

Scholarship Recipient Profile

Camille Ashley Chavez '17

Current student and recipient of the Edward A. Carroll & Gina O'Brien Carroll Experiential Scholarship, **Camille Ashley Chavez '17**, is a great example of what is possible with the help of Foundation support.

"With the generous support of my donors, I am a step closer to my dream," said Chavez, who was able to study abroad in France because of scholarship funds. "There are not enough thank you cards that Hallmark can make or words in a thesaurus to express my gratitude towards my donors. Thank you for everything and most of all, thank you for believing in me."

Report on Generosity

The SUNY New Paltz Foundation – past, present and future

In 2016 we were delighted to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the SUNY New Paltz Foundation. I am pleased to also share with you this Annual Report for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2015 and ended on June 30, 2016.

On these pages, we invite you to learn about the funds we've raised, the innovative programs that money supports, and the innumerable ways our students and community have benefited from your unyielding generosity.

This year's accomplishments, and the preceding four decades of philanthropy, illustrate that the continued success of the Foundation is clearly dependent upon the commitment and generosity of all of our donors and many others like you. You breathe life into the SUNY New Paltz Foundation – its past, present and its future.

Since its incorporation in June 1976, the mission of the Foundation has not changed. It remains a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to solicit and receive philanthropic contributions to advance the educational purposes of the College. Forty years ago, the Foundation's beginning assets of \$60,000 were exclusively scholarship funds that had been held by the Faculty Student Association. From those humble beginnings, the Foundation now holds total assets of nearly \$34 million, including an endowment of more than \$19 million and 42 acres of property contiguous to the College.

But, because we live in an era of diminishing state support and increasing tuition costs, many young people are being priced out of the college education that is the ticket to a brighter future. Thus, scholarships remain one of our very top priorities, an important part of fulfilling our commitment to educating future generations including people of limited financial means. Our nation's future demands this focus.

The following pages touch on the profound impact of philanthropy over time at SUNY New Paltz, as well as the immense support in the past year. There is no part of campus life that has not been furthered by the generosity offered by our donors and steadfast supporters. Thank you.



Erica Marks
Executive Director
SUNY New Paltz Foundation

The SUNY New Paltz Foundation celebrates 40 years—A look back at a few notable gifts

The SUNY New Paltz Foundation held a 40th Anniversary celebration in the newly renovated Wooster Hall on campus Oct. 17, 2016.

Remarks from President Donald P. Christian, Founding Board Director Anthony Costa, and Board Chair Mike Keegan, were shared as College community members toasted nearly a half-century of philanthropy.

"Philanthropy has literally changed the physical and academic landscape at New Paltz," said Keegan. "The role of the Foundation has been, and continues to be, to support the educational experience of our students and the innovative work of our faculty by providing them with the resources to take advantage of things like research, travel abroad, internships and other opportunities that might not have been possible otherwise."

The Foundation was formed with the purpose of building a margin of excellence through the creation of programs, opportunities and support above and beyond what the College was able to do with State funding and tuition.

Among the most notable contributions over the better part of a decade were from Louis and Mildred Resnick, for whom Resnick Engineering Hall was named in 1998. The \$1 million Resnick Engineering Endowment was established (in addition to half a dozen scholarship programs), as well as the Resnick Distinguished Lecture Series in Jewish Studies, and the Resnick Institute for the Study of Modern Jewish Life.

One of our campus jewels, The Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, was established with generous gifts of both art and cash from Samuel Dorsky and family. David, Noah and Karen Dorsky continue to play an important role at New Paltz, serving on the Foundation Board and The Dorsky Museum advisory board.

The Museum benefitted also from contributions from numerous others, such as Howard Greenberg, whose donation of photographs forms much of the museum's collection in this area.

Fifteen individuals have had the honor of serving as the James H. Ottaway Sr. Visiting Professor in Journalism, most recently Rob Cox. It's impossible to overstate the deep and enduring legacy of this program.

There are many more examples of the transformational power of generosity, and dozens and dozens of endowed scholarship and program funds set up over these past 40 years.

The Impact of Philanthropy on Significant Programs

July 1, 2015 and ended on June 30, 2016

Max & Nadia Shepard Memorial Endowed Piano Maintenance Fund

The late Max and Nadia Shepard were critical patrons of the College's performing arts programs and will always be remembered for their kindness, generosity and friendship to the College community. Shortly before their son Max's death, the Shepards sought out ways to contribute to the music program at New Paltz. Max and Nadia decided to generously support the renovation of a 125-seat recital hall, named in their honor, in College Hall. This past year, the School of Fine and Performing Arts received gifts from the family and friends of Nadia and Max Shepard to support a piano maintenance fund in the music department for academic use and performance.



