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Cover: *Shrabani Naha '14 (Psychology)* stands on the Caerphilly Castle Grounds in Caerphilly, South Wales, while studying abroad at Cardiff University in October 2013. Opposite: Spring blossoms frame Old Main, the oldest building on the SUNY New Paltz campus. Photographed by *Robin Weinstein '14 (Photography)*. Back cover: Alumni and friends celebrate at the 2014 Alumni Weekend & Reunion.

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New Paltz launches major in mechanical engineering

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.



Jared Nelson, mechanical engineering professor (right), works with a student to demonstrate a robohand, designed and built with a 3D printer.

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

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 announcement follows 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 Resnick 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 breaks ground for new science building



A strong commitment to science education at SUNY New Paltz will alter the visual gateway to the College's 216-acre campus.

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.

"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

This undertaking was celebrated during the groundbreaking ceremony held for the new science building, a modern, two-story steel-framed facility of approximately 77,000-square-foot set for completion in 2017. Designed to qualify for Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council, the new facility will house the Geology, Geography, Physics and Astronomy, Computer Science, and Mathematics departments. It will also feature state-of-the-art research labs, lecture halls, and collaborative spaces to enhance student-faculty interactions and provide improved interdisciplinary teaching, according to Margie DeBolt, partner at Zimmer Gunsels Frasca (ZGF) Architects.

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."

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 barbeque outside the Center immediately following the ceremony.



Reunion 2014: Re•Connect | Re•New | Re•Union



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 Mauerer 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.



 Visit www.newpaltz.edu/fallconvocation for more information

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

STUDY ABROAD:

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

by Lindsay Lennon '07

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.

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



The Institute of International Education (IIE) announced the winners of its 2015 Andrew Heiskell Awards for Innovation in International Education and SUNY New Paltz has taken top honors in the "Study Abroad" category.

The Heiskell Study Abroad Award recognizes innovative programs in higher education that make study abroad accessible to a broader student population.

The College is being recognized for achievements of the partnership between the Center for International Programs (CIP) and the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), which has expanded the participation of underrepresented students in study abroad by offering advising, tutoring services, and study abroad information sessions to EOP students.

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



ABOVE, TOP: 'Circulo de Bellas Artes' in Madrid, Spain, Fall 2013.

ABOVE, BOTTOM: **Marianne Kramer '14** (Biology) photographed over Interlaken, Switzerland.

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."



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

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 psychobiology 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 further than 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 Bescancon, 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://studioabroad.newpaltz.edu>



ABOVE: **Brittany Denis '12** (Psychology) in the Andes Mountains, Ecuador, summer 2011.

IN THE WAKE OF DISASTER

University partnership brings graduate students to Israel

by Lindsay Lennon '07

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.



EVERY DAY, AS THEY DRIVE TO WORK,
THEY'RE JUST THINKING ABOUT
WHAT THEY WOULD DO, **RIGHT NOW,**
IF A ROCKET CAME DOWN."

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 practice," 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."



ABOVE: Students and faculty with a reinforced concrete shelter near cattle pens at Kibbutz Saad near the Gaza Strip. Pictured from left to right, Michelle Meyerovich, IDMH Director James Halpern, Diane Ryan, Russell Seymour, Gillian Hammond '16 (Psychology), Robert Owens '16 (Mental Health Counseling), Brenden Garcia '17 (Mental Health Counseling), Stu Merkin, adjunct faculty member James DeArce '00g (Sociology), Beth Weinstein, and Mor Yehudai.



BELOW RIGHT: IDMH Director Halpern teaches a class with students from SUNY New Paltz and Ben-Gurion University.

BELOW LEFT: IDMH Advisory Board member Diane Ryan approaches Masada with students from SUNY New Paltz and Ben-Gurion University.

Rebecca Rodriguez '12 '14g (Psychology, Mental Health Counseling) said some of the stories she heard during her 2014 trip to Israel with Halpern were “chilling.”

“They share their experiences freely, and there’s always something that makes you shocked, or just grateful for the security we have here,” said Rodriguez. “Every day, as they drive to work, they’re just thinking about what they would do, right now, if a rocket came down. Where would they go? Would they stop the car? Would they pull over?”

FUNDING THE JOURNEY

Two grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) were the direct result of the partnerships that developed between the IDMH and Ben-Gurion. One was used to develop a series of psychoeducational materials to help West Bank, Gaza, and Israel residents cope with traumatic experiences. The other grant brought Halpern and Rodriguez to Israel in January 2014 for training in what Rodriguez called “psychological first aid” for both Israelis and Palestinians.

“For them, the need is very immediate, so it’s a very satisfying teaching experience, because they’re taking it and using it that day,” said Halpern.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signing to formalize the collaborative relationship agreement between SUNY New Paltz and

Ben-Gurion University was held in a ceremony on the SUNY New Paltz campus, in October 2014. Isralowitz, who serves as the director of the Regional Alcohol and Drug Abuse Research Center at Ben-Gurion University, traveled from Israel to attend the ceremony.

At the signing, SUNY New Paltz President Donald P. Christian said, “This MOU allows our students and faculty to participate with their counterparts in a unique, rich, and culturally diverse experience. I hope both universities can learn from each other.”

Almost all costs of the partnership, excluding student airfare, but including meals, guides, transportation, and lodging, are supported by private gifts. In an effort to continue the SUNY New Paltz-Ben-Gurion partnership, IDMH aims to raise \$70,000 to support the program for three more years.

Halpern hopes that this partnership will be a lasting one, and that it might

be the start of more international coursework offerings for students in the future.

