Celebrating 35 Years of Nursing at CCC

Asked what the essence of a Cayuga nurse is, Linda Alfieri, Director of Nursing Education at CCC, replies: “The Cayuga Community College program of nursing instills in our graduates a standard of excellence. This has been a long-standing tradition at Cayuga. A Cayuga nurse is educated to use his/her head, hands and heart to practice the art and science of nursing. Caring, competence, collaboration and commitment are essential to the professionalism of a Cayuga graduate.”

The CCC nursing program has a reputation for quality education. From its early stages to the present time, its foundation has continued to build. After 35 years in existence, CCC’s Department of Nursing Education now has two programs registered with the NYS Education Department, a traditional program at the Auburn campus and an Evening-Weekend program at the Fulton campus. The nursing faculty includes seven full-time and nine part-time members. The number of graduates since the inception of the program CCC gave me a great knowledge base and opened my eyes to the many opportunities nursing has to offer. My career has been more diverse than I expected. I have worked as a nurse in OB, OR and in management at Auburn Memorial Hospital. I also have taught childbirth classes for the county and have worked with Auburn Correctional Facility, the Purple Lancers, Girl Scouts and numerous athletic teams. Wise words from Cheryl Foster: “Vomiting has only one ‘T’ - just remember that you only want to toss it once!”

— Shannon Mitchell Harding ’89, RN

The face of today’s nursing program and tomorrow’s alumni. Chris Reilly, Lorraine DuSharm, Missy Holmes and Lisa Quill are all 2nd year nursing students. These photos were taken at the renovated nursing lab open house on December 3, 2010.
Alumni Director’s Report

Louise Wilson
ACC/CCC Alumni Director

Alumni Director's Report

Did you make a New Year Resolution only to throw in the towel before February? I don’t recommend us for the Olympics. Even setting it too high and not doing it well, indeed. Our enrollment remains high and we have the Spring race to report to you about programs, projects, and activities. So, this letter provides an update about some of them.

FULTON CAMPUS: This project is moving forward, with negotiations underway to acquire a new site. We have faced incredible challenges to accomplish what is best for our future students. The constraints and the age of the current site do not allow the building of the future we would like to have in Fulton. The existing parking lot is at maximum capacity. Our current numbers would fill the entire building, leaving no room at all for any expansion. As we have grown from the initial 94 students in Spring 1994, to 504 students in Fall 2000, and now to nearly 1,400 students in Spring 2011, we could have 2,000 students by 2015, an increase of 7-8% per year. Indeed, the full capacity of 3,460 students is just that kind of historic increase, which we expect to continue.

ENROLLMENT: Our 2009-10 FTEs of 3,460.5 exceeded by nearly 20% our 2,892 projection, with headcount up by 23% - ranking us first among the SUNY community colleges. These projections are calculated several months in advance, and the college has experienced an even greater increase resulting in an improvement in our enrollment numbers to cover no tuition increase and Cayuga Community College.

LONDON PROGRAM: In January, our London program offered nine courses in art, business, criminal justice, healthcare, history, literature, media, philosophy, and sociology. Of 85 students enrolled, 28 were from Cayuga. Most of the rest came from SUNY and SUNY institutions, with private colleges and lifelong learners also attending. Fourteen faculty and staff members participated in the intensive two-week schedule of site visits, readings, and lectures, tours, demonstrations, and cultural landmarks.

NEW THEATRE BUILDING: Ever since the Musical Theatre Festival was envisioned, the College and the State University of New York have endorsed the economic, educational, and cultural benefits. During the Fall, the outlines of the College relationship with the Festival took shape with a Memorandum of Understanding. This agreement sets forth a plan for a new 384-seat performance space on State Street in downtown Auburn. Once the Festival is in place, the University Construction Fund will match Festival fundraising to finance the new facility. The College will own and operate the theatre, which the Festival will use during the Summer as one of three downtown performance venues.

The Festival season will enhance our academic programs with internship and work opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience applying their coursework in areas such as performance, design, lighting, stage and house management, box office, and Festival operations, including sales and marketing. The College, home of the award-winning Heart of the Hunter, already offers acting and technical theatre classes, a Fall-Spring schedule of stage plays, and a theatre concentration within the liberal arts degree program. Our music classes include vocal, instrumental, and ensemble courses, and we offer credit-free dance classes. We look forward to this partnership with the Musical Theatre Festival that will benefit our students and our region. We believe that it will bring 50-75 more students to the College to participate in this unique program.

GREEN ENERGY: The Winter weather has made us appreciate even more the cost savings from our energy upgrades. Last year, we installed energy-efficient lighting in Spartan Hall and mounted 126 solar panels on the roof, assisted by grants from the New York Power Authority and NYSERDA. In the months since then, our heating and electricity costs per student have decreased by 24% from 2007, when the project was researched. From the solar panels alone, we expect a savings of $3,612 with electricity in the first year and about $13,000 over the life cycle. We can capture further savings from credits for reducing our carbon footprint and the NYSERDAgrid during our low usage. Our new rooftop photovoltaic panels are a green-energy success. According to NYSERDA data, our 25-kilowatt system is expected to prevent 27,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, offsetting 460 tons of CO2 over a 25-year lifespan – the equivalent of 836,000 vehicle miles on a highway or forest of 18,000 trees.

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET: The Governor’s budget, submitted to the Legislature in February, contained a 10% cut in funding for SUNY community colleges, reducing our $2,260/FTE to $2,034/FTE, a level not seen in more than twelve years. In taxes we face and we will have to take a cut of total of $641 or 24%. This appears to be the “new normal” with public funding, so our increased enrollment and other income is the only budget integrity. This year, there was no tuition increase and Cayuga County did not increase its sponsor contribution. All of these cuts make our total loss more than $2 million in NYS funding. Student tuition now covers only 20% of our operating budget, with NYS base aid at about 20%. By statute, students should be covering no more than one-third of the New York State should be at a minimum of one-third and up to 40%. In response, we continue to hire more adjunct faculty members, increase class sizes, and ensure that we use our resources wisely and prudently. In the end, we may be forced to make further cuts to access to courses and programs, and to the College. This means that SUNY community colleges no longer have the ability to fully access to community colleges, that is, with open access to all students. As you have opportunity, please contact members of your New York State legislative delegation to express your concern about these cuts and your support for restoration.

This newsletter gives you reports about other activities, projects, and events at the College. I encourage you to read about them, and support them. The Spring semester is filled with many activities, programs, and events. You are invited to participate in them as you have opportunity.
Dear Cayuga Community College Alumni and Friends,

The ACC/CSC Alumni Association has been very active since the publication of our last newsletter. The Travel Committee coordinated two trips to Gettysburg in September, and an overnight trip to New York City in October. In December, the Association hosted a recognition program for students completing their degrees. The program was attended by a number of graduates, their families and friends to feature brief presentations that were both congratulatory and inspirational. The Association also participated in the college’s annual Holiday Craft Fair. The ACC/CSC Alumni Association is dedicated to enhancing the college community and its alumni. Our new electronic newsletter, Inspire, has generated a great deal of enthusiasm for its many features, and points of information regarding our college. One of the positive results of our alumni newsletter is the reconnection of past alums. A friend who graduated with me in 1961 noticed my article in the Spartan and contacted Louise Wilson, who in turn contacted me. I was able to reconnect and reminisce with a friend whom I hadn’t spoken with since 1961. We would like to encourage our alums to reach out to former friends and classmates through both our newspaper, Spartan and Inspire. More information will be forthcoming in future publications.

Our Travel Committee is now busy planning a two-night trip to Washington, D.C. in early April and will be offering trips to Gettysburg in September, Boston in October and New York City in November. On Super Bowl Sunday, February 6, 2011, the Association will again sponsor the annual “Family Fun Day” on campus. In the spring the Association will be awarding scholarships to incoming freshmen and continuing students. One of the highlights of our year is the presentation of Alumni Awards in May. We strongly encourage our alumni to nominate outstanding achievers who have graduated from our college. To nominate an individual, please have your alumni Office.

As you can see, our Alumni Association is truly involved in our college community. In my somewhat biased opinion, the ACC/CSC Alumni Association is one of the best, if not the only, best association in our college community system. While there are many reasons for our success, you and the driving force behind our success is our Alumni Office with its Director Louise Wilson and her assistant, Mary Elmgren. I invite all of our alumni to support your organization by getting involved in our activities, or by making a donation to your college. Thank you and please know you are invited to our monthly meetings which are held at the faculty dining room on the second Tuesday of the month. 

Tony Guccardi ’61

The Alumni Association Board Members

Anthony Guccardi ’61
Tony has worked in the Auburn School District for 35 years, 22 of them as a Principal, and as Director of Union House for 10 years. Married to the former Pat Laimi for 45 years, he is the proud father of four sons and thoroughly enjoys spending time with his five grandchildren.

Lori Cochran ’05
Tony is a member of many community boards and enjoys playing pickleball, gardening, spending time on Owasco Lake.

Gerry Guiney ’82
Gerry has served the community in many capacities over the years including: Catholic Youth Organization Balllovak, Auburn Boy’s and Girls Basketball League, and Auburn Indian Football and Cheerleading. He is a member of Shriner’s Diblekis, and they have two sons, Adam ’96 and John.

Lori Cochran ’05
Currently the principal of Tri-County High School, Lori’s experiences include teaching, administration, and coaching. She was appointed to the Auburn School District as a guidance counselor, was elected as the national vice president of the School Counselor Association and is an active member of the National School Counselor Association. She is a member of many professional organizations including the New York State School Counselor Association, the National Association of School Personnel, the NYS Guidance Counselor Association, the Auburn City School District, and the Auburn school district. She has been principal for the past 5 years.

Judy Campanella ’78
Served on the Executive Committee for five years and was very active in the Auxiliary during that time. She had the opportunity to work as a volunteer at the Cayuga Medical Center and thoroughly enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and especially her three precious grandchildren, Jeff, Tyler and Luke.

