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As the mid-Hudson Valley seeks to address a critical shortage of engineers to serve advanced manufacturing needs in the region, SUNY New Paltz announces a new bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. Authorized in fall 2014 by the New York State Education Department, the new major capitalizes on the College’s long-standing ABET-accredited programs in electrical and computer engineering and complements SUNY New Paltz’s rapidly evolving 3D printing initiative that supports additive manufacturing.

“The College is excited to bring mechanical engineering to the region,” said SUNY New Paltz President Donald P. Christian. “This program builds on our long record of success in educating engineers, many of whom are employed by local companies. It also supports the regional economy by helping to address the shortage of mechanical engineers in the Mid-Hudson Valley.”

Dan Freedman, dean of the School of Science and Engineering and director of the Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center at SUNY New Paltz (HVAMC), said, “The objective of this major is to produce graduates who are well-rounded engineers with strong technical skills along with the broad knowledge, creative problem-solving, and communication abilities that characterize the SUNY New Paltz liberal arts tradition.”

Freedman noted that the number of New Paltz students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields is up 70% in the last five years.

“What is mechanical engineering?”

Mechanical engineering is the study of motion, energy and force. The mechanical engineer seeks to control these elements by using a combination of material, human and economic resources to develop mechanical solutions that help satisfy the needs and wants of society.

Governor awards $10M for new engineering hub

The mechanical engineering program announces it was awarded the award of a $10 million NYSUNY 2020 grant to establish an Engineering Innovation Hub at the College. It supports the new major and the construction of a 20,000-square-foot building on campus near Reinick Engineering Hall. The Hub will house state-of-the-art equipment to support the engineering program’s faculty and students as well as the work of companies partnering with the College through its 3D printing initiative and START-UP NY.

The project promises to generate $75 million in new economic impact, create more than 195 full-time jobs, and graduate 300 much-needed mechanical engineers over a 10-year period.

New Paltz launches major in mechanical engineering

New Paltz breaks ground for new science building

As the only option for engineering in the region, public or private, SUNY New Paltz is stepping up to fill the gap leading to solid jobs in diverse fields.”

— Dan Freedman, Dean, School of Science & Engineering

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, who was on hand for the ceremony, congratulated the College on its efforts to serve the next generation of scientists, mathematicians and researchers.

Zimpher commented on the implications for STEM—science, technology, engineering, math—and STEAM, which includes arts. “We’ve been working very hard in many of the fields to improve healthcare, to improve energy efficiency, to stem the leaks in the education pipeline and STEM—and I dare say STEAM, since this is such a critical arts and sciences program as well,” Zimpher said. “Both contribute to the power of SUNY.”
A number of events were held on campus and throughout the town of New Paltz for alumni who attended Reunion alumni weekend, Oct. 17-19, 2014.

On campus, alumni, family and friends were welcomed back to the College for the celebration of annual alumni traditions. Provost Philip Mauceri conducted the 50th-year Lantern Society induction and toasted the five-year anniversary classes at the Lantern Ceremony & All-Anniversaries Dinner.

President Donald P. Christian presented the Heritage Award to emeritus professor Dr. Ronald Knapp (Geography/Asian Studies) and Tony Bonilla ’87 ’05g, director, Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), whose devotion to the ideals of the College serves as an extraordinary example to the entire New Paltz community.

Other weekend events included campus tours, academic activities, a 3D printing session, EOP reception, The Dorsky Museum exhibitions, a planetarium show, local shopping and dining, visits to the Mohonk Preserve and Minnewaska State Park and a variety of other “freestyle” events.

Find more photos, video, and links to social media at www.newpaltz.edu/alumni/reunion/2014.html

Convocation Welcomes New Students

SUNY New Paltz launched a revised student-focused, interactive Convocation ceremony for the incoming class on Aug. 22, 2014.

During the 28th annual ceremony President Donald P. Christian was joined by faculty, staff, student leaders and athletes, alumni and Foundation board directors in welcoming new students to the 2014-2015 academic year.

The transformed event had been redesigned based on feedback from New Paltz students, faculty, staff and alumni to reaffirm the importance of learning and mark the significance of connecting new students to the broader SUNY New Paltz community.

Current student leaders and generations of alumni welcomed the incoming class as they entered the Athletic & Wellness Center, where the event was held, and participants were invited to a welcome barbecue outside the Center immediately following the ceremony.

Visit www.newpaltz.edu/fallconvocation for more information
One of the best ways to experience culture is to live it. From learning a new language to developing an appreciation for diversity, alumni reflect on how study abroad opened doors to look at the world, and themselves, in a different way.

Often driven by the search for personal enrichment, students have returned from their time abroad with even more—an enhanced position as accomplished global citizens. Their newfound understanding of the world, beyond the usual boundaries, paves the path to success both personal and professional.

As a result, students find their perspectives greatly changed. Some are encouraged to resume traveling around the world, others prefer to continue their education well into graduate school, and some seek occupations in fields they had yet to consider. But all, inspired by experience and understanding, transform personal growth into a future previously unexpected.

Jaydon Kiernan ’13 (Biology) conducted clinical diabetes research while studying abroad in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
CHOOSING EXPLORATION

Many students turn their study abroad experiences into post-graduation opportunities to revisit the places they traveled as students and to explore new regions.

Kelly Case ’14 (Secondary Education, English) and Deborah Walnicki ’14 (Sociology, Human Services), who studied abroad extensively as undergraduates, have continued their international travels after graduation. Both were awarded Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships in Malaysia, where they arrived in January to begin their 10-month stints.