“The world is in a lot of trouble, in a lot of places,” said Halpern. “We’ve talked about having an international component, and students being able to get some experience and education as it relates to international humanitarian issues. That’s something we’ve been talking about, but it’s Ben-Gurion University that opened the doors for us.”



Old City in Jerusalem. Photographed by Gillian Hammond '16.

Family means many things to Antonio “Tony” Bonilla '87 (Spanish) '05g (Professional Studies) when it comes to his SUNY New Paltz ties.

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.

“My time at 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 1990. After supplementing his



Tony Bonilla '87 '05g with wife Raquel Bonilla '90 '97g and son Antonio, a first-year student at SUNY New Paltz, were photographed during 2014 Alumni Reunion Weekend.

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.

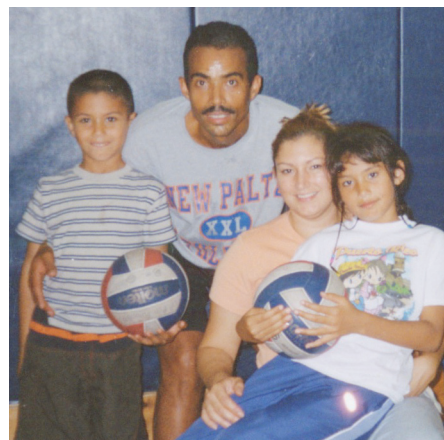
Tony's current work with the EOP and long-standing involvement

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 and Tony quickly discovered they had much in common. Both were student-athletes, and each immigrated to New York State with their families — Tony from the Dominican Republic and Raquel from Puerto Rico.

Tony completed his undergraduate course of study with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a minor in coaching. Shortly thereafter he was hired



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Tony Bonilla stands for a portrait in his office where he is surrounded by mementos and tokens of appreciation from students gathered over his many years at the College; Tony celebrates with the 1993-1994 women's volleyball team; Anthony, Nyah, Raquel and Tony Bonilla stand for a portrait; Tony plays volleyball in 1985; Tony on his graduation day in May 2005 when he received his master's degree in professional studies from SUNY New Paltz.

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 Jarabacoba, co-founder of the club soccer team, Student Association student senator, member of the 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.”

“I look forward to interacting with others who share my SUNY New Paltz pride.”





Undergraduate research opportunities at New Paltz shaped alum's future

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
- www.newpaltz.edu/museum/exhibitions/polich_map.html

SUNY New Paltz Foundation Annual Report 2013–2014

It is a pleasure to share with you this annual report of the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, which covers the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2013, and ended on June 30, 2014.

This report provides a snapshot of the private support the College receives through gifts to the foundation from its alumni, parents, students, organizations, friends and community members. As you will read in the following pages, private support makes countless opportunities possible for our students, and we have you to thank.

When it comes to investing in our students, no gift is too small, and support can take many forms. Even the gift of your time can have a significant impact on our students. Many individuals serve as volunteers on various school and departmental advisory boards, where their time, advice, student mentorship and financial support merit ample appreciation. To that end, we were thrilled to appoint 15 representatives to our new Alumni Advisory Council last year, a group committed to better engaging our 64,000 alumni as part of the College's strategic plan, and welcomed three new members to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation board.

Yet even as we look back to reflect on the year that has passed, I urge you to turn your attention to the future. We have launched an ambitious three-year fundraising plan that seeks to raise \$10 million, including \$5 million for Foundation scholarships; \$2 million for student scholarly research

and creative projects; \$1 million to help the Center for Research, Regional Engagement and Outreach (CRREO) advance the public interest of New York citizens; and \$2 million for the Fund for New Paltz, which last year raised \$391,591.

Your investment in our students has a yield measured in transformation and a timeline measured in generations.

There is virtually no area on campus that doesn't benefit from your generosity. We are deeply grateful for your support. Thank you.

Erica Marks
Executive Director
SUNY New Paltz Foundation

Volunteer Profile

Mary Etta Schneider elected Treasurer of Foundation Board



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 interns 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 promise 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." Schneider won international and Dow Jones-sponsored awards in economics while graduating cum laude with a B.A. in mathematics and economics from the State University of New York at Oswego.

She lives in High Falls, N.Y., and is descended from several of the Huguenot founders of New Paltz.

Alumni Advisory Council formed

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 Gresens Rogers '08**, **Pascal Guirma '85**, **John Hoeschele '86**, **Onika Jarvis '93 '05g**, **Keith Kenney '99 '10g**, **B. Desmond Murray '82**, **Robert Thorn '66 '70g**, **Chanel Ward '10g**, **Anthony T. Winn '92**, and **Christopher Wright '01**.

This year's student representatives are **Oladoyin Olanrewaju '15** and **Brian Spina '15**, and administrative members are Director of 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.

Scholarships support many



Philanthropic contributions provide students with much-needed support in financing their education. Scholarships allow donors to directly impact the lives of New Paltz students, opening doors in immeasurable ways.

Erica Yu, a junior double major in elementary education and classical violin performance, has received numerous scholarships to support her New Paltz education. In an effort to say thank you, Yu, along with other Foundation scholarship winners, gathered last fall to share their stories and thank donors for their support.

In her sincere letter to Gary and Janaki Patrik, Yu referenced both her passion to learn and one day, to educate.

"I have high hopes of becoming an effective and influential music teacher and musician," wrote Yu. "By awarding me with the Gary and Janaki Patrik Music Scholarship, I am able to concentrate on my college education."