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Lloyd Hoskins ’74
Lloyd served as President of Phi Theta Kappa while attending CCC. He worked for his Alma Mater as Associate Director of the Alumni Association before graduating. He has been returning to be part of such a great organization for over 10 years. He is on the Board of Directors of Onondaga County United Way as the Chairman of their Large Gift Society, an organization composed of over 400 local community leaders committed to making a difference in the lives of thousands of local people. He has served as a Trustee on the Board of the Cayuga County Community College Foundation Board.

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Judith M. Campanella ’78
Julie followed her father’s degree in library science from the University of Buffalo in 1978 and was appointed to the position of head Librarian at the Fulton Campus in 2006. Julie was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship. She enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and especially her three previous grandchildren, Jeff, Tyler and Luke.

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Edward F. (Ted) Herring ’72
After graduation from ACC, Ted earned his B.A. in Human Services from SUNY Brockport in 1974. Director of Cayuga County’s Department of Employment/Training, he assisted in the creation of the Cayuga Works Career Center, a multi-agency workforce development system, located in the James W. Tillary Social Services Economic Center on Cayuga campus.

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Alumni Scholarships

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association will be offering six scholarships for CCC students. Applications must be received by March 31, 2011 for the following awards:

- Two incoming freshmen – graduating high school seniors who are children or grandchildren of a Cayuga (or Auburn) Community College graduate - Award is $500 each.
- One returning full-time sophomore – Award is $500.
- One nontraditional student – a male or female student age 24 or older, enrolled for at least 24 college credit hours and is returning to college for retraining following job loss due to economic conditions – Award is $500.
- Two graduating transfer students – a Cayuga student who will graduate in May 2011 and transfer to a four-year school – Award is $350 each.

Application forms, including eligibility and submission requirements, are available from the Alumni office in M238 on the Auburn campus, or by calling 315-255-1743, extension 2224. They are also posted at www.cayuga-cc.edu/financialaid/scholarships.

Nominate an Alum for 2011 Alumni Award Recognition

In an effort to streamline the process, the ACC/CCC Alumni Association has developed a new procedure for submitting nominations for its Alumni Awards. Each year, applications are available for individuals to nominate an alum for this annual award. The award recognizes graduates of the college who have distinguished themselves in careers or community service. Past awards have honored outstanding achievement in vocational or artistic pursuits, volunteer service, public service organizations, civic functions or service to the college.

With the new procedure, nominators will be asked to send in a one-page submission with the name of the nominee and their contact information, as well as a very brief summary of why they are nominating the individual. All nominations will then go before a committee which will select nominees, and they, in turn, will be sent a request for biographical information. Based on these submissions, award recipients will be selected by the committee.

Association President Tony Gucciardi would like all nominees to know that it is an honor to be nominated regardless of the outcome of the final award selection.

Forms are available from the Alumni Office by phone or e-mail by contacting us at 315.255.1743 extension 2224 or 2454, or www.cayuga-cc.edu/alumni.

Nomination deadline is March 31, 2011. Recipients will be presented with their awards at the commencement ceremony, May 22, 2011.

Each year the Alumni Association hosts a December Recognition ceremony and reception for students who have completed their degree requirements in December for the following spring’s graduation. This year’s event was held on December 10 on the Auburn campus where certificates and Alumni pins were awarded. A reception followed the ceremony and sparkling lemonade and sweets were served.

For the last five years, the Alumni Association sponsored Cookies for a Cause on the Auburn campus. Staff and faculty members are urged to bake or purchase cookies or baked goods. They are then collected and delivered to children who might not otherwise have holiday goodies. On December 2, more than 60 dozen goodies were collected and delivered to the staff at the Neighborhood House. In photo: Carol Lauzon, Office Manager; Kelly Guy, Program Director; Louise Wilson, ACC/CCC Alumni Director; and Linda Cook, cook.
**WASHINGTON, DC**
Two-night trip to our Nation’s capital during Cherry Blossom season.

**NEW YORK CITY DAY TRIP**
July 23, 2011
Join us for our annual “Do Your Own Thing” Get-away to the Big Apple.

**GETTYSBURG BATTLEFIELD**
September 23-25, 2011
Escorted by John Lamphere
One of our most popular offerings!
A fun as well as educational weekend.

**BOSTON, MA**
October 8-9, 2011
A great opportunity to visit this great city and enjoy fall foliage in the Berkshires.

**NEW YORK CITY OVERNIGHT**
November 12-13, 2011
Enjoy a Broadway show, shop or just sightsee.

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**ACC/CCC Alumni Association**
Sponsored Trips for 2011*

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Each excursion is entirely produced, organized and escorted by the Alumni Office staff and/or Association Board members with the benefit of our director’s 23 years of experience as a professional travel consultant.

**Fall Weekend Trip Update (New York City)**
A group of alumni and members of the community enjoyed outstanding weather in New York City November 13 & 14. Many people saw a variety of stage productions, visited museums, including the King Tut exhibit, and walked…and walked…and walked. But, obviously, one of the big attractions was shopping! More photos and videos from this trip can be found on the alumni Facebook page, or by viewing Inspire e-magazine. Photo by Louise Wilson.

*The ACC/CCC Alumni Association 315.255.1743 ext. 2224 or 2454 alumni@cayuga-cc.edu Ask for Louise or Mary

*These are the only trips sanctioned by the ACC/CCC Alumni Association.
Dear Alumni and Friends of ACC/CCC,

RAISE YOUR HAND!
I heard this simple message at a meeting of community college foundations. All across America and beyond, alumni are RAISING THEIR HANDS for their alma maters. The number of grads that support their community colleges is growing every year. While we haven’t caught up with the Harvards and Yales of the world (yet), the trends are definitely in our favor.

Why do alumni like you RAISE YOUR HAND?
There are many reasons that our alumni give, but they all lead back to this: more than ever, graduates recognize the great educations they received at Auburn/Cayuga Community College. They RAISE THEIR HAND to tell us that they appreciate the College; they care for our students; and they want to support the bright future they see at Cayuga.

Over the past twelve months, you’ve told us that your best educational experiences happened right here; that Cayuga’s faculty far surpassed those at other colleges in terms of availability and caring; and that ACC/CCC opened the door for your career and personal growth.

RAISE YOUR HAND for Cayuga in 2011. Tell others proudly about your college. Refer prospective students to Cayuga. Attend an event at the Auburn or Fulton campus. Volunteer at the next Alumni Association event.

And when you get our call, RAISE YOUR HAND for the Alumni Annual Fund. This is the most concrete evidence of your strong support. RAISE YOUR HAND for CCC by writing a check, or by pledging a gift, during the upcoming Alumni phone-a-thon. (In fact, tell our students that you’re RAISING YOUR HAND when they call!)

As always, we thank you for your outstanding commitment to the CCC Foundation. Contact me any time at (315) 255-1792, ext. 2328 or foundation@cayuga-cc.edu.

RAISE YOUR HAND in 2011! Thank you!
In the Cayuga Spirit,
Jeff Hoffman

Dan Labeille’s Recognition

At the January 25 annual meeting of The Cayuga County Community College Foundation, Inc., the Board of Directors conferred upon Daniel C. Labeille the title of Honorary Director, with all the rights and privileges pertaining to it. Appointed by then-College President Helena Howe as the Foundation’s first Executive Director, Dan served in that capacity for nearly fourteen years and assisted the college’s Board of Trustees in the creation of the Foundation. Following retirement, Dan subsequently served as a member of the Foundation’s Board of Directors for six years.

Our congratulations are extended to Daniel C. Labeille for this special recognition.

Let’s Talk!

It’s Phone-a-Thon time again and we hope you’ll take a moment to speak with our staff if they call you. We promise not to take too much of your valuable time, but this event is very important to all of us.

Here are a few facts about P-a-T:
- If you’ve already given to the fall appeal, you won’t be called.
- If you’re a faculty or staff member who participated in the “Elvis” appeal, we “thank you, thank you very much” and we won’t call you.

The Phone-a-Thon is the last portion of our annual appeal for 2010-2011. Your gift of any size means so much to our students, and we hope it makes you feel good too! Callers are expected to reach out in March and April, and whether you’re able to give or not, we hope you’ll still take a minute to say “hello” and let us know how you’re doing.

Two presidents in conference…We wonder what they’re discussing!

ACTOR ED ASNER ON CAMPUS

Although December 7 was a day that went down in infamy on the world front, October 4 was one we’ll not forget on the Auburn campus. A production of the one-man show FDR starring Ed Asner was sponsored by the CCC Foundation and made possible in part by contributions to the Foundation’s Cultural Enrichment Fund and the Ruth P. Thomas Arts Fund. The show kept the audience spellbound for the entire production. A private meet-and-greet was held after the event. The actor is shown with Jeff Hoffman, Executive Director of the CCC Foundation; Carol MacKenzie, Foundation Administrative Assistant; and Louise Wilson, Alumni Director. Absent from the photo is Martha MacKay, Associate Director of Development.
Spartans in the Spotlight

Susan C. Witmer ’90

Director of Fulton Operations Sue Witmer has been called a “late bloomer,” but we consider her a “blooming asset” to CCC. Although she didn’t graduate from CCC until 1990, she has been an employee and an asset here for over 28 years (16 of which have been with the college’s Fulton campus since its founding). After earning her associate’s degree, Sue went on to gain her Bachelor’s of Science degree from Empire State College in 2004 and her Master’s of Science from Buffalo State in 2009. During a recent interview with Oswego County Business magazine, Sue shared that although her life before her education was fulfilling, “I realized there was another whole, different world out there. I just kind of blossomed from there.” Singing her praises in his interview with the Oswego County Business magazine, CCC President Daniel Larson said that “A good share of the success for the Fulton campus is due to Sue Witmer.” He states that “She knows the history of the Fulton campus and demonstrates tremendous operational skills.” Associate Vice President and Dean of the Fulton campus Maggie Killoran also complimented Sue during the interview saying, “Sue’s skills are incredibly well-matched for being an ‘operations’ director... She is organized, detailed and has great follow-through.” Sue’s recognition doesn’t stop there. In July of 2010, Sue Witmer was named Oswego County Rotarian of the Year. She has been a member of the Rotary since February of 2009 and has served as programming committee chair, responsible for coordinating presentations for the club’s weekly meetings. Witmer was chosen for the annual honor this past summer in recognition of her “excellence in service furthering the principles and ideals of the Rotary way of life.” Her community involvement includes numerous other civic organizations in Oswego County. Sue has a son, Douglas; a granddaughter, Carmella; and three cats and a dog. She also enjoys photography, gardening and kayaking. In 2008 Sue was recognized with an ACC/CCC Alumni Award.