Before departing for her first trip to Malaysia, Walnicki completed three social work internships for her human services concentration, worked in a therapist’s office, and coordinated the Hudson Valley chapter of Girls on the Run. Walnicki’s experience studying for six months in Ecuador as an undergraduate helped her to refine her Spanish, which she says has enhanced her human services work in the community. In summer 2014, she found herself in Denmark with Professor Mette Christensen for a two-week international social welfare course. From there, she visited Scotland, England, Germany, the Czech Republic, France, and Sweden.

Case, too, found a deep love for travel. At 15, she spent time in Spain and Costa Rica before graduating high school and later went to Iceland “on a whim” during her freshman year at SUNY New Paltz. She studied in Prague her sophomore year, but not before stopping in Ireland and Italy on the way (and then backpacking for a month afterward). She also spent a month teaching English at a middle school in Kenya in summer 2013.

“I learned so much about what I wanted to do while I was abroad,” said Case. “The confidence I gained studying abroad was incredible. I can go anywhere now.”

FINDING A NEW PATH

For Shrabani Naha ’14 (Psychology), study abroad experiences at the University of Dundee in Scotland and Cardiff University in Wales changed her undergraduate pursuits. Naha was a psychology major before she went to Scotland.

“After my experience, I realized I wanted to focus on psychology,” she said. “When I got to Dundee and I met students from all over the world who shared similar interests in psychology and global mental health, I realized this is exactly what I wanted to do.”

By the time she got to Cardiff, she had begun taking classes in philosophy and linguistics, and also honed her skills as a research assistant. In addition to her SUNY New Paltz major in psychology, she completed a minor in evolutionary studies.

Naha, who recently returned to the United Kingdom to pursue a master’s degree in social and cultural psychology at the London School of Economics and Political Science, hopes to focus future research efforts on child trafficking and women in education.

Even students in the science and technology fields, who tend to study abroad less frequently than their arts and humanities counterparts, can find rich opportunities in taking their studies overseas. Jaydon Kiernan ’13 (Biology), a master’s program student in public health at the University at Buffalo, studied in the Democratic Republic of Congo as a SUNY New Paltz undergraduate. He conducted clinical research focusing on diabetes treatment there, and returned in summer 2014 to continue his research for his master’s thesis.

“The value of my experience reached far beyond the research we conducted as a team,” said Kiernan. “I also had the opportunity to observe the families, eating habits, languages, and medical systems of a culture vastly different from my own. I learned how careful observation was necessary to gain a better understanding of why and how diabetes was highly prevalent in this malnourished society. I returned to the United States with a clearer idea of how I wanted to pursue my career, and I have decided to seek further training in medical anthropology.”

LANDING A JOB

Beyond embarking on further travel or changing one’s major, studying abroad is essential to future employment for countless students. For many, their experience illustrates their commitment to a region, culture, or area of study.

Such was the case for Jeffrey Cifuentes ’13 (International Business/Asian Studies), who spent a semester at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan. “I credit my overseas studies with landing my job abroad after graduation,” he said. “I worked as a retail manager for a year but was able to move back to Japan in August 2014, to secure a position as an English instructor, thanks to my study abroad there.”

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As the global community converges, more students than ever are choosing to study abroad as part of their educational experience.

“Study abroad is increasingly a core part of a liberal arts education,” said Bruce Sillner, Dean of the Center for International Programs. “An ever-growing number of our students are recognizing the centrality of an international experience to the quality of their undergraduate education. They realize the importance of being prepared to live and work in the global society of the 21st century.”

For Nicola Alexander ’88 (International Relations, French, Spanish), who traveled to Besançon, France, the idea of global citizenship is now a concrete one.

“Studying abroad offers students the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of other cultures and ways of looking at the world and their place in it,” said Alexander. “In a constantly changing world, the ability to adapt and appreciate our differences is helpful.”

To view video interviews with Kelly Case ’14 (Secondary Education, English) and Shrabani Naha ’14 (Psychology) about their experiences abroad, visit http://bit.ly/kcasej.mp/

newpaltz.edu

LEFT: Lisa Laird, Kelsey Ross, Shrabani Naha ’14 (Psychology), Jamie Pagirsky ’14 (Sociology), at Berlin Hauptbahnhof, the main railway station in Berlin, Germany, spring 2012.

ABOVE: Brittany Dennis ’12 (Psychology) in the Andes Mountains, Ecuador, summer 2011.
Catastrophic events take many forms, ranging from natural disasters to acts of terrorism. The SUNY New Paltz Institute for Disaster Mental Health (IDMH) recognizes that advance preparation, early intervention, and unique follow-up techniques can assist those whose lives are touched by disaster.

A crowded country on the southeastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea, Israel has been engaged in conflict with Palestine for decades.

Civilians subjected to political disorder in such areas of war are at heightened risk for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and major depression, along with other mental disorders that arise following exposure to violent unrest.

The importance of understanding mental health issues in such disaster areas brought SUNY New Paltz graduate students together with their Israeli counterparts for a week-long workshop to assist Israelis in crisis counseling and psychological first aid.

This unprecedented international partnership began when social work Professor Richard E.
Isralowitz of Ben-Gurion University invited IDMH Director James Halpern and graduate students in mental health counseling at SUNY New Paltz to Beersheba, Israel to work alongside a class of Israeli graduate students in social work.

“The goals are for the students to learn disaster mental health—the theory and the practices,” said Halpern. “They will also gain a very unusual multicultural perspective on things.”

