Crow Sculptures Take Flight
Students work to create visiting artist Janie Darovskikh's rendering of a crow sculpture in CCC's Art Studio (The full description of this project can be found on the back cover)
FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

Dear Alumni & Friends,

Greetings and welcome to the spring issue of Spartan. Like the weather in CNY, the Alumni office has moved directly from a very busy fall semester, full force into the spring semester (experiencing little winter in between).

With the help of our wonderful College professors, we were able to bring three Alumni Voices events to our students. Our speakers have been engaging and our students enthused about their talks.

With your support, we have funded more than 15 book grants for students at both our Auburn and Fulton campuses last fall, and are looking to do the same this spring semester. Your Alumni Association co-sponsored two events, with the College Board of Trustees and College Foundation, to welcome our new College president Dr. Brian Durant. The president recognized 2015 Alumni Award winner Heidi L. Huddleston-Cross ’97 at one of the events, and joined us for a special luncheon held in honor of our other winner, Bruce G. Burton ’71.

As part of our community outreach, we provided three weekend bus trips in the fall, which were featured in our free quarterly eMagazine Cayuga Alumni Voices. CAV is a great way to stay connected between issues of Spartan.

Since the last issue of Spartan, your Alumni Board welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors, Susan Beck ’96 and Janet Cole ’72. We have an active and dedicated board; many of whom participated in the annual Holiday Craft Fair in December. The Alumni Board meets monthly throughout the school year to work on our many programs and they are currently making preparations for our end of the academic year events.

Finally, on behalf of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, I want to thank those who have been able to give to our Alma Mater. We had another successful year of fundraising; and because of your financial support, the Foundation and Alumni Association are able to provide scholarships, grants and fund effective programs.

~Mary Kriever ’09

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Graduates:

One of the best parts of being your President is having the opportunity to experience, first-hand, the many exciting programs and events that are part of community life here at Cayuga Community College. What many of you already know, who have had a nearly life long relationship with this College, whether it was known as Auburn Community College or Cayuga Community College, is that our campuses have demonstrated a superior level of excellence that characterizes so many of our programs and the people associated with our College.

Since coming to Cayuga in mid-August, my time has been split between discovery and exploration. I have been delighted to attend numerous Spartan sporting events, watched our students perform at the School of Media Arts (SOMA) Talent Show, met with the Alumni and Foundation boards and other community organizations and been able to hold several great student forums, which have shown me the commitment of our Faculty and Staff and just as importantly, our students. Like a student learning a new subject, I have a lot to absorb, but I am impressed with how much is going on at our Auburn and Fulton campuses.

We have had some inspiring successes in the last several months – a ribbon cutting for the new Advanced Manufacturing Institute for plastics on the Auburn Campus, a vibrant Student Engagement Speakers’ Series, an expanded partnership with Oswego BOCES (CITI) in Fulton, and record course offerings through our Cayuga Advantage Program to name a few.

You are a part of this effort, and your support has never been more important to the future success of Cayuga Community College. I look forward to working with all of you to maintain and enhance the impact Cayuga has on the lives of our students.

Dr. Brian Durant
President

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~ Mary

Spartan Alumni News Staff

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David and Mike with Foundation Board Treasurer John Latanyshyn at the President’s Welcome in November.
FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Dear College Alumni and Friends,

Our Alumni Association had been very busy since our previous Spartan. Our fall trips were a great success; I would like to thank Board Secretary John Lamphere ’74 for serving as our guide on both Gettysburg trips; he truly makes these excursions come to life. We had another sold out trip to New York City and our participation in the Holiday Craft Fair gave us a platform to reach out to the community. Also during the Holidays, we provided Christmas trees and decorations on both campuses. Once again we partnered with the College Day Care Program and we thank the children and staff for providing the artistic talent and energy in decorating the trees.

Spring is truly an exciting and busy time of the year for your Association. The Travel Committee is putting together an itinerary for our future excursions, we are reviewing the Alumni Award applications, and soon we will be selecting our Alumni Scholarship recipients. Preparation has begun for May’s Commencement, and plans for an Alumni Awards reception is in the works.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Alumni Board Members for their time, effort, and dedication to the Association. The Board’s gratitude goes to President Brian M. Durant for his support and recognition of the Alumni Association. Thank you to Foundation Director Guy T. Cosentino for his contribution and involvement for the benefit of the College and Association. And a very special heartfelt thank you, to our Director Mary J. Kriever ’09, for her long hours of help and energy in keeping the Alumni Association on track and moving forward.

Finally, to the more than 25,000 Alumni, thank you all for your support of the College and Alumni Association; we could not be as strong as we are without your backing. Please contact us at alumni@cayuga-cc.edu or on our Facebook page for suggestions or news. We are looking forward to hearing from you!

Gerry Guiney ’82
Alumni Association President

TRAVEL WITH CCC ALUMNS!

Gettysburg Battlefield
September 9-11, 2016
Escorted by John Lamphere, this trip will be a mix of our Traditional favorite with a taste of our new Unseen trip!
Goes on sale May 4

New York City Overnight Trip —
November 12-13, 2016
Staying near Times Square provides a great location for your “do your own thing” weekend!
Goes on sale August 10

Note: Contact Alumni Office for more information.
TRIP RECAPS

Traditional Gettysburg

For the Traditional tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield, we journeyed to Little Round Top on Friday night, where we witnessed smoke rising over one of the fields that was under a controlled burn. Our guide, John Lamphere ’74 delivered a compelling illustration of how the whole battlefield would have appeared this way due to the gun and cannon fire. Over the weekend we visited many monuments and sites while John explained in detail the importance of each. On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a buffet dinner at the Historic Farnsworth House and on Sunday while in National Cemetery, one of our group narrated the Gettysburg Address near the site where President Lincoln gave this famous speech. Before returning home our group appreciated a visit to the Cyclorama.

~Fred Falsey ’76

Gettysburg Unseen

John Lamphere ’74 provided a new and “Unseen” experience of the Gettysburg battlefields for the more than 35 travelers who participated in the October bus trip. He delivered a journey that took them to places and sites they had never encountered. Maneuvering the rocky terrain of Devil’s Den, climbing the windings stairs of the Pennsylvania Monument to reliving Pickett’s Charge, the weekend was full of new experiences. John’s ability to draw each visitor in, kept everyone interested and asking questions.

~Rebecca Reese ’06

Alumni Association Travels to the Big Apple

In November the Association traveled to the Big Apple for a weekend, staying conveniently near Times Square. We experienced pleasantly warm weather, making it a wonderful time for roaming about the city. People on our trip visited the 9/11 Memorial, Freedom Tower, the historical Trinity Church and Bryant Park’s Winter Village; among other sites. Of course, some of us can’t go to NYC without seeing a play. I experienced Jersey Boys while others enjoyed Aladdin and Beautiful. Judging from the bags when we boarded our motor coach on Sunday afternoon, a lot of shopping was done over the weekend. There is always plenty to do and see in Manhattan, and we are already preparing for next fall’s excursion to NYC, and you are welcome to join us.