Nadia Shepard



The Dorsky Museum

The Dorsky offered 18 exhibitions in addition to multiple online exhibitions and expanded support of contemporary art as defined as post WWII art and Artists. A Contemporary Art Fund was created to support educational programs, lectures, curatorial expenses and artist residencies at the museum.

PianoSummer Festival

PianoSummer is an international summer program dedicated solely to piano music. This season's guest artists were Victor Rosenbaum and Daria Rabortkina, who performed at McKenna Theatre in July. The event also included the annual Jacob Flier Piano Competition, an open contest for musicians under the age of 35.

Scholarships

Scholarship funds continue to be central to the Foundation's mission. Scholarships support student education, experiential learning opportunities and study abroad experiences while helping to decrease student loan debt. Last year, the Foundation awarded 215 scholarships to 170 students, totaling \$474,000.



New Funds

Endowments honor theatre faculty contributions

Thanks to a generous \$237,000 contribution from McKenna Productions, six endowed scholarship funds have been established in honor of six extraordinary and beloved theatre professors at SUNY New Paltz.



1 THE PROFESSOR VERA IRWIN '33 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

FUND will provide two scholarships to incoming students including: an accepted incoming freshman seeking the concentration in Theatre Performance, whose audition showed potential and whose interview showed determination, and an accepted incoming freshman seeking the concentration in Theatre Design and Technology, whose portfolio showed potential and whose interview showed determination.

VERA RUSHFORTH IRWIN '33

Vera R. Irwin '33 graduated from New Paltz Normal School and returned as Assistant Professor of English and Drama in 1947. She retired as Professor Emeritus in 1974. During that time, she guided and influenced many students who went on to work in the theatre. She directed and supervised over 80 productions between 1947 and 1969, was instrumental in obtaining the first modern theatre building in the SUNY system, received a Ford Foundation grant in 1956, and her book "Four Classical Asian Plays" was published by Penguin Books in 1972. She passed away in 1995 at the age of 82.

"Vera was seen as a mother to many students at New Paltz. She was dedicated to the theatre program beyond measure and continues to be missed today." – Joseph C. Paparone, emeritus professor (Theatre Arts)

2 **THE PROFESSOR RAYMOND T. KURDT ENDOWED STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** will support theatre student attendance at design and technology conferences such as the United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT) annual national conference, or other theatre conferences that focus on design and technology. This Fund will help to defray some of the student cost (registration, travel, room and board) of attendance and is named in honor of alumnus **Raymond T. Kurdt '56** (Art Education).

3 **THE PROFESSOR FRANK KRAAT ENDOWED STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** will support annual non-renewable scholarships to theatre students attending the London Theatre Seminar, an annual three-credit course, established by Professor Emeritus Frank Kraat (Theatre Arts). This scholarship will help to defray some of the student cost (tuition, travel, room and board) of attendance.

4 **THE JOSEPH C. PAPARONE ENDOWED STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** was established to support theatre student attendance at performance festivals such as The Humana Festival in Louisville, Kentucky, the KCACTF (Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival), or other theatre festivals that focus on performance.

5 **THE PROFESSOR DAN E. SWARTZ ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND** will support an annual non-renewable scholarship to two SUNY New Paltz Theatre Arts majors with a concentration in Theatre Design and Technology entering their senior year.

If you would like to make a gift to support one of these six new endowed scholarship funds, visit www.newpaltz.edu/give. Checks may also be sent to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation at 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz, NY 12561. Be sure to include the name of the endowment on your gift.



6 **THE DR. BEVERLY M. BRUMM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND** will support an annual non-renewable scholarship to a SUNY New Paltz Theatre Arts major with a concentration in Theatre Performance entering his or her senior year.

DR. BEVERLY M. BRUMM

Beloved by her family, students, colleagues and friends, Beverly M. Brumm will always be remembered for her scholarly approach toward dramatic literature and the art of acting that helped bring the College's theatre program to excellence.

Beverly earned her bachelor's degree in English from Webster College, master's degree in directing from Yale University and finally her Ph.D in Drama from New York University. Beverly taught drama in the Theatre Arts Department at SUNY New Paltz for 27 years. She directed more than 90 plays in various cities before she retired. She passed away in 2013 following a courageous battle with cancer.