The course mirrored training the Institute provides graduate students in the disaster mental health program at SUNY New Paltz. This led to regular invitations for Halpern to teach at Ben-Gurion.

At first, “It was a small group of Americans working with folks over there,” said Halpern. “Then, our host at Ben-Gurion, Richard Isralowitz, asked if there was any interest in bringing students over there to take the course with their students.”

DEVELOPING INTEREST

In addition to Israeli students and SUNY New Paltz graduate students, two students from New York City and one student from Italy participated in the course in Israel.

“I knew I wanted to take the disaster mental health course, but the opportunity to do it in Israel is a totally new cultural experience on top of that,” said Gillian Hammond ’16 (Psychology), the current graduate assistant for IDMH. “I jumped right on it.”

The course included group excursions to cultural sites like the Holocaust Museum and also to sites of communities under duress. Students were brought “as close as possible to the communities and villages on the Gaza border within safety,” said Halpern, where students met with agency heads and officials in charge of children, mental health and vulnerable populations.

“All of these towns and areas are regularly hit by rockets,” said Halpern. “Most of the population spends a fair amount of time in shelters during these sirens.”

Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Beersheba, Med-maeran Sea, Syria, Balf, New Paltz, SUNY New Paltz, mental health, counseling, IDMH, disaster mental health, James Halpern, Richard Isralowitz, Diane Ryan, Russell Seymour, Gillian Hammond ’16, James DeArce ’00g, Beth Weinstein, Mor Yehudai.
A Family in the Hawks’ Nest

By Zameena Mejia ’15

Tony Bonilla’s relationship to SUNY New Paltz permeates nearly all aspects of his life. It is the place where he met his wife, Raquel (Lopez) Bonilla ’90 (Elementary Education) ’97g (Second Language Education), in 1984. It is the College his children, Anthony and Nyah, have chosen to attend. It is the professional environment where Tony’s work has allowed him to touch the lives of countless students. And it is the College that recognized him in 2014 as an exemplary member of the SUNY New Paltz community.

“Many times New Paltz has allowed me to fulfill my desire to make a difference,” said Tony. “Through my work with students I am able to serve.”

Tony has thrived in multiple roles at SUNY New Paltz and has had a profound impact on his students and his colleagues. As a member of the College volleyball coaching staff, Tony has fostered relationships with multiple generations of student-athletes. He also claims an extended family through his many years mentoring alumni and current students of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP).

Inspired by his passion for helping students from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, Tony became an advisor for the College’s Educational Opportunity Program in 1999. After supplementing his education at New Paltz with graduate studies in humanistic multicultural education, Tony now serves as the EOP director, where he advises and mentors students in the program. On his office walls, photos of his many successful students share space with pictures of his own children.

Tony’s current work with the EOP and long-standing involvement with numerous student athletes make him a valuable asset to the College community. His immeasurable contributions were recognized during Reunion alumni weekend in Oct. 2014, when he received the Heritage Award. The award recognizes dedicated alumni and faculty who serve as extraordinary examples to the New Paltz community.

Building a legacy

But Tony’s professional family is not the only one with strong ties to New Paltz. A chance meeting at a college volleyball practice became the foundation for a life spent together for Tony and his wife, Raquel. Tony and Raquel quickly discovered they had much in common. Both were student-athletes, and each immigrated to New York State from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Tony completed his undergraduate course of study with a bachelor’s degree in Spanish and a minor in coaching. Shortly thereafter he was hired...
to coach volleyball at the College. He has worked with both the men’s and women’s teams in the more than 25 years since. His new responsibilities at the College have not kept him from the sport; Tony continues as an assistant coach for the men’s team.

Raquel completed her bachelor’s degree in education and later added a master’s in bilingual education. She has worked as an elementary school teacher for many years. Her passion for helping young people is a value shared with her husband.

“This area is perfect. It has everything I need as an individual and a professional. My alma mater gave me an education and a lifestyle and I feel very blessed.”

Inspired by their parents’ relationship and contributions to the College, Anthony and Nyah are following in their parents’ footsteps. Both are current students at New Paltz and chasing their own volleyball pursuits.

“New Paltz was the best option for everything that I wanted,” said Anthony, a first-year math and physics major. “It has a good volleyball team and it was the much better option financially.”

Nyah, a third-year transfer student, majors in organizational communication and plays on the women’s volleyball team. She said New Paltz was “the clear answer” when she decided she would transfer from her original college. “I liked the idea that I would get to experience the same college life my parents did,” Nyah said. “I am continuing my life as a proud student-athlete like my parents before me.”

Tony said his kids grew up knowing how important a role the College has played in his life.

“This area is perfect. It has everything I need as an individual and a professional,” Tony said. “My alma mater gave me an education and a lifestyle, and I feel very blessed.”

He continually aspires to pass that blessing on to all those he considers family, in all the places his life and work take him.

Former student leader serves alumni in his new role

Steven Posada ’12 (Spanish) transferred his undergraduate leadership experiences to serve his fellow alumni as the College’s new alumni relations officer.

He assists in developing alumni programs, drawing on his understanding of the culture and diversity of the campus, knowledge of campus operations, strong ties to current students and recent alumni, and proven track record of programming accomplishments.

Reunion was a great experience, and I look forward to connecting with alumni at the regional events I help organize and staff,” said Posada.

At SUNY New Paltz, Posada majored in Spanish in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. He also had minors in Latin American and Caribbean studies and black studies.

