Cayuga Receives $2 Million to Promote Entrepreneurship

Cayuga Community College has received a $500,000 grant to establish the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, Inc. Endowed Chair in Enterprise and Innovation. Cayuga is the nation's first community college to create an endowed chair in this field according to Thomas Goodrow, founder of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE). This grant plus the support of others has garnered $2.1 million for Cayuga's Entrepreneurship Initiative.

Entrepreneurship typically refers to new business development with a focus on innovative products and niche markets. Entrepreneurs may be sole owners of a small start-up firm or managers of new business units at large corporations. Cayuga envisions entrepreneurship as a broad concept which includes social entrepreneurship and community betterment along with new business development.

Let's rewind to spring 2006 to explain how it all began. Dr. Philip Gover, then vice president of academic/student affairs, and Thomas J. Paczkowski ’72, business professor and director of CCC’s Business and Industry Center (BIC), had a conversation about opportunities related to entrepreneurship. According to Dr. Gover, “As students learn to pursue innovative, value-added thinking, they will focus on enhancing not only business revenue and profitability, but also the quality of life in their community.”

Based on that conversation, former President Dr. Dennis Golladay and the Board of Trustees offered Paczkowski a sabbatical to research entrepreneurial initiatives. This allowed Tom to consult with business and educational experts in the field, and draft a proposed concept.

Because of the comprehensive nature of Tom’s initiative, the Fred L. Emerson Foundation, Inc. made the $500,000 grant to the CCC Foundation in December 2006 to establish the Emerson Foundation’s Endowed Chair. Daniel Fessenden, director of Stardust Foundation.

Seventh Presidential Inauguration

A presidential inauguration on campus is a very big event. Since Cayuga Community College’s beginning in 1953, there have only been seven presidents. On April 25, 2008, Daniel Paul Larson was inaugurated as the seventh president of Cayuga Community College.

The inauguration ceremony was held at the Auburn Campus. A procession led by Scottish Piper Avery J. Head and Professor Daniel F. Schultz, Ph.D., as Mace Bearer concluded in the Irene Bisgrove Community Theater. Martha Reutlinger, Class of ’09, sang the National Anthem which was followed by an Invocation by Bishop S. Marc Clay from the Auburn, NY Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. A welcome address from Joseph Michaud, chair of the College Board of Trustees, followed. Several dignitaries offered greetings and remarks that led to Dr. Larson’s Investiture by Dr. Dennis Golladay, CCC’s sixth president and now vice chancellor for community colleges at the State University of New York.

A humorous moment was provided by Jeff Hoffman, executive director of the College Foundation. He had written a “rap” song that included the names of twenty-nine of the almost one hundred alumni who are Trustees or employed by the college, and got a nice round of applause for his effort.

Dr. Larson gave a moving inaugural address, and Jonathan Bacon, Class of ’09, sang the Alma Mater. The Benediction was given by Dr. Larson’s sister, The Reverend Mary Ellen Larson, pastor of Cleveland Hill Evangelical Lutheran Church in Buffalo.
Welcome!

The Alumni office is pleased to welcome Sara Casper (DeChick) as its newest staff member. Sara took the part-time position as assistant to the director, replacing Louise Wilson who left that post to become director. She will be responsible for assisting with day-to-day office operations, as well as being the contact person for individuals signing up for the association’s various trips and outings.

Sara is a 2005 graduate of CCC and received her bachelor’s degree from SUNY Oswego in 2007, where she was an English major with a minor in psychology. In June, Sara married Tim Casper. She and Tim spend much of their free time working on their home and enjoying their pets.

Greetings to ACC/CCC Alumni and Friends,

By the time you read this letter, it already will have been a full year since I started at the College. What a year it’s been—filled with activities, projects, presentations, and the entire realm of things that you could expect from a college that remains fully connected to its students and its community. The energy never seems to stop, even during the summer when fewer students are on campus.

There are several highlights to share with you about the month of May. For one, enrollment for 2007-08 was at all-time high with 4,118 students registered for the fall semester, 2,550 for the January Intersession, 3,782 for the spring semester, and 1,957 for the summer sessions. The year-to-date total FTE was 2,266. Two factors are at play here: distance learning/online continues to experience double digit percentage increases, and our Cayuga Advantage high school dual enrollment program continues to expand.

The Fulton campus continues to grow just about every semester, as do our number of evening students. All of this occurred in the face of a projected decline. Although the economy may be an important factor, I believe that families continue to see the value for their educational dollars with the result that CCC is on their list to consider.

The Fulton campus is at the beginning of its next steps for expansion, adding another 30,000 square feet. As those details become finalized, be sure to watch for announcements of plans and designs.

Dr. Cathleen McColgin, Provost of the Fulton Campus, has been appointed as Provost and Senior Vice-President at Onondaga Community College. While we’re pleased for her and congratulate her with this next step in her career, she will be greatly missed at CCC and, in particular, at the Fulton Campus. The search for her replacement will get underway this fall with a new person anticipated to be in place early in 2009.

The Stardust Entrepreneurial Institute has become a reality. Professor Thomas Paczkowski, the first holder of the Fred Emerson Foundation Endowed Chair in Enterprise and Innovation, is the point person at the College in working with faculty and staff to begin the infusion of entrepreneurship projects and experiences into the curriculum. An Alumni Group has been formed to help address the projects and activities associated with the Kaufman Foundation at Syracuse University and its educational partners. Through this funding, CCC is at the forefront of projects underway that will increase the entrepreneurial capability of our students and community. The Stardust Institute is a major component with the revitalization of State Street in downtown Auburn.

Among other projects will be the development of business incubators to assist startups with the environment and support they need to be successful. More details will be forthcoming this fall and going into 2009.

The Banner project continues to wind down its implementation phase in the transition from the legacy system the College used for many years. Now students can register online and handle many of the transactions that previously required in-person visits to the appropriate offices. Training sessions have been provided for College faculty and staff to use the system as effectively as possible. Finally, end-users will be able to access reports and associated data without calling upon the Information Technology staff for customized programming.

Spartan athletics are moving on a path of growth and development. The College fielded a new golf team this spring, and the student-athletes acquitted themselves honorably in their initial outings in tournament matches.

Pete Liddell, our Athletic Director, continues to work with next steps in the renewal and strengthening of CCC athletics, including the renovation of coaching offices and the freshening of hallways and common areas with repainting. There’s more to come here; expect us to stay tuned!

My inauguration in late April was a highlight of my professional career and a wonderfully fine introduction to the CCC community. It was a special treat for Dr. Dennis Golladay, Vice-Chancellor for Community Colleges, to handle the official investiture on behalf of the SUNY System. I express my thanks and appreciation to the many alumni and friends whom I’ve met this year and for their insights and experiences they’ve shared about the College. The CCC Foundation provided support for the inaugural activities, which included on the evening before a public concert featuring the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra String Quartet, the MasterWorks Chorale, and my special performance. For those of you who attended, I hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

On Sunday, May 18, the College celebrated its 54th Commencement exercises with 777 students in the Class of 2008. It was an impressive ceremony for our students and their families and friends. You’ll read about many more accomplishments of staff over the course of the year and for their insights and support.

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HELP NEEDED

Basbysitting Emergency

I am a 44-year-old single mother with a 7-year-old boy. I need babysitting during my “sleepover” shifts of 2:15 p.m. to 7:45 a.m., Mon.-Wed. Wek 1/Mon.-Thurs. Week 2. You will have open 7:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. every day but must be available. Call phone number below.

Whenver I’m walking around the Aubbn and Fulton campuses, always check the bulletin boards. They’re full of notices about upcoming events, student clubs, and used books for sale. However, this note above caught my eye—indeed made me stop to read and re-read it—as I was headed down to the Cayuga Cafe for lunch.

Take a moment to read it again...a single mom, seven-year-old child, working nights, attending CCC by day. Although I have never met this courageous woman, she is an inspiration to me nonetheless. Think about it...raising a family, going to classes during the day, working three or four overnight shifts every week. How does she do it? When does she find time to work, study and go to class? When does she even find time to sleep?