Thanks to donations, New Paltz now has more than 109 endowed scholarships (with \$275,645 from annual and endowed funds yielding scholarships for 194 students at an average of \$1,421 per

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student per year). Since the future success of many New Paltz graduates is directly tethered to the reality of student loan

“Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community.”

debt, helping students realize their full potential frees them to follow their dreams and ensures they will one day reach both their professional and personal objectives.

For students like Yu, the impact of such generosity is not only long lasting, but promotes a pattern of philanthropy. “Your financial generosity has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community,” she said. “I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal, just as you have helped me.”

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.

The annual lecture celebrates O’Keefe’s wide range of interests and contributions, and has featured speakers such as former President Steven G. Poskanzer; James H. Ottaway Jr.; **Paul Huth ’72 ’79g** (Biology); art history Professor Reva Wolf; journalist Ray Sokolov and others.

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

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 Bedrick, 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 aiding in conservation, exhibitions, gallery talks, panel discussions, symposia, film screenings and First Sunday Free Gallery Tours.

Engineering



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).

Endowments

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 Profes-



sionals 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).

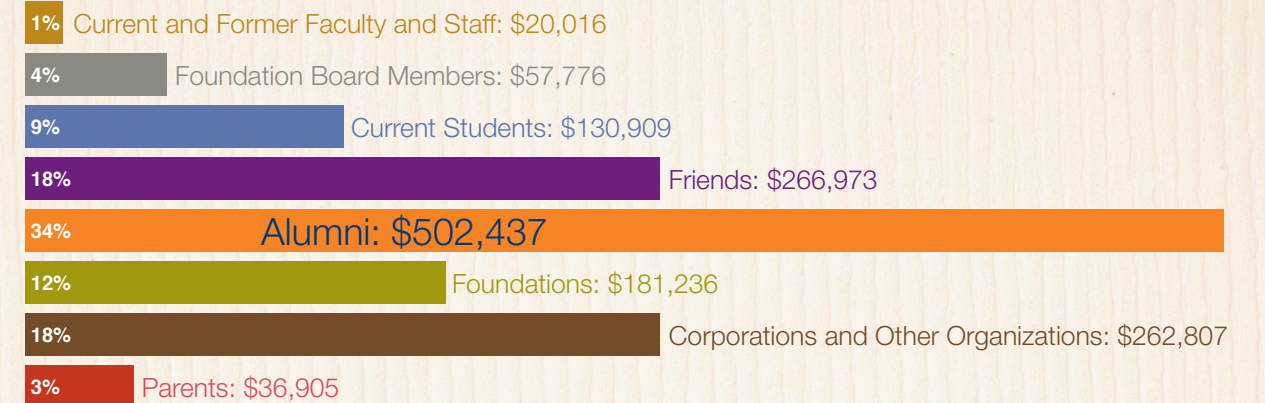
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Iris Stedener, a lifelong Ulster County resident, devoted much of her life to supporting education. Upon her passing at age 84, on November 17, 2009, she made a generous provision in her will to support scholarships for students attending SUNY New 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.

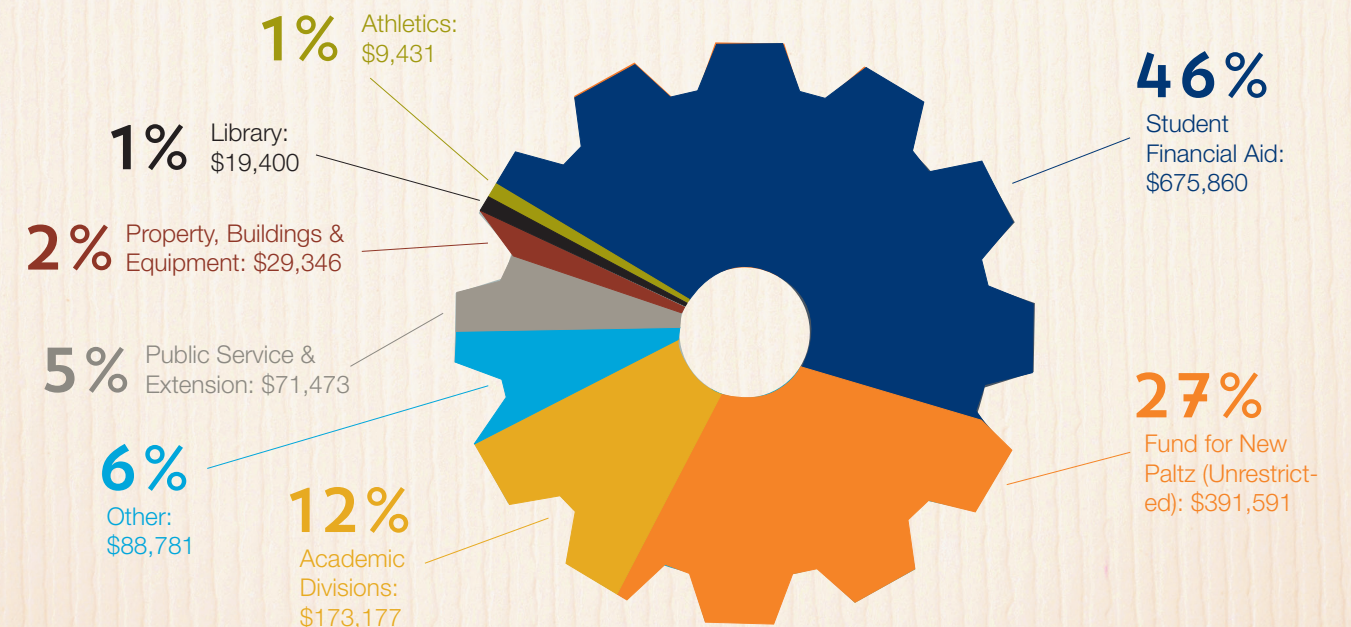
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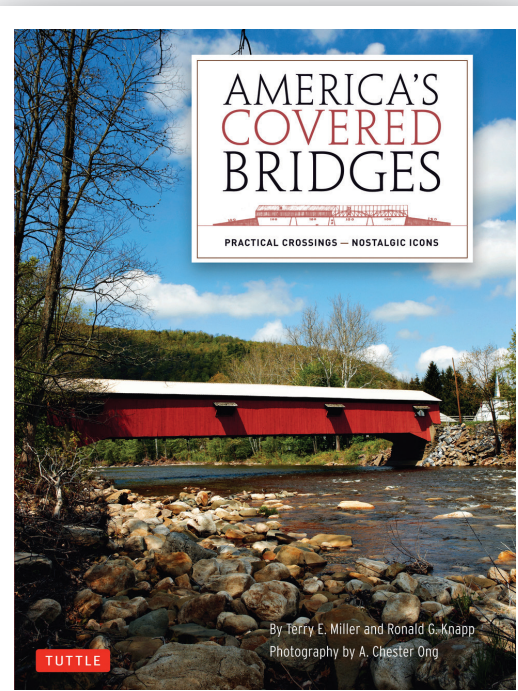
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Knapp charts new terrain with “America’s Covered Bridges”

