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Key for Major Abbreviations:

Acctg.: Accounting	Elec. Eng.: Electrical Engineering	Mus. Ther.: Music Therapy
Adol. Ed.: Adolescent Education	Elem. Ed.: Elementary Education	Org. Comm.: Organizational Communication
Afr. St.: African Studies	Engl.: English	Paint.: Painting
Anthro.: Anthropology	Fin.: Finance	Phil.: Philosophy
Art Ed.: Art Education	Fin. Aid.: Financial Aid	Photo.: Photography
Art Hist.: Art History	For. Lang.: Foreign Languages	Pol. Sci.: Political Science
Asian St.: Asian Studies	Geog.: Geography	Print.: Printmaking
Biol.: Biology	Geol.: Geology	Psych.: Psychology
Black St.: Black Studies	Hist.: History	Pub. Rel.: Public Relations
Bus.: Business	Hum. Ed.: Humanistic Education	Sculp.: Sculpture
Bus. Admin.: Business Administration	Inst. Res.: Instructional Resources	Sec. Ed.: Secondary Education
Cer.: Ceramics	Inter. Des.: Intermedia Design	Soc.: Sociology
Chem.: Chemistry	Journ.: Journalism	Soc. St.: Social Studies
Comm.: Communication and Media	Lang. Imm.: Language Immersion Institute	Spec. Ed.: Special Education
Comm. Dis.: Communication Disorders	Lat. Am. St.: Latin American Studies	Sp. Comm.: Speech Communications
Comp. Sci.: Computer Science	Ling.: Linguistics	Sp. Prog.: Special Programs
Curr. Sup.: Curriculum Supervision	Med. Man.: Media Management	Span.: Spanish
Econ.: Economics	Ment. Hlth. Couns.: Mental Health Counseling	Theatre: Theatre Arts
Ed.: Education	Mngmnt.: Management	Thtr. Man.: Theatre Management
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New Paltz at the Center of Regional Civic Engagement

Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) Connects College's Resources with Community Needs

By Kristin Charles-Scaringi

At its core, a college is a place where knowledge is developed and disseminated in order to enrich the world as a whole.

The Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach at the State University of New York at New Paltz was created to encourage the sharing of ideas and information with the surrounding region. The center is raising the level of engagement between communities, government and businesses across the Hudson Valley by applying the college's resources to issues that are important to the people and communities near New Paltz.

Established in 2008, the center focuses its efforts on the eight-county Mid-Hudson region: Ulster, Sullivan, Orange, Dutchess, Putnam, Columbia, Greene and Rockland.

"Although for many years New Paltz has supplied faculty expertise and talented graduates across the Hudson Valley, this new center will let us raise the visibility and impact of such intellectual engagement to a whole new level," said College President Steven Poskanzer.

Enhanced visibility has also been achieved by the center through symposiums, conferences and lectures on topics related to the environment, local art history, literature and the economy.

The center is involved in public policy research looking into such topics as local government reform and restructuring; regional approaches to economic development; and needs assessment for regional governments and non-profits.

Work is conducted on a variety of issues of local importance, including literacy, local government and continuing education. Gerald Benjamin, director of CRREO and associate vice president of regional engagement at New Paltz, said the center is raising visibility of the issues and helping the college to address the regional economic and schooling needs. The center has already brought key regional concerns to the attention of citizens and policy makers through research teams and discussion briefs.

"Quality information will help us to work together to develop our own local solutions and advance the need for changes at the state level," said Benjamin. "We want people to pay attention to the issues and associate us with the issues."

To date, the center has published three discussion briefs – in-depth research reports conducted by CRREO staff and members of the campus community. The first, published in October 2008, addresses the inequities surrounding property taxes in Ulster County. It was written by Benjamin and alumna Rachel Johns '08 (Pol. Sci.). In the second brief, published in May

CRREO Relies on Community Support to Fulfill its Mission

Serving as a think tank, the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO) brings all members of the communities it serves together for the betterment of the region.

The center works closely with a cross section of the region's thinkers to advance the public interest in our region.

Gerald Benjamin, CRREO director and associate vice president of regional engagement, said the group of eight reviews and comments on priorities, helps identify and pursue funding opportunities, and provides connections with the communities in the region and interested and supportive alumni.

"They keep us focused on our mission," said Benjamin.

The advisory board, which meets two to three times a year, is made up of local residents from a variety of backgrounds, including law, education, business and public policy. This collaboration fosters the idea that communities can work together to better serve citizenry.

Members include alumni **Jack Lester '74** (Ed.), who serves as chair, and **Tom Cetrino '73**, as well as emeritus professor **Paul Brown** (Psych.).

For complete listing of the CRREO advisory board members, visit <http://www.newpaltz.edu/crreo/about.html>.



CRREO's Regional Well-Being group

2009, Benjamin and Joshua Simons '08 (Pol. Sci.) conducted a comprehensive study of Hudson Valley jails. The third study, authored by Kathryn Reed, MHA, CMPE, who is Executive Director of the Catskill-Hudson Area Health Education Center located in Highland, NY, finds that the Hudson Valley needs far greater success in bringing doctors to the region. The discussions briefs are available on the CRREO Web site at http://www.newpaltz.edu/crreo/discussion_briefs.html.

Benjamin said there are plenty of opportunities for all members of the campus community to get involved in the programs and studies related to the region. One such project is the center's regional well-being research team.

Since January 2009, Kathleen "K.T." Tobin Flusser '92 (Soc.) has been leading the team, which is devoted to defining measurable qualities of the social, economic and environmental

character of a select group of Mid-Hudson Valley communities. The Regional Well-Being group is funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant and is made up of CRREO staff, New Paltz faculty and students, and community leaders. The research is concentrated on Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties where more than one-third of the college's student body comes from.

The group has been meeting since January 2009. The results of its first year of collaborative work will be featured in a report set to be published in the spring of 2010; such a report will be produced every year. The annual report, which broadly covers all of the center's goals, will be supplemented by two in-depth reports focusing on a particular portion of the group's mission statement.

Like all CRREO initiatives, this project has a strong educational component. Flusser said five local high school students and 12 SUNY New Paltz students have been involved with the project. Additionally, the group is working with New Paltz faculty members to develop related teaching materials for use in courses and in guiding students in project-related work.

It is Benjamin's connection to the communities – local and on campus – that have built the foundation of the center's work.

As dean of New Paltz's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for more than 12 years, Benjamin was instrumental in seeing that New Paltz's largest academic unit grew in numbers and diversity and underwent extensive renewal.

This commitment to education is also evident in the center's many internship opportunities and the many regionally oriented college programs that are now under the auspices of CRREO. These programs include the Institute for Disaster Mental Health; One Book, One New Paltz; Summer Session; Regional and Continuing Education; University in High School program, and the Legislative Gazette public affairs reporting internship.

Working as an independent agency and in collaboration with local governments, business and not-for-profits, the center conducts research, presents it and provides the means with which to act upon the changes that need to be made.

"The idea is to apply research to foster the best and most efficient practices and hold government accountable," said Benjamin.

For more information about the center or any of its programs, visit www.newpaltz.edu/crreo.

Scholarship to Provide Public-Service Experience

For **Tom Cetrino '73** (Pol. Sci.), internships and dedicated faculty attention led him to pursue a career in public service.

It was his positive experiences at New Paltz, under the guidance of professors Alan Chartock and Gerald Benjamin, that served as the basis for the Cetrino Family Scholarship, a year-long, full-tuition scholarship and internship with the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach.

Emily Sobel '11 (Asian St., Pol. Sci.) is the first recipient of the Cetrino Family Scholarship, which was developed in collaboration with the SUNY New Paltz Foundation. As part of her scholarship, Sobel will be an intern in the CRREO office, working on projects related to public policy and service.

Sobel, who has worked at the center since May 2009, said the scholarship was ideal because it will allow her to continue working in the office.

"I love the work: all of the interns work together and help each other with research, while Dr. Benjamin, K.Tobin-Flusser, and Josh direct projects effectively and teach valuable skills and information along the way," she said. "Overall, it's a wonderful environment to work in."

The Cetrino Family Scholarship was established in honor of his parents. In addition to her paid internship with CRREO, Sobel will receive annual tuition and fee coverage and a living stipend.

Cetrino, a member of the CRREO advisory board and research director for the Public Employees Federation, hopes the scholarship and internship will encourage New Paltz students to pursue a career in public service for years to come.

"I did a tremendous amount of work outside of the classroom," he said. "It all provided me with some very valuable experiences."

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Partnerships with M&T Bank and Local Businesses Promote Dorsky Museum Exhibitions

The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art's Hudson River exhibitions, headlined by Hudson River School paintings from the New York Historical Society drew record numbers of visitors, nearly doubling the museum's attendance during the six months' long program.

Many visitors "discovered" the Dorsky for the first time, thanks to the publicity made possible by major underwriting support from M&T Bank. One of the most frequent comments from visitors this summer was "I didn't know the museum was here!" The Dorsky Museum has a track record of excellent exhibitions, but without a promotion budget the museum has been a hidden treasure. This year, thanks to M&T Bank, and our other sponsors, the museum was finally able to come out of hiding--to the delight and surprise of many area residents.