While her story isn’t typical of our “average” student, it also is not unique. For every 18-year-old, “first time full-time” Cayuga student, it seems that there’s a nontraditional learner. Someone who in mid-life has decided that Cayuga Community College represents their ticket to a better future. Yes, there will be late nights, lost sleep, limited family time...but in the end it’s all worth it.

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Emerson Foundation executive director, stated, “We believe strongly in Cayuga’s vision and its capacity to develop meaningful academic offerings that will inspire and prepare students to take active roles in creating new business ventures.” In early 2008, Dr. Daniel Paul Larson, president of Cayuga Community College, named Paczkowski as the first Emerson Endowed Chair. As Emerson Chair, Paczkowski designed an introductory course in entrepreneurship, a certificate program and concentrations within existing two-year degree programming. Future plans call for a start-up laboratory for student venture teams, a student entrepreneurship competition, an entrepreneurship scholarship, a regional Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, and the translation of students to BOCES and public schools.

By now, Cayuga’s initiative was gaining national attention. At the 2007 NACC Conference in San Antonio, Dr. Larson accepted a special award recognizing the founding of the Emerson Chair. Also during 2006-07, New York State Senator Michael F. Nozzolio facilitated a report titled A Call to Action: A Blueprint for our Region’s Future. The Blueprint addresses the need to push forward. A group of community leaders began meeting regularly to design the blueprint initiatives in the Blueprint, one of which called for the development of a Center for Entrepreneurial Initiatives. This Center and Paczkowski’s initiatives fit perfectly with Senator Nozzolio’s vision and the initiative officially became a part of the Blueprint in November 2006. The Senator then provided $56,000 in start-up funding for this project.

The expression “one thing leads to another” holds true here. As an offshoot of the Blueprint, the Stardust Entrepreneurial Institute was born. The Institute is a not-for-profit corporation overseen by a board of directors and headed by former Auburn mayor, Guy Cosentino. Housed at 2 Street State in Auburn, the Institute is working with several partners to acquire and develop properties in the area. When finished this will provide a significant boost to downtown Auburn.

The Stardust Institute was seeded in 2007 by a grant to the CCC Foundation of $1 million over five years from the Stardust Foundation of Central New York. The Stardust Foundation was originally founded in Arizona by Auburn native, Jerry Stardust, who ran the Red Star Trucking Company for many years along with his brother Jack. Red Star was founded by their father Jack Bigronge, Sr. in 1932 and grew into a national trucking company with terminals in the Northeast. The College will coordinate its entrepreneurial offerings closely with the Stardust Institute.

The momentum continued into 2008 as Syracuse University invited Cayuga Community College to participate in a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The University received a $3 million grant from Kauffman to “connect the campus and community through entrepreneurship to achieve sustainable community development.” In addition to CCC and SU, other partners in this grant include Le Moyne, Morrisville State College, OCC, SUNY-ESF and four major community partners. The Kauffman Grant has produced considerable support for Cayuga’s entrepreneurship initiatives. To date Cayuga faculty have received Kauffman grants for projects including:

- William Prosser ’85 and Dr. Michael Pacelli ’85 - Development of a Wine Institute and Education Center at CCC;
- Steven Keefer - Creation of a Student Run Record Label;
- Patricia Gridley - Child Care Facility.

To coordinate this entrepreneurial focus, an additional Kauffman grant sponsors Paczkowski as one of six Kauffman “e-Professors” at area colleges and universities.

What’s next? In the fall of 2008, the first class of Entrepreneurship 200 will be offered by Prof. Paczkowski. From here, the sky is the limit! A high-tech Entrepreneurship classroom and conference center are in the works, as well as business incubators, curriculum development and concentrations.

President Larson is enthusiastic about Cayuga’s Initiatives. Dr. Deborah Moeckel, vice president of academic/student affairs. Dr. Moeckel noted that “the entrepreneurship project presents the College with many new educational opportunities for students and faculty alike. Assisted by funding from the Kauffman and Stardust Foundations, the momentum continues to build. Yes, there will be late nights, lost sleep, limited family time...but in the end it’s all worth it.

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Message from the Alumni President

Greetings to everyone – and special congratulations to Cayuga Community College’s graduating class of 2009.

It is another year, and there has been a great deal of change at the college. We have a new President in Dr. Daniel Larson; Dr. Deborah Moeckel is the new Vice President; and Louise Wilson was taken over the helm as the Director of Alumni Affairs, replacing Nancy Ranieri who went on to another career choice. I wish all of them, both present and past, the best of luck. I will tell you that these are three excellent choices in their respective positions and will serve the entire college community well.

I know that I am going to miss someone, and I apologize ahead of time. However, there are three people leaving the college that have to be recognized for their contributions. Dr. Cathleen McCollin, formerly of the Nursing Department and as of late, the Provost of the Fulton Campus, has taken a new position outside of the college. Her departure will be keenly felt, as she is just an outstanding person. Keith Batman, long-serving Dean of Continuing Education and the man who has successfully run the International Studies Program for many years, is retiring and has entered the political arena as the Supervisor for the Town of Scipio. Anyone who went to London this past twenty years can thank Keith for coordinating the wonderful program. And last but not least, my former office mate while on the Auburn Campus and a respected member of the Cayuga faculty, Dr. Jeffrey Delbel, is retiring. I know I will only echo the sentiments of support and gratitude felt by all towards Jeff, as his legacy is immense. However, he will still be available to guide you around London with his World Religions Program this Intercession. I wish the three of them all the best.

And speaking of London, two of our British hosts that have been instrumental to the International Studies Program have visited us in Auburn and Fulton this summer—Michael Hollingworth of the world famous BBC, a man who has done just about everything one can think of in his life, and his wife Joyce our best wishes for their future endeavors.

Nancy B. Ranieri

Nancy is the past Alumni Director who left earlier this year to pursue other business interests. During her tenure, Nancy’s exuberance and enthusiasm were infectious, and it’s no surprise that she rubbed off on the alumni office, “the happy office.” She worked hard on every event she was responsible for and did much good while she was part of the campus staff. Nancy was presented with her award on April 22 at the Alumni Association board meeting that was held at the Millstone Restaurant. Thank you, Dr. Gover and Ms. Ranieri, for your service and dedication to Cayuga. We offer our best wishes and our many thanks.

Nancy B. Ranieri
Honorary Award Recipient

Dr. Philip E. Gover
Honorary President

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association presents an honorary award to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association and the College, but is not an alum. While there are many people who meet these requirements, occasionally someone stands out. This year two individuals have been recognized for their hard work and dedication to the College and our association.

Dr. Philip E. Gover

Dr. Gover made many fine contributions to the College and community during his tenure as Vice-President for Academic and Student Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. Some of the many projects Dr. Gover was involved in since he came to CCC in 2002 included: the Entrepreneurship Program with the Stardust Institute; the Blueprint Group which outlined several focus areas for the region; the United Way; the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce; and the Leadership Cayuga program.

Upon the departure of Dr. Dennis Golladay, Dr. Gover took the helm as Interim President for an eight-month period. He was not only a great asset to the College, but a great friend as well. We offer him and his wife Joyce our best wishes for their future endeavors.

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Other recipients of this honorary award include:

2006 - Dr. Dennis Golladay
2005 - John S. Harty
2004 - Donald F. Fama; Elisabeth M. Hurley
2001 - Robert H. Brunell
1999 - Helen Z. Delfavaero
1996 - Dr. Lawrence H. Poole
1995 - Virginia Ioculano
2008 Alumni Awards & Brunch

Each spring, the Alumni Association accepts nominations for its Alumni Award. This award was instituted to formally recognize and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through service to their community, the Auburn/ Cayuga Community College, its Foundation, and/or its Alumni Association. A brunch was held at the Springside Inn on May 18 prior to Commencement to honor this year’s inductees. Contact the Alumni office for information on nominating an individual for the 2009 honor.