Since joining the alumni office in August 2014, Posada has drawn on his previous experience planning and coordinating events for students and parents to build community and foster engagement. He worked for three years as a campus resident assistant and a summer administrative program associate for Orientation operations. His activities included serving as an Educational Opportunity Program peer mentor, mission team member for Catholic Campus Ministry to the Dominican Republic Jarabacoa, co-founder of the club soccer team, and president of the Latin American Student Association budget finance committee, president of the Latin American Student Union, and president of Latino Week.

After graduation, Posada worked as a business development representative for a credit union, responsible for customer service and sales. In March 2013, he started working at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., first as an assistant resident director and most recently as assistant director of residence life. These positions required him to think on his feet to respond to changing and challenging circumstances, develop creative solutions, and handle sensitive and personal matters to meet diverse needs.

Posada has experience working with a variety of higher education constituents, as well as selecting, training, and supervising staff and ensuring the smooth operation of various programming initiatives. He is currently pursuing graduate studies in higher education administration from Stony Brook University.

“As an alumnus, it is an honor to work for my alma mater,” said Posada. “I look forward to interacting with others who share my SUNY New Paltz pride and helping relight the flame for those who have lost their connection.”
Joshua Simons ’08 (Political Science) found close faculty relationships and a prosperous career at SUNY New Paltz.

After touring the East Coast playing trombone, living in Florida, and taking classes at different colleges, he was attracted to SUNY New Paltz because of its location and cost. However, he stayed for the support and encouragement he received from faculty.

“I had professors like Jerry Benjamin (Political Science) and Nancy Kassop (Political Science), who saw something in me that was worth developing and took a personal interest in my academic development,” said Simons.

One experience that stood out for Simons as a student was being invited to travel with Kassop to Washington, D.C., to hear oral arguments in the U.S. Supreme Court for Boumediene v. Bush, a landmark case that found that imprisoned enemy combatants had a constitutional right to habeas corpus.

During his senior seminar, also with Kassop, he tracked down former U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale to interview him about his time in office for a paper evaluating Dick Cheney’s vice presidency. A “capable researcher” even back then, Simons said the class was encouraged to conduct primary research for projects, which led to him finding Mondale’s email address through a Minneapolis law firm where Mondale was a silent partner.

Kassop eventually encouraged Simons to conduct an independent study and then to present his research at the western conference of the American Political Science Association.

As a student, Simons also worked as Benjamin’s assistant at the Center for Research, Regional Engagement, and Outreach (CRREO) in summer and fall 2008. After graduating in December 2008, Simons was hired by CRREO full time in July 2009.

Now, as a senior research associate at CRREO, Simons frequently draws on the skills he acquired as an undergraduate. A cartography class with Professor Jo Mano (Geography), where he learned geographic information system (GIS), has particularly come in handy for Simons, as he frequently utilizes GIS mapping software to conduct analytic research and produce reports for county and municipal planning boards.

Having his undergraduate work and research recognized as something “of value” and not “something I could do someday down the road,” said Simons, is what distinguished his experience at New Paltz from other colleges.

“It was the difference between going to a blues jam and going to a concert,” said Simons. “At New Paltz, it was more like a blues jam, where the artists were phenomenal, but I was encouraged to come up on stage and work on my chops, as well.”

To view some of Simons’ work, go to:

- [www.newpaltz.edu/crreo/congress](http://www.newpaltz.edu/crreo/congress)
- [www.newpaltz.edu/museum/exhibitions/polich_map.html](http://www.newpaltz.edu/museum/exhibitions/polich_map.html)
An accomplished graduate of the SUNY system, and a successful leader in the banking industry for decades, Mary Etta Schneider was elected to her third one-year term as Treasurer of the SUNY New Paltz Foundation and Chair of the SUNY New Paltz Foundation’s Finance and Investment Committee in 2014.

She joined the Foundation board in 2011 and hopes to expand upon the collaboration between SUNY New Paltz and Historic Huguenot Street, where she serves as Board chair and president. Schneider’s role as a leader in overseeing the Foundation’s investments has had a significant impact, with a 16.1% net endowment return in fiscal year 2014.

“The partnership between SUNY New Paltz and Huguenot Street has grown to be very strong over the past few years,” said Schneider. “We have interned every semester from a wide range of departments, including history, political science, international relations, theater, communications and marketing, media production, and archaeology.”

A long history of success in the financial arena makes Schneider an optimal match for the Foundation. A leader in the banking industry for close to 30 years, she played a major role on successive CEO teams for BankBoston, FleetBoston Financial and Bank of America (1987-2004), serving in critical leadership positions through each of the respective mergers.

In her last banking position, Schneider was head of Bank of America’s $4.5 billion global corporate banking division. Prior to this role, she headed several strategic businesses at FleetBoston Financial and BankBoston, including investment banking, capital markets, corporate banking, and loan syndications. Schneider now is a committed adviser and fundraiser for major nonprofit organizations benefiting education, history, the arts and other charitable causes. Schneider maintains the interwoven goals of SUNY New Paltz and Huguenot Street, promising a long-lasting relationship.

“Having the College and a National Historic Landmark of the caliber of Historic Huguenot Street is a tremendous benefit to both institutions,” she said. “In fact, Huguenot Street is chartered by the State University of New York – with a mission to educate the public, in addition to preserving the historic buildings, archives and artifacts entrusted to our care.”

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Scholarships support many students

The College’s new Alumni Advisory Council welcomed 15 alumni representatives. These alumni, along with two student representatives and three administrators, are charged with assisting the College in better engaging its graduates. They will play a vital role in the success of alumni relations at New Paltz this year, and in the future.