Mathew M. Kratts ’07

Mat has just completed his bachelor’s degree in broadcasting at SUNY Brockport and has a full-time job as a Media Consultant for Local Edge (formerly known as the Talking Phone Book). He is also a stand-up comedian and has a Seasonal Comedy Club back in Olean, NY. Currently, Mat is starting up the Comedy4Kanzius Foundation, an annual benefit show for the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation. Headlining the benefit this year is Comedian Jamie Lissow. They are hoping to raise $20,000 to help the Kanzius Foundation begin human trials in 2011. “I’m glad to have been a graduate of Cayuga Community College with a degree in telecommunications,” shares Kratts. “When I decided to start up as a stand-up comedian, my former advisor at the Cayuga Collegian, Mary Gelling Merritt, was the first one there to help me get on a few open mics and some small time shows. Mary helped me by promoting my first show, Comedy for Cancer at CCC. From there she created my logo known as Mat “Single T” Comedy. I honestly believed she would make it running-with-scissors comedy.” Mat took these tools and started building a name for himself in the Rochester and Buffalo comedy scene. When he found an opportunity to do a show in his home town of Olean, Mary Gelling Merritt created the poster. Now Mat has a whole series of showcases going through April and has started to book the second season at the Bartlett Country Club in Olean. Mary has provided additional help to Mat by creating his other logo, Comedy4Kanzius. “She did an amazing job incorporating the Spread the Wave logo from the Kanzius Cancer Research Foundation into my logo.” Kratts has scheduled the second annual Comedy for Cancer show at CCC, sponsored by the college’s student newspaper, The Cayuga Collegian, on Thursday, April 8th and is heading Buffalo Comedian Tim Joyce. Check out Mat’s websites, MatsingleTcomedy.com and Comedy4Kanzius.com, or check out the Kanzius website at Kanziuscancerresearch.org.

Nicholas J. Saccocci ’10

“Remarkable,” “intelligent,” and “driven” are just a few of the descriptives that come to mind when one thinks of Nick Saccocci. He left high school at the age of 16 to attend college (with no remedial) at CCC. Involved in many student activities, Nick became an IT and math tutor and joined most clubs, including PTK, SAB, Criminal Justice and Veterans. He was the VP of PTK and could be found helping out with pizza sales almost every week. In addition, he was an orientation leader for two semesters and attended a leadership conference in Lake Placid.

During his time at CCC, Nick was awarded both the Fulton Rotary and the Follett Bookstore scholarships. He was also chosen as one of 32 CCC students named to the 2010 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Nick received two certificates of appreciation from Fulton campus administrators for his efforts on SGO’s “Transition Team” in helping create a full independent set of officers on each campus and for being an active SAB member. Norman Lee, Director of Student Activities, shared that Nick “stepped up the effort to get involved.”

In 2010, at the age of 18, Saccocci graduated magna cum laude with a degree in math and science, becoming the youngest person to graduate from CCC. He returned for one more semester to study criminal justice and later was offered a scholarship to attend the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT), where he started this past January in chemical engineering. We would like to thank Nick for being our first interviewee via Facebook, and we look forward to staying in touch to learn about his future achievements.
David W. Malek has become a highly-respected photographer since graduating from CCC. He has spent the last ten years working for NFL Films. Dave's latest assignment as the Director of Photography for the hit HBO television series “Hard Knocks,” follows an NFL team through training camp from start to finish. “Hard Knocks” takes viewers behind-the-scenes to see what goes on when the camera’s spot light is supposed to be off.

Over the past three years, Dave has traveled with his camera to the training camps of the Cincinnati Bengals, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Dallas Cowboys for their respective “Hard Knocks” episodes. This past summer, Dave traveled to Cortland, NY to shadow the New York Jets’ training camp. The successful episode carried a record-setting amount of viewers.

Malek won an Emmy for his work on “Hard Knocks” this past August, making him the 4th CCC graduate to win an Emmy for their work. Dave invited Steve Keeler, CCC Professor and Electronic Media Programs Director, along with another CCC alum and two students for a tour of the “Hard Knocks” operation. They met the producer and crew of the show and shook hands with Jets head coach Rex Ryan.

Dave has also accompanied NFL-USO tours during the off-season when NFL players go overseas to visit with our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. He has circled the globe capturing the players’ meet-and-greet experiences at the military bases.

We congratulate David Malek on his successes and look forward to following his amazing career.

Cayuga CC is justifiably proud of its nursing graduates and the contributions they have made, and continue to make, in the health field in this area, the state and around the country. One such graduate is Adeline Bovee, Director of Nursing for the Finger Lakes Center for Living in Auburn, whose mantra is “It’s all about the residents.” She “brings passion for the elderly,” states Karen A. Jeffreys, VP of Long Term Care Services, who appointed Abby in September of 2008. Jeffreys shares that Abby is a “smart and independent thinker, empathetic and dedicated.” She adds that she believes that Bovee is a dynamic leader in the field of long-term care for the next generation of frail and elderly Central New Yorkers.

Abby has been successful in finding new approaches to improve the quality of life for residents with Alzheimer’s or dementia. In November 2009, she was one of four invited to participate in a panel discussion at the annual conference for directors of nursing sponsored by NYAHSA (NYS Association of Homes & Services for the Aging) on the nationwide research study in which 55 nursing homes from around the country, including the Finger Lakes Center for Living, participated. This past October, Abby was a presenter at the annual Women’s Health Institute, “Our Mothers, Our Daughters, Our Health,” sponsored by Auburn Memorial Hospital. Her workshop topic was “Practical Approaches to Coping with Alzheimer’s Disease.”

Recently, Abby was interviewed for The Citizen’s Lake Life column where she was asked about the nationwide study, which was sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Association. Bovee sees the behaviors of people with Alzheimer’s or dementia more as a message or communication technique. She believes that you need to expand your thinking in terms of understanding what the person is trying to tell you, and that these individuals can still experience some quality of life. In order to have this type of success, “you need to be positive and think that you can.” Abby believes that caring for residents with Alzheimer’s or dementia is “a huge responsibility” and one that she “fully embraces.”

In 2009, Adeline Bovee received an ACC/CCC Alumni Award. The awards recognize graduates of the college who have distinguished themselves in careers or community service. Abby was nominated for this award by Karen Jeffreys and Linda Rooker, professor of physical education at Cayuga, who said that Abby is without a doubt an exemplary role model for future nurses, a caring professional and confident in her role as administrator as she interacts with residents and their family members, colleagues, and other administrators.

Business Classes Get Advice from Successful Alumni

During the fall semester, several business classes received advice directly from two successful CCC alumni. Kimberly Manrow ’95, who was featured in our Fall 2010 Spartan, visited with a Principles of Business class to discuss her journey into small business ownership. Some of her insights included being prepared to work hard. Kim shared that during tax season she is prepared to work up to 100 hours per week. She also said that a well-thought-out business plan is a must before you start a business. Manrow feels that a small service business can start out very successfully as a home-based sole proprietorship in order to keep initial expenses low. She stated that professionalism is crucial in terms of both image and confidentiality and that 90-95% of her marketing is done through “word of mouth.”

Kimberly’s successful business Custom Accounting Services was established in 1996. In 2003 Kim became a Licensed Enrolled Agent with the IRS, and in 2007 she formed Custom Business Services. She was the recipient of the 2010 “Small Business Person of the Year Award.” Kim emphasized to the group that “you must be passionate about what you do.” Instructor Amy Valente and her class thanked Kim for her presentation.

Visiting three Business Management classes in September of 2010, Robert Steigerwald ’71, retired president of Cayuga Savings Bank, shared his knowledge in addition to getting the word out about SCORE. Among tips shared, Bob emphasized that “good credit” was a main factor that a bank looks at to determine whether they will lend to a small business starter. He also recommended that you should join any trade associations or networking groups associated with your profession. This allows you to build relationships and gain advice from others in your field. Robert advised that “You should always be aware of your market to stay ahead.”

Following his retirement after 40 years of service with the bank, Bob became involved with various nonprofit organizations, including the local Unity House and Meals on Wheels. He is currently volunteering as Co-Chair of the Auburn SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives). This office helps “would-be” entrepreneurs to determine what it takes to get started in a small business. Instructor Valente said that Bob’s visit was timely for the students since their semester-long project involves the creation of a business plan for a fictitious company.
Alumni Featured in The Citizen’s “Lake Life”

We are happy to once again feature some of ACC/CCC’s alumni who have shared a moment of celebrity when they were interviewed in the Lake Life section of The Citizen. The segment celebrates the people of the Finger Lakes.

Cindy L. Curtin ’83 was interviewed by The Citizen recently. She is currently a billing specialist for Auburn Orthopedics. Cindy finds assisting others with their insurance problems rewarding, especially helping out the elderly with the “ever changing insurance world.” She does find the constant changes with insurance companies challenging and dismisses the misconception that the field of billing is boring. She feels that there is always something new to learn and her career offers a variety of tasks. Cindy enjoys working in the hospital atmosphere as there is constant energy and change.

When asked what career she would pursue if she weren’t in her current field, Cindy responded that she had often thought of going into the medical field as an EMT or a nurse; “I enjoy helping people.” She said that if she had it to do over again, she would reconsider a clerical career because being an office worker takes you away from the one-on-one with people.

Cindy lives in Red Creek, NY and enjoys gardening. Her favorite thing about working and living in the Finger Lakes region is the change of the seasons. She added that the Finger Lakes has so much to offer, from restaurants, wineries and various seasonal activities that there is always something to do. She shares, “I also enjoy the hometown feel of the Finger Lakes region; no matter where you go, people are usually helpful and friendly.”