~Fred Falsey ’76

MEET NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Janet H. Cole ’72 is an RN/Nurse Practitioner, earning her higher degrees with SUNY Upstate and SUNY Utica/Rome. Janet works at Auburn Community Hospital, and in 1996 she became a member of the Cayuga nursing faculty as an adjunct clinical nursing instructor. Joining the board in September, Janet said, “I feel I have a vested interest in helping this community and the College continue to grow, both as an alumni of ACC and a member of the academic staff at CCC.” Janet is an active member of the community and she and her husband raised four children, all Cayuga Alumni!

Susan A. Beck ’96 was elected to the Alumni Board of Director last fall. Born and raised in Auburn, she was proud to get her start at Cayuga and later transfer to LeMoyne College where she earned her BS in Psychology. Susan is a certified personal trainer and teaches classes at the YMCA with plans to manage a corporate fitness center and wellness program to promote a healthy mind and body. This past fall, she and her husband Roland celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two sons and several pets that they all adore! Susan said, “I’m looking forward to serving on the board which will allow me to get involved with alumni events and help to promote the College.”
ALUMNI AWARD WINNER
BRUCE G. BURTON ’71 VISITS CAYUGA

Bruce Burton attended a campus tour with Admissions Assistant Annie Walter ’07 in October; followed by a luncheon where he was presented with his 2015 ACC/CCC Alumni Award by Past-President Ted Herrling ’72. Board members Bill Jacobs ’73, Tony Gucciardi ’61, current Board President Gerry Guiney ’82, Susan Beck ’96, Treasurer Fred Falsey ’76, CCC President Brian Durant, CCCC Foundation Executive Director Guy T. Cosentino, and Alumni Director Mary Kriever ’09 were on hand for the presentation.

Mr. Burton worked for the State Department for many years and recently retired as Senior Advisor from the Office of eDiplomacy.

You can read more about Mr. Burton’s campus visit in the November issue of Cayuga Alumni Voices eMagazine.

ALUMNI AWARD WINNER HEIDI HUDDLESTON CROSS ’97 RECOGNIZED

During the President’s reception in November, CCC President Dr. Brian Durant took time to recognize Heidi and present her with a 2015 ACC/CCC Alumni Award. Many Alumni Board members, including Board President Gerry Guiney ’82, attended the event and congratulated Heidi on her accomplishments. Also present was 2012 Alumni Award Winner Gail Homick Herrling ’62 who commended Cross on her achievements.

Heidi, a Nurse Practitioner with Upstate University Hospital and Central New York Surgical Physicians was featured in February’s issue of Cayuga Alumni Voices eMagazine.
Old School Reporting

As Assignment Desk Supervisor with TWC, Josh Cradduck ’07 takes multitasking to the max. Covering 25 counties in New York, Cradduck simultaneously monitors a bank of police scanners, follows real time calls on an active media website, while channeling phone calls coming into the news desk on anything from UFO reports to a request for a cooking recipe. “The assignment job is an old school journalism job,” he stated.

In February, while participating in the Alumni Voices Program in conjunction with Steve Keeler and SOMA, he explained, “It’s not just news, its public relations.” Josh has two phones on him at all times; and sometimes uses them simultaneously. Reading 20 papers each morning to be sure he remains on top of the news from Syracuse to Plattsburg and Utica to Buffalo, he said “Every day is different, every day is an adventure.” Fielding questions from students Josh explained that his time working on the Collegian school newspaper taught him how to pick up the phone and call someone. “You’ve got to learn how to make that call.”

Cradduck has been with Time Warner Cable News (formerly News 10) for 8 years and is the youngest ever President of the Syracuse Press Club.

Editor’s Note: Josh will be featured in May’s issue of Cayuga Alumni Voices.

Life in the North Pacific

Ryan Campbell ’10 has been working on United States flagged commercial fishing vessels in the Bering Sea, North Pacific and the Gulf of Alaska. He returned to campus in December to share his North Pacific experiences as part of our Alumni Voices series, co-sponsored by the GIS club.

He regaled those in attendance with stories about life in the North Pacific from being at sea for days and weeks not seeing any land, to the common sight of what would be rare in the lower 48, an eagle. In vivid detail he explained how several of the ships he has served on are in reality “large food processing” boats, and discussed the competitiveness of the industry, with both China and Japan willing to pay more for fish caught. His talk was enlightening, giving the back story of the life of a commercial fisherman that so often is not like that of the Discovery Channel’s “The Deadliest Catch” filmed in nearby Dutch Harbor.

Editor’s Note: View more photos and read more about Ryan’s visit, in February’s issue of Cayuga Alumni Voices.
The Changing Culture of the Social/Digital Landscape at ESPN

As part of the Alumni Voices Program in conjunction with Steve Keeler, Director of Media and Telecommunications Programs, Jason Romano ’93 was on campus in November speaking with Telcom students about the drastic changes that have taken place with social media. He explained that in 2012 ESPN’s Social Media group was run by a staff of 3 people; three years later it is now operated by 25. He told students that 8 years ago 70% of social media was accessed on desk tops; today 75% is serviced through mobile devices. Offering career advice, he said, “Define the sweet spot, intersect your passion with your talent and then find a mentor who is doing what you want to do.” He shared, “making contacts and networking is just as important as your experience and education.”

Romano began working as a producer with ESPN Radio in 2000 and has been a Sr. Manager/Producer, overseeing NFL and MLB Social Media Strategy and Content with ESPN since 2012. You can read more about his visit in November’s issue of Cayuga Alumni Voices.
Understanding What It Takes To Be Successful

What does it take to strike out on your own and start your own company? If you are waiting for someone to tell you, it won’t happen Bruce W. Bowe ’71, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of KMB Design Group said. “You never know you’re ready. You have to bet on yourself.” After working successfully for many years with Fortune 500 companies as a CPA with an international certified public accounting firm, Bruce felt confident that he could run his own CPA firm. Over the next 17 years, Bowe, serving as the managing partner, steadily directed his company into developing into a multi-office firm representing clients in many sectors of the business community. Following this success, his ambition turned to running a business other than accounting; one that would serve a larger geographic area and a much bigger market. After departing from his firm, Bruce help to run various companies while he continued to look for something that would allow him to achieve his new goal. It was the early 90’s when he came across an engineer working in telecommunications. Bruce said, “I was very interested in this because cell phones were starting to come to light about the early 90s.” The duo worked together for a time in this field until Bowe once again struck out on his own and founded his current business, KMB Design Group.

KMB is a full service engineering solutions provider. While the company started out mostly in telecommunications their organization has expanded into solar, facilities engineering, and IT services. The solar division works with large commercial sites providing roof top installations. This sector of the company is considered to be at the forefront of the escalating solar industry. One of the current projects Bruce is particularly enthusiastic about in the Telecommunications Division is DAS (Distributed Antennae Systems); a system of managed hubs and remote antennas that help improve wireless signals. KMB has performed this work in Yankee and Gillette stadiums, to name a few installations. Overall, the team has

“Success comes from what you read and who you hang out with. Read about people who made it and meet people who are successful, and eventually you will understand what it takes to be successful.”