Paul J. Shinal ’73

By Roberta Bellnier ’89
Paul has been a dedicated, enthusiastic and committed alumn and employee of Cayuga for nearly four decades. Having graduated with honors from Auburn Community College in 1973, it took him only three years to return as an instructor. In 1975 he graduated with honors from Rochester Institute of Technology and became a staff accountant at a local accounting firm. While still employed part time, Paul began six years of term appointments in 1976 as an instructor in the Business Department of Cayuga. In 1982 he received his CPA license and became a full-time member of the Business Department.

Paul has reviewed and critiqued books for numerous publishers, including McGraw-Hill and Pearson Prentice Hall. As a long-time member of the national organization of TAGYC (Teachers of Accounting at Two-Year Colleges), Paul has been a workshop presenter at their Mesa, Chicago, Alexandria and Miami conferences. He is a member of the NYS Society of Certified Public Accountants, and as a CPA he is the author of an annually revised textbook, Small Business Accounting in New York.

As an active volunteer in the Finger Lakes Scenic Railway, Paul is a historian and speaker on scenic/historic excursions between Canandaigua and Syracuse. He also holds the title of secretary and assistant treasurer in the CNY Model Railroad Club & Historical Society in Elbridge, NY and is the financial advisor for the Syracuse Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society.

Alumni Scholarships

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association awards a number of scholarships and commencement awards each year. The goal is to foster educational opportunities and to provide financial assistance to students at our college. The awards are based in part on scholastic merit, extracurricular and community service participation. The recipient of The Freshman Student Scholarship must be the child or grandchild of an ACC/CCC graduate. Winners are selected by the Alumni Association’s Education Committee and the award is administered by the CCC Foundation. The 2008 awards and recipients were:

Freshman Student Scholarship-$500
Kaitlyn May Salato, a graduate of Union Springs Central School.

Returning Student Scholarship-$500
Melissa J. Glowacki from Auburn NY
Adam Jensen from Waterloo NY

Nontraditional Student Scholarship-$500
Kristopher Ferrara from Oswego NY

Graduate Student Scholarship-$350
Christa E. Cambs ’08 from Auburn NY

Alumni Award recipients Judith Campanella ’78 (left) and Susan C. Witmer ’90.

Judith “Judy” Campanella ’78

By John Lampshire ’74

Judy has been with Cayuga since 1979, one year after her graduation from CCC. In 1983, Judy was hired to work in the Library, and in 2001 she was assigned to the position of Head Librarian in Fulton. It did not take long to recognize her talents; in 2006 she was deservedly awarded the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

I went around the Fulton Campus and asked students, staff and faculty to describe Judy in one word; it was not as easy an assignment as I had hoped. While it was easy for people to identify her, as everyone who walks in the front doors of the campus knows of her within a couple of days, it was the limitation of one word that caused the confusion. The standard answer was “Judy? How can you describe her with one word?” However, here are some of those responses: studious, prudent, beautiful, trustworthy, sweet, capable, integrity, upbeat, organizational, professional, convivial, nice, outstanding, helpful, considerate, warm, “the best – the kind of boss you’ll never have again”...and the #1 answer – friendly.

With her tenure on the Alumni Board of Directors, Judy is the person who does not have in her heart or her vocabulary the word or the ability to say ‘no’ when asked to serve or assist. If there is a task, Judy is sure to volunteer. And when she does, she is not one to stand around idly, but to either head up the event or surely be a key element within it.

Cayuga Community College is very fortunate to have her as an alumna, and it was blessed when she became an employee.

Susan C. Witmer ’90

Compiled by Debbi Purcell ’96, JoAnn Harris ’94 and Joyce Crandall ’02

Sue’s roots at Cayuga Community College run deep. She began her career at Cayuga in the Registrar’s Office in 1983 as Supervisor of Student Records. While overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Registrar’s Office, Susan received her degree from the College. She continued her education at Empire State College earning a BS in Management Studies and is currently working on her MS in Adult Education/Human Resource Development at Buffalo State University.

One of the original employees of Cayuga Community College’s Fulton Campus, Susan is currently the Assistant Director. She was instrumental in establishing the Phi Theta Kappa and Student Government Organizations at the then Fulton extension site/center. As a former PTK advisor, she is now an honorary member. Currently, Sue is the SGO advisor for the Fulton Campus.

Her civic involvements go beyond the campus to the community. Some of the many civic functions Susan has volunteered for include the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC); the Cato-Meridian Sports Booster Club, where she served as Vice President; the Cross Lake/Seneca River Association; and Oswego County Animal Shelter. Sue can always be counted on to coordinate the Fulton Campus’s collections for the holiday food pantry and the annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas. The list doesn’t stop there. The committees that Susan has sat on or chaired are extensive. Susan’s dedication is best described by her colleagues, who made the following comments which speak volumes about her work ethic, commitment and love of all things Cayuga:

“Since arriving on campus her main objective and the focus of her attention has been to secure the campus a place in Oswego County and the greater community, to ensure the students a quality location and facility in which to garner an education, and to promote the welfare of its staff, students and all it encompasses.” “Sue demonstrates a strong sense of commitment in her work at Cayuga Community College.”

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The ACC/CCC Distinguished Service Award

The ACC/CCC Alumni Board recently established a Distinguished Service Award to be given to individuals who make extraordinary contributions to the College community that enhance the vitality of our College and promote the College’s mission of intellectual growth. Alumni board members Tony Gucciardi ’64 and Linda Townsend ’74 co-chaired the committee developing the award. On June 30, 2008, the first ACC/CCC Distinguished Service Award was presented to Michael Hollingworth and Shona Falconer. Michael and Shona were nominated by Alumni Board President John Lamphere for their exceptional work with Cayuga’s International Education program in London, England.

Michael Hollingworth is an award-winning radio and TV producer, broadcaster, and lecturer in broadcast communications. In addition, Michael is a veteran of many national and international caving and climbing expeditions, including membership of the record-breaking British team which descended the world’s deepest pothole in 1967. He has also participated in two expeditions to Mt. Everest. His films and lectures about his potholing and mountaineering exploits led to a broadcasting career as a BBC Staff Producer. He travelled the world for the BBC’s news division and had postings in Asia, Africa and across Europe. As a producer, he created numerous news programs and documentaries. His career with the BBC spanned some thirty years.

Mr. Hollingworth, a former member of the BBC “Speakers” Bureau, is one of their most sought-after lecturers. Though now semi-retired, he continues to maintain an active schedule as a freelance producer. His current production is a documentary project titled “Aladdin’s Cave” an entry to the Citibank “The Triumph of the Human Spirit” competition.

Through the efforts of ACC Professor Steve Keeler and with funding by the Daniel C. LaBeille Grant administered by the CCC Foundation, Michael has been an artist in residence on the Auburn Campus five times since 2000. During his last four visits, he has guided student production teams in Cayuga’s telecommunications department that have created several documentary productions. He was also instrumental in the creation of Finger Lakes Studios, Cayuga’s student-run video and film production company. This initiative of teaching students the art of making documentaries has garnered awards, been on the forefront of new technological advances, and created a worldwide reputation for the College.

Since his first lecture to Cayuga’s international media students in 1988, Mr. Hollingworth has worked diligently to enhance Cayuga’s international education programs in Great Britain. He has provided the media program with speakers and guest lecturers from the highest levels of the media industries in the UK. He has enabled Cayuga’s students access to the British Broadcasting Corporation at a level normally reserved for visiting foreign dignitaries. In the mid-1990s, he helped Cayuga expand its international offerings and was instrumental in the creation of Cayuga’s international programs in criminal justice, philosophy and business. Since that time he has continued to serve as a guest lecturer and guide for the media program, procure guest speakers for the College and further Cayuga’s international programs in the UK enjoy a stellar reputation.

Shona Falconer had a 20-year career in the British Foreign Service with postings in Iraq, Iran, Pakistan, Finland, as well as Nicaragua where she served as Ambassador. She was named a member of the British Empire for her service. After her career with Shell Oil, she now spends her time consulting and lecturing. She accompanies her husband Michael Hollingworth on his visits to our campus and has lectured at Cayuga in both Auburn and Fulton. She has assisted in the development of Cayuga’s international studies program in London through her many contacts in the British government and has lectured to many Cayuga classes in London.