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 alumni 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 extraordinary examples to the entire 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 broad alumni community who value their New Paltz education,” said Knapp.

Knapp lives with his wife in New Paltz. He is currently working on his latest project, a collaboration with volunteer photographers from the Mohonk Preserve on a book titled “The Gunks: Then and Now.”

Six-member Class of 2014 inducted into New Paltz Athletics Hall of Fame

By Ryan Novitsky

Six alumni were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame during a dinner and ceremony held in October 2014.

Gordon Krajna '62

Krajna, who passed away in 2002, was one of the College’s first standout student-athletes following World War II. A dual-sport student-athlete, he was a Second-Team All-SUNYAC (SUNY Athletic Conference) selection in men’s soccer in 1961 and helped the Hawks’ men’s tennis team win its first SUNYAC championship in 1959-60. At one point in his career, Krajna won 35 consecutive tennis matches, a streak that spanned over three years.

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, 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.

Top: Four-time SUNY AC swimming champion Jill (Tournour) Burke '92 (left) with her husband, Ed Burke '90.

Bottom: Colleen Bruley '06g (left), head women’s soccer coach at SUNY New Paltz, stands with Jessica (Nadolny) Waldorf '00, one of the SUNY New Paltz women’s soccer team’s most decorated student-athletes.





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46 Hazel (Hochuli) Schmidt recently moved from Florida and headed west. She writes, "I now live in Pasadena, Calif., in a wonderful intellectually stimulating retirement community not too far from one of my daughters and her husband. This has been a major lifestyle change for me. My husband of 64 years passed away in 2013. I sold our home in Naples, Florida, and headed west but not before visiting my old Clio roommate, **Betty Compton '45** in New Jersey. The years melted away, we shared a bedroom and talked half the night. Life is good, come for a visit!"

61 Dorothy (Smith) Mancini (Fine & Performing Arts) changes her residence with the seasons. She writes, "I am a snowbird! I spend the winters in Florida and the summers in Schenectady, NY. In the winter I volunteer with the New

Smyrna Museum of History and I am also a member of the HUB, an organization promoting the arts: painting, crafts, music, theater, etc. They have lessons in just about anything. I took Uki lessons! My email address is dotmacman@gmail.com. Anyone interested in the 55th?"

63 Elizabeth (Schering) Handler (Elementary Education Pre K-6 Political Science) and her husband, Bill, have done a lot of traveling since their retirement. She writes, "Enjoying retirement since 2008! Our daughter, Elise, has a horse farm in Lexington, Kentucky, and also works in Radiology at Haygards Horse Hospital. Our son, Eric, and family live outside Boston. He is in television production, has a company called Funnyboat Productions, and teaches a course at Emerson College. Life is good and we are blessed!"

64 Karen (Kramer) Rosasco (Art Education) had an exhibition of her paintings, titled "Layers," in the gallery of the Jewish Community Center of Schenectady N.Y. through July 30, 2014.

66 Robert Thorn (Art Education) '70g (Art Education), an Alumni Advisory Council member, organized a meeting of his Delphic fraternity brothers on campus in June 2014. He lives in Rhode Island and is a sculptor and retired art teacher.

73 Candice Dixon (Elementary Education Pre K-6 Music), an Alumni Advisory Council member, helped organize the greater Atlanta-area alumni event for March 2015. Her sister, **Mary Dixon Atkins '66**, nephew **Arthur Atkins Jr. '90**, and brother **Marshall Dixon** attended SUNY New Paltz. She's an active community volunteer and retired education professional.

75 40th Anniversary Felix Muzza (Secondary Education 7-12 Social Studies) was recognized at the Jamestown, Va. campus commencement on May 17, 2014, for his outstanding service to the community and distinguished career. Muzza began his 35-year career with the school system as a work-study coordinator at Jamestown High School. Muzza was dean of students at Abraham Lincoln Elementary school for 14 years and was Lincoln School principal for eight years.