—Bruce W. Bowe ’71

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worked on more than 20,000 cell sites.

While discussing the path his career has taken, Bruce admits that following his departure from his CPA firm he wondered what was next. He said that a big part of his success came from not just working hard, but also working smart and being lucky. His advice, “Success comes from what you read and who you hang out with. Read about people who made it and meet people who are successful, and eventually you will understand what it takes to be successful.”

Bowe said that having the support of his wife Ellen has been “a major plus.” The couple has been married for 43 years and have a daughter who lives nearby. They have lived in New Jersey (with a second home in the Hilton Head area) since 1972 and come home to the Auburn area to visit with family and friends regularly. Bruce has served as President of his Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the United Way, was President and founder of a successful business club, and has served on several not for profit boards. He is proud to say that KMB and its employees believe in giving back. They have supported a Food Bank monthly for the past 7 years and started a program in 2014 buying gloves, hats, and scarves for a local shelter; collecting over 650 items already. Bruce credits attending Auburn Community College in providing him with an attainable goal, when going to a four year school at the time seemed daunting. He said that in his home office he has only his ACC degree and his CPA certificate; “because they were important achievements in my career.”

To read more about Bruce Bowe and KMB Design Group check out kmbdg.com.

Realizing Musical Passion

Randy B. Wight ’97 is a versatile, dynamic entertainer and an accomplished songwriter, producer who has been the lead vocal/keyboardist for the United States Army Field Band since 2004. With 25 years performing professionally, his past musical experience includes stints with The Temptations, Steely Dan and Doobie Brothers.

Wight toured in Iraq and Kuwait during OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) and OEF (Operation Enduring Freedom) and has received an Installation Commander Certificate of Meritorious Achievement and the NYS Executive Chamber Certificate of Recognition, along with an Outstanding Musicians award. He is an advisory board member and performs live music at the bedside of patients in healthcare facilities with the volunteer nonprofit Musicians on Call.

“Having performed in over 650 cities across all lower 48 states and abroad, I attribute much of my success as a Soldier, and professional musician, to the fundamentals I learned as student at CCC. Particularly influential was Professor Steve Keeler, whose guidance and expertise at the helm of the Telcom program set me up for achievement in a way few others have,” Wight said.

To learn more about this remarkable alumnus, Internet search Randy Wight, U.S. Army to visit dozens of sites about him and to view YouTube videos of his music!
WELCOMES AND FAREWELLS
BY GUY THOMAS COSENTINO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In November, in partnership with the College’s Alumni Association and Board of Trustees, the Foundation held two receptions, one in Auburn and the other in Fulton to help introduce Dr. Brian Durant, our new College President, to the greater College community. Photos from both events are on page 14 of this edition of The Spartan. This joint effort, was a way to bring together College and community leaders, as well as the members of our philanthropic community so that they could welcome our new president. The events were so successful, that Dr. Durant has asked that we do similar annual events in both host communities, so that he can update our partners, as well as get feedback from them.

In early 2015, the College was offered a Challenge Grant by the Richard E. Shineman Foundation, based in Oswego County, to raise money for our Fulton operations. I am happy to report, because of the Shineman’s commitment to Fulton, we were able raise roughly $36,000 through local donations that was matched in November by the Shineman Foundation. While raising the money was vital, just as important was our establishing a network of giving in Oswego County, which was at the Shineman Foundation’s urging. The result is that we have started to develop a base for fundraising around the Fulton Campus that we had not been able to accomplish before. It should also be noted, even with the news about the closure of the Fitzpatrick Nuclear Plant, our friends and supporters in Oswego County still came through for this Challenge Grant.

As is tradition, the Foundation Board held its regular meeting in January to vote on future Board Members, but also to say “goodbye” to members of the Board who have either decided not to seek re-election or have maxed out term-wise in their board service. The later was the case with our two longest serving Board Members, who each served nine years on our Board. Lloyd Hoskins ’74 served three years as our President and was succeeded last year by David Contiguglia, who finished a transitional year as our President in January. Over their nine years of service, both were committed to the mission of the Foundation, giving countless hours of their time, as well as financially supporting the mission of the Foundation, and more importantly the College. Both served on our Finance Committee and then as members of the Executive Committee. Their expertise and willingness to serve will be missed by their fellow board members and the Foundation’s staff.

We also welcomed new Board Member Pam Kirkwood ’84 to our January Meeting. At that meeting the Foundation Board also elected three new Board Members for full three year terms, Fulton’s Davis Standard Plant Manager Floyd Backes, educator Aliza Querns and NUCOR Steel’s new Plant Manager Drew Wilcox.

Left to right: Mindy Fedele ’15, Typist; Pam Heleen, Exec. Asst. to President; Dr. Brian Durant, CCC’s President; Mary Kriever ’09, Alumni Director; David Contiguglia, Foundation’s Past-President; and Foundation Director, Guy Thomas Cosentino
Floyd Backes is the VP of Global Operations for PPC in East Syracuse. He began his career as a certified aircraft welder and machinist while on active duty enlistment with the US Air Force. He has held progressively broader positions within several major manufacturers such as Welch Allyn and most recently as the Director of Operations for Davis-Standard. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology from Southern Illinois University while in the Air Force, and will be graduating with a Master of Business Administration degree this spring, from SUNY Oswego.

Floyd is active in community volunteer efforts with the Oswego County Workforce Development Board, the Oswego Health Strategic Planning Board, and the Cayuga Community College Foundation Board.

Pamela S. Kirkwood ’84 was born and raised in Auburn and is a graduate of the College as a non-traditional student. She spent thirty years working for Creative Electric, a locally-owned corporation that manufactured products for the United States Army. She held a number of positions at the Company and was the Vice President/Director of Operations from 1987 to 2002. Since 2002 she has been a management consultant with several local businesses. In 2010 she became a Special Assistant to the Office of Assemblyman Gary D. Finch. Ms. Kirkwood has an integral knowledge of both the Foundation and the College. She served nearly 15 years as a College Trustee, originally appointed by Governor George E. Pataki and served several terms on the College Foundation Board. She has served on several other boards, including the Merry-Go-Round Theatre Board, the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers Association of New York (MACNY). She currently serves on the Auburn Community Hospital Foundation Board and the Cayuga Museum.

She is the proud mother of Stephen, an Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary at the J.G. Wentworth Company in Philadelphia.

Aliza J. Querns was born and raised in Auburn and holds both a Masters of Science in Literacy Education Birth-Grade 6 and Bachelors of Science in Childhood Education and Special Education from St. John Fisher. She currently is a Special Education Teacher at Casey Park Elementary School in Auburn, a post she has held since August 2014. Mrs. Querns has served on several boards, including the Merry-Go-Round Theatre, and is currently a member of the Fred L. Emerson Grants Review Committee. She resides in the Town of Sennett with her husband Chris, who is a teacher in the Weedsport School District.