The project is also supported by funds from M&T Bank, Jacobowitz & Gubits, the Friends of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, and the State University of New York at New Paltz.

Dorsky Museum director Sara Pasti, said "Art & the River's presentation of artwork by both historic and contemporary Hudson River Valley artists exemplifies our continuing commitment to Hudson Valley art and artists. What makes the Hudson River to Niagara Falls show so special is that several of the paintings have not been exhibited in more than 50 years."



Sara Pasti, Neil Trager Director of the Dorsky Museum, and Mike Keegan, M&T Bank.

Reunion Recruitment Scholarship Makes a Difference

Kristin Moran '13, thought that her families' financial situation - she is one of three children in her family attending college - meant that she would have to give up her hopes of "a real college experience" at New Paltz. Support from the Reunion Recruitment Scholarship fund made it possible for her to attend New Paltz instead.

Established last year with gifts from alumni in honor of their class reunions, Kristin says to each donor: "thank you so much for your generous donation and for allowing me to continue to pursue my dreams."

*"I really want to make a difference wherever I go...and I think that attending SUNY New Paltz will give me a great place to start."
- Kristin Moran '13*



Bequest Creates Campus Observatory

Jack Smolen was an avid amateur astronomer, who constructed an observatory on his Hurley property, equipping it with a telescope he created at the Hayden planetarium in New York City. Jack's widow, Muriel Smolen, made provisions in her will to commemorate her husband's passion and to pass that enthusiasm on to future generations. The new Muriel and Jack Smolen Observatory will serve New Paltz students for years to come.

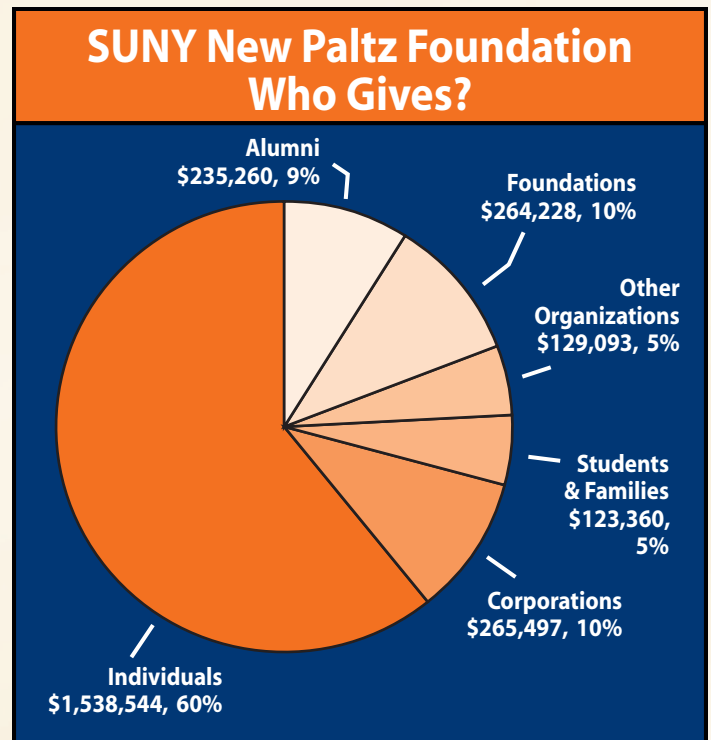
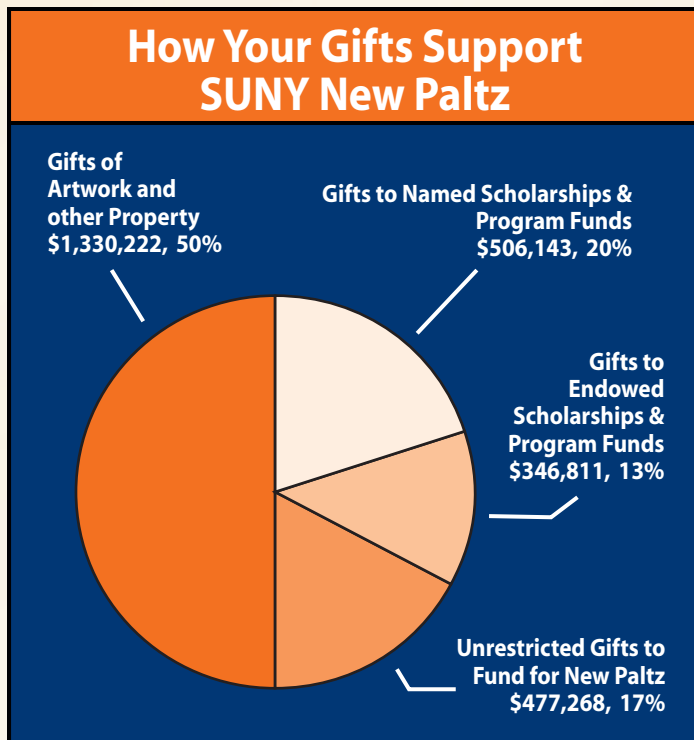
New Paltz is taking advantage of the Smolen Observatory to launch a new program in Astronomy. Pending final approval, New Paltz will offer a liberal arts degree in astronomy. **Prof Amy Forestell** (Physics) notes "The Observatory will be a key component of our new Astronomy degree. Astronomy students will take a course devoted to learning how to make astronomical observations using the new Observatory. The students will then be able to use the telescope for small research projects to gain valuable experience as astronomers. The Observatory will also be used in the General Education astronomy courses as well as a new elective course on astronomical observations for non-science majors. In addition, the Observatory will also be used for public viewing nights open to the entire community, and will be available for use by New Paltz students and organizations such as the Astronomy Club. We are very thankful to the Smolens for providing this outstanding resource to our students and the community."

The new observatory is a sturdy shed with a slide-off roof. Inside will be a telescope permanently mounted on a pedestal. Additional telescopes can be stored and used on specially-built stands outside the structure. A wireless data-link will eventually allow for automated data collection from other instruments.

The Smolen Observatory is located adjacent to the soccer fields just south of Esopus Hall - a site chosen because it is the darkest place on campus. The best observing weather is on cold, clear, moonless winter nights. Since heat creates interfering convection currents, the building is not heated. "Serious astronomers will need to bundle up," said Forestell. "but we hope to use the observatory even under less optimal conditions, such as warm, summer evenings."

For information about public viewing nights, visit www.newpaltz.edu/observatory/.

Annual Report 2008-09



New Paltz's Endowment & the Economy

Gifts to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation endowment support programs and scholarships for New Paltz students. Because endowed funds are invested in a widely diversified portfolio, the Foundation's endowment is not immune to the impact of the current economic downturn. For the two years ending June 30, 2009, they lost 13% of their value. However, the market's recovery in the last half of 2009 has reversed some of that decline.

Fortunately, several years ago the Foundation board authorized the creation of a reserve "rainy day" fund to hold a portion of the endowments earnings, in order to fund endowment payouts during years of market declines. The board allocated half of that "rainy day" fund for spendable endowment income in the current ('09-'10) fiscal year, and the remaining half of those reserves for endowment spending in the fiscal year beginning July 2010, in an effort to provide income during the market's decline.

The Foundation board continues to inform endowment donors about its actions, the status of the Foundation's endowment, and the steps we are taking to preserve the value of the endowment in these difficult times.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Foundation office at (845) 257-3240, with any questions, concerns or ideas you might have.

Reunion Weekend: Always Royal Treatment

Another reunion gone by. Although the attendance may have been depressed due to the weather, the returning alumni were not. As always we were greeted as returning “royalty” and treated as such. We listened as President Poskanzer gave us some interesting numbers regarding college applications and noted that the 19,000 applicants for this year’s freshman class represented a number that is more than 20 times the entire student population when we came as freshmen in the fifties. At the Lantern Society dinner, we sang (to Dr. Igou) the Vesper Song and the Alma Mater (lyrics also thoughtfully provided by the College).

Our group has probably attended more of these alumni gatherings than most, and the efforts the College puts forth have always been appreciated. In the 50+ years that have passed since my graduation, many changes have been made in these alumni gatherings. For example, some of us who had played on the baseball team, returned to play a regularly scheduled baseball game against the then current varsity. (And sometimes we won!) We were the group that played for Loren D. Campbell, a New Paltz institution in his own right! But the years take their toll and those physical activities were replaced by golf at Mohonk or Apple Greens. Still, time “enhances” the memories of our athletic talents which continue to “evolve” with the passing years. This is somewhat analogous to one of our number, studying his name card with graduation picture exclaiming, “I never realized how “good-looking” I was as an undergraduate.” Stories have been told so often, that we now accept them as gospel. Smiles greet the returning members of our era (though, in truth, without the name tags, we would be hard pressed to identify each other) and we shed a tear for those who have passed on.

Despite the ever ongoing construction, New Paltz remains forever unchanged and our return is always a joy. An odd truth is that the same wonderful types remain as faculty, administration and staff, though the faces change over the years. It is always good to return to our academic roots. Thomas Wolfe told us, “You can’t go home again,” but Thomas Wolfe never attended New Paltz.

