duty for the good of all faculty, students and staff.”

That is Pat, with her quiet, thoughtful, unassuming leadership style—always there to put out fires. As interim provost and vice president for academic affairs, she kept our academic programs on an even keel, moving the college steadily forward, despite the budgetary chaos of the last few years.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Pat, who stepped up when the college needed her and went on to serve so strongly as provost. When she retires this summer, she will be missed.

Now, as Pat leaves, we also feel fortunate in welcoming a new member to our team, Dr. James Liszka. Jim hails from the University of Alaska, Anchorage, where he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

That college is the biggest in the University of Alaska system. It serves 8,800 students and has a budget of around $37 million. At SUNY Plattsburgh, Jim will oversee academic programs for around 6,400 students and a budget of about $35 million.

The thing that impressed me most about Jim in his interviews is that he is outcome driven. He has a history of using data to help programs engage in improvement. Perhaps that use of data was why his college saw a 4.8 percentage point increase in freshman retention rates during his tenure as dean.

We need people like him, helping us evaluate what we are doing right and what we can do better. This is all the more important with today’s budget constraints as we find ourselves carefully weighing our return on investment.

In the 1970s, the state contributions to the college covered around 70 percent of our costs. Today those funds cover less than 30 percent of our All-Funds Budget, and that amount continues to spiral downward as our representatives struggle to reduce New York’s deficit.

These cuts make very tough decisions inevitable. SUNY Plattsburgh will have to grow smaller, but with the leadership team we have, I am convinced that SUNY Plattsburgh will remain strong far into the future.

INSIGHT FROM THE PRESIDENT
Dr. James Liszka
Selected as Provost

Dr. James Liszka, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, has accepted the position of provost and vice president of academic affairs at SUNY Plattsburgh. His appointment begins July 1.

The college’s provost works closely with the president, the deans and other faculty leaders and is responsible for the management of all of its academic offerings.

UAA’s College of Arts and Sciences is the largest in the University of Alaska system. It serves 8,880 students compared to SUNY Plattsburgh’s 6,441 students. In his position at UAA, Liszka worked with a budget of about $37 million. As provost at SUNY Plattsburgh, he will work with a budget of around $35 million.

Prior to becoming dean, Liszka served in a variety of roles at UAA including the interim vice provost for research, interim director of graduate programs, chair of the department of philosophy and president of the Faculty Senate.

Among his many published works is “A General Introduction to the Semeiotic of Charles S. Pierce,” a text that was called “definitive” and the “single best work” on the subject by the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy.

Liszka has also won numerous awards including an Excellence in Teaching Award for pioneering service-learning and distance-learning courses at UAA and the Chancellor’s Award for Outstanding Research.

He earned his doctorate in philosophy at the New School for Social Research, a master’s degree in philosophy from the University of South Carolina and a bachelor’s in mathematics education from Indiana University.

College Named One of the Nation’s Best Values

SUNY Plattsburgh has once again been recognized by Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine as a national leader in offering “an excellent education at an affordable price.”

The college made the “Kiplinger 100: Best Values in Public Colleges” list, placing 64th for in-state students and 63rd for out-of-state students, ranking ahead of schools such as University of Vermont, University of New Hampshire and SUNY Albany. The list appeared in the February 2011 issue of the magazine.

This is not the first time that Plattsburgh has made the list. In 2009, the college ranked 79th for in-state and 62nd for out-of-state students. In 2008, it ranked 97th for in-state and 79th for out-of-state students.

Four Students Named Among ‘Best of the Best at SUNY’

Four Plattsburgh students are among the 2011 recipients of the Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence, which recognizes seniors who demonstrate academic excellence integrated with leadership, community service, arts, athletics or career achievement.

‘One of the Best’

Jessica Bakeman, a senior presidential scholar double majoring in journalism and English, served as editor-in-chief of Cardinal Points, the award-winning, student-run newspaper. The Rochester native has received several awards and scholarships; served as a teaching and research assistant; received several competitive internships; and has been on the dean’s list for seven semesters.

“In my 18 years of teaching college, I have encountered few students like Ms. Bakeman,” wrote Shawn Murphy, journalism department chair and Cardinal Points’ faculty adviser. “… Quite honestly, she’s one of the best students I’ve ever worked with, and she’s also one of the most personable.”

Recognized for High-Caliber Work

Joshua Coons, who graduated in December 2010 with a bachelor’s in anthropology, is a recipient of several awards and scholarships and was on the dean’s list for six semesters. His DNA research led to presentations at various conferences and earned him a second-place award at the Northeast Regional Sigma Xi Conference. The Ellenburg Depot native served as a teaching assistant and is a member of three national honor societies.

“Mr. Coons’ work is of such high caliber and importance that, at my urging, he will present a poster at the national meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists, the central organization of our profession,” wrote Dr. Mark Cohen, SUNY distinguished professor of anthropology.

An Active Volunteer

Alison Lutz, a presidential scholar and Killam Fellow, graduated summa cum laude in December 2010 with a degree in mathematics. She was on the dean’s list for seven semesters, is a member of several honor societies and is founding president of the Mathematics Honor Society. In addition, the Morrisonville native has been an active volunteer, performer and musician.

“Alison Lutz is the student we all dream of having in our classes, the luminous face to whom we address our
best remarks, the scholar and writer who intersects with us joyfully for a season before she passes beyond us,” wrote Dr. Ann Tracy, SUNY distinguished teaching professor of English emeritus.

Professional and Mature in Demeanor

Erica Lynn Olmstead, a presidential scholar and senior psychology major, is the former co-chair of Sexual Orientation Ubiquity League, a member of the Minor Adjustments a cappella singing group and a founding member of the North Country Lumber Jills, the local roller derby team. The Peru native has served as a teaching and research assistant, a psychology tutor and was on the dean’s list for seven semesters. She also presented research at a regional conference.

“Erica is an extremely conscientious and thoughtful young woman whose academic abilities are matched by her motivation to succeed,” wrote Dr. William S. Tooke, professor of psychology.

Student Newspaper Receives Its Highest All-American Ranking to Date

Cardinal Points, the independent, student-run newspaper, was named an All-American newspaper for the fall 2010 semester by the Associated Collegiate Press. This is the first time in the newspaper’s history that it has received five Marks of Distinction — a perfect ranking.

This All-American ranking is the 11th for Cardinal Points, which was inducted into the college newspaper Hall of Fame in October 2010.

All-American status, awarded to student newspapers for journalistic excellence, is bestowed on only about 20 percent of college newspapers nationwide. To be named an All American, a newspaper must score 900 or higher out of 1,090 points and receive at least four marks of distinction out of the five possible.

Cardinal Points received Marks of Distinction for all five categories — coverage and content; writing and editing; photos, art and graphics; layout and design; and leadership. In addition, the paper received a score of 927.

Actor, Correspondent to Receive Honorary Degrees at SUNY Plattsburgh

SUNY Plattsburgh will present honorary degrees to a Tony- and Emmy Award-winning actor and a nationally renowned journalist.

Actor George C. Hearn and Rafael Angel Suarez Jr., senior correspondent for “PBS NewsHour” and the host of Public Radio International’s “America Abroad,” will accept the awards during the college’s commencement ceremonies May 21.

The highest form of recognition offered by the State University of New York to individuals of exceptional distinction, the honorary degree pays tribute to outstanding service to the university and recognizes those whose lives and achievements serve as examples of the university’s aspirations for its diverse student body.

George C. Hearn

A 45-year veteran of the stage and an American Theater Hall of Fame inductee, Hearn is best known for his performance as the lead in the Broadway production of “Sweeney Todd.” He received an Emmy Award for the TV adaptation of that musical. He also received Tony, Drama Desk and Outer Critic’s Circle awards for his performance in “La
“Cage aux Folles” and was nominated for Britain’s most prestigious acting award, the Oliver. He received a second Tony for his performance as Max Von Mayerling in “The Diary of Anne Frank.”

When he retired to Essex, N.Y., on Lake Champlain in 2002, he became active with the Essex Theater Company and the college’s music and theater departments. He has often spoken to students and attended rehearsals. He even played the lead in the college’s production of “South Pacific.”

“He has enriched our college and community,” wrote Jo El Miano, associate professor of music, in a letter nominating Hearn for the honor. “His work has brought joy and beauty to the youngest children and the oldest, most sophisticated listeners.”

Professor Travels to Spain on Fulbright

SUNY Plattsburgh’s Alternative Break program has had students taking advantage of college breaks to do community service for 17 years now. This year, a group of students joined forces with the Tim Hortons Children’s Foundation and traveled to Onondaga Farms in St. George, Ontario, where they worked with children from the First Nation, the Aboriginal peoples in Canada. Here, senior Michael Murguetio, a biology major with a minor in Spanish, poses with a few of the children.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright is the U.S. government’s flagship international exchange program. It sends some 800 U.S. faculty and professionals to 140 countries to lecture, research or participate in seminars and, at the same time, brings around 800 foreign faculty to the United States each year.

