The College:
A Brief Retrospective
Dr. Daniel F. Schultz,
Professor of Sociology

Cayuga Community College is one of the oldest two-year schools in the state. I am proud and happy to have been a part of its growth. I arrived at Cayuga in 1965, a dozen years after its founding, having taught for several years at the high school level, a not unusual experience for many community college faculty.

Cayuga’s Theatre Program
Bob Frame, Director of Theatre Operations

The theatre program at Cayuga Community College, as evidenced by Harlequin Productions and academics, is currently in a good place. Due to the efforts of Bob Frame and Professor Susan Wolstenholme, and with the support of Dr. Daniel F. Schultz, Cayuga Community College is currently in a good place. Due to the efforts of Bob Frame and Professor Susan Wolstenholme, and with the support of Dr. Daniel F. Schultz, Cayuga Community College is currently in a good place.

Learning about Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

When many of us were students here, no one knew what GIS was—a government agency, a rock band, a disease? Without even realizing it, GIS was becoming a part of our everyday lives. The Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT) is a not-for-profit organization that evolved from NASA’s Regional Applications Center for the Northeast (RACNE). IAGT is located in the James T. Walsh Regional Economic Center on the Auburn Campus and is dedicated to promoting the widest possible use of geospatial information technologies by bringing innovative GIS technology to the community.

The Start of a New Decade

Where we’ve been…where we are…and where we’re going

Much of 2009 was spent remembering about the Alumni Association’s 50-year anniversary. We enjoyed looking back at where we were, what we looked like, what we were doing, or the music we listened to. But at the stroke of midnight on December 31, we entered into a new decade, 2010.

With its inception in 1953, Auburn Community College boasted an enrollment of 69 full-time students. At the start of the fall 2009 semester, full-time enrollment was at 2,482, while the College reached a record high total enrollment (full- and part-time) of 4,875. This is a very exciting time at Cayuga with new and innovative course offerings available, as well as the opportunity to earn a four-year bachelor’s degree while taking classes right here on our campus. As the old slogan goes “you’ve come a long way, baby” and we’d like to show you how far we’ve come.

Faculty members from across the academic spectrum were asked recently what was happening in their respective areas. Take a look at their updates, ponderings and sometimes tongue-in-cheek musings. Everything isn’t necessarily changing, but we’re all working hard to make it better. Though one thing remains a constant— the quality of the faculty and staff and the college spirit felt here at Cayuga.

What does the future hold?

Loraine Miller, Division Chair - Behavioral/Social Science, Business, Criminal Justice and HPER

Today’s classrooms are training students for future jobs—some of which don’t even exist today. While technology, globalization, and socialization have brought about rapid change, we can’t predict the future, but we can prepare for it.

From the time they enter kindergarten (even Pre-K), today’s students are active, visual learners who are engaged in interactive discussions, projects, and hands-on activities with the help of technology. This technology surrounds them in today’s “smart” classrooms that are equipped with computers having Internet access, video and audio capabilities.

Let’s take a short look at how technology is being used in our division this semester:

- Geography 101 is being taught in a computer lab where students are using Google Earth to explore places all over the world—from the four canals of Cayuga County, to the culture of South Africa, to the tropical deforestation in the Amazon Basin.

Wine Studies @ CCC

Contributed by William Prosser, Associate Professor of Economics

Did you know? New York State is the 3rd largest wine-producing state in the nation and the Finger Lakes Wine industry continues to experience very strong growth. Cayuga Community College is offering several credit-free courses in Wine Studies. Classes include Exploring Wine, How to Become a Finger Lakes Wine Expert in One Day and An Evening of Wine and Food Pairing. A Finger Lakes Region Wineries Event Management Certificate Program is also scheduled to begin in March.

Along with these credit-free offerings, Cayuga faculty members Mike Pacelli, Tom Paczkowski and Bill Prosser are working with Bob Wojnar, National Sales Manager, Dr. Frank Wines, to develop a Wine...
A Message from ACC/CCC Alumni Director

Have you gotten used to writing 2010 yet?

It’s hard to grasp the fact that the 2000s, or the ‘00s, or whatever they “call” it, are over. It’s hard to believe that it was ten years ago that the Y2K scare; that there are no longer twin towers at the site of the World Trade Center; and that the people of America voted in an African-American president.

On the campus front, it’s hard to believe our Alumni Association is beginning its 51st year of existence. But, what isn’t hard to believe is how far ACC/CCC has come since its James Street days.

On a recent Friday morning, I sent an email to campus faculty and staff members asking them a simple question: “Think fast! Where on campus did you spend the majority of your time while you were a student here? I’m just looking for a word or two, the first thing the pops into your mind.”

Think about it, where did you spend your time? There were three top contenders that I’ll share with you in no particular order — the cafeteria, the library, and the student lounge.

Here are some of the responses I received:

The “cafe”

How do you remember the cafeteria? With folding long tables and folding chairs and a kitchen that was run by the owner of Hunter’s Diner? Or, the rear new area with built-in booths and bright colors? The responses included: “The cafeteria! It was a hopping place back in the day!” “the cafeteria because we had music there!” There were several variations of “in the cafeteria — playing cards” that thought came from students who attended in the mid-’70s. “Aside from in the classes themselves, the cafeteria (which is what it was called at that time), meeting up with friends in the cafeteria and making plans for hanging out, etc. I graduated from CCC in ’89 and that’s where everyone hung out and met up!” And, here’s one I don’t remember, maybe you do — “in the cafeteria, they handed out vitamins there.”

The student lounge

One faculty member wrote: “In the 70’s there was a lobby as you came in the front doors. It was a great meeting place for friends and study partners. Many activities took place there. I can still remember one of the students — her name was Bonnie — belting out Summer Time. I loved that song ever since!” Another wrote: “In the student lounge which was when the switch board is now.” And, even on James Street, people gathered in the student lounge, “the student lounge at the James Street building.”

The library

It seems the library was also a perennial favorite place to be on campus throughout the decades. “I lived in the library” — the library...where else?

Some other spots you may have frequented

One staffer wrote: “In the tech building on the base ment level in the little student areas. They had a coffee/ hot cocoa machine and tables. We used to get a hot cocoa and sit at the tables and work on projects — kind of nice and quiet. Other than that, in the library in a private desk over by the front windows. Would love it when the sun came through.” Here’s one I could seriously relate to: “I spent quite a bit of time as a math table “customer” for a couple of semesters. People all over campus said they knew when I was sitting at the math table because they could hear me crying.”

Other places included the Learning Commons, Student Activities Board office, “working on theater sets in the basement that is now part of the maintenance area” and “working as a student worker in the Admissions Office processing catalog requests.”

Classrooms

And, believe it or not, many of you actually spent time in classrooms. “3rd floor main building in German and Italian classes” and “as an accounting major, I had seven classes with Professor Shinal.”

The “wall”

Surprisingly, no one mentioned sitting on the stone wall outside the main entrance. The wall was removed when they reconfigured following renova tions in the early 2000s. But, images remain of countless freshmen yearbook photos taken on or around that wall. Each spring, as soon as the sun reappeared in central New York, you would be greeted by students sitting on the wall enjoying the sunshine. They could be long-haired and denim clad, or wearing penny loafers and boho sox, but they would be there.

Gone but not forgotten

These places are all still here but they continue to evolve. If you haven’t been back to visit in a while, I encourage you to do so. Please stop in and say “hi” at the Alumni Office in M238 on the Auburn campus or you’ll be happy to give you the five-cent tour. We love showing how far we’ve come. You know, in the big picture, nothing has really changed — it just looks a little different.

Louise Barwicz Wilson ’72 Director of Alumni Affairs

Louise Wilson  ACC/CCC Alumni Director

A Message from CCC President

April 2010

Dr. Daniel Larson
CCC President

This is an exciting time for the College, with several projects underway in the midst of funding issues with New York State. So, our good news is that we have two capital projects in the Governor’s proposed budget, the purchase of a new Fulton campus and the building of a new Performing Arts Center in downtown Auburn.

First – Fulton. After many months of background work that included budget, student, and program projections, the Board of Trustees and the Cayuga County community supported steps in the purchase of the vacant P&C Store building at the River Glen site in Fulton. This is exciting because the College now will own its campus, with potential to build out over the next decade a complete campus environment for our students. The growth of the Fulton campus since 1994 from 92 students in two rented classrooms to today with 1,100 students in 30,000 square feet has been quite the journey. During those years, the campus has relocated twice. This should be our final move. The River Glen site provides more than adequate space for facility expansion and parking. We look forward to campus amenities such as a student union, food service, athletic courts/fields, performance space, student club and organization rooms, campus quadrangle, and lecture/theatre/multi-use space for class and community use and attendance.

Although our architects are at the stage of initial concepts, we believe that the final design will have as much of the “wow” factor as the current campus. So, please watch for details as they emerge.

Second – Performing Arts Center.

Soon after I arrived at the College, I became engaged in a discussion already established – the Musical Theatre Festival. This project could provide an economic impact of some $30 million when fully implemented. Building upon the success of the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse, it will bring professional musical theatre in multiple venues to central New York. The role of the College is to provide training, intern, and work opportunities for Theatre students, especially for the technical side of things. To do this well, we need a state-of-the-art facility to provide our students with the latest theatre equipment, design capability, and materials for their hands-on training. As that discussion evolved, it became clear that the College had the potential to access New York State capital funds in support of this project. So, the new Performing Arts Center is targeted for the site of the Kailey’s Building in downtown Auburn. Located on the new Creative Corridor on State Street, the new facility would be located opposite from the Stardust

Entrepreneurial Institute, another collaborative project for us. Although on hold, this important project is another one for us that involves a community partnership. And, that’s just what we should be doing.

And, now – New York State funding. In light of New York finances, the Governor has proposed an additional cut for SUNY community colleges. In November, he cut our funding by $130 per FTE. Now, he proposes to make that cut permanent and adds another cut of $285 per FTE. In total, that would be a loss of more than $1 million in funding. These dollars go directly to our operating budget, so their impact is immediate and crucial. We’re working with our NYS legislative delegation to improve the cuts, and I would hope you would support them. The worst news is that our Headcount and FTEs; this Spring, the numbers still remain fluid but are in the range of 15-20%. We’ll have final numbers later this Spring. That increased enrollment brings us more student tuition dollars. We have hired more adjunct faculty members, increased class sizes, expanded course section offerings, and done as much as possible to ensure that we’re using our resources wisely and prudently. We cut funding for writing centers. Fortunately, that means that students are also carrying more of the load.

Dr. Daniel Larson  CCC President

As Editor, I decide what the emphasis of the paper is and what it will contain. Wejko makes it all sound good, and Mary Merritt blesses them all as Editor. I decide what the Editor having major assistance from three Marys: her lucky stars and said three Hail Marys; what a blessing they all are. As Editor, she gave me a special name when I arrived — Louise Wilson. Our deadlines. To each of you, and you all know –Louise
It is my pleasure to introduce myself as your new ACC/CCC Alumni Association President. I am a 1961 graduate of Auburn Community College and had the wonderful experience of attending an outstanding college with wonderful teachers at an affordable price. Many of us in my generation would have had the opportunity of higher education had it not been for the community college system. By the way, my first year at ACC, 1959, was the opening of the present campus. The education I received at ACC allowed me to go on and graduate from SUNY Cortland and have a successful career as a teacher and school administrator. My story has been repeated countless times by the many very successful alumni of ACC/CCC.