80 35th Anniversary Stewart Nachmias (Printmaking) is continuing a yearlong tour of his show, titled "Pulp Icons: Cast Paper & Prints," in museums, universities and art centers. His first show was at Longview Museum of Fine Art in Longview, Texas. In addition to a

Global Orange & Blue Day unites SUNY New Paltz worldwide

Alumni, students and friends of the College were encouraged to celebrate their SUNY New Paltz pride on Global Orange & Blue Day on Dec. 4.

The day's theme – "SUNY New Paltz: Everybody, Everywhere!" – brought together Hawks around the globe. From hosting gatherings to wearing orange and blue, students, faculty, alumni and friends of the College commemorated the SUNY New Paltz experience by demonstrating a universal sense of unity and College spirit.

In New Paltz, alumni, faculty, staff and students gathered on campus for morning and afternoon activities, including photo opportunities to show off their orange-and-blue colors and SUNY New Paltz gear, with images shared using the #NPgoab and #NPAlumni hashtags.

The evening's celebrations included a meet-up in downtown New Paltz, hosted by **Steven Posada '12**, Alumni Advisory Council member **Alan Dunefsky '69**, **Alba Borchert '89**, and **Alayna Wageman '15**. Wageman, an international studies major, completed an internship with the Office of Alumni Relations helping plan and organize Global Orange & Blue promotions and activities.

To mark the day in other regions, **Renee Padmore-Baccus '91** hosted a "virtual party" on Facebook to connect online with fellow Washington DC-area alumni and friends. **Jonathan Amoia '03** treated Western New York alumni as his guests for a reception at The Buffalo Club, a historic, prestigious institution in downtown Buffalo, N.Y.

In Syracuse, N.Y., **John Hoeschele '86** hosted "A Night at the Museum," renting out the Onondaga Historical Association for his fellow Central New York alumni and their guests. Hoeschele, an Alumni Advi-

sory Council member who attended Reunion for the first time this past October, felt called to action during that weekend and decided to host a Global Orange & Blue event.

"To show up at reunion or particular events is great, but to go into your own community and get things started is another thing all together," said Hoeschele. "I thought it was sort of incumbent upon me to walk the talk. I'm trying to create some excitement and a sense of New Paltz community."

Thanks to Hoeschele, Amoia, Padmore-Baccus, Borchert, Wageman and the other alumni and student volunteers who helped organize Global Orange & Blue activities, it was an exciting day to be part of the SUNY New Paltz community.



TOP: Alumni Advisory Council Member **Shana (Bender) Circe '02 '06g** (Visual Arts Education) celebrates Global Orange & Blue Day. BOTTOM: Hugo the Hawk helps the SUNY New Paltz campus community celebrate Global Orange & Blue Day.

busy opening reception and gallery talk, he juried 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 associate director of field experience, responsible for internships, at Marist College's

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 providing training for a variety of institutions, including the United Nations and Aramco, in Saudi Arabia, and for the Obama presidential administration. He recently opened an antique store in South

leadership positions in a variety of key sales and marketing roles prior to this appointment. Previously, he held senior sales and marketing positions with Tenneco for the Monroe and Walker Brands.

86 Dr. Kelly Cassano (Communication Studies) an internist 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 Hoeschele (English) organized and hosted a Global Orange & Blue 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) Hoeschele '85**, reside in Cortland, N.Y., and have two children. He is marketing communications and government relations manager at Anaren in its East Syracuse, N.Y., offices.

Vincent Cianni '86g (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.vincentcianni.com) to include viewing adjustments and contact information.

88 Valerie Lloyd (Business Administration) and her mother, Celestine (Parson) Lloyd, were invited 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.

Florida and writes that he is "very content" to be "off the corporate treadmill." He has four boys ranging in age from 8 to 21 years old, and he would like to connect with old friends. "The years have been great," he writes, "but New Paltz has still some of the best years!"

Joseph Stephan (Business Administration) was appointed vice president, business development by Federal-Mogul Motorparts, a division of Federal-Mogul Holdings Corporation (NASDAQ:FDML). Stephan, who has been with Federal-Mogul since 1999, held

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



From left to right: **Kenneth Pasternak '77**, **Nora Fay '80**, SUNY New Paltz Foundation Board Director Mickey Jamal, and **Fitzarnaz Drummond '06**.

Business Leaders of the 21st Century share path to success

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 alums 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 expertise 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 Pasternak '77** (Education/Social Studies), **Fitzarnaz Drummond '06** (Business/Finance and Management) and **Nora Fay '80** (Liberal Arts and Sciences/Anthropology). These successful alumni, along with

"Seek every opportunity to become relevant, visible and to raise your profile. Get out there, and get noticed."

— **Fitzarnaz Drummond '06**

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 Multi-Purpose Room. "Your GPA is just a number," said junior Rosemary Bair. "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 advances.

"Thermodynamics," said Fay, vice president of national accounts at Lucifer Lighting Company in Texas. "Anything in the environmental field."

Active alumni participation in campus events is a key component to sharing 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 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.

Winn “excited and honored” to serve on Alumni Advisory Council

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 corporate—I always wanted to do community-based work,” said

Winn. “I knew, coming out of New Paltz, that I was going to spend my career in service to people.”

Winn serves as chief operating officer of Nos Quedamos, a South Bronx-based nonprofit housing and social service provider. He has spent his career in nonprofit

management, nonprofit leadership development, and public health, including a stint with Chicago Public Schools as part of the National Urban Fellowship Program.