"Gold? Diamonds? Rubies? Martian meteorites? The most precious resource in the world to my mind is a real life mentor. Beverly Brumm was one of my first acting teachers and my first improvisation teacher. I'm a better artist and a better man for having known her. She made people better. She made the world better. She was a force multiplier for truth and fierce honesty and that is why she was more precious than diamonds."

– **Jeff Eyres '87** (Theatre Arts)

List of New Endowments

- Dr. Beverly M. Brumm Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Gail & Joe Gallerie Endowed Recruitment Scholarship
- Drew R. and Donna T. Goodbread Geology Scholarship
- Professor Vera Irwin '33 Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Professor Frank Kraat Endowed Student Travel Scholarship Fund
- Professor Raymond T. Kurdt Endowed Student Travel Fund
- Susan Dutcher Najork '67 Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Marcia Norton Endowed Scholarship Fund
- Gary H. Palmieri Endowed Music Scholarship
- Joseph C. Paparone Endowed Student Travel Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Chigurupati Seshu Memorial Scholarship in Economics
- Douglas Stephen Sheppard & Jeffrey Hamilton Sheppard Endowed Scholarship
- Max & Nadia Shepard Memorial Endowed Piano Maintenance Fund
- Professor Dan E. Swartz Endowed Scholarship Fund

Thomas Joseph Casey Memorial Endowed Scholarship, Integrity in Journalism

Thomas Casey and his wife, Joan, endowed a memorial scholarship celebrating the life of their second son **Thomas J. (TJ) Casey '11** (Journalism) to support journalism students studying at SUNY New Paltz.

TJ, a thoughtful journalist, was killed in an automobile accident just two months before he was due to start graduate school. In the face of this horrific loss, his friends and family sought to raise \$60,000 in his honor, support that will now be awarded to highly qualified journalism students who bring passion, energy and integrity to their profession.

The Caseys hope that TJ's memory can live on as future graduates achieve journalistic success that may not have been possible without this philanthropic contribution.

Young alumni giving back

"I was able to travel to more than 10 states and study the geology of a diverse set of locations as a student at the College. I give to SUNY New Paltz because I want to contribute toward **making that experience possible** for every Geology student following in my footsteps."

Chris Gahn '10 (Geology), academic computing consultant for sciences at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY

"SUNY New Paltz gave me the opportunity to travel abroad and see the world. I give back because **I want to make this possible for future students**. It changed my outlook on life and opened my eyes to things I never thought possible."

Victoria Weise '07 (Psychology), account executive for Walsh Duffield Companies, Buffalo, NY

Alumni couple seeks to help struggling students



Dr. Steven Brody '73 (Psychology) and **Karen Krause Brody '71** (Art Education) **'80g** (Art Education) created an endowed fund for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at SUNY New Paltz to assist students facing unexpected financial challenges.

“**W**e wanted to give a gift to someone suffering some sort of economic hardship,” said Steven. “The students with a 3.9 or a 4.0 almost always find a way to finish and get their degree. There’s often someone there to rescue them. We wanted to help the people with a 3.0 who don’t have that guardian angel watching over them.”

As young students at New Paltz, the Brodys sometimes struggled to pay for their education. Karen had financial help from her parents, but Steven did not. Both sought loans to cover living expenses and tuition and Steven found hours of work-study to supplement their simple lifestyle.

“There were many nights when we were first married and I was in school that we had cereal for dinner,” said Steven. “We imagine there are still

students like us, who are focused on their studies but still struggling to stay afloat.”

Karen, who previously served on the Foundation Board, said the education she and her husband received at SUNY New Paltz was the catalyst for everything else they later achieved. “We were prepared because of New Paltz,” she said. “It only makes sense to give back and try to make a difference.”

For Karen, this success was measured by being an art teacher, full-time parent, real estate agent and the business manager of Steven’s practice before her retirement. After four years in the U.S. Army, Steven completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Hospital of St. Raphael, an affiliate of the Yale School of Medicine. He is now

managing partner at Greenwich Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates, where he has worked since 1984.