3rd Annual Cookie Drop

Unless you participated, you may not know what a cookie drop is. It’s when you drop off cookies (preferably home baked, but we will happily accept store bought).

Three years ago, we decided to live by the old adage “it’s better to give than to receive.” A local charitable organization was selected and the collected goodies were then dropped off to them. The Auburn campus’ holiday treats were dropped at the Cayuga Home for Children in Auburn. They were distributed to the students and their group homes. For some of these children the holidays can be difficult, so we thought we would sweeten the pot, so to speak.

The second year, the Fulton campus joined in and had their own drop. Oswego County Opportunities, Inc. was their recipient. OCQ programs depend on community support and they greatly appreciated our donations.

It was a great feeling to drop off the treats to those who may not have received them otherwise. This year, our drops will be:

- Fulton campus: Tuesday, December 2 (8:30 a.m. till noon in the Business and Industry Center (BIC))
- Auburn campus: Thursday, December 4 (8:30 a.m. till noon in the Nucor Room)

All are welcome to make drops. You’ll feel good about yourself, and the recipients will learn first hand what holiday giving is all about. Donated items should be in packaging that doesn’t need to be returned. We ask that you put a tag listing ingredients on your donation. Recipes are not required, just the ingredients in case anyone has food allergies.

Keeping in Touch... Alum Update

Dr. Robert Vincent graduated from Auburn Community College in 1969 and is currently a Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of Minnesota. He obtained a B.S. degree in Pharmacy in 1962 and a Ph.D. degree in Medicinal Chemistry in 1966, both from the College of Pharmacy at SUNY Buffalo.

Dr. Vince has been honored for his work by a career development award from National Institutes of Health (1972-1976), was the 1979 University of Minnesota Scholar of the year, and received a Certificate of Commendation by the Minnesota Governor (1989). In recognition of achievements as an inventor, Robert was honored for outstanding contributions to research and development by the Minnesota Medical Academy, a non-profit trade association. During President Bush’s 2002 visit to Minneapolis, Robert was selected to speak with him about his research and inventions. He was recognized on “Scholars Walk” at the University of Minnesota. The ACC/CCC Alumni Association selected Dr. Vince as a recipient of the annual alumni award.

Robert has co-authored over 110 scientific publications and holds 23 patents. His most notable achievement, however, is his design of the cardcyclic nucleosides termed “carbovir,” agents that were later developed into the anti-HIV drug, Zidovudine. Zidovudine is marketed worldwide by GlaxoSmithKline for the treatment of AIDS in adults and children. The carbovir were the first series of agents that showed significant activity against the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Hepatitis B Virus. Sales of the drug continue to rise with last year’s sales exceeding $580,000,000. The starting chemical for the production of this drug and other cardcyclic nucleosides was developed by Professor Vince’s laboratory in the late 1970’s.

Dr. Vince has succeeded in doing what very few academic scientists and not many industrial scientists accomplish, and many believe that his inventions have enabled the creation of a Center for Drug Design at the University of Minnesota that has already gained international reputation for excellence in medicinal chemistry research.
Where in the World... Have ACC/CCC Alumni Traveled?

Gettysburg 2008 by John Lamphere, ’74

It was hot! Next year we are considering offering the trip in May to hopefully get a reprieve from 95 degree heat. However, we were able to dress down for the weather, drink all the water we wanted and sit in an air-conditioned bus most of the time. This was not all that bad when you have to consider that during the battle in 1863, the soldiers on both sides faced weather similar to what we had, while dressed in wool uniforms and greatly lacked water!

A total of 37 people signed up for the trip, including two who had ancestors who fought, and one whose ancestor died on the battlefield. We conducted a little ceremony at the Reynolds Battery Monument (organized in the Rochester area) to honor the memory of Edward Costello, the great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Daniel Larson, who was killed there during action on July 1. The park is in pristine condition, and the new National Visitor’s Center is well worth the visit and excels all the hype related to it. We were able to explore most of the field and hundreds of photos were taken. Our dinner that night was at the historic Dobbin House in downtown Gettysburg, and it was tremendous. We spent the night at the Courtyard by Marriott just outside of town. What a hotel! We were met with a champagne reception prior to dinner, and the staff did all they could to assist us. On the second day we were treated to a demonstration by re-enactors representing the 11th New Jersey. These dedicated individuals came to the field to accurately portray how it was for the common soldier (yes, in the heat and dressed in wool), which was quite educational and interesting.

I am still considering an option of a three-day, two-night trip and would love to hear feedback from anyone who might be interested. With this, we would explore every square inch of the battlefield. If this sounds like something you want, please contact me at lamphere@cayuga-cc.edu. I want to thank all those who participated in this worthwhile trip to date and hope that you have had as much enjoyment from it as I have. I also have to say a big thank you to Louise for all the work she did in setting this up.

See you next year!

NYC July 2008 by Lori A. Cochran ’05, ACC/CCC Alumni Board Member

The Alumni Association hosted a day trip to New York City on Saturday, July 26. The day was beautiful and sunny, but the streets of Manhattan were a bit steamy. Forty-eight travelers boarded our motor coach to take in the city sights. This year many of the passengers ventured to New York’s abundant museums—the Met, MOMA and the American Museum of Natural History, to name a few. Several people strolled through Central Park to escape the blistering heat. Elisabeth Hurley, former director of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association, joined the group and visited the Brooklyn Bridge to see The New York City Waterfalls, a piece of public art created by Danish artist Olafur Eliasson. The exhibition consists of four monumental, man-made waterfalls. She also toured the harbor via the water taxi and suggests that this is a wonderful way to view the city.

Linda Waters ’04 and her husband Jim took the subway for an enjoyable visit to the Bronx Zoo. Some went to Battery Park while others traveled to Governors Island, both located at the tip of Manhattan. Janet Nelson, director of adult learning on campus, and her husband had an opportunity to visit family members who live in NYC.

The trip from this writer’s perspective was a success. For those of you who missed it, the Alumni Association will provide another opportunity to see the city and the Radio City Music Hall’s famed Christmas Spectacular in November. Be sure to watch for details when they are announced.

To all of you who went on the trip...thank you! It was a pleasure having you join us, and I hope you all enjoyed the trip as much as my husband Sean and I did.

Holiday in the City

ACC/CCC Alumni Association proudly presents...

November 2008

Tour includes round trip motor coach transportation and orchestra seating for Radio City Music Hall’s Christmas Spectacular.

- Explore the City
- Enjoy early holiday shopping (Bloomingdale’s, Tiffany’s, Macy’s, Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue...)
- See the sights...
- Then enjoy the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular performance starring the Rockettes.

For information please contact the ACC/CCC Alumni Office at 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY 13021, or call us at (315) 255-1743, extension 2454/2524 or email: Alumni@cayuga-cc.edu

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The Spartan
Kim Edwards ‘78 gave the campus a lot to talk about in April when her best selling novel was made into a movie by the Lifetime Television Network. The Memory Keeper’s Daughter, Kim’s debut novel, is a gripping family drama about a secret that shapes the lives of two families over a quarter of a century. It is a testament to the way that life can take unexpected turns and how two families’ lives are intertwined into mystery, loss, and grief.

The Chicago Tribune wrote “Edwards, the author of a short-story collection and the winner of a Nelson Algren Award, is a born novelist. From the riveting depiction of the twins’ birth, which opens the book, she sustains suspense through 400 pages of compelling prose, consistent characterization, and a plot that is poignant without being preachy or sticky-sweet.” Kim has won numerous awards, including a Whiting Award and most recently the Kentucky Literary Award for Fiction. She is also the author of a collection of short stories titled The Secrets of Fire King, which was an alternate for the PEN/Hemingway Award. Her stories and essays have appeared in Ploughshares, Zoetrope, Anteaus, Story, and The Paris Review and have received National Magazine Awards for excellence in Fiction and a Pushcart Prize. The Memory Keeper’s Daughter has been chosen as a Barnes and Noble Discover title.