One of the most outstanding moments of Winn's career was being invited to the White House by President Clinton to participate in a special ceremony acknowledging the survivors of the infamous Tuskegee experiments in Alabama. Winn served on a committee of public health professionals who “looked at why minorities, and particularly black people, do not participate in clinical trials.” Along with a roundtable of health

and education professionals, Winn composed a report of the group's findings and sent it to the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. The group recommended that the president acknowledge the history of this legacy and make a statement about it to help refocus thoughts on what it means to be part of clinical trials and public health science. President Clinton responded.

“He took our advice and did just that, and I was invited to the White House to be a part of that ceremony,” said Winn. “When you feel like you've made an impact that influences the highest levels of policy, to me, that's a major accomplishment. It was an opportunity to set some things straight.”

At New Paltz, Winn served as president of the Black Student Union, president of the Student Association, president of Voices of Unity, and president and chapter co-founder of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. As an alumnus, he has served as a guest speaker for Black Solidarity Day and stays connected with his fraternity, as well as Black studies faculty Zelbert Moore and A.J. Williams-Myers, and educational studies Professor Nancy Schniedewind.

Winn helped found the First World Reunion in 2000, which takes place every five years to keep students of color connected to alumni affairs; the next five-year reunion is May 1-3, 2015.

“This was a special time in the history of people of color in colleges and universities as a whole, and we feel like we had a special time at New Paltz,” said Winn.

Winn is also a member of the Alumni Advisory Council, a position he is “excited and honored” to hold.

“It's a great way for me to continue my engagement in some official capacity,” said Winn. “With the diversity of the committee, the diversity in (class) years, I feel like the committee is making an earnest effort to diversify the voices that give input on alumni affairs, which I think is a major move in the right direction.”

90 *25th Anniversary* **Kirk Reinhardt** (Sec Ed 7-12 Mathematics) '96g (7-12: Mathematics) '11cas (School Leadership) became principal of Kingston High School, Kingston, N.Y., effective fall 2014. He has been district director of math, science and technology for the previous two years and started with the district in 2001 as a physics teacher.

91 **Karen Bell** (Mathematics), associate professor and educational administration chair at SUNY New Paltz, received a \$125,000 grant from SUNY System Administration for her project titled “Downstate SUNY System Administration for Innovation in Education: Collaborative Exploration Learning and Leadership Space (CELLS).”

92 **Douglas Bartow** (Graphic Design), an art director and designer with 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 design at MASS MoCA for more than eight years, helping to put the country's largest arts center on the world's cultural map.

Noelle Doughty (Art History) is a vocalist who performs with bandmates in the ensemble Zepparella, which places its stamp on the legendary song catalog made famous by the British rock band Led Zeppelin.

Judith (Finck) Stritt (Elementary Ed N-6 English) '95g (Special Education) and husband, Eric Stritt, who also attended the College, are a SUNY New Paltz family, as their son, Thomas, enrolled for fall 2014.

Anthony T. Winn (Business Administration), 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. Winn also serves on the First World Reunion steering committee. Both a community leader and management consultant, he holds a juris doctorate degree and master's in public administration degree.

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

93 **Kevin Bryant** (Political Science) of Kingston, N.Y., has been a practicing attorney since graduating from Albany Law School in 1998. He has served in Ulster County as an assistant district attorney, assistant public defender and assistant town attorney.

Felix Chevalier (Political Science) and **Onika Jervis** (Biology) '05g (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. Chevalier is counsel at Gonzalez Saggio & Harlan LLP and partner at Chevalier Helms in Houston, Texas. Jervis is associate director of graduate placement and university summer programs at Xavier University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

94 **Jeremy Baum** (Music) had his new CD reviewed online by the “Poughkeepsie Journal.” The album was celebrated at its release party on June 26, 2014. Incorporating soul, jazz, and the blues, the CD is titled “The Eel.”

96 **Maria Lazo** (Sculpture), along with her sister, Carmen, has founded Turn of the Century Renaissance, an organization that connects artists with businesses who provide exhibition space free of charge. TCR matches 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 within the Roundout neighborhood of Kingston, N.Y.

Larry Scott Blackmon (Black Studies) was named vice president of community and government affairs at Fresh Direct, a leading online fresh food grocer. He will lead the company's community and governmental interactions, expanding current partnerships and cultivating new relationships. Blackmon previously served as deputy commissioner for community outreach, New York City Parks, where he oversaw Partnerships for Parks, a joint program of the City Parks Foundation and the Parks Department that works to spur greater community support for and involvement in the City's neighborhood parks. He also supervised Government Relations, the GreenThumb division that supports community gardens, and other departments. Prior to his service at Parks, he was the deputy state director to U.S. Senator Charles Schumer and worked as chief of staff of Small Business Services.

98 **Frank Colich** (Biology) was appointed as chief financial officer for Skytap, the leading provider of on-demand

Environments-as-a-Service (EaaS), as reported by “Green Technology World” on Aug. 27, 2014. Colich brings over 15 years of experience as an operations leader, including extensive experience in corporate financial management, venture capital fund raising, international sales, project management and business development. He oversees finance, human resources and legal functions for Skytap.

01 **Erin Fromkes** (Visual Arts) had a display of her art in the *Art Hive* magazine, March-April 2014 issue. She was featured in several group art shows, and garments from her paint clothing were exhibited at the 2014 Armory Art Center's “Fashion Artillery,” taking first-place honors.

Christopher Wright (Communication 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 in summer 2014.

