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## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF NURSING

Article and interviews by Roberta C. Bellnier '88

When Auburn Memorial Hospital closed its doors to the nursing program, Cayuga Community College, then Auburn Community College, opened its doors and established a nursing program that has expanded and kept up to date for 30 years. Cayuga's nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Graduates are eligible to take the Registered Nurse (RN) Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN).

Professor Vicki C. Condie, RN is the longest-serving director of nursing in the history of the College. She was preceded by Stella White who also

held the position for many years. Stella succeeded Shirley Vargason, the first director of the nursing program. Shirley was appointed as chair of the department known then as Health Careers Technologies and was responsible for developing a nursing curriculum.

Vicki says that one hundred percent of the last graduating class are working in their field or continuing their education. "Nurses have come a long way from merely following directions to hitting the floor running and being critical thinkers and problem solvers," Vicki states. Many graduates of the program have returned to Cayuga as instructors.

Stella White, one of the original nursing faculty, built curriculum and molded Cayuga's nursing graduates into the well-respected nurses that they have become. Vicki comments, "Although leadership was certainly an asset of Stella White's, her true magnificence lay in her extraordinary ability to extrapolate the essence of difficult nursing theory and present it to her students in a way that they all could understand and remember."

Retired Professor Rosalie Minturn



Ward '76 (graduate of Cayuga's first nursing class) began her employment with the College in 1979 teaching the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) class part time. She was soon hired full time to instruct nursing clinicals, and soon she was teaching nursing classes on campus. While comparing today with yesterday, Rosalie reflects that the constant need to stay current in technology remains the same. She credits the Faculty Development Fund for acknowledging this need through their funding efforts. Rosalie also notes that there are more males in nursing now, and that they make wonderful nurses.

Professor Cheryl A. Foster '77, RN tells me that students today are involved more than ever in community projects and hands-on experiences with patients. Cayuga Community College is one of the few colleges to incorporate community health nursing experiences in the home into the nursing program. Students are expected to become involved in volunteer work, and they are helping in flu clinics through the Cayuga County Health Department – each student giving 20 to 30 flu shots. Recently nursing students volunteered at the Irish American Day at St. Alphonsus Church where they experienced community involvement.

There are two other nursing programs in addition to the program on campus – Distance Learning at Fulton and the Blossom View grant graduating

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Vicki C. Condie, RN  
CCC Director of Nursing



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## GREETINGS FROM ACC/CCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alice M. Hoatland '70, President

Hello fellow Alumni and College Friends,

It is always one of my favorite tasks to write the greetings from the Alumni Association Board of Directors for this newsletter because I know it will be read by so many of you who received this award-winning publication. We are very proud that through this newsletter we are able to reach out to all of you, keep you updated on happenings at CCC, and provide you with news about other alumni. I would like to express my gratitude to Elisabeth Hurley, our alumni director, and to Roberta Bellnier, the Alumni Board secretary, for all the work they do to make this newsletter possible.

Your Alumni Association has been very busy sponsoring events during the fall semester. In October we coordinated an antique appraisal day which was very successful. In November we took a one-day bus trip to New York City for the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. In December we were a participant at the Holiday Craft Show with a pizza fritte booth, and we sponsored the December recognition reception for students who completed their degree requirements and will

receive their diplomas at graduation in May 2006. Congratulations to those students! The Alumni Office sponsored a "Cookies Plus" open house for the College community and friends just before semester break. Many volunteer elves did festive baking to make this year's event a success.

We have many plans in the works for 2006, including the annual phone-a-thon, a trip to Gettysburg in April, and our annual alumni awards brunch in May. The Board has established a committee dedicated to long-range planning for the Alumni Association. Our goal is to present a three-year plan to use as a planning tool for future alumni events. We would like to hear your thoughts about the future of the Alumni Association. If you'd like to get involved with the long-range planning process, please contact the Alumni Office with your ideas.

We wish you a prosperous and happy 2006!

Best wishes,  
Alice Hoatland '70



Alice M. Hoatland

## GREETINGS FROM FOUNDATION

Jeff Hoffman, Executive Director



Jeff Hoffman

### A DOLLAR AND A DONOR

Dear ACC/CCC Alumni and Friends,

A few months ago we mailed our Alumni Annual Fund appeal. I trust that you received it and have considered whether you wish to support the Alumni Campaign this year.

Among all the checks, notes and pledge cards in our mailbox this last fall, we received an envelope with a single dollar bill. Although that sounds pretty simple, there is a lot of thought behind such a gift. That's why I would like to address this to the "Dollar Donor."

In 20 years of fundraising, I have encountered many a "Dollar Donors." I suspect that when you sent us your dollar, you wanted to get us thinking and, believe me, it worked! I can't help but wonder "Why a dollar? Why not five? Is this person trying to make a point? Or is a dollar all that the person could afford to give right now?"

I have found that Dollar Donors usually care deeply about the College. Think about it – opening our letter, reading it, finding a dollar, putting it in our envelope, sealing it, taking it to the mailbox – that's a lot of work! How much simpler it would have been to toss our envelope aside and forget that you ever received it.

Over the long run, it's quite common for nonprofits to receive major gifts from a former Dollar Donor. The story usually goes like

this: "Remember three years ago when you got a dollar bill in the mail? That was me! I was between jobs (or retired or on a fixed income) and it was all I could afford. After a while, things got better, and I realized how much my teachers had done for me. I really came to appreciate what the College has meant in my life, and I wanted to do something special in return."

Every gift means more than you think. Whether you give a dollar, \$20, \$40 or more, you are saying that Cayuga Community College has had a positive impact on your life. It tells us that you benefited from your time at the College; and that you want to share the Cayuga Experience with today's students who are following in your footsteps.

Thank you for your support of the ACC/CCC Alumni Annual Fund! Just as importantly, thank you for thinking about us!

Sincerely,

Jeff Hoffman  
Executive Director, The CCCC Foundation, Inc.

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## IN MEMORIAM

William H. McKeon

Former Trustee and Vice Chair of the  
Cayuga County Community College  
Board of Trustees

Our sympathies to the family.

## Irene Beresivsky Hamm Class of 1971

Resident of New Orleans for 26 years;  
husband Larry, two teen-age children.  
Hurricane Katrina destroyed home and  
all personal belongings.

## DEAR GRADUATES AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

I recently learned from a former colleague who is in touch with Irene Beresivsky Hamm's sister that Irene, a 1971 graduate of then Auburn Community College, and her family lost their home and all personal belongings when Hurricane Katrina struck. I, together with my colleagues at the College and the members of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors, am terribly saddened for Irene and her family.

Worrying about our alumni who lived in areas affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, I personally wrote to Auburn/Cayuga Community College alumni who I could locate in any of the disaster areas. I wanted to share my own concern and the concern of the College community and our board. I also wanted to make sure that no current fundraising letters reach alumni who had suffered so

For anyone who would like to write to Irene Hamm, please forward your sealed letter or card to me at the Alumni Office at 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, NY. I don't have a current address for Irene but will make sure that all correspondence gets routed to her sister who is in touch with Irene.

I would also like to share that through the initiative of our students and wonderful teamwork at the Auburn and Fulton campuses, a total of \$4,000 was raised for the American Red Cross to help hurricane survivors rebuild their lives. I thank our students and particularly Torey Watson, a second-year student, who took the lead initiating the fundraiser.

And I don't ever want to forget to thank everyone who has supported the College throughout the years, or for the very first time. THANK YOU!

much.

I knew that I missed people like Irene for whom we no longer had a valid address, and I knew that I must have missed a number of our alumni who lived in hurricane-affected zip code areas not known to me and, therefore, not possible to track in our data system. Please know that my heart goes out to all of you who suffered from these two horrendous hurricanes. If indeed you did receive a fundraising letter from me, I apologize. It wasn't meant to come your way at this difficult time in your life. And, if you can, please drop a line and let us know about

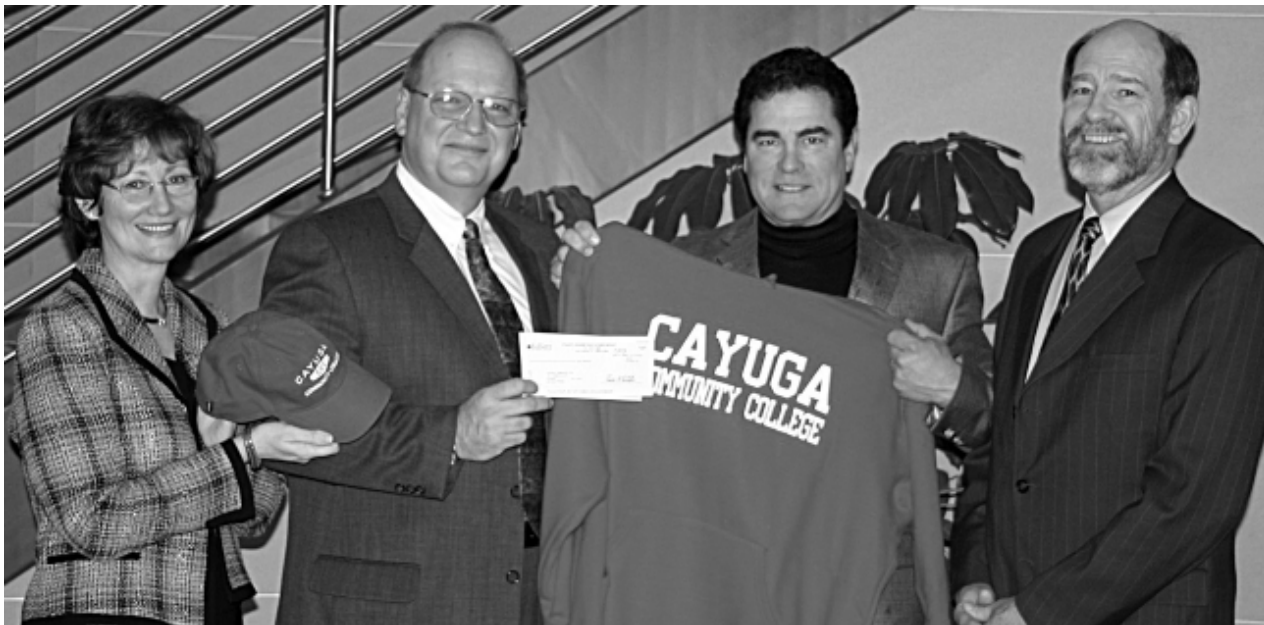


Elisabeth Hurley

your well-being and whereabouts.

Many good wishes for a year of new beginnings to you and everyone!

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth Hurley  
Director of Alumni Affairs



Dr. Cathleen McColgin, Don Olsavicky, Robert Pine, and CCC President Dr. Dennis Golladay

## WELCOME TO NEW TRUSTEE

In November 2005, **John M. Camardo** was appointed by the Cayuga County Legislature to join the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees. He replaces Judith Valenti-Fox whose nine-year term expired.

Mr. Camardo graduated from Cayuga Community College in 1984 with an A.A.S. degree in Accounting and received a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Business degree in 1986 from SUNY Utica. While enrolled at CCC he was elected to the position of student trustee.

Trustee Camardo has served the Cayuga County Legislature as deputy clerk/purchasing agent and the Cayuga County Health Department

as administrative services officer. Since 1993, John Camardo has been the commissioner of the Auburn Civil Service Commission. He is the general sales manager/customer relations manager of H&L Ford Lincoln Mercury, and owner/manager of several commercial and residential properties in the city of Auburn. Trustee Camardo holds a New York State property and casualty brokers license. He looks forward to the opportunity to help the College "be there as an option for my own children and others."

John Camardo, son of Professor Joseph Camardo who teaches business at CCC, is chairman of the St. Francis Parish Council.

## CCC BOOKSTORE BREAKING NEWS

Celebrating its arrival as the new bookstore operator at Cayuga Community College, Follett Higher Education Group has also become a major donor to the CCCC Foundation.

Don Olsavicky, vice president of sales and operations with Follett, presented a check for \$100,000 to Robert W. Pine '74, president of the Cayuga County Community College Foundation Board of Directors, on January 18.

Bob Pine announced that the gift will help fund renovations to move the Auburn campus bookstore into Spartan Hall. He anticipates that the 2006 New York State budget will add a dollar-for-dollar match from the State University Construction Fund, realizing a total of \$200,000 for the Foundation.

"Having surpassed the \$1.5 million goal of our recent capital campaign, the Foundation is extremely pleased to receive this additional support from the Follett organization," said Bob Pine. "Student will enjoy a real improvement in the convenience and service of their bookstore, upon the completion of the renovations that Follett is helping to fund."

College President Dr. Golladay added that in locating the bookstore near an updated Spartan Hall entrance and next to a refurbished Cayuga Café dining area, "the College will create a convenient hub that will serve as a natural gathering spot for students."

Dr. Cathleen McColgin '86, provost of Cayuga's Fulton Center and president of the Faculty-Student Association, foresees savings for Cayuga students as they benefit from Follett's inventory and distribution strength in used textbooks. "The students and faculty serving on the FSA's bookstore selection committee did a thorough, detailed job of soliciting and examining proposals," she said. "The group made a careful, informed decision that will serve the College well."

It sure looks that way. As per Don Olsavicky, "students aren't even back for classes yet but they're coming in for their books and snapping them up."

## Alumni News Notes

1956

**Leo J. Stack** of Auburn turned 76 years old this year and says, "They almost brought out the trombones!" Leo is still selling real estate. After 50 years in the business, his work has become his hobby.

1957

**Carolyn A. Wood** is retired and living in Lawndale, California.

1958

**Dr. Michael A. Iacovino** formerly of Auburn retired to Indian Shores, Florida.

1959

**Walter J. Walawender Jr.** of Baldwinsville is retired and enjoying his ninth year of retirement. He keeps busy doing volunteer work.

1961

**Darrell B. Bacorn** of Lansing is an electronics technician for Transonic Systems, Inc. and looking forward to retirement.

**Roberta (Fry) Baker** of Buffalo retired from Women & Children's Hospital, Children's Psychiatry Clinic after 40 years. Her two sons are grown and live close by. Their family has grown, with grandson Joshua now a busy member of the local's scene. Roberta is enjoying retirement, spending time with her grandchildren, photography and other hobbies.

1962

**Vincent and Roberta (Molesky '61) Lafratta** live in Auburn.

**Louis A. Nocilly** of Auburn has done it again! After his short stint with Halliburton, Lou formed a new jazz band called "Jazzitude," started a male caregivers' support group, and played a jazz gig with Charlie Parker at Birdland. Lou is a retired Auburn School District teacher.

**Betty (Putnam) Short** of Vestal volunteers for "Faith in Action" through the Broome County Council of churches.

1964

**Betsy (Hunter) Donald** of Moravia works for Southern Cayuga Central Schools.

**Paul T. Moon** lives in Newark and is the owner of Moon's Construction Company. He hopes to be semiretired this spring.

# INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

Elisabeth Hurley, Director of Alumni Affairs

**I am honored to introduce to you the slate of officers and new board members who were elected at the annual meeting on September 13, 2005. They are a devoted group of alumni who take our mission – promoting and enhancing relations with alumni, the college community, and the community at large – to heart. I am proud to serve with them.**

**Alice Hoatland '70**, a 1997 ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award recipient, joined the Auburn/Cayuga Community College Board of Directors in 1998 "because I love the College and wanted to promote it in our community. I feel the Alumni Association is a good way to participate in college activities and let people know you are proud of being a graduate of ACC/CCC." Alice has been elected president for the second year. One of Alice's goals for this fiscal year is to present the board with a three-year plan, focusing on existing services and new ideas. Alice's leadership, her service as treasurer and finance committee chair from 1998 to 2004, and her professional expertise as Certified Public Accountant have been of great benefit to the Association. Alice followed her degree from then ACC with a BS degree from Le Moyne College. She became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1984. She is a principal at TFG CPAs (formerly Faglierone Group), a firm she joined in 1989 when it merged with Bowen and Lyons, Certified Public Accountants. Prior to spending 10 years with Bowen and Lyons, she was an internal accountant with Nalge Co., a manufacturing facility. Alice serves as treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Auburn Memorial Hospital and as vice president of the Board of Trustees of the Auburn Hospital System Foundation. She was the recipient of the 1997 SUNY Alumni Honor Roll award. For her service to the business community, this busy and dedicated professional has been recognized with the 2005 Small Business Person of the Year Award. Alice lives in Auburn with her husband. The couple has one son.



**John Lamphere '74** was elected board vice president. John retired from the Office of the Cayuga County Sheriff and is now an assistant professor of Criminal Justice/American History at Cayuga. He also instructs the London-International Studies Program for Criminal Justice every January. John lives with his wife and two daughters in Weedsport, New York. He is active in the fire department since 1972. In addition to that, John gives of his time for numerous community activities and, being a history buff, he coordinates the popular Gettysburg trip for the Alumni Association each year. John joined the Alumni Association "to give back to the college that gave so much to me for successful careers." He hopes that his efforts will encourage other high school students to enjoy the "Cayuga Experience" and, ultimately, enrich the College, their careers and the community. John was recognized in 1999 with the ACC/CCC Alumni Association award for being a "tireless community citizen."



**Frederick Falsey '76** has been a dedicated supporter of the College and the Alumni Association for many years. We are fortunate to have him on the board. Fred was re-elected after a one-year hiatus and, because of his organizational and financial skills, was once again elected as board treasurer, a role he has fulfilled during an earlier term of office. One area of interest to Fred is finance. In the 1990s he took business and accounting courses to help better understand the financial world. Fred is a past-president of the Alumni Association and was the longest-serving chair of the travel committee. Fred would like to give to the college community any service he can provide. He feels volunteering to help the Alumni Association is an excellent way to give back to the College for the wonderful education he received and the lifelong friends he made. Professionally Fred is a sanitary chemist in the Environmental Laboratory of the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection in Liverpool. He lives in Auburn, New York.

**Roberta Bellnier '86** was re-elected to the office of secretary. She is currently serving her third term on the board and her second term as elected secretary to the Board. Bobbie should be known to most of you from our semiannual alumni newsletters; she is one of the editors and often writes articles for the alumni news. Look for her name! Bobbie also serves on the alumni awards and long range planning committees. She knows the College well, having retired as principal stenographer working for 20 years at Cayuga. She wanted to stay connected to the College and, after our first meeting, was convinced that serving on the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors was the perfect answer to doing just that. Bobbie is an elected member of the Parish Council at Sacred Heart/Saint Ann's Church serving her second term, and volunteers for many of the church's committees and functions as well as the parish office. She and her husband Paul have four children, their children's spouses, and seven grandchildren who live nearby to spend lots of time with. Bobbie and Paul love to travel and have traveled to many places in this county as well as abroad. When asked what would surprise people about her, Bobbie replies that she participated in a group swim across Owasco Lake last Labor Day. She did that to draw attention to the beauty of the lake!



# INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

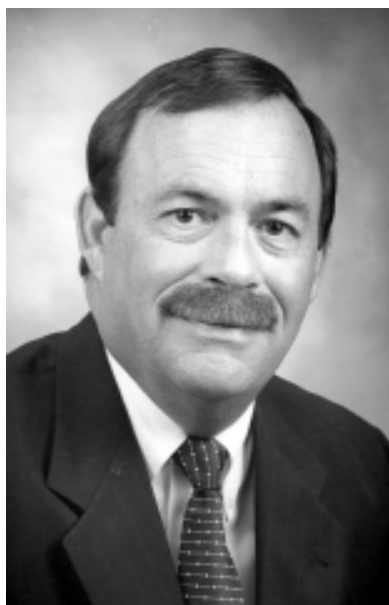
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**Judith Campanella '78** joined the Board of Directors in 2003. Judy is a librarian at the Cayuga Community College Fulton Center campus. She received her MLS degree from SUNY at Buffalo in 1999. Prior to her position here at CCC, she has worked as a reference librarian at Ithaca College and as a school library media specialist for Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES. Judy loves her work as a librarian. In addition to her busy professional life, Judy enjoys spending time with son Jason, daughter-in-law Katie, and family and friends. She joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors "with the hopes of giving back to my alma mater in service to the College and to the local community." And Judy does just that. She is highly respected by students and colleagues at the Auburn and Fulton campuses and, if you live in the commuting area of the College, you might also know her from cooking delicious pizza frites at CCC's annual holiday craft show, or you may have met her at the Alumni Association's antique appraisal day this fall. Judy chairs, plans, coordinates, and works both events.



**Lori Cochran '05** is the most recent Cayuga Community College graduate elected to the ACC/CCC Board of Directors. While attending CCC, Lori served as president of the honors club Phi Theta Kappa, was a member of the student club IMPACT (Intelligent Minds Promote And Create Togetherness), served as peer tutor and note taker for the Academic Support Center, worked as forensic chemistry lab assistant, and volunteered for Habitat for Humanity. Lori is the assistant director at Powers Library in Moravia, New York. She lives in Moravia with husband Sean and son Joshua. In her spare time Lori enjoys reading, drawing, and fishing. She is a SCAT Van volunteer and auxiliary member for the Moravia Volunteer Fire Department. Lori is excited about being on the Alumni Association Board. She wants to give back to Cayuga where "I was given so much opportunity to improve my skills and achieve my goals."

**Anthony Gucciardi '61** is currently the director of Supported Employment at Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc. Before joining Unity House, Tony worked for 33 years in the Auburn School system, retiring in 1997 as principal of Seward School. Tony and wife Patty have four sons and three grandsons and are lifelong residents of the Auburn area. Tony is pleased to have the chance to give something back to the school that gave him the opportunity for higher education. He enjoys working on the Alumni Board, and Tony's special focus is "to help the present students achieve all they are capable of doing." Tony has been presented with a number of prestigious awards including the 2003 L. Robert Ciota Employee of the Year Award. Governor Pataki presented him with this prestigious New York State community service achievement award in the mental retardation and development category. Also in 2003, Tony was one of three recipients of the Auburn/Cayuga Community College Alumni Association Award for "his strong leadership, commitment and dedication to the Auburn community." He is an "Auburn Legend" when it comes to racquetball, a sport he loves and has played for many years.



**Lloyd Hoskins '74** joined the Board of Directors in 2004. The year prior to that he was honored with the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award "for his tireless community efforts, his dedication to youth and Cayuga County, and his unfailing support of education and of Cayuga Community College." Lloyd is the executive director of the Cayuga County Youth Bureau. He also holds the position of administrator for the Cayuga County Public Defender's Office. Lloyd's membership on the Alumni Board provides him the "opportunity to stay involved with the College and promote the quality education and opportunities it provides to students." Lloyd remembers his student years at then Auburn Community College with fondness. He says, "My two years at ACC were a vital time in my life to make and build personal relationships. Many of my friends, co-workers and community connections were initiated as a result of this institution."

**Melanie Jackson '03** joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2004, one year after her graduation, "to give back to the people that had helped me all through my education and to continue to learn." The wish to learn encouraged Melanie to volunteer to assist with leading future travel programs. She also serves on the alumni awards committee, the education/scholarship committee, and new ideas/social committee. Melanie graduated from CCC in 2003 with an A.A.S. degree in Computer Information Science. She is currently studying to obtain her A+ Certification. Melanie is an assistant day habilitation coordinator at the Cayuga Seneca ARC. She enjoys computers, photography, traveling, and testing chocolate(s) from all parts of the world. Melanie is a member of the long range planning committee and looks forward "to accomplishing all sorts of new and exciting things while being a part of the Alumni Association."



### Alumni News Notes

**R. Edson Porter** of Auburn is retired and an active member of Loose Ends Little Theatre Company and the Auburn Players Community Theatre.

**Ann F. Smallen** of Clinton retired from Mohawk Valley Community College in December 2004.

**1965**  
**Nancy T. Ferrara** of Auburn retired from elementary education for the Auburn Enlarged School District. "It was a great experience to go from the world of business into teaching...never regretted the struggle."

**Kurt D. Kabelac** of Ithaca began his 32<sup>nd</sup> year at Cornell University in March 2006. He is the research laboratory supervisor for the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center (NAIC) which supports the radio and telescope at Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

**1966**  
**Dennis Brewer** of Canandaigua retired from teaching and coaching at Canandaigua Central School and is now the Director of Parks and Recreation for the town of Canandaigua.

**Margaret Barclay** of Newark retired after teaching second grade at the Palmyra Elementary School for 34 years.

**Deborah (Weldon Irland '66/ '82) Crawford** lives in Jefferson, Va., and works for the Department of Defense/Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

**Susan (Burns) McKee** of San Diego, Calif., enjoys traveling, teaching dance, and her two grandchildren.

**Kathleen (Hickey) McLaughlin** of Latham works for Cool Insuring Agency, Inc.

**James Porten** lives in Conroe, Texas, and is the security director for Champions Golf Club in Houston.

**Joseph E. and Gail (Belknap '68) Sullivan** live in Skaneateles. Joseph is retired, and Gail works for the Skaneateles Central Schools.



## Alumni News Notes

1967

**Joan (Bentley/Bishop) Wray** married Cliff Wray on July 30, 2005. Cliff is a forester with the New York State DEC. They live in Northville in the southern Adirondacks. Joan worked in the operating Room at Thompson Health Center in Canandaigua and is now retired after 25 years of service. She has two daughters and five grandchildren.

1968

**Kevin F. Hogan** retired from the Buffalo Board of Education, which he served from 1970 to 2002. Kevin is in real estate and a ski instructor at Holiday Valley in Ellicottville, NY.

1969

**Joseph G. Galgano** of Dover, Del., retired after 31 years as a school psychologist in the Caesar Rodney School District in Camden, Delaware.

**Elaine (Kupi) Hinz** of Cincinnati tells us that her daughters are doing well - Jennifer is in her final year of law school at Capital University, Valerie is the vice president of human resources for Easter Seals of NW Ohio, and Kimberly attends Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

**Terry G. Layton** of Portville has been promoted to probation supervisor at the Cattaraugus County Probation Department.

**Marilyn (Fessler) Mann** is retired and lives in King Ferry.

**Barbara (Restey) Mulvey** of Auburn retired after teaching for more than 33 years at Genesee Elementary School in Auburn.

**Rev. Robert A. Ours** of Chenango Forks is the pastor of St. Rita's Church and teaches at Seton Catholic Central High School. The Rev. Ours was named to the Who's Who Among American Teachers in 2005.

1970

**Robert A. Caza** of Rensselaer retired from New York State in July 2005.

**Thea Gordon** of Oakland Park, Fla., sends her thanks to CCCC "for making it possible for me to graduate at age 52 in 1970. My parents were grieved that college was not possible for me due to the Great Depression. The June 1970 event was a wonderful fulfillment for my family and me. Thanks for those who steered a senior into a junior college of great prestige."

# INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD CONTINUED

**Angelo Marinelli '62** joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2004. He wanted to "become active in my alma mater's activities" and "be involved directly in the daily on-goings of the Alumni Board." Angelo remembers then Auburn Community College as giving him his beginning in college education and recalls the dedicated, caring faculty and administration that made him and his family comfortable and confident during his two years! Angelo is a retired guidance counselor for the Auburn Enlarged City School District. He and his wife are residents of Auburn, New York. They have two adult children and two grandchildren. Angelo serves on the education/scholarship committee, the alumni awards committee, and the travel and new ideas/social committees. His desire is to "help promote the importance of having Cayuga Community College as an educational institution in Cayuga County" and "to assist in making students' experience at CCC a positive one."



**Cathleen McColgin, Ph.D. '86** is someone Cayuga is especially proud of. Cathleen started as a nontraditional student and graduated with an AAS degree in nursing 20 years ago. Today she is the provost of Cayuga's Fulton campus! One year after completing her degree at then ACC, Cathleen graduated from Syracuse University's RN to BSN degree program and immediately continued to enroll in a Masters Degree in Nursing program at Syracuse University while working full-time at Upstate Medical Center for one year. Two years prior to receiving an MSN degree, Cathleen became the coordinator of the Nursing Lab at Cayuga Community College. She held that position until the year 2000, the same year she completed her Ph.D. program in Higher Education at Syracuse University. From 2000 until 2001 Cathleen held the position of director of assessment at Cayuga and, for the past five years, has been in charge of the Cayuga Community College Fulton campus where she is provost. Cathleen is proud to be an alumna and proud to be a member of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board. She says, "Cayuga provided me with the solid educational foundation and personal confidence that enabled me to continue my academic endeavors. As a

non-traditional student, I was apprehensive that I would be able to 'do the work' after so many years away from the classroom setting. The faculty and staff at Cayuga facilitated my return to college and hence, changed my life. I want to give something back to the college that has made such an impact on my life, and felt that joining the Alumni Board would provide me the opportunity to do so. My aspirations for the board include: making our vision statement a living document." Cathleen and husband Bob recently celebrated their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have three children and one grandchild.

**Karen Merritt '77**, a board member on and off since 1992, has served in all officer roles and on a number of committees. After graduation from Cayuga, Karen received a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego. She works in the College's Student Development Office and at JC Penney. Karen currently is the president of the board of directors of Unity House of Cayuga County, Inc. and was a former president, vice president, treasurer and secretary of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association. Karen is also a graduate of Leadership Cayuga, Class of 2000. Karen remembers joining the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors after being asked by former Board President Bob Abraham if she would be interested. She was a member of numerous clubs and organizations while being a student at Cayuga, and Bob remembered their time together at the College. In Karen's words, "what's nice about it is that I felt I was giving back to the school that had given me so much in my time here. I have many, many great memories of the fun we had. Now as an employee of the College, some of the staff still remain, and I get to work with them too. Dave Charland still helps out in Student Development during the registration days (he "retired" last year) and Dave was our student activities director when I was an officer in the SGO. (He said that if he knew I would be working with him, he would have retired sooner!) I feel like I've come full circle." Karen and husband Charlie have two teen-age children, Richard (18) and Kristen (17).