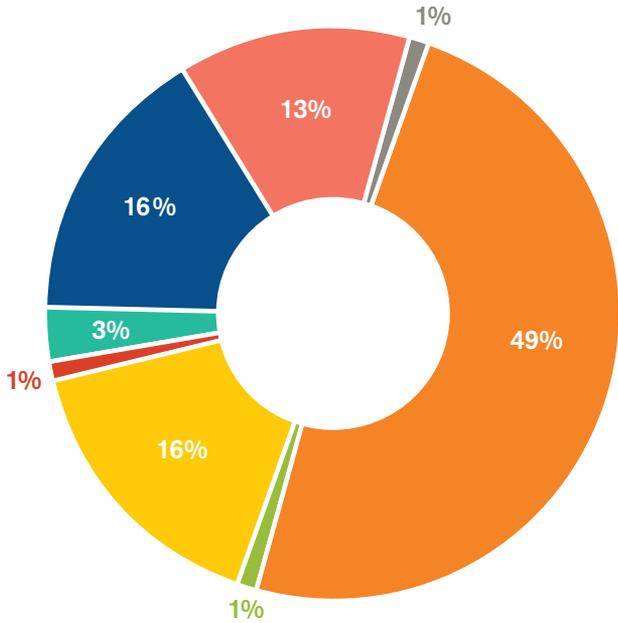
Steven was also on the College’s Presidential Search Committee in 2010-11 and served on the Liberal Arts and Sciences advisory board.

The couple, who has two children and two grandchildren, hope their gift will inspire other alumni to contribute to SUNY New Paltz.

“I think private universities sometimes have more of a culture of philanthropy and in some ways New Paltz has a ways to go,” said Steven. “We would like to inspire other alumni to give back to the College because there are still students we can relate to all these years later, and they need our help.”

THE SUNY NEW PALTZ FOUNDATION

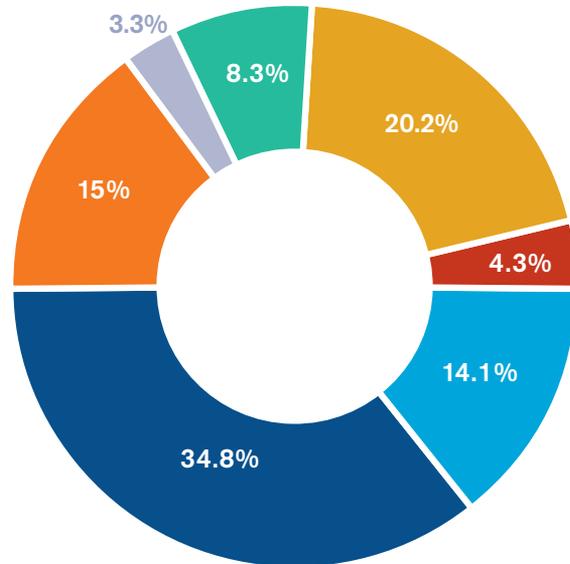
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Supported Areas	
Category	Amount (in dollars)
Scholarships	\$1,633,049
Annual Scholarships	\$169,926
Endowed Scholarships	\$1,463,123
The Dorsky Museum	\$437,326
Unrestricted (Fund for New Paltz)	\$425,789
Academic Divisions	\$354,783
Other	\$104,097
Library	\$21,944
Athletics	\$18,652
Benjamin Center	\$15,499
Total	\$3,011,139

Sources of Support

Category	Amount (in dollars)
Friends	\$1,048,730
Corporations	\$609,143
Alumni	\$450,179
Current and Former Faculty and Staff	\$424,002
Foundations	\$250,898
Current Students	\$128,920
Parents	\$99,267
Total	\$3,011,139



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The Tower Society recognizes those who have chosen to leave a gift to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation in their estate or retirement plans. These gifts may be directed to support specific programs such as student scholarships or academic departments. Deferred gifts help New Paltz grow and pursue new opportunities, securing its place as a leader in higher education.

Deferred gifts are those that mature after a donor's lifetime, such as bequests through wills, life insurance policies, trusts, annuities, retirement plans, and life estates. These gifts are relatively simple to make and almost always trigger a favorable tax event, so donors are encouraged to consult legal, accounting or financial advisers.

When combined with current gifts, deferred gifts may also be used to secure naming privileges for endowment funds, buildings, and other physical spaces at SUNY New Paltz.

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■ www.newpaltz.edu/give/tower

■ Call **Nick Rama** at **845-257-2602**

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To make a bequest, simply add the following language to your will: "I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise, and bequeath to the SUNY New Paltz Foundation, Inc., Tax ID# 22-2141645, [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for unrestricted use and purpose."

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