Also featured this past summer were two newer alumni. At the time of their interviews, both of these inspiring young ladies were still students at CCC.

Yovanka “Yovi” M. Langleib ’10 was working toward her Telecom: Radio & TV Broadcasting degree, which she received in December 2010. Yovi found that constantly learning and being under the direction and supervision of knowledgeable instructors who have experience in their teaching field to be rewarding. She feels that she is a really hard worker and tends to be an overachiever. This worked for her as a student at CCC as she said “I’m interested in the classes I take and it showed…. I deserve a good grade for that.” The reason for her success, in part, is that she would “sit in the front, pay attention, take notes, ask questions and turn her cell phone off.” She feels that giving instructors her full attention “boils down to respect.”

Yovi was looking forward to continuing on with her education and receiving a bachelor’s degree from law school. At the time of her interview, she was involved in working on a documentary about hydro-fracking in New York State. She would like to write legislative law for the government or nonprofit organizations, as well as create political documentaries. Yovi’s hobbies include catching up on politics, reading the bills currently on the house floor, watching documentaries, and bicycle riding.

Julie M. Janusz ’10 was earning her Criminal Justice: Corrections degree, which she completed in August of 2010, when she was interviewed. Julie feels that CCC is a good place to start your education. She said that attending a two-year school helps you pick your career and, “You get hands-on experience because it is a small school.” She admits that time management can be challenging as a student. Like Yovi, Julie feels that she deserves her good grades. She studies, is a good writer, and is able to intern (with a parole officer), work and go to school. Part of her success is due to reading before class, and asking and answering questions.

Following CCC, Julie was looking forward to attending SUNY Oswego as she had already been accepted. She wants to get her master’s in public administration with a minor in criminal justice and hopes to enter the field of Homeland Security or paralegal. In addition to school and work, Julie enjoys bowling in her free time.

Another of our alumni featured in Lake Life recently was Christopher M. Tesorio ’08. Christopher graduated with his Telecom: Radio & TV Broadcasting degree and is working as an Audio/Visual Specialist for the Auburn Enlarged City School District. Although Christopher finds that the volume of requests keeps him on his toes (he is the only A/V Specialist in the district), he enjoys exposing people to technology. He finds it rewarding to introduce others to technological uses they didn’t know were available or even possible.

Christopher said that if he were not doing this job, he would probably be screenwriting. He shares that it has always been something that he wanted to do. “Conveniently, I can screenwrite and do this job.” He feels that his parents were the best teachers he ever had. “They’ve instilled in me a good moral compass and work ethic.” He said that the type of person you are is more valuable than any other skill you can have in life.

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association is happy to see our alumni being highlighted in the Citizen. We take pleasure in being updated on what our graduates are up to now, how they are using their degrees, and how they feel about their experiences at CCC. We hope you enjoy it, too.

Collegian Sends Care Package to Billy’s Battalion

The staff of CCC’s student-run newspaper, The Cayuga Collegian, has been sending care packages to the brother of a CCC student serving in the Army overseas. The soldier is William “Billy” Blessing of Skaneateles. He is a Sergeant in the United States Army’s 101st Airborne Division “The Screaming Eagles” based at Fort Campbell in Kentucky. “We are very excited to make contact with a local soldier serving in Afghanistan,” said Collegian Editor-in-chief Kat Taylor. “We put in some soap, lotion, candy, and of course, we put in some issues of The Collegian.” Taylor says they plan to send as many packages as they can during the semester. “We just got word Billy is coming home and he wants to meet us. We’re super excited!” Now the staff is busy getting ready for their annual fundraiser, Collegian Comedy for Cancer, in CCC’s Black Box Theater on April 28th at 7 p.m. “It’s a fun way to make a difference and to honor our faculty advisor who is a cancer survivor,” Taylor said.

Spartans in the Spotlight

2010 - 2011 CAYUGA COLLEGIAN STAFF

Left to right: Jamie Blumrick, Associate Editor; Mike Widger, a.k.a. DoowITTle; Kat Taylor, Editor-in-chief; Jim Collins, Staff Writer; and D.J. DuVall, Sports/Associate Editor

The Collegian

William “Billy” Blessing

Spring/Summer 2011

The Spartan
Francis A. Cereo ’83

Frank started writing his first book after receiving encouragement from his professor, Robyn Silverman, while pursuing a bachelor’s degree at Empire State College. From the time he graduated from CCC in 1983, Frank held several positions in business management, however, it was not until after his graduation from Empire State College in 2008 that he first became an author. Since then, he has written four books in varied genres. His first was Promethean Expedition, a sci-fi story about an alternative fuel mission to Saturn. Vampire Seduction, his second book which Frank comments is “very racy,” takes place in Auburn in 1963 and follows a young man who lost his parents as he tries to make his way through life. His third book, Autumn Song, is a romance that takes place in New York City between a heavy metal rocker and a waitress during the Yankees championship run. Frank’s most recent book, The Horror of the Avalanche Express, takes place on a runaway train in 1889 from which the crew and passengers start to disappear. Cereo says that he “likes to write for fun” and feels that “with every story I finish, I’m getting better with a descriptive matter.”

Cereo, the youngest of five brothers, was born in Auburn and grew up on Wall Street. He played organized baseball and following high school he played city league softball and football for many years. He has been an avid bowler for the past 40 years and carries a 219 average. In 1985, Francis married Suzanne M. Falcone ’93. They have five children: Michelle ’07, Frankie, Christopher, Victoria and Dominick.

Currently, Frank has several manuscripts completed and is in the process of writing two more books. One of them, a children’s book titled An Adventure of Mack & Black Jack, is being illustrated by his wife Suzanne and daughter Michelle.

For more information, check out Frank’s website: www.frankcecero.com

Kay Benedict Sgarlata ’63

You may remember that back in 2008 we were happy to feature Kay Benedict Sgarlata ’63 and her book, The Class of ’60. With this book Kay was hoping to revive memories of youth in the minds and hearts of individuals who came of age in the ’60s. Her non-fiction story told of her graduating class and their “growing-up days” to becoming “Medicare eligible.” Kay’s second memoir, Lessons from the Lower Road, is meant to “delight the reader yearning to experience what their grandparents lived through to those who actually lived it.”

Kay grew up on a small farm in Camillus, NY with her parents and four siblings. It was here that she learned life-long lessons from her many childhood experiences. In her new book, she lovingly shares lessons learned from her parents, siblings, teachers, and from life itself, in brief snippets about her first fifteen years of life. The author shares many poignant experiences as they unfolded in her young life. “It is impossible to read this book without reflecting on one’s own childhood experiences, the learned values, the daily habits that have become so integral to the human being you are.”

Following her graduation from ACC, Kay attended SUNY Oswego and received her Master’s and Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration. She taught elementary education for over eleven years and then entered governmental administration, retiring early in 1995. Kay now lives in Syracuse with her husband Anthony (Tony) and is the stepmother to two adult sons and daughter and delights in her two grandchildren.

Stephen A. Loder ’73

Steve Loder has been hunting since he was 12 years old and began cooking wild game when he was 15. His father was a butcher in upstate New York when Steve was growing up, and when Steve was 14 his father bought a restaurant. If Loder wasn’t hunting, he was cooking with his dad. That is where he found his passion.

After attending ACC, where he met his future wife, “Auburnian” Gale Flack, Stephen transferred to RIT where he earned his B.S. in Business Administration. In 1980 he started a career with Norfolk Southern Railroad that allowed him to live and work throughout most of the Eastern United States. No matter where they lived, Steve continued his lifelong hobbies of wild game hunting and cooking. In 1995, due to health reasons, Steve was forced to give up his corporate career and go on disability. Gale encouraged him to concentrate on his hobbies and gave him the idea to start a wild game recipe scrapbook and his hunter’s journal of tales. In order to support themselves, they decided to write, publish, and market a cookbook on venison.

When we last featured the Loders in the Fall 2002 issue of the alumni newsletter, they had two cookbook titles already on the market and were about to publish a third in a series fittingly titled “Quality Venison Cookbooks, Homemade Recipes and Homespun Dear Tales.” Their successful publishing business ran from 1998 to 2008 and sold nearly 65,000 copies of their three cookbooks.

In November of 2008, the Loders decided to lease the publishing rights of their cookbook series to Stackpole Books. Working with Stackpole Books, Steve helped to combine the best of their venison recipes from the three cookbooks into one new book. The beautiful hardcover 384-page book titled “Quality Venison Cookbook: Great Recipes from the Kitchen of Steve and Gale Loder” contains a collection of over 300 venison recipes and is available from Borders, Barnes & Noble Bookstores and online at Amazon.com.

For more information, you may call Steve and Gale at 724/824-2083 in Pittsburgh, PA, or visit www.stackpolebooks.com.

Kay Benedict Sgarlata ’63

Alumna author Patricia Catto is receiving high praises for her book, Aunt Pig of Puglia (Recordi de la Famiglia Ferri). This family memoir of her Italian-American growing-up experience is said to be “brisk, frank and always funny” by author George Guida (New York and Other Lovers: Poems). Author Joey Nicoletti (Cannoli Gangster) states that the book is “an intimate, rather than private look at family life” and “a wonderfully exquisite, moving memoir of the Italian-American experience.” And author Catherine Brownder (Secret Lives) described the book as “a stunning Valentine to storytelling” and said, “Patricia recounts and embroiders, with humor and poignancy, her unforgettable family.”

Catto has described the book as a “magical realism novel.” The story recounts the family life of Italian immigrants and is a mingling of tales from the old country. Its characters are the extended family members of a female narrator known as Pasquale (Patricia’s given male nickname by her father). Published in September 2009 by Jaded Ibis Press, the book is available in paperback, Kindle Reader and Fine Art Limited Editions. Patricia’s first book, Wife of Geronimo’s Virile Old Age: Poems, published in 1991 by Mathom Press Enterprises, was inspired by her initial trip to Arizona’s Sonora Desert.