Drew Wilcox is the new General Manager for NUCOR Steel in Auburn, New York. He grew up in Texas where he began his 24 year career with NUCOR. His most recent assignment with NUCOR was in Memphis, Tennessee under former College Foundation Board President David Smith. Prior to Memphis, he also worked for NUCOR in both North Carolina and Arkansas.

He and his wife Brenda have three children, Heather (28), Luke (24) and Jake (18). Their youngest is finishing high school in the Memphis area. This summer when he is joined by his wife, Mr. Wilcox plans to find a permanent residence in the area.
Greetings!

I stated in my last address that ‘We have been here over twenty years and for some reason we continue to be the best kept secret in Oswego County. …but that is changing fast! Those words were not lip service; we are changing, we intend to make everyone aware of who we are, and will continue to be an anchor and leader in Oswego County.’ Those were the exact words I reported to you for the fall 2015 issue, and I can now state those words are now (mostly) true… Mostly? Yes – because we are not a secret any more.

The past several months have seen a lot of positive changes brought to the campus and we are not idly sitting around on our laurels. The dedicated and committed staff of this campus (a lot of them being Alumni of CCC) have River Glen in excellent shape; and when I say to the campus and we are not idly sitting around on our laurels. The new meaning as to the word Community. We are Cayuga!

We say Cayuga Community College, we really demonstrate and have a art facility located on the campus.

The YMCA, and hopefully in the near future will see a new, state of the industry. We are working on further opportunities that for this issue have to commitment and equally long opportunities to the people we serve.

All these services have free access to the campus which ensures a long impact on the community, as well as to many of our students and their families.

The ever - involved Student Government Organization is ensuring students a strong voice in all facets of operation. And speaking of a strong student voice, if you think that Lady Gaga did a great job… Ms. Kelly Newton, the SGO President for this campus will be heard belting out our National Anthem once again at the forthcoming Commencement! CiTi and Workforce Development continue to be the best kept secret in Oswego County. ’

Those words were not a secret any more. I have two legs and I can boast of the quality of the people who work for Cayuga Community College. If you are reading this, you are most likely a graduate of this institution, or a friend of someone who provided this paper to you. If you are the alum, then you know exactly what I am talking about. I am positive that you have someone immediately in mind that influenced you, helped you, or provided some guidance to you during your time with us. If you are the outsider, inquire to the person who gave you the paper about their experiences at Cayuga, and I am sure it will be positive.

I allowed myself to go off track for a reason, but now need to clarify my original message as to changes. Classrooms are updated, more services are being provided. The ever - involved Student Government Organization is ensuring students a strong voice in all facets of operation. And speaking of a strong student voice, if you think that Lady Gaga did a great job… Ms. Kelly Newton, the SGO President for this campus will be heard belting out our National Anthem once again at the forthcoming Commencement! CiTi and Workforce Development have finally begun the transition to this campus, and as I write this construction is taking place for the Health Cluster classrooms that will be offered, as well as the introduction of the Licensed Practical Nursing program to River Glen. We have successfully partnered with a litany of Oswego County organizations that provide critical services to the community, as well as to many of our students and their families. All these services have free access to the campus which ensures a long commitment and equally long opportunities to the people we serve. We are working on further opportunities that for this issue have to remain ‘under wraps…’ but I can reveal that we are collaborating with the YMCA, and hopefully in the near future will see a new, state of the art facility located on the campus.

Come on up, over or down……but just stop by and see for yourself. We are becoming a leader and an anchor in Oswego County. When we say Cayuga Community College, we really demonstrate and have a new meaning as to the word Community. We are Cayuga!

John Lamphere ’74
Associate Vice President/Dean of the Fulton Campus

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CNY Arts Center and students on the Cayuga College Fulton campus joined forces to present the 5th Annual Family Fun Snow Day in January. Cayuga’s Student Government Organization (SGO) worked with Snow Day Coordinator Diane Sokolowski on the details for the event. With a snowman backdrop children played for prizes at carnival games which won them stuffed animals, bead necklaces, toy cars, and so much more! Concessions offered popcorn, chili cheese dogs, hot chocolate, and donuts. The cast of the musical Seussical Jr performed and Seuss characters visited with children throughout the day. The event was well attended, with about 200 community members. Nancy Fox, Arts Center Director said, “We’re excited to have students work alongside our volunteers to oversee games and activities.” Nancy thanked SGO President Kelly Newton and the SGO club for their help recruiting students and volunteers for the event.

Joe Reitz, Cliff Pelton, David Lloyd and Eva Drake of Novelis at the President’s Welcome event in Fulton last November.

NOVELIS PARTNERS WITH CCC TO DEVELOP ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INSTITUTE AND CORPORATE TRAINING CENTER

It was announced in December that Novelis will team with CCC’s Fulton campus to launch an Advanced Manufacturing Institute; including an industrial maintenance technician program and an Advanced Laboratory and Training Center. The program will be funded in part by an $80,000 endowment by Novelis, a world leader in aluminum rolling and recycling. Its mission will be to equip students with manufacturing skills to develop a robust talent pool that will be required to fill the many jobs expected to be brought to the Central New York Region. “We are grateful to Novelis for this critical investment,” said Cayuga President Brian Durant. “Novelis has been a strong partner in our state, and together, the Advanced Manufacturing Institute will benefit our faculty, staff, students, and community for years to come.”
The Fulton Campus held a solemn and touching Veteran’s Day Ceremony on November 9th that was attended by Veterans, alumni, students, College staff, and local community leaders. Associate Vice President John Lamphere ’74 welcomed the group and had the VFW Post 569 post the colors with invocation provided by Father Moritz Fuchs. College President Durant, stated “Cayuga Community College is committed to working with veterans and active members of the military. We look forward to helping them achieve their goals and continue to contribute to our communities as they have done for the nation."

As part of the Ceremony, Jo Ann Harris ’95, Advisor to the Veterans Club explained the significance of “Fallen Soldier’s Table.” Guest speakers included Mary Josie Smith who read her very emotional story about her husband, a Vietnam Veteran who served, along with many other American heroes in Vietnam. Jennifer Allen, winner of the Fulton Campus Veteran’s Day Poem contest, and Jerimy Blowers ’93, Coordinator of Wellness and Intervention Services also spoke at the event. On Veteran’s Day, a Flag Raising Ceremony was held with special guests; the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Truxtun DDG-103 Division. A crowd of about 70 participants were in attendance for the occasion which included the National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance.
To welcome the College’s new President, Brian Durant, who joined us in mid-August from Adirondack Community College, Cayuga’s Alumni Board, the College Board of Trustees and College Foundation partnered to host two community receptions in November. The three organizations invited members of the College Community, local elected officials, community and philanthropic leaders and friends of the College to the gatherings.