**Steve Montgomery '77** joined the Board of Directors in 2001 and is now in his second term. Steve graduated from Cayuga in 1977 with an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice. He continued his studies at Buffalo State graduating in 1979 with a BS degree, also in Criminal Justice. Steve joined the Auburn Police Department in 1981 and has been serving Auburn and the community ever since. For the past five years, Steve has been a school resource officer based out of West Middle School. He lives with his wife and their two children in Auburn and enjoys playing golf and S.U. sports in his spare time. Steve serves on the antique appraisal committee as well as the holiday craft fair, new ideas/social, and travel committees. He wanted to serve on the Alumni Association Board "to give back to the community." This statement is not surprising since Steve, as a police officer, helps the community in different ways on a daily basis.

**Paul Ringwood '80** joined the Board of Directors in 2004 and is glad to help "as attending CCC was one of the smartest things I've ever done in my life. It's an excellent school that got me ready for life. It's a jewel for our community, and I want to work to see that CCC continues to flourish for years to come. It's a great board to be on as the people are really concerned about the future of Cayuga Community College." Paul is a member of the alumni awards, education, and holiday craft fair committees. For the past 18 years he has been employed as area sales manager with the Novartis Pharmaceutical Corporation. In addition, Paul is the owner of the Hairlooms Salon in Auburn, NY, and a member of Sacred Heart Church, Auburn's Great Race committee, and the Owasco Country Club. Paul is married; he and wife Mary Ellen have three sons: Paul III (15), Mitchell (13), and Ryan (10).



# INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

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**Barbara (Bonnie) Rooker '71** is an assistant director of financial aid. She started at CCC as a part-time typist in 1986 in the Financial Aid Office and then moved up to a full-time position as an account clerk typist. Bonnie went on to get a bachelor's degree from Regents College and was then appointed assistant director to the Financial Aid Office. She has been involved in various activities at the College including the holiday craft show, antique appraisal fair, and family fun day. She also is an avid supporter of Cayuga's athletics, especially basketball. Bonnie is a member of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2000. She joined the board because "I have experienced the College's growth both on the Auburn campus and in Fulton and hope my thoughts, ideas and enthusiasm will help the Association develop programs and services to fellow alumni." Bonnie and husband Bob, a 1970 graduate of then Auburn Community College, have been married for 34 years. They have three children, all CCC alumni, and eight grandchildren.



**Jerome Slater '78** was elected to the Auburn/Cayuga Community College Board of Directors in September 2005. Jerry is currently the travel center manager for the AAA Western & Central New York Travel Center in Camillus, New York. In addition, Jerry is a New York State certified driving instructor and instructs classes throughout Central New York. He is single and lives in Syracuse. Jerry joined the Alumni Association "to give back to the College that provided me many memorable experiences. I see myself as an ambassador for CCC and want to provide a little payback for what CCC gave me." Jerry is serving on the long range planning committee and is looking forward to working with other board members on the alumni awards and travel committees. And, of course, the Association is excited to benefit from his experiences in the travel business!

**Colleen (Banas) Smith '70** has served as a member of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors since 2000. After graduating from then Auburn Community College in 1970, Colleen worked as legal secretary for a local attorney for more than 11 years. She worked with the court system and was deputy county clerk for Cayuga County through most of the 1980s. Having an enterprising nature, Colleen started her own computer business in 1991 and was its proprietor for 13 years. She retired from her business and accepted a position with Community Computer Service in Auburn, NY, where she lives with her husband Wayne. Colleen shared with me that she became a member of the board "to attempt to educate the community about the vast resources that the College has to offer and to make people aware of how lucky we are to have this institution in this area." Colleen was recognized with the 2001 ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award for her professional success and her vigorous service to the community.



**Wayne Smith '77** has served on the Board of Directors since 2002. He joined the Alumni Association Board "because I feel I can contribute in the effort to have community as well as alumni awareness of our organization." Wayne was employed by the Auburn Police Department until his retirement as detective in 1997. He then worked until 2004 as an investigator for a private firm. Presently Wayne is employed as a police officer for the Oneida Indian Nation. On behalf of the Association, I am proud to report that Wayne was actively involved in helping the Gulf Coast during the aftermath of the horrendous Katrina and Rita hurricanes. He volunteered at the St. Barnard's Parish in Louisiana as a deputy with the Parish Sheriff's Department. Wayne's duties were to enforce curfew from dusk until dawn in St. Bernard's Parish. The tour of duty was for two weeks following the devastation the hurricanes caused. Wayne's chosen duties for the Alumni Association include serving on the new ideas/social and travel committees. Wayne lives with his wife Colleen in Auburn, New York.

**Linda Townsend, J.D. '74** was one of the first ACC/CCC graduates to receive the Alumni Association's special annual award given to such individuals who distinguish themselves through service to their community, Cayuga Community College, its Foundation, and/or its Alumni Association. Linda was honored with the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award in 1993, the year the annual awards process was initiated. She joined the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2000. Serving on the board "affords me the opportunity to spread the wonderful news on Cayuga's ability to help citizens become the 'architects of their future' as they develop their passion for lifelong learning and become leaders in their own communities." Linda states, "If not for the excellent and outstanding education I received at Cayuga I would not have enjoyed academic and professional success throughout my career." Linda teaches civics, economics, introduction to criminal justice, global studies AIS, and she serves as the high school student government advisor and helps to mentor the high school leadership group. She has received the Newspaper in Education Outstanding Educator Golden Apple Award from Syracuse Newspapers and, in 1974, the National Phi Theta Kappa Award named "The John Clasby Award for the most outstanding member of Phi Theta Kappa". Linda at that time was president of the campus' Omicron Gamma Chapter. In addition, she received the Most Outstanding Elected Official Award in 1985 from the Cayuga County Senior Citizens Council. This was at a time when Linda Townsend was the chairperson of the Cayuga County Legislature. Linda enjoys being a teacher. She says, "As a teacher I have the unique ability to help individuals maximize their human potential." Not surprisingly, Linda was recently nominated for a 2006 Disney Teacher Award.



### Alumni News Notes

**Donald P. Kehoskie** of Memphis works for the New York State Department of Transportation as the NYS Public Employees Federation regional coordinator for Region 4, Syracuse.

**Donna L. Wright** lives in Auburn and works for Cayuga County Health Department.

**1971**  
**James Darling** of Sherrill was appointed pastor at the Christ Church, United Methodist in Sherrill, N.Y.

**Richard N. Jackson** of Rochester retired from NYS Insurance Fund in May 2005 after more than 34 years of dedicated service.

**Sandy (Beardsley) Jantzen** of Stanley is teaching fifth grade in the Marcus Whitman Central School District and loves it. Sandy celebrates 31 years of marriage. Son Michael was wed in May 2005 and daughter Laurie is in college.

**Gary R. Kromer** lives in Cresson, Texas, and works at Fort Worth Star-Telegram/Knight Ridder, Inc.

**1972**  
**Thomas M. Bebee** of Syracuse works for Navisite, Inc.

**Gerald and Rosemarie Panarisi '74) Borza** live in Auburn. Rose is a licensed massage therapist and energy practitioner in private practice and Jerry has worked for Huhtamaki in Fulton (formerly SealRight) for 24 years as a manufacturing and facilities engineer.

**G. Bryan Honold** lives in Baldwinsville.

**John N. Vincent Jr.** of Skaneateles is vice president and treasurer of Vincent McCabe, Inc.

**David J. Wilcox** of Newburgh spent 22 years working for the Department of Defense as an operating accountant, office of accounting auditor, staff accountant, and badge officer. The last 19 years were at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Dave currently works as an international auditor in Congers, N.Y.

**1973**  
**David A. Kinney** lives in Weedsport and works for the United States Postal Service.

## Alumni News Notes

**Patricia J. Moy** of New Castle, Del., attended the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. on September 14, 2005 with members of the Delaware Library Association. Patricia works for St. Catherine of Siena School.

**Neil W. Sjoblom** of Geneva owns and operates his own photography studio, Photography by Sjoblom.

**1974**

**Donald G. Semple** of Mesa, Ariz., and wife Diana celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Dr. Linda A. Townsend** of Auburn received the NIE Golden Apple Outstanding Educator's Award for 2005 from The Syracuse Newspapers NZE Program at a public ceremony.

**1975**

**Gary B. Searing** of Auburn is a town counselor for the town of Fleming. He was re-elected in 2005 for four more years. Gary also owns his own business, Searing Lawn Maintenance.

**1976**

**Frederick P. Falsey** of Auburn was elected to the Alumni Association Board and is currently serving as the treasurer. Fred works at Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Protection in his "spare time."



**Alfred L. Guiffrida** of Williamsville earned his Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering from SUNY Buffalo in May 2005. Dr. Guiffrida also has an MS in Industrial Engineering, an MBA – Management Science Concentration, and a BS in Industrial Engineering. Dr. Guiffrida is a lecturer at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and received a post-doctoral research appointment at the Center for Multi-source Information Fusion, SUNY Buffalo. He has published over 30 peer-reviewed research papers in the field of Operations and Supply Chain Management.

## COLLEGE UPDATES

### • Students shine in honors program

Increasingly, students who have abundant options are discovering one option that's financially wise, a balance of familiar turf and new territory, academically challenging yet intimate and nurturing – and a great foundation for high-powered higher education. It's the honors study at Cayuga Community College, as the first two years of a comprehensive higher-education strategy. At least six honors courses are required to complete the honors sequence at CCC. Students work with their advisers to choose the best series for their academic goals.

The course mix is designed to fulfill general education requirements in a transfer-oriented degree program. And course selection is flexible, so the program is suitable not only for first-time college students but also for many students who transfer to CCC after earning college credit elsewhere.

Honors study at CCC demands more from a student than the standard curriculum, and in turn, delivers distinct benefits. While 85 percent of full-time CCC students receive financial aid, certain scholarship opportunities are reserved specifically for honors students.

Disciplines offering honors sections to complete general education requirements include freshman and sophomore English, Western civilization, American history, art, science, math, and psychology. Enhanced learning opportunities include an honors seminar, a non-traditional course, travel study, or honors independent study.

Across the curricula, a well-rounded selection of courses enables students to explore areas of academic and career interest as early as freshman year. Classes are small, with lively participation emphasized. Students enjoy ready access to dedicated, mentoring faculty and advisers. Cayuga maintains a noted collegiate library with several special collections and access to the entire SUNY catalog. Honors students in particular thrive on the energy of a motivated learning community with goals similar to their own.

Honors students often have a wealth of interests, and student life at CCC offers an abundant scope for extracurricular activity. With just under 4,000 students attending, CCC has room for leaders and active members in organizations ranging from student government to theater; the student newspaper to the college chorus; conservation, business, computer, and poetry clubs; new student orientation and the student activities board, charged with planning cultural events and other campus programs.

Men's and women's varsity athletics teams (basketball, lacrosse, soccer, and cross country) have brought home several conference and regional championships in recent years.

CCC credits are accepted for transfer throughout the entire SUNY system, as well as at distinguished private colleges and universities across the country. CCC has a number of articulation agreements with selective programs in noted schools. Honors graduates have an extra advantage at transfer time, having proven their academic capability and initiative in a demanding course sequence.

Honors study at CCC is for dedicated students who show superior academic ability and a commitment to educational achievement. It's a rigorous sequence that invites star students not only to shine, but to polish their knowledge and critical thinking even further, as a foundation for a four-year degree and beyond.

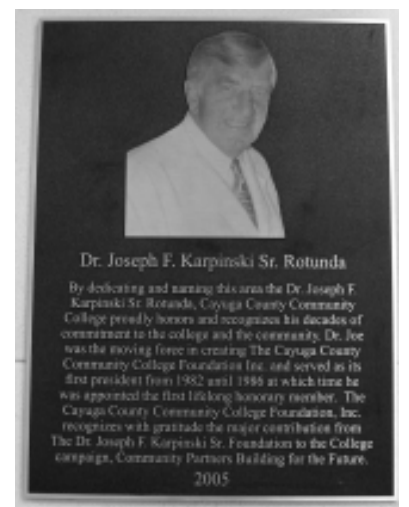
### • Rotunda dedication to longtime benefactor

The new rotunda in the James T. Walsh Regional Economic Center now bears the name of Dr. Joseph F. Karpinski Sr., a benefactor of the College who received this special recognition for his generosity to and his involvement with CCC. Dr. Karpinski served as president of the CCCC Foundation from 1982 until 1986 and on the board of trustees from 1977 until 1986.

Dr. Karpinski thinks highly of Cayuga and calls it an "institution which is growing and growing and is a gateway to higher education for thousands of students."

President Dr. Dennis Golladay remarked that the Regional Economic Center was partially paid for by people such as Dr. Karpinski. He thanked Dr. Karpinski for his most recent donation of \$100,000 to the College and commented: "Without support from Dr. Karpinski and souls like him the College would not exist as it is today."

The rotunda now has a plaque with Dr. Karpinski's image and a summary of what he has meant to CCC.



### • Sponsored events

Emmy Award-winning producer/writer John Fricke talked about Judy Garland, *The Wizard of Oz*, and his life cultivating their legend. Mr. Fricke is a renowned expert on singer-actress Garland and her enduring movie classic of the journey to the Emerald City with the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion. He has authored four books; produced and worked on more than a dozen network, cable TV, and home video documentaries; overseen scores of compact disc, DVD, and VHS special-edition film and soundtrack projects; and appeared in such media venues as NBC's *Today* show, *Entertainment Tonight*, CNN, and National Public Radio. John Fricke won Emmy Awards in 2004 and 1997 and was a 1996 Grammy Award nominee.

Harmonic Brass of Germany, in a return visit to the College, once again delighted students, faculty, staff, and community members with its extraordinary musical radiance, multi-faceted repertoire and original presentation. The musical "menu" included compositions from the Renaissance, baroque and romantic period, as well as jazz. What a wonderful evening!

In a talk titled "Hardbody Panic," Leslie Heywood, a professor of English and creative writing at SUNY Binghamton, presented her insights as a bodybuilder, competitive power lifter, mother, poet, and author. The free public event was the College's Noreen and Michael J. Falcone Lecture, presented by the Cayuga County Community College Foundation.

"A View into Vietnam Today" was the topic of a lecture and power presentation given by Dr. Jane Kiernan, professor of nursing at CCC. The event took place on both campuses.

Winter fun took place in February! A ski trip to Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua and a Syracuse Crunch College Night (Crunch vs. Bulldogs) were a nice break from studying.