Patricia J. Catto ’72

The book explored family and issues dealing with regional lore. She has authored many stories, articles, reviews and academic papers. Patricia has been an associate professor in the School of Liberal Arts at the Kansas City Art Institute for 20 years, offering a variety of courses. In the 1990’s, she added raks sharki dance element to her poetry classes, and in 2004 and 2006, she traveled to India to study this form. Her courses in “Folk Literature of the World” are considered her signature.

Patricia lives in Bisbee, AZ with her dogs, Habeebah, Ugoberto, Vito and Rhett Butler.
University Center Updates

Cazenovia College Brings Classes to Cayuga

Cazenovia College has set out to help overcome the hurdles of a baccalaureate degree for people in Cayuga County. Rather than insist that students “come to the mountain,” Cazenovia is “bringing the mountain” to the students at Cayuga Community College and is offering two baccalaureate degree programs (Human Services and Health Care Management) on the grounds of Cayuga Community College. The classes are at night and on the weekends, and the tuition is reasonable at $295 per credit unit. Contact the Cazenovia Office of Extended Learning or visit us at www.cazenovia.edu/extendedlearning to find out if our programs are right for you. After all, it’s your life….Make the most of it!

Keuka College ASAP: Meeting the Needs of Auburn’s Working Adults

Amid the economic challenges of today’s economy, adults looking to complete their education or earn an advanced degree are faced with several challenges. If you are looking to complete your advanced degree while still balancing work, family and finances, you’ll find it is possible thanks to CCC’s partnership with Keuka College.

Keuka College's Accelerated Studies for Adults Program (ASAP) has designed a solution that brings affordable bachelor’s and master’s degree programs to working adults. At CCC, a B.S. in criminal justice, organizational management, social work, or nursing for RNs is convenient and achievable. Undergraduate programs can help you to complete your education or retrain for a new career while working. A B.A. in Sociology/Dual Childhood Certification and Most Course Work for Master of Science for Teachers

The Le Moyne College/CCC collaboration established last year initially allowed students to earn a B.A. in Sociology and dual certification in Childhood/Special Education in 3½ years of part-time study. For those who already possess a bachelor’s degree, it now has expanded to include course work for a Master of Science for Teachers beginning fall 2011. Cayuga students who wish to transfer into the bachelor’s degree program may apply after they’ve completed 45 credits toward their associate degree, which will transfer into the Le Moyne program. To be eligible for admission, students must have an overall GPA of 2.6 and 2.75 in a mandatory education course. 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 time student teaching.

Financial aid for both programs is available, and many students will find that Stafford loan monies will fully fund their part-time study. For more information, visit www.cayuga-cc.edu/lemoyne, or contact Michael Greene, CCC coordinator of baccalaureate programs, at 315.294.8567, or via e-mail michael.greene@cayuga-cc.edu. Le Moyne College contact for both the bachelor’s degree and the MST program is Pat Bliss, director of continuing education. She can be reached at 315.445.4141 or blisspj@lemoyne.edu.
Why I Chose Cayuga' YouTube Video Winners

This past summer CCC held a contest for students enrolled in fall 2010 classes to make a video explaining why they decided on this college. ‘Why I Chose Cayuga’ allowed students to create a short YouTube video telling viewers why they picked CCC.

Kelsey MacDougall, of Fulton, was the Grand Prize winner and received an Apple iPad. She was selected by a panel of judges comprised of CCC faculty. Matt Jennings, of Liverpool, was selected as the People’s Choice award winner and received a Flip Mino HD digital camcorder. Both ‘Why I Chose Cayuga’ YouTube Video Winners MacDougall and Jennings attend CCC’s Fulton campus.

Winning videos can be viewed online at cayuga-cc.edu/contest.

Toastmasters International Now on Campus

Staff and faculty members at CCC have formed a chapter of Toastmasters International on the Auburn campus. Toastmasters is an organization begun to help members improve their communication, public speaking and leadership skills.

The club is open to the public and is in its early stages of development, so this is a wonderful opportunity for new members to become involved. Though it is an educational program, it offers members unlimited possibilities to develop personal skills and networking and social opportunities. Members have found the meetings to be entertaining as well as personally rewarding.

Meetings last one hour and are currently being held weekly in late afternoon, though day and time is being fine tuned to meet the needs of the membership. There are hopes of starting a chapter on the Fulton campus at some point in the future. The students are standing in a Chickee at the Ah-Tah-Ti-Ki Museum.

Prom Dress Project Continues

Once again a “Gorgeous Gown Second Time Around” collection was held by CCC’s Tutor Club in November. The group collects gently used dresses to provide affordable prom dresses to high school students. The project was started by last year’s graduates Kelly Schafer ’10 and Brittany Jorgenson ’10. Both were planning to continue their collecting efforts at their Oswego and Geneseo campuses. This year the project is being coordinated by Christina Kozier, president of the Tutor Club and SGO secretary, along with Bethany Nelson. Write-ups are being done by Brandi O’Hara. Proceeds from the event will be donated to charity.

Bethany Nelson shared, “Parents cut off the number of events their daughters attend because of the cost of dresses. This allows girls to attend more events.” The club’s “restocking effort” has collected around 165 dresses so far. The group will leave their donation rack out throughout this semester. The Tutor Club’s dress sale is scheduled to be held in March.

Early Childhood Development

Students from the Early Childhood program traveled to Florida over intersession for a course in Interdisciplinary Study in Native American Culture & Education. This is a three-credit course that provides an opportunity for students to participate in service learning in a school servicing Native American Children. Students explore past and present perspectives of Native American culture to facilitate intercultural understanding.

This year, nine students participated including one student from Jefferson Community College, one from SUNY Cortland, and a VISTA volunteer. The students are shown standing in a Chickkee at the Ah-Tah-Ti-Ki Museum.

The students are standing in a Chickkee at the Ah-Tah-Ti-Ki Museum and under the Ahfachkee School sign on Big Cypress Reserve with school Principal Walter Swan.
CJ CLUB HAMBURG/HOTDOG SALE 9/29/10
William Wahl, CJ Club VP; Heather Allen, CJ Club President; Danielle Bliss, CJ Club Secretary; and Thereze Whitfield, CJ Club Co-Secretary.

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CJ CLUB’S Mackenzie Tupper, Danielle Bliss, William Wahl and Jamie Groom host a domestic violence awareness table on campus.

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Celebrating 35 Years of Nursing at CCC...

I am currently a student at the Fulton campus in the Nursing program, and an employee of CCC. I work as the Fulton campus Student Activity Coordinator. I am a wife and a mother of three as well so I wear many hats and my life is more often than not chaotic. I love my job and the RN program! Fulton campus is such a unique place to be. It is a small campus and most people are extremely friendly. Because I work and attend classes on campus, I often joke that I am going to move a bed into my office and just sleep there too. I don’t think my husband would approve and my kids might miss me. The Nursing program is very competitive and it takes a lot of hard work and dedication just to be accepted. Once you’re in the program, you must be good at time management to fit in all your classes, lab and clinical hours at local health care facilities. On top of the time in class, you have hours and hours of homework. The best advice I can give is to stay organized and prioritize. Your to-do list and day planner become your best friends. I am lucky to have great instructors and an understanding boss. It’s tough juggling the program and my job, but come May 2012 when I walk across that stage for graduation, the late nights followed by early mornings will have been well worth it!

—Angela Wornick, Prospective 2012 Grad

For Immediate Release: September 15, 1975

Cayuga County Community College welcomed its second associate degree nursing class to campus this fall, bringing the total number in the two classes to 123.

For Immediate Release: May 23, 1976

At a special planning meeting held at Cayuga Community College, the first cohort of 15 nursing graduates received their R.N. pins and diplomas.

Vicki Condie, RN
Former Nursing program director

For Immediate Release: March 18, 1977

Community input and cooperation with the nursing program at Cayuga County Community College is the special ingredient that makes it all different. Such was the consensus of the faculty, staff and students who reported on the progress of the three-year-old curriculum at the Nursing Advisory Committee luncheon held Tuesday at Cardini’s Restaurant.

For Immediate Release: February 1985

The CCC nursing program received its initial accreditation from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Program (NLNAC).

For Immediate Release: July 20, 1996

Professor Rozalee Ward ’76 and her seven-member committee organized and facilitated a day-long reunion commemorating the 30th anniversary of the college’s Nursing program. Nursing alumni, from the early AMH Nursing program, attended the reunion to provide an opportunity for all individuals to meet, reminisce, and exchange ideas on issues affecting nursing education.

For Immediate Release: May 2011

In honor of National Nurses Week (May 6-12, 2011), the Cayuga Nursing Department will unveil a new display case that houses a chronology of nursing milestones and a map of nurses around the world.
Harlequin has a Successful Fall Season!

Theatre at Cayuga was overwhelmed with a great fall semester. It all started when Bob Frame, Harlequin’s long-time advisor, was chosen to direct a one-act for the Auburn Players. He chose “Two Women and a Chair” by Australian Michael Olsen. The cast for this show included his daughter, CCC freshman Alicia Frame, and alumna Carole Estabrook. The show was performed for one weekend in October and was seen by a TANYS adjudicator. He was so taken with the show that he presented an Excellence in Ensemble Acting to the two actresses and Excellence in Directing to Bob. He also recommended that the show be performed at the organization’s yearly Theatre Festival. They performed the show again for the TANYS audience the weekend before Thanksgiving.

At the Festival’s culminating award ceremony, Carole Estabrook received the sole People’s Choice Award for Best Performance and one of four Outstanding Performance Awards presented by the Festival adjudicator. The show itself won the People’s Choice Award for Best Production and was chosen as one of two shows that will be representing NY State Community theatre at the six-state Eastern States Theatre Association competitive Festival in April. The winner of this Festival will continue on to the AACT national Festival being held in Rochester in June.

To prepare for this April production, “Two Women and a Chair” was presented at Auburn Public Theatre in February (matched up with “The Zoo Story” that Bob was acting in). There will be a final open-to-the-public rehearsal held in mid-April. Watch the local media for dates and time.