After graduating from CCC, Kim received a bachelor’s degree from Colgate University and a master’s degree in creative writing and linguistics from the University of Iowa. After teaching English in Asia and the U.S., she currently teaches writing at the University of Kentucky. She lives in Lexington, Kentucky with her husband and daughters.

Tim Delaney-Alumni Author

Tim Delaney graduated from Cayuga Community College in 1977, went on to SUNY Brockport and, eventually, California State University where he received a master’s degree. He then attended the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for his Ph.D.

In 1976 and 1977, Delaney was selected for Who’s Who in America. From 2003 to the present, Delaney has been included in the prestigious Marquis Who’s Who in America for the reference value of his outstanding achievements. On October 15, 2005, in recognition of lifetime contributions to the New York State Sociological Association, Tim was awarded the New York State Sociological Association Award for Professional Excellence and Distinguished Service.

Currently, Delaney is a professor at the State University of New York at Oswego, teaching a variety of sociology and criminal justice courses. Delaney can also add “author” to his long list of accomplishments. He has written a total of eight books. Simpsonology: There’s a Little Bit of Springfield In All of Us, is Delaney’s seventh book. In it he explores the social significance and relevancy of the show. Delaney claims that there are references to history, literature and contemporary social commentary in the Simpson’s cartoon show. In his book, Delaney deals with some current issues as well. He discusses relationships of all types, gender roles, racial issues, religion, politics, sports, education and more—all seen through the eyes of the Simpsons, their friends and neighbors.


His most recent book, Shameful Behaviors, debuts August 2008. “It’s about the growing culture of shamelessness in our society,” he said. He hopes it gets attention too. “When I tell people the title of the book, they seem to light up.”

Kay Benedict Sgarlata-Alumni Author

Kay Benedict Sgarlata graduated from Auburn Community College in 1963. Kay received her baccalaureate and master’s degree from SUNY College at Oswego, and completed an administrative internship with Cayuga-Onondaga County BOCES as the first woman accepted for that position. Following her college graduation, she served for ten years as a fifth grade teacher in West Genesee Central School District in Camillus, worked with the Syracuse University/ West Genesee Teaching Center, trained student teachers, and was president and negotiator for the West Genesee Teacher’s Association.

Kay was president of the alumni associations at both Cayuga County CC and at Oswego, and was named the outstanding young woman of the year in Oswego. Sgarlata was also named Woman of the Year in Onondaga County, and by the Business and Professional Women’s Club in 1973. In 1977, Kay was selected for the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Association of Boards of Trustees of SUNY’s Community Colleges.

In 1995, after her annual class dinner reunion, Kay received her alma mater’s Alumni Service Award from SUNY Oswego. Kay, who recently stepped down after five years as president of the Oswego Alumni Association, ushered the 50,000 member group through a period of unprecedented expansion. She helped the association gain national recognition in several areas, including volunteerism and communications.

One of Kay’s most recent accomplishments is her book The Class of ’60. In The Class of ’60, she writes a story of her graduating class from their childhood days to their days of retirement. Kay’s graduating class was unique because they were the first to graduate from West Genesee High School. Kay states that “at the beginning I had been amassing clippings and letters from my class, having no idea why I was doing this. I was like the unfi- nished historian.” Since 1980, the class had a reunion every five years, a trend that helped her collect even more information. In 2003, Kay finally started writing down all the information that she had collected.

To learn more about the author go to www.kaybenedictsgarlata.com.

Mike Quigley-Alumni Author

Mike Quigley ‘72 grew up in Central New York. After a four year tour with the Navy, Mike began his college education at Auburn Community College where he was active in the前世 Club. Upon completion of four years of college, he began his twenty-nine year teaching career. Retired since 2002, Mike now spends his days cutting firewood, writing, and spending time with his family. He has been married to June for twenty-eight years and has three sons ranging in age from eleven to twenty-five.

Stump City, Quigley’s first book, is a true story “with a tad of exaggeration for seasoning.” He writes about the origins of his family in an area of Central New York and uses the real world as the setting.

York a few miles north of the village of Skaneateles, then known as “Stump City.” The book took 19 days to write and was published in 2007. Mike will be happy to take calls at 315-252-5921 if anyone is interested in obtaining a copy. A second book is currently in the works.
Three Cayuga Community College Students Win SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence

Three students from the class of 2008 have received the highest recognition given annually by the State University of New York to students across the 64 SUNY campuses. Jan Elizabeth Baum, Sherry L. Eichmann and Kathleen E. Brown were among the 275 statewide recipients of this year’s SUNY Chancellor’s Award.

Statewide, the grade point average of the 2008 award recipients averages 3.75 out of a possible 4.0. The Chancellor’s Award, besides recognizing outstanding grades, also honors students for significant accomplishments in the campus or community. The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created 11 years ago by the State University of New York.

Two Cayuga Cayuga Community Faculty and Staff Honored by Chancellor’s Awards

John B. Clark, Interim Chancellor of the State University of New York, has announced this year’s recipients of the SUNY Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence. Two members of the Cayuga Community College staff and faculty are among those honored:

- Edward J. Kowalski, Jr., director of distance learning and special programs, received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service.
- William A. Prosser ’85 of the business and economics faculty received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Across the state’s 64 SUNY campuses, 228 faculty and staff members received the 2008 award in various categories. “I commend each of them for their dedication and service to their respective campuses, and thank them,” said Clark. The SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence honors consistently superior professional achievement, and recognizes honorees as role models within the SUNY community.

Seventh Presidential Inauguration...

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The piper then led the procession out of the theater where Dr. Larson greeted the many attendees.

Following the ceremony, a reception with refreshments was held in the college quad. A colorful tent provided the setting as well as an opportunity to visit with others in attendance. The weather was very cooperative and added to the upbeat atmosphere.

The Inauguration Committee was co-chaired by Mel Brown, Carolyn Guariglia ’70, and Pamela Kirkwood ’84 who, along with a group of staff and faculty members, did a fine job of providing a perfect event.

It was a beautiful day for the celebration under a red and white tent on the Cayuga Community College quad in Auburn.
It was a snowy weekend in March when Harlequin Productions staged the world-premier performance of John Arco's film-noir comedy “Dead Men Don’t Itch.” Fifteen actors trod the boards creating the world of 1940's Los Angeles, full of private eyes, femme-fatales, crooked cops and down-on-their-luck musicians. The sounds and looks of film-noir swirled before the eyes of the record breaking audiences as the farcical story of Jake Chapel's search for the missing Bok-Choy Jade and his own murderer played out. The playwright drove up from NYC and was awestruck by the production. The reviewer from The Citizen gave the performance a coveted 3½ stars, and audiences consistently gave standing ovations to the work. The production also was honored by receiving three Meritorious Achievement Awards from the Theatre Association of New York State. Recognized were: Mike DeForrest for his portrayal of Jake Chapel, Bob Frame for Direction, and Ginny Fennessy for Sets. All in all, a wonderful experience for everyone involved, and to borrow a line from Jake: “Here’s to swimmin’ with bowlegged women!”

The Company for “Dead Men Don’t Itch” included:

Mike DeForrest      Esther Taylor-Weiss
Jacqueline Kocur    Brie O’Connell
Natasha Lathrop     James Adler
Travis Summerville  Courtney Johnston
Donald T. Brewer    Matthew Crawford

Members of the Ensemble were:

Greg T. Miraglia    Krista Haggett
Jonathan L. Bacon   Robin Fragoman
Callin O’Donnell

The Production Staff included:

Robert Frame        Robin Fragoman
Virginia Fennessy   Susie Delaney
Sarah Anson         Martha Reutlinger
Allison Fennessy    Larry Kayn
Elizabeth Estabrook Sharon Bower
Bob Frame           Carole Estabrook

In other news, Harlequin Productions of Cayuga Community College has a My Space page: http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendid=295131947. We are in the process of scanning slides from past productions. Currently, shows dating back to the fall of ’96 are posted. We also have slides that go as far back as the ’70s, but we’re still in the process of scanning them. Feel free to go online, peruse the albums, and sign up as a friend. Many alumni are already listed and more are always welcome. We would love to hear from you and hope that by looking at these pictures, you’ll form a smile as you fondly remember your time at Cayuga. So, if you know anyone who saw or was involved in a Harlequin Production, please pass the word!
23rd Annual Presidents’ Circle Dinner

Since its inception, many individuals and organizations have helped bring the Foundation to its current status as one of the most successful of SUNY’s community college foundations, both in terms of net endowed assets and the amount of annual gifts received. On May 28, 1986, several Foundation Directors and major donors attended a dinner to honor retiring CCC President, Dr. Helena Howe. That evening the group conceived of the idea of having the Foundation host a dinner to recognize and thank major contributors. And so began the annual Presidents’ Circle Dinner.