A new grant will help small businesses impacted by Pfizer layoffs in the North Country.

The U.S. Small Business Association recently awarded the $53,000 grant to the college’s North Country Small Business Development Center. The grant is designed to assist those local entrepreneurs hit hard by the layoffs. The pharmaceutical company announced last year it was closing its three North Country operations at a loss of about 600 jobs. The award is one of only 11 Portable Assistance Projects nationally and the only one in New York state.

SBDC Receives Grant to Stimulate Entrepreneurship

The center will use the funds to create a marketing cooperative that empowers Clinton County businesses to advertise goods and services to Canadian travelers who cross the border.

It will also fund the development of an enhanced feasibility tool. This tool will allow aspiring entrepreneurs to better assess the risk/reward potential of business ideas. Current business owners will also be able to use it to forecast results for various scenarios like the launch of a new product line or a marketing campaign.

SUNY Plattsburgh—Michael Murguetio, left, and colleagues volunteer with children from the First Nation, the Aboriginal peoples in Canada.
When his grandson Liam was 4 years old, Dr. Gary Brannigan let him in on a little secret.

“One of these days, you’re going to learn a code,” said the longtime professor of psychology. “It’s a code that little kids don’t know.”

That “code” is made up of the sounds of the alphabet.

Helping children crack that code — and helping parents lend a hand with the process — has been a major focus of Brannigan’s work. His most recent book, “Reading Disabilities: Beating the Odds” (co-authored with Dr. Howard Margolis), discusses what parents need to know and do to successfully advocate for the needs and rights of their children with reading and other disabilities.

**Educating Parents**

“The earlier parents can become actively involved in their children’s education, the better the children’s chance of success in school,” Brannigan said. “And this is especially the case if a child is diagnosed with a disability.

“So our book is designed to educate parents as well as teachers and other school personnel to the at-risk factors and the early signs for problems.”

The book also discusses special education laws, so that parents can prepare to discuss options with school personnel after a disability is found.

“We want parents to be advocates for their children,” he said, “and it takes a lot of knowledge … about the reading process as well as about special education laws and how schools work.”

Brannigan offers several other insights for parents. One of those, for instance, is a strategy he learned during high school.

“I was a ‘C’ student to that point and decided to change how I...
preparing for tests,” he said. “As I read a text, I would not let a single paragraph go by without identifying the main points and briefly summarizing them in a notebook.

“Looking back, I realize that this simple change transformed me from a passive reader to an active learner.”

Brannigan also advises parents to help their kids “regulate” emotions through the following process: recognizing an emotional state, identifying negative thoughts associated with that state and regulating those thoughts.

“Teachers, parents and peers can teach and model these processes,” he said. “The goal is simple: Replace negative, uncontrollable attributions with positive, controllable ones.”

After a mistake on a test, for example, a child might blame the teacher, parents or other children in the class. Parents can teach a life-skill by helping that child consider his or her own role in the situation and problem-solving solutions so mistakes don’t happen in the future.

Another way that parents can help their kids learn better, he said, is the use of visual aids to teach seemingly simple but often neglected skills for academic success. For instance, to teach children what “May I have your attention” means, parents and teachers can make a poster with pictures of a stop sign, eyeglasses and ears to signify that the children should “stop what they are doing, look at me, and listen to what I am saying.”

Brannigan has worked to create a supportive network for parents through his Twitter feed www.twitter.com/garybrannigan. He understands the value of those networks, in part, because he has a sister with Down syndrome.

“She grew up at a time when things were changing,” he said. “And institutionalization was recommended to my parents at birth.”

Instead, they looked into community services that were emerging for children with disabilities.

“It was natural that I would gravitate toward this area from some of my own experiences,” Brannigan said.

After graduating from Fairfield University, where he had already published several articles as a psychology major, he moved on to the University of Delaware, where he helped his adviser, a clinical psychologist who consulted in schools.

He found that he liked working with kids and looking at how personality and social factors affected learning, a theme that influenced both his master’s thesis and doctoral dissertation.

Arriving in Plattsburgh

Not long after getting his master’s and Ph.D. at Delaware, Brannigan joined the faculty of SUNY Plattsburgh in 1973. He currently teaches educational psychology, counseling psychology, and advanced seminars in psychology.

When he started out, the licensed clinical psychologist and certified school psychologist also practiced privately and helped schools and local agencies as a consultant. Even though he eventually shifted his focus to research and education, his clinical background has proved valuable.

“Regardless of what you’re working on, counseling skills may come into play,” he said.

A good example of this is his forthcoming book with Margolis, which explores “Simple Ways to Maximize Your Child’s Potential.” It draws from his experience in early intervention programs for children who had disabilities and were 3 years old and younger.

“The whole philosophy was not to wait and see but to begin education as soon as possible, to help these children to maximize their potential,” he said. “This book, however, is not only for parents of children who struggle academically, but any parents who want to help their children to control emotions, concentrate on tasks, improve memory and much more.”

National Attention

Since its release, “Reading Disabilities: Beating the Odds” has drawn some significant praise: A Psychology Today blog called it “one of 2010’s best books about education.”

Author Gary Brannigan has received accolades in new media as well. His Twitter feed (www.twitter.com/garybrannigan) earned him a No. 2 slot on the Shorty Awards list for the best producer of educational content on Twitter.

He is also listed by mastersinspecialeducation.net as one of “50 Special Ed Teachers and Experts Worth Following on Twitter.” mainstreet.com lists his feed as one of “The Best Twitter Feeds for Parents.”

The Twitter feed has not only driven traffic to www.reading2008.com/blog, the blog Brannigan shares with Dr. Howard Margolis, co-author of “Reading Disabilities: Beating the Odds,” it’s also built an ever-growing network of educators and parents who share his interests.

“Going into [Twitter] fairly cold about a year ago, I wasn’t sure what was going on,” Brannigan said. “But very quickly I learned it is a very supportive network, where people are very willing to share information and help one another.”

SPRING 2011
On a chilly Saturday morning, Dr. Richard Semmler ’68 pushes his shovel under some worn out chipboard, clearing the way for new flooring. Semmler, 65, is working with a small group of volunteers on the third floor of a gutted three-story apartment building called Perry Hall. Resting on a tired-looking street in suburban Washington, D.C., the 1950s-era structure was once home to small apartments. Now Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia is transforming it into 12 three-bedroom condos for families with nowhere else to turn.

Semmler, with white hair and a wild set of salt-and-pepper eyebrows, walks with a cane — a tangible reminder of a series of strokes he suffered last fall. Yet, despite his medical condition, he continues to devote hours of manual labor to the causes he believes in — helping to build houses and serve meals to the homeless every week.

In fact, he does far more than that. He gives more than half his income to charity. The associate professor of mathematics at Northern Virginia Community College has donated $260,000 to Habitat, for example. And that’s only one slice of the $1.2 million he’s given to the seven charities closest to his heart.

That $1.2 million is not an overwhelming amount of cash in the world of big-time philanthropy, of course, but it’s rare for someone to give so much of his income to the needy, as Semmler quite happily does every year. Supplementing his community college salary with summertime teaching, intermittent textbook editing and, before his health problems, part-time maintenance work at an apartment building, he brings in a little more than $100,000 a year. Then he gives away between $55,000 and $65,000 of that each year.

“He’s an interesting guy, needing three jobs to give away more of his money,” says Bob Noe, a retired IRS employee who runs the tool trailer on the Habitat site and has known Semmler for at least 10 years. “And he’s always cheerful!” Noe laughs. Then he quickly
Donating more than half his annual salary and much of his time to charity, Dr. Richard Semmler ’68 has brought giving to a new level.

grows tearful recounting how several years ago Semmler promised full scholarships at NVCC to six children at one Virginia Habitat site. “I don’t know anyone else who would do that.”

Semmler has grown used to others’ incredulity.
“A lot of people come up to me and say, ‘You’re crazy to do what you do.’ I say, ‘Well, if you feel that way, you feel that way. I don’t feel that way. I’m hoping I’m making this a better place for our 6.6 billion people.’”

Starting Small
His first donation was in 1970, when he was in graduate school: $25 to SUNY Plattsburgh. “That was a lot of money for a grad student,” Semmler points out. He was deeply grateful for a Regents Scholarship that allowed him to study math for four years at Plattsburgh. He’d grown up in a small suburb of Rochester, N.Y., with a working-class family. His mother was a secretary, his father an electrician. Semmler majored in math and minored in science at Plattsburgh, where he was “a scholar-athlete,” as he puts it — serving as captain of the cross-country and track and field teams, and Most Valuable Player for both sports in his senior year. He went on to SUNY Binghamton to receive a master’s degree.

That small gift, Semmler likes to say, “got the snowball rolling.” He gradually bumped up the amount, and for many years has donated $5,000 to Plattsburgh every spring and fall for scholarships and athletic programs. He also supports NVCC, where he’s taught mathematics since 1973.