It should be noted that the Alumni Association celebrated fifty successful years as a college organization during the 2008-2009 academic year. The college community can take great pride in the accomplishments and contributions of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association, which include our scholarship program and our many outreach programs to Cayuga and Oswego Counties. As a college community, we have grown from the former James Street Elementary School to our expanded Franklin Street campus to the branch campus in Fulton. As a community, we all can take pride in the tremendous value of our most important resource, the College.

Congratulations to our new alumni who graduated this past December, and a special “thank you” to John Lamphere, who spoke at the recognition ceremony. The college’s Alumni Association is very active in the life of our academic community. One of the areas to be recognized is the alumni excursions program. The Gettysburg trips, organized and led by John Lamphere, are quite popular with alumni and the general public. The New York City day and overnight trips, led by Louise Wilson and Lori Cochran, are very well attended and are a lot of fun. (I am speaking from experience, having attended the last overnight trip this past November.)

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the work of the alumni board and give a special “thanks” to Louise Wilson, our director. The Association is also grateful for the support it receives from the College Foundation under the leadership of Jeff Hoffman. Please feel free to attend our Alumni Association meetings held on campus, the second Tuesday of the month.

Tony Gucciardi ‘61

Spring/Summer 2010
Meet the Alumni Association’s Executive Board Members

Lori A. Cochran ’05
Lori is the director of Powers Library in the town of Moravia. She lives in Moravia with her husband Sean and their 14-year-old son Joshua, along with a “fourth” family member, their Golden Retriever “Mosley.” The fondest memory Lori holds of CCC is her time spent as the president of Phi Theta Kappa. She states, “The experience afforded me the opportunity to meet many great people, to serve as Class Marshall, and to attend a Leadership Retreat in Lake Placid.” She feels that raising money for and working on a house for Habitat for Humanity was another truly rewarding experience. Lori has served on the Alumni Board since 2005 and feels she is still accumulating fond memories. For fun, Lori enjoys fishing, reading and playing Wii games with her family and friends.

Gerard “Gerry” Guiney ’82
Gerry served as Deputy Superintendent of Security for the NYS Department of Correctional Services for 38 years and was a hotshot negotiator for the Crisis Intervention Unit for 29 years. In addition, he was a Management Consultant and Trainer for the Department of Justice, National Academy of Corrections, and National Institute of Corrections, along with numerous law enforcement and correction organizations throughout the country for 32 years.

In sharing his thoughts, Gerry states “Cayuga Community College provided me with the talent and knowledge to be successful in my law enforcement career. I joined the Alumni Association Board to be able to promote and give something back to this fine institution.” Gerry and his wife of 34 years, Marilyn DiRaddo, have two sons, G. Adam ’98 and John.

Lori has served on the Alumni Board since 2005 and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, especially her two “beautifully-spirited” grandchildren, Jack and Tyler.

John McLeod ’08
John is a music enthusiast who enjoys his position as Hip Hop Director for WDDN radio station. His education at Cayuga provided him with the tools needed to work in the communications field. John says he enjoyed his days as a student at CCC and is happy to have the opportunity to give back to the college community by serving as a member of the Alumni Association board of directors. Though this is only his first term, John has assisted with many of the activities the Association is involved with, such as the December Recognition Ceremony, the Antiques Appraisal Fair and the production of media promos for Association-sponsored events. John is a family man and lives in Auburn.

Jo Ann Harris ’95
Jo Ann is the Office Manager at Cayuga’s Fulton Campus. She has been employed by the college for 15 years and is very passionate about working with students, especially “my Vets.” She works primarily in the Registrar’s Office registering students and certifying Veterans for educational benefits. In addition, Jo Ann currently serves as co-lead of the college’s Educational Support Professionals (clerical) Union.

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Paul J. Ringwood Jr. ’80
Paul graduated from Cayuga Community College in 1980 and from St. Bonaventure University in 1982. He has been a Financial Advisor with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney since 2008. In addition, he has owned the Hairlooms Salon with his wife Mary Ellen since 1999. They have three sons: Paul III, a student at CCC; Mitchell and Ryan, students at Auburn High School. Paul is a Deacon and Eucharistic Minister at Sacred Heart Church and has served as past president of the Parish Council and CYO.

Paul serves as president of Auburn’s Business Improvement District (BID). In addition to serving as a CCC Alumni Board Member, he has served for three years as Board Member of the Merry-Go-Round Theatre, and on the Board for the Great Race for 13 years. Paul has also enjoyed coaching CYO and Little League for 15 years.

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Judith M. Campanella ’78
Judy began her career at CCC in 1983 when she was hired at the Auburn Campus Library. She received her master’s degree in library science from the University at Buffalo in 1999, and in 2001 she was appointed to the position of Head Librarian on the Fulton Campus. In 2006 Judy was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship. She lives in Auburn and enjoys spending time with her family and friends, especially her two “beautifully-spirited” grandchildren, Jack and Tyler.

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Terry Wilbur ’08
As the youngest-ever elected legislator in the history of Oswego County, Terry states that he “enjoys talking with the people throughout the community, and really enjoys talking agriculture with the local farmers and farm representatives.” Furthermore, he is a member of the Oswego County Republican Committee and serves as its vice chair of campaigns.

Terry’s concern with community is reflected in his membership in the Hannibal Historical Society and his service as co-chair of the Hannibal Park Committee. Having completed his degree in criminal justice here at CCC, Terry is now pursuing a degree in political science at SUNY Oswego.

In his personal time, Terry enjoys learning about his family genealogy, watching racing and snowmobiling.

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Nominations Sought for CCC Alumni Awards

The Auburn/Cayuga Community College Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its 2010 Alumni Association Awards. The awards recognize graduates of the college who have distinguished themselves in careers or community service. Past awards have honored outstanding achievements in vocational or artistic pursuits, volunteer service, public service organizations, civic functions, or service to the college.

Nominations will be reviewed by the Association’s awards committee, and the recipients will be honored at the college commencement on Sunday, May 23, 2010. Anyone who holds a degree from Cayuga Community College (or its original entity, Auburn Community College) may be nominated. The deadline is Wednesday, March 31. Forms and information are available from the alumni office at 315-255-1743, extension 2224 or 2454.

Don’t Trash It, Cash It! ANNUAL ANTIQUE APPRAISAL FAIR

Heirlooms taking up room? Collectibles collecting dust? The ACC/CCC Alumni Association annually holds an Antique Appraisal Fair each fall. On October 25, 2009, the seventh annual event was open to the public from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the Auburn Campus Student Lounge.

Event coordinators Judy Campanella and Lori Cochran are already working on plans for the fall 2010 event. More details will be available in The Spartan fall edition, the campus website, local media and the Alumni Association facebook page.

Best Wishes and Welcome Aboard

There has been a staff change in the Alumni Office since our last issue. Sara DeChick Casper ’05 had held a dual role. By morning, she was assistant to the alumni director. Sara was the behind-the-scenes person. Often the first person you saw when visiting the office or perhaps the person who helped you with your trip sign ups or accepted your Alumni scholarship applications. She was the person who helped the director stay focused during stressful deadline situations. In the afternoon, she would move to the President’s Foundation offices to be a great helper to members of those staffs. In late November, Sara left to add a new title to her resume: expectant mom. Sara could always be depended on and her new son, Jac Casper who arrived on February 10, will have a great mom. We send Sara and Tim our best wishes.

Sara’s “afternoon” position has been taken on by Kathy Losurdo Colella ’72. Enter Mary Kriever ’09, who balanced life as a wife, mother of three and nontraditional student here at CCC. Mary thoroughly enjoyed her time as a student, so much so that when the opportunity arose to come here to work, she was pleased to meet the challenge. Mary brings her upbeat personality and willingness to help with all things alumni and Cayuga. She is a welcome addition to the Alumni Office.

But one thing remains the same—you’ll still be met with a smile.

Sara DeChick Casper ’05

Mary Kriever ’09

December Recognition Ceremony

Each year the Alumni Association hosts a Recognition Ceremony in December to recognize students who have completed their degree requirements for graduation the following spring. We’ve found that many students often leave the area, are unable to attend the traditional May commencement, or choose not to participate. The ceremony is the Association’s way of giving these students the recognition they have earned.

A capacity crowd of 130 family members, friends, alumni and college personnel gathered to applaud 27 new graduates at this past year’s event, held on Friday evening, December 11, 2009. Guest speaker was John M. Camardo ’84, chair of the college’s Board of Trustees, and Dr. Daniel Larson, CCC president, offered words of congratulations. John Lamphere, Alumni Association secretary and a member of the Cayuga faculty, offered a keynote address, while Judy Campanella, member of the Alumni Association Board, acted as emcee. College trustees Stanley Kott and Linda Van Buskirk were also on hand to congratulate the graduates.

The Student Lounge glittered with holiday decorations to mark the festive tradition of honoring the December graduates as they were presented with Alumni Association pins and certificates. Participants gathered after the program to enjoy refreshments with their classmates, families and friends.

Spring/Summer 2010
Alumni 2010 Trips

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce the trips being offered for 2010. These trips are organized and promoted by alumni staff and board members and are open to the public.

Over the last few years, each trip has sold out, so if you’re interested in participating on one, lock in your seat as soon as sign-ups are opened. Be a part of the fun!

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A Note About the Trips:

We don't have a "list" that you can sign up for to have information on these trips sent to you. They will be advertised in local media, on the Campus website, the Alumni facebook, or you can always call the Alumni office for details.

Everyone who went on the previous year's trips will be sent a pre-advance notice flyer. At press time, prices and complete details were not available. To be fair to all, reservations cannot be taken until the date each trip goes on sale as shown above.

Sign-ups require full payment at the time of booking. Currently we are not able to accept credit card payments, so check or cash are the accepted means of payment.

Many of you have expressed interest in other destinations. Our travel committee is taking these suggestions seriously and is developing ideas for the 2011 season. So, stay tuned!

Gettysburg Battlefield excursion is now bigger and better

The Alumni Association's annual Gettysburg Battlefield excursion is now bigger and better than ever. Due to the popular demand for this trip, and we thank you all for that, a second trip was added after the first sold out last September.

And, because you said one night wasn't long enough, we expanded the trip to two nights.

Looking back at how the trip began, John Lamphere, our resident Gettysburg historian/tour leader and Alumni Board member had this to say:

"When I first thought of this trip years ago, it was just an overnight trip due to Route I-81 traffic and weather. It was always my thought to make this a three-day/two-night expedition and it came fruition this past year. Your response was immediate and, in the last two weeks of September, we had a full bus each week heading to Adams County. This year we are again offering this opportunity, and again, because you asked, we've even added more to the experience. If you like history -- you will love this trip. I hope to see you in September."