The tradition initiated all those years ago continues. On May 20, 2008, the CCC Foundation hosted the 23rd Annual Presidents’ Circle Dinner at the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles.

The many alumni, friends, foundations and businesses whose support makes the Foundation successful were in attendance. Members of the Presidents’ Circle make annual gifts of $1,000 and above to the CCC Foundation. Attendees also include benefactors who have made a gift of $10,000 in any given year.

In his welcoming remarks, CCC President Dr. Daniel Paul Larson briefly discussed his vision for revising the College forward and the role that the Foundation plays in that vision. “The strength is the quality of our faculty and staff,” said Dr. Larson. “The support of the Foundation is important in giving our faculty the resources necessary to help our students succeed. As we look forward to the College’s next Facilities Master Plan, I anticipate that the Foundation will once again play a vital role in our success.”

Foundation President David R. Smith thanked all in attendance for their outstanding support and leadership as members of the Presidents’ Circle. “Your gifts support everything from capital projects to cultural programming. In addition, donors provide nearly $300,000 annually in student scholarships,” he said. “Overall, the Foundation now stands at nearly $12 million in total assets, placing the CCC Foundation among the top 20 community college foundations in the U.S.”

The Foundation continued its Presidents’ Circle tradition of using a student’s artwork for the invitation and the cover of the evening’s program. This year’s featured artist is Paul Haberlau ’94 and ’07. Paul graduated from Auburn High School in 1985 and is a 1994 graduate of Cayuga’s Performing Arts to major in Studio Art & Design. Paul works part-time at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center and has been accepted into Syracuse University’s School of Visual and Performing Arts to major in painting, beginning in the fall 2008 semester.

While at Cayuga, Paul did an independent study in Advanced Painting. His abstract pastel painting “Morning Attitude” reflects his appreciation of the natural landscape influenced by his many hiking trips to the Adirondacks. We thank Paul for allowing us to use his artwork for this year’s Presidents’ Circle Dinner.

Ruth Carpenter Leaves Major Gift to CCC Foundation

For over 90 years, Ruth Edwards Carpenter lived quietly in Half Acre, outside of Auburn. In her will Mrs. Carpenter provided a total of $420,000 to the CCC Foundation through two separate gifts. One bequest is set aside for scholarships, while the other is unrestricted and will be used for various priorities of the College.

Lloyd Hoskins ’74, serves on the Foundation Board as a representative from the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board. As a former resident of the Half Acre community, Lloyd remembered Mrs. Carpenter as a person who was very generous and compassionate “not only in terms of preserving her resources but also in terms of giving back to the community and to people she loved.”

The Cayuga Community College Foundation appreciates Mrs. Carpenter’s outstanding commitment to the College and the students we serve. More and more of our graduates, retirees and community friends are asking themselves, “How can I make a real difference in people’s lives?” One way is to create a permanent legacy at the CCC Foundation by making a “planned gift.” Most of us think of a planned gift as a will or bequest, as in Mrs. Carpenter’s case. But it can be much more: gifts of real estate, life insurance policies, appreciated securities (typically stocks) and even in-kind gifts such as works of art. If the College has helped shape your past and secure your present, we hope you’ll make Cayuga part of your future as well!

People build permanent legacies by building closer relationships among friends. That’s why we at the Cayuga Community College Foundation listen when you tell us what you’d like to see at Cayuga. Working together, we can build programs that engage our alumni, serve our communities and, most importantly, support our students and faculty.

If you have questions about wills, estates or other forms of planned gifts, contact our Executive Director Jeff Hoffman at (315) 255-1792, ext. 2327 or foundation@cayuga-cc.edu. Thank you!
Cultural Enrichment at CCC

Cayuga Community College is fortunate to have generous donors who have set up numerous funds that have benefited many. The funds were created to provide for a variety of needs and are managed by the College Foundation. Two of these endowed funds, the Ruth P. Thomas Arts Fund and the Cultural Enrichment Fund, provide for arts and cultural enrichment. The Ruth P. Thomas Arts Fund was established to promote cultural enrichment to CCC and the community. The income from this fund supports artistic programs or lectures in the arts by visiting artists and scholars. The Cultural Enrichment Fund was created in 1994 to continue CCC’s cultural tradition established in the 1970’s. Its purpose is to fund cultural enrichment programs including speakers and fine and performing arts.

For more than a decade, the campus and community have been invited to partake in a wide assortment of cultural events. The CCC Foundation staff, comprised of Jeff Hoffman, executive director; Martha MacKay, associate director; and Carol MacKenzie, administrative assistant, diligently work each year to coordinate and host the annual event.

This year, the timing coincided with the Presidential Inauguration and the event was held the evening before, to add to the celebration. It was a musical evening with a free performance by the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra String Quartet featuring Cristina Buciuc, Violin; Petia Radneva-Manolova, Violin; Li Li, Viola; and Lindsay Groves, Cello.

The MasterWorks Chorale performed at CCC annual cultural event. Syracuse Symphony Orchestra String Quartet and the MasterWorks Chorale, and featured a special performance by Dr. Larson.

The Syracuse Symphony Orchestra has eight permanent ensembles. CCC was fortunate to have the String Quartet perform at the annual cultural event. Performing for the SSO String Quartet was: Cristina Buciuc, Violin; Petia Radneva-Manolova, Violin; Li Li, Viola; and Lindsay Groves, Cello.

The MasterWorks Chorale, formerly the Marcellus Chorale, was founded in 1965 with an emphasis on classical music. Its founder, Dr. Joseph Centrone, was the organization’s first conductor. Centrone formed a chorus from four of the church choirs in Marcellus, New York. The present conductor, Maureen McCauley, assumed leadership in 1977. Throughout the years, an emphasis was placed on the performance of classical music. MasterWorks performs throughout Central New York, principally in Onondaga and Cayuga Counties.

Dr. Daniel Larson is a classically trained baritone who holds a degree in voice performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, as well as a master of music degree in voice performance and literature and a bachelor of music degree in applied music-voice from the University of Rochester, New York. Dr. Larson is trained as a classical singer and conductor, and has worked with a variety of organizations throughout his career.

Scenes from Graduation 2008

Louise Wilson represented the Alumni Association at graduation.

Christopher Molloy on electric harp.

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Congratulations to Heather Gulliver (Women's Soccer), Donald Brewer (Men's Soccer), Kevin Donohue (Men's Lacrosse), Patrick Cameron (Men's Lacrosse) and Timothy Schmidt (Men's Lacrosse) for being named to the 2007-08 NJCAA Region III Academic All-Region Team. To be recognized for this award, student-athletes must earn 45 total credits with at least a 3.5 overall cumulative GPA. Gulliver, Brewer, Donohue and Cameron also qualified for nomination as NJCAA Academic All-American status.

The Spartan's women's basketball team earned the #8 seed for the 2007-08 NJCAA Region III Women's Basketball Tournament. Despite losing in the first round to the #1 seed and Mid-State Athletic Conference Champion Broome CC on Friday, February 29 at Tompkins-Cortland CC, the team had an outstanding season. Tiffany Collinsworth was named to the NJCAA All-Region First team and also joined teammate Corissa Quattrini on the Mid-State Athletic Conference All-Star team for the 2007-08 season.

Congratulations to the Spartan golf team who, in their first season back in competition, qualified to participate in the 2008 NJCAA Regional Golf Tournament. The Regional golf tournament was held at Webster Golf Club in Rochester, New York on Sunday, May 11 and Monday, May 12. The team members who qualified and represented CCC with their two day scores were: Luke Patterson (180), Brian Crowley (190), Caleb Gordon (177), Aaron Wisniewski (190), and Ryan Darling (182).