02 **Shana (Bender) Circe** (Visual Arts Education) '08g (Visual Arts Education), an Alumni Advisory Council member, 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** '05 (Childhood Education 1-6) '09g (Childhood Education). Michael organized a 20th anniversary meeting of his fraternity, Kappa Delta Phi, bringing his Alpha Gamma Chapter brothers back to campus in November 2014.

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



SUNY New Paltz makes prosthetic hand for local boy using 3D technology



ing) to design and construct the hand, using openly shared prosthetic designs. By flexing his wrist, Joseph can control the fingers of the robohand to grip objects.

Gilbert was born with sibrachydactyly, an abnormality that occurs between the ninth and 10th week of pregnancy, said his mother, Dori 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 Dori, his sister, Brandi, and a family friend to try on his new hand for the first time.

"The staff of the Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center is very excited to be able to provide Joseph with a robohand," said School of Science and Engineering Dean Daniel Freedman. "Creating functional prosthetics for children is one of the best examples of how 3D design and printing can be used to build remarkable objects at a small fraction of the cost of standard fabrication methods."

According to Freedman, the robohand cost \$15 in materials to make. As Joseph grows, it will be inexpensive to print new versions of his hand.

Stay tuned 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.

Six-year-old Joseph Gilbert of Chester, N.Y., was born without any fingers on his left hand. But thanks to a new "robohand," 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 Carlock '15** (Electrical Engineer-

on Dec. 4, 2014 (see page 31 for details). He invited alumni and parents as his guests for a reception at The Buffalo Club in downtown Buffalo, N.Y.

05 10th Anniversary
Dr. Melvina Patel (Biology), a lifelong resident of Long Island, N.Y., is board certified in internal medicine. She completed her internal medicine residency at NYHQ (New York Hospital of Queens), joined the NYHQ medical staff as a hospitalist and then became a primary care attending with NYQMS PC.

Lavoisier Tubman (Management '09g) (Business Administration) is business advisor/coordinator of evening services at SUNY New Paltz's Center for Business Advising in the School of Business.

06 Jared Rutherford (Theatre Arts) designed the scenery for one of SUNY New Paltz's spring productions as part of a residency at the College. He is an accomplished early-career professional with region and Broadway credits.

07 Daniel Teich (Marketing) is a branch manager at Enterprise in the Kingston, N.Y., area.

08 Amanda Gresens Rogers (Communication and Media), an Alumni Advisory Council member, helped organize a June 2014 alumni event held in Albany, N.Y. She and Matthew Rogers married in October 2014. During July and August 2014 she completed a bicycle tour of Germany. She works as a Zumba instructor and is a lecturer in the Department of Communication at SUNY New Paltz.

Daniel Roth (Journalism), now head coach and director of competitive aquatics at Somerset

Valley YMCA (www.svynj.org), has been on the staff for nearly four years, previously as head group coach. Before that, he coached swimming in various venues, including YMCA (The Hudson Valley Dolphins of New York), high school (New Paltz High School) and Barclay Far Swim Club of New Jersey. He's also an assistant coach for the Somerset Valley YMCA National team, winner of multiple YMCA National Titles.

10 5th Anniversary
William Borchert (Asian Studies, History, Biology) moved on to Meiji University as a Japanese Ministry of Education Scholar research student after he graduated from SUNY New Paltz. He recently completed master's degree studies in international health at the University of Toyko and is now pursuing doctoral studies at the University of Cambridge.

Heather Slivko-Bathurst (Black Studies, Anthropology), of Staten Island, N.Y., survived a grueling 11,000 miles at sea in a 10-month sailing race. Her journey was the subject of a June 2014 online article by the *Staten Island Advance*. In it, reporter Vincent Barone writes, "Heather Slivko-Bathurst was once turned into a human saltshaker for five straight days. Everything around her was lifted up and sent crashing back down in two-minute intervals. She couldn't sleep. Her life was soaked in China's seawater. A low-pressure system had taken hold of her sailing yacht, the Henri Lloyd, in the Straights of Taiwan... This was easily the darkest time for her and her teammates during the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, a 40,000-mile sailing race that circumnavigates the globe over the course of 10 months."

Faces of New Paltz

Name:

Emily Heimbender '13 '15g

Hometown: Valley Stream, N.Y.

Programs of study: B.A., psychology with concentration in psychology; M.A., psychology with concentration in neuroscience



You initially came to New Paltz majoring in math and science. How did that lead you to neuroscience?

While taking biology classes my freshman year, I found the nervous system extremely interesting. After taking physiological psychology with Dr. Giordana Grossi, I fell in love with neuroscience and spent hours reading about it, even when I wasn't studying for a test. I discovered that New Paltz offers a psychobiology concentration, which allowed me to fulfill my interest in learning about the brain.

Why did you decide to stay at New Paltz for your graduate degree after completing your bachelor's?

The research I've been working on in the lab with my mentor, Dr. Grossi, is an ongoing project I started when I was an undergraduate student. We're still learning from it and extracting new findings. I'm planning on basing my master's thesis off of our research, so remaining in her lab was the best opportunity for me. I really like what I'm doing here. I couldn't picture myself at any other university. I've had all these life-changing experiences here. I've met amazing people who have affected my life in such a positive way. New Paltz has changed me for the better.

Have there been any particular projects you've worked on that stand out for you?

Last May, we presented our research at the Association for Psychological Science conference in Washington, D.C. We worked with bilinguals and measured their brainwaves by using electroencephalography (EEG). I also presented research at the Psychonomic Society conference this past November in Toronto, Canada. These two conferences enhanced my college experience and provided me a unique opportunity to meet people from all over the world who are familiar with and interested in similar research.