Every six months he plans the following half-year’s donations, keeping track of them with a mathematician’s precision. The money is always firmly targeted toward specific projects at seven charities, including the two schools, Habitat and the Central Union Mission in Washington, D.C. He’s given the resources for Habitat to build four houses in Northern Virginia and 12 homes in Tanzania through Habitat International. He’s also given $12,000 to pay for four houses in Haiti through The Fuller Center for Housing and plans to assist the victims of Japan’s earthquake and tsunami as well.

In addition to keeping careful track of his money, he keeps track of his time. At Habitat he’s a family partner, guiding the future homeowners and tracking their “sweat-equity hours” as the house is built. (They need to put in 300-500 hours of work before move-in day). He’s on the building site every Saturday, and, before his strokes, he was there on Wednesday afternoons as well.

Six years ago Semmler gave $100,000 to fund a Habitat house in Fairfax, Va., that went to Don Thompson, a single father of two. Thompson and Semmler worked side by side on the site for a whole year.

Thompson says Semmler was “down in the trenches, getting muddy, getting dirty. There are no words to thank a person for something like that. I love him for what he does.”
Giving More than Money

Semmler arrives at the Central Union Mission, as he does every week at about 3:30 p.m., to help prepare the evening’s meal at the homeless shelter. Before heading to the kitchen, he stops off at the office of Executive Director David Treadwell. Semmler, wearing a red sweatshirt and jeans, hands Treadwell his customary envelope, with “David T.” written in a rainbow of magic marker colors. A money order for $220 is inside.

Over the past 12 years, Semmler’s given the Mission more than $50,000, which includes the $220 a month that pays for about 100 meals, and $1,000 a month in November and December to make sure there’s plenty of food for the holidays.

At dinnertime, he stirs a thick brown sauce with chunks of chicken and corn, a potpourri of recent donations from local supermarkets. As the men come to the window, he smiles and fills plates with spaghetti topped by a few ladles of sauce. One man asks for “just a little bit of noodles.”

“OK,” Semmler says cheerfully. Then he stops, ladle in midair, to ask, “You sure you don’t want more?”

Selfless Sacrifices

This kind of lifestyle exacts its price: Semmler is almost monastic when it comes to his personal life. He owns a two-bedroom condo near the college in Annandale, Va., but has no TV, computer or luxuries of any kind. Low-budget grocery shopping has meant lots of unhealthy processed food: “The first thing I do when I go to the supermarket is go to the reduced-for-quick-sale items,” Semmler says. He also always buys used cars, furniture, and clothing — some he’s even taken out of Dumpsters.

Never married, he’s also sacrificed a traditional social life. “I don’t go out for meals. I don’t go out to the theater,” he explains.

He doesn’t take vacations, either. His holidays are spent volunteering at the shelter.

“What money I have for myself has to go to my own needs. I live a very solitary life.”

He insists that he doesn’t get lonely. “Because I’m used to it. I don’t know anything else at this point.”

He usually is up by 4:30 a.m., so he can be at his office at the college well before 6 a.m., seven days a week. He teaches six classes with numerous students who send questions that pop up in his email box at all hours. Many nights last year he stayed up very late or even through the night getting work done — he was sometimes awake for 36 hours straight — and living on a $15-a-week diet loaded with junk food.

“That’s probably why I had my strokes,” Semmler admits. The strokes were a wake-up call.

“It was very scary; extremely scary,” Semmler says, noting with relief that “there’s no damage from the neck up.”

He still has serious pain in his right leg and arm, and seems to have suffered some nerve damage.

“I don’t sleep well at night, so I tire easily,” he says. Now he’s buying much more nutritious foods, watching his blood pressure and taking a little time out for rest, usually going to bed by 9 p.m.

He finally bought himself a cell phone to keep by his bed in case of emergency, he says, but, “I don’t even know the number.”

Meredith Magwire, Habitat’s director of development for Northern Virginia, says, “We were seriously concerned about him,” because “his being
out here and his commitment to our team is so important to him.”

It is important to him — it’s his life’s purpose. As a result, he was sorely disappointed to realize that his recent medical bills required some re-budgeting.

“I didn’t give quite as much in 2010 as I’d hoped for,” he says. He’d planned to donate a total of $67,150 to his charities but ended up scaling back by $10,000. “It’s no big deal,” he adds, “because I’ll make up that $10,000.”

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Dr. Richard Semmler ‘68 Receives Distinguished Service Award

SUNY Plattsburgh’s Distinguished Service Award has always been presented during the college’s commencement ceremony – always, that is, until this year.

Out of concern for the health of honoree Dr. Richard Semmler, who recently suffered from a series of strokes, Plattsburgh officials traveled to Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va., to present the award in person. The March ceremony was attended by more than 60 colleagues and admirers of the longtime math professor and philanthropist.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the College Council and is reserved for individuals who have made a lasting contribution to the college, community, state, nation and/or to the international community.

During the ceremony, Alumni Association President Doug McManus ‘89 G’91 fondly reminisced about taking part in alumni service projects organized by Semmler in the early 1990s and 2000s, which later prompted Semmler to say it was time to rally the alumni troops for such service once again.

After accepting the award, Semmler stepped to the podium. “It really means a lot to me,” he said. “For the last 41 years, twice a year in the spring and fall,” he’s always put money in the mail to Plattsburgh, he said. “Now, I can finally present this in person, a check for $5,000.”

Semmler handed the envelope to Anne Hansen, the college’s vice president for institutional advancement. The crowd cheered, and Semmler beamed with pleasure.
Disassemble the entire campus. Look closely at each piece, studying the needs of students, faculty, staff, departments and the community. Now reassemble it, moving everything around until the campus makes more sense for students, faculty and staff and the community.

After 18 months of gathering input, seeking expert advice and gathering still more input, the college has begun to do just that. It has created a vision of tomorrow’s SUNY Plattsburgh: the Facilities Master Plan.

**A Road Map**

The plan is a road map — a well-thought-out sketch of what members of the campus community would like the campus to become over the next 10 years. It is just a sketch, however. Each step along the way will need to be weighed to ensure that it is the best for the campus and its students.

**The Funding**

The funding for making the plan come to life, if available, will come from the State University of New York Construction Fund. It is money the state has bonded and set aside specifically for construction purposes. By law, such funds can only be used for capital projects and cannot be used by the college for general operating purposes, such as running academic programs. If SUNY Plattsburgh refused these funds, they would be reallocated to another SUNY campus.

Designing Tomorrow’s SUNY Plattsburgh

A Centralized Academic Core — The plan would move departments closer together, creating an academic core and eliminating the 20-minute walk that some students now need to take between classes. Teacher education would move to Beaumont and Ward halls. Humanities would move to a refurbished Redcay Hall. Meanwhile, Champlain Valley Hall would become home to a language and foreign study center.

New Academic Building — The computer science program and School of Business and Economics will move into a new home on the corner of Draper and Cornelia streets. Construction is expected to begin this year and to be completed in November 2012.

Learning and Study Commons — An improved study space in Hawkins Hall would feature expanded food service and a terrace overlooking Hawkins Pond, while new learning commons in Feinberg Library and Angell College Center would create additional collaborative learning opportunities for students.

Black Box Theater Space — A new black box theater would be constructed on the Amitié Plaza side of the Myers Fine Arts Building.

Improved Athletic Facilities — Memorial Hall would be renovated to include expanded fitness facilities and create new classroom space for fitness education. Construction of new offices for coaches would consolidate intercollegiate athletic programs at the Field House.

Music, the Museum and Special Collections — The music department would be relocated to a refurbished Yokum Communication/Lecture Hall alongside the communication and journalism departments. Meanwhile, an addition to the building would house the Plattsburgh State Art Museum and Special Collections.

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et’s be honest. To most of us, one college chemistry lab looks like any other college chemistry lab — unless you’re comparing the old Hudson Hall to the new Hudson Annex. In that case, there’s no comparison.

Dr. Edward Miller, associate dean of arts and sciences, SUNY distinguished service professor of chemistry who served three years as chair of the department, couldn’t be happier. In fact, you could say he was downright delighted.

“Are our spirits up? I know mine are,” he said. “It’s uplifting. The students are uplifted. It’s much nicer in terms of openness. ... The lack of lighting was depressing. In the new building, there is a blend of natural light and LED light. The windows are bigger. It makes a huge difference. There’s a newness — it looks more like a professional lab. It’s a great improvement over the teaching spaces we used to use.”

Biochemistry major Sitikege Mwakatobe said that part of the reason she chose SUNY Plattsburgh is because the labs were so much better than those in her own country of Tanzania. That’s saying something because she was talking about the old Hudson labs.

“When I came here, I was really excited,” she said. “Most of the time back home, we learned theory because we didn’t have the instruments to use in the labs. The labs weren’t well-equipped. I love the labs in the new building. ... The atmosphere motivates you to learn.”