Alumni representatives are Felix Chevalier ’93, Shana (Bender) Circe ’02 ’08g, Robin Cohen-La Valle ’77 ’82g, Candice Dixon ’73, Alan Dunefsky ’69 ’91g, Amanda Greens Rogers ’08, Pascal Guirma ’85, John Hoehnle ’86, Onika Jervis ’93 ’05g, Keith Kenney ’99 ’10g, B. Desmond Murray ’82, Robert Thorn ’66 ’70g, Chand Ward ’10g, Anthony T. Winn ’92, and Christopher Wright ’01.

This year’s student representa- tives are Oladoyin Olaren- waaju ’15 and Brian Spina ’15. Alumni Relations Brenda Dow, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Erica Marks, and Vice President for Enrollment Management L. David Eaton, former chair of the ad hoc alumni task force.
Private gifts support significant activities

James H. Ottaway Sr. Endowed Professorship

Sonia Shah, an award-winning journalist who covers science and international human rights issues, served as the 2014 James H. Ottaway Sr. Visiting Professor of Journalism and taught the course “Science, Environment, and Disease: New Approaches to Science Journalism.”

As part of Shah’s course, students developed and launched an educational website called “Tick Talk,” an investigative project on the politics, history and cultural impact of Lyme disease. The tick-borne illness has become an epidemic in the Mid-Hudson Valley region, and Shah chose to investigate the subject with her students because of its local relevance.

Past Ottaway professors include National Public Radio Foreign Correspondent Deborah Amos; The New York Times investigative reporter Andrew Lehren; award-winning broadcast journalist and media consultant John Larson; Ann Cooper, a former public radio reporter who headed the Committee to Protect Journalists; Byron E. Calame, a longtime Wall Street Journal editor and reporter who has served as The New York Times’ public editor; Roger Kahn, the author of 20 books and one of America’s foremost sports journalists; Trudy Lieberman, one of America’s best consumer reporters; Pulitzer Prize-winning feature photographer Renee C. Byer; Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times reporter John Darnton; Bernard L. Stein, editor of The Riverdale Press and a Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial writer; Martin Gottlieb, the global edition editor of The New York Times; and Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist Sydney Schanberg.

Sojourner Truth Library

Through a variety of fundraising activities, the Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library provide an extra margin of excellence above and beyond that which can be achieved through conventional institutional funding. Since its inception, the Friends have contributed more than $350,000, which enables the Library to enrich its collection of books and other materials essential to learning and inquiry.

A large collection of books, reference sets, audio and video recordings, musical scores, and electronic information media have been purchased through the generosity of Friends members. The Friends group also supports the annual Dennis O’Keefe Memorial Lecture, established in 2007 to honor Dennis O’Keefe ’73, a long-time staff member of the Sojourner Truth Library.

Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art

A shining example of the power of philanthropy, The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at New Paltz enhances the cultural life of the College and the broader community, largely through generous private donations.

The Dorsky family remains committed to not only the Museum, named in memory of Samuel Dorsky, but to the College as well. Noah Dorsky and his sister Karen Dorsky currently serve on the Foundation Board, as well as The Dorsky Advisory Board. Their brother, David Dorsky, also serves on The Dorsky Advisory Board and previously served as a Foundation director. All have functioned on search committees including those for president, provost, vice-president of development, museum director, and museum curator. They support a variety of College activities including the Distinguished Speaker Series, Art Uncorked, and the Fund for New Paltz.

Karen, David, and Noah Dorsky, along with their sister Sara Bednick, were founding contributors to the formation of The Dorsky and have since created several endowments — including the Neil C. Trager Directorship currently held by Sara Pasti – to help nurture its long-term viability while also supporting its annual exhibitions and related programming.

According to Pasti, funds obtained by the Advisory Board and others support a plethora of museum initiatives. Examples include adding in conservation, exhibitions, gallery talks, panel discussions, symposia, film screenings and First Sunday Free Gallery Tours.
Established in 1995 by Louis and Mildred Resnick, primarily to support the engineering program at New Paltz, the Resnick Engineering endowment has allowed the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to purchase equipment to prototype circuit boards. A new course called “Electronic Design Automation” was designed using this equipment and provides students with key skills in electrical and computer engineering.

The School of Science and Engineering’s 3D printing initiative has also greatly benefited from the generosity of private donors. The Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center at SUNY New Paltz was launched in May 2013, thanks in large part to private financial support from Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation (which pledged $250,000 to the project) and Hudson River Ventures President Sean Eldridge (who gave $250,000).

Everton H. Henriques ’78 ’83g (Chemistry) and his wife Jeannie Irvine ’78 (Mathematics) are strong supporters of SUNY New Paltz. Together, they have created 10 endowments to support various scholarships that assist students in achieving academic success.

“When we established our 10 scholarship funds, my wife Jeannie and I hoped to inspire others to do the same,” said Henriques. “Meeting with the student recipients of these scholarships and listening to their accomplishments has been more rewarding than we ever anticipated.”

Henriques joined the Board of Directors for the SUNY New Paltz Foundation in 1999 and served for a total of 15 years before stepping down in 2014. At the Mid-Hudson Valley’s Philanthropy Awards Ceremony in 2008, the Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized him with the Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer Award. Irvine has served as a Reunion volunteer, and she and Henriques are School of Business Hall of Fame inductees. They’re also a New Paltz family; their two children are Everton I. Henriques ’10g (Adolescence Education, Chemistry) and Jeannie I. Henriques ’08 (Accounting).