Thanks to all who work so hard on these reunions. See you next year.

Tom Annacone '57



Jessica Tirado '06

by Alyssa Jung

Jessica Tirado '06 (Soc./Hum. Svcs.) always knew she wanted to spend time abroad. When she landed in Nepal this past summer, her quest to promote human rights around the world came one step closer to being complete. Tirado first became involved with global human rights almost directly after graduation when she traveled to Rwanda for three weeks.

“When I graduated from New Paltz, I felt like I had spent the last four years learning and writing about all these problems in our country and around the world and I was itching to do something hands on,” said Tirado, who went on to spend six months along the Thai-Burma border as well.

Now a second semester graduate student at NYU, Tirado felt it was time again to venture abroad. This time, she applied for a fellowship program with the Advocacy Project, a non-governmental organization based out of Washington DC that aims to empower local organizations in developing countries to produce social change. Africa was her first choice but because she wasn't a fluent French speaker, Nepal it was. It turns out she fell in love with the country which borders India and China and hopes to someday go back.

During her time there, Tirado worked with the Jagaran Media Center, a local organization made up of people from the Dalit



Counterclockwise from top, left: Jessica Tirado stands with one of the children she lived with at the orphanage. Tirado said that living among the Nepalese people enriched her experience and allowed her to form deep and meaningful relationships. Dalit women are often the victim of violence in Nepal and many are considered witches and persecuted. Tirado worked on a campaign with Jagaran Media Center to advocate against this violence. This Dalit girl is part of group considered to be untouchables in the Nepalese caste system. Tirado stands among a group of Nepalese people. She said she grew to understand and love their culture and country and hopes to eventually visit it again.



community who use various forms of media to advocate for their own rights. “Dalits are considered to be untouchables in the caste system and make up about a quarter of the population,” said Tirado. They’re extremely marginalized and are almost considered to be subhuman. My role was to work with them on a daily basis with editing, writing and video production training.”

Tirado said that Jagaran is mostly comprised of journalists and that she was able to contribute to three different campaigns they were working on. The first dealt with coerced labor and slavery, the second addressed violence against Dalit women and the third was aimed at abuse against inter-caste couples and families. “Those last two campaigns targeted two very big issues in Nepal,” said Tirado. “Many Dalit women are accused of being witches and persecuted and inter-caste families face extreme violence and human rights abuses.”

In addition to contributing research and writing to issue bulletins and reports, Tirado helped the Jagaran staff learn how to better utilize Facebook, Twitter and other new social media platforms to get their message out. She was also able to train some of the staff in video editing and production. The Advocacy Project sent her to Nepal with a Flipcam, a tiny video recorder. She left it with the staff at Jagaran who now use it to put together documentaries and short advocacy pieces.

While Tirado spent much of her day with the people at Jagaran, she also spent a large chunk of time interacting with the Nepali

people she lived with. She said living right in the middle of the culture enriched her experience and opened the door for more opportunities. “When I first got to Nepal I was jumping from hostel to hostel and living with other backpackers, but I decided I wanted to live more locally and have an authentic experience. I was able to move into an orphanage that rents out rooms to volunteers and even though it didn’t have running water or regular electricity, I fell in love with the kids, staff and the whole place,” said Tirado.

She said she helped the kids with their homework and played with them when she got home from work. Once they got to know her, Tirado said they became very curious about the work she did so she started a workshop program during a week when they were on holiday from school. She was able to bring a group of children from the orphanage into Jagaran’s office and facilitate workshops among the children and staffers about human rights and why Jagaran’s advocacy work was so important. “I think they really got a lot out of it and I really loved that they were so interested in human rights issues,” said Tirado.

Just like the kids benefited from her workshop, Tirado said she gained a unique perspective and experience from spending time with them. “In retrospect, I view living at the orphanage to be like living with a Nepalese family because it was a family-run organization and all the kids treated each other like brothers and sisters,” said Tirado. “It was actually just like living with a family, but in a more unconventional way.” The orphanage came to mean so much to her that Tirado found another way to give back. She saw it struggling financially and worked with a small group of other volunteers to start a micro-enterprise initiative by turning the children’s artwork into greeting cards for tourists to be sold. “The kids drew a bunch of designs, we used them as the basis for cards and even took a trip to the tourist area to sell them,” said Tirado. “The fundraiser was a success and the cards are now a sustainable income source for the orphanage.”

Tirado took away more from Nepal than an understanding and appreciation for the people and culture. She said she learned the importance of relationship building before starting tasks at work and developed a love for the national Nepali dish called daal-bhat, which is eaten twice a day by 22 million people. “It’s basically the staple food—white rice with curried veggies and soupy lentils. At first it was strange to eat curry first thing in morning, but I really developed taste for it and now I’m always looking for Nepalese restaurants,” said Tirado. “I actually got lucky because there’s one about two blocks away from my apartment in the city.”

Tirado says that additional information on her work in Nepal is available on the blog she was required to keep during her time in Nepal for her fellowship program. She’s working towards her master’s in global affairs, concentrating on human rights and humanitarian assistance and expects to graduate in December 2010 or May 2011. She keeps in touch with the people she met at Jagaran and while she hopes to someday make it back to Nepal to reconnect with them, she said she’d be happy to travel to any place in which she can make a meaningful contribution.



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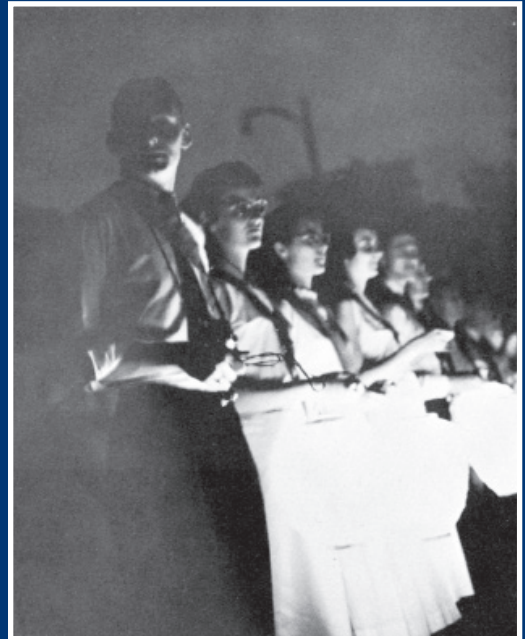
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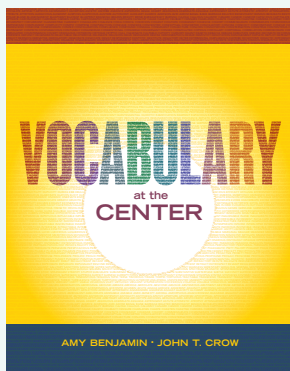
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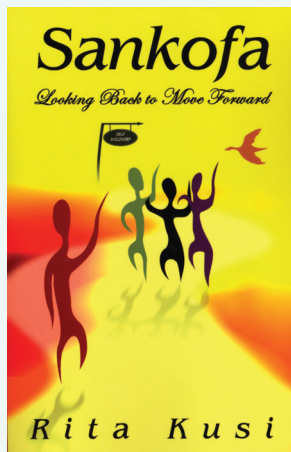
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Reading Room



Amy Benjamin '73 (Engl.), '92g (Engl., 7-12) co-authored a book, "Vocabulary at the Center." The resource book provides concrete strategies that encourage students to go beyond rote memorization to expand their vocabulary.



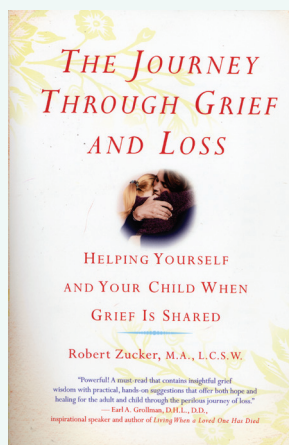
Rita Kusi's book, "Sankofa: Looking Back to Move Forward" was published in 2009. In her dedication to the alumni library, she writes: "I have and always will be proud to say that 'I am a graduate of SUNY New Paltz.' The school has given me so much and has brought so many wonderful people to my life."

Josephine Nobisso '74 (Italian) has had all of her children's picture book published with Gingerbread House and will be used as set dressings in three major motion pictures this year. The films are: "Motherhood" starring Uma Thurman, "Love and Other Impossible Pursuits" starring Natalie Portman, and "The Baster" starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Bateman.

Mike Rispoli '08 (Geog.) and **Sean Rodriguez '07** (Geog.) published an article in the International Journal of Soil, Sediment and Water: Vol. 2, 2008, titled "Ambient and Landfill-Impacted Groundwater Quality in the Hudson Valley of Southeastern New York State." Rodriguez and Rispoli interned at the Department of Environmental Conservation in New Paltz. The article can be seen at <http://scholarworks.umass.edu/intljssw/vol2/iss1/2/>.