Harlequin’s fall production was also a success. Four one-acts were directed by Bob Frame and combined for an evening titled “We Got Your One-Acts, Right Here!” These shows were performed in a thrust configuration in Cayuga’s intimate Black Box Theatre.

• The evening began with John Morogiello’s “The Matchmaker’s Guide to Controlling the Elements,” featuring Courtney Johnston, Christopher Competillo and Alicia Frame in a wacky love story taking place in an office environment.

• Next up was “The Scent of Coconut Had Haunted Her for Days” by Tara Meddaugh with Kenny Baker and Caryl Frame as a young, married couple dealing with a surprise pregnancy.

• After a brief intermission, Lauren Maltese, Rachel Bodner and Lizzy Fennessy were the marks of Rosemary Frisino Toohy’s powerful “The Body Washer.” In this piece, monologs by the three women are interwoven to tell the story of a young girl’s death in Afghanistan.

• The evening closed with Deborah Finkelstein’s “The Christmas Tuba Festival.” Tarin Bonvino humorously portrayed the adventures of a girl who wants to play cello in a town where all musical instruments besides the titular Tuba are outlawed. Enacting the townspersons in multiple roles were Maria Coleman, Linsie Ferguson, and Nancy Hunt who were joined by actors from all the previous shows.

The evening was stage managed by Caryl Frame and Taylor Hildreth, assisted by control operators Joe Campanella, Jon Bacon and Kelly Berry. After one of the evening performances, the company sat down with an adjudicator from TANYS who discussed what he saw: what worked, what didn’t work - giving an impartial eye as to how the students could learn and grow in their work.

We learned later the next week that he decided to convey Meritorious Achievement in Acting Awards to Alicia Frame, Courtney Johnston and Tarin Bonvino; and Excellence in Ensemble Acting to the casts of “The Christmas Tuba Festival” and “The Body Washer.” “The Body Washer” also received an invitation to perform at the TANYS festival. So, Bob and 12 students made the trek to Batavia to perform. Although they did not win any special recognition at the Festival, just knowing that they were chosen to perform from a field of 64 entrants was benefit enough. They also had a chance to see eight other performances (including “Two Women and a Chair”), attend some workshops and network with others in the state that love and participate in non-professional theatre.

In the final awards ceremony, besides the recognitions that “Theo Women...” received, it was announced that Bob Frame has been elected to serve as President-Elect and will start his two-year term as President of the Theatre Association of NY State (TANYS) in November of 2011. Congratulations!

Auditions are underway for Harlequin’s spring production of “When I Come to My Senses, I’m Alive!” by Seattle Playwright Scotto Moore. This science fiction, internet love story will be performed March 17-19 and 24-26 in the Irene A. Bisgrove Community Theatre and will be only the second showing of this work. More information will be forthcoming on Harlequin’s Facebook site, the College website and local media. Make sure you check out this exciting show from this award-winning company.
I’d like to offer a warm “hello” to all of you recent as well as not-so-recent Alumni of CCC. You will be happy to know that the Fulton Campus is not just surviving, but thriving! Our enrollment headcount at the Fulton Campus has increased by more than 100% from when we first moved into the Broadway Campus in 2001. Fulton enrollment was then 686 and as of Fall 2010, it has grown to 1352 students. Of course, all of this enrollment growth will necessitate a larger campus, and that is just what the Board of Trustees and CCC President are diligently working on even as I write this piece.

But make no mistake – this enrollment growth has an impact on everyone at the Fulton Campus. Students need more space for clubs and events; faculty needs more classrooms and office space; and student services need room to grow and expand. I will say, however, that not a day goes by that I don’t have the privilege of witnessing at least one student, faculty member, or staff person who shows incredible grace under pressure in such close quarters. Patience and humor have become valued commodities here in Fulton as noise and activity levels have increased exponentially. I will also say that our tight accommodations here in Fulton have contributed to a closer knit community on campus. Faculty, staff and students are in constant contact with one another throughout all corners of the facility, and student events are witnessed and enjoyed by all in the front foyer. We are truly all in this together.

-Submitted by Maggie Killoran,
Associate VP/Dean of the Fulton Campus

The Fulton campus now has an independent PTK chapter -- Beta Tau Iota. Shown accepting new signage from donor Johnny Santiago, left, are chapter President Justin Ford and Advisor Kathy Sipling.

HARDWORKING ADMINISTRATOR
Sue Witmer ’90, Director of Fulton Operations, at work at her desk.

VETERANS ON CAMPUS
Student Vets are honored on Veterans’ Day.

DONATIONS TO UNITED WAY
The Fulton Criminal Justice Society presented the United Way of Greater Oswego County with a check for $800. The donation was the culmination of events sponsored by the CJ Society to help the United Way with their fundraising efforts. Pictured are John Lamphere, CJ Society Advisor; club member Brian Clowes; United Way Resource Development Director Lois Leuber; club member Jeremy Pekarek; Fulton Director Sue Witmer; and club member Brett Konu.

STUDENTS ON LAKE PLACID TRIP
Student Development and SGO hold an annual Leadership Retreat for student club members from both campuses. The retreat features workshops on diversity and leadership training, including a survival simulation. This trip was to Lake Placid, NY.

FULTON LEARNING CENTER
Students at the Fulton Learning Center in December.

Ssh!
Because of the unique layout of the Fulton campus, there is a need for noise reduction in the hallway.
Spartan Sports

Alberici Wins 200th Career Game

Cayuga Community College Head Women’s Basketball Coach Jim Alberici won his 200th career game in the Lady Spartans’ victory over Tompkins-Cortland CC on January 6, 2011. Coach Alberici has guided the women’s basketball program for the past 13 seasons with several successful Region III and Mid-State Conference campaigns. In the 2009-10 season, the Lady Spartans reached the NJCAA Region III Championship game.

Coaching success in the Alberici family is a regular thing (father Gino is a retired area legend in the high school football ranks, and brother Joe is head men’s lacrosse coach at Army), and Jim joins that successful group of Alberici coaches. Following the win, the team and captains presented Coach Alberici with a plaque noting the milestone. Congratulations to Jim, his team and family on this significant accomplishment!

CCC Sports Schedule

SPRING HOME GAMES

Men’s Lacrosse
March 12 Hudson Valley CC @ 3 pm
March 24 Broome CC @ 4 pm*
March 30 Mohawk Valley CC @ 4 pm
April 10 SUNY Delhi @ 1 pm
April 16 Dean College @ 3 pm
April 20 Jefferson CC @ 4 pm*

Golf
April 22 Spartan Invitational @ 1 pm

*Mid-State Conference Games
(schedule is subject to change)

JUDO ALUMNI

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________
Email: ___________________________ Did you graduate from CCC?: _______/Year
When did you take Judo?: _______ /Year(s)
Rank, Medals, Trophies Acquired: ________________________________________
Current Status: Married/Single #Children: ____ # Grandchildren: ______
Business Accomplishments/Publications/Advanced Degrees: ___________________
Comments/Remembrances: _______________________________________________

Sensei Would Like To Hear From You

Professor Peter Petrosino has taught Judo at ACC/CCC for the past 42 years. He continues to teach Judo and has acquired his 6th degree Black Belt. Recently, while remembering some of those who acquired their black belts, brown belts, etc. over those years, he began to wonder how his students have fared, whether they have fulfilled their goals and careers.

A computer search of the credit-bearing PE class in Judo reveals that there were over 3500 students in those classes; many of whom have become quite successful. Surprisingly, in recent years there have been several “returnees” who have come back to continue their “Judo Quest.” Some of them have had a 20 year or more respite.

If you would like to share your story, or just say hello, please complete the form and mail to: Peter Petrosino, Cayuga Community College, 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY 13021, or email sensei at petju@verizon.net.

CCC Completes First Women’s Volleyball Season in Fall 2010

Spartan Athletic Director Pete Liddell announced last summer that Cayuga Community College would be adding women’s volleyball as an intercollegiate varsity sport program for the coming fall. “With the local popularity of the sport combined with our excellent indoor facilities in Spartan Hall, it made sense for us to add women’s volleyball. We seem to have an annual interest in prospective students interested in playing volleyball at the next level.” The athletic department’s search for a new coach was finalized with the hiring of former Oswego State standout Heidi Armstrong in July 2010.

The Spartans prepared their facilities over the past summer to accommodate the new volleyball program. A new, 4,000 sq. ft. SportCourt floor was installed in mid-August, just in time for the program’s first day of practice.

Coach Armstrong was satisfied with the team’s work ethic and performance in the first year of the program. The team battled hard and competed in every match and got the program’s first wins at Broome and at the TC3 Tournament. The Lady Spartans look to continue their hard-working ways and improve in the 2011 season.
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Alumni Contributors

www.cayuga-cc.edu/alumni
Patricia A. (Markoll) Myr ’58 is employed with the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Her husband is retired.

Barry L. Pickard ’59 is retired from GE and is now self-employed.

Patricia E. (Dinsmore) Walter ’61 shares that she is “finally almost retired.” Patricia is working part time as a treasurer of her church. She is enjoying her children and grandchildren and likes to travel.

Betty B. (Putnam) Short ’62 moved to a co-op in August and is enjoying the “new style of living.”

Sharon L. Appleton ’64 is retired and her motto is “Live life to its fullest each day.” She is happy to have her and her family living across the street from her. She is proud to say that he was in the Navy for 15 years and was discharged with full disability.

Betsy A. (Hunter) Donald ’64 recently retired from Southern Cayuga Central School District after 34 years. She is looking forward to more time with her grandchildren and traveling.

David P. Mamuzic ’64 became a first-time grandparent. His World’s Champion Senior Softball Team (the Village Merchants) in Phoenix, AZ won the title. He is still actively self-employed as an actuarial consultant.

Susan W. (Miles) Phelosof ’64 has been recovering from two cataract surgeries and from a recent hospitalization.

R. Edson Porter ’64 has retired from teaching at the Southern Cayuga Central School.

D. “Donald” Ronald Whipple ’64 is retired, however, continues to work as interim school administrator in the Oneonta area. He also affiliates college and high school basketball during November and December. From January through March, he heads south to Hilton Head.