Frank Cammuso, Syracuse Post Standard political cartoonist, was invited as an artist-in-residence. Mr. Cammuso combined his lecture with classroom collaborative assignments. Studio Art and Design and History faculty members sponsored the event. The CCCC Foundation, Inc. funded Mr. Cammuso's visit with a Daniel C. Labeille grant.



# COLLEGE UPDATES...continued

## SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS SPONSORED BY SAB

Mark your calendar! The Student Activities Board invites you to the following events:

### Friday, March 3

Fulton Campus  
Student Lounge, 11 a.m. to noon

### Open Mic "Express Yourself"

Wanted: Poetry readers, acoustic musicians and current viewpoints. For more information, contact Barb Tousant in Fulton, ext. 3020.

### Wednesday, March 8

Auburn Campus  
College Theatre, 7 p.m.

### "Rock the Mic" Talent Night

NYC break group will host show and perform during the show. Prizes will be awarded to the top three performers.

### March 29

Auburn Campus  
College Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

### "Sons of Pitches"

A group of five trained musicians who perform a wide variety of songs from genre pieces, soft country and pop rock covers to several original songs. They use only their acapella voices to create textured sounds with instrumental quality. Their engaging stage presence, along with their humor and energy, make them highly charismatic performers. Their performance venues range from school workshops to main stage concerts. Their sound is in no way contrived or processed, as one can witness from their recordings and concerts.

**The Cayuga County Community College Foundation is pleased to sponsor the "Sons of Pitches" as the last performance in the present theatre, before the doors are closed for the huge renovation project. Support for this presentation comes from the endowed Cultural Enrichment Fund of the Foundation and is free to everyone.**

### April 22

Auburn Campus  
Student Quad Area

### Earth Day Festival

Music performed by local and other bands. Novelty balloon games such as jousting, speed pitch, Sumo Noon to 4 p.m. wrestlers and other carnival games.

### Wednesday, May 3

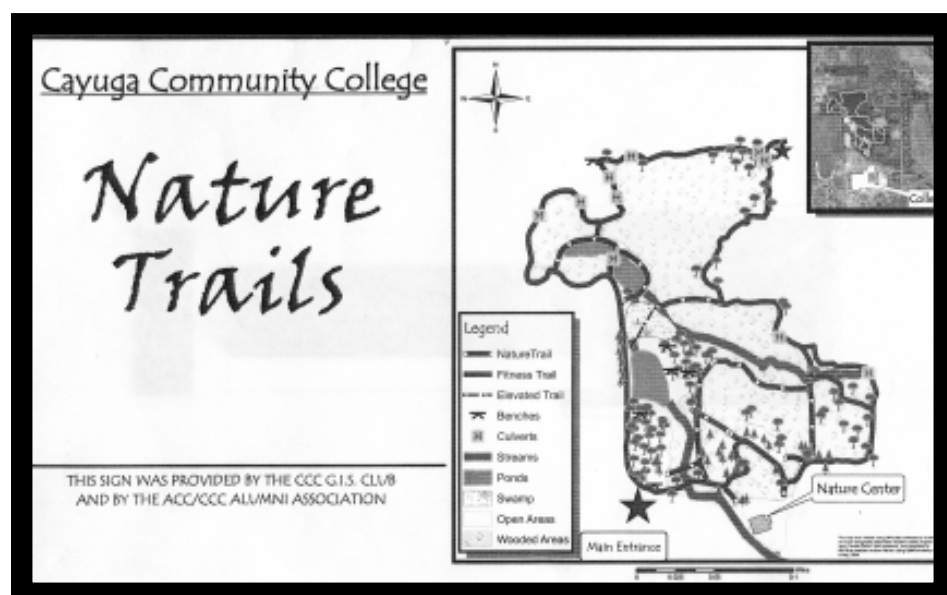
Auburn Campus  
Student Lounge, 11 a.m.

### Poetry Reading and Discussion

Visiting writer David Budbill is a nationally known poet, playwright and author. The event is sponsored by the Humanities Division, CCCC Foundation, Inc. and Poets & Writers, Inc.

### Please note

**A program called "Visiting Lecturers" is being scheduled for May 2006. BBC producer Mike Hollingworth and Shona Falconer, former British Ambassador to Iraq and Nicaragua, are expected to speak. Additional information is TO BE ANNOUNCED.**



## NEW SIGN AT THE NATURE TRAIL!

If you live in the area, you may have seen the new sign at the Nature Trail in back of the College. The sign is light and cheerful and much easier to read. It has replaced the older weather-beaten one. Many thanks for the replacement go to Andrew Rankin and fellow Geographic Information System students. Special thanks also to GIS Professor Badruddin who initiated and sponsored the new sign.

## Alumni News Notes

**Susan Kreplin-Michaels** lives in Skaneateles. Susan competed in her third Ironman triathlon July 2005, finishing third in her age group, and will be competing in the Ironman in Lake Placid in July 2006.

**Linda L. Miller** lives in the Albany area with her husband, three children, and one unruly golden retriever puppy. She works for Goldenlane Associates, Inc., a gerontological consulting firm.

**Susan Secaur ('76/'98)** of Union Springs graduated December 17, 2005 from SUNY Oswego with a BA in public justice. (Susan earned three degrees from CCC: AA, AAS, and AS.) She is working at BOCES in the Special Education departments with teens with behavioral problems, and at CHAD teaching education groups. She has been married to David DeCaro for more than three and one-half years.

### 1977

**Steven E. Lisano** lives in Hudson, Ohio, and works at Parker Hannifin.

**Robert Szczepanski** lives in Auburn and works at Cayuga Community College. Bob tells us he has added four more cats to his collection.

### 1978

**Patricia (Ryan) Berry** lives in Genoa and is employed at Groton Elementary School.

**Deborah L. (Polano) Beyer** of Camillus celebrates 20 years of marriage and three teen-age children. Deb works at St. Joseph's Pre-School.

**Colleen (Kelly Bellnier) F. Eidson** lives in Kent, Ohio, and is a guidance counselor for the East Woods School in the Hudson City School District.



**Tyde R. Richards** is a shopping center developer, having developed as many as 20 projects in one year. Tenants include: Shaw's Supermarkets, Staples, Applebees, Lowe's, Rite Aid and many others. Tyde lives in East Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

# SPARTAN REVIEW

## Women's Basketball Season 2005-2006

By Coach Jim Alberici

The 2005-2006 Cayuga women's basketball team heads into conference play with a 6-6 record. The highlights of the first half of the season have been a 54-50 victory over SUNY Cobleskill who was 7-0 at the time of the game and who is currently 12-1 with their only loss being at the hands of the Lady Spartans.

The Cayuga Lady Spartans spent four days in sunny Florida the first week of January. Playing against two Division I basketball teams, the Spartans played very well beating Brevard Community College in Melbourne 66-62 before losing a hard fought game in Tampa to Hillsborough Community College.

The Spartans opened the conference season on January 11, 2006 hoping to win their third conference championship in the last four seasons.

HEAD COACH: Jim Alberici  
 ASSISTANT COACHES: Don Patchett Jack Cunliffe



### CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LADY SPARTANS BASKETBALL ROSTER 2005-2006

PLAYER	#	YEAR	POS	HT	HIGH SCHOOL
Aubrey Ciraolo	43	FR	G	5'11"	Skaneateles
Teneille Collins	23	FR	G	5'6"	Edison Tech.
Alyson Colton	33	FR	F	5'10"	Waterloo
Shanika McMullen	21	FR	G	5'1"	Henninger
Aaliyah Muhammad	30	FR	F	5'8"	Auburn
Shakimba Pierre	44	SO	F	5'9"	Paul Robeson
Kate Pinckney	10	FR	G	5'5"	Union Springs
Ronica Sharpsteen	32	SO	F	5'8"	Moravia
Michelle Taylor	34	FR	G	5'5"	Rome Free
Terri Thomas	22	FR	G	5'2"	Edison Tech.



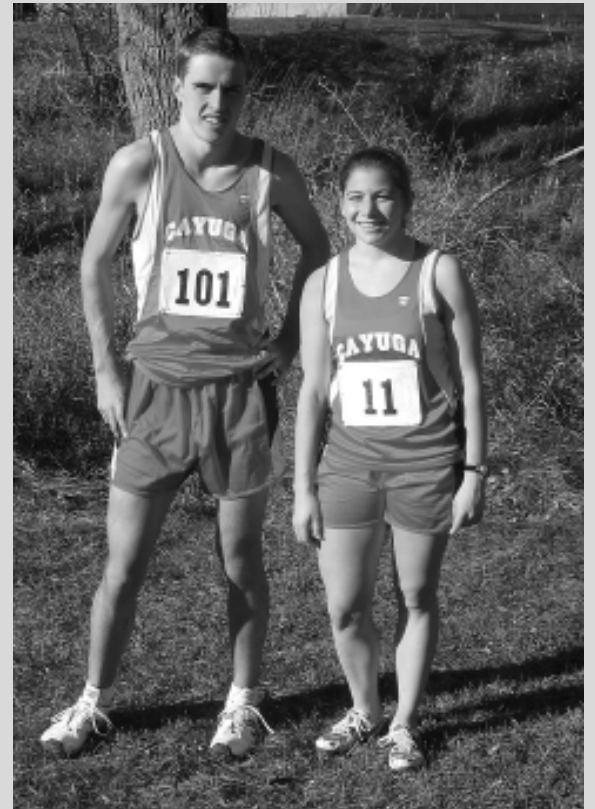
### CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPARTANS MENS BASKETBALL ROSTER 2005-2006

PLAYER	#	YEAR	POS	HT	HIGH SCHOOL
Julius Anderson	10	FR	G	6'1"	Henninger
Richard Buckmon	44	FR	F	6'2"	Henniger
Oscar Davis	21	SO	F	6'3"	Martin Luther King, Jr.
Dave Edmonds	50	SO	G	6'1"	Auburn
Quintin Houston	15	FR	F	6'1"	Corcoran
Alexis Kangah	25	FR	F-C	6'4"	Oswego
Eddie Mitchell	11	FR	G	5'8"	Corcoran
Justin Ortiz	20	FR	G	5'9"	School for the Arts
Derek Watson	12	FR	G	5'10"	Jay M. Robinson
Rodney Westbrook	14	SO	G	6'0"	East High School

HEAD COACH: Derek Jackson  
 ASSISTANT COACHES: Joe Brechue Tony Piscitelli  
 Jason Baribeau Tony Borges

## Cross Country

Spartans Derek MacKenzie and Julie Tucker represented Cayuga Community College in their last race of the season at the 2005 Men's and Women's NJCAA Division III National Cross Country Championship held at Finger Lakes Community College on Saturday, November 12, 2005. Julie completed the 5 km race in 29<sup>th</sup> place and Derek finished the 8 km in 54<sup>th</sup> place. More than thirty NJCAA Division III schools were represented from ten states including New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maryland, Illinois, Ohio, Georgia, and Texas.



# SPARTAN REVIEW

## Men's Soccer Season Recap 2005

Under new Head Coach Godwin Iwelumo the men's soccer team finished 20-3. For the second straight year Cayuga finished second behind national champions Herkimer, losing in the regional finals 4-1. The team finished ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Individual honors went to Dean Stanic who was first team All-American, Region and Conference. Dean was also selected 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-American coaches' poll. Chris Flanagan and Eddie Powell were selected 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Region and Conference. Liam Ogle was selected 2<sup>nd</sup> team All-Region and 1<sup>st</sup> team All-Conference. All-Conference awards went to Gregory Arnold and Brad Pennypacker.

Cayuga athletes did well nationally in scoring. First, Dean Stanic 36 goals and 18 assists; fifth, Chris Flanagan 13 goals and 26 assists; and sixth, Liam Ogle 19 goals and 13 assists.

Goalie Gregory Arnold was ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Games played 22; 129 shots on goal; 109 saves; 20 goals allowed with 2,003 minutes played. Greg allowed .899 goals per game.



## Women's Soccer Season Recap 2005

By Coach Eric Bonnier

Cayuga began the 2005 campaign with its toughest schedule ever, starting the season with a tournament against Division I opponents. An 0-6-2 record was the result and the regional tournament seemed a thousand miles out of reach. Even though Cayuga outshot our opponents drastically in those matches, the Cayuga side seemed snakebitten.

We awoke on September 24<sup>th</sup> at North Country CC with our first win. The next day we had a great showing against nationally ranked Clinton CC in a 2-1 overtime loss. From NCCC on, the team went 8-4-0 and earned the #8 seed in regional competition. The turnaround was due to hard work and continued commitment from the players. The defense, led by freshman keeper Joli McGrath, reduced mistakes and began working well together. Second team All-Region players Marliz Emil and Lisa Taylor sparked their team. Courtney Ross and Toni Scollan worked hard to create scoring chances, and Marissa Makris became a proven distributor of the ball. The team really enjoyed each other's company and the coaching staff was extremely proud of their efforts. On October 22, 2005 the season ended with a 1-0 loss to #9 Alfred State. It was a hard pill to swallow, after defeating Alfred 2-1 just two weeks earlier.

Captains Lisa Taylor and Allison Sofranko lead their team this season. Heather McKay in the back, Marissa Makris, Courtney Ross, and Heidi McKay in the midfield, Marliz Emil and Kayla LaMay up top, and keeper Joli McGrath will return from the 2005 team which finished 8-11-2. The Lady Spartans were 2-3-1 in conference play.

### Season Highlights

**Lisa Taylor and Marliz Emil have been named to the 2005 Mid-State Athletic Conference All-Conference Team and 2005 Region III-Division III All-Region Team, second team. Marliz Emil was the leading scorer for the Lady Spartans. Lisa Taylor was a premier player in the back.**

## CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPARTANS SOCCER ROSTER 2005-2006

PLAYER	#	YEAR	POS	HIGH SCHOOL
Gregory Arnold	1	FR	Goal	Bodley High School
Jason Barry	19	FR	F	Auburn
Jeff Barton	5	FR	F	Greene
Sadmir Biscevic	17	SO	MID	Nottingham
Owen Daniel	2	SO	DEF	Nottingham
Chris Flanagan	4	SO	MID	Swindon, England
Alexis Kangah	8	SO	DEF	Oswego
Paul Kennedy	14	FR	DEF	England
Josh Kwilecki	7	FR	MID	Suffern
Kyle Leach	16	SO	DEF	Marcus Whitman
George Lino	15	SO	MID	Nottingham
Brandon Magill	13	FR	DEF	Weedsport
Rick McCarthy	18	FR	MID	Cato-Meridian
James Michael	11	SO	MID	GED
Dan Nellis	20	FR	F	York
Liam Ogle	12	FR	MID	England
Brad Pennypacker	6	SO	MID	Spencer VanEtten
Ed Powell	3	SO	DEF	Swindon, England
Vincent Serio	21	FR	MID	Spencer VanEtten
Steve Simmons	9	SO	F	Auburn
Nicholas Sliva	22	FR	DEF	Bodley High School
Dean Stanic	10	SO	F	Johannesburg, SA
Gregory Szczepanski	25	FR	F	Auburn

HEAD COACH: GODWIN IWELUMO  
ASSISTANT COACHES: OSCAR SOTO RANDY HILL  
SCOTT WILLIAMS



## CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE LADY SPARTANS SOCCER ROSTER 2005-2006

PLAYER	#	YEAR	POS	HIGH SCHOOL
Melissa Angeleri	14	SO	DEF	Port Byron
Megan Black	17	SO	DEF	LaFayette
Marliz Emil	16	FR	MID	Newark
Kayla LaMay	19	FR	F	Auburn
Marissa Makris	3	SO	MID	Jamesville DeWitt
Joli McGrath	4	FR	GOAL	Hannibal
Heather McKay	15	FR	DEF	LaFayette
Heidi McKay	7	FR	MID	LaFayette
Suzanna Price	11	SO	MID	Mount Markham
Brittany Purdy	5	SO	F	Keene
Katie Rhodes	13	SO	DEF	Auburn
Courtney Ross	10	FR	MID	Neward
Toni Scollan	8	SO	F	Auburn
Brittany Sirota	2	FR	DEF	LaFayette
Allison Sofranko	24	SO	DEF	LaFayette
Lisa Taylor	9	SO	DEF	Auburn

Alumni News Notes

**Jerome P. Slater Jr.** of Syracuse was elected to the ACC/CCC Alumni Association's Board of Directors in September 2005.