Dr. Neysa T. Sensenig '93g (Engl.) published an article in "The Refractive Thinker: An Anthology of Higher Learning, Volume III: Change Management" (The Lentz Institute, 2009) titled "Educational Organizations: Managing Change to Improve Student Learning." For more information visit online at www.refractivethinker.com.

Alex Storzynski '83 (Pol. Sci.) was awarded the Military Order of Saint Louis for his biography, "Peasant Prince: Thaddeus Kosciuszko and the Age of Revolution," which was published in early 2009.



Robert Zucker's '74 (Art Ed.) book, "The Journey through Grief and Loss (St. Martin's Press, 2009)," helps parents and children explore their grief with practical advice for the ongoing journey to healing. Practical advice is given to help family members stay connected with loved ones even after death.

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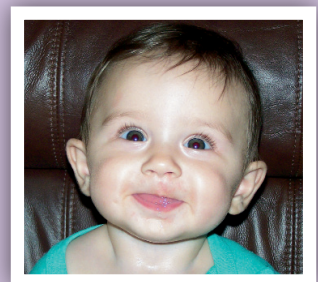
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Artists' Corner

Ellen Brief '73 (Art Hist.) draws upon the painting techniques and color expertise she honed during her 20 years designing floral and abstract textiles for sofas, settees, sheets and shades. On display will be floral watercolor collages, abstract collages and the landscape and abstract monoprints the artist created in Tuscany (silk aquatints, each uniquely embellished with watercolor and pencil). Her work can be viewed at ArtGalleryBrief.com.



Image courtesy Ellen Brief

"i fiori", watercolor, 2009

"Scream of the Bikini," a feature film directed and co-written by **Christopher "Kiff" Scholl '91** (Theatre), premiered at the ThrillSpy International Film Festival, Oct. 7-10, 2009, in Washington D.C. The film features New Paltz graduates **Dan Mailley '91** (Theatre), **Jennifer Evans '88** (Theatre), **Kristen Connors '90** (Theatre), **Laura Finnegan '89** (Theatre), **Monroe Makowsky '90** (Theatre), and **Richard Werner '90** (Theatre) and musical contributions by Monica Stancavage (Theatre) and Tonya Graves (Comm./Media). For more information, visit <http://thrillspy.org/index.html> and to read reviews, visit www.roguecinema.com.



Images courtesy Kiff Scholl

Barbara Esmark '84 (Paint.) had a recent showing of her work at beGallery in High Falls, N.Y. The pieces reflect her continuing interest in the figure as a form, but also as a vessel of memory. Esmark draws from live models regularly, but recent paintings are imagined, not painted from life.



Image courtesy Barbara Esmark

"Still," oil on canvas, 2009

James Hoell '96 (Vis. Arts) has several paintings on display in the offices of hit radio station WEHM in Watermill, N.Y. (The Hamptons). This particular painting was completed as part of a collaborative series with Kristen Salvatore, called "Music to My Eyes." For more information visit www.jimhoell.com or contact him at info@jimhoell.com.



Image courtesy James Hoell

"Smiling with the Rising Sun," acrylic, 2010

Alexandra Marinaccio '67 (Art Ed.), **'74g** (Art Ed.) exhibited a selection of works from her series, "In the Russian Style," at Art Alcove of the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport, the Gotham Gallery in Manhattan and the Art-trium Gallery from May 14 to June 9. The pieces included Russian Folktale pastels such as "Troika," "Long Beach, Summer 2009," and "Late Summer Mohonk View 2009." Her works have also been selected for the Huntington Art Council's 7th Annual Juried Landscape Show at the Main Street Petite Gallery in Huntington and the Art-trium Gallery in Melville. Marinaccio's work can be viewed at her Web site www.alexandrasart.net.



Image courtesy Alexandra Marinaccio

"Late Summer: View of Mohonk," pastel painting, 2008

Artists' Corner

"Engaging the Muse" is a unique blend of jazz, folk, rhythm and blues and rock performed by **Kat Spina '06** (Mus.). The album is a reflection of her collaborative efforts with talented Hudson Valley musicians and the accompaniment and arrangement skills she learned while earning her jazz performance and music therapy degree from New Paltz. Spina also teaches privately throughout the New York Metro Region and Greenwich, Conn., serves as a mentor to other aspiring performers, and coaches young adults on how to manage a successful music career. She can be reached at info@katspina.com. More information about the artist can be found at ww.katspina.com and www.myspace.com/katspina.



Image courtesy Kat Spina

Glendale Kiwanis immediate past-president **Andy Roth '76** (Econ.) is stepping away from the office to focus on developing a series of philanthropic musical events that support foundations sponsoring those in need from kids to police dogs. His 2009 Coast-to-Coast Philanthropic Tour culminated when he and his band, Stunt Road, played on Sept. 20 at the 7th Annual La Canada Flintridge Wine and Gourmet Food Tasting and Premium Wine Auction, which benefited the Kiwanis Club of La Canada and the La Canada Educational Foundation. Kicking off the East Coast events, native New Yorkers Andy and The Moondogs performed a mix of classic rock tunes at a 40th Anniversary of Woodstock Celebration on Aug. 6. The event benefited the Shelter Island Gift of Life Foundation, which supports young kids of scholastic talent with modest scholarships. Other New York highlights include an Aug. 8 fundraiser and a Sept. 12 concert, both of which also benefited the Shelter Island Gift of Life Foundation.



Images courtesy Andy Roth

The "Sacred Grounds and Honored Spirits" exhibition at the Red Eft Gallery in Wurtsburo, N.Y., brings together the work of nine extraordinary artists who use painting, sculpture and photography to explore the surrounding lands, wildlife, flora and fauna. The depth of the art is perfectly matched to the scope of its subject. The show was displayed from Oct. 3-31, 2009. Participating artists included **Judy Sigunick '93g** (Sculp.), **Marlene Wiedenbaum '83g** (Hum. Ed.) and **Thomas Stratton '67** (Art), **'74g** (Art Ed.). For more information, visit www.redeftgallery.com.



Image courtesy Marlene Wiedenbaum

"To Hidden Pond," oil on canvas, 2009

Artists' Corner

Art Announcements & Notes

Alan Bell '66 (Art Ed.) retired from teaching art after 40 years. He has opened a small art gallery and pottery studio in his small town on the banks of the Missouri River. Bell says "he'd love to have some New Paltz alum come visit the Front Street Artisans in New Haven."

Phyllia Chang Yi '83 (Print.) had her artwork featured at the 62nd Rochester-Finger Lakes Exhibition at the Memorial Art Gallery. Yi's work was one of 36 selected and this is her sixth year in the showcase. Her work has been shown extensively throughout the country, receiving numerous awards.

Andrew Latini '08 (Vis. Arts) participated in the annual Arts Walk in Port Jervis, N.Y., an event that promotes the city's downtown businesses. Latini prefers to do free design with his glazes and exhibited his ceramics which included bowls, mugs and vases in a wide range of shapes and sizes.

Corinne Manabat's '02 (Comm.) directorial debut documentary short, "Excuse My Gangsta Ways" (2008) has gotten distribution from Third World Newsreel, and has had screenings this year including Documentary Fortnight at MoMA (Museum of Modern Art) in New York City, San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival, and Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. The film has been screened at Hunter College, Columbia University, and Association for Asian Studies in Chicago.

Anders Parker '95 (Hist.), a musician originally from LaGrange, N.Y., tapped into the cityscapes of the world's most famous five boroughs, and the result can be found on "Skyscraper," one of his two new albums. Parker recorded his other new album "Crow" through his label Bladen County Records. Parker has toured with Jay Farrar of Son Volt and has also been featured on XM Satellite Radio.

Jill Wetzel '06 (Theatre) was honored this year at the annual United States Institute of Theatre Technology National Conference in Cincinnati. She was recognized as part of the Young Designer's Forum. Wetzel is graduating this spring from Florida State University and plans on working at The Glimmerglass Opera Festival in Cooperstown, N.Y., this summer and then moving to New York City in the fall.

Artist **Leslie Waxtel '81** (Vis. Arts) had her work exhibited in The Executive Suite Gallery in the Orange County Government Center. Her selection of works for the show include watercolor and oil and focused on regional townscapes, landscapes and nature studies.

Artists Corner Highlight

Harmonizing with Others to Produce the Song of Life

by *Samantha Thomson '09* (Comm.)
Public Affairs Intern

Fostered by his time at New Paltz, **Roberto Noriega '84** (Comm./Music Theory/Bus.) has made a name for himself in Hollywood as a musician and music producer.

Noriega hasn't missed an opportunity to explore the music industry since graduating from New Paltz in 1984. He now lives in Los Angeles, Calif., where he's collaborated with such notable entertainers as Madonna and the late Michael Jackson.

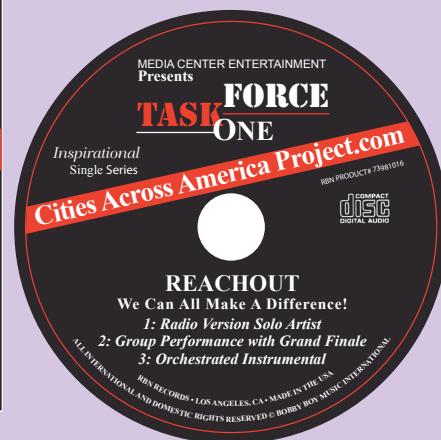
"I stumbled into the industry and my success," said Noriega. "I have always enjoyed music, but never thought I would make a living from it."