Joan A. (Carris) Brown ’65 has been retired since the fall of 2002 from the NYS Education Department Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities.

William Teneny ’65 was elected Central Zone president of the NYS Retired Teachers’ Association on November 4, 2010 in Canastota. The zone includes Cayuga, Chenango, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

Dennis M. Brewer ’66 retired from Canandaigua School District but continues to sub at the middle school. He has spent 21 years as Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Canandaigua, which has three parks and two new developments in one, on.

Patricia A. (Decker) Kenyon ’66 is retired from Broward County Schools in Florida.

Laurene M. (Passaro) Maiorano ’67 retired from Cayuga Community College in 2002.

Sandra C. (Scomber) Tonzi ’67 and her husband Bill are both retired. They love to spend time with their children and five grandchildren.

Patricia A. (Decker) Kenyon ’66 has been keeping busy with volunteer work. Richard Chandler ’69 retired from the Cayuga Area as Director of Criminal Information Systems and Services after almost 37 years of service. In 2002 he and his wife built a new home and live just south of Auburn on Rockefeller Road. His wife is employed at Cornell University.

Joanne L. (Carley) Shernsey ’69 has retired but volunteers with AARP and RSVP doing income taxes for senior citizens.

Edward R. Robinson ’70 retired from the NYS Thruway Authority in 2000 from his position as computer programmer.

Charles F. Augello ’71 just completed 35 years of service with the Auburn Police Department, with 22 years as Police Captain. He also just completed 15 years as an instructor with the Criminal Justice Department at CCC. His son Charles has just completed two years of service as a police officer with the Auburn Police Department.

Thomas P. Gamgemi ’71 has been teaching 6th form for 33 years with the Liverpool Central School District. He is actively involved in this year’s production of “Guys and Dolls,” to be performed on June 2, 2011.

Rose Mary “Chickie” (Liseno) Pidlyphich ’71 was inducted into the Auburn Bowling Hall of Fame this past November for her years of dedicated and ongoing work with the area’s youth bowlers.

Martin A. Reed ’71 shares that his “greatest joy this year” has been seeing his daughter Kelsey marry “a fine young man,” Bobby Ostman, and watching them buy their first home. He also states that his daughter Rachel graduated summa cum laude from Liberty University in May. Martin works for Oswego Co. Energy Recovery and his wife is Director of Sunny Days Preschool.

Raymond E. Baier III ’72 and wife Patricia became grandparents of a 7 lb. 4 oz. girl, Gianna Judith, in July.

Thomas M. Bebee ’72 is employed with Time Warner Cable.

Michael P. Kaltin ’72 and his wife were self-employed and are now retired.

William “Bill” J. Hocicky ’73 has been with Welch Alyn 30 years this year.

David G. Lewis ’73 is the coordinator for the Youth Job Training Program at the Kachemak Bay Campus of the University of Anchorage, Alaska. His wife Lyn is a teacher in the Soldotna Elementary School in Homer, AK.

Marilyn T. (Bratek) Ringwood ’73 has expanded her business “Elsbeth Rose,” a women’s clothing and accessory boutique, by recently opening a second location in Fayetteville, NY. Her first shop was opened in 2006 in Armory Square in Syracuse, NY.

Richard ’74 and Christine Chalupnicki ’74 announce the marriage of their daughter Sara Marie Chalupnicki ’04 to Paul Jeffrey Casler ’02 on July 24, 2010.

Melanie H. Trexler ’75 the executive director of United Way of Greater Oswego County was interviewed recently by Oswego County Forum for an article on the challenges of fundraising during the recession. Melanie said that they strive to improve existing relationships as well as foster new ones. She also shared that they completed a county employee retention survey for the purpose of making sure that funding is going where the county really needs it. Trexler also was featured in the Palladium Times this January as part of a donor’s campaign. Jeff Hoffman, Executive Director of CCC Foundation shared, “I got to know Melanie while working at our Fulton Campus in 2008-09, before I even knew she was a CCC alumna. She went out of her way to introduce me to people and make me feel welcome. What’s most amazing about Melanie is that she extends her care and concern to thousands of people through her work with the United Way.”

Constance M. (Hoffman) Cuddy ’76 has slowed down following some surgery and stays closer to home and family. Constance keeps busy knitting sweaters for World Vision and mittens for Baldwinsville Christmas. She also drives ladies “to and fro” at times.

Susan E. Kreplin-Michaels ’76 was chosen to compete on Team USA in the ITU World Championship Olympic Triathlon in Budapest, Hungary in 2010, where she finished 13th of 57 women in her age group. In July 2011, Susan will compete in Ironman Lake Placid. She is employed with Cuddy Financial Services as a CPA; her husband is with Michaels & Smolak.

Michael K. Trapani ’76 and his wife Molly celebrated the marriage of their daughter Elizabeth Christine to David Anthony Verdi ’05 on August 20, 2010.

Renee J. Butler ’77 is employed with Cayuga County Health and Human Services.

Anthony Franzelli ’77 and his family donated a 3.5-ft. blue spruce that grew on their property to the City of Auburn to replace a diseased old tree. The tree is located on South and Lincoln Streets. The tree was decorated for the holidays and lit during a special ceremony on November 27, 2010 at the annual Holiday Parade and Family Fun Day. For many years, the city solicited donated trees. However, for the last few years, it tried to plant them but they kept dying and so it decided to go back to donations. Tony stated, “Our family is excited about having it used for the first year.” Another tree will be planted in place of the one donated by the Francescelli family.

Donna L. (Parkers) Smith ’77 is living in Charlotte, NC. Her oldest son is in the USAF and has been back and forth to the Middle East. Her daughter is a senior at Syracuse University. She is majoring in chemical engineering and her youngest son is attending a community college for 11th and 12th grade. Donna is still employed with IBM and enjoys visiting family in Auburn often.

Michael E. ’78 & Lisa M. (Wilson) Cuddy ’80 are employed with Pinnacle Investments, LLC and the Lafayette School District.

Stephen Pelton ’78 celebrated his 75th birthday in December of 2010. Since majoring in chemical engineering and his youngest son is attending a community college for 11th and 12th grade. Donna is still employed with IBM and enjoys visiting family in Auburn often.

Dr. Timothy G. Coville ’80 completed his Ph.D. at Rutgers University in October of 2008. He is now a tenure track member of the faculty at St. John’s University in Queens, NY.

Gregory S. Procopio ’80 graduated with a BS in Medical University in May 2010 with a Master’s of Science – Family Nurse Practitioner. He received his license as a NYS Family Nurse Practitioner in June 2010 and earned his board certification as an Emergency Nurse in October 2010.

David H. Cuff ’81 and his wife Eileen celebrated the marriage of their daughter Kara Joan to Kevin Raymond Slayton on July 16, 2010.

Karen E. (Butler) Lockwood ’82 is employed with AmeriCredit Union; her husband is self-employed.

(Charles) Alan Loomis ’83 is retired from Cornell University.

Scott M. Stevens ’85 owns his own Employee Benefits Consulting business, S.M. Stevens and Associates, LLC. He and his wife have a daughter, Kayleigh. Scott shares that he is thankful for his two years at CCC and appreciates the solid education he received here.

Susan M. Dwyer ’87 was married to James Buschman on Christmas Eve, 2009. She works for Cayuga County and her husband works for the City of Auburn.

Lisa Jo (DeSocio) Greenfield ’87 started her own business in the health and wellness industry. Her passion is to help others look, live and feel better. Lisa’s business website is LookLiveFeelBetter.com. She is also an assistant manager at Laica’s Restaurant and is married to Thomas K. Greenfield.

Gerard P. Dunham ‘88 is married to Sherri (Hammond). They are employed with Tetra Tech and Ithaca College.

Sharon E. (Lane) Hostet ’88 is employed with Soleo Communications.

Lisa L. Rosecrans ’91 is employed with the Auburn Enlarged City School District and finds great pleasure in teaching students with special needs.

Christopher J. O’Donovan ’95 became engaged to Mandy L. Goodwin. A September 2011 wedding is planned.

Stephen Baier ’96 and his wife Kari had a 7 lbs. 4 oz. daughter in July 2010.

Christopher C. Chave ’97 is employed with Aspen Dental. A September 2011 wedding is planned.

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Jason Leszczynski '98 was promoted to Director of Manufacturing with the Beech-Nut Nutrition Corporation. He is responsible for day-to-day operations in terms of production and gaining efficiencies in the Amsterdam, NY plant.

Carole J. Estabrook '00 was invited to perform at the Theatre Association of NY State (TANYS) Festival held in November 2010 in Batavia, along with CCC freshman Alicia Frame, in the production of “Two Women and a Chair” by Michael Osten.

Stephanie Gail Flynn '01 married Ronald Lewis Powers on September 25, 2010. Stephanie is employed as the manager of Tuxedo Junction in the Fingerlakes Mall and her husband is employed at Pac Sun in the Carousel Center. The couple lives in Cato.

Paul Jeffrey Casler '02 and Sara Marie Chalupnicki '04 were married on July 24, 2010. Sara graduated from Upstate Medical University and is employed with Finger Lakes Radiation Oncology in Clifton Springs. Paul graduated from Buffalo State and is employed by New York State. The couple enjoyed a trip to Jamaica and is now living in Auburn.

Jessica L. Campbell '07 married David Pike September 4, 2010. The couple will be living in Auburn.

Joshua William Champlin '07 married Carolyn Shira Rolince on April 10, 2010. He is a NYS corrections officer and a volunteer firefighter for Fairmount.

Heidi Lynn Lord '07 is engaged to Corey Michael Wright. A June 18, 2011 wedding is planned.

Joli McGrath '07 graduated in 2009 from Binghamton University with a bachelor’s in psychology. She is currently employed as a police officer with the City of Fulton.

Elizabeth received her master’s at SUNY Oswego and is employed as an early Head-Start teacher at Cayuga-Seneca Community Action Agency and is an instructor of American Sign Language at CCC. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and now resides in Auburn.