I'm a Believer

By Louise Wilson '72

(Louise assisted John Lamphere on the September 25-27, 2009 tour)

I’ve worked on coordinating these trips for the past few years. Every time someone calls or stops in to talk about the trip, they rave about how great it is. After hearing continued accolades time after time, my husband and I decided to take the trip ourselves. I can now say with firsthand experience that this trip is something special.

Some say, "I'm not a history buff" or "I really don't like bus trips." I say, "You don't need to be, and you will!" There is something for everyone to take away with them on this trip. If you've been thinking about doing it but just haven't gotten around to it...Do It! You won't be disappointed.

DO YOU HAVE AN ANCESTOR WHO Fought IN GETTYSBURG?

If you have an ancestor who fought at this crucial battle and are planning to attend the trip, please contact us in advance with any information you have available on this person. It will give us (and you) an opportunity to honor the person and have a photo opportunity where they fought.

A Trip Back in Time

By Lori Cochran '05

(Lori assisted John Lamphere on the September 18-20, 2009 tour)

There is no better way to experience Gettysburg than with the ACC/CCC Alumni Association and John Lamphere as your guide. The knowledge and passion John shares is why so many people have taken this trip 2 or 3 times.

This past September we offered 2 trips, each a two-night stay. Our accommodations were located in the heart of Gettysburg. Trip-goers enjoyed time on their own to explore the area. A walking ghost tour was offered and a delicious buffet dinner was included. The highlight is the trip back in time where John explains the 3 days of battle; a battle that consumed the most casualties in the American Civil War. You hear poignant stories of those who fought and died on the grounds where we walked. You see buildings riddled with bullet holes still in existence today. Monuments made up of symbolism with John’s explanation can bring tears to your eyes.

Rediscover American History by traveling to Gettysburg. It’s an experience you will never forget.
Dear Alumni and Friends of ACC/CCC,

By the time you receive this letter, the snow may have melted and the sun returned to your neck of the woods. If you’re among our alumni in warmer climes, you’re asking me, “What snow?” For those in the North Country, your skis are still at the ready, or the snowmobile awaiting you in the old tractor barn. For generations, the weather bound us together in shared experience, or separated us by its regional vagaries. In more recent times, technology has displaced the weather as our great uniter and what Facebook binds us to friends and family—except for those who don’t have a page, yet. Cell phones link us incessantly—except for the one time you ran it through the wash and missed that call you’d been waiting for since yesterday. A stranger’s cell phone—like an unwelcome winter storm—drags us into something we hadn’t asked to experience (that overly loud call you couldn’t help but listen to at the restaurant last Friday). The Web itself links us together on a shrinking planet; to the point that if it’s not on Wikipedia, we assume it doesn’t exist.

The CCC Foundation, the ACC/CCC Alumni Association and the College have stepped forth into this technological age to meet you wherever you are. And yet, the most valuable communications still take place person to person: One student calling an alumnus for the Spring Phone-a-thon; two ACC grads running into each other at the grocery store; 50 friends at a long time Cayuga’s retirement party; several brand-new Cayuga alumni hugging and taking photos (with cell phones, of course) at our May Commencement.

For many ACC/CCC alumni, these conversations (virtual or otherwise) turn to commitment through their support of the CCC Foundation. I’m here to start the conversation with you! If you have questions or want to learn more about the CCC Foundation, contact me at (315) 255-1792, ext. 2328 or foundation@cayuga-cc.edu. Thank you!

In the Cayuga Spirit,
Jeff Hoffman
Executive Director

James and Louise Robinson—A Gift That Will Continue to Give

James and Louise Robinson were longtime residents of Auburn, NY. James passed away in 2006 followed by his wife Louise a year later. In their estate plans they provided nearly $200,000 for the Cayuga Community College Foundation, making this one of the largest planned gifts in the history of the Foundation.

The Robinsons designated 60% of their gift for support of the Norman F. Bourke Memorial Library at the College. As Library Director Marc Wildman noted, “We put together a plan to use this funding strategically over several years. The Robinsons’ gift helps us address those needs of the library, our students and our patrons which go beyond our traditional funding streams.” In 2009, the Library redesigned and refurbished the computing area at the Auburn Campus. “Our setup had our computers on old furniture in a tight, confined space. There were also wires running throughout the space. The new setup is more open, inviting and user-friendly, especially for students studying in groups,” said Wildman.

For 2010, the Robinsons’ gift will provide:

• $6,500 to acquire the Children’s Literature Resource Center (a database serving students in the early childhood education program);
• New cover system to preserve and protect library books;
• Four new computer tables for the Fulton Campus Library;
• A Virtual Reference Library to consolidate and update our reference holdings; and,
• A new circulation countertop in Auburn.

Beyond their support of the Library, 40% of the Robinsons’ estate gift is unrestricted—for the most pressing needs of the CCC Foundation and the College’s students. In the coming year, the Foundation will use some of its unrestricted funds to cover scholarships for students. Foundation Executive Director Jeff Hoffman pointed out that “due to losses in our investments during the past year, some of our endowed funds could no longer cover their scholarship payouts. In 2009-10, many scholarships could not be awarded. Due to our unrestricted funds, all of the Foundation’s scholarships will be given in 2010-11.”

The CCC Foundation appreciates James and Louise Robinson’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 an estate gift like the Robinsons. Donors can also make “planned gifts” through donations of real estate, unused life insurance policies, appreciated securities and even works of art. If the College has helped shape your past and secure your present, you hope you’ll make Cayuga part of your future as well!

WHO’S EXEMPT: We don’t send appeals to the two most recent graduating classes. We realize you may still be continuing your education or seeking employment in the work place. We wish you every success and hope that you will be future donors. But as always, we hope you’ll stay connected with your alma mater.

OTHER WAYS TO GIVE: There are programs available for staff and faculty to give by payroll deduction.

• Planned Giving Unrestricted or Restricted Grants
• Honors and Memorials

For more information on these options, contact our Executive Director Jeff Hoffman at (315) 255-1792, ext. 2327 or foundation@cayuga-cc.edu.
There is not one, but three, shiny Emmys sitting on a mantle. They're not in a lavish mansion in the Hollywood Hills. They're not even in an opulent penthouse on the Upper East Side. They're in Ovid, New York, and they belong to a Cayuga graduate.

Triple Emmy winner, Steven J. Zajac, has used his education from CCC to the fullest. Since graduating with an A.A.S. in Telecommunications: Radio and TV Broadcasting in 1987, Steve has been involved in all aspects of production, including writing, directing and editing. He is also the owner of ZAJAC, Inc., an audio/visual production company.

Since graduating from CCC, Steve has applied the knowledge he gained here in several ways: from video and audio design and installation, to production of corporate, commercial and feature television, to music production.

We asked Steve if his experience at CCC helped him in his field. He told us that it was “hands-on experience” and that it made a big difference. Having the opportunity to work outside of the classroom and textbooks in actual production was also an asset. He valued the fact that his instructors gained their own knowledge from having worked in the field. He felt that staying in contact with those instructors helped in getting those first jobs.

Steve did not seek further education after graduating from CCC, but went right out into the field. He worked his way up by doing just that – work.

When he’s not traveling around the country covering live sports, Steve lives in Ovid, New York, with his wife of 21 years, Kimberly, who supports his efforts. They have two children: 16-year-old son, Shade, and 11-year-old daughter, Gemini.

Kimberly told us that there is hardly a professional or collegiate sport Steve hasn’t covered as a camera person for live sports and entertainment productions. Some of his experiences include ESPY’s, the Olympics, X-Games, and the Daytona 500. While some may see his work as glamorous, Kimberly shared that because he works throughout the U.S., Mexico and Canada, it’s always a challenge having to deal with airport security and the other trials and tribulations of air travel.

To those in his field, winning an Emmy is the ambition of a lifetime. It is one of the greatest forms of recognition, and recognition for a job well done. But Steve has won three Emmys:

- **2004**
  - 26th Annual Sports Emmy Awards
  - NASCAR on FOX
  - Outstanding Technical Team Remote

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  - 29th Annual Sports Emmy Awards
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Currently, Steve is running camera for Fox Sports/TNT/ABC/ESPN for the 2010 NASCAR season. He is also recording a third CD of his own music in addition to various other artists and a variety of projects. While Steven J. Zajac may not desire recognition for his vast accomplishments, the people who care about him – including his family – are certainly more than happy to share them with us. We are very proud of Steve’s success. It is a story that should inspire our undergrads to realize that if you want success, you can have it. It takes hard work and dedication, as well as the basis of a good education that can be gained right here in central New York.

Steven J. Zajac ‘87 has won three Emmys for his work with the Fox Television Network on the Technical Team for NASCAR coverage.

Steven J. Zajac ‘87 operating a camera during a Fox Television Network Sports event.

The Fox Television Network’s announcer’s booth at the Daytona 500 NASCAR race in Florida.
“The Shakespeare Guy”...-

Joseph M. Siracusa ’77

Joe Siracusa is fondly referred to as “the Shakespeare Guy” by his students. It’s the perfect nickname for Joe because of his ability to help students overcome their intimidation with the classic literature that he has always loved. Joe has spent much of his life creating, producing and directing theatre. He has written five Shakespeare adaptations and is currently directing I am Hamlet, his latest adaptation, which will premiere this spring.

Joe has a vast catalog of accomplishments, including the creation of many original works and shows, directing theatre projects, and teaching acting classes with leading universities and prominent theatre schools across the country and Europe. He is also noted for producing two major performing arts festivals in Atlanta: WorldFest ’89 and ’90. He has worked with one of the most respected casting directors in the entertainment industry, Eddie Foy III. Eddie’s family is one of the oldest entertainment families in America. His grandfather, Eddie Foy, founded Actors Equity with theatre great, John Barrymore. As one of six people selected in a special director series in Berlin, Joe’s project on that series received the highest acclaim from the leading cultural office in Germany. He also founded an open air Shakespeare series at Bedford Thompson Vineyard near Santa Barbara and has conducted acting classes for the New York Musical Theatre Projects. In the spring of 2001, after a nationwide search by the National Endowment of the Arts, Joe was the only person selected to conduct a multiple discipline theatre project at the New World School of Arts in Miami. For years he collaborated with George Isherwood, playwright and founder of Sheer Madness, a touring comedy production now in its thirtieth year.

After graduating from CCC, Joe received his B.F.A. in Acting at Carnegie Mellon University, Department of Drama, and has studied literature in London. His hobbies include cooking and photography and he loves Latin music and motor racing. If you would like to learn more about Joe Siracusa, check him out on the web at www.iamhamlet.com/bio/JoeSiracusa.

Alumni of Note

Celebrated Businessman...

Michael Frame ’99

An inspiring event was held on November 12, 2009, at the Nicholas J. Pirro Convention Center in Syracuse, which honored 40 people under the age of 40. These individuals have been recognized because they have excelled in the workplace and in the community. This 12th annual event hailed from SU’s Whitman School of Management, with an audience of over 500 people. A portion of this past year’s ticket sales was donated in a grant to a local non-profit organization, Leadership Greater Syracuse.