The $16.2 million Hudson Hall Annex, Phase 1 of a two-phase project, opened for a full semester in January.

Top of the Line Equipment

Boasting 27,000 square feet of laboratory space, the annex was equipped with new instruments that in many cases wouldn’t be touched by undergraduate chemistry majors at other colleges, Miller said.

“All the major laboratory instruments have been replaced,” Miller said. “In the general chemistry lab, which is the lab used by freshmen, each team of students uses a laptop computer wired to temperature, pressure and acidity sensors to perform experiments. The lab is also equipped with the latest multimedia teaching equipment for ease of visualizing molecular structures.”

In the instrumentation lab, undergraduates study and measure molecular properties. An ultraviolet-visible spectrophotomer and luminescence spectrophotomer, worth about $40,000 combined, allow students to quantitatively determine just how much of a given element is in the environment. Students are offered a course annually on how to use these instruments.

Design Leads the Way to Green Practices

It’s also worth noting, Miller said, that none of the general or organic chemistry labs have mercury in their measuring devices, which is better for the environment.

The building overall is better for the environment, having been built
to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards. As a result, it’s a teaching tool for green practices. Each lab is equipped with new fume hoods and ventilation systems that are more energy efficient than the old hoods.

The new hoods — which replace the original hoods installed when the building was new in 1964 — require less air flow than the old hoods, which sucked air out all the time.

“We were paying in the winter to heat all that air that was sucked up and out. Now all the hoods are equipped with sensors so that when the hood sash is closed, the amount of air flow goes way down,” Miller said.

In addition, the air ducts in the roof work to reclaim some of the heat before it leaves the building.

“The building is environmentally sustainable and financially more economic in terms of operations as compared to the old spaces since it has been built with a good deal of energy-saving components,” Miller said.

**LCRI Benefits from Advanced Laboratories**

Hudson Hall is also home to the Lake Champlain Research Institute. Its new labs are used extensively by students and faculty from the Center for Earth and Environmental Science to gain a better understanding of the environment in and around Lake Champlain and to provide reliable information to public policy makers.

“The new LCRI water quality lab in the Hudson Annex is already being used to conduct research in our region and train students on state-of-the-art analytical instruments,” said Dr. Tim Mihuc, director of the institute and coordinator of the natural science graduate program. “This … renovation of the water quality laboratory will allow us to develop new projects, seek new funding and become one of the most advanced laboratories in the entire region.”

Even the landscape is a teaching lab. Environmental science students will benefit from a design that uses rocks, donated from regional quarries, ranging from the igneous and metamorphic rocks of the Adirondack uplands to the sedimentary limestone and sandstones of the Champlain lowlands. Likewise, the tree and shrub plantings represent vegetation from the Adirondacks and around Lake Champlain.

**Extensive Renovations Planned for Old Hudson**

Phase 2 tackles the existing 82,000-square-foot science building. Changes include updated equipment, new teaching and research spaces, three general purpose “smart” classrooms with multimedia capabilities, a student computer lab and new roof, masonry work, insulation and windows. Work there began in February and is expected to be completed in time for the fall semester 2012.

“Once the second phase of Hudson is done, we will have all of the sciences together in one building, allowing for the better collaboration among faculty and students. It’s a very exciting time to be in the sciences at Plattsburgh,” said Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, dean of arts and sciences.

“The building gives us a chance to offer students hands-on state-of-the-art experiences in the chemical sciences,” Miller said. “The skills that they learn using this new facility will give them a step up in obtaining jobs and places in post-graduate schools.”
Alumna Colleen Pandolph ’99 G’00 is one of only five New Yorkers to be nominated for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching from President Barack Obama.

If she wins, this will be the second year in a row that a SUNY Plattsburgh teacher education graduate has received this national honor. (Alumnus Jim Brown G’92, a middle school teacher from Colonie, N.Y., received the award at a White House ceremony last January.)

Creating an Environment Conducive to Learning

Pandolph teaches sixth grade science and reading at Beekmantown Middle School, where she starts by maintaining consistency in the classroom.

A regular schedule is especially important to her sixth graders, Pandolph said, because they have recently moved from an elementary school classroom with just one teacher to a system where they may have a different teacher every period.

So Pandolph starts with a routine and then strives to incorporate interesting, hands-on experiences, searching the Internet and conferencing with other teachers for ideas. For instance, she helps her students understand continental drift using homemade continent-shaped wooden blocks; moon phases using Oreo cookies; plains, plateaus and mountains using Play-Doh; and other scientific concepts using rap-music videos.

“If one student gets one answer right on the test because of a song, I’m playing it. It’s worth it,” she said.

Then, into the mix, she adds tools that help students study and master the concepts — aids like guided notes. These worksheets cover the information presented, leaving gaps that force the children to go in and piece back together what they learned.

A Winning Combination

Pandolph is humble about being one of the few teachers from the state to be nominated for this award.

“I wouldn’t be able to do what I do if it weren’t for the team I work with,” she said, crediting fellow teacher Sara Gadway ’92 G’94, for example, and saying that Gadway has been her mentor throughout her teaching experience. The two work closely together, teach the same lessons and share ideas.

For her part, Gadway is proud of Pandolph’s achievement.

“I am extremely pleased that Colleen has been nominated for this prestigious award,” Gadway said. “She possesses all of the key features of a master teacher — organization, resourcefulness, patience, motivation, kindness, and above all, respect.”

As far as Pandolph’s preparation to become a teacher goes, she credits SUNY Plattsburgh with getting her off to a good start.

“It was a great foundation for what I do,” she said. “I’m glad I went there.”
Renovations to restore and re-open the 82-year-old Strand Theatre have been under way since 2004, but this year, SUNY Plattsburgh students joined the efforts.

When senior Jessica Bakeman took one step on stage she thought, “This theater is so beautiful, and it’s so peaceful.”

“When you walk in you can’t help but think, ‘What has happened here?’”

Reclaiming that history will take time and money.

“This theater is literally in shambles,” she said, noting the lack of heating, holes in the stage floor and peeling paint.

First Performance in More Than 10 Years

She set out to learn more about the theater as part of her advanced honors project, coming across stories that compelled her to write “The Pride,” a two-act play featuring real-life accounts of the Strand.

It includes stories from people like Audrey Weber, whose late husband, Richard Weber, owned the building in 1966, when the theater booked the National Ballet out of Washington, D.C. Because the ballet was in Montreal, the Strand could get them for just one night. The show sold all but one ticket — proof, Weber now says, of the area’s starvation for entertainment.

Well before then, during World War II, pre-movie newsreels of the war inspired a man named Ron Wood to join the military.

“The Pride” will hit the Strand’s stage in May, the first performance there in more than 10 years. All proceeds from the event will go toward renovation efforts.

Efforts Driven by State Grant Money

Bakeman isn’t the only SUNY Plattsburgh student working to save the Strand. Lead by adviser Dr. Colin Read, who is also the local Rotary president and a professor of business and economics, 16 students from the college’s Rotaract — a Rotary sponsored club — spent three days gutting the building during spring break.

Read said the Strand’s cultural significance is what drew their efforts and pointed out that there is up to $1 million in matching grants through the state, which pays $1 for every $1 of cash, equipment, services, or labor offered.

“So, one hour of labor, at say $10 per hour, is the equivalent to raising $10 cash,” he said, which means their 500 hours of combined volunteer labor could equal $5,000 in grant money.

“We felt that this project would be an investment in the future of Plattsburgh. It seemed like a great fit for a Rotary/Rotaract collaboration,” he said.

‘Important to Plattsburgh’

“It’s been a wonderful project so far,” agreed Rotaract member Marc Punnette of Trinidad, who added that the theater “is a cultural icon for the town. By bringing it into the 21st century, we can recreate that energy.”

“I want this place to be open for plays and dances,” added Ghana native Getrude Machange, the Rotaract president. “It’s a good theater.”

“The restoration of the Strand is an ongoing labor of love,” said Leigh Mundy, the president of the NCCCA board of directors. “Many people have supported this effort with their time, money and expertise. We have been very happy with the volunteer help we have received from the students at SUNY Plattsburgh.”
One of the newest members of the Alumni Association Board, senior Prajwal “PJ” Shah, wants to unleash the power of the SUNY Plattsburgh alumni force.

In an era when jobs are less than plentiful and experience is all the more important, Shah — a finance and economics major and the first international Student Association president — believes alumni can make a huge difference in the lives of today’s students. He dreams of a time when every student can find a strong mentor among the college’s alumni.

Meanwhile, biochemistry major Sitikege Mwakatobe — the other new student member of the Alumni Association — is also hoping to connect with alumni. She wants to hear stories about both their career journeys and their lives on campus.

“I want to know how the experience was for alumni when they were here. I want to know how they coped with situations on campus; what life was like during their time; how the school has changed so far; and how they handled matters,” said Mwakatobe.