Iris Stedener, a lifelong Ulster County resident, devoted much of her life to supporting education. Upon her passing at age 84, on November 17, 2009, she made a generous provision in her will to support scholarships for students attending SUNY New Paltz and Cortland as well as Ulster, Orange, and Sullivan community colleges. Her estate distributes annual scholarship support for New Paltz students with financial need, with preference given to special education majors. Stedener’s estate has contributed $40,000 to the Iris J. Stedener Memorial Scholarship as of June 30, 2014, providing students with funds needed to support their educational goals.

The SUNY New Paltz Foundation Sources of Support
July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014

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The SUNY New Paltz Foundation Supported Areas

- Student Financial Aid: 46%
  - Athletics: 1%
  - Library: 1%
- Fund for New Paltz (Unrestricted): 27%
- Academic Divisions: 12%
  - Public Service & Extension: 5%
  - Property, Buildings & Equipment: 2%
- Other: 6%
- Current Students: 18%
- Alumni: 18%
- Parents: 3%
- Foundations: 9%
- Corporations and Other Organizations: 4%
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Knapp charts new terrain with “America’s Covered Bridges”

By Zameena Mejia ‘15

In his latest book, “America’s Covered Bridges: Practical Crossings – Nostalgic Icons,” Professor Emeritus Ronald Knapp (Geography/Asian Studies) takes his readers on a trip across North America to explore the heritage of covered bridges in the continental United States.

Working alongside co-author Terry E. Miller of Kent State University and photographer A. Chester Ong, Knapp tracks the technological changes America’s bridges have undergone during the past 200 years. The book tells of their transformation from vital social infrastructure to protected historical landmarks.

Knapp was first drawn to this subject matter through teaching and research he conducted at SUNY New Paltz. He periodically taught a course in historical geography that often addressed the development of transportation systems in Ulster County. Through the course, he and his students learned about the old turnpikes and bridges that would become his inspiration.

“In some respects, the seed for research for this book was planted when I first came to New Paltz,” said Knapp. “But it only began to develop fully into a book once I met Terry Miller in 2007.” Knapp and Miller were introduced at a conference in China. They discovered a shared interest in covered bridges. “One thing led to another and we decided to collaborate on a book that would deal comprehensively with America’s covered bridges,” said Knapp.

Knapp has published more than 20 books about the cultural and historical geography of China and Southeast Asia, but “America’s Covered Bridges” is his first publication outside that field. Knapp had collaborated with Ong for multiple titles related to his work in Asian geography, so when it came time to gather images for this new project, Knapp found working with Ong to be a natural fit.

Knapp began his career at the College after receiving his doctoral degree in 1968. Upon his retirement in 2001, Knapp devoted himself full time to research, writing and volunteering on the board of the Mohonk Preserve.

During the 2014 Reunion weekend at New Paltz, Knapp’s tenure as a caring and dedicated educator was recognized with the Heritage Award, which honors alumni and faculty whose devotion to the ideals of the College serve as an example to the current New Paltz community.

“It is quite an honor to receive the Heritage Award, which I feel acknowledges the many other emeritus faculty who not only maintain an ongoing relationship with the College but also act as ambassadors to the broader alumni community who value their New Paltz education,” said Knapp.

Rich Marazzi ’65

Marazzi competed for the Hawks’ baseball team during 1964-65. He worked for 23 years as an umpire at the high school, college, and independent league levels and became one of the foremost experts on the rules of baseball. Marazzi currently serves as the rules consultant for the Boston Red Sox, the New York Yankees, and several other Major League Baseball teams. He is the host of Inside Yankee Baseball on ESPN-AM 1300 radio and the author of five baseball books.

Sue Cooney ’91

Cooney became the College’s first female SUNYAC individual champion in any sport. She was a double-event winner at the 1989 SUNYAC Swimming and Diving Championships. Cooney helped develop a tradition of success for the women’s team at the SUNYAC meet, as the Hawks fielded a SUNYAC champion in each of the next three years.

Jill (Tournour) Burke ’92

Burke joined Cooney as one of the pioneers of SUNY New Paltz women’s swimming in the SUNYAC. She garnered four SUNYAC championships and wrapped up her career as the program record holder in the 200 individual medley.

Jess (Nadolny) Waldorf ’00

Waldorf finished her career as one of the most decorated student-athletes in SUNY New Paltz women’s soccer history. She remains the only Hawk women’s soccer student-athlete to earn three all-SUNYAC awards. As a senior, she became the first SUNY New Paltz women’s soccer student-athlete to garner a spot in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Region Team.

Mario Lavacca ’06

Lavacca is a two-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Region selection, led the men’s soccer team to the SUNYAC Tournament during his senior season in 2003. Lavacca became the program’s first-ever SUNYAC Player of the Year and earned All-SUNYAC honors in each of his four years on the team.
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bus opening reception and gallery talks, he has curated a local student art show. Following Texas, he was at the Alexandria Museum of Art in Alexandria, La., where he taught a master class in relief printing and was the juror for the 26th Annual September Competition. Visit www.stewartnachmias.com to view his work.