Noriega first studied to be a jet pilot. However, his time at New Paltz and an internship in New York City at Saturday Night Live soon changed his professional direction. "I enjoyed the media industry so much that I decided to move to Hollywood, for more ample opportunities in 1985," said Noriega.

Once in California, he started working in the marketing department of a real estate company, Century Pacific Investment Corporation. The position allowed Noriega to interact with celebrity clientele, including actress Elizabeth Taylor and musical group The Commodores. Through his warm-personality and friendliness, while working with Andrae' Crouch, a nine-time Grammy Winner and Oscar Nominee, Noriega was able to make professional and personal network connections with Julio Iglesias, who assisted him with his first professional studio singing performance.

"All ventures in my life have been wonderful. My real payment has been in the relationships established and the experience gained," he said.

Noriega has a platinum record for backup singing and arranging music on Jackson's "Bad" album, which came out in 1987 with hits such as "Man in The Mirror," "The Way You Make Me Feel," "Dirty Diana," "I Just Can't Stop Loving You" and



“Bad.” At the time, Noriega also got to perform on stage at the Grammys during a medley of the show’s award recipients. The song, “Man In The Mirror” was the highlight performance of the show with an audience of over 1 billion worldwide.

Other accolades include a recent platinum record for working with Julio Iglesias commemorating 25 million sales of his album “Non Stop” and awards from collaborations on other songs, such as Madonna’s “Like a Prayer” and music group PreFab Sprouts, “From Langley To Memphis” by producer Thomas Dolby, known for his hit, “She Blinded Me With Science.”

Noriega’s current project is a partnership with a philanthropic side. He is producing a series of inspirational special issue singles called “TASK FORCE ONE” whose proceeds will benefit various charitable organizations including Feed The Children, an international, non-profit relief organization based in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Noriega said the project began about four years ago with a discussion with the organization’s charity chief, Larry Jones. Noriega has written and composed the music; the vocals are provided by a group of children, ages 9-15 years. The 10 song project’s release date for the first single in 2010 is yet to be confirmed.

“I am really enjoying the Feed The Children project. The kids

are great and it is interesting to see their excitement. They are very dedicated.

Noriega was in discussion with Michael Jackson’s close associates and his management to collaborate with Jackson on the songs “Feed The Children” and “Reach Out, We Can All Make A Difference.” Since Michael Jackson’s death in June 2009, Noriega and the late singer’s management team have been in continuing talks about an in memoriam release.

“Michael Jackson’s death turned everything sideways. The world and especially, the music world, will never be the same,” said Noriega. “But we can go forward in his memory.”

Noriega is married with five children, two boys and three girls. Noriega tells the Observer of his family’s ability to keep him grounded while working in the glitz and hurry of Hollywood.

“My wife is my best friend, music is my mistress, my children are my life and the love that they all give me, allows me the ability to fly,” said Noriega.

Noriega welcomes e-mail comments and communication from New Paltz alumni. For advance notice of the “Feed The Children” release, he can be reached by email at: Roberto@MediaCenterEntertainment.com.

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On the 46th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination, **William Tucker '54**, local author and attorney, discussed the accuracy of the Warren report and responded to critics and conspiracy theorists. He has been researching the JFK assassination for several years and will include documents on file in the "Assassination Archives" at the National Archives in Maryland. Tucker also co-owns the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, a short season affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, who won this year's Northwest League Championship. His team has not been out of first place in their division since opening day in 2006.

Carol Spielberg '58 (Elem. Ed.) relocated to Austin, TX in 2007 to be close to family, after teaching math on Long Island for 25 years, raising three sons, and living in the same house for 45 years. She

is involved in teaching Sunday School, ushering at the Long Center, playing lots of tennis and making new friends.

Michael Kaplan '66 (Elem. Ed.) taught 33 years in three states and two foreign countries. He moved to Greenville, S.C., 30 years ago after 10 years in western Massachusetts. He has been married for 39 years with two sons. The oldest is married and lives in Greenville and the youngest hiked the entire Appalachian Trail last year and in October will be heading off to Samoa as a Peace Corps volunteer. "Having recently seen my college roommate, **Dennis Parlante '66** (Art Ed.), now living in San Francisco, after 40 years of just exchanging Christmas cards, has spurred me to reconnect with buddies from the 1962-1966 time period."

Congressman **Maurice Hinchey '68**

(Engl.), **'70g** (Sec. Ed/Math) (D-NY) was the guest of honor at an Aug. 13 reception at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art. Hinchey was recognized for his contributions to the museum's "Hudson River to Niagara Falls: 19th-century American Landscape Paintings from the New-York Historical Society" exhibition, which was on display last fall. Hinchey secured \$143,449 in federal funding to support the exhibition and to conserve four paintings in the show.

Steven Kolpan '71 (Phil.), a professor and chairman of wine studies at the Culinary Institute of American and co-author of "Exploring Wine" and "Wine Wise" was the honorary chairman at a benefit event for The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz. The event included wine tastings, hors d'oeuvres from the Deputy Canal House, artisanal cheese and chocolates, fine ports and an acution of fine wine and fine art.

Paul Baron '73 (Ed/Math) founded the Wards Bridge Inn in Montgomery, N.Y., and has now been appointed President and CEO of Hometowntimes.com, a franchise of community online newspapers with more than 500 sites across the U.S.

Mark Fendrick '74 and his wife, **Sandy (Osherofsky) '74** (Sec. Ed/Spain.) became grandparents to twin boys on Oct. 2, 2009.

Denis Fred Simon '74 (Asian Stud., Pol. Sci.), who now teaches in the School of International Affairs at Pennsylvania State University, has been appointed as the Haitian (Sea-Sky) Scholar by China's Dalian University of Technology to acknowledge his contributions in the areas of global management of technology and cross-border innovation. For more information, visit <http://www.personal.psu.edu/dfs12/>.

Katherine "Kitty" (Zimmerman) Watson '61 (Ed./Biol.) swapped the unpredictable weather of New Paltz for the heat of San Antonio, Texas, where she has taught fourth grade for 29 years and has no plans to retire anytime soon. Before settling down, she spent stints in Europe, California and Colorado. Although she tries to return to New Paltz, the draw of Kenya is stronger and she spends her summer breaks teaching English as a second language, creative writing and English grammar there through the Kenya Teaching/Literacy Program. She has spent seven summers in Kenya, set up six libraries and donated dozens of books to local schools. In 2000, Watson created a 510C3 charity, Kenya Education and Health Organization (KEHO), which ships books to Kenya and runs a small scholarship program for Kenyan students. She's known for bringing whatever school supplies are legally allowed in her suitcase, whenever she flies to Kenya. She has two grown children and is getting ready to welcome her first grandchild—she looks forward to being called "Grandma Kat." Anybody interested in donating to KEHO can call Watson at (212) 670-9949 or e-mail her at kittywat@aol.com.



Image courtesy Kitty Watson

Philip Berkowitz '75 (Journ.) is among 46 attorneys recognized as leaders in their fields by Chambers and Partners in the 2009 edition of Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business. Berkowitz was recognized as a leader in the labor and employment field.

Tomas Morales '75 (Sec. Ed/Soc. Stud.) was appointed to the Panel for Educational Policy. The panel's primary responsibilities include approving educational policies proposed by the Chancellor as well as the Department of Education's budget, the school capital plan, certain contracts, labor agreements, proposals for closing failing schools and other significant changes in how schools are utilized in New York.

Kenneth Rashbaum '75 (Pol. Sci.) opened a law firm in New York, Rashbaum Associates, LLC, which specializes in international and health care privacy and technology counsel. For more information, visit rashbaumassociates.com.

Randolph Savicky '75 (Journ.), the CEO of Strategy and Communications, has partnered with two other veteran journalists and communicators to launch Reputation Outlook, a media-centric reputation management firm helping

businesses stay the course in a difficult environment. For more information visit reputationoutlook.com.

Robert Dauchy '76 (Biol.) recently moved to New Orleans, La. He is a cancer research biochemist in the Department of Structural and Cellular Biology at Tulane University School of Medicine. His daughter, Erin, spent her first undergraduate year at New Paltz and is now a student at Tulane. Dauchy stays in contact with his former swim coach, Art Stockin, but has lost touch with so many others. Hope everyone is doing well!

Sylvia Epstein '76 (Elem. Ed.), '89cas (Curr. Gen. Sprvsn) taught at the elementary level for many years before becoming a principal in the Wappingers Central School District. Epstein is also an artist and the East Fishkill Community Library recently hosted her work.

Daniel Kinsley '78 (Theatre) was the winner of the 2009 Emmy Award for Outstanding Lighting Direction for a Drama Series, "All My Children," ABC Television Network.