**1980**  
**Rev. Louise Shepard** lives in Syracuse and has been the pediatric chaplain at University Hospital since October 2003.

**Paul F. Vitale ('80/'84)** is retired and living in Auburn.

**1981**  
**Carl and Susan (Hawley '82/'86) Cuipyo** were recently married and live in Cayuga.

**1982**  
**Karen E. (Butler) Lockwood** of Auburn works for Americu Credit Union.

**John (Jack) and (Elizabeth) Jane Pysnack Jr.** live in Rochester. Son Tom is a sophomore at St. John Fisher College in Rochester and daughter Amanda is a junior at Aquinas Institute.

**1984**  
**Victoria (Bitner) Quimby** lives in Auburn and is a senior payroll clerk for the city of Auburn.



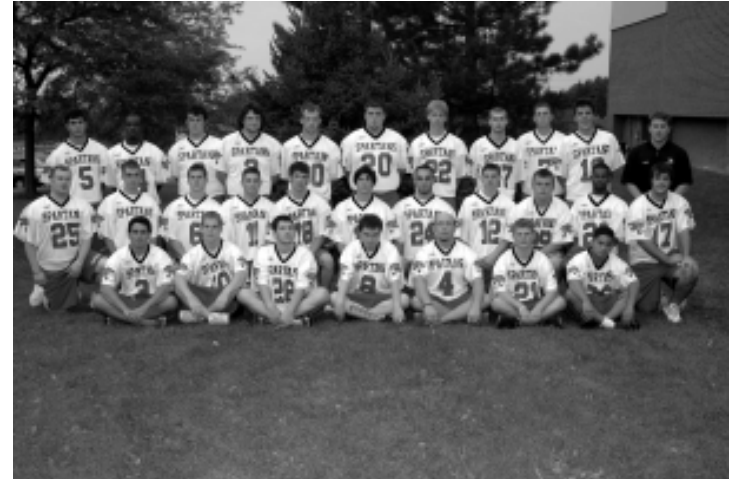
**1985**  
**Daniel M. Cleland** has accepted a position with Nettwerk Music Group of Vancouver, British Columbia. According to Dan, Nettwerk is Canada's leading privately owned record label and management company responsible for managing some of Canada's most successful artists, notably Sarah McLachlan, Avril Lavigne, Barenaked Ladies and many others. Dan will head the touring division of the Nettwerk Music Group and will act as liaison with all artist managers, tour managers, touring crews, and all Nettwerk's signed artists. He will also be responsible for running any corporate events managed by the Nettwerk Music Group as well as liaison with Nettwerk offices in New York, London, Nashville, and Los Angeles. Dan Cleland has tour managed The Chieftains, Norah Jones, Sarah McLachlan, and Avril Lavigne. He has relocated to Vancouver, British Columbia.

# SPARTAN REVIEW



CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
LADY SPARTAN LACROSSE TEAM ROSTER  
2006 SEASON

PLAYER	YEAR	HIGH SCHOOL
Melissa Angeleri	SO	Port Byron
Carly Colvin		
Jill Donofrio		
Marliz Emil	FR	Newark
Rachael Gentner		
Heather McKay	FR	Lafayette
Heidi McKay	FR	Lafayette
Kristen Paczkowski	SO	
Suzanna Price	SO	
Katie Rhodes	FR	Auburn
Courtney Ross	FR	Newark
Tonya Rouse	SO	
Toni Scollan	FR	Auburn
Brittany Sirota		Lafayette
Sarah Smith	SO	
Allison Sofranko		Lafayette
Jade Williams		
Kim Winslow		



CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM ROSTER  
2006 SEASON

PLAYER	YEAR	POSITION	HIGH SCHOOL
Zach Abbott	FR		
Jason Braman			
Matt Callahan	SO	Defender	
Brendon Dodge	SO		
Jared Furnia			
Greg George	SO	Defender	West Genesee
Matt Haws	FR		
Eric Hitchcock	SO	Goal	Oswego
Jason Hughes			
Jaron Jones	FR		
Alex Calvin	SO	Midfield	Lassiter
Brian Kerwin	SO	Defender	West Genesee
Matt Ladue	FR		
Chris Leotta	FR		
Corey McMahon	SO	Defender	Paul V. Moore
Kevin Nolan	SO	Attack	Auburn
Thomas Radka			
Brian Romano	SO	Midfield	Marcellus
Tyrece Watson	SO	Midfield	Cambridge
Tyler Yelken	SO	Midfield	
Issac Zehr	FR		

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-2006

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	SCORE/TIME
October 28	OCC Exhibition Game	A	
November 1	Hudson Valley CC	A	L 74-67
November 5	Herkimer CC	A	W 61-58
November 9	SUNY Cobleskill	A	W 75-74
November 15	Alfred State College	H	L 60-84
November 20	Fulton-Montgomery CC	A	W 78-59
November 22	Mohawk Valley CC	A	W 63-60
November 26	Cayuga vs. Niagara	H	L 53-60
November 27	Cayuga vs. Genesee	H	L 61-73
December 3	SUNY Morrisville	A	L 67-68
December 6	Monroe CC	H	L 67-102
January 11	*Finger Lakes CC	A	L 86-91 OT
January 14	*Tompkins-Cortland CC	H	W 81-58
January 18	*Corning CC	A	L 63-74
January 21	*Onondaga CC	H	W 97-81
January 25	*SUNY Canton	A	W 72-57
January 28	*Jefferson CC	H	L 83-85
February 1	*Broome CC	H	W 75-71
February 4	*Tompkins-Cortland CC	A	W 86-50
February 8	*Finger Lakes CC	H	W 85-72
February 11	*Onondaga CC	A	3:00 p.m.
February 12	*SUNY Canton	H	3:00 p.m.
February 15	*Corning CC	H	8:00 p.m.
February 18	*Jefferson CC	A	3:00 p.m.
February 20	*Broome CC	A	8:00 p.m.
February 25	Mid-State Tournament	TBA	TBA
February 26	Mid-State Tournament	TBA	TBA
March 3, 4, 5	Regionals	H	TBA

CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2005-2006

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY	SCORE/TIME
November 1	Hudson Valley CC	A	W 49-41
November 5	Herkimer CC	A	L 57-62
November 9	Fulton-Montgomery CC	H	L 60-75
November 12	SUNY Delhi	A	W 60-30
November 15	Alfred State	H	L 49-71
November 22	Mohawk Valley CC	A	L 36-64
November 26	Cayuga vs. Clinton	H	W 65-52
November 27	Cayuga vs. Cobleskill	H	W 54-50
December 3	SUNY Morrisville	A	W 65-38
December 6	Erie CC	A	L 60-62
January 5	Brevard CC	A	W 66-62
January 7	Hillsborough CC	A	L 41-59
January 11	*Finger Lakes CC	A	L 52-63
January 14	*Tompkins-Cortland CC	H	W 62-49
January 18	*Corning CC	A	L 57-59
January 21	*Onondaga CC	H	L 63-86
January 25	*SUNY Canton	A	L 48-59
January 28	*Jefferson CC	H	L 55-67
February 1	*Broome CC	H	L 42-51
February 4	*Tompkins-Cortland CC	A	W 83-48
February 6	Herkimer CC	H	W 55-41
February 8	*Finger Lakes CC	H	L 42-52
February 11	*Onondaga CC	A	1:00 p.m.
February 12	*SUNY Canton	H	1:00 p.m.
February 15	*Corning CC	H	6:00 p.m.
February 18	*Jefferson CC	A	1:00 p.m.
February 20	*Broome CC	A	6:00 p.m.
February 25	Mid-State Tournament	TBA	TBA
February 26	Mid-State Tournament	TBA	TBA
March 3, 4, 5	Regionals	H	TBA

# KUDOS!

## Alumni Achievements

- **Greg Bibbens '04** and father **Wayne Bibbens '70** must make the hearts of bowling fans beat with joy and perhaps a little bit of envy, too. Greg had his first 300 game two nights after his father, on the same set of lanes and in the same game, and he fired his second career perfect game in the Dale Biss Memorial. A rare feat indeed!
- **James Casasanta '05** was awarded the prestigious United States Achievement Academy scholarship grant. USAA scholarship recipients are considered to be "well-rounded students who strive for academic excellence." In addition, James was also recognized with a \$2,000 SEMA (Specialty Equipment Market Association) Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was founded in 1984 to foster industry leadership through supporting the education of students in the automotive market. In addition, James was the recipient of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Library Research Award. His project, Fuel Cells, was submitted by Sue Gilmore, assistant professor of science at CCC, for her Environmental Science class, honors section. The 25 projects submitted for this award were graded on information literacy competencies including evidence of success in locating, using and evaluating information from a variety of sources. James is continuing his education at Binghamton University.
- **Linda Hartnett '87** is the general manager of the Sherwood Inn in Skaneateles. Some of you may get to meet her at the Presidents' Circle event the CCC Foundation sponsors each year at the Sherwood.
- **Rebecca Pelkey '05** received a \$500 Criminal Justice Scholarship from the New York State Sheriffs' Association. Rebecca received an Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice/Corrections from CCC and plans to pursue further studies in law enforcement. Her award was among 32 provided to community college students throughout the state by the Sheriffs' Association in 2005. Recipients were selected based on academic excellence and a demonstrated desire to pursue a career in law enforcement or a related field.



James Casasanta

## Faculty and Staff Achievements

- Congratulations to **Nancy Barth '70**, **Jo Ann Harris '94**, **Janet Mudge**, and **Jacqueline Schmid '85** for being presented with the Educational Support Staff Excellence Award by College President Dr. Golladay! Nancy works at Cayuga's Financial Aid Office, Jo Ann at the Fulton campus, Janet for the Nursing and Athletic departments, and Jackie in the Student Activities Office.



Jackie Darquea

- Assistant Director of Financial Aid **Jackie Darquea** was recently elected as vice president of SUNY Financial Aid Professionals.

- Learning Resource Center Director **Martha Lollis** was elected as section convener of the SUNY Council of Library Directors.



Martha Lollis

- Assistant Professor/Business **Dawn Matijas '96** is working with the United Way to provide assistance to Cayuga County residents to prepare free income tax returns for low wage earner families. These families would qualify for the earned income tax credit and receive a refund they would not normally know they were entitled to and save money since they won't have to pay tax preparation fees. At the time of this article, Dawn had recruited eight accounting students and about ten faculty and staff volunteers. Training for the volunteers was provided at the College by IRS personnel. The volunteers will be kept very busy through April 18, a few days past the tax deadline!

- Poems written by English Professor **Howard Nelson** were recently published in two anthologies: *I Just Hope It's Lethal: Poems of Madness, Sadness, and Joy* (Graphia) and *Knocking on Silence: Poems of the Finger Lakes* (Foot Hills Publications). Professor Nelson was also one of the readers in the Schweinfurth Museum's series in conjunction with their exhibit last fall in celebration of Auburn's crows. (Yes, crows!)



Jo Ann Harris, Janet Mudge, Nancy Barth, and Jacqueline Schmid with College President Golladay.



Dawn Matijas

## Alumni News Notes

**Thomas B. Riford** of Mercersburg, Pa., is completing his second year as president and CEO of Hagerstown-Washington County Convention and Visitor's Bureau. He has been named to several boards recently, including the statewide Maryland Life Magazine.

We were sad to learn **Lucia Widrick** passed away March 3, 2005. Our sincere condolences are with her family.

### 1986

**Sherry (Lewis) Gabak** lives in Auburn with her husband, Bill. Sherry is a purchasing agent for the city of Auburn and has worked for the city for more than 15 years. She enjoys golf, and traveling to Florida and Maine.

**Lisa Petrosino ('86/'97)** of Clyde began teaching art at Auburn's Seward Elementary School in January 2005.

### 1987

**Sonia M. (Jones) Johnson** is retired and living in Phelps.

**Lisa J. Babiarz** lives in Auburn and works for the Littman Law Office in Ithaca. Her oldest son, Mark, is a senior at the University of Tampa majoring in sports management. Mark has an internship at Tampa Devil Rays Baseball and St. Petersburg Forum Hockey Arena.

### 1988

**John M. and Nicolette (DeSocio '89) Hai** live in Auburn. John works for the NYS Department of Corrections and retired in February 2006 from the United States Marine Corps Reserve with 20 years of service. He recently returned from a ten-month deployment in Africa in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Nicki works at Lasca's Restaurant.

**Sharon E. (Lane) Hoster** of Waterloo is a senior engineer at Soleo Communications in Fairport.

**John (Jack) Powers IV** of King Ferry is employed by IAGT at Cayuga Community College.

### 1989

**Andrew S. Nolan** of Auburn is president of R. E. Nolan Associates.

### 1991

**Mark J. Carr** lives in Auburn with his wife, Jeannette, and his new daughter, Abigail Marie. Mark works for CNY Outsourcing.

## Alumni News Notes

1992

**Lori (Major) Babiarz** lives in Auburn with husband James and is a product manager at Welch Allyn.

1993

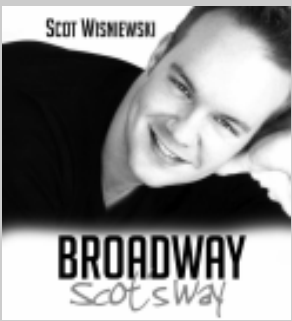
**Agnes (Angie) Gasparro ('93/'95)** lives in Auburn. Daughter Nicole married Thomas Napoli April 30, 2005 and is working at Custom Accounting Auburn.