Jessica Wolniak '08 is engaged to Corey Michael Wright. A June 18, 2011 wedding is planned.

Joli McGrath '07 graduated in 2009 from Binghamton University with a bachelor’s in psychology. She is currently employed as a police officer with the City of Fulton.

Colleen E. (MacKenzie) Sadlik '08 tied the knot with Adam Sadlik on November 27, 2010. She recently completed requirements for a BFA degree in Industrial Design from Rochester Institute of Technology and has relocated to Troy, Michigan with her husband to pursue employment.

Matthew J. Turner '08 married Heather L. Dwyer on September 11, 2010. The couple took a cruise to the Virgin Islands and will be living in Auburn.


Jessica Wolniak '08 is engaged to Jared Dudek. A 2011 wedding is planned. Jessica is employed in human resources at the Cayuga Home for Children.

Jamie Allen Northrup '09 married Alisha Marie Greene on October 23, 2010 at Grace Chapel in Skaneateles. Following a cruise to the Bahamas, St. Thomas and St. Martin, the couple is living in Auburn.

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

Name_________________________________ Class Year______

Name while at ACC/CCC_____________________________

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

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Theodore ‘Ted’ Dykoschak ‘65 passed away September 14, 2010. Ted had attended Simmons School of Mortuary Science and Ithaca College. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran, a real estate agent, and had been employed by Barber Funeral Home and as a faculty member at the Simmons School. A 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Ted was a parishioner of St. Alphonsus Church and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Cayuga County Realtors Association. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Stephen; and a daughter, Theresa.

John M. Acresti, Sr. ‘71 passed away October 5, 2010. John married Diane Ruth Wheeler in 1961 and they had two sons, James and John Jr.; two daughters, Corinne (Richard) Ryan and Denise (James) Read; along with seven grandchildren. He worked at Goulds Pumps for many years while earning his A.A.S. degree at ACC and then earned his B.A. in Liberal Arts from Empire State College in 1976. Later John was employed at the Comprehensive Training Center in Auburn and the New York State Correctional Facility. Throughout his life John shared his gifts and talents with his friends and family.

Robert “Bob” C. Bouck ’76 passed away December 8, 2010. He was a proud veteran who served his country as an Air Force medic in Okinawa during the Vietnam War. He retired from New Process Gear where he was a supervisor for many years. Bob enjoyed photography and drawing cartoon caricatures. He attended Sts. Peter & John Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Debbie (Panko) Bouck, and a daughter, Anne (Michael) Czoizer.

Raymond F. Mensing III ’78 passed away October 8, 2010. He was survived by his wife Karen (Starr), a son Seth (Megan) and a daughter Amy (Brian) Park. He served in the U.S. Army from 1972-1975 and was employed by the Syracuse Label Company as a Systems Administrator. He enjoyed fly-fishing, woodworking, and riding Honda Goldwing motorcycles. He was a member of the Second Baptist Church, where he was the sound technician for many years.

Marjorie Westcott ’79 passed away January 25, 2011. She retired from Ithaca Gun Company and was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She is survived by four brothers, a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Sylvia A. (Morehouse) Landon ’83 passed away October 24, 2010. She graduated from CCC with a degree in electrical engineering and had been employed as an electrical engineer. Later she transitioned into sales and marketing and earned a business degree at SUNY Binghamton. Sylvia joined her husband at Current Controls Inc. of Wellsville as manager of sales and in 2008 became president. She is survived by her husband Robert; sons, Tim E. Pratt (Lan) and William (Kaelee); and a granddaughter, Keyonah Redden.

Todd David Wawrzaszek ’06 passed away September 24, 2010. He loved to hunt with his father, ski and play hockey. Todd spent time on his computer and had a great love and enjoyment for his music. He is survived by his parents, David and Cheryl; his sister, Sara and new brother-in-law, John Mack; grandparents; aunt, uncle and cousins.

FACULTY PASSING

James O’Donovan, professor in the business department, passed away August 26, 2010. Jim, or “OD” as he was better known, retired from CCC in 2005, with 25 years of teaching. While at CCC, he had served on the Scholarship, Dean’s Search, Graduation and Curriculum committees. He had been a co-advisor for the Veterans Club and a member of the Mid-States Library committee. He held memberships in the Eastern Business Teachers Association, CCC Faculty Association, and the NYS Association of Junior Colleges. “OD” was a graduate of Broome Community College and SUNY Albany and did graduate work at SUNY Brockport. He provided editorial review and research for several textbook publications for McGraw-Hill and Wadsworth Publishing and also received editorial honors in several publications with Prentice-Hall and Goodyear Publishing companies. Surviving are his wife, Kathy; three sons, Sean (Marina), Christopher (Mandy) and Patrick; daughter, Kelly; a stepson, John Moulton; and three grandchildren.

Elizabeth “Betsy” Kress, former reference librarian at ACC/CxCC from 1974 to 1989, passed away December 24, 2010 following a long illness. Born in Providence, RI, Betsy spent her childhood in Manlius, NY. She received a B.A. in Education from Middlebury College and her M.A. in Library Science from Syracuse University. In 1952 she married Donald Kress of Manlius and the couple settled in Auburn, where they lived until 1989, when they retired to Old Forge, NY. Betsy and her husband were active members of Nicolls Memorial Presbyterian Church. She served on the Old Forge Library Board of Trustees for several years, as well as on the board of HASCA, the home health agency in Old Forge. Betsy enjoyed reading, skiing, boating, camping, hiking and playing bridge. She is survived by her husband; Don; son, David (Giselle); daughter, Linda (Tom Labash); five grandchildren; a sister; and a niece and nephew.

TRUSTEE PASSING

Dr. Anthony T. LoCastro, 1912-2010

Dr. Anthony T. LoCastro, the last surviving founding member of the college’s Board of Trustees, passed away on Monday, December 27, 2010. Dr. LoCastro was a dedicated local citizen with a personal concern and interest in education. He was appointed by the Auburn Board of Education, the college’s sponsor at the time, to serve on the Board of Trustees of the newly-established Auburn Community College where he served from June 1953 to August 1975.

During his tenure on the Board he served as the first Vice Chair from 1953 to 1956 and as Chair from 1956 to 1962, an exciting period during which the College began operations and proceeded to grow, graduating its first class, moving to a new 40-acre campus on Franklin Street, receiving initial accreditation by the Middle States Association, and adding several new buildings to its facilities.

Dr. LoCastro is survived by two daughters, Patricia Frick of Ohio, and CCC Professor Diana Valdina (Dr. Jon); three grandchildren; a great-grandson; and a niece and nephew.

Our sympathies go out to their families. They will be missed by all who knew them.
Wednesday, February 2nd
Student Center @ 11 am
Auburn Campus
A Taste of Cayuga with Nore Davis

In honor of Black History Month, CAYA club and SAB presents a mixture of lunch time comedy and Caribbean delicacies featuring comedian Nore Davis, a comedian for Comedy Central. Hosted and been seen on the college circuit today. He has hosted and been seen on Comedy Central. He has been a Guinness World Record holder, Human Knot presents a high energy show that will have you reeling with laughter.

Thursday, February 3rd
Student Lounge @ 7 pm
Fulton Campus
Comedian – Pete Lee

Pete mixes punch lines with juvenile perspectives, and is one of the hottest acts on the college circuit today. He has hosted and been seen on Comedy Central. He has been a Guinness World Record holder, Human Knot presents a high energy show that will have you reeling with laughter.

Monday, February 14th
Cafeteria @ 11 am
Auburn Campus
Student Lounge @ 11 am
Fulton Campus
Dating Game

Come celebrate Valentine’s Day!

Monday, February 28th
Cayuga Café @ 11 am
Auburn Campus
Jenn Grinels – acoustic musician

An award-winning, singer-song writer who has awed audiences with her heartfelt tunes.

Monday, March 2nd
Student Center 10 am-3 pm
Auburn Campus
Game Zone
Perfect your skills on the latest game systems.

Thursday, March 10th
Bisgrove Theatre @ 7 pm
Auburn Campus
Around the World in 90 Minutes with Marty Essen

A multi-media presentation features interesting facts, humorous stories, and the best of thousands of photos taken while traveling the world for his award winning book.

March 25th – 27th
Friday thru Sunday
Clubs Annual Washington D.C. Trip

Trip includes self guided tours of the museums & D.C. monuments including Lincoln Memorial, Smithsonian Museums including the Natural History Museum, to name a few. Two night stay, and transportation only $195.00.

Tuesday, April 5th
Student Lounge @ 11 am
Fulton Campus
A Pair of Nuts!!!

Yamil Piedra & Johnny Trabanco were Selected by Campus Activities Magazine as a “Hot Comedy 2011” act. Their work has been featured on Tosh.0, Last Call with Carson Daly, BET and all over the Internet.

Monday, April 11th
Student Lounge @ 11 am
Fulton Campus
& Wednesday, April 13th
Cayuga Café @ 11 am
Auburn Campus
Eric Stepanian – acoustic musician

A musician that offers songs that are accessible enough to be instantly appealing, but original enough to be genuinely unique! Enjoy the music!

Thursday, April 28
Black Box Theatre @ 7 pm
Auburn Campus
Cayuga Collegian’s Comedy for Cancer

You’re invited to come laugh along with some of the area’s finest stand-up comedians, all for a good cause. $5 Admission. All proceeds go to Colon Cancer Alliance.

Monday, May 2nd
Student Center @ 11 am
Auburn Campus
Chair Massage on the Go

Highly trained massage therapists will give you the most amazing spa experience ever offered on campus! Need to relax? Come get your ten minute FREE massage!

Saturday, May 7th
Overnight sight seeing trip to NYC

Only $65 for students and $75 non-students. Pick up and drop off at specific location in Manhattan.

Friday, May 20th
Campus parking lot area
Noon to 6 pm
Fulton Campus
1st Annual Peace Festival!

Music & carnival like atmosphere, celebrating good will, gathering of students, the College and members of the community. Sponsored by the Student Activities Board & other campus clubs. More details will be announced.

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