This vision of students connecting with alumni and learning from their experiences is one that is shared by Alumni Relations Director Joanne Nelson, who sees the program’s mission as being two-fold.

“One, we serve alumni,” said Nelson, “and, two, we serve students. After all, they pay a fee to support the Alumni Association, and that fee goes toward helping us make those connections — by bringing distinguished alumni back to the campus so students can network and learn from them and by sponsoring other events on campus.”

Nelson is also looking for those connections to grow, but first, she said, “we need the help of our alumni. We need them to join the Plattsburgh Alumni Community and give us their contact information. That information will facilitate networking and mentoring. It will also help alumni stay connected with their peers through the online directory.”

In Nelson’s eyes, it all begins with actions students take after commencement.

“If we could get contact information from our new alumni the moment they graduate, we could ensure that they are able to keep in touch with one another, the college and our students. Many don’t realize that shortly after graduation, their college email addresses expire. Once this happens, they lose an important communication tool. If they join the PAC, they can maintain that connection,” Nelson said.

Shah and Mwakatobe have offered to help spread the word, letting seniors know about the importance of this tool, and helping all students understand how the Alumni Association can help them.

“We see our alumni as a family,” Nelson said. “And within that very large, extended family, there are infinite possibilities for those career networking and social connections that can improve the lives of all our alumni and our students.

“Adding energetic students like PJ and Sitikege to the mix can only strengthen what we do and move us toward our shared dream — alumni mentors for every student.”

Join the PAC at www.plattsburgh.edu/alumni/pac.

Peter Finger
The first-ever Burlington, Vt.-area alumni event brought together nearly 50 alumni and friends to the Burlington City Arts Center for a reception and gallery tour in January. Here, Jana (Chaffee) Seitzer ’99, Renee (Parmelee) Dall ’96, Joanne Nelson, director of alumni relations, Lawrence Tulkop ’97, Lisa (Gile) Tulkop ’97 and Matej Kollar ’07 pose for a memory with Burghy.

Old Westbury Gathering

President John Ettling met with two dozen alumni and friends of the college at a gathering hosted by Richard Pfadenhauer ’85 G’87 and his wife, Lee, in their home in Old Westbury, N.Y., in November. Alumni representing the 1960s, ’70s, ’80s, ’90s and 2000s shared memories and listened as Ettling brought them up to date on what is happening at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Gathering in Los Angeles

John Conners ’75, vice president, Ayco Company/Goldman Sachs, hosted a gathering where 30 alumni and friends visited at the Radisson Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, in January. President John Ettling and his wife, Lisa Lewis, greeted guests and Ettling shared news from the college.

The Big Three

In addition to a number of smaller regional gatherings, the Office of Alumni Relations is offering the biggies — three major opportunities to meet with fellow alumni this year:

Reunion
July 7-10:
Planned to coincide with this year’s Mayor’s Cup Regatta and Festival, this event is open to all alumni and will feature celebrations for class years ending in “1” or “6.”
» A white-glove reception.
» A picnic on Lake Champlain.
» A tour of local vineyards.
» A young alumni Cardinaltini mixer.
» Reunion class dinners and dessert.
» And a strawberry breakfast.

Homecoming – Family Weekend
Sept. 23-25:
Featuring chances for all alumni to network with faculty, staff, students and their families.
» Dueling Pianos.
» Skating with Burghy.
» A Friends of Plattsburgh reception.
» A casual dining experience for alumni, faculty, staff, students and families with entertainment to be announced.
» A men’s soccer game.
» And many more activities that are currently in the works.

Cardinal Weekend
Oct. 14-15:
A special gathering for Cardinal athletes past and present.
» The Cardinal Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.
» Alumni sporting events.
» Cardinal men’s exhibition hockey and a soccer game.

For information on these or on regional events, visit www.plattsburgh.edu/alumni.
Golfers are a generous breed — at least those who participate in the annual Cardinal Open Golf Tournament are.

Since the launch of the first open 11 years ago, they have generated more than $55,000 in contributions to the Capital District Scholarship Endowment, nearly $6,000 of which was raised at last year’s event. Earnings from the endowment, the total of which stands at just over $61,700, fund scholarships given to academically worthy freshmen or transfer students from Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady counties.

Mariah Senecal, a freshman adolescent education major from Schenectady, N.Y., received a $1,000 Freshman Merit Scholarship through that endowment.

“As my mother would say, ‘Every dollar helps,’” Senecal said. “I come from a low-income family, so the idea of paying for college was something that was always on my mind. Each scholarship that I get lessens that weight, so it’s one less thing I have to think about. I was happy that the school was rewarding me for my hundreds of hours of community service and high GPA.”

This year’s golf tournament will be held Friday, June 10, at Van Patten Golf Club in Clifton Park, N.Y., beginning with registration at 7:30 a.m. An 8:30 a.m. shotgun start follows. A reception and luncheon with fellow alumni will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m. Participants can sign up as individuals to be placed on a team or as an organized foursome. For more information, to register or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 101 Broad St., Plattsburgh, N.Y., 12901 or call 518-564-2090.
Making Cardinal Connections
The Adirondack Fund: A Success Story

Gregory Roeder ’87 and Matthew Reiner ’85 never knew each other in college. They met years later through mutual SUNY Plattsburgh friends, bumping into each other at weddings, parties and even on a bus heading to downtown Albany. Then they learned they were both planning to take the same certification test, which would allow them to be chartered financial analysts, and they wound up studying together.

Years later, in 2004, Roeder started Adirondack Research & Management Inc., after spending 18 years in the financial services industry. Reiner joined the company in 2005 as the principal and portfolio manager. Together they launched the Adirondack Fund, a small-cap fund out of Albany.

Reiner said they noticed some trends with small-cap funds, or groups of stocks with a market value of between $300 million and $2 billion.

“The proliferation of hedge funds caused a brain drain,” Reiner said, pointing out that small caps were growing too big and closing to form hedge funds, leaving a market for small funds. “We saw a competitive advantage.”

‘On the Radar Screen’

Roeder, along with Reiner and one other investor, set out to establish their own firm.

“We started from very humble beginnings,” Roeder said. “People aren’t going to jump at you because you opened a firm; they want to see a track record.”

The group spent three years building the fund, receiving a rating from Morningstar, a research firm that helps investors assess mutual funds and other investment vehicles. A three-year track record is required before they award a rating.

But then, in 2008, the stock market imploded. “It was just brutal market conditions,” Roeder said. “We basically dug in and did what we had to do to stay in business and weather the storm. In 2009, the market came back fairly strong, and we had a fairly strong performance.”

A couple more good years, the Adirondack Mutual Fund has continued to grow and is valued at $55 million in assets. “We’re on the radar screen,” Roeder said. “That’s been from the combined success of hiring a marketing person and good performance. We’re really enthusiastic because we’re now seeing the success of our early endeavor start to bear fruit.”

‘Stuck to Our Knitting’

The firm — whose board includes fellow SUNY Plattsburgh graduates Kevin Gallagher ’87, the board chairman, and trustee Norman Joseph Plourde ’86 — is ranked by Morningstar in the top 10 percent of small-cap funds for investment returns and was recently recognized by Lipper Inc. as the best small-cap value in the United States, accolades Reiner attributes to their patience, persistence and SUNY Plattsburgh education.

“Launching the Adirondack Fund was not an easy road,” he said. “We kind of stuck to our knitting. I think that’s one of the reasons we’ve been so successful. We’re looking at the same stocks that the rest of the investors in this world are looking at. We’re challenging conventional norms as contrarian thinkers. I think I got a lot of that from Plattsburgh.”

“The period during the height of the financial crisis was very challenging, especially since our fund was very young at the time. But as they say, what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger. That period has clearly made us better investors and will be etched in our memory for the rest of our careers,” Reiner said. “We’re still climbing the mountain, so to speak. But we’re having fun, and we learn a lot of new things every day.”
Members of the Cardinal hockey men’s 2001 national championship team were honored with a 10-year reunion luncheon Jan. 22 prior to that night’s game against Brockport.

In addition to their reunion, more than 20 members of the original team and their families gathered to honor the memory of teammate, Mike Daoust, who lost his battle with Hodgkin’s lymphoma July 24 at the age of 34.

“In the 1999 (NCAA Division III) quarterfinals, Mike scored the goal in double-overtime of the mini-game that ended Middlebury’s five-year reign as national champion. It was a goal heard all around Division III hockey, and it sent us to the Final Four. But it was his quality of character that stood out even more than that goal,” Coach Bob Emery told Press-Republican sports reporter John Coryer ’74 at the time of Daoust’s death.

Daoust’s wife, Kristen, and his parents, Gerry and Lynn, were also in attendance at the reunion weekend, lending their support while Kristen dropped the ceremonial puck at the start of the SUNY Brockport game.