Receptions were held in Auburn and Fulton, and were attended by over 150 people; many who met Dr. Durant and his wife Shawn for the first time. They were able hear firsthand Dr. Durant’s vision for the College. At the Auburn event, Dr. Durant recognized Heidi L. Huddleston-Cross ’97, one of our 2015 Alumni Award winners; you can read about her in last fall’s Spartan. During the Fulton reception, our new President not only talked about his vision for the College, but specifically of the potential for Cayuga at its Fulton Campus at River Glen.
College drama is alive and well at Cayuga! Harlequin Productions had another successful fall as they mounted the world premiere production of *Zero to Infinity: A Political Fable* by Al Schnupp, an L.A. Playwright. This farce looked at just what a man would do to win the highest political office in the land and with a nod to King Ubu the dialog was full of made up words and malapropisms; a great experience for the student company. Very appropriate to the current political carnival we are all living with! *Zero to Infinity* featured returning sophomores, Donovan Stanfield, Ryan Baldwin, Sydney Dudley ’15, Will Mosier and Dominique Baker-Lanning as the stalwarts of the acting company. They were ably assisted by newcomers Liz Stanistreet, Ashley Hatten, Andrea Brizzi, Owen Wawrzaszek and Carlos Fenelli. Sophomore Molly Sharples ran the backstage as Stage Manager assisted by freshman Shawn Hanley. Rounding out the crew were Angela Bringley, Erika Barcomb, Emma Jarvis, Nicole Iverson and Sam Phillips. Long time Harlequin Advisor Bob Frame again served as director.

Although he was not able to attend any of the performances, when playwright Schnupp watched the DVD- produced in cooperation with the CCC Telcom Dept. - he commented: 

"Just started to watch the show. Saw first two scenes and put it on pause to text you. It's fun. Great tone, nice set, good acting, fun costumes, great direction, fun music. You and your cast have found and are revealing the subtext in a wonderful way. Clear, fun characterizations, too. Everyone has shining moments. I'm impressed. Loved Inspector Oodles in his French disguise. I look forward to watching the rest. Well done. Happy holidays, Al."

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A great way to close the production!

This spring found Harlequin embarking in another new direction and style. In March, the company had a successful run of the play, *Billy Budd*, an adaptation from *Melville* by David Rush, an Illinois playwright. Harlequin was only the second troupe to mount this ensemble-driven, gender neutral production. The student cast of 12 each played many of the characters aboard the HMS Indomitable as they participated in telling of the confrontation between Billy Budd, Master-at-Arms Claggart and Captain Vere. The students worked very hard to learn how to be seamen in His Majesty’s Navy 1798, as well as singing work chanties popular in the period. It was certainly a production to be remembered which ran March 10-12 and 17-19 in the Irene A. Bisgrove Community Theatre on the Auburn Campus.

As exciting as it was to mount a new production, it is also a time of sadness as we bid farewell and good luck to our graduating sophomores. It has been a great two year run working with Dominque Baker-Lanning, Meg Owren, Ryan Baldwin, Will Mosier, Sydney Dudley, Angela Bringley, Erika Barcomb and Molly Sharples, who also served this year on the College’s Board of Trustees as Student Trustee. Thank you all, it’s been a good run and congratulations on being part of Cayuga’s newest Alums!
SPARTAN SPORTS

FIVE SPARTAN MEN EARN ALL-CONFERENCE IN SOCCER; McCormick Named Conference Player-of-the-Year

The Cayuga CC men’s soccer team was well represented on this season’s Mid-State Athletic All-Conference Team for 2015 with five players. Paul McCormick (Glasgow, Scotland) was the leading conference vote getter and was named Conference Player-of-the-Year. McCormick was the leading scorer for the Spartans tallying 11 goals and 8 assists... and was named NJCAA National Player-of-the-Week, Region III Athlete-of-the-Week and Spartan Athlete-of-the-Week during the season. Last season’s MSAC Player-of-the-Year, Chris Davison (Newcastle, England) was right behind McCormick in votes and scoring...with 9 goals and 9 assists...earning him a spot on the team for the second year in a row. Newcomers Paul Coyle (Glasgow, Scotland-11 goals), Daniel Bonehill (Birmingham, England-8 goals), and Chris Barrie (Galston, Scotland-3 goals) were also recognized by the conference.

BREEZE NAMED TO MSAC WOMEN’S SOCCER ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Congratulations to freshman standout Michaela Breeze (Auburn, NY)...who was the lone Spartan from the women’s program to earn Mid-State Athletic All-Conference honors in the 2015 season and was the third overall vote getter in the conference. Breeze smashed Spartan records for freshman scorers with 19 goals and 3 assists for a total of 41 points...which led the team in all categories. Breeze is ranked #14 in the nation in scoring and ranked 6th overall in NJCAA Region III. Coach Robillard says Michaela is what every coach wants in a student-athlete...and that she played in every minute of each game for Cayuga CC...and was a leader on and off the field for the Lady Spartans. She was twice named NJCAA Region III Athlete-of-the-Week and also named the Spartan Athlete-of-the-Week on two separate occasions.

MEN’S SOCCER HAS OUTSTANDING 2015; COMES UP SHORT IN REGIONAL FINAL

The Cayuga CC men’s soccer team struggled offensively and could not find the back of the net...in coming up just short to a return to the NJCAA National Tournament...falling to Herkimer College 2-0 in the Region III A Final held at Herkimer’s Werhum Stadium. Herkimer scored a goal late in the first half...and took advantage of a Spartan clearing miscue to tack on a second half goal. Cayuga couldn’t take advantage of a couple of second half scoring opportunities...including a shot that hit the crossbar...as Herkimer holds it reign on junior college soccer with their 27th straight Region III championship.

For the Spartans...sophomores Chris Davison (Newcastle, England) and goalkeeper Thalu Masindi (London, England) were named to the All-Tournament team. Masindi made some spectacular saves in keeping Cayuga close. Earlier in the day five Spartans were chosen for All-Region honors...including Chris Davison and freshman defender Chris Barrie (Galston, Scotland) who were named to the first team. Paul McCormick (Glasgow, Scotland), Daniel Bonehill (Birmingham, England) and Paul Coyle (Glasgow, Scotland) made second team All-Region.

Another great season for the men’s soccer program...as they look to continue establishing a national presence!
CAYUGA NURSING GRADUATES ACHIEVE 100 PERCENT LICENSURE PASS RATE

Cayuga Community College has announced the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) score of its 2015 nursing class. The most recent graduates of the school’s two-year associate in applied science degree achieved a 100 percent pass rate.

As Cayuga’s nursing graduates have consistently done, the 2015 class surpassed the state and national average pass rates by 20 and 15 points respectively. The program’s five-year pass rate is a notable 99 percent.

The Cayuga class also had a perfect rate of graduates seeking employment in nursing. Ninety percent of the graduates are employed by a hospital in the Central New York region with ten percent working in long term care and residential settings.

“We are very proud of these outcomes,” said Professor and Nursing program Director Linda Alfieri. “Cayuga’s fortieth graduating class continues our rich tradition of excellence.”