Marjorie Wheeler '78g (Art Ed.) was presented with the Citizens Recognition

Award for her extraordinary community leadership by the Rhinebeck Rotary Club. Wheeler spent 20 years teaching in the Rhinebeck Central School System, supervised student art teachers and has spent two years at the International School of Islamabad in Pakistan. Wheeler is an accomplished artist with her work finding its way into many local galleries and represented not only in the U.S., but also in Japan, England and Pakistan.

Brian Baker '79 (Econ./Pol. Sci.) joined Alfred State College as the Executive Director of the Institute for Sustainability, where he has oversight of the Center for Organic and Sustainable Agripreneurship, the Center for Renewable Energy, and the Green Team.

Robert Holtzer '80 (Bus. Admin.) was named vice president and director of sales for Global Broadcasting-owned ABC affiliate WLNE in Providence, R.I. Previously, Holtzer was general sales manager at Sunrise Sports and Entertainment in Miami, which operates a fully-integrated media network, where he also directed sales for the Bank Atlantic Center. Prior to joining the SSE Media Network, he was vice president and national sales manager for the YES

Generations Gather: New Paltz Families



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From left to right: *Briana Vazquez '12, Noah Dorsky, Ian Brodsky '13, Hannah Brodsky '73, Tina Frankowski Takach '83, Paul Philips '82, Lizzie Takach '13, Brenda Elliott '94, Kerri Ryan '13, Timothy Ryan '80, Susan Ryan '80, Philip Ousley '73g, Pam Ousely '13, Kay Kermani '79, Jillian Kermani '13, Amy Diener '13, and Joyce Diener '05.*

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Network in New York, which features MLB's New York Yankees and the NBA's New Jersey Nets.

Gary King '80 (Pol. Sci.) is the David Florence Professor of Government at Harvard University and director of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science. He was elected Fellow of the American

Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, and President of the Society for Political Methodology. King has won over 25 individual "best of" awards for his books, articles, software, and other contributions and his work is

widely read across scholarly fields and beyond academia.

Glenn Brill '82 joined S. Sunshine & Associates as a strategic planning and transaction advisor. Brill has over fifteen years of experience working with the public, private and non-profit sectors, where he has negotiated agreements and

WNPC Alumni Reunite!

On July 11th, 2009 a gaggle of former WNPC, SUNY New Paltz campus television members gathered in New Paltz hosted at the home of **Joe Jurain '94** (Hist.) and his wife **Nicole Debowy Jurain '96** (Art). What used to be a yearly gathering after graduation faded away until this year when the gang got back in touch via Facebook. Now, with instant communication at their fingertips, these old friends vow never to let decades go between reunions. The majority of the former WNPC staffers graduated between 1990 and 1994. Many of those pictured were not only part of the executive boards but also the authors of the by-laws, setting standards for future staffers of the campus run TV station. Never exclusive to just Communications majors, this club made a variety of programs including the news magazine show "Eye on New Paltz," two comedy/variety shows "Hornswoggle" and "Gunkfishing," an experimental video show "demi monde," a dramatic/soap opera entitled "Laughtears," as well as several music and sports shows.

Plans are in the works for next year's reunion so if you were once a WNPCer and would like to be invited to the next gathering, please Facebook **Wendy Wilkins Decker-Elias '92** (Comm.) or type in WNPC alumni. The favorite quote from the gathering came from our former program director **Marilyn de Poto '92** (Comm.) who said, "We picked up right where we left off, like no time has passed, and we're just sitting around planning our next production."



Image courtesy Wendy Wilkins Decker-Elias '92

Kneeling: Josh Beckerman '91 (Comm.), Josh Parker '93 (Comm.), Wendy Wilkins '92 (Comm.); Middle Row: Dave Segal '94 (Soc. Sci./Sec. Ed.), Chuck Di Bono '91 (Comm.), Rebecca White '93 (Comm.), Marilyn de Poto '92 (Comm.), Mike Kranz '92 (Sci. Ed.), Matt Gilleece '88-'91 (Engl.), Joe Jurain '94 (Soc. Sci.); Back Row: Mark Boyland '93 (Comm.), Chris Gilner '93 (Vis. Arts)

provided services including finance, transaction management, strategic occupancy planning and market analysis.

Andy Eisenberg '81 (Chinese Stud. Contract Major), who received a Ph.D. from the University of Washington-Seattle in Chinese History in 1991, was recently promoted to the rank of full professor at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in East Asian history from the classical to early modern periods.

Steven Tyrell '83 (Sp. Comm.), '89g (Ed. Admin.), vice president for student affairs at Alfred State, was selected to serve on a national task force that will look at developing a unified set of professional standards and knowledge competencies for student affairs professionals.

Michael Verro '84 (Psych.) was named assistant director of the criminal justice program at Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y. Verro is a former officer of the Burlington, Vt., police department and previously taught courses in criminal justice, research methodology, and psychology at Burlington, Middlebury and Champlain Colleges and is currently teaching at Empire State College in Saratoga, N.Y.

Russell Agostaro '90g (Geol), '95cas (Ed. Admin.) was appointed superintendent of the Rondout Valley School District. Previously, Agostaro was the assistant superintendent for secondary curriculum and instruction in the Newburgh City School District in Newburgh, N.Y., where he was also the district's director of math, science and technology.

Frances DePetrillo '90 (Sp. Comm.) was appointed to the Benedictine Health Foundaton board of directors. DePetrillo is director of membership for the Chamber of Commerce of Ulster County and co-coordinator of the chamber's Ulster Leadership Development Institute.

Lynne Johnson '90 (Journ.) was appointed senior vice president of social media. Johnson formerly worked for FastCompany.com, where she was senior editor/community director, blogging and

overseeing both content and community functionality. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Literary Freedom Project, and Interactive One, the interactive arm of Radio One and TV One.

William Zimmer '92 (Sec. Ed./Engl.), '97g (Sec. Ed./Engl.), '08cas (School Ldrshp.) is the new principal at Rondout Valley Middle School. Zimmer had been the school's assistant principal since March 2008.

Cathy Casey '93 (Soc.) accepted the position of corporate compliance coordinator for Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell, LLP. She joined the quality assurance department four years ago and will bring an extensive background in investigations, regulatory compliance and advocacy for the people served by the agency.

Sean Gerow '94 (Psych.) was appointed direction manager of The Family Empowerment Council for its Consumer Directed Personal Care Services division. Gerow has 15 years of work and volunteer experience in the human services field, including his participation as board chairman of a national grassroots advocacy organization.

Scott Sklarin '94 (Comm.) launched Sklarin Communications, a multimedia production company providing a full range of video public relations services, including satellite and radio media tours,

b-roll and electronic press kits, Web video, etc. For more information visit sklarincommunications.com.

Elizabeth Carroll-Clarke '95 (Soc.) was a speaker at the 101st Annual Convention of the Empire State Federation of Women's Club, which was held in July. Carroll-Clarke serves the City of Poughkeepsie School District in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., as a school social worker for the Circle of Courage.

Brenda Wiley '95 (Soc.) married Vincent Commisso on Sept. 27, 2008 in Tarrytown, N.Y. The couple resides in New York City.

Jacinda Felix Haro '96 (Comm.) married Juan Haro on Nov. 8, 2008. The wedding was attended by many of her Omega Phi Beta sorority sisters and fellow New Paltz alumni including, **Monica Bermiss '95** (Soc. Direct Care Practice), **Jacqueline Rodriguez-Jones**, **Sonia Mangual-Villanueva '95** (Soc./Soc. St.), **Theresa Wright Zephirin '99** (Psych.), **Geraldine LaPenne '99** (Elem Ed./Span.), **Kenda (Nunez) Cortez '99** (Comm.), **Doly Nunez Lugo '99** (Sec. Ed./Span.), **Elsa Batista '00** (Span.), '03g (Hum./Ed.). The couple resides in the Boston area and were expecting their first child in November of 2009.

Charles Piazza '96 (Comm.) married Carolyn Stoler on Oct. 11, 2009 in South Beach.

The Last Bite

If anyone ever accuses New Paltz graduates of being less than innovative, take them out to lunch at The Last Bite. **Kari Temming '06** (Art) and **Amy Walker '06** (Soc.), decided to take their education and experience in a clever direction. Temming and Walker teamed up as business partners and created The Last Bite Soup & Sandwich Shop, located in High Falls, N.Y. Their café puts an edgy spin on the classic luncheon restaurant, featuring a menu with headers like "Sandwich Slayer," and meals entitled "The Widow Maker," and "Neptune's Nightmare." These two entrepreneurs of eats are making intelligent choices for their café. Their ingredients are locally purveyed and seasonal, supporting independent farms and businesses in the Hudson Valley. By keeping local ingredients on their menu, their customers can feel satisfied physically—by the good food provided—and mentally—by knowing they're eating locally produced foods, prepared by locals for local mouths.

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Sherry Saturno '96 (Engl.) was appointed director of social services at Sprain Brook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scarsdale, N.Y. Saturno has master's degrees from Columbia and Long Island Universities, and also serves as a consulting psychotherapist with R.G. Psychological Services. She has been published in *Social Work Today* and *New Social Worker* magazines.