“Both Mike’s and my entire family were completely blown away by the events and the spirit of Plattsburgh’s alumni and current players,” said Kristen. “The way that Mike’s memory was included into the speeches at the luncheon, into the opening ceremonies and onto the jerseys at the game was very touching, and I’ll never forget it.”

For Kristen, the event was bittersweet:

“It’s amazing to be able to hear so many wonderful things about the man you married and the impact he had on friends and teammates but very difficult to celebrate such accomplishments without him,” she said.

At the January ceremony, members of the 2001 team were introduced and welcomed to the ice, at which time it was announced that the team’s Rookie of the Year Award will now be known as the Mike Daoust Award. Current players wore special-edition jerseys honoring Daoust in the 4-2 game over Brockport.

After play, the team jerseys were auctioned off, with proceeds benefiting the newly established Mike Daoust Endowment to benefit Cardinal hockey. Through a combination of gifts from hockey alumni and the jersey sales, and a $5,000 donation made March 22 by Chester “Chip” Grabowski ’83, a Cardinal hockey player all four years at Plattsburgh, the fund reached nearly $18,300.

“The hockey reunion was a great event,” said Emery. “The team came back to enjoy the festivities and pay a very special tribute to their lost teammate. The event brought back many memories of the championship season as well as many great memories of Mike.”

“The weekend certainly reminded me of his love for those guys, his coaches and for Plattsburgh. It also confirmed why Mike felt the way he did,” Kristen said.

For more information about the Mike Daoust Endowment, contact the Plattsburgh College Foundation, 101 Broad St., Plattsburgh, N.Y., 12901 or call 518-564-2090.
Student-Athlete Glass Believes in Paying It Forward Through Community Service

By Kristen Porter, NCAA.org (Used by permission)

There’s always time to help others. That’s the clock management philosophy of Plattsburgh lacrosse student-athlete Tucker Glass.

Glass, who graduated in three and a half years with his bachelor’s degree in history, is currently working on his master’s degree in adolescent education. As a member of the Division III Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, he is one of 24 student-athletes offering input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes.

So Glass understands the constraints of a busy schedule as well as anyone.

“It’s really important to get out and have an impact on the community, because they give back to you when you’re out there playing the games, cheering you on or giving back to you (by) showing up for events for the Plattsburgh State SAAC ...,” Glass said.

The school's SAAC collaborates with teams already involved in initiatives, Glass said, listing the involvement of the women’s basketball team with breast cancer awareness, the men’s ice hockey team’s work with the North Country Down Syndrome Association and the softball team’s relationship with Special Olympics athletes.

The men’s lacrosse team supports fundraisers for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a children’s cancer research organization. The trademark event held in conjunction with the Plattsburgh SAAC is called ‘Cardinals Clip Cancer,’ as heads are shaved as a sign of solidarity to the children who lose their hair due to cancer treatments.

In addition, each team member is required to spend six hours of community service, which Glass has spent at the Salvation Army soup kitchen and cleaning up the area around the facility.

“It’s about character, classroom, community. You can find six hours in a semester,” Glass said.

‘Pink the Rink’

Lady Cards Raise Breast Cancer Awareness

The SUNY Plattsburgh women’s hockey team joined college hockey teams from across the country Jan. 29, dressing in pink special-edition jerseys to both raise breast cancer awareness and money for the FitzPatrick Cancer Center “Treasure Chests” fund.

Jerseys were then sold in an online auction with all proceeds going to the cancer center. Elli Collins of the FitzPatrick Cancer Center, was joined by breast cancer survivor Sara Rowden and fellow survivors and members of the singing and comedy troupe, The Boobie Sisters, for the ceremonial puck drop prior to the game. Survivor and Boobie Sister, Nora Rey, performed the National Anthem.

The Boobie Sisters also performed numbers between the first and second periods of play. In addition, the women’s team sold special pink t-shirts to commemorate the event, held a 50/50 raffle and took donations at the door. In all, the team raised more than $5,000 for the Treasure Chests Fund. To sweeten the deal, the Lady Cards ended up winning, 2-1 over Oswego.

“I thought the event was a tremendous success,” said Nicole Goguen, assistant women’s hockey coach. “The community support that we received that day was great. It was very inspiring seeing all of the breast cancer survivors who had volunteered that day. Everyone who was involved with the hospital was very appreciative and excited to watch the girls play. The money donated was going to a great cause, and the support everyone showed made the game that much more meaningful and exciting.”
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1961
Reunion Golden Anniversary
Co-Chairs: Janet Alexander and Carolyn Lord

1964
Dr. David Parks (EDU), professor of educational leadership and policy studies in the School of Education, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech, has been conferred the professor emeritus title by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. He joined the faculty in 1971 and has taught thousands of master’s and doctoral students who now hold leadership positions in pre-K through 12 school systems, professorships in universities and positions in departments of education throughout the United States.

1966
Reunion 45 Years
Tom Chapin (EDU) ’67 (HIS), Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter released his 22nd album, “Give PEAS a Chance,” a compendium of nutritionally and environmentally conscious songs that explore food issues in a fun, informative and singable way.

1968
Katherine Phillips (NUR) spent eight days in Haiti in April 2010 on a medical missionary trip, helping care for 1,700 people with two other nurses and one doctor in and around Port-au-Prince.

Margueritte (Glen) Smith (NUR) is manager and supervisor of Holy Redeemer Health System’s Healthy Families Program in Cape May, N.J., where she has helped hundreds of families learn valuable parenting skills over her 14 years with the program. Smith was a La Leche League volunteer for 30 years and has been in home care for 19.

1971
Reunion 40 Years
Co-Chairs: Dr. Zelda Holcomb and Terry Meron

Robert Lee (BUS) retired from the New York City Department of Finance as deputy commissioner/treasurer in March 2010. He will begin teaching at New York University’s Schack Institute of Real Estate in September.

1972
Christopher Coward (A&S) landed a part in the movie, “The Summer of the Jester,” while on a motorcycle tour of Europe. He is pictured on the set last fall in the UNESCO World Heritage town of Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic. The film is the story of the misadventures of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his friend and lyricist, Emanuel Schikaneder.

1974
Thomas Keleher (PSY) was named to The Best Lawyers in America 2011 in commercial litigation, personal injury, litigation, product liability litigation and professional malpractice law. Keleher is an attorney with Bond, Schoeneck & King in its Syracuse, N.Y., office. A fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, he has experience with product liability, commercial, construction, and trust and estate litigation. He is the former chair of the Product Liability Committee for the Torts, insurance and compensation law section of the New York State Bar Association.

Michael Legacy (EDU) was named the top Advanced Placement math/science teacher for Texas by the Siemens’ Corporation as part of its long-standing commitment to honoring excellence in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Legacy teaches AP statistics and is the pre-K through 12 math department chair at Greenhill School in Addison, Texas. Michael and his partner, David Silva, live in Dallas with their two Akitas.
1976

*Reunion 35 Years*

Co-Chairs: Rich Higgins and Tony Cassella

1978

Paula Fitzgibbons Snyder (NUR) is the director of college health services for SUNY Jamestown Community College, serving its New York campuses in Jamestown, Olean, Dunkirk and its Pennsylvania campus in Warren. She is responsible for providing all the health care and health and wellness programming for the college community as a whole. She was also re-elected to her second term as Cattaraugus County Republican Committee chair.

1979

Dr. Keith Anderson (GEO) G’86 was recognized as a fellow of the American College Health Association. He has been working as staff psychologist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute counseling center and as an adjunct in the psychology department for 16 years.

1980

Susan Miller (PSY) is the Doane Stuart School’s assistant head for advancement. Miller will lead the school’s efforts in fundraising and enrollment, overseeing public relations and advertising, outreach to prospective families and students and to current and prospective donors. She is a senior fundraiser and manager with experience in capital campaigns and direct solicitation of donors. With experience in annual giving, major gifts, estate and planned gifts and more, she has served as associate director and director of admissions at Cornell University in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

1981

*Reunion 30 Years*

Co-Chairs: Jean Cox and Kate Schurick

1984

Cheryl Marceau (CDF) and her son, David Marceau ‘95 (COM), are co-owners of Ridgefield One, a staffing and Internet technology company based in Ridgefield, Conn.

1985

Robert Higgins G’85 (PSY) was named practitioner of the year by Chapter A of the New York Association of School Psychologists at Clarkson University, Potsdam, N.Y. Chapter A represents members from St. Lawrence, Lewis and Jefferson counties. Higgins is a school psychologist with St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services. He has worked for Massena Central School, Behavioral Health Services North in Plattsburgh, and as a psychologist at St. Lawrence Psychiatric Center in Ogdensburg. From 1991 to 2002, he was director of mental health at St. Regis Mohawk Health Services, Hogansburg, N.Y.