1996

**Angela (Forienz) Kulis** of Genoa enjoys visiting her son and family in Germany.

1997

**Barbara (Moffett) Owen** lives her winters in Ocala, Fla., and her summers in Mexico, N.Y. Barbara retired in February 2005 as a case manager for Oswego County Department of Social Services. She earned a BA in Psychology 1999 and an MS in Human Services Counseling in 2001.



**Scot R. Wisniewski**, a NYC cabaret artist, has recently released a new CD titled *Broadway Scot's Way!* The CD is comprised of 12 of Scot's favorite Broadway show tunes with arrangements by Tim DiPasqua and Bryon Sommers. The CD features three duets — one with NYC cabaret artist Hector Coris and two with Scot's longtime friend Kristen Salice. Scot thinks "people will be pleasantly surprised with the material I chose for this album. I tried hard to pick songs that are not done all the time, but I could not help throwing in a few classics as well. The stellar arrangements are new and different, except when I thought it was necessary to stick close to the original. I chose material that I feel strongly about, regardless of the gender the song was written for." Marc Watson, of the CHICAGO SUN said: "Scot has style, charisma, and class. They don't make 'em like him anymore." For more information and to order the CD, check Scot's website [www.scotw.com](http://www.scotw.com).

## KUDOS! continued

- As part of one of the last Intermediate Accounting I classes last fall, Professor **Paul Shinal '73** held a special "Roundtable Discussion with Certified Public Accountants." Topics ranged from employment opportunities to "real-world" experiences. All accounting majors at Cayuga and other students and staff members were welcomed. Panel members included Christopher Babcock '77, CPA, Cahill, Knobel, Babcock & Associates, Locke; Robert Cherry, CPA & Partner at Dermody, Burke & Brown, CPAs, LLC, Auburn and Syracuse; Alice Hoatland '70, CPA and Principal at TFG CPAs (formerly the Fagliarone Group), Auburn and Syracuse; and Mireille Watts, CPA, a personal practitioner in Oswego.
- Last spring English Professor **Susan Wolstenholme, Ph.D.** delivered a paper on *The Wizard of Oz and Little Shop of Horrors* at a Children's Literature Conference at Monroe Community College. After hearing her paper, the conference organizer invited Dr. Wolstenholme to contribute to an anthology of essays about literature, which she is editing.



Susan Wolstenholme

## Student Achievements

- During an exhibition game at Onondaga Community College, the men and women's **basketball teams** held a 50/50 raffle to help victims of the Hurricane Katrina disaster.
- The following Cayuga **students** were honored at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference, a professional association for students pursuing business careers:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Community Service Project Team of Thomas Barnes, Gregory Harrison, Brian Swenszkowski	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Java Programming Thomas Barnes
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Computer Concepts Robert Manning	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Multi-media Presentation Team of Stefanie Osborn and Erin Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Economics Richard Cuyler Jr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Public Speaking Prepared Richard Cuyler Jr.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Human Resource Management Stefanie Osborn	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Sports Management/Marketing Gregory Harrison
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Impromptu Speaking Brian Swenszkowski	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Who's Who in NY PBL Erin Smith

State Leadership Conference attendees participated in a structured, one-day meeting for each division that included business and leadership training workshops, seminars, and the election of state officers. CCC student **Erin Smith** was elected the 2005-2006 NYS president and **Stefanie Osborn** was elected to serve as the 2005-2006 vice president.

*Business Instructor Laurie Noll and Assistant Professor/Business Dawn Matijas '96 were advisors to the club and share the students' success with them.*

- A video produced by **Eric Smith**, a student in Professor Steve Keeler's TV Production II class, was named a finalist in the 2005 National Student Television Production Awards. The video, *Frank the Bear*, a short animated comedy, is a finalist in the Best Technical Production category. Please refer to the separate article for more details.
- Student **Torey Watson**, SGO treasurer and current IMPACT president, took the lead to involve SGO (Student Government Office), student club IMPACT (Intelligent Minds Promote and Create Togetherness), and the entire college community in a fundraiser for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Donations totaled \$4,000. Thirty-five staff members and 17 students volunteered at the collection table.

## Shared Achievements

- Student clubs** were quite active during the last semester. They helped raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims, adopted families for the holidays, collected toys for children, held successful poetry nights, organized book sales, gave judo self-defense presentations at a Halloween event, held a midnight live broadcast, attended the NYS GIS (Geographic Information System) conference, and donated gifts to the elderly.
- The **Clerical Christmas Committee** raised \$246 for the Cayuga County Children's Committee in a special holiday raffle. The committee thanks colleagues Joyce Crandall '02, John Lamphere '74, Cathleen McColgin '86, and Becky Roder '70 "for their generous donations of handmade crafts for the raffle."

## KUDOS! continued

- Last October a Cayuga Community College student and a CCC graduate were each awarded \$400 scholarships by the Central New York Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants at its Annual Student Night. Eleven Cayuga students attended the event along with faculty members Dawn Matijas '96 and Paul Shinal '73. Winners were **Lisa Witherbee**, a current accounting student at Cayuga, and **Kara Blumrick**, a 2005 business administration graduate of Cayuga who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in accounting through SUNY Empire State College. Lisa and Kara were chosen from applicants representing Le Moyne College, Onondaga Community College, and SUNY College at Morrisville. Award criteria included grades, essay question answers, extracurricular activities and honors, career goals, and letters of recommendation.



Cast and Crew of "Scarlet Shades of Greene" after performing at the TANYS Festival.

- Harlequin Productions' show *Scarlet Shades of Greene* was invited to perform at the Theatre Association of New York State's Festival. Alumnus **Michael DeForrest '73** received a People's Choice Acting Award. Three student actors from Harlequin's fall production *The Will To Get Married* were nominated to participate in the Kennedy Center's American College Theatre Festival's Irene Ryan Award competition. **Jeff Littlejohn, Jeff Knight, and Joe Pine** were invited to travel and compete in the regional competition for acting scholarships.



Kara Blumrick



- A total of 56 faculty and staff lined up, in bone-chilling weather, to support Cayuga Community College's community participation with the Salvation Army's bell ringing fundraiser for needy families. Publications Director Pam Freeman and Editorial Aide Laurie Bertonica enjoyed the company of Pam's friend's bichon frise, Lexi, to help out. Lexi made lots of friends and encouraged them to give. Here is a picture of Lexi snuggling in her Santa suit. Cozy!

## NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE



Bruce Blodgett with Auburn Admissions Staff.

Visiting CCC, you will see several new faces in the Cayuga Community College Admissions Office. Director of Admissions Bruce Blodgett is happy to introduce his great staff in Auburn and Fulton:

**Kar-Leam Toxey** is the newest member of the Admissions Office. Kar-Leam started in September 2005 as the assistant director of admissions in Auburn. He coordinates the nursing admissions process and has started the Cayuga Admission Ambassador Program (CAAP) on the Auburn campus.

**Gideon Lamb** has been in the Admissions Office since November 2004. Gideon who graduated from Cayuga in 2000 oversees the technology programs (Computer

programs, Electrical Technology, Geographic Information Systems, and Mechanical Technology) recruitment efforts including Technology Day. He also oversees all computer-related programs and issues in the office, including document imaging. The Admissions Office went paperless last fall and will electronically scan and view all applications and supporting materials.

**Susan Dungey** and **Deborah Hohman** greet our visitors in Auburn and oversee the support staff efforts in Auburn. Sue graduated from Cayuga Community College in 1978 and has been with the Admissions Office since 1997. Debbie, a 1994 graduate of the College, joined the office in 2001.



**Craig Green** has been the assistant director of admissions at the Fulton Center since November 2004. Craig coordinates all admissions events and recruitment efforts in Oswego County and the Fulton Center. He also has established the CAAP at the Fulton Center.

**Ronda Olszewski** joined the Admissions Office in August 2004 at the Fulton Center. Ronda greets all our visitors in Fulton and oversees the support staff efforts in Fulton.

A terrific team for a prospective new student to work with!

## Alumni News Notes

1998

**Dennis J. and Lindsey K. (Edwards) Quill** live in Auburn. Lindsey started a new job teaching kindergarten at Southern Cayuga Central School and earned a master's degree in literacy education at SUNY Cortland in December 2005. Dennis started a new job as an auto machinist at Finger Lakes Auto Machine.

**James P. Russell** of Sodus recently returned from an 18-month deployment in Tikrit, Iraq, with the 42<sup>nd</sup> infantry division of the New York Army National Guard.

1999

**Elizabeth J. Adam** of Concord, Calif., is a real estate manager for a commercial office building in Walnut Creek, California.

**Daniel R. Babbitt Sr.** of Seneca Falls earned his second associate's degree from Finger Lakes Community College in ornamental horticulture in 2004. He then started his own landscaping business, "Pleasant Gardens."

**Christine (Mayer) Plizga ('99/'00)** lives in Niagara Falls with her husband, Jason. They welcomed their second daughter, Molly, on April 1, 2005. She joined big brother Logan and big sister Catherine.

2001

**Bevin Connery** lives in Silver Springs, Md. She attended SUNY Potsdam for a BA in employment relations and attended graduate school at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in Indiana, Pa., for an MA in industrial and labor relations. She works for Lockheed Martin Corporate Headquarters in EEO Services. (My apologies to Bevin for my previous error.)

2003

**Deborah Troncione** of Lyons works at Wayne County Nursing Home and has recently started working the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift as relief nursing supervisor. She says she will be forever grateful to Cayuga for helping her achieve her goals. (Our pleasure Deb, just enjoy your grandson!) Her grandson turned two years old in February 2006.

2005

**Deborah (Canale) Riester** lives in Union Springs with her husband, Marvin.

## REPORT FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### December Recognition Reception

The December recognition reception to honor students who completed their degree work months ahead of their official graduation in May is always a festive occasion. This December the celebration had a turnout of 93 people: 23 honorees and their guests. Greetings were given by Alumni Association President Alice Hoatland '70 who also functioned as emcee; Joe Michaud, member of Cayuga's Board of Trustees; and Provost of the Fulton Center Dr. Cathleen McColgin '86. Guest speaker was the Honorable Ann R. Petrus, Cayuga County Legislator, who addressed the students and their families with her wonderful sense of humor, knowledge and experience.

A number of students and family members commented on how lovely the event was and how important it is to continue to recognize students in such a special way. They also commented on the upbeat, positive, and funny message that Ann Petrus conveyed.

We thank everyone who contributed to make this event festive and free of problems. Special thanks go to Karen Merritt '77, member of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Board of Directors, who donated the flowers and her services for making beautiful boutonnieres for the honorees. Once again, we thank Chris Hurley from All Seasons for the lovely reception and Christopher Farrar for providing the musical interlude.



Susan and Charles House at December's reception.

### Holiday Craft Show

Once again, the Alumni Association participated in Cayuga's annual holiday craft show with its traditional pizza frites. Proceeds benefited association programs and services.

We are thankful to Mark's Pizzeria, under the management of Tom Harvard, for donating 150 pounds of dough!

We also thank community sponsors P&C, Wal-Mart, Wegman's and TOPS for their support.

Our fundraising event would not have been possible nor been as successful without these contributors and without all of our volunteers who stretched, fried, sugared, and sold pizza frites during the two-day event. Volunteers included Bobbie Bellnier '89, Katie Brown, Peggy Carroway, Lori Cochran '05, Fred Falsey '76, Rashelle Glover, Tony Gucciardi '61, Alice Hoatland '70, Jeff Hoffman, Diane Holbert '98, Peter Hurley, Melanie Jackson '03, John Lamphere '74, Angelo Marinelli '62, Tom McKellop '72, Steve Montgomery '77, Dick Paulino '61, Brian Randall '01, Debbie Riester '05, Paul Ringwood '80, Bonnie Rooker '71, Bob Rooker '70, Jennifer Sears '02, and Judy Campanella '78 who chaired the committee with lots of hands-on creativity and energy. Thank you to everyone!

### February Family Fun Day

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association has co-planned and co-sponsored this popular community event since its inception six years ago. This year's family fun day featured children's activities with a safari theme. The free public event included storytelling, a reptile presentation, drumming and dancing, the return of "Clifford the Big Red Dog" of PBS fame, a moonwalk, face painting, arts, crafts, and games, along with a book sale and information for adults.

### Travel

To accommodate the fairly frequent requests for wine-tasting trips, we scheduled a fall trip into wine country that included tastings at a number of fabulous wineries. Imagine our surprise when we had to cancel the trip due to lack of interest. Wow! One never knows how things may change.

What hasn't changed is the tremendous interest for our Radio City trip in November! The trip sold out, the weather was perfect and everyone was on time and in a good mood and eager to do their "own thing" in New York. And, of course, the evening show! The Rockettes were as marvelous as ever, and the "Christmas Spectacular" show truly was what its name promises – amazing and spectacular. This trip is such a nice way to lead up to the holidays. It's no wonder that it has become an annual tradition.

## Dates To Remember

### March 6 through April 5

#### Annual Spring Phon-a-thon

Students, alumni, and friends of the College will be calling ACC/CCC graduates we have not as yet heard from during this year's alumni appeal which started in September 2005. Our callers will update your records, ask for your news, and invite your financial support of College and Alumni Association programs. Thank you!

### Wednesday, March 22

#### Job Readiness and Education Fair

This event is co-planned and co-sponsored by the Alumni Association.

Students, alumni, and community members are invited to participate in the terrific career-oriented workshops, have their resumes and interview skills critiqued, and learn important job searching skills. Call for a schedule of the day!

### Friday, March 31

#### Deadline for Alumni Scholarship and Commencement Award Applications

Apply now for freshman, returning student, non-traditional and new start student scholarships or, if you are graduating, for a commencement award to help you with continuing your education!

### Friday, March 31

#### Deadline for Alumni Awards Nominations

There is still time to nominate an outstanding graduate of the College!

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its 2006 Alumni Association Awards. The awards recognize graduates of the College who have distinguished themselves in careers or community service. Past awards have honored outstanding achievements in vocational or artistic pursuits, volunteer service, public service organizations, civic functions, or service to the College, its Foundation, and/or Alumni Association. Award winners will receive a plaque at the College's commencement ceremony and will be listed on a perpetual plaque inside the main entrance to the Auburn campus. For nomination forms and further information call Elisabeth Hurley at 315-255-1792, extension 2224.

### Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30 Gettysburg "Discover America's History" weekend trip

Call 315-255-1792, extension 2224/2454 for information and registration forms.

### Sunday, May 21

#### Commencement Day and Graduation Reception

The ACC/CCC Alumni Association is a co-sponsor of this festive event for the new graduates.

#### Alumni Awards Brunch

A special celebratory lunch is held prior to graduation ceremonies in honor of this year's alumni award winners who will be selected by the Alumni Association Awards Committee after the March 31 nomination deadline.