Manuel Collazo '97 (Mrktg.), **'02g** (Mrktg.) was appointed publisher of *The Selma Enterprise*, *Kingsburg Recorder* and *Lee Central California Newspapers*. Collazo served in the interim capacity since June and will also continue as director of circulation for *Lee Enterprises*.

Kyle Miesfeldt '97 (Acctg.) was promoted to manager for Piaker & Lyons, PC in their Binghamton, N.Y., office. He has been with the firm seven years and previously worked with the accounting firms of Urbach Kahn & Werlin, PC in Albany, N.Y., and Loftus Ross, LLP in Glens Falls, N.Y.

M. Ross Baldwin '00 (Geo.) and **Geraldine Tornambene '01** (Comm.) were married on March 21, 2009 on Long Island, N.Y. Geraldine is employed as a high school guidance counselor at Copiague High School and Ross is employed as a geographic information systems (GIS) manager for the Town of Southampton.

Tammie Hernandez '00 (Comm.) is engaged to Anthony Michel. Tammie is a marketing representative for American Shared Hospital Services, a San Francisco-based radiation oncology company based in California. Anthony is a habilitation specialist for New York State and an elementary education major from SUNY Old Westbury, Class of 2000. A Summer 2011 wedding is planned.

Robin (Shields) Lestrade '00 (Comm.) married Neville Lestrade on Aug. 8, 2009 on Staten Island, N.Y. Both Lestrade and her husband are police officers with the NYPD.

Dennis Reardon '00 (Journ.) earned a teaching certificate in elementary education and a master of education degree from Temple University in Harrisburg, Penn., in May. He teaches first grade at St. Rose of Lima School in Thomasville, Penn.

John Agnelli III '02g (Hum./Mult. Ed.) was named dean of campus life at the New York Institute of Technology in New York.

Jason Puckett '02 (Acctg.) was named senior accountant at Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell, LLP. He has been with the public accounting firm for three years in the firm's client service department.

Gordon Tepper '02 (Comm.) was named director of marketing for Gettry, Marcus, Stern & Lehrer, an accounting firm with offices on Long Island and in New York City.

Alexander Marrero '03 (Music) completed two 3-credit projects last summer involving the critical review of lesson plans and the original design of lesson plans. He is working on a master's degree in music education at Teachers College of Columbia University.

Stephen Tibbetts '05g (Ed. Admin.), **'07cas** (Bus.) was named assistant superintendent for business and administrative services by the Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (SWBOCES). Tibbetts joined SWBOCES in 2002 as assistant business manager and treasurer.

Jonathan Engel '06 (Hist.) was the SUNY New Paltz's history department's Outstanding Graduate Award recipient and graduated cum laude from Pace University School of Law in White Plains, N.Y. in 2009. In September Engel began his career as a civil litigator, focusing on medical malpractice and surrogate's court matters, at McCarthy Fingar, LLP in White Plains, N.Y.

Nathan Heltzel '06cas (School Ldrshp.) married Roshni Desai on July 4, 2009 at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Long Island Alumni Gather

Several alumni gathered on Sept. 21, 2009 at Panama Hattie's I Huntington Center. In attendance were **Shelly (Glick) '69** and **Steve Borman '70**, **Milli Wall '53**, **Kay Case '53**, **Sylvia (Kiener) Schaffrath '59**, **Rosemarie (Mainberger) McBride '60**, **'68g**, and **Alan Dunefsky '69**, **'91g**. And New Paltz will be back on Long Island this fall on Thursday, Sept. 22 for lunch, location to be determined. Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (845) 257-3230 or alumni@newpaltz.edu for more information.



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Henry Pollinger '06 (Adol. Ed./Soc. Stud.) has been teaching English language arts at Webutuck Jr./Sr. High School for three years. He is also the coach for the varsity boys soccer team and the assistant play director for the spring musical.

Shannon Stokes '06 (Child. Ed.), **'09g** (Child. Ed.) is teaching 9th and 10th grade algebra and geometry in Berlin, Md.

Dan Einschlag '07 (Music) and his wife, Emily, hosted the largest seder in America and the largest seder on any university campus in the world at the University of Florida –Gainesville last April. Dan prepared the food at his Rockland, N.Y., restaurant and traveled to Florida to help

Rabbi Berl Goldman with the spiritual and ritual aspects of the meal, which had 600 students in attendance.

Mohammad Farhad '08 (Acctg.) is a junior accountant with Kirshon & Company, a full service accounting firm based in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Farhad worked as the firm's intern while completing his accounting degree.

Jannett Dinsmore '09 (Biol.) presented a poster detailing her research conducted with Aaron Haselton (Biol.) at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America's Eastern Branch in Harrisburg, Penn., on March 21, 2009, titled "The Effects of Dietary Regime

on Post-Starvation Feeding in *Drosophila Melanogaster*."

Sara Haugli '09 (Child. Ed.) was a member of the Northeast Rugby Union's team that recently won the National All-Star Championships. The Northeast defeated the Midwest in the title game 43-5 in Pittsburgh. While at New Paltz, Haugli was a team captain for two seasons.

Ryan Huberty '09 (Fin.) joined Ulster-Greene ARC as a staff accountant.

Eric Karnis '09 (Comm.) joined Seeking Alpha as a marketing intern for marketing and sales. Karnis was a student ambassador for New Paltz, served as treasurer and president of his fraternity and was awarded the John O'Dasher Scholarship/Leadership award in 2008.

Nicole Winter '09 (Vis. Arts) was this year's director for Valley Stream's Barrett Park, a summer camp for children. Winter joined Barrett Park as a junior counselor in 1998 and worked her way up to assistant counselor, head counselor and camp supervisor before being named director to oversee the entire program. She plans to return as camp director next year and would like to grow the program.

Silently Performing

This past January, **Stuart Oderman '67** was honored by the Museum of Modern Art for his half-century of contributions to the history and present of silent films. Oderman began accompanying silent films with piano in 1958 as a volunteer, combining his enjoyment of the art of silent film and his ability to perform music on the piano. From a young age, Oderman played piano at functions and clubs as a job, but his composing scores and accompaniment for silent films was often simply for the love of the genre. Oderman is widely recognized in the silent film world for his part in contributing to many movies and books on the topic, his composition of scores, and simply his ability to play beautifully fast moving tunes.

Did you study a foreign language at New Paltz?

Louis Saraceno (Prof. Emeritus, For. Lang.) is undertaking research regarding foreign languages studied during the 1920s-1940s in the rural schools of New York State and New Paltz Normal. Should anyone have curriculum circulars or other pertinent data of this period, your information is much appreciated. Information regarding alumni who studied a foreign language from 1950-1965 at New Paltz are also requested to send their name, foreign language/s studied and the name of their instructor to the Office of Alumni Affairs, SUNY New Paltz, 700 Hawk Drive, New Paltz, N.Y. 12561-2441 or by email to alumni@newpaltz.edu.

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Corrections

Nancy DeLong Garavelli was listed in the fall 2009 issue of the Observer as being from the class of 1974. In fact, she graduated in 1984 and her original maiden name was Nancy Bruce.

Bronze Star Awarded to Alum

The bronze star was awarded to **Marine 1st Lt. Troy Battaglia '03g** (Bus.) in October 2009. Lt. Battaglia served in Afghanistan from November of 2008 until September of 2009. He has been serving at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina since Nov. 20. He was a member of the Air Force prior to his time in the Middle East with the Marines, and has also served in Okinawa and South Korea.



Credit: Migda Taveras

Alumni **Robert Jackson '74** (Soc.), **Migda Taveras '02** (Pol. Sci.), and **Lisandro '03** (Bus. Admin.) and **Melissa Kellis** at a Yankees game in the summer of 2009.

Student Highlight Highlighting the International Student Experience

By **Samantha Thomson '09** (Comm.)

Jaimie Pattipeilohy '09 (Comm.) captured the experience of studying abroad at New Paltz with her video journals.

Pattipeilohy, a student from Haarlem, Netherlands, and several other international exchange students from different countries participated in a video documentary project during the fall 2009 semester. The students recorded their educational and cultural experiences while studying at New Paltz.

"It is the start of many new projects in the future between Noord University and New Paltz," said Pattipeilohy.

Professor Patricia Sullivan (Comm.) agrees with Pattipeilohy that the project is the start of many collaborations.

"We've established a significant partnership with Noord University," she said. "Technology made it possible for students to work together via the Internet and then come together for intense working sessions to finalize the project."

Pattipeilohy's work will be part of a larger project, 'gnr8,' that will consist of two three-minute videos reflecting campus life and the educational experience at New Paltz. She said the videos highlight the similarities, the differences and the once-in-a-lifetime experience for international students. The final films will be available for prospective international study abroad students, their families and friends, as well as faculty members.

"The opportunities – including partnerships and networking around the world – that projects like these open up to students and faculties alike in both nations are awesome," said Pattipeilohy.

"And the people that you meet are energetic, creative, and like-minded. It is a really positive thing to be involved in."