How did you become involved with the library and what have you learned from working there?

Even though I already had an off-campus job, I needed another job to help pay for tuition. The library allowed me to work between classes, which fit perfectly into my schedule and has proven to be one of the best experiences I've had on campus. I've learned so much about doing research, which helped me exponentially in my scholastic career. I enjoy helping other students with their research, which in turn helps me to learn more. All the librarians are extremely helpful and caring. After working in the library for almost four years now, I still feel like I'm always learning something new.



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Chanel Ward '10g (Humanistic-Multicultural Education), an Alumni Advisory Council member, assisted with the New York City-metro alumni event held in Manhattan on Nov. 21, 2014. She is director of the Scholar's Mentorship Program and adjunct faculty member in the Department of Black Studies and previously served in the Office of Residence Life at SUNY New Paltz.

12 Ian Whitt (Theatre Arts), a native of Rochester, N.Y., studied acting at NYSSSA School of Theatre and apprenticed at Actors Theatre of Louisville where he appeared in the world premieres of various productions. He recently returned to campus to speak about the "Adopt a Junior" program in Theatre Arts.

13 Ian Brodsky (Theatre Arts) had his debut film, "Begin Again," make its U.S. premiere in summer 2014. It was released on DVD in fall 2014. Brodsky is cast in the role of "Malcolm" and does his own singing and instrumental performances in the movie as part of the band. The movie stars Keira Knightly as "Gretta," the band's leader, and Mark Ruffalo as "Dan," who is the band manager. Brodsky is part of a SUNY New Paltz family. His mother is **Hannah (Brown) Brodsky '73** (Special Education: Speech/Hearing). His uncle is **Alan Dunefsky '69 '91g**.

Daniel Zev Dinov (Marketing) is a club and event DJ, professionally known as DJ ZEV, who has performed at Webster Hall and Amnesia (NYC), Revel Casino (Atlantic City), Fashion Night Out for Michael Kors, and NFL Super Bowl parties. He also worked private events for Versace, Nick Cannon, MTV, Red Bull, and Steve Madden. Dinov was the first American DJ to play at the original Bora-Bora Nightclub in Castel-

lon, Spain, and had a four-week residence as a celebrity guest DJ aboard the Norwegian Epic Cruise Line in Europe.

Kyle Fox (Adolescence Education: Social Studies), who serves in the U.S. Air Force in the rank of airman 1st class, graduated in 2014 from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

14 Michael O'Connor (Communication Media, Theatre Arts) was in the cast of the 2014 Timbers musical revue.

Steven Holman '14g (Metal) moved back to Rhode Island and has set up his first real studio. One of his pieces was recently acquired as part of the collection at CODA, the contemporary museum in Apeldoorn, Netherlands, and some of his work was shown in the Gallery Marzee Graduation Show in Nijmegen, Netherlands, from Aug. 17 to Oct. 24, 2014. He was scheduled to give a lecture at SOFA, Chicago expo as part of the SNAG Emerging Artist Lecture Series.

Lucy Walker '14g (Computer Science) was appointed the College's assistant vice president for institutional research, effective June 1, 2014. She consults and collaborates with administrators, faculty and staff to meet institutional information needs for program review and accreditation activities.

Katherine Wilson '14g (Metal) was appointed in summer 2014 as the assistant director of the Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center (HVAMC) at SUNY New Paltz. She has been instrumental in a number of community outreach 3D printing projects, including a prosthetic hand for a young local boy (see page 36) and a prosthetic for a sheep at Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary. 🐾



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Alumni "Conversation with the President"
San Francisco/Oakland, Calif.

APRIL 23
Alumni "Conversation with the President"
Seattle, Wash.

APRIL 24-25
Athletics Spring Alumni Weekend (SUNY New Paltz)
Includes Friday mixer and Saturday alumni games and team gatherings.

APRIL 24
Alumni night at the Theatre: "Much Ado About Nothing" (SUNY New Paltz) Pre-show reception 6-7:45 p.m.; cash bar, complimentary admission.

MAY 29
Alumni Reception
New York City

JUNE 2
Alumni "Conversation with the President"
Austin, Texas

JUNE 8
Foundation Golf Tournament
Wiltwyck Golf Club, Kingston, N.Y.

AUGUST 28
Alumni show opening at Dorsky Gallery Curatorial Programs
Long Island City, N.Y.

“The bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and deeds left undone.”

— Harriet Beecher Stowe

Dr. Robert “**Bob**” Dillman ’63, 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.

Emeritus Professor of English **Alfred Marks** passed away on Dec. 23, 2014, age 94. Marks taught early American Literature from 1963 to 1985.

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

Highly regarded professor emeritus, **Carleton Mabee** passed away on Dec. 18, 2014, in Gardiner, N.Y., age 99.

A prolific author, he won the Pulitzer Prize for Biography in 1944 for “American Leonardo: The Life of Samuel F.B. Morse.”

Mabee joined the New Paltz faculty in 1965 and retired in 1984. He served as town historian for Gardiner, where he resided for many decades.

Sally Luther ’74g (African Studies), the wife of former SUNY New Paltz President John J. Neumaier, died at her home in central Florida on Feb. 3, 2015, age 96.

Luther received a Ph.D. in political sociology from the City University of New York in 1986. She was director of Off-Campus Studies at Vassar College and taught at Poughkeepsie Day School from 1970 to 1974.

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Mrs. Eleanor (Feldt) Kalisky ’37
Mrs. Gertrude (Brion) Burgan ’39

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Mrs. B. Alice (Larsen) Johnson ’44
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