82 B. Desmond Murray (Communication Studies), an Alumni Advisory Council member, served on the alumni-outreach committee for the New York City-metro alumni event held in Manhattan on Nov. 21, 2014, and serves on the First World Reunion steering committee, an event planned for May 1-3, 2015. He is an associate director of field experience, responsible for internships, at Marist College’s Center for Career Services in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

83 Jason Kolbert (Secondary Education-7-12 Chemistry), who is Maxim Group’s senior managing director and head of healthcare, was interviewed in The Life Sciences Report (www.thelifesciencesreport.com) in June 2014. Kolbert, who is often quoted in the media and is a sought-out expert in the biotechnology field, has worked extensively in the healthcare sector as product manager for a leading pharmaceutical company, as a fund manager, and as an equity analyst. Prior to joining Maxim Group, he spent seven years at Susquehanna International Group, where he managed a healthcare fund and founded SIG’s biotechnology team. Previously, Kolbert served as the healthcare strategist for Salomon Smith Barney. Prior to beginning his Wall Street career, Kolbert served as a product manager for Schering-Plough in Osaka, Japan.

85 30th Anniversary

Jay Fertig (Business Administration) has scaled back his two-decade career as a computer instructor and owner of a company dedicated to creating a variety of institutions, including the United Nations and Aramco, in Saudi Arabia, and for the Ohama presidential administration. He recently opened an antique store in South Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

“The years have been great, but New Paltz has still some of the best years!” —Jay Fertig ’85

Visit vincentcianni.com to include Cianni will continue teaching in East Syracuse, N.Y., offices.

Vincent Cianni ’86 (Photography) has moved from Brooklyn and New York City to Newburgh, N.Y., to teach at SUNY New Paltz. Cianni will continue teaching at Parsons School of Design and has updated his website (www.vincenzianni.com) to include viewing adjustments and contact information.

88 Valerie Lloyd (Business Administration) and her mother, Celestine (Parson) Lloyd, were honored guests at the White House to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education. Both were given a signed proclamation by President Barack Obama and were photographed with him in the White House Blue Room.

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Mickey Jamal, SUNY New Paltz Foundation Board director, took time to speak with students about their career highs and lows and the steps they took along the way. In spite of vastly different backgrounds and majors, the unified message from the panel to the students defined success as having a combination of skills. Potential graduates were encouraged to get involved on campus, in their communities and beyond the classroom in order to be remembered. “Seek every opportunity to become relevant, visible and to raise your profile” said Drummond, vice president at Deutsche Bank in London, “Get out there, and get noticed.”

This idea resonated for many students in the packed Multipurpose Room, as “488” is just a number,” said junior Rosemary Baze. “It’s time to get more involved.”

Student questions ranged from those about personal motivation to concerns about common obstacles faced by entrepreneurs. When asked what they believed the next big thing might be, members of the panel were quick to mention technological advancements.

“Thermodynamics,” said Fay, vice president of national accounts at Luciﬁer Lighting Company in Texas. “Anything in the environmental field.”

Active alumni participation in campus events is a key component to shaping future opportunities with enthusiastic students and recent graduates. With the introduction of these community leaders to the College and its students, the gap between campus life and a successful corporate career seemed to move toward a favorable close.

“Our alumni are a vital link to the business world. Their involvement provides us with real-time information about what is happening, what is important and what our students will face when they enter the workforce,” Backhaus said.

Class Notes

From London to New Paltz, the message was clear: Network, get involved and be relevant.

These were the overwhelming sentiments conveyed at the first Business Leaders of the 21st Century panel discussion held Oct. 27, 2014. The event, hosted by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, in collaboration with the Career Resource Center and the Provost’s Ofﬁce, offered the crowd of students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with successful SUNY New Paltz alumni.

“We’re thrilled to have such distinguished alumni, professionals, and College Foundation board members participate,” said SUNY New Paltz President Donald P. Christian. “They’ve traveled from as close as New Paltz and New Jersey to as far away as London.”

Comprised of business leaders in varying stages of their careers, the discussion covered both individual career paths and a great deal of advice for students on how to achieve professional growth. “We have a number of alumni who have been very successful in their careers,” said Kristin Backhaus, interim dean of the School of Business. “They are willing to come back and share their experiences with our students and often serve as mentors or internship supervisors. They are invaluable to us.”

The panel was made up of three top-level industry trailblazers: Kenneth Passinusk ’77 (Education/Social Studies), Fitznarr Drummond ’06 (Business/ Finance and Management) and Nora Fay ’86 (Liberal Arts and Sciences/Anthropology). These successful alumni, along with

86 Dr. Kelly Cassano (Communication Studies) is an intern and medical director for the Mount Sinai Medical Group, has been in practice for 17 years. She was featured in the New York Daily News in an article on fighting high blood pressure.

John Horseshe (English) organized and hosted a Global Orange Day event for Central New York on Dec. 4, 2014. He sponsored “A Night at the Museum” for alumni and friends at the Onondaga Historical Association in downtown Syracuse, NY. He and his wife, Lisa (White) Horseshe ’85, reside in Cortland, N.Y., and have two children. He is marketing communications and government relations manager at Aaroe in its downtown Syracuse, N.Y., offices.

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Business Leaders of the 21st Century share path to success

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From left to right: Kenneth Passinusk ’77, Nora Fay ’86, SUNY New Paltz Foundation Board Director Mickey Jamal, and Fitznarr Drummond ’06.

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Anthony Winn ’92 (Business Management) caught the “public service bug” as a student leader at New Paltz, a passion that has stayed with him throughout his career.

“I never intended to work in the corporate world—I always wanted to do community-based work,” said Winn, ‘91, known, coming out of New Paltz, that I was going to spend my career in private practice. I served as chief operating officer of Nos Quedamos, a South Bronx-based nonprofit housing and social service provider, before co-founding id29 (www.id29.com) in 2003 in Troy, N.Y. His past experience includes serving as director of strategic planning at MASS MoCA for more than eight years, helping to put the country’s largest arts center on the world’s cultural map.