1910-19

Elizabeth Davidson '17

1920-29

Esther Howell '20
 Anne (Moran) Mulvey '20
 Kathryn Hackett '26
 Elizabeth Mitchell '27
 Pearl Snyder '27
 Mildred (Brower) Hautsch '28
 Elizabeth (Lawless) Jensen '28
 Marion (Taylor) Strebel '28
 Dena (Srago) Efron '29
 Olinska (Berryman) Humeston '29
 Sylvia Relyea '29

1930-39

Dorothy (Shafer) Rudolph '30
 Abigail (Schipper) Sterner '30
 Katherine (McGrievy) Burke '31
 Anna Lubben '31
 Alma (Cook) Meeker '32
 Hazel Townsend '32
 Lillian (Wood) Wehner '32
 Bertha (Bower) Hopkins '33
 Elizabeth (Miller) McCullough '33
 Selma (Lazerowitz) Blaine '34
 Margaret Cestone '34
 Hetty Connor '34
 Catherine (Baker) Hoffman '34
 Elizabeth (Hardy) Osborn '35
 Madeline (Angelillo) Cullen '36
 Helen Morrissey '36
 Adelaide (Ench) Vanwagenen '36
 Dorothy (MacDowell) Bock '37
 Ruth (Stone) Lieberman '37
 Robert Osterhoudt '37
 Jane Thompson '37
 Anne (Green) Williams '37
 Thelma (Keeler) Boettger '38
 Mildred (Lefevre) Tronto '38
 Rita (Eronymous) Winterbourne '38
 Margaret (Pinckney) Hall '39
 Helen Lowe '39
 Florence (McKeever) Perlee '39
 Jessie (Thompson) Puggelli '39
 Howard Rhodes '39

1940-49

Rose (Campbell) Boyd '40
 Gordon Kelder '40
 Eleanor (Brennan) Thomas '40
 Elizabeth (Worden) Andrus '42
 Ethel (Singer) Kitt '42
 Ellen (Moore) Rhodes '42
 Teresa (Ranalli) Chepaitis '43
 Gordon Anderson '44

Harriet (Meredith) Van Houten '44
 Irma (Papas) Aubry '45
 Barbara Pearce '45
 Marion (Cressler) Harrild '46
 Rose Mautone '47
 Anna (Reiser) Mitchell '48
 Edna Santillo '48
 Edward Crosby '49
 Judith Wilkie '49

1950-59

Peter Fogden '50
 Harold Ross '50
 Joyce (Hansel) Housman '51
 Dorothy (Schleider) Poutier '51
 Harold Webster '51
 Lynn (Berdick) Zigman '51
 Leonard Scofield '52
 Frances (Triolo) Snider '52
 Robert Crosby '53
 Violet Dohrman '53
 Floyd Mott '53
 Joseph Bizek '54
 Paul Brown '54
 Carole (Keane) Hutton Bennink '54
 Frank Poli '54
 Robert Stuckey '54
 Marjorie Tuthill '54
 Marianna (Genovese) Fowler '55
 Barbara (Turner) Head '55
 Edna Salkever '55
 Doris Selfridge '55
 Raymond Kurdt '56
 Robert Miller '56
 Edwin Dezendorf '57
 Jane (Yerich) Frederick '57
 Sybil Manners '57
 Eddison Tatham '57
 Harriet (Anderson) Cioppa '58
 Dorothy Finkelday '58
 Angelo Indelicato '58
 Toby (Zucker) Selig '58
 Charles Walsh '58
 Margaret (Nichols) Scott '59
 Grace (Burke) Snyder '59

1960-69

Alan Borg '60
 Charles Burgess '60
 Richard Caram '60
 Charles Corbin '60
 Elinore (Winward) Hanrahan '60
 Sibyl Dickinson '61
 Marilyn (Klausner) Gelfman '61
 Robert Jackson '61
 Linda Kunz '61
 Bruce Clarke '62

Patti (Clements) Clements '62
 Joan (Savino) Palladino '62
 Gary Stemm '62
 Donald Cadwell '63
 Grace Eames '64
 Vivian Hagman '64
 Margaret Kopaskie '64
 Mildred (Carpenter) McMillen '64
 Morris Salkind '64
 Helen (Stitely) Schaeherer '64
 Inez (Kaplan) Smith '64
 Stanley Koplak '65
 Jannie (De Groot) Kuypers '65
 Nancy Pipito '65
 Ronald Ward '65
 Alice (VanValkenburgh) Denfeld '66
 Valerie Haynes '66
 Irene (Rezinaz) Henn '66
 Anthony Ingoglia '66
 Christopher Marra '66
 Patricia Ann (Knott) McCoy '66
 James Doyle '67
 Wilda (Becker) Tonnesen '67
 Robert Washburn '67
 Roberta Greene '68
 Marcia Greenstein '68
 William Harris '68
 Michael Kavleski '68
 Ingeborg Longfield '68
 Christa (Peppe) Than '68
 Lenore (Orenstein) Bernstein '69
 Ina Jones '69
 Sarah (Seckler) Kaufman '69
 Joan Maraglio '69
 Margaret (Hof) Martinko '69
 Eleanor McLaughlin '69

1970-79

Anne Armstrong '70
 Gloria Redgate Calamar '70
 Doris Liley '71
 Diane (Hansen) Robertson '71
 Martha Sardullo '71
 Gail Schwartz '71
 Robert Cancellaro '72
 Geoffrey Finkenaur '72
 Robert Hallett '72
 Mary Barrett '73
 Joseph Falco '73
 Steven Lefevre '73
 Barbara Ross '73
 Catherine Adamshick '74
 Eric Burstall '74
 Dorothea Henion '74
 Edward Kral '74
 Richard Robinson '74
 Kathleen (Sweeney) Wagner '74

In Memoriam

Caryll Gayton '75
James Monahan '75
Caren (Lepkin) Alberty '76
Michael Kunkes '76
Christopher Marino '76
Harriet Tannin '76
Christine (Lay) Castaldo '77
Phoebe Doerge '77
Timothy Flannery '77
Eileen Furlong '77
David King '77
Gary Vander Horst '77
John Geiss '78
Mynra Rodriguez '78
Ramona Carlstrom '79
Jon Holohan '79
Herminio Quinones '79
Christopher Sheley '79
William Smith '79
Andrew Stallman '79
Dorre White '79

1980-89

Mary Gonzalez '80
Sarah Littlefield '80
Colleen Wiessner '80

Patricia Chuvala '81
Maureen Cort '81
John Hoffman '81
Jehu Kearney '82
David Samuel '82
Ave Arrington '83
Edmond Morley '83
Joseph Collins '85
Jill Hull '85
Margaret Napolitano '86
Toni Adams '87
Nora Fields '87
Robert Paige '87
Elizabeth Wicks '87
Macio Ennis '88
Jose Rivera '88
Theresa Schneider '88
Wayne Burney '89
Bertha McKenna '89

1990-99

Rebekah (Groome) Lowden '90
Patricia Scholm '90
David Siegel '90
Benjamin Wilson '90
David Gevanter '91

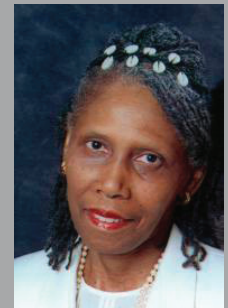
Jennifer McKie '91
Barbara Barben '92
Lynne Darrow '92
Ronald Delmoro '92
William Rall '92
Michael Besko '93
James Johnson '93
Peter Balogh '94
Sean Kohler '94
Robert Carter '95
Nancy Demetry '96
Joseph Smith '96
Tyrone Hopkins '97
Robert Busher '98

2000-09

Joseph Carbone 2001
Meredith Goldstein 2003
Joe Juriga 2003
John Mcdonald 2003
Jane Suh 2006
Justin Asbie 2008
Jessica Ritacco 2008
Nicholas Bona 2009
Nathaniel Danker 2009

Leaving a lasting legacy....

Black Studies chairwoman, Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis



Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis, who passed away on Dec. 30, 2009, was a cherished member of the College faculty and will be remembered for her many contributions, including nurturing the College's Black Studies Department, now celebrating its 40th year. Dr. Wade-Lewis was also known and respected for her strong commitment to student success and to that end helped establish the Scholar's Mentorship Program, a highly successful and nationally acclaimed networking initiative on campus that connects faculty/staff mentors to student protégés. Dr. Wade-Lewis guided and inspired hundreds of students to success at New Paltz and beyond.

Dr. Wade-Lewis was also notably instrumental in developing and contributing to the Minority Recruitment Program (MRP) Scholarship Endowment Fund to provide scholarships to current and future students of color who are academically focused and have substantial financial need. She continued her support through her estate plan.

In honor of her many efforts in support of students of color during her 36 years as a professor and mentor at the College, the fund will now be known as the Dr. Margaret Wade-Lewis Memorial MRP Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Individuals interested in contributing a tax deductible gift in memory of Dr. Wade-Lewis do so by contacting a SUNY New Paltz Foundation gifts officer at (845) 257-3239 or by visiting www.newpaltz.edu/foundation. Note that you must write in "MRP Endowment" in the line that asks where to direct your gift.



Student Union Building addition under construction.

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