Luke Patterson was named Most Outstanding Player for the 2008 season with a team low scoring average of 85 per round. Caleb Gordon received the Coaches Award and was second in team scoring average with 87.
### Goodbye and Welcome

**Retirements and New Hires (full-time) from January 2008-Present**

#### Retirements

- **Batman, Keith M.**
  - 5/08 Dean of Continuing Education
- **Condie, Vicki C.**
  - 1/08 Director/Professor of Nursing
- **Cortese, Michael A.**
  - 9/08 Instructor of Music and Recording Arts
- **Delbel, Jeffrey P. ‘77**
  - 6/08 Professor of Philosophy and Telecommunications
- **Gonza, John J.**
  - 8/08 Senior Custodian
- **Holland, Norman L. ‘82**
  - 1/08 Computer Programmer
- **Misiaszek, Theresa L.**
  - 9/08 Instructor of Criminal Justice
- **Murdick, Theodore R.**
  - 7/08 Building Maintenance Mechanic II
- **Roder, Rebecca ‘70**
  - 6/08 Human Resources Assistant

#### New Hires

- **Anderson, Cheryl A.**
  - 1/08 Dean of Enrollment and Retention
- **Clark, Lisa S.**
  - 2/08 Senior Typist in Registrar’s Office
- **Driscoll, Mary J.**
  - 1/08 Instructor of Nursing
- **Shea, Jeffrey A.**
  - 1/08 Instructor of Mathematics
- **Purcell, Deborah L. ‘98**
  - 6/08 Human Resources Assistant
- **Williams, Adam B.**
  - 3/08 Webmaster

### CCC Alum Experiences

**Brush with Greatness!**

Josh Cradduck ’06, a recent graduate of Ithaca College, recently helped Ithaca’s journalism program host an event which included NBC News Anchorwoman Natalie Morales. Cradduck, a former editor-in-chief of *The Cayuga Collegian*, aspires to be an anchorman at NBC News.

### Collegian Wins Second Place

The staff of *The Cayuga Collegian* has earned a second place award in the annual Associated Collegiate Press college newspaper competition. It is the second year in a row, *The Collegian* has placed second in the contest. In 2006, *The Collegian* earned first place honors. Pictured above is Collegian editor-in-chief for Fall 2008, Natasha King; staff writer; Meghan Rindfleisch; and graduating Collegian editor-in-chief, Jessica Miles.

### Collegian Launches Website

Now you can keep up-to-date with the happenings at Cayuga Community College on-line! *The Cayuga Collegian* has launched its first website at www.cayugacollegian.com. The website features complete current and past issues that you can easily download. There is also information about Collegian staff members and alumni. As always, you can email *The Cayuga Collegian* at collegian@cayuga-cc.edu.

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*The staff of The Cayuga Collegian held their Second Annual Awards Banquet in May.*

*Collegian Advisor Mary Merritt handed out Staff Appreciation Awards along with custom-embroidered Cayuga Collegian staff sweatshirts. Graduating editor-in-chief Jessica Miles received the “Merritt” Award for outstanding dedication and service. Front row (left to right): New editor-in-chief Natasha King; staff writer Meghan Rindfleisch (Ithaca College Fall ’08); sports editor Jesse Cases; graduating editor-in-chief Jessica Miles (Ithaca College Fall ’08). Back row (left to right): New photographer Kenny Alnutt; staff writer Andrew Brown; opinion writer Kara Kinney (CCC ’08); and staff writer Martha Reutlinger.*

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Many people wanted the winner, Shauna O’Brien, to share her recipe and she has agreed.

**SOUTHWESTERN CHILI**

2 pounds ground beef
2 cups diced onions
2 (15 ½ ounce) cans pinto beans
1 (15 ½ ounce) can pink kidney beans
1 (15 ½ ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
1 (14 ½ ounce) can Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
1 (14 ½ ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (14 ½ ounce) can tomatoes with chiles
2 (4 ½ ounce) cans diced green chiles
1 (1 ¼ ounce) package taco seasoning
1 (1 ounce) package ranch salad dressing mix
Corn chips, for serving
Sour cream, for garnish
Grated cheese, for garnish
Chopped green onions, for garnish

Brown the ground beef and onions in a large skillet; drain the excess fat; then transfer the browned beef and onions to a large slow cooker or stockpot. Add the beans, corn, tomatoes, green chiles, taco seasoning, and ranch dressing mix and cook in a slow cooker on low for 6 to 8 hours, or simmer over low heat for about 1 hour in a pot on the stove. To serve, place a few corn chips in each bowl and ladle chili over them. Top with sour cream, cheese, and green onion.

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**FOCUS ON Fulton**

Members of the Cayuga Community College Criminal Justice Society on the Fulton Campus recently presented the United Way of Greater Oswego County with a check in support of the agency's annual campaign. The students, along with the support of faculty and staff, raised the money by holding a number of events such as a pizza sale, hotdog and hamburger sale, chili cook-off, and a ‘Jailhouse Rock’ event throughout the 2007–2008 semesters.

John Lamphere, who teaches Criminal Justice and American History at Cayuga Community College, said that the idea to support local charitable organizations by holding these events came from Criminal Justice Society President, Jan Baum, and other student members. Lamphere praised the students for their efforts and recognized the United Way of Greater Oswego County for the impact it has on the community. “Supporting the United Way is a great cause, as the United Way provides monies to a diverse grouping of not-for-profit organizations. Further, Cayuga Community College is a dedicated sponsor of the United Way," Lamphere said.

Executive Director of the United Way of Greater Oswego County, Melanie Trexler, was impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication that the students and staff at Cayuga Community College showed for these events and for their willingness to raise funds for the United Way. “It was great to see the students, faculty and staff of Cayuga Community College come together to be involved with these events,” stated Trexler.

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1 (15 ½ ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
1 (14 ½ ounce) can Mexican-style stewed tomatoes
1 (14 ½ ounce) can diced tomatoes
1 (14 ½ ounce) can tomatoes with chiles
2 (4 ½ ounce) cans diced green chiles
1 (1 ¼ ounce) package taco seasoning
1 (1 ounce) package ranch salad dressing mix
Corn chips, for serving
Sour cream, for garnish
Grated cheese, for garnish
Chopped green onions, for garnish

Brown the ground beef and onions in a large skillet; drain the excess fat; then transfer the browned beef and onions to a large slow cooker or stockpot. Add the beans, corn, tomatoes, green chiles, taco seasoning, and ranch dressing mix and cook in a slow cooker on low for 6 to 8 hours, or simmer over low heat for about 1 hour in a pot on the stove. To serve, place a few corn chips in each bowl and ladle chili over them. Top with sour cream, cheese, and green onion.
Earlier this year, someone asked how many alumni are currently employed as staff or faculty members of Cayuga Community College. Since there is no official "list," our best guess is just short of 100 individuals.

On the Fulton Campus there is camaraderie among the colleagues who have contributed to and attended the mission of Cayuga Community College. Here is an update on some of our noteworthy alumni who are employed as staff or faculty members.

Bill Lovell ’59 is considered by many to be the patriarch of the Fulton staff. Bill was a member of the last Auburn Community College class to graduate from the former James Street School building. He went on to attend Harpur College (SUNY Binghamton) and SU, taught business classes in the greater Syracuse area and returned to ACC in 1968 where he began his long career as a member of the Business Department. Bill ultimately became the chairman of the Division of College Studies at the Fulton Campus in 2003. Bill’s wife, Mary, is an alumna, as are some of their children.

John Lamphere ’74 earned a degree in Public Justice in 1976 from SUNY Oswego and served with the Cayuga County Sheriff’s Department until his retirement in 2003 at the rank of Lieutenant. John was hired as a CJ adjunct in 1991 and is still on staff, but now as a full-time instructor in the CJ and History Departments at the Fulton Campus. John has been recognized with several college awards through the years, and is the current President of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association.