Noelle Dougherty (Art History) is a visual artist who performs with bandmates in the ensemble Zrepall, which places its stamp on the legendary song cycle SONGS of the 21st Century Renaissance, an organization that connects artists with business owners who happen to have blank walls or large picture windows that would benefit from fresh artwork. Much of the TCR artwork is displayed at the arts center’s Fashion Artillery, taking first-place honors.

Christopher Wright (Communications Studies), an Alumni Advisory Council member, has served a number of years as director of enrollment technology at Emerson College. He was appointed to simultaneously serve as the interim director of admissions at Emerson College in summer 2014.

Shana (Bender) Circe (Visual Arts Education) ’89 (Visual Arts Education), an alumni ambassador for the College, helped coordinate activities for Reunion alumni weekend during October 2014. She is director of on-campus recruitment and the Welcome Center at SUNY New Paltz and is married to Michael Circe ’95 (Childhood Education 1-6) ’97 (Childhood Education). Michael organized a 20th anniversary meeting of his fraternity, Kappa Delta Phi, bringing his Al pha Gamma Chapter brothers back to campus in November 2014.

Jonathan Amoia (Business) organized and hosted a Global Orange & Blue Day event for Western New York

Jeremy Baum (Music) had his new CD reviewed online by the “Plantersville Jour nal.” The album was celebrated as its release party on June 26, 2014. Incorporating soul, jazz, and the blues, the CD is titled “The Ed.”

Karen Zieker (Secondary Education 7-12 English) ’96 (5K-12 Reading) was promoted to director of curriculum and instruction for the Millisessen School District K-8, effective July 1, 2014. Formerly the principal of the Millisessen Town Public School, she will now have the opportunity to work with all three Millisessen schools and collaborate with the administration and teachers on curriculum and professional development.

Kevin Bryant (Political Science and Onika Jervis (Biology) ’95 (Education Administration), both Alumni Advisory Council members, served on the alumni-outreach committee for the New York City-metro alumni event held in Manhattan on Nov. 21, 2014. Both serve on the First World Reunion steering committee; the event is May 1-3, 2015. Oxalis has more than 20 years of experience working with national and international clients, co-founded id29 (www.id29.com) in 2003 in Troy, N.Y. His past experience includes serving as director of strategic planning at MASS MoCA for more than eight years, helping to put the country’s largest arts center on the world’s cultural map.

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Six-year-old Joseph Gilbert of Chester, N.Y., was born without any fingers on his left hand. But thanks to a new “robot hand,” designed and built with a 3D printer at SUNY New Paltz’s Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center, Joseph will hopefully experience the closest thing to having a fully functional hand.

Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center Assistant Director Katherine Wilson ‘14g (Metal) worked with electrical engineering student Adam Carlson ’15 (Electrical Engineering) to design and construct the hand, using openly shared prosthetic designs. By flexing his wrist, Joseph can control the ﬁ ngers of the robot hand to grip objects.

Gilbert was born with symphalangism—abnormally, an abnormality that occurs between the ninth and tenth week of pregnancy, said his mother, Doris Gilbert. The condition is reported to affect one in every 10,000, and its cause is unknown.

On July 16, Joseph came to the SUNY New Paltz campus with his sister, Brandi, and a family friend to try on his new hand for the ﬁ rst time. “The staff of the Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center is very excited to be able to provide Joseph with a robot hand,” said School of Science and Engineering Dean Daniel Friedman, “Creating functional prosthetics for children is one of the best examples of how 3D design and printing can be used to create remarkable objects at a small fraction of the cost of standard fabrication methods.”

Joseph turned this fall for more exciting announcements about the 3D printing initiative at SUNY New Paltz. To learn more about it or to check out media coverage of this project, visit newpaltz.edu/3d.

SUNY New Paltz makes prosthetic hand for local boy using 3D technology
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— Harriet Beecher Stone

Dr. Robert “Bob” Dillman ’53, passed away on Nov. 25, 2014, age 73.

Dillman received his Ph.D from Clark University and a master’s degree from Penn State University before beginning an extensive career in education, including serving as president of East Stroudsburg University.


A resident of New Paltz for more than 50 years, Marks served as a winning professor and Fulbright scholar in Kanazawa, Japan, and helped start the “sister city” program between New Paltz and Osa, Japan.

Highly regarded professor emeritus, Carlston Mabee passed away on Dec. 18, 2014, in Guilderland, N.Y., age 99.

Mabee joined the New Paltz faculty in 1963 and retired in 1984. He served as town historian for Gardiner, where he resided for many decades.

Sally Luther ’74g (African Studies), the historian for Gardiner, where he resided for many decades.

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During the pivotal decade of the 70’s, Gallerie worked closely with President Stanley K. Coggins to establish the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, one of the first foundations created within the SUNY system to respond to the growing need for private support. In 1976, Gallerie became one of the Foundation’s first donors. Since scholarships played a decisive role in Gallerie’s ability to obtain her undergraduate and graduate degrees, she wanted to help make that critical difference for students at New Paltz.

Moreover, Gallerie’s annual donation is a vote of confidence in the Foundation. She has given every year since its inception and considers her gifts to be an expression of her profound gratitude for the privilege of her career here.

Gallerie enjoys living in New Paltz with her husband, Joseph, and plays an active role in the community.
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