1986

*Reunion Silver Anniversary*

Co-Chairs: Edward LeStrange and Janine Sorrell

Martin Nephew (ACC) is executive director of Mountain Lake Services in Port Henry, N.Y. Nephew began his career at Mountain Lake, then known as Essex County ARC, in 1992 as accounting manager. In 2006, he was named chief financial officer. Mountain Lake serves more than 500 people with developmental disabilities and their families throughout Essex County.
**1987**

Michael White (CHE) G’90 is assistant principal at Saranac (N.Y.) Central High School. He previously taught Spanish at Northeastern Clinton Middle/High School in Champlain, N.Y., and was assistant principal at North Country Union High School in Newport, Vt. His wife, Karen Jones G’90, teaches at Northeastern Clinton Central School.

**1990**

Mark Feggeler (ENG) is a national account executive for Red Roof Inn’s corporate sales team. He previously worked as a newspaper reporter before entering a seven-year career in public relations and marketing in the not-for-profit health care industry. He has spent the past 10 years working in the hospitality industry. Feggeler recently returned to writing and is working on a novel while authoring the blog, “Ramblings of a Very Pale Man.”

Aimee Gomlak (BUS) is vice president, women’s service line, with Catholic Health in Buffalo, N.Y. She is responsible for transforming the delivery of care to women into a seamless model that rests on a novel while authoring the blog, “Ramblings of a Very Pale Man.”

Dr. David Van Slyke (ECO) was inducted as a fellow into the National Academy of Public Administration, a congressionally chartered, independent non-partisan organization whose mission is to help public sector leaders improve the quality, performance and accountability of government.

**1991**

**Reunion 20 Years**

Co-Chairs: Jeff Starr and Deborah Frederick

**1992**

Brenda (Madden) Kimbelin (COM) was nominated for a mid-America Regional Emmy Award in the fall of 2010 for business reporting for “The Sale of KFJO,” a story about the sale of an FM radio station. She produced and reported the piece for HEC-TV in St. Louis, Mo. She resides in St. Louis with her husband, Jeff, where they own and operate a UPS store. They are the parents of two daughters, ages 4 and 6.

**1993**

Thomas Wood III G’93 CAS’93 was named chair of the Saratoga County (N.Y.) Board of Supervisors, the county’s highest elected official. He also serves as supervisor for the Town of Saratoga. Among his first actions upon taking the oath of office was naming fellow SUNY Plattsburgh alumus, Matthew Veitch ‘94 (EDU), a Saratoga Springs supervisor, as chair of a newly formed technology committee and as chair of the Legislative and Research Committee.

**1995**


**1996**

**Reunion 15 Years**

Co-Chairs: Amy Spiegel and Nerlande Anselme

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Katy Farber G’99 recently wrote the book, “Why Great Teachers Quit and How We Might Stop the Exodus.” She developed the idea for the book and began researching teacher attrition after one of her colleagues left teaching. The result is a book that presents an in-the-trenches view of the classroom exodus and how schools can turn the tide. The foreword is written by Dr. Virginia Hines, a former SUNY Plattsburgh education professor. Farber has been a teacher in Vermont since receiving her master’s in education at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Michael Fischetti (SOC) is a partner with Schuster & Saben LLC. He manages the firm’s Plantation, Fla., office, where he focuses his practice in the areas of personal injury protection litigation, personal injury litigation, and foreclosure defense.

Dr. Olivia Busuttil-Cashman (ENV) ’05 (BIO) graduated from Ross University’s School of Veterinary Medicine in 2009.

Alizabeth (Estey) Evans (CDS) is a speech language pathologist with EPH Senior Healthcare of Harwich (Mass.). She assists residents with therapy to improve swallowing and cognitive skills and to strengthen facial muscles.

Allison Buckley (ENV) is the director of conservation at the Adirondack Council. Hired in December 2010, she was chosen from a field of 50 candidates from across the United States. After graduating from SUNY Plattsburgh, she earned her master’s degree in environmental law and policy from the Vermont Law School. She has experience working for a land trust, a watershed watch group, a winter resort and the Village of Lake Placid.

Kimberly Davis (PHI/BUS) is branch manager at the Cornelia Street (Plattsburgh) office of Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company. She joined the bank in 2008 as a management trainee and, in 2009, was promoted to assistant manager at the Cornelia Street office. She has served as secretary of the Plattsburgh Noon Kiwanis Club and is a mentor and coach for the Team in Training Program of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In addition, she is an Adirondack Young Professionals member and American Cancer Society Relay for Life team captain.

Kristine Linnihan (ENG/PHI) graduated from Hofstra University School of Law in May 2009. She has since passed the Rhode Island and Minnesota bar examinations and is working as an associate attorney at a firm in Minneapolis, Minn., where she practices business litigation and legal, medical and professional malpractice law.

Sarah Pellerin (ENG) was admitted to the New York State Bar and has joined the law firm of Harter Secrest & Emery LLP as an associate attorney in the practice’s real estate group. Pellerin will focus her practice on drafting and review of commercial real estate purchase and sale agreements, commercial leases and other agreements relating to real property and real property transactions; assisting in the representation of clients involved in obtaining land-use approvals during the planning and development of commercial projects, including approvals required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act. Pellerin received her J.D. from Albany Law School. She resides in Rochester, N.Y.

Ryan Hayner (JOU) is sports editor at the Press-Republican in Plattsburgh. Hayner is former editor of the Cardinal Points and worked as a sports reporter at the Press prior to his promotion.

Amber Pouliot (SOC) graduated from the Vermont Police Academy in December 2010 and was honored with the Director’s Award, given for the overall top student in all aspects of the academy. The 20-week program focuses on criminal law, motor vehicle law and police patrolling among other topics. Pouliot became a fully certified Vermont state trooper in January.
Celebrations

1993

Derek Blakeman (COM) and Dr. Heidi Einolf were married Nov. 6, 2010, at Resurrection Parish, Randolph, N.J. Derek works as a video editor for NBC News. Heidi works at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation. The couple resides in Denville, N.J.

2003

Heather Potter (SOC) and Travis Sheehan were married July 3, 2010, at Whiteface Lodge in Lake Placid, N.Y. Heather is a senior probation officer at the Essex County Probation Department. Travis is owner/operator of Sheehan & Sons Excavation in Willsboro, N.Y.

2004

Stephanie Brill (HRT) G’05 and Michael Langthorne announce their engagement. Stephanie, the daughter of Steven Brill ’76 (COM) and Ellen (Rose) Brill ’76 (EDU), is conference services manager at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, Ariz. Michael is support specialist for classiccars.com in Phoenix. A June wedding is planned.

2006

John Conwall (BIO) and Shannon Dennie were married May 22, 2010. John is government sales manager for Hilti Inc., in Albany, N.Y. Shannon is customer service manager at Hill and Markes Inc., in Amsterdam, N.Y. Many SUNY Plattsburgh alumni and friends, including several Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity brothers, were in attendance. The couple resides in Duaneburg, N.Y.

2008

Melissa Herald (HDF) and Adam Theis were married Aug. 8, 2010, at the B&B on the Green in Hudson Falls, N.Y. Melissa received her master’s in professional school counseling from Sage Graduate School in Albany, N.Y. Adam is employed by Verizon Wireless. The couple resides in South Glens Falls, N.Y.

2009

David Annable (COM) and Odette Yustman were married Oct. 10, 2010, in Ojai, Calif. Annable co-stars on ABC-TV’s “Brothers & Sisters.” Yustman, an actress, appeared in the movie, “You Again,” and on ABC’s “October Road.”

Kate Marcantonio (EDU) G’11 and Jason Diamond announce their engagement. Marcantonio received her master’s in education from SUNY Plattsburgh at Queensbury. Diamond is a patrolman with the Hudson Falls Police Department. A September wedding is planned.

2010

Rosemary Yacoob (NUR) and Erik Wooding (HIS) were married Aug. 14, 2010, in Westbury, N.Y. Rosemary is a registered nurse at New York Presbyterian Weill Cornell Hospital. Erik is an audio/visual technician at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton LLP. The couple resides in New York City.
**CLASS babies**

1994

Jennifer (Arnold) Degenhart (HRT) and her husband, Ed '96 (ACC), announce the birth of their daughter, Peyton Virginia, July 9, 2010. She joins big brother, Michael, 2. The family resides in Malta, N.Y.

Janet (Koehler) Carey (NUR) and her husband, Travis '97 (ACC), announce the birth of their son, Noah James, Oct. 26, 2009. He joins big brothers, Jacob, 6, and Joshua, 5.

Steve Linder (SOC) and his wife, Michelle Tosto-Linder, announce the birth of their daughter, Gianna “GiGi” Marie, May 11, 2009. GiGi joins older sister, Ncollette, 5. Steve is a deputy U.S. marshal and works on a fugitive task force in Chicago, Ill. Michelle works for the marketing department at Compute Discount Warehouse Company. The family resides in Chicago.

Jennifer (Wilson) Mathis (COM) and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Marlene, March 2, 2010. She joins big sisters, Molly, 3, and Grace, 2. The family resides in Wilmington, N.C.