### Where to check for more events?

**Other events are in the making. Please check the local press and College web site for details and additional information. Also, look for upcoming alumni spring and summer travel excursions in press announcements, on the alumni web page, or you may call the Alumni Office at (315) 255-1792, extension 2224 or 2454.**



# CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF NURSING...CONTINUED

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10 students this year. This program was offered on winter breaks and during summers so our instructors could teach outside of the regular semester. The Distance Learning program at Fulton is very important because of the shortages of nurses in that area.

We are proud of Cayuga's nursing graduates and their contributions to the health field – in this area and around the country. We wish we had the time and the space to showcase all of them; but the following graduates have agreed to share a bit of their lives and successes with us.

## Laura B. Delaney '76

Laura credits Stella White for getting her through her first injection; and remembers fondly Mrs. Dove and Mrs. Vargason. She also remembers all the fun she had on the College bus trips!

Laura told me she was pleased to be able to remain at her job as family nurse practitioner at Auburn Veteran's Clinic located at Auburn Memorial Hospital. She had been offered and had accepted another position out of town – but when the clinic heard of it they made her an offer she couldn't refuse. She says, "My patients are the most rewarding part of my job. They are kind, brave, and a joy to treat." But the most challenging part of her job is fitting all the job requirements into one day.

When asked what advice she would give to current students she replied, "Be ready to read and keep current and be a student for the rest of your life."

Laura is married to Richard Delaney. They have two sons – Ryan and Nick – and a daughter, Kelly. She has gone on to earn a Master of Science in nursing.



## Deborah A. Peluso '94

Deb states that Professor Stella White was one of the best instructors in the nursing program at Cayuga as well as one of her first nursing instructors. Professor White was an instructor at Cayuga/Onondaga BOCES when Deb began her nursing career studying to be an LPN. Stella White was influential in steering Deb toward Cayuga and an A.A.S. in nursing. Deb challenged the first year of nursing (not allowed now), went directly into her second year and graduated in December of 1994 with an A.A.S. in nursing.

Deb says she was very well trained at Cayuga for her career and now partakes in refresher in-service training at Auburn Memorial Hospital where she is employed in the orthopedic department. She sees many changes in the field; one of the most noticeable changes is the length of stay for broken or replacement bones. A hospital stay for a replacement hip or knee surgery formerly was 10 to 11 days and now is only four. There is more emphasis in teaching families to be responsible for their own health and recuperation.

Deb lives in Auburn with her husband Joe and children Melissa, Johanna, and Jerry. The couple has a granddaughter, Alexa. We are also proud to report that Deb recently received the National Certification for Orthopedic Nursing. Kudos, Deb!



## Kevin O. Mickle '04, RN

"I love being a nurse because every day I am given the opportunity to make a difference in people's lives," Kevin comments. Formerly working on the Coronary Care Unit at Auburn Memorial Hospital, and now an RN case manager for the NYS Developmental Disabilities Service Office, Kevin says he has the opportunity to apply what he has learned at Cayuga Community College and use it to benefit the patients in his care. He oversees medical care of 12 disabled individuals.

Kevin continues, as a graduate of Cayuga's nursing program he was presented with a vast array of information and is able to build on that foundation every day. Kevin says he was taught to care for the entire patient – not just medical problems, but the little things – and strives to put this into practice every day.

As a recipient of an Emerson Nursing Scholarship provided by Auburn Memorial Hospital System Foundation and the Emerson Nursing Foundation he was able to attain a quality education at Cayuga without worrying about the cost, and he is so appreciative of the wonderful program.

Nurses are so much in demand right now. Kevin encourages high school graduates or anyone interested in a career change to consider nursing. The possibilities are endless, and he will always rely on his solid foundation from Cayuga, Kevin states.

Kevin resides in Waterloo with his wife, the former Sonya Smith, and their 11-month-old daughter, Allison Renee.

## Dominic R. Giovannetti '88

Dominic reveals that he chose nursing as a career while helping to care for his grandmother, Antoinette Giovannetti. Antoinette was a nurse and operated Giovannetti's Nursing Home at 5 Washington Street in Auburn for many years. When she became old and sick Dominic and his family cared for her until her death.

Currently Dominic is the nursing manager at Butler Correctional Facility where he has been employed for 11 years. Upon graduating from Cayuga he accepted an RN position at Auburn Memorial Hospital where he worked for four years. Previously he had been an orderly at AMH for four years. He enjoys nursing and states that Cayuga prepared him very well for his career and taught him a lot about responsibility in life as well as the field of nursing.

Dominic's experience at Cayuga was very positive, and he learned a lot while having fun too. He got a kick out of one of the classes he was in called "Maternal Child Nursing," and his female classmates had fun teasing him. He states that the instructors were helpful and always had time for him. He loved the small school atmosphere and was treated well.

Dominic is married to the former Dorie Aldrich. They have two children, Meaghan 13, and Paul Joseph who is 10 years old.

## Kaye D. Nagell '88

Kaye credits Professor Rosalie Minturn Ward with making a significant difference in her life. Rosalie convinced Kaye to return to school after dropping out following a bad experience. "Without Rosalie, her caring, her compassionate and kind-hearted attitude I would not have returned to classes, would not have achieved my RN accreditation, much less received my BSN and definitely would not have two books published. The effect she had on my life as a friend and nursing instructor is tremendous."

Kaye graduated from Moravia Central School, earned her LPN degree at Auburn School of Practical Nursing and was certified in EMT at Cayuga Community College before earning her A.A.S. degree in Nursing in 1988 from Cayuga. She then went on to receive her BSN at the University of Dundee, long-distance learning, in Scotland. She has many years of experience in the nursing field here in Cayuga County and also in Knoxville, Tennessee. Kaye also volunteered for many years as an EMT paramedic and states that her true satisfaction was both working as a home health nurse and also teaching EMP/Advanced classes.

A published author, Kaye has written two books published by Mosby-Jems Publishing Company: *A Case-Based Approach to ECG Interpretation*, and *EMT Review: A Case-Based Approach*, and is currently working on a Paramedic Review book.

Kaye explains, "I owe a considerable amount to and will never forget Cayuga Community College and the wonderful teachers/professors who work there. The people who literally stand out in my life ... are Rosalie Ward, Stella White, and Mr. Brunell who had a unique way of teaching ... and all of the above teachers loved teaching, cared about their students and had a genuine compassion for their work."

A self-employed author, Kaye is married to Ron Nagell, a 30-year veteran of the Auburn Police department. They have three very successful grown children living in this area and two granddaughters.



## THE VAN OSTRAND SISTERS

Karen Peryea '95, Kim Bertonica '79, Lisa Barwinczyk '91/'98, Christy Van Ostrand '90, Kathy Elice, and Jeannie Granato. Look for a surprise at the end of the "Sisters" article – Oh boy!

### Karen L. Peryea '95

Karen credits Stella White for her journey from housekeeper at Mercy Health and Rehabilitation Center to nurse administrator at that facility. Stella saw Karen's potential and urged her to enroll in Cayuga's nursing program. Karen, who always had an interest in caring for the elderly, is now responsible for quality assurance, for interviewing, hiring, and supervision at Mercy Health and Rehabilitation Center – the same care facility for the elderly she began working for as a nurse's aide when she was a teenager. Karen loved her experience at Cayuga and states that her training was very relevant to the duties she has had over the years.

The biggest change in the nursing field, Karen observes, is the shortage of nurses. The Mercy facility always has opening for nurses. Also, the pay scale is greater than ever before and has doubled in the last 10 years.

Karen lives in Auburn and has three children: Vernon 32 who is an eye doctor, Amy 25, and Jeff 16.



### Kim M. Van Ostrand Bertonica '79

Kim says that the most remarkable instructors she had in the nursing program were Judy Dove and Barbara Dove (deceased). She continued that the nursing program at Cayuga was excellent and this area is very fortunate to have it.

Kim came to Cayuga as an LPN and earned her A.A.S. in nursing in 1979. She is employed as a staff nurse in day surgery and in the recovery room at Auburn Memorial Hospital. She has seen many changes – one of them being the reversal in the census of inpatients and outpatients. When she first began working, the inpatient population greatly outnumbered the outpatients. Now the reverse is true with the advent of laproscopic surgery, better anesthetics, and other advances in the medical field.

Kim is married with two children, Matthew 22, Alicia 21; and two stepchildren, Tina 33, and Jeff 31. Daughter Alicia has taken the prerequisites for the nursing program at Cayuga and currently is on the waiting list for acceptance.

### Lisa M. Van Ostrand Barwinczyk '91/'98

Completing her first degree at Cayuga in 1991 as clerk-typist, Lisa wasn't really fulfilled, so she entered the nursing program at Cayuga, but soon discovered an interest in the chiropractic field. She then changed direction and followed the prerequisites for gaining entry into the NYS Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls. After earning an A.S. degree in Math/Science at Cayuga in 1998 she completed her Doctorate of Chiropractic degree at the NYS Chiropractic College in 2000.

Lisa says she really liked Cayuga and remembers that the instructors were "lots of fun. Dr. Schultz was tough but a very good instructor." She continues that Cayuga was her choice because it was close to home and also because of her sisters' influence to pursue the health field at Cayuga.

Currently an adjunct instructor at NY Chiropractic College, Lisa is married and has three children – Lindsey 15, twins Marissa and Michael who are 11, and two stepchildren – Zachary 11, and Bethany 8.

### Christy R. Van Ostrand '90

Christy is nurse manager in the surgical/orthopedic unit at Auburn Memorial Hospital. She says the most rewarding part of her job is being able to change things and make them run more smoothly. Trying to keep everyone happy is the most challenging. Christy states that the health field is ever changing and that one must keep current.

Christy has two sons: David 18, Joey 8, and one daughter, Julia, who is 6 years old.

**Two more sisters** complete the six-sister family. Kathy Elice attended Cayuga and worked in Cayuga's Data Center for a time. She has three children: Joey 22, Elaine 17, and Elizabeth 9.

Jeannie Granato is married and a stay-at-home mother of two-year old twins – Isabella and Jacob.

**OH BOY!** We can't ignore the one male in the family of six sisters – the third child of the Van Ostrand parents – Clarence Ronald Van Ostrand III (Ronnie). Ronnie is married to the former Joanne Peritta and they have two children – Clarence Ronald IV (Clay) who is three years old, and Lea who is six. Ronnie is a correction officer at Auburn Correctional Facility.

The family gets together for holidays, birthdays, weddings, and every other chance they have. The sisters all agree that it's lots of fun being part of a large family!

## SPECIAL NEWS FROM CAREER SERVICES!

**Joy Shortell**, former director of career planning and placement, has left us for warmer climates in North Carolina. Good luck, Joy! We'll miss you!

We extend a hearty welcome to **Meg Osborne** as the new head of Career Services. Meg will introduce herself to you:

*Dear Alumni and Friends of ACC/CCC,*

*After four wonderful years of working in Cayuga's Admissions Office, I had the good fortune to assume the role of coordinator of career services upon Joy Shortell's retirement on September 1, 2005.*

*I hold a bachelor's degree in English from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in Counseling from New York University. After completing my graduate studies, I worked in career planning positions at NYU, Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan and most recently as director of career development in the College for Human Development at Syracuse University. When my husband and I adopted a baby girl in 2000, I began seeking a part-time position in higher education; and before you know it, I was recruiting and advising new students in CCC's Admissions Office. This won't come as news to you, but after working at some very large educational institutions, it became clear to me immediately that CCC is a very special and unique place.*

*Joy left behind an impressive legacy in career services that I look forward to building upon. My office saw brisk student and alumni traffic during Fall 2005 and produced a series of events that included a student employment and opportunities fair; career days introducing students to Discover; our on-line career exploration service; resume and interview cafes; mock interview days, and career planning information tables for undecided students. We are actively posting a diverse array of full and part-time jobs and internships on CayugaConnect, which is accessible through CCC's website. In addition, we are hard at work planning Spring 2006 events, including the annual **Job Readiness and Education Fair, scheduled for March 22.** Please remember that as a Cayuga alumnus, you have lifelong use of our career services!*



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*During my four years at CCC, I have been aware of the energy level and commitment of our alumni, whether you have served as a panelist or guest speaker for a job readiness and education fair, taken on student interns and posted jobs, or offered students job shadow/networking opportunities as part of The Cayuga Student Alumni Network (CSCAN). Our students conducted 293 searches of CSCAN during the last two semesters – they value and need your input! Thank you for the many efforts you've put forth that bring the "real world" into the career development process of our students. I look forward to working with you as we continue to develop career-related programming that will engage alumni and support our students – and hope you will touch base with me if I can ever assist you in pursuing your own professional goals.*

*Best wishes!*

*Meg Osborne  
Coordinator of Career Development*

## ALIEN INVASION? WHAT'S GOING ON NEAR CCC?

By Beth Miller, Outreach Specialist  
Institute for the Application of Geospatial  
Technology at Cayuga Community College, Inc.

Just around the corner from Cayuga Community College, visible from Prospect Street, sightings have been reported of certain bizarre looking objects. As captured in the accompanying photograph, one of the objects appears to be focused towards the heavens, while the other seems to have an inexplicable relationship to it. What are these weird looking things and what are they doing there?

Well, rest assured, the objects are not from outer space! The Institute of Geospatial Technology (IAGT) owns the land on which they stand, and they were installed by IAGT as part of an international scientific study seeking to identify ways to improve weather forecasting. IAGT joined the ranks of other top schools involved in this study, such as the Universities of Connecticut, Arizona, Colorado, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Purdue. The Navstar Consortium (UNAVCO) – funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the National Science Foundation – is coordinating the study.

Specifically, the dome resting on the tripod in the photo is an antenna; and to the left of it is a permanent Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver with highly accurate atmospheric pressure and temperature sensors. By having accurate pressure and temperature readings at the same location as a GPS base station, scientists can determine amounts of water and other factors in the atmosphere that are slowing down GPS signals.



Water vapor in the atmosphere is highly variable. It is an essential component in determining what the weather will be like on any given day. Yet water vapor is poorly measured over large areas. This study will improve knowledge of the water vapor and promises to make major improvements in short-term weather forecasting. A GPS research group from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Forecast Systems Laboratory is already analyzing the GPS data from the existing international network.

IAGT also hopes to supply the GPS base station data to advanced GPS users in our local community, allowing them to improve the accuracy of the data they collect. This has the potential to improve the speed and accuracy of things like boundary surveys, construction site planning, and the general collection and inventory of assets managed by the city of Auburn and Cayuga County. For more information on this study, visit <http://www.suominet.ucar.edu/>

## GOOD-BYE, JOY, AND GOOD LUCK!

**Joy Shortell**, Cayuga's director of Career Planning and Placement, retired recently after more than 25 years. Karen Merritt '77 who worked closely with her, had this to say: "Joy touched many lives while at Cayuga.