Cayuga’s program, which currently enrolls 110 students, attracts a diverse group of individuals including recent high school graduates, “empty-nester” parents looking to re-enter the marketplace and those looking for a second career. Further information about the program can be found at upcoming information sessions on Monday April 11, at 4 p.m. in the student lounge of the Auburn campus, 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, and on Monday, May 2, at 4 p.m. on the Fulton Campus, room F-167, 11 River Glen Drive, Fulton. Additionally, Linda Alfieri welcomes calls at 315-294-8684 and emails at alfieri@cayuga-cc.edu.

WDWN GOES TO WASHINGTON

Cayuga Community College’s radio station, WDWN, was one of five college radio stations nationally, that was invited to represent the medium of college radio at the White House last fall to celebrate College Radio Day 2015. Cayuga professor Steve Keeler, the general manager of WDWN, said, “The opportunity for a small community college like Cayuga to represent all of college radio at the White House is a testament to the high regard in which WDWN is held in the world of college radio.” The visit took place on Thursday, September 24th where Jeff Szczesniak ’01, who is the staff advisor of WDWN, represented the station at the event.

During his visit Jeff met with the Senior Advisor to the President, the Associate Director of Public Engagement and Senior Policy Advisor, along with other White House officials. Jeff toured the West Wing, which included a lively discussion in the Roosevelt Room on the importance of student media. At the conclusion of the visit Szczesniak was presented with a letter from President Obama wishing a successful College Radio Day 2015.

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS

CCC has enrolled more than 150 students into the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS), Sigma Alpha Pi chapter. “Cayuga’s students want to engage in extracurricular activities and are looking for leadership opportunities on campus,” said Norman Lee, Director of Student Activities. In February the organization presented a live speaker broadcast with JuJu Chang, co-anchor of ABC News “Nightline”, and “20/20”. Many more broadcasts are scheduled throughout the spring.
EARN A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK
THROUGH THE GREATER ROCHESTER COLLABORATIVE AT THE AUBURN CAMPUS!

The GRC MSW program --a collaborative between Nazareth College and SUNY at Brockport -- is accepting advanced standing students in social work for fall 2016. Eligible applicants are those students who have graduated from an accredited program in social work within the past eight years. The part-time program can be completed in five semesters. Applicants who do not have a degree in social work but in another field are welcome to apply for the January 2017 or fall 2017 60 credit program. This program can be completed in three years and three summers.

Started in 2014, the site in Auburn will graduate its first students in May 2016. Questions can be directed to Prof. Virginia David, Director of the GRC MSW sites in Auburn and Watertown at v david4@naz.edu or 585-389-2751 or Mr. Brad Snyder, Coordinator for Admissions at 585-395-8452 or bsnyder@brockport.edu For information about upper division program opportunities offered through Cayuga’s University Center, contact the Office of Community Education and Workforce Development at 315-294-8841.

Cayuga Community College held a Welcome and Recognition event on January 7th, followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Advanced Manufacturing Institute (AMI) & Plastics Technology Laboratory on the Auburn campus. The unveiling of a dedication plaque in honor of Raymond Currier, Founder of Currier Plastics, took place in the new lab. The creation of the AMI was made possible in part through the Federal Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training Grant (TAACCCT). Cayuga recently received SUNY and State Education approval for its first Plastics Technology Certificate and Degree Option Program, as well as the creation of four new options within its existing mechanical technology degree.

CCC President Brian Durant said, “Our 3,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art AMI is designed to serve the training needs of Cayuga County and regional employers and students preparing for high demand careers. The strong relationships and support between local plastics manufacturers and the College distinguishes the AMI’s program offerings from any other college in New York State. We are delighted with the continued support of the Currier family and industry partners for their contributions to this project.”

Thank you for completing your Cayuga Community College Graduate Survey!

The information you provided about your Cayuga Community College collegiate experience in the 2009-2015 Graduate Survey will help benefit current and future Cayuga students. Two graduates from each graduating class were selected as winners of a 650 gift card. The winners selected are:

CLASS OF 2009: Justin B. and Beth L.
CLASS OF 2010: Jaimie L. and Shannon M.
CLASS OF 2011: Brandy C. and Justin G.
CLASS OF 2012: Jenny M. and Skylar M.
CLASS OF 2013: Greta B. and Sharon H.
CLASS OF 2014: Lindsey B. and Brett G.
CLASS OF 2015: Wendy S. and Ashley W.

Congratulation and once again thank you all for your participation!
Caleb Slater:
Your gift helps to fund a recognized Telecommunications Program with instructional equipment which prepares students like Caleb Slater, who plans to continue his education at Ithaca College. He is the editor of the student run newspaper *The Cayuga Collegian* and is an Admission’s Ambassador.

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Kevin Gauthier:
Your gift helps to fund the Presidential Scholarship won by Kevin Gauthier. He is enrolled in the Health Sciences program and has been accepted into Upstate University’s Respiratory Therapy program. Kevin is Vice President of SGO, a tutor, and is doing an Internship in microbiology.
SiQuest Smith:
Your gift helps to support SiQuest Smith, a Liberal Arts/Psychology major looking to get her Masters in Social Work. She is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) and is a student worker.
GOLDEN SPARTAN
The “Golden Spartans Club” was initiated in 2004 by former Alumni Director Elizabeth Hurley to recognize our alumni who had graduated 50 years (or more) ago. If you fit into our “Golden Spartan” category, we’d love to hear from you!

ROBERT JAMES (BOB) ANDREWS ’55, AUBURN COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S SECOND ALUMNI

Bob Andrews reached out to us shortly after our fall issue of Spartan, which featured Adriana (Amelias) Hardy ’55, as our Golden Spartan and Auburn Community College’s very first alumni. His jovial letter began with, “This is number two, Class of ’55 checking in.” He proceeded to explain that he and Adriana had gone through grade school together ... she always seated first and he second. Bob complemented that Adriana “is a wonderful and talented lady with a delightful personality.”

Bob shared that when he was admitted as a member of the first ACC class in 1953, he couldn’t help but think that he would be the first to graduate the class. But, as he explains it, “there she was on the first day of class, a fellow student again!” On graduation day, he recalls meeting her backstage and as he remembers it ... “Adriana looked at me and smiled with much humor and said “Get used to it, Andrews, you will always be second to me.”

We were very happy to hear from Mr. Andrews and would like to congratulate him on his very impressive #2 ACC graduate status and share a little more about his accomplishments.

Robert finished his undergraduate work and MBA at San Jose State University. He said that he had the “good fortune” to experience two career tracts. He was an economic services coordinator for the California school districts, via Transamerica and the California Teachers Association. Later, he served as State Emergency Management Director for the State of Nevada, which afforded him the opportunity to do some work in Washington, D.C. as Government Affairs Chair and President of International Association of Emergency Managers.

Bob and his wife, Bonnie, are now retired and living in Prescott, Arizona. They keep busy with family, travel, community volunteer work and some golf. In his letter, he sends his congratulations to the faculty, administration and alumni of CCC, for the contributions to Auburn, Cayuga County and society in general.