Michael Frame, Director of Federal Relations at Binghamton University, who is only age 30, was one of these talented 40 to be honored. After he graduated from Cayuga Community College, he gained his B.A. in Industrial Labor Relations at Cornell University and continued on to the Maxwell School for Public Administration at Syracuse University where he received his master's. In explaining his chosen career path, Michael said, “Growing up, I wanted to be a lawyer, history teacher or an accountant. I never knew that a job in government relations would provide me with the opportunity to do a little bit of all three.” Irony does have a sense of humor though as his wife, Christy Brightman Frame, graduated from SU Law. Speaking of SU, Michael’s father, Bob Frame, Director of Theatre Operations here at CCC, shares that Michael is an extremely ardent SU fan.

During his interview for the CNY Business Journal, when asked why he decided to stay in this area he stated, “I came back from Washington, D.C. because I missed the feeling of community and sense of place that we have in upstate New York.” He also shared his favorite quote: “Before the beginning of great brilliance, there must be chaos.” When we asked Michael to share some thoughts about his time at CCC, he said, “The faculty and coursework at Cayuga provided me the academic skill set I needed to advance my education. By participating in the Honors program, I was able to improve and take the next steps in my education and go to Cornell.”

The “40 under Forty” event is an inspiring event and we are pleased that another of our own has received this honor.

Alumni Association Action

Pizza Hawkers

Alumni Association board members Fred Falsey ’76, Ted Herrling ’72 and Paul Ringwood ’80 sell pizza at the Association’s booth at the annual holiday craft fair.

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Entrepreneur Opportunities Growing in Auburn

Cayuga Community College is thinking beyond the classroom in its unique approach to employ entrepreneurial tactics into their teaching. “We’re sure our efforts to give students the opportunity for a hands-on experience in growing a business will have a positive impact on the economy of the (Auburn) ( Fulton) area,” said Cayuga Community College President Dr. Daniel P. Larson.

Cayuga Community College has already addressed two new courses this fall: ENT 200 Introduction to the Entrepreneurial Process and ENT 202 Entrepreneurial Innovation and Creativity. The courses emphasize an understanding of the role of social and economic entrepreneurship and its relevance to local, regional, national, and global cultures and economies. “These courses encourage students to explore the skills needed to successfully operate an entrepreneurial venture,” said Tom Paczkowski, The Fred L. Emerson Foundation Endowed Chair in Enterprise and Innovation.

“Students learn to develop strategies to handle challenges while accessing the rewards and costs of developing an idea into a marketable innovation for both profit and non-profit entities.”

Paczkowski says a third course, ENT 204 Social Entrepreneurship and Non-Profit Management, will be offered for the first time this spring semester. The course will put emphasis on the need for more businesses to reach out and network with each other and the area’s resources for a better business climate. “We also have more courses with an entrepreneurial spin already in development,” said Keeler. “This is the first on a community college level. Our instructors have embraced this concept of creativity and innovation and are building it into their coursework.”

Already two successful entrepreneurial enterprises are underway in the college’s Telecommunications Department with the creation of student-run businesses, Cayuga Records and C3 Studios. Students who participate in supporting Cayuga Records learn how to run a recording company from top to bottom.

“Recordings released on the Cayuga Records label are now available for purchase on the Cayuga Records website and online at Amazon.com,” explained Cayuga Community College Electronic Media Programs Director and Professor Steve Keeler. “Our first CD, ‘This is Why’, by CCC student Colin Wilson, was well-received and is now on the play lists of other college radio stations.”

C3 Studios is a student-run video and film production company, which will produce original works while instructing the students how to develop and operate a media business. The operation already has three documentary video recordings ready for purchase through their website, www.c3studios.com. The titles include A Tale of Two Lakes, Dust Tape and High Heels and Please Pass the Salt Potatoes: A Guide to Unique Upstate New York Foods, Part 1.

“The video, A Tale of Two Lakes, has found an audience with high school and middle school science classes,” said Keeler. “The documentary tells a great local story about ecology concerns that students can relate to because it’s about something they live near.”

“We’re not just offering the same courses year in and year out,” explains CCC President Daniel Larson. “Because of what Kaufman Grants and the Stardust Entrepreneurial Institute has allowed us to do, our faculty is now thinking differently and working with students to take their dreams, ideas and goals and put some legs under them.”

Support for growing entrepreneurial opportunities in the classroom is coming from a number of funding sources, chief among them, The Kaufman Foundation, The Emerson Foundation, The First Niagara Foundation and The Stardust Foundation.

“There is no limit to what a student will be able to achieve in this new atmosphere of learning,” said Keeler. “A student can take an idea, learn the skills to nurture and grow that idea and then develop the idea into a thriving new business, all with the support of the programs and instructors at CCC.”

Letter from Board of Trustees Chair

On behalf of the College’s Board of Trustees, I would like to extend our warmest greetings to the ACC/CCC alumni. I had the distinction privilege and honor to be elected chairman of the Board. I am a 1984 graduate of Cayuga and served at that time as the student trustee. In all of my years of education, I can honestly say that I enjoyed the time I spent at Cayuga the most. The college has always been a special part of my life due to the fact that my father dedicated 50 years to the college. I was always impressed that the college has had such an impact on people’s lives. Recently, after the passing of my father, my family and I have received countless cards and notes from a variety of professionals from across the country. They have credited their successful careers not only to my father, but to the education that they have received at ACC/CCC.

Never forget the time that you spent at Cayuga experiencing and being afforded the highest degree of excellence in education by extraordinary and professional educators.

We are experiencing exciting times at Cayuga with the Fulton Campus expansion, the increased enrollment at both campuses, and our partnered continuing education enabling students to complete their baccalaureate and master's degrees at the Auburn Campus.

I would like to thank the Alumni Association for continuing to maintain the connection with our ACC/CCC graduates.

John M. Camardo ’84
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Kauffman Foundation Funds Continue to Fuel Cayuga Entrepreneurial Enterprises

The Stardust Entrepreneurial Institute of Auburn announced the recipients of this year’s Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation Grants. The monies from the Foundation help fuel entrepreneurial efforts conceived by the collabortion of a number of CCC students and professors.

The Keynote Speaker at the announcement reception held at The Point at Sand Beach in Auburn was the SUNY Morrisville President, Dr. Raymond Cross.

Dr. Cross says he is excited that SUNY Morrisville is partnering with Cayuga Community College to offer more coursework and a bachelor’s degree program in Entrepreneurial Studies. “What you have going here is great; we just want to stand alongside,” he said.

Dr. Cross says the rural Morrisville area has a lot in common with the Cayuga County region. “Food, agriculture and energy are all great opportunities,” said Dr. Cross. “The good ideas will find money.”

However, Dr. Cross says he feels college and universities aren’t doing enough for students. “We need to not just graduate students, but graduate entrepreneurs. They should leave our institutions with a diploma in one hand and a business plan in the other.”

The 2009-2010 Kauffman grants are providing resources for a number of growing businesses and ideas. Tom Paczkowski, The Fred L. Emerson Foundation Endowed Chair in Enterprise and Innovation, announced this year’s recipients:

Mary Bulkot, Cayuga Community College English Instructor
Ms. Bulkot is working to establish a Business Writing Workshop to help students learn how to make their writing profitable by learning business writing formats and styles.

Gail Wellauer and Christina Selvek, former Cayuga Community College Students
Ms. Wellauer and Ms. Selvek are working together to establish a Women’s Entrepreneurial Center, which will serve as resource for women as they launch their business plans.

Jim Daddabbo, Filmmaker and Cayuga Community College Instructor and Steve Keeler, Chairman of Cayuga Community College’s Division of Humanities
Cayuga Expands Sunday Course Schedule

If you haven't looked at Sunday study recently, it might be time to take a peek. There just might just be something there for you.

Cayuga recently introduced the hybrid instructional format to its delivery options. A hybrid course enhances the convenience of off-campus instructional access by alternating online instruction with on-campus face-to-face instructor/student contact. Hybrids are a good introduction to web-based learning for students who have never taken an online course. The Sunday schedule now includes hybrid sections, some of which are paired so students can come to campus at a given time each Sunday and over the semester complete two courses in the same timeframe.

New to Sundays on the Fulton Campus is the expansion of operating hours, allowing an increase in instructional periods. Sunday students on both campuses can now select courses from three time blocks that start at 10am, 1pm and 4pm. This provides more choice and the potential to complete more credit hours entirely on Sunday. In addition, some courses on both campuses (usually lab sciences) are offered through accelerated, 8-week delivery by “double blocking” the course through two instructional periods. This enables students to complete paired 4-credit courses, such as Anatomy and Physiology I and II, in the same semester.

The Sunday schedule now includes more full-semester classes too. This helps students master course content that is best learned over time, such as foreign language and math.

Funds Fuel Cayuga Entrepreneurial Enterprises...

and Communication and Director of Broadcast and Electronic Media

Mr. Daddabbo and Prof. Keeler are working together to determine the feasibility of establishing an Auburn/Cayuga County Film Office to attract filmmakers to the area, thus hopefully boosting the area’s economy as they use Cayuga’s rich history as a back-drop for their films.

Steve Keeler, Chairman of Cayuga Community College’s Division of Humanities and Communication and Director of Broadcast and Electronic Media

This continuation of grant funding will enable the already established Cayuga Records to continue its mission to record local musicians and performers on an independent recording label while in turn educating CCC students about the music industry from the bottom up.

Cayuga Community College
Associate Professor of Economics, William Prosser, Dr. Michael Pacelli, Associate Professor of Biology and Robert Wojnar

This continuation of grant funding will continue to fuel the momentum generated by this trio to formulate a Wine Studies curriculum at CCC.

Cayuga Community College Career Placement and Planning Counselor Meg Osborne and Jeanine Eckenrode

This continuation of grant funding will fuel the establishment of a Service Learning Center to develop leadership experience for students entering business.

Le Moyne College and Cayuga Introduce a Degree Completion Program in Auburn

Cayuga Community College and Le Moyne College recently formed a unique partnership that will prepare graduates for careers in teaching or human services at a time when both fields are experiencing tremendous growth.

The Le Moyne College/Cayuga Collaboration, as it is known, will allow students to earn a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and dual certification in Childhood/Special Education in three-and-a-half years of part-time study.

Current Cayuga students and alumni who wish to transfer into the program may apply after they’ve completed 45 credits toward their associate degree which will transfer into the Le Moyne program. They must have an overall grade point average of 2.6 and a grade point average of 2.75 in a mandatory education course in order to be eligible for admission.

Convenience and affordability were two of the most important factors in designing the program, Cayuga and Le Moyne officials said.

This degree completion program was designed with working adults in mind. Students complete the first three years part time in the evening or on weekends at Cayuga. They complete their last semester on a full-time basis, at which time they conduct their student teaching and take one seminar class on the Le Moyne campus.