Donna Roger ’88 graduated from the Aubrun Campus and went on to receive her bachelor’s degree from Syracuse University and her master’s from SUNY Oswego. She returned to CCC in 2003 as a Disability Specialist at the Fulton Campus.

Other faculty members who have graduated from Cayuga and currently teach at the Fulton campus are Dawn Mattijas ’96, and Richard Bower ’92.

Tina Sherman ’03 graduated from CCC Fulton and went on to earn her bachelor’s degree from SUNY Oswego in 2005. In 2007, she returned to the Fulton Campus as Evening/Weekend Administrator. Tina refers to her return to Fulton Campus as “coming home from an extended stay away.” During her academic career at Cayuga, Tina was a student employee in the main office, received recognition in Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, served as the first Student Government Organization Fulton Liaison in 2002, and was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa in 2003.

Richard Cuylor ’83 received an AA degree and a Business Certificate in 2005. While attending CCC, Rich worked in the main office as a student employee and, most recently, was the Evening Receptionist and Switchboard Operator at the Fulton Campus. He is the 2008 recipient of the Richard Mahlstedt Award.

But last but not least is Catheleen McColgin ’86, who received her bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice in 1988 as the Coordinator of the Nursing Arts Laboratory. Catheleen has a master’s degree in nursing, a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Syracuse University, and was CCC’s first Director of Assessment in 2000. She has also achieved the rank of Captain in the US Army Reserve 376th Medical Support Hospital. Cathleen joined the Fulton team in 2001 as Provost of the Fulton Campus. Catheleen has been involved with many committees including the Faculty Student Association, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, ACC/CVC Alumni Association, Greater Oswego-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and the Cayuga Community College Foundation.

During her time as Provost she can be credited with securing branch campus status for the Fulton Campus. Unfortunately, when this newsletter goes to print, Dr. McColgin will have left the employ of Cayuga Community College for another position. Cayuga will miss Catheleen greatly and appreciate all she has done for the Fulton Campus. Thanks, Catheleen, and best wishes!

Sue Witmer ’84 graduated from CCC Fulton and went on to receive her bachelor’s degree from SUNY Oswego and her master’s from SUNY Binghamton. She went on to attend Harpur College (SUNY Binghamton) and SU, taught business classes in the greater Syracuse area and returned to ACC in 1968 where she began a long career as a member of the Business Department. Bill ultimately became the chairman of the Division of College Studies at the Fulton Campus in 2003. Bill’s wife, Mary, is an alumna, as are some of their children.

Joyce Crandall ’02 received a degree in Computer Information Science. Shortly after graduation, she joined the Fulton staff as Receptionist and Switchboard Operator. She has recently accepted a transfer to Debbi Purcell’s vacated position at the Fulton Campus. Joyce’s son currently attends CCC Fulton.

CCC Fulton was represented by (left to right) Bill Flesher, Sherry Eichmann ’08, Ernie Brown, “Spartan” Matt Gentile, Audrey Sherman, Kris Ferarra ’08 and Daryl Ferrara. Thanks to Shaunna O’Brien ’08 who coordinated the effort.

Lucas Pittsley works on the CCC float. In Many States Sheriff’s Association. Pictured are Reull A. Todd, Sheriff of Oswego County; Terry Wilbur, Cathleen McColgin; and John Lamperee from the Fulton Campus.

Criminal Justice Club volunteers.

Sue Witmer has compiled this update on alumni at Fulton. She states that when she first began this project, it always used working for CCC as the Fulton Campus. Out of the 14 students she is able to include in this update, there’s 14 years of growth and recognition to students, faculty and staff, to those that have come, to those who have gone, and to those who have cared. Sue apologizes if she’s left anyone out.
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$15
Shirt Sizes: S,M,L,XL
100% cotton tee. White with red lettering. Bundled with one size fits all red cap.

Embroidered Hooded Sweatshirt Item #11
$25
Colors: Navy, Gray Sizes: S,M,L,XL
Top quality hooded pullover with embroidered “Alumni” lettering. 80% cotton/20% Polyester fleece, drawstring hood and patch pocket.

Embroidered Cotton Polo Item #12
$20
Colors: Ruby, Ecru Sizes: S,M,L,XL
Quality 100% cotton lightweight baby pique with three-buttons, embroidered logo, collar, rib trim.

Etched Tumbler Item #13
$3.50
16 oz. pint glass with Alumni logo. This item is not available for shipping.

Pin #14
$2.50
Enamel lapel pin. Silver plate background with ruby logo.

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Fall/Winter Events

Wednesday, September 10
Movie Makers (Auburn)
Student Lounge
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fulton Campus Unplugged
(Fulton)
Featuring the acoustic stylings of the Barrigar Brothers.
Free for everyone!
10:30 a.m. – noon

Wednesday, September 17
Cayuga Café Unplugged (Auburn)
Featuring the acoustic stylings of the Barrigar Brothers
10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24
“Think Fast” (Auburn)
Interactive Audience Response Trivia Game.
$200 winner-take-all cash prize!
Details: TBA

Student Activities Fair (Fulton)
Come learn about the many exciting clubs and organizations you could join. Also get a caricature of yourself drawn by W. C. Pope at this exciting event.
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 8
“The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” Discussion Panel (Auburn)
Join Michael Patrick Hearn and John Fricke for a discussion panel on L. Frank Baum and “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.”
Student Lounge
11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 10
“Notes to the Motherland” (Auburn)
Paul Rajeckas’ passionate, gut wrenching, and hilarious one-man show about unearthing his family’s secret during WWII. Busing is available to Fulton Students.
Sign up with Shauna O’Brien in Room F196.
College Theater
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15
MTV’s Rock the Vote (Auburn)
Join Rachel Robinson from MTV’s Road Rules as MTV’s Rock the Vote uses music, popular culture and new technologies to engage and incite young people to register and vote in every election. You do not want to miss out on this fun event. Busing is available to Fulton Students- sign up with Shauna O’Brien in Room F196.
College Theater
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1
Jim Hardesty (Fulton)
Chinese brush painter and scholar will spend the day talking about calligraphy, watercolor painting and poetry. He will also demonstrate the art of Chinese watercolor.
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Have some fun. Participate!

Friday, November 7 - Sunday, November 9
Leadership Retreat
Annual Club/Leader Trip
Lake Placid, NY

Monday, November 17
Blizzard of Bucks (Auburn)
Don’t miss this fun, interactive event!
College Theater
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25
Thanksgiving Dinner (Fulton)
In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Student Activities Board would like to offer a low cost dinner to students on the Fulton campus.
See Shauna O’Brien in Room F196 for details.
Student Lounge
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6 – Sunday, December 7
35th Annual Holiday Craft Festival (Auburn)
Over 150 crafters and vendors- free admission
Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Alumni Fall Meeting September 9

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association will hold its first meeting of the academic year on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. A new slate of Board members will be voted in at this meeting which will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Nucor Room at Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY 13021.

All ACC/CCC graduates are members of the Alumni Association and are welcome to attend. Members are eligible to exercise their right to vote at this Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like to send in a proxy vote; please contact the Alumni Office at 315.255.1743 ext. 2454 or 2224 to request a proxy statement to be sent to you. The signed proxy statement must be returned to the Alumni Office no later than Friday, September 5.

Anyone interested in participating on the board should contact the Alumni Office.

The Annual Meeting Agenda will include the following:

- Approval of May 2008 Meeting Minutes
- Treasurer’s Report
- President’s Report
- CCC Foundation Report
- Alumni Director’s Report
- New and Old Business
- Election of Board of Directors

Keep Watching ….

Are you interested in other CCC events and alumni trips? Events are always being offered. Check local newspapers and Cayuga’s website for additional information at http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/.

The Alumni Office is also a great source of information. Call (315) 255-1743 ext. 2454 and/or 2224 or email alumni@cayuga-cc.edu.

Do You Have Alumni News to Share?

What’s new in your life? The ACC/CCC Alumni Association would like to hear from you. Please keep in touch so we can update our files and share your news with others in the next Spartan alumni newsletter.

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Your News: Feel free to send an additional page if you have a lot to tell!
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