NEW HIRES (full-time employees)
November 2015:
William Kukiela - Fulton Campus Custodian

December 2015:
Thomas J. Corcoran – Director of HR

January 2016:
Dorothy Pickard – Auburn Campus Custodian

RETIREMENTS (full-time employees)
October 2015:
Nancy Decker – Account Clerk/Typist, Business Office
Duane Mach – Full time Custodian

February 2016:
Janet Nelson – Director of Adult Learning

*List provided by the CCC HR Department

WELCOME & GOODBYE*

CLASS NOTES

A Note on Class Notes: We appreciate having our alum send us their news and updates. In many cases, though, our staff enlists the aid of all available news sources to bring these Class Notes to our readers. We apologize for any omissions or errors that may occur.

1958
Patricia A. (Markol) Myr shared that she lost her beloved spouse of 53 years of marriage in June.

1962
Betty (Putnam) Short volunteers as a driver for Faith in Action. She provides transportation for “older persons,” mainly to doctor appointments and PT. She shares that four of her five grandchildren are graduates of BCC. “The best start for our kids – State 2 year colleges!” Betty is a retiree of the Vestal Police Department.

1964
Joseph M. Nemecek has been enjoying retirement for 17 years now.

Randolph E. Schmid states, “I have discovered that I am very good at retirement. Lots of reading to catch up on and time to do it.” He is still learning thanks to courses on the DVD (Great Courses). “The joy of continuing what I learned at ACC.”

1967
Carol (Irish) Pastell is traveling about the country visiting her three children and six grandchildren. “This takes me to State College, PA; Tucson AZ, and Boston, MA.” When she is home, swimming daily at the Y, knitting groups, cooking club, and book club fill her days.

1970
Jerry W. Lewicki recently emailed Professor Fama to congratulate him on 50 years of teaching at Cayuga. You can read his email in the February issue of Cayuga Alumni Voices. Jerry completed his MS degree in Synthetic Organic Chemistry at LeMoyne College and Univ. of Rochester. He has worked at companies such as Xerox and Eastman Kodak. In the 1990’s, he changed his career to focus on Computer Science and has been a systems analyst working in Pharmaceutical and Food Industries since then. Jerry shared with Prof. Fama, “At one time, I taught Computer Science (department head) at a community college in Tennesse for about 2 years.” He continues to work as a software developer/architect and has no plans to retire any time soon.

Ronald H. Schoneman, MA, CASAC, MAC recently wandered the halls of ACC/CCC. It had been approximately 45 years since he was here last. His journey to ACC/CCC began at another two year college, but by the end of his second semester in the fall of 1968, his GPA was “not really great.” He decided transfer to ACC in the spring of 1969. “My intent was still to become a Forest Ranger, however, that first semester I took Western Civilization History; I always loved history.” He also took his first Sociology class, which sparked and interest in the subject. After his first semester at ACC he had a remarkable increase
in his GPA. “In the fall I had decided Forestry was out and Human Services and History were in.” Following Cayuga, he transferred to Ithaca College and then Binghamton University earning a Master’s in the Social Sciences; he was honored with the Masters Project of the Year award. Currently he is a Credentialed Substance Abuse counselor in New York and internationally. He recently retired from Tompkins County Mental Health Clinic, after 15 years as a Psychiatric case manager. He has been teaching as an Adjunct Instructor at Tompkins-Cortland Community College since 1977. “It is a joy to see students learn and plan for the future, just like I did 45 years ago. ACC/CCC was a wonderful experience. The instructors were excellent, it was a small community and the classes were small at that time. It allowed me to explore other courses in the areas I loved (Sociology and History). I also had two great roommates, Pete Jacobs and Paul Gruman ’71. I wish them well, wherever they are! Thank you ACC/CCC for being there.”

Keith M. Batman ’72

1971

Lynn D. Mozur retired from Cayuga County department of Human Resources and Civil Service Commission after 42 years of Service in March of 2015.

1972

Keith M. Batman was elected Cayuga County legislative chairman in January. He said, “I have confidence in this body, in our staff, and in our county, and look forward to working with you toward a better community.”

Janet (Holdrege) Cole was appointed to the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Director at the beginning of the 2015-2016 academic year. She is a nurse working for Auburn Community Hospital and Cayuga Community College. Her husband Jeffrey works with NYSEG.

1973

David J. Bradford, who participated in our Alumni Voices program last March, was recently contacted through the help of our office, by Arnold Wengrow, Professor Emeritus of Drama at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He was looking for clarification on Twyla Tharp’s “In the Upper Room” production, which Bradford was the production manager. In reference to the play, he told Wengrow, “The Company brought the house down night after night all over the world with In the Upper Room. Of all the productions I worked on over a span of 40 years it was certainly one I was very proud of for sure.” We were happy to help make the connection for Mr. Wengrow and are very proud to have David Bradford as an alumnus!

Thomas J. Corcoran started as new Director of Human Resources for the Cayuga Community College, in December. Tom brings a wealth of knowledge to Cayuga Community College with over 25 years of experience as a human resources professional and certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR). Most recently he has served as the Northeast Regional Human Resource Director for a major national insurance company.

Lois J. Vreeland completed 30 of teaching special education on October 1, 2015; 29 years of which were with the Rochester City School District and 1 year of service teaching swimming lessons at Frontenac Park in Union Springs. She is currently teaching T.A.S.C. (formerly G.E.D.) and high school courses at Monroe Correctional Facility, next door to the M.C.C. Rochester Hillside sites are also on her resume. “Thanks C.C.C. for opening the doors to the world for me. I purchased the red hoodie at the bookstore, proper representation is a must! GO SPARTANS!”

1974

Peter R. Crouse was re-elected to the Albany County Legislature and elected as the Republican Minority Leader.

1975

Robert and Kathryn (Capacci) Peterson shared that Bob is working with C & S Grocers – which is the largest grocery distributor in the Northeast. “Chances are, if you bought something from any grocery store, it came from a C & S Grocery Warehouse.” After working for years, Kitty is caregiving their first grandchild, Cyrus Spanelo. Their daughter Rebecca (Peterson) Spano ’01 and her husband Nathan Spanelo work and live in Seneca Falls/Fay/NY. Their second daughter Marie Peterson is an elementary teacher at Martin Luther King Magnet School in Syracuse.

1976

Sharon (Kukiela) Bennett has been a dental hygienist for 37 years. She is married to Joe Bennett, Cayuga County Legislator.

Susan “Sue” E. Secaur is working at Auburn High School in a 12:1:1 class for the special education branch of BOCES. She is the new secretary of the CSEA Union, local 806. “My 3 grandchildren are absolutely wonderful: Dylan -9, Mason -5, and Madison -3.”

1978

Edward L. Raymond retired from the NY State Thruway Authority in 2007 and moved to Charlotte NC. In 2015, he moved to Winchester, Virginia.

1981

Marianne B. Bertini is teaching Algebra I at Spring Creek Community School in Brooklyn, “and loving the Big Apple life!”