Financial aid is available, and many students will find that Stafford loan monies will fully fund their part-time study.

Following their graduation, students will be prepared for careers as educators, social service workers and managers. State Department of Labor projections for these jobs are favorable in Central New York and are expected to remain so as baby boomers retire. Average annual salaries for individuals in these fields are estimated to be between $33,000 and $63,000.

In addition to the technical expertise they’ll need to succeed in the workplace, graduates will also gain the communications and team-building skills that are so critical today.

“The benefits from this close collaboration between Cayuga and Le Moyne are numerous,” said Pat Bliss, director of the Le Moyne College Center for Continuing Education. “Not only will they be prepared for careers that are personally rewarding, but their work will enrich our entire Central New York community.”

Harlequin Productions was ‘Flipped and Twisted’

Harlequin Productions was Flipped and Twisted in the fall of 2009 as they presented two comic one-acts over a two weekend run. Bob Juan by Jay Huling opened the evening. Featuring sophomores Zac Darling and Suzanne B. Smith and freshmen Tarin Bonvino and Jon Norton, Bob Juan told the adventures of Don Juan’s younger but slightly-less-suave brother. The audience and the students had a great time with the slapstick physical comedy of this farcical story.

Scenes from “Bob Juan”

After intermission things got a little darker with the comic revenge tragedy: Jack, the Ticket Ripper by John Morogiello. The title character Jack is a mild-mannered ticket ripper in a theatre who goes on a killing spree when management tries to replace him with an optical scanner. At the end of the play, five bloody bodies littered the stage (with two more having been hilariously murdered in earlier scenes). Jack, the Ticket Ripper showcased

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Learning about GIS...

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and the world.
Our GIS Program enjoys a special relationship with IAGT, and through this partnership, the College offers a wide range of GIS courses that provide instruction on using online mapping and imaging sites such as Google Maps ©, technology for watershed stewardship, remote sensing and global positioning systems (GPS).

During the College’s recent winter break, three GIS students had the opportunity of a lifetime. In cooperation with one of IAGT’s partners, Panama-based CATHALAC, the students participated in a week-long research trip to Panama to study the effects of climate change in Latin America. They also contributed their findings to a new international website launched at last December’s 15th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. (See article on page 15.)

The College’s GIS program is definitely one you’ll hear more about in the future. The GIS program has much to offer. Take a minute to visit the college website and watch the video describing the GIS program. Visit http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/programs_of_study/gis-program.php

The College: A Brief Retrospective

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At the time, the college was known as Auburn Community College and was sponsored by the Auburn School Board, and I occasionally still catch myself referring to it as ACC. The first president, Dr. Charles G. Hetherington, had been replaced by Dr. Albert T. Skinner, who was extremely proud of the new addition – our present library building. It was about half its current size and unattached to the main building, which meant a constant switching on and off of coats during the winter months, as I traveled to classes in the two buildings. The old library was where the current Student Lounge is located. The library building was where the English and Social Science Departments, as they were called then, were located.

Good memories and friendships of some of the early founders remind me of the college’s beginnings – John Syrgaia, Bob Brunell, Roger Nelson, Peg Savage in the English Department; John Hvoda, John Dreifort, John McClellan, and Millard – Peck. There was little office space available so four of us were crammed into where current English professors Mark Montgomery and Richard Bower are located. Since salaries were low, we all worked nights and summers, often meeting at Mike’s Pioneer Restaurant for beer after a long day. Since it was after prime meal time, Mike would often give us the leftovers for d’oeuvres.

During the heady days of the 1970’s, the number of full-time faculty increased exponentially, new buildings were added, and, old ones added on to. By then, the faculty had formed a labor union and had negotiated the first of many contracts with the administration. I was on the first negotiating team with Louis Parson and Ken Scouten.

Wine Studies @ Cayuga CC...

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Wines, to develop a Wine Studies Concentration within a Business Administration A.A.S. degree. New credit classes being developed include New World Wines and Old World Wines, Introduction to Enology and Viticulture and Wine Marketing, Distribution and Wine Business Management. This concentration is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2010. Lastly, Cayuga faculty continue to move forward in developing an Enology and Viticulture degree program. Our vision includes an off-site teaching winery complete with classrooms and kitchen facilities, and all of the equipment needed for enology and viticulture students to produce and bottle wine. We are currently evaluating suitable land for this venture. Stay tuned for future announcements.

Thoughts from CCC President...

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problems that we deliver through baccalaureate and graduate programs that our 4-year partners deliver. I see our residents neither leaving our community to access and complete their higher education, nor moving away to find good jobs and careers.

I see the completion of a facilities master plan for the Auburn Campus that addresses the renewal of our buildings and grounds, including academic and co-curricular programs, infrastructure, athletics, and student housing. I see new and expanded programs well established in areas such as viticulture, teacher education, human services, entrepreneurship, wellness and recreation, and arts and culture.

I see a renewed appreciation for and understanding of the role we play in helping our community and our region to progress.
What does the future hold?...

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In business classes, students are gaining proficiency using the latest Microsoft Office tools as well as accounting packages such as QuickBooks and Peachtree.

In psychology class, Professor Don Sanzotta is using a blog to post interesting articles and is encouraging his students to comment, giving them the opportunity to think critically and voice opinions.

Learning also continues outside the classroom.

- Criminal justice students are not only taking field trips to experience police and correctional facilities firsthand, but are also participating in internships that allow them to work with law enforcement personnel and gain some on-the-job learning.

- Our childhood education students are going into early childhood or elementary school settings, observing professionals, and applying what they learn in the classroom.

- For those students wishing an international experience, Cayuga’s Travel Study program offers several courses in London during the January Intersession semester, ranging from International Business, Criminal Justice in Great Britain, and Britain’s History.

- And, for students who prefer domestic travel, a new course introduced this year, Native American Culture and Education, takes students to study at the Seminole Indian reservation in Florida. (See article on page 15.)

The College’s athletic programs have been growing in recent years. We can proudly report that our athletes regularly earn Section III recognition, with programs having grown in strength across the board in theatre classes. This growth is, of course, directly attributable to the increased enrollment, but the Concentration has also given the students a goal to achieve while they are enrolled at Cayuga.

Harlequin Productions, the practical outlet for the academic courses, has also seen a growth in participation. Three years ago shows had fewer than 10 students involved; now current shows number close to 20! Of course, the ballooning enrollment is a large factor in the increase but the success of the program cannot be discounted. Harlequin’s work has consistently been recognized by the Theatre Association of NY State adjudicators for Meritorious Achievement. Positive reviews of the performances have appeared in The Citizen and the on-line Theatre Review. And, of course, audience reaction has been universally resounding cheers. Harlequin also is currently blessed with a group of students who love being here. They affectionately refer to themselves as the “theatre rats.” They truly enjoy each other’s company and are very supportive of their needs and aspirations; the fact that there is a lot of talent in the “rats” is also a benefit for Cayuga! Another “positive” showcase for the current state of affairs at Cayuga is the addition of the Cultural Resources Council’s “Michael Harms Theatre Festival” to the calendar. This annual festival has moved from Syracuse’s OnCenter to Cayuga and will bring close to 100 high school students and faculty from throughout CNY to showcase their work – a great way to also show off what Cayuga has to offer prospective students!

So, that’s where Harlequin is now. Where can the organization be in 10 years? Hmmmm...What’s the opposite of a “way-back machine”? How about a “quantum leap”? Let’s dream: Auburn, the year 2020. What is Harlequin Productions and the CCC Theatre program like now? Well, after 40 years Bob Frame will be getting ready to retire from the three-person department he heads. Cayuga’s theatre majors are respected and sought after by colleges and university across the state. Due to connections with the nationally-recognized Music Theatre Festival, Cayuga students receive internships and experiences that surpass that of many 4-year programs. Graduates are well versed in the skills needed to survive and excel in the world of Musical Theatre, both artistically and in the business of “show business.” Passing through the busy rehearsal halls, the sounds of singing and dancing create a constant buzz of activity. But, as well as singing and dancing, Cayuga’s students are known for their well-rounded acting abilities. Course work includes work in history, literature and psychology as well as “acting.” Cayuga’s theatre students work hand-in-hand with the students of communication media creating award-winning films and videos as well as strong showings in on-line and animation media.

The Theatre Production students at Cayuga are also receiving recognition for the level of knowledge and ability they bring to the back-stage areas. Cayuga’s technical graduates find employment throughout the country and have their choice of schools they could attend. Harlequin Productions is still the drama producing club on campus, but it has morphed into a much larger organization. Gone is the simple one-show-a-semester format of the early years. Cayuga is now, along with multiple shows in many and varied venues. Musicals and dramas, reviews and comedies, traditional and original, dance and vocal concerts, professionally-staffed and student-run are all examples of the kind of work one might find in a typical semester. Yes, right now the future looks rosy for Cayuga Theatre. Will any of these dreams come to fruition? Who knows? We will just have to hang around, continue supporting CCC, and see what happens!!
Nursing Class of 2009 Makes Top 5 Statewide on NCLEX Exam

The Cayuga Community College nursing class of 2009 ranks number five statewide in the percentage of graduates who passed the licensing exam to become registered nurses. The 33 Cayuga graduates who took the nationwide NCLEX-RN test, 32, or 97%, passed.

Ranking ahead of all other nursing programs at Central New York hospitals and community colleges, the Cayuga graduates led all but four of New York State’s 87 nursing programs, including 62 associate’s degree and 25 bachelor’s degree programs. The average passing rate across nursing programs statewide was 85%; nationwide, the passing rate averaged 88%.

“The NCLEX passing rates are an important indicator of a nursing program’s quality. We are proud of our 2009 graduates as they uphold our tradition of excellence,” says Linda Alfieri, Director of Nursing.

Interested in Learning More About Cayuga’s Nursing Program?
We invite you to join us for our informational sessions. You will have the opportunity to meet personally with faculty, students and admission representatives. Learn about our exceptional nursing programs at the Auburn and Fulton Campuses.

AUBURN CAMPUS
Monday, April 19, 2010
5:00 pm
Student Lounge

FULTON CAMPUS
Thursday, March 4, 2010
4:00 pm
BIC Conference Room

Monday, May 10, 2010
1:00 pm
F-146

Technology Integration Continues

The nursing curriculum at Cayuga continues to be updated with many learning technologies. Each nursing course is web-enhanced with Angel, an online learning management system. This allows instructors and students to communicate with each other using email and posting announcements. Students can access their exam and assignment grades as soon as the instructor posts them on Angel. Gone are the days of driving back to campus to find their grade on the bulletin board. In addition, instructors can post links to relevant websites and put PowerPoint slides from class presentations. Some faculty are providing voice enhancements to the slide presentations. Course materials and forms can be downloaded by the student. The Angel platform is a very effective tool to enhance students’ learning.

Audience response systems, also known as clickers, were introduced to Nursing 101 students this fall. Just like on the TV show Who Wants to be a Millionaire?, students can use the remote device to answer a question in the classroom and immediately compare their answer to the group’s. “It is an excellent technique for assessing the students’ learning as we are teaching,” says Linda Alfieri, Director of Nursing.

Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) are being implemented in the clinical sites this spring. Each instructor will have an iTouch device with access to the internet and a library of clinical resource books. Information is literally at the student’s fingertips.

“Technology is an essential element in today’s learning environments. The nursing faculty have developed a Technology Integration Plan, and we have been strategically implementing and evaluating the outcomes of these new teaching strategies,” states Linda Alfieri.

Nursing Club Active in Community Service

In addition to their very busy nursing student schedules, the Nursing Club students have generously donated their time to community service activities. The club raised over $800 for the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign this fall. In December, the club sold gift basket raffle tickets to raise $1,477 which was donated to the local Matthew House. Nursing Club advisors Linda MacKay and Linda Alfieri are very proud of this extraordinary group of students.

Harlequin Productions...

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Designer Pam Spear; and long-time Producer/Director Bob Frame.

The shows garnered three Merit Awards from TANYS: Meritorious Achievement in Acting awards to Zac Darling and Brie O’Connell; Meritorious Achievement in Scenic Design to Virginia Fennessy. On a sad note, Flipped and Twisted had a special message. The following ran in the show’s program: “Harlequin Productions would like to dedicate these performances to the memory of our long-time Graphic Designer, Larry Kayn ’76, who recently passed away. Larry was a CCC alumnus and a good friend of Harlequin, designing some wonderful sets in the ‘80s and ‘90s. His talent was also responsible for the beautiful, eye-catching posters on display in the lobby which demonstrate his work from the late ‘70s up to spring of 2009. Be at peace, Larry; you will be missed.”

IN OTHER NEWS – Harlequin Productions of Cayuga Community College has a MySpace page: http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user...
Early Childhood Development Travels to Florida

By Patricia Gridley, Ph.D.

On January 9, 2010, eight students along with two instructors departed for Florida to participate in a service-learning course with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The course, Interdisciplinary Study in Native American Culture and Education (INT239), is interdisciplinary and includes information from a variety of disciplines: history, geography, art, Native American studies, and education. It was offered for the first time during Intersession 2010. The course included seminars, workshops, cultural events, and opportunities to work with Native American children in the tribal-run school on the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypress Reservation. Participants explored past and present perspectives of the Seminole culture to facilitate intercultural exploration and understanding.

Participants traveled from Syracuse to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and then on to Clewiston which served as our “home base” during our stay in Florida. Throughout the week students worked in the school during the day and participated in cultural events in the late afternoon and early evening. Cultural events included: a visit to the Seminole Tribal Museum & Village; a swamp safari through the Everglades; a tour of the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino; a visit to the Charter School on the Brighton Reservation; and participation in traditional activities such as storytelling and bead-making.

The course will be offered again during Intersession 2011 and is open to both students and non-students. Enrollment for the course is limited. So, if you’d like to participate, contact the course instructors, Pat Gridley or Teresa Hoercher at 315-255-1743 for additional information.

Climate Website Launched in Copenhagen Has Links to Cayuga CC, IAGT

Three Cayuga Students Contributed Input from Panama Thanks to Grant Obtained by IAGT

Three student interns from Cayuga Community College were selected to take part in an international website which was unveiled last December at the 15th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. The new Climate 1-Stop site (www.climate1stop.net) serves as a “one-stop-shop” for resources on climate change. The site compiles and publishes data from worldwide sources, with a primary focus on climate impact in developing countries. The Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT), located on the CCC Auburn Campus, is a lead developer of the Climate 1-Stop project and supports the international data-gathering effort through a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF), which funded the internships. According to IAGT’s CEO Robert Brower, hundreds of registered users have already joined the Climate 1-Stop site to access its information clearinghouse. The site’s other developers and contributors include CATHALAC, NASA, NSF, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Students Matthew Lisk of Locke, Aaron O’Connor of Waterloo, and Karla Mariano of Auburn, were recommended by their instructors and selected from a dozen Cayuga applicants by IAGT to participate in the week-long research trip to Panama during winter break. Two students from the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Students Matthew Lisk of Locke, Aaron O’Connor of Waterloo, and Karla Mariano of Auburn, were recommended by their instructors and selected from a dozen Cayuga applicants by IAGT to participate in the week-long research trip to Panama during winter break. Two students from the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

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The students had a plethora of cultural experiences as well, including touring the Miraflores Locks of the Panama Canal, a visit to the Emberá people at Parará Puru, and a trek through the rainforest at La Isla Barro Colorado, the oldest active research station funded by the Smithsonian Institution.

Education Coordinator at IAGT Amy Work led the trip and said that this trip was “…an amazing and exciting experience for all participants,” and that IAGT is hoping to have more students from CCC involved in future excursions. Student blogs, photos and presentations can be found at http://panamaclimate1stop.wordpress.com

IAGT Education Coordinator Amy Work and GIS student Matthew Lisk contributed to this article.

In Memoriam

Lloyd A. Green Jr. ’55 passed away.


Frank J. “Titch” Dido ’59 passed away December 19, 2009 at home with his loving family by his side.

Bradley S. Wards ’63 passed away September 10, 2009 after a very courageous battle with non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. He had worked for Syracuse Securities as a mortgage originator. He is survived by his fiancée Kathleen Curnia and had two children.

Raymond E. Jensen ’66 passed away January 16, 2010. He was employed for over 34 years as director of taxes for New York State Electric and Gas in Ithaca and served as a long-time volunteer firefighter in Moravia. He is survived by his wife Elaine Kinder. He had three children.

David H. Mason ’75 passed away November 9, 2009. He earned his Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice at ACC, and retired from Auburn Correctional Facility. He had 3 children.

William P. Keough ’76 passed away January 19, 2010. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and was retired from the Auburn Correctional Facility and the U.S. Postal Service. Surviving is his wife of 54 years, Dorothy Wylie Keough, and their five sons.

David A. Connors ’77 passed away October 11, 2010 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He earned his Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice at ACC and was employed by SUNY Cortland as a police officer. He is survived by his wife Boni Yattaw Connors and two daughters.

Joshua Philip Smith ’05 passed away September 19, 2009 as the result of a motorcycle accident. He received his degree in Criminal Justice at ACC, and was employed at Hammond & Livings as a lathe operator. He served as vice president of their union Local 6889.
A Message from the Fulton Campus Dean

Greetings, Alumni! I’ve been at Cayuga Community College as the Associate VP/Dean of the Fulton Campus for more than a year now, and I must say it seems like it was just yesterday that I was writing my first piece to introduce myself to you all. In actuality, that was 12 months ago! Over the past months I have come to realize how blessed I am that I landed this great job in this interesting role at the Fulton Campus. My dear ole’ Ma would tell you that Maggie is a “don’t fence me in” type of gal whose likes include change and diversity, and whose aversion to Brussels sprouts is second only to her dislike of conformity for conformity’s sake . . . hence the “fence” reference. Subsequently, I’ve discovered that this lovely campus with its unique design and colorful, dedicated, employee base has been the perfect match for someone like me who seeks variety and enjoys off-roading where the delivery of education is concerned. If you have never set foot inside this campus, I encourage you to do so. The first thing that will hit you is the unique, colorful, circular design of the building; the rising sounds of people (students and employees alike) everywhere engaged in discussions and laughter; and the helpfulness of front-line employees who want to help you get where you need to go. There is very little about this campus or those who serve within its walls that is institutional or conventional in nature . . . I really like that.

On a more tangible note, enrollment at the Fulton Campus this past fall semester has seen an increase of almost 25% FTE since the previous fall. And while we are constantly working to address space issues as best we can, the truth is that faculty and staff at the Fulton Campus has shown great grace in dealing with the sizeable surge in students and the resulting sense of “coziness” it has created in every square inch of the campus. But in the final analysis, a growing enrollment base is a wonderful problem to have, and I’m sure that this increase has intensified everyone’s appreciation for the necessity of having a community college campus here in Oswego County.

As well, there are lots of changes coming to the Fulton Campus. In December 2009 the Board of Trustees made public its intention to pursue the purchase of the P&C Building on State Route 481. This purchase will bring some much needed space to the Fulton Campus and the SUNY High Needs Initiative Grant.

To the Class of ’60

A committee of classmates has been working on the possibility of a reunion of members of the first class to graduate from the “new” Franklin Street campus. John Brown, who has been instrumental in getting this event off the ground, sends this message to his former class members:

“I’m reminded that we haven’t gathered in a class or crossed paths in various activities or around town in fifty years! Yet, to me at least, our two years at ACC are still vivid. The college allowed me to get a great start on my education, to go on to a university and even graduate school and be far better prepared for life. I also know I haven’t been involved or appreciative nearly enough over the years. If you feel the same, I hope you’ll contact any of the coordinating committee members listed with your thoughts for a reunion weekend. An event that can be relaxed, enjoyable and productive. As you know, we are the first graduation class from the ‘new’ Franklin Street campus and maybe we can set a high standard and precedent for all 50 year classes to continue.”

There has also been a suggestion to combine the classes of 60 and 61.

Please contact one of the committee members if you are interested in a reunion.

IT CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE IF YOU SPEAK UP!

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Focus on Fulton

The Nursing Lab at the Fulton Campus is now complete with four patient care units and a nursing station. The lab project was funded by the SUNY High Needs Initiative Grant

Fulton and Auburn campus staff, faculty, alumni and students collected baked goods during the holiday season. The Fulton goodies were donated to Oswego County Opportunities. In Auburn, the Booker T. Washington Community Center was the recipient. This is the third year the Fulton Campus participated in the event, which was co-sponsored by the Fulton Criminal Justice Club, and the fourth year for Auburn. The combined total was more than 100 dozen assorted cookies and treats.

The Fulton Gaming Club and the Phi Theta Kappa Society co-sponsored a “Game Night” at the Fulton Campus. Jeff Shea, math instructor, helped with the instructions on how to play Texas Hold’em Poker.
Dunster, Browne & Sodums Earn Women's Basketball Coach. Basketball Coach, Shelley Day-Smith, former record holder, and Les Robinson, former Spartan women's head coach, Jim Alberici, in presenting Caitlyn with a plaque in honor of her now being in the Lady Spartan record books as Cayuga's all-time leading scorer.

Harrison Named Mid-State Conference Player-of-the-Week

Congratulations to Spartan sophomore forward Terry Harrison... who led the Spartans to wins over Corning and Jefferson the week of January 11, 2010. The 6'5" forward averaged 19 points, 15 rebounds, and 2 steals in the process. He opened with a 21 point, 14 rebound effort against Corning, and followed that up with 17 points and 16 rebounds against Jefferson.

 CCC has announced the addition of intercollegiate bowling to the Spartan athletic program offerings, beginning this academic year. The Athletic Department conducted a number of interest meetings to determine that a significant interest level existed. A relationship has been established with Falcon Lanes in Auburn, and Steve Spinney will serve as coach. The team will compete in the 2010 NJCAA season and both men and women will make up the college's team. The department anticipates the ability to compete as separate men's and women's programs in the 2011 season. The bowling program has been registered with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), as well as the NJCAA.