1999

Karra (Scisci) Makowski (EDU) and her husband, Benjamin '00 (SOC), announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Benjamin, Sept. 25, 2010. Karra is a kindergarten teacher at Guilderland Elementary School. Benjamin is an agency services representative with the New York State Thruway Authority. The family resides in Delmar, N.Y.

Michael Lewandowski (ENG) and his wife, Athena (Castro) '02 (THE), announce the birth of their son, Ezra Keith, May 8, 2010. Ezra joins big brother, Matthew, 5.

2001

Bailey (Perkins) Baker (MAT) and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of their son, Caedan James Anthony, Oct. 19, 2010. Caedan is also the grandson of James Perkins '74 (EDU) and his wife, Lisa (Pacelli) Perkins '74 (EDU). Bailey is a 9th-grade math teacher at Greenwich Central School. Nate is a Glens Falls city police officer. The family resides in Salem, N.Y.

2006

Michael Castine (EDU) G’09 and his wife, Renee (Roberts) ’08 (EDU) G’10 announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Mary-Marie, Dec. 27, 2010. Renee is a teacher at Saranac Elementary School. Michael works for the federal government. The family resides in West Chazy, N.Y.

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IN MEMORIAM

Arnold Amell ’53 (EDU)
Arnold “Arnie” Amell was an educator for more than 40 years, first as a classroom teacher, then as a guidance counselor and director of guidance, as assistant principal and principal and as assistant superintendent for personnel in Schenectady, N.Y. He returned to administration on an interim basis following retirement and later worked for the New York State Education Department as a consultant in the SED School Improvement Program. He also served as interim director of personnel in the Enlarged City School District of Troy. A long-time supporter of the SUNY Plattsburgh Alumni Association, he served on the board of directors for 37 years and was its president in 1974. Mr. Amell was appointed to the College Council in 1989 and served as its chair from 2008 until the time of his death at 80. In 2006, he was awarded the college’s Distinguished Service Award. Mr. Amell served on numerous search committees and was participating on the committee for a new provost/vice president for academic affairs at the time of his death. He also served on numerous state-level committees, including the Association of Council Members and College Trustees where he worked to increase communication with other members. He was a proponent of community service, serving as the former president of the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady, the Northeast Parent and Child Society and Phi Delta Kappa International Educational Fraternity board of directors. On Jan. 18, Congressman Bill Owens entered a tribute to Mr. Amell in the Congressional Record, saying, “The Plattsburgh community has lost a true friend and a great leader, but his memory and spirit will continue to inspire generations of Upstate New Yorkers who will work to better their community in this tradition.” Those interested in making a gift in Mr. Amell’s honor may do so by giving to the Arnold Amell Scholarship Endowment through the Plattsburgh College Foundation, 101 Broad St., Plattsburgh, N.Y., 12901.

Alumni

Mary (Watson) Conroy ’35 (EDU)
Jan. 6, 2011 — Beekmantown, N.Y.

Nancy (Evenson) Clegg ’37 (EDU)
Jan. 29, 2011 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Lila (Mathson) Vorce ’37 (EDU)

Beatrice Morrison ’38 (EDU)
Oct. 25, 2010 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Adrienne (Bechard) Gonyo ’39 (EDU)
Nov. 18, 2011 — Beekmantown, N.Y.

Winifred (Drake) Uhlinger ’53 (EDU)
Dec. 9, 2010 — Lincoln, Neb.

Donald Miller ’54 (EDU)
Feb. 3, 2011 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Blanche (Barnes) Robinson ’54 (EDU)

Margaret (Cleary) Callender ’56 (EDU)
Feb. 7, 2011 — Clifton Park, N.Y.

Joan (Quinlin) Dashaw ’56 (NUR)
Dec. 23, 2010 — Harrisville, N.Y.

Beverly Gail Ashline ’58 (EDU)
Dec. 30, 2010 — Mayfield, N.Y.

Mildred (Dawes) Duncan ’59 (EDU)
Dec. 29, 2010 — Northville, N.Y.

Thelma Washington ’59 (EDU)
Nov. 17, 2010 — White Plains, N.Y.

Claudette (Ehren) Crocker ’64 (EDU)
Feb. 16, 2011 — South Glens Falls, N.Y.

Sylvia (Getman) Yule ’64 (EDU)
Jan. 31, 2011 — Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Sandra Brunk ’65 (NUR)
Oct. 29, 2010 — Delmar, N.Y.

David Kamiński ’66 (MAT)
Dec. 15, 2010 — Amsterdam, N.Y.

Margaret S. Jenkins ’67 (EDU)
June 29, 2010 — Apalachin, N.Y.

Janet (Sanford) Forbes ’69 (EDU)
Feb. 9, 2011 — Woonsocket, R.I.

Ada (Bruso) Bertrand ’71 G’74 (EDU)
Dec. 20, 2010 — Champlain, N.Y.

Mary Lou Zaferakis G’71 CAS’89 (EDU)
Dec. 29, 2010 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Anita (Johnson) Sabol ’72 G’74 (EDU)
Dec. 24, 2010 — Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Deborah Warner ’74 (BUS)

Bruce Bullard ’80 (BUS)
Sept. 23, 2010 — Kanata, Ontario

James Sackett ’81 (BUS)
Jan. 16, 2011 — Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Jean (DuBray) Pulsifer ’88 (EDU)
Nov. 24, 2010 — Morrisonville, N.Y.

Terry (Krawetz) Barrows ’90 (BUS)
Jan. 3, 2011 — Glens Falls, N.Y.

Cheryl (Pelkey) Long G’94 (CLG)
Dec. 26, 2010 — Ogdensburg, N.Y.

Kelly (Parsley) Jackson ’95 (EDU)

James Farrell ’97 (EDU)
Feb. 21, 2011 — Mooers Forks, N.Y.

Karen Keefe-Johnson G’98 (EDU)
Jan. 18, 2011 — Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Faculty and Staff

Jeanne (Hahn) Bennink ’71 (EDU)
Library acquisitions manager
Oct. 9, 2010 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Bernard “Doc” Girard ’76 (ADS)
Maintenance and Operations system analyst
Oct. 10, 2010 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Gordon “Gordy” House
Retired classified staff
Feb. 2, 2011 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Friends

Beulah Belair
Feb. 10, 2011 — Altona, N.Y.

Harry Mowry

Tarley Keith
Nov. 11, 2010 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Ruth Kramer
Nov. 21, 2010 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Sylvia Simonowitz
Feb. 3, 2011 — Plattsburgh, N.Y.
Practising Like Water

by Kate Marshall Flaherty

Crumbs of sleep in my eye,
dream residue:

I squeeze my lids tight,
burrow deeper
into the warm blanket-folds,
wanting to go back
to where I am sharing a meal with you
at a sunny pine table:

Cascade Mountain through the glass.

No need to speak,
or hold hands,
peaceful silence dissolving
into one smile like water.

The weightless feeling still fluttering
in the cage of my ribs.

Why do we awaken
with such longing, sometimes?

Have we been floating with angels?
Practising for death,
in sleep?

Are we slipping into a pool
where dream and dreamer are one?

A cup of water poured into the sea.

Katie Marshall Flaherty has two books of poetry, “Tilted Equilibrium” and “String of Mysteries.” She has also had work published in various anthologies and journals. Her awards include the Shaunt Basmajian Chapbook Award and Canadian Church Press poetry prize. She lives in Toronto with her husband and three children.

“Practising Like Water” appears in Issue 6 of the Saranac Review, an international literary journal, created by the college’s English department. Its editors look for the best in fiction, poetry and non-fiction from the United States and Canada, as they strive to create a forum for faculty and students to experience excellence in contemporary writing.

Painter Noriko Hasegawa has received numerous awards for her art, including Gold Awards from the Audubon Artists and the California Watercolor Association. Her paintings have been featured in exhibitions throughout the world, in places like the National Art Center in Tokyo, Japan; the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art; and the Pyong Teak City Museum in Korea. A number of her paintings are now part of the Plattsburgh State Art Museum permanent collection.

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ROCKWELL KENT COLLECTION
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Rockwell Kent Gallery

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35TH ANNUAL SUNY PLATTSBURGH JAZZ FESTIVAL CONCERT
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E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall
SUNY Plattsburgh Mambo Combo, Jazz Ensemble
$8 general admission. $5 seniors, area students, SUNY Plattsburgh faculty and staff. $2 SUNY Plattsburgh students.

LATIN/CARIBBEAN DANCE PARTY
6:30 p.m. May 7
Naked Turtle Holding Co., 1 Dock St., Plattsburgh
Dr. Rick Davies and Salsa Nortena, SUNY Plattsburgh Mambo Combo
Advance: $5 general admission; $2 SUNY Plattsburgh students. Day of show: $8 general admission; $5 SUNY Plattsburgh students.

SINFONIA CONCERT
7:30 p.m. May 9
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Free

GUITAR STUDIO AND ENSEMBLE CONCERT
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