1986

William “Bill” Podfigurny is retired from NYSEG and “Lovin It!”

1988

Sherry J. Gabak shares that “Retirement is wonderful! My husband and I will celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary in April of 2016. Our greatest joy is our 2 grandchildren; Marisa -7, and William -6. We love to golf, especially in Florida.”

1989

Lisa (Camardo) Minnoe is the director of nursing for HCR Home Care in the central New York region, where she manages HCR’s clinical nursing staff in Cayuga, Cortland and Onondaga counties. In an interview with The Citizen, she said that she attended Cayuga Community College because of the quality of the nursing program. Her late father, Joseph Camardo, also taught at the college for more than 50 years. “My dad’s big thing for us was to continue on in our education,” she said. She earned her bachelor’s degree in 1989 and her master’s degree with a specialty in nursing education from Keuka College in 2012. After spending 25 years in the nursing field, she’s noticed a lot of changes. Minnoe said the advancements in technology have changed a lot of how she does her job on a day-to-day basis. “Technology has become a huge influence, and a huge part of home care,” she said. She hopes to see growth in the three counties she supervises, and eventually would like to have oversight in more counties.

2005

Jacquelyn “Jackie” A. (Benett) Gibbs and her husband Keith welcomed a brother for Paul; Bennett Abbott was born August 27, 2015!

2007

Matthew J. MacVittie is currently the Collection and Exhibits Manager at the Seward House Museum in Auburn; which is considered among the finest of its type in the United States. Matt received his B.A. in History from SUNY Oswego in 2008 and his M.A. in Early American Military History from Norwich University in 2013.

2009

Ryann Elizabeth Lamphere is engaged to Devin Dvorak. His public proposal made on Scottsdale’s 16th hole at the PGA Tournament in Phoenix, AZ can be seen at: http://www.golfchannel.com/media/robot-ace-marriage-proposal-scottsdale-16th-hole/- Congratulations to Ryann and dad, John Lamphere ’74!

2015

Luke W. Szabo, executive chef at Lofos; a restaurant in Armory Square in Syracuse, NY, produces some “wild” flavors of desert items including ice cream made from scratch. He includes items he forages from the countryside which he incorporates into dishes such as lilac, spruce tip and chocolate sumac ice cream.
IN MEMORIAM

1961
Wesley E. McDermott, of Groton, NY, passed away August 22, 2015.

1962
Angelo R. “Sonny” Marinelli passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. Most of his career was spent as a guidance counselor with the Auburn Enlarged City School District for 27 years. He was also a secondary social studies teacher, a football and basketball coach and an adjunct professor of adolescent psychology at Cayuga Community College. Sonny made a second career out of his passion for athletics. A member of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials and New York State Association of Certified Football Officials, he spent his entire adulthood as a basketball and football official. In 2011, he was a proud recipient of the Larry Russell Memorial Award for outstanding and dedicated service to scholastic football. Sonny served nine years on the Board of Directors of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association and was on the scholarship and alumni awards committees. He is survived by his beautiful bride of 50 years, Marlene Manzone Marinelli; his daughter, Patricia (Chad Hintze) Fitzgerald; his son, Andrew J. (Leah) Marinelli; his three loving sisters, Antoinette Daddabbo, Lucy Pagano, and Sally Gallo; his brother-in-law, Duke Pagano; several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and beloved grandchildren, Peyton and Schae Fitzgerald, and Joseph Angelo Marinelli.

1964
Sharon Linda Appleton, of Constantia, NY, passed away peacefully on April 20, 2015.

1966
Mary C. Wejko passed away on October 12, 2015. She was Valedictorian of her class at Auburn West High School. In 1975 she joined the Foreign Service, and worked for the U.S. Dept. of State in Tanzania, Bulgaria and Taiwan. Returning to the U.S. she held various executive secretarial positions, including Cayuga Community College from 1986 to 2005. For many years, she generously gave her time to the Alumni Office proof reading and advising for The Spartan. She was a communicant of SS Peter & Paul Church. She is survived by her mother Eva Fecycz, close friends and caregivers including Rosalie Sowa ’67, Mary Boyko, Daria (Beresiwsky) Shaw ’66, Julie Lupo, Rosemary Pidlypchak ’71, Olga Wejko Cramer, Roman Maksymiw ’66 and Anne Maksymiw ’73 and Carol MacKenzie ’74. She also leaves godsons William Boyko, Paul Thomas Hohman and Scott Collier, and several neighbors who were a great help to her. She was predeceased by her brother John Fecycz ’75 and step father Peter Fecycz.

1968
Alfred W. Farnell, of Auburn, NY, passed away on October 6, 2015.

1969


1974
Alan A. Cardinale, of Waterloo, NY, died January 27, 2015.

1979
Donna Marie (Camardo) Bruno, of Auburn, NY, entered into eternal life April 26, 2015.

1981
Colleen M. Fisher, of Skaneateles, NY, died surrounded by family on June 7, 2015.

1995
Eric L. Fritz, of Liverpool, NY, died December 4, 2015.

2004

ALUMNI PASSINGS

FACULTY PASSING:

Charles V. Groat, Ph. D. passed away November 21, 2015. He taught at Cayuga Community College for 25 years, where he served as chairperson of the Social Science Department for 13 years. He was the motivating force that led to the creation of the Local History Section in the library. He served on the board of the Cayuga Museum of History and Art for 20 years and belonged to many professional organizations. He is survived by family members including a sister, a son, two daughters and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Dorothy Duke Groat, and a son.

Richard “Dick” S. Scolaro Esq. passed away peacefully on August 13, 2015 surrounded by his loving family. He was a founding shareholder of the Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, Fetter & Burstein Law Firm. He taught at Syracuse University College of Law, and served as counsel to a number of government entities. Mr. Scolaro was recognized by the CCC Foundation Board of Directors for his service. The board expressed its deepest condolences to his family, and a resolution of his service was presented to his wife Bonnie Scolaro.

CCC Foundation Board - Passing:

Richard “Dick” S. Scolaro Esq.

CAYUGA ALUMNI

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Cayuga Community College Alumni Association

The Association expresses its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of our ACC/CCC alumni and the former faculty and staff members whose names are listed on the In Memoriam page.
There are many ways to stay connected with your Alumni Association between issues of The Spartan!

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Visit www.cayuga-cc.edu/alumni and click on the Cayuga Alumni Voices logo!

Search: Cayuga Community College Alumni
A place to stay connected and share opportunities for career development, networking, social events, mentoring, community involvement and philanthropy.

On the cover: Funded by a Daniel C. LaBeille grant through the CCCC Foundation, visiting artist Janie Darovskikh is working with students and the College Community on the “larger-than-life” pair of crow sculptures that will be displayed on campus when completed. Particularly relevant to our region’s large crow population, the Art Club worked with Darovskikh last semester to develop the idea and design. The students gained insight about the intelligent bird with discussions led by Professor Paul Richardson, who is President of Onondaga Audubon Society, as well as readings of crow poems by Professor Howard Nelson.