The team competed in their first match on January 17 at Mohawk Valley Community College. The team finished in 8th place with a total of 8,464 pins.

Catch the Spartans on LiveSportsVideo.com!

If you can't make it to Spartan Hall...you can now catch the Spartans on the web at www.livesportsvideo.com! Cayuga CC has hooked up with LiveSportsVideo so that fans can watch the action at home on their laptops or home computers. The Athletic and Telcom Departments are working together to help provide this service. It has taken us some time to get this all arranged...but we hope to webcast all future home athletic contests (as well as other college-related activities).

You will need to get a username and password so that you can log in to access the live webcasts. Then simply click on the game you would like to watch to tune it live...which isn't a very complicated process. The games are also archived for people to watch at a later or more convenient time. We hope this will be of particular benefit to people who might not be able to get to campus to watch as easily as others...especially parents of student-alumni who live farther away.

We're still relatively new at this...so please be patient as we fix all of the "kinks" and train people to coordinate the live webcasts.

Dillard Becomes All-Time Leading Scorer in Women's Basketball History

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, Caitlyn Dillard...who currently leads the NJCAA Division III schools nationally in scoring at 25.3 points per game...hit a 3-point basket against the TC3 Panthers making Caitlyn the school's all-time career scoring leader with 1,151 points...passing Shelley Day-Smith, who held the career scoring mark with 1,149 points.

Shelley Day-Smith graciously returned to CCC to recognize Caitlyn's breaking of her scoring record...which she had held for some 14 years. Shelley was joined by her former coach, Les Robinson, and current Spartan women's head coach, Jim Alberici, in presenting Caitlyn with a plaque in honor of her now being in the Lady Spartan record books as Cayuga's all-time leading scorer.

Congratulations to Lauren Dunster, who was named to the Mid-State Athletic Conference Women's Soccer All-Star Team for the Fall 2009 season. The freshman sweeper led the Spartans in tackles and pass interceptions...and was counted on to assist in neutralizing many opponents' top scorers in a very competitive NJCAA Region III schedule. The Auburn native transferred from Canisius College and is currently majoring in Liberal Arts & Science at CCC.

Danny Browne and Pat Sodums were both named to the Mid-State Athletic Conference Men's Soccer All-Star Team for the Fall 2009 season.

Browne, a sophomore from Manchester, England, led the Spartans in scoring with 10 goals and 2 assists from his defensive sweeper position. The team's captain provided great leadership for a team that narrowly missed a NJCAA Region III post-season spot. This is Browne's second appearance on this squad as he also was named to the 2007 MSAC All-Star team. He is currently majoring in Liberal Arts & Science at CCC.

Joining Browne as an All-Star is freshman midfielder Pat Sodums. The Spencer native scored one goal and had four assists in helping to anchor the midfield for the Spartans. He is currently majoring in Business Administration at CCC.

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Caitlyn Dillard receives her award. She is shown with Jim Alberici, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Shelley Day-Smith, former record holder, and Les Robinson, former Women's Basketball Coach.

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Remembering Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo 1929 - 2010

A student walking the halls of the third floor of Cayuga Community College’s main building and passing by the door to the office designated 2-331 would see a large American flag almost filling the door’s window. A Faculty Office Hours form posted in the window bears the name of Joe Camardo. A new student might wonder why this form is not current. On August 18, 2009, Professor Joseph Camardo answered yet one more call at the age of 80, but with his passing there is still one more “lesson” that needs to be taught. For at the time of his retirement, he had been serving his nation, the community, and countless thousands of ACC/CCC grads for a period of 50 years. It is that legacy that the Alumni Association wishes to honor.

Professor Joseph Camardo was born on February 16, 1929, and graduated from Auburn’s East High School on Franklin Street in 1946. He enlisted in the U.S. Army during hostilities in Korea, where his college studies were placed on hold in 1952 when he answered his nation’s call and enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the conflict from 1952–54 with the 45th Infantry Division. Attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant, he was honored by his nation in 1954 with a Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Service. Joe returned to the States and in the next 14 years received degrees from LeMoyne College (Business/Accounting), Syracuse University (M.S. in Education), and SUNY Brockport (Education).

Initially, Joe began his teaching career at Savannah High School in Wayne County, there instructing business from 1956–59. On September 1, 1959, Joe again journeyed to Franklin Street, only this time to begin his long teaching career at the newly-constructed campus of Auburn Community College, adjacent to his high school alma mater. His annual salary at the time was $5,100. With his wife Marion (Regineilli), whom he wed in 1954, Joe raised a family that would eventually include Joe Jr., Maryann, Donna, John and Lisa. Adding to the college connection, his wife Marion took classes and all the aforementioned children earned degrees from the then-ACC. Not ending there, grandchildren David and Andrea Balloni also call CCC their alma mater. And, son John, who was a student trustee in 1984, was appointed to the College’s Board of Trustees in 2005, and since September 2009 has served as chair of that Board – 50 years after his father came to the college. Following his father’s appointment to the Board of Trustees, grandson John Jr. once asked his grandfather, “Does that make dad your boss?” At the time of his retirement on July 13, 2009, Joe held the distinction of being the second longest-tenured faculty member within the SUNY system – 50 years instructing business and accounting. His college service and honors included: Outstanding Educators of America (1974, 1975); chair, Business/Secretarial Science Department (1970–75); Delta Pi Epsilon National Honors Fraternity of Business Educators; president, College’s Faculty Association; member, Faculty Advisory Committee; as well as advisor to both the Business Club and his beloved Newman Club. Long-time Professor Donald Fama stated, “I have known Joe for 40 years and the most remarkable feeling is his sense of humor. He had a very softness to him especially around the students. He enjoyed life to the fullest and that speaks volumes of him.” Past students not only recall that he always had time for them but also remember his continual encouragement of their higher education to make the best of themselves.

John Nicandri, President of the Seneca Falls Savings Bank and ACC grad, recalls that Joe talked him into applying to LeMoyne, which he did and was accepted. He credits this and his classes at ACC as the basis for his successful career – all interconnected with Joe. Steve Donnelly states that “Joe Camardo did countless acts of kindness for countless people, countless times.” During the College’s 2009 Commencement Ceremony, Joe was brought on to the stage where President Daniel Larson read two proclamations recognizing Joe’s retirement, one each from Cayuga County and the State of New York. Dr. Larson also wrote of Joe: “Professor Camardo dedicated his professional life to Cayuga Community College, giving a half-century of service. His impact on students was extraordinary, both as a teacher and as a mentor. He was a fine colleague and friend to many people. He saw the enormous change of technology in the teaching and learning process. And, yet, he was the steady influence through all of those years as he taught students about accounting and business. We acknowledge and honor his contribution and his influence. He is part of the history that encompasses Cayuga Community College.”

With that flag is removed from the pole, the flag remained on the pole with Joe returning to his classroom and his students. When that flag is removed from the office door of M-313 by his son, it will be the final act in recognizing Professor Joseph Camardo’s 57 years of service to the community…to his nation…to his family… and to his beloved college.

Travel Study Program
Cayuga’s Travel Study Program experienced another successful year! This year a total of 153 individuals – 17 faculty and 136 students – participated in international and domestic travel study programs. LONDON! 126 students and 14 faculty participated in this year’s program. The 126 students represented 16 different colleges and were enrolled in the ten courses offered.

London’s record-low temperatures in over 20 years didn’t stop the central New Yorkers from braving the elements as they stormed around the city and outskirts to gain the understanding of the historic, artistic, technological and as many cultural aspects as possible during the 14 days. Preparation for London 2011 are already underway…if interested, please contact Cayuga’s Travel Study office at 315-294-8529 or damatol@cayuga-cc.edu.

The group poses on the Thames River at the Westminster Pier with the London Eye in the background.

Cayuga student Rachel McCormick is greeted by London residents and CCC Distinguished Service Award winners Her Excellency Shona Falconer and her husband Michael Hollingworth.

Kaitlyn Clark dons a City of London Constable helmet.

Grenadier Guard at Windsor Castle.

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Goodbye and Welcome
Retirements and New Hires (full-time) from September 1, 2009 to March 1, 2010

RETIREMENTS
Brown, Mel E. 2/10 Director of Human Resources
Faulkner, Margaret M. ’70 1/10 Human Resources Associate
Wisniewski, Martin J. ’66 10/09 Dean of Information Technology

NEW HIREs
DaVia, Katherine 2/10 Human Resources Associate
Dudden, Kelly A. 11/09 Human Resources Assistant
Howard, Rae A. ’06 7/09 Instructional Assistant/Disabled Students Services Support
Jenkin, Melissa R. 8/09 Typist, Community Education/Workforce Development
Liddy, Jennifer G. 8/09 Temporary English Learning Specialist, Fulton Campus
Purcell, Debbi L. ’98 9/09 Senior Typist, Community Education/Workforce Development (Transfer)
Whalen, Scott 2/10 Director of Human Resources
Wheat, Karen 1/10 Payroll Systems Specialist

Educational Support Professionals Excellence Award 2009

Each year CCC honors support staff employees who are recognized for their outstanding job performance and contributions to the mission of the college. 2009 recipients include Carol MacKenzie ’74, College Foundation; Penny Herrling, Business Office; Pat Stock ’91, Registrar’s Office; and Sharon Bower ’67, Campus Services. CCC President Dan Larson was on hand to congratulate the recipients.

Kicking It in 2010: We Share the Air

New Year’s resolutions aren’t just for people anymore. Colleges can make them too. Starting January 1, 2010, CCC has resolved to become a tobacco-free airspace. As people enter and exit the campus buildings in Auburn and Fulton, “We Share the Air” decals serve as a reminder of “Tobacco-Free Cayuga, Indoors and Out.”

Last year the College Cabinet—the president’s volunteer advisory group representing students, faculty and staff from both campuses—agreed that Cayuga should go tobacco-free for the health of all in the College community. The Board of Trustees endorsed the decision.

College’s Dean of Information Technology Retires

The following note was sent to CCC employees who helped Marty Wisniewski celebrate his retirement from the College. An event was held in Marty’s honor at the Springside Inn on November 13, 2009.

“Thanks for making my retirement party a special moment for me and a fine way to celebrate a long-standing love affair with this institution. From the moment I stepped on the Auburn Community College campus as a beanie-topped freshman in 1964, I knew this was a special place. The incredible number of opportunities this college has given to students of all academic abilities in tough financial situations is difficult to quantify. I am so proud to be a part of the team of dedicated individuals who have worked so hard for many years to give this gift of opportunity.

When I was in high school, studying was the last thing on my mind, but after a year making minimum wage in a mindless job, I realized my mistake. ACC/CCC provided the opportunity to succeed when I was ready.

It was clear that teachers like Glenn Snyder, Bob Brunell, Bill Barth, Don Fama loved what they were doing and their enthusiasm for learning was contagious. Administrators like Warren Taylor, Norm Bourke, Tom Steenburgh and Dennis Golladay inspired our dedication. Today, there are many new names, but the commitment to the student remains, providing the opportunities I had 45 years ago.