She was busy right up until her last days here developing programs that would help students. Joy and her new husband Will are now reaping the fruits of the years of hard work by living outside of Wilmington, North Carolina, a dream of Joy's. We miss Joy here in the office, with her non-nonsense approach and, of course, for her fashion sense. There was never a dull moment with her, and I hope that she is enjoying the good life in North Carolina and having many exciting times (but no more horseback riding, Joy!)."



Joy Shortell

**We join Karen and everyone in Joy's former office in wishing Joy good luck! Joy, we'll miss you!**

# SUSAN MELNICK KUNCIO '64 RETIRES

By Roberta C. Bellnier '89

From *Queen of the Snow Ball Winter Weekend* event at ACC in 1964 to her retirement in 2005 from Cayuga



In 1964 when Susan was crowned Queen of the Snow Ball Winter Weekend event at then Auburn Community College, she would've had no idea how important she would become to the College in her many professional roles. Beginning her Cayuga career directly from SUNY Albany graduate school, Susan first taught psychology, then moved to the Office of Student Personnel Services-Alumni Affairs focusing on transfer counseling and student housing and eventually served as coordinator of student personnel while moving through faculty ranks to become a full professor. She then became director of the Career Planning and Placement Office, retiring in 2005 after serving many years as the charter director of the Business and Industry Center that she established in 1984. Susan's career followed a long and successful road for almost four decades.

Much has been written about Susan, and she has received many professional awards. In 1989, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to Cayuga, she was presented with the Faculty Award for Professional Excellence – the College's most prestigious honor. The SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service was another distinguished award presented to Susan. Quoting the spring/summer 1999 *Now and Then* newsletter, "... Susan epitomizes the standards for extraordinary

professional achievement for which the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service was created. She is truly dedicated to the advancement and improvement of Cayuga Community College. Her contribution to the quality of our institution is substantial and ongoing..." Another honor Susan received is our own prestigious ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award in 1999. We applaud Susan for her wonderful giveback to the College for so many years and in such a wonderful and committed way.

Since her retirement Susan and husband Nick have sold their lake house, designed a new one, done some traveling, and are just enjoying their newfound free time. Susan has been busy re-learning mahjong, packing the lake house, helping with the design of their new lake house, and spending time with family and friends.

So, good-bye and good luck, Susan – you will be missed!

**We all wish Susan and Nick our very best for a well-earned, long and happy retirement!**

## CAYUGA STUDENT VIDEO NAMED FINALIST ONCE AGAIN!



We are proud to report that a Cayuga student video was named a finalist in the 2005 National Student Television Production Awards.

**This is the third time in four years** a video produced by a Cayuga Community College Telcom student has been announced as a finalist in the National Student Television Production Awards. The video, *Frank the Bear*, is a short animated comedy, is

a finalist in the Best Technical Production category. The video, produced by Cayuga student **Eric Smith**, was created as a project in Professor Steve Keeler's TV Production II class.

As in 2002 and 2004 Cayuga is the only community college represented among the finalists and is the only community college whose students have ever been named as finalists.

In 2004 the video *Color Blind*, produced by Telcom students Caleb Kerlin, Brian Chalupnicki, and Dave Marks, became the first and only video produced by students from a community college to win a National Student Television Production Award.

Other colleges represented among the finalists in various categories include some of the most noted film and television schools in the U.S., such as Ithaca College, Carnegie-Mellon, University of Texas at Austin, Emerson College, and University of North Carolina, Savannah College of Art & Design, Colorado State University, and Kansas State University.

## OVER 50 AND STILL GOING STRONG?

As we approach milestones like a fiftieth (or sixtieth, or whatever-tieth) birthday, we start to notice "the little things." Some are wonderful: volunteering for a favorite charity or seeing the grandchildren on their too-infrequent visits. Some are less than wonderful: that creaky knee joint (especially early in the morning) or the need to wear an extra layer of clothing even when you're inside.

Whether you are approaching fifty or it's in your rearview mirror, you're in good company! Auburn/Cayuga Community College celebrated its fiftieth birthday in 2003. We are proud to report that your alma mater is over fifty and still going strong! Indeed Cayuga is better than ever!

One of the keys to our long-term success is the generosity of alumni and our retired faculty/staff. You made a lasting difference during your years here, and you can continue to make a difference through proper planning today. What can you do?

1. Name the CCCC Foundation in your will. It's simple and painless, and it is a great way to touch the lives of students for generations to come.
2. Tell us. We'd like to thank you personally and honor you publicly for your commitment (unless, of course, you would like to remain anonymous – either way, we'll respect your wishes).
3. Call us. If you've already named us in your will, or if you'd like to learn more, call Jeff Hoffman at (315) 255-1743, extension 2328. Or, you can e-mail him at [foundation@cayuga-cc.edu](mailto:foundation@cayuga-cc.edu). Jeff is always available to speak with you and get the process started. Of course, you'll need to contact your attorney and/or financial planner to make the actual arrangements.

That's it – it could hardly be any simpler. Make a decision. Tell us. Call us.

Thank you!



You probably noticed in the last newsletter that one person was missing from the total of graduates who finished in 1955. However, the yearbook we were working with only listed the 19 names mentioned in the newsletter. We heard from Sue Diegel (Sue Cochran-Smart), a 1955 ACC graduate herself who knew the facts:

... I received the newsletter and enjoyed knowing more about Bob Andrews. I noticed when the list of 1955 graduates was mentioned you omitted **Ray Smart**. Even though he was unable to attend the graduation ceremonies (two weeks in the Reserves) he did graduate with the 1955 class. After graduation Ray went to work in Auburn for



Ray and Sue Smart

General Electric. He then transferred to Syracuse GE. He was there until 1967 when he went to work for McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis. He worked in the lab perfecting

the circuit board technology. Then in 1972 he left to work for an insurance company. We moved to Orlando, Florida, in 1973. Ray eventually (after trying a couple of different companies) went to work for Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company. He started as an agent but through the years he worked himself up to regional manager for North Florida. He won us several convention trips so we saw a lot of the world. Because Ray wasn't feeling well, he stepped down to a lower management position. He was diagnosed with cancer in March 1996 and died in May of that year. We were married for almost 40 years. We have one daughter, Nancy. She is married and living in Panama City, Florida...

Sue, thank you for sharing this information about your late husband and fellow graduate at ACC.

## ARE YOU A 2006 GOLDEN SPARTAN?

**IF YOU GRADUATED IN 1956, WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE THEN AND SEND US YOUR PICTURE! THANK YOU.**

## 1961 GRADUATE JOHN EGAN SHARES EXPERIENCE AND WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM FORMER FRIENDS

Last August we heard from John Egan, a 1961 graduate of then Auburn Community College who allowed us to share his letter. If you remember John from way back, his e-mail address is mentioned at the end of the letter. He would love to hear from you. This is what John wrote:

*Thank you for sending me the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of the alumni newsletter. The article on Professor Robert Brunell "Mr. B" receiving New York State's 2003 Most Outstanding Older Worker Award was extremely meaningful to me and brought back many special memories. In September 1959 I entered the new campus on Franklin Street as an 18-year-old freshman away from home for the first time. I lacked confidence and motivation and was greatly concerned about my future. Little did I know that my two years at ACC would have such a tremendous impact on my life.*

*After a lackluster start in my first semester and nearly dropping out, "Mr. B" took me under his wing and influenced me greatly to achieve higher academic standards. He worked with me and provided counseling all the way until graduation in June 1961. He helped me achieve the confidence and work standards I would need to be successful in life. He consistently provided my parents with written progress reports and his glowing letter of recommendation was instrumental in my employment at IBM. (I retired in March 2004 with 43 years of a very successful career in sales and marketing management in Southern California.)*

*My lifelong passion has been playing basketball on a competitive level. I still play three times a week and have recently participated in senior tournaments in the western area. Although I began this passion at an early age it was not until I entered then ACC and became one of the leading scorers on the 1959-60*

*team under Coach Jack Nichols that I gained lifelong motivation and confidence. Coach Nichols provided me with the stimulus and direction to become a good player and a highly consistent scorer and shooter. I regret to this day that I let my team down in my sophomore year when new family responsibilities made it difficult to give the team my total effort.*

*My experiences at then ACC changed my life forever. Impressionable young students like myself need people like Mr. Brunell and Coach Nichols to provide positive influence to help them become all they can be as an adult. I was truly blessed to have met them.*

*I reside in Dana Point, California, and have five wonderful daughters; Michele, Debbi, Lori, Kamber and Lani. I also have nine grandchildren. I would love hearing from any of my former friends at ACC. My e-mail address is [jegan@uticorp.com](mailto:jegan@uticorp.com).*

**John, we thank you for this wonderful letter and hope that you will hear from many of your former friends at ACC!**



John Egan

## THANK YOU, MRS. VALENTI-FOX!

**Judith Valenti-Fox**, a member of the Cayuga Community College Board of Trustees for over nine years, has served Cayuga Community College, the college she



Judith Valenti-Fox

graduated from in 1981,

with dedication and compassion. Mrs. Valenti-Fox was appointed to the College's Board of Trustees in July 1996 by the Cayuga County Legislature, replacing veteran Trustee Marion Kennedy. In June 2005 Mrs. Valenti-Fox completed a nine-year term on the Board and, as it is the custom, continued to serve until replaced this past November. Mrs. Valenti-Fox was elected Board Secretary in June 2005. During her tenure on the Board, she chaired the board's buildings and grounds committee for nine years and served as a member of the standing committees on finance, personnel, and planning. For the past seven years she participated as the board's delegate to the NYCCT (New York Community College Trustees), a state association comprised of the Boards of Trustees of the State University of New York's community colleges. In the late 1990s she was selected as the board's representative to the College's strategic planning sub-committee that was charged with developing the College's vision statement.

A pre-K educator with 25 years of experience, Mrs. Valenti-Fox operated the Fox Den Preschool until her retirement in 2003. Since her retirement, she has been active as a volunteer team liaison for her daughter's cheerleading squad (U.S.A. Fusion) and accompanied the team to various state and national competitions.

A 1981 alumna of Cayuga Community College, Mrs. Valenti-Fox was vice president of the International Foreign Student Association at CCC and to this day keeps in touch with five of the exchange students from that time. She attended the College of New Rochelle and pursued additional studies at Cornell University (Labor Relations) and at Columbia College (Psychology). She also earned an ABA Legal Assistant Certificate from University College of Syracuse University and credentials from the American Montessori Society.

Mrs. Valenti-Fox's community involvement includes service on the Council of Better Business Bureau's National Panel of Consumer Arbitrators, graduate of the local Chamber's Leadership Cayuga Program, member-at-large of the Seven Lakes Girl Scout Council, and teacher of English-As-A-Second-Language for Literacy Volunteers of America.

During Mrs. Valenti-Fox's appointment, the College has seen the construction of a new Business Industry Center, the Regional Economic Center and Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology, and the new Fulton campus in Oswego County. During her nine-year term on the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Valenti-Fox always had the wellbeing of Cayuga Community College and its students at heart. **Thank you, Mrs. Valenti-Fox!**

# DONOR PROFILE Robert W. Pine '74, CPA

**Hometown/Residence:** Auburn, NY

**Family:** Wife Kim; sons Ryan and Jameson; twin daughters, Taylor and Chelsea

Bob graduated summa cum laude in 1974 from then Auburn Community College and earned a BS degree in accounting at St. Bonaventure - magna cum laude. Over the years he has been a regular donor to the Cayuga County Community College Foundation and in 1999 was elected to the Board of Directors of the Foundation. Bob has served as president of the Foundation since 2003.

Bob is a Certified Public Accountant and previously had his own firm and finished as a principal with Fagliarone Group (TFG CPAs). After 20 years of public accounting he ventured into the telecommunications industry and was acquired by a public company - Mastec, Inc. He ran their Broadband Division for five years with 3,000 employees. He is now president of his own consulting firms RWP Investments and Directtechnologies, LLC.

Bob received the ACC/CCC Alumni Award in 1996. He is active with numerous local and state not-for-profit boards as well as finance committees.

Bob enjoys traveling, skiing, fishing, hunting, and family oriented activities. In 2003 Bob bagged an 1800-pound trophy moose during a hunting trip in Siberia, part of the former Soviet Union.

In addition to his annual giving at the President's Circle level, Bob has made a significant gift to the Community Partners Building for the Future campaign. He has made provision for the Foundation in his estate plans (Planned Giving). Bob says, "I



Bob Pine in Siberia

support the Foundation because it provides so many students with financial assistance that would otherwise not be available for entering this great community college. The Foundation and the College are huge assets for our community and should be supported appropriately."

## THE LESZCZYNSKI FAMILY LEGACY

This spring marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year since CCC's Biology/Geology Professor Ray Leszczynski set foot on the then Auburn Community College campus. It was in February 1966 when he accepted a one semester temporary full-time teaching appointment in the Science Department. His arrival was delayed for three days by the blizzard of 1966 until the NYS Thruway Route 5 and 20 was opened to travel. It was Ray's very first experience teaching, and he absolutely loved it!



Professor Ray Leszczynski

Ray left at the end of that first semester to accept a position with Albany Medical College in the Department of Hematology and to work towards a master's degree from the College of St. Rose graduating in the spring of 1967. He then returned to a full-time permanent appointment with ACC in the fall of 1967 and has remained "in a virtual love affair in my employment at ACC/CCC teaching, advising and working with students ever since."

Through those years Professor Leszczynski has watched the many students he taught go on to become doctors, dentists, bankers, lawyers, college and university professors, teachers, engineers, wildlife biologist, chemical spill containment specialist, retail managers, business executives,

police officers, prison guards, and to careers of every imaginable occupation including that of the present mayor of the city of Auburn. And as if this wasn't enough, Ray tells us, "I have already eclipsed the point where many of the students that I am now teaching are the children of students that I taught a generation ago. My only hope is that the time does not come too soon where I am teaching the grandchildren of the students that I once taught!"

Ray Leszczynski's love affair with the College includes his family. He is proud to say that **all four of his sons graduated from CCC:**

**Kirk Leszczynski** graduated in 1991 with an AS degree in Math and Science and again in 1993 with an AS Engineering Science degree. He transferred to SUNY Albany receiving a BS in 1995 and an MS in 1996. He is currently employed as assistant director of residential life at SUNY Albany.

**Jamie Leszczynski** graduated with an AS Engineering Science degree in 1993 and worked for several years as an auto technician with Bodner's Service. He



Pictured left to right: Kirk, Justin, Jamie and Jason Leszczynski

then went on to Embry Riddle University graduating in 1999 with a BS degree in Aeronautical Science. Jamie satisfied his ultimate life's ambition by becoming a commercial jet pilot with American Airlines.

**Jason Leszczynski** graduated with an AAS in Mechanical Technology degree in 1998. He transferred to SUNY Institute at Utica Rome graduating in 2000 with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He has held engineering positions with Jaquith Industries, G.A. Braun and is presently employed with Anhuesser