So here I am, 16,245 days later on the way to a two-week vacation in sunny Florida to play a little golf with buddies. To all of you—thanks for all you have done for me and this college. You are important to the mission of this institution and to all the young Marty Wisniewski’s who hope to better themselves.

Thanks so much…

Marty Wisniewski
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The Finger Lakes SPCA of Central New York had a holiday wish list. Penny Herrling from the campus Business Office answered the call by collecting donated items from staff and faculty members. She delivered the goods to the shelter in December.

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Barbara J. Mulvey '69 is married to Peter. She retired in 2004 from the New York State Supreme Court in the Auburn School District.

David Ellkovich, Esq. '70 “I am still a local criminal defense attorney representing the down trodden fellow human beings.” Son, Nik, 99 is a Cayuga alum and a graduate of Cornell; daughter, Natasha, is in residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center; daughter, Alessandra, graduated from Temple University in Philadelphia; and son, Chad, is working at Auburn Memorial Hospital. David’s wife recently graduated from Wells College and Syracuse University.

Toivo H. Nei ‘73 is working for Walt Disney World in marketing research.

Joyce Foote Smith ’73 retired in 2009 from teaching at the Onedia Area Day Care Center. She has three children, Christopher, Elizabeth and Travis. Her husband Robert J. Smith has passed.

Kathleen Bellavio Snow ’73 retired from Newark Central School but is working part time at Keuka College in academic support. Kathy is looking forward to the birth of her seventh grandchild.

Theresa “Terri” Pagano Holmes ‘74 was recently inducted into the Auburn High School Sports Hall of Fame. Over the years, Terri played varsity basketball, volleyball, softball, track, and field hockey. She is married with two children and teaches first grade at Genesee Elementary School.

Mary Horsington Santoro ’74 retired after teaching for 23 years. Mary’s daughter, Stephanie, has a master’s degree and has her own business serving autistic children. Mary’s husband Doug owns a plumbing business in West Palm Beach, FL.

Linda A. Townsend ’74 was the first NYS teacher to be selected for the Ford’s Theatre Lincoln Fellowship Program in Washington, DC. Linda was able to study and work with the staff at Ford’s Theatre, Lincoln Cottage, Tudor Place and the Frederick Douglas Home. Lincoln Fellows enjoyed an intense study program on the writings and accomplishments of President Lincoln. Knowing that William Seward was a vital part of Lincoln’s staff and being able to use the knowledge she had gained from Seward House and ACC studies was very meaningful.

Susan Kreplin-Michaels ‘76 qualified for the 1/2 Ironman (70.3) Championship Race in Clearwater, FL. She is employed by Cuddy Financial Services.

Karen M. Richards, Esq. ’76 is Associate Counsel for the State University of New York.

Susan E. Secaur ’76 has a three-year-old grandson and another grandchild on the way. Her husband retired after 31 years at New Venture Gear.

Barbara Roesch-Rokow ’78 is a Seneca County Court Attorney. In addition, she serves as the Matrimonial Screening and Mortgage Foreclosure Referee for that county. Her husband is Jeff Rokow and she has two children, Mark (11) and Alex (7).

Maryanne Blair ’79 is employed by Verizon. Her husband is Anheuser-Busch.

Tim Coville, Ph.D. ’80 earned his Ph.D. in Business Management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2008. He is employed by St. John’s University as a member of the tenure-track accounting faculty.

Barry Ostrander ’80 is employed with the City of Fulton Parks and Recreation Department.

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Sharon Hoster ‘88

Sharon Hoster ‘88 is an employee of the Institute for the Application of Communications. She is employed by Soleo Corporation for 24 years working in Mexico City, Mexico. She is a published author and speaker on employee benefits company in Chicago to Omaha, NE after relocating to Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Hagerstown-Washington County is a part-time radio newsman of America.) In addition, Thomas R. Henderson is employed by Welch Allyn for 24 years, currently as Customer/Technical Service Manager. The company has enjoyed a 25% growth rate. Scott is also a published author and speaker on healthcare financing issues.

Lisa Babiarz ‘87

Lisa Babiarz ‘87 is a board member of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association and is a partner at Littman and Babiarz Law Offices.

Sharon Hoster ‘88

Sharon Hoster ‘88 spent seven months working in Mexico City, Mexico. She is employed by Soleo Communications.

Jack Powers ‘88

Jack Powers ‘88 is employed by the Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT).

Beverly J. Fritz ‘90


Susan C. Witmer

Susan C. Witmer ‘90 recently graduated from Buffalo State with a master’s degree in Adult Education and Human Resource Development.

Michael P. Fouts ‘91


Lori Major Babiarz ‘92

Lori Major Babiarz ‘92 graduated from Regents College with a B.S. in Marketing in 1998. She has been employed at Welch Allyn for 24 years, currently as Customer/Technical Service Manager.

Joel L. Glimpse ‘95

Joel L. Glimpse ‘95 has recently completed his M.B.A. at the Rochester Institute of Technology with a concentration in finance and accounting. He is employed with Verizon Communications as a field technician and is married to Patricia DeLue, who is employed by Welch Allyn.

Sara Lynn Wawrzaszek ‘97

Sara Lynn Wawrzaszek ‘97 was married to John C. Mack in October 2009.

Danielle Andrews ‘98

Danielle Andrews ‘98 married Bradley George in September 2009. Danielle is currently employed at the S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell University.

Diane E. Holbert ‘98

Diane E. Holbert ‘98 recently earned the degree of Master of Science in Library and Information Science (MSLIS) from Syracuse University. She had graduated summa cum laude from CCC with a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Social Science degree, and then transferred to Wells College and graduated cum laude in 2001 with a degree in Sociology. Diane has worked at the Library at our Fulton Campus since 2003, as a Library Instructional Assistant. With her dedication and perseverance, her dream of becoming a librarian has come true.

Amy Chamberlain ‘99

Amy Chamberlain ‘99 is currently self-employed as a painter. She does murals and commissioned paintings and works with a lot of different media. Amy is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in accounting at SUNY Oswego.

Nicholas D. Elkovitch ‘99

Nicholas D. Elkovitch ‘99 graduated from Cornell University and is a landscape architect with Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates in New York City. He is the supervisor of construction of the 86-acre Brooklyn Bridge Park.

William Seamsans ‘00

William Seamsans ‘00 married Jamie Pratt ‘01 in August 2009. William is employed by the Auburn Fire Department.

Jeremy Wellauer ‘00

Jeremy Wellauer ‘00 was appointed rehab director of Gentiva Health Services’ Oswego branch. He has been with Gentiva since 2007 as orthopedic team leader for the Auburn location.

Jamie Pratt ‘01

Jamie Pratt ‘01 married William Seamsans ‘00 in August 2009. Jamie is currently employed at the American Red Cross.

Korynne Elizabeth Blair ‘02

Korynne Elizabeth Blair ‘02 is engaged to marry Brian Ichiro Higa in June 2010.

Jolene Marie D’Amato ‘02

Jolene Marie D’Amato ‘02 was married to Collin S. Kirkpatrick. A May 2010 wedding is planned.

Nicole Paquette ‘02

Nicole Paquette ‘02 married Eric Flaitz in June 2009 at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, NY.

Jennifer M. Weller ‘02

Jennifer M. Weller ‘02 is engaged to Joel E. Wheeler. A September 2010 wedding is planned.

Vincent B. Bachman ‘03

Vincent B. Bachman ‘03 is currently employed by D&W Diesel. Vincent recently became engaged to Jessica Ferro ‘07.

Erin Burke ‘04

Erin Burke ‘04 married Kevin Ford in June 2009.

Daniele M. DeBois ‘06

Daniele M. DeBois ‘06 is engaged to Raymond D. McPherson. A September 2010 wedding is planned.

Jennifer J. Pitman ‘06

Jennifer J. Pitman ‘06 is engaged to Collin S. Kirkpatrick. A May 2010 wedding is planned.

Megan N. Fritsch ‘06

Megan N. Fritsch ‘06 married Brian M. Henderson in July 2009.

Aaron E. Dowd ‘07

Aaron E. Dowd ‘07 married Julie M. Butts in August 2009. Aaron is currently employed at Lowe’s.

Jessica Ferro ‘07

Jessica Ferro ‘07 is currently employed at Chilli’s Restaurant and recently became engaged to Vincent B. Bachman ‘03.

Amy Lynn Miles ‘07

Amy Lynn Miles ‘07 is employed by Morris Protective Service Inc. as a security guard at McQuay International.

Gary B. Galletta ‘08

Gary B. Galletta ‘08 is currently working at Fidelis Care NY as Marketing Representative and Facilitated Enrollment for government-sponsored healthcare insurance.

Rachel C. Tomlin ‘09

Rachel C. Tomlin ‘09 was married to Robert J. Lewis in November 2009. They will reside in Charleston, SC.
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THE TOP 10 REASONS TO STAY CONNECTED TO CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

10. Win an Apple iPod by keeping your contact information up to date! Send us your current address, phone number and e-mail address and be entered into a drawing to be selected on commencement day, May 23, 2010.

9. Earn an advanced degree by studying full or part-time right at CCC. The University Center at Cayuga can help you connect with a program from Keuka, Le Moyne, SUNY Empire State or Morrisville State College. Contact michael.greene@cayuga-cc.edu for more information.

8. Earn course credit, a degree, or a certificate on-line or on Sundays. www.cayuga-cc.edu/academics/online or academics/sundays

7. Follow your home team: NJCAA Division III basketball, lacrosse, soccer and golf. Why not come out and watch a game?

6. See great entertainment and activities that are open to the public, like the recent Recycled Percussion show sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

5. The Center for Community Education and Workforce Development offers a wide variety of noncredit courses. Or participate in the London Study program offered each January.

4. Enjoy award-winning theater from Harlequin Productions, listen to student run WDWN (WIN-89 FM), watch a video or film produced by C3 Video or purchase a recording from Cayuga Records—all student run enterprises.

3. Entrepreneurial opportunities are growing in Auburn and at CCC. Find out how you can be a part of the action.

2. The Alumni Association is here to stay connected with you after you graduate. Join us on one of our popular trips which are fun and affordable. Take part in our activities; work with our Board of Directors who offer scholarships, awards and book grants, as well as year-round activities and events. You can get details on all of this in “The Spartan” alumni newsletter that is published each March and September. For more information on any of the programs or activities listed, visit the college website at www.cayuga-cc.edu or receive the campus e-newsletter.

and the #1 Reason: Because we miss YOU!

CURRENT AVAILABLE SIZES:
Ruby (red) Polo shirts small*, medium and large OR Ecru (cream) Polo shirts medium, large and X-large* $20
Navy Hoodies small*, medium & large $25
Oxford (grey) Hoodies medium* and X-large* $25
Cap & Tee combos available in all sizes $15
Etched glass Tumbler $3.50
Or Enameled lapel pin $2.50

*Limited supplies are available, call to confirm before placing your order, and to check on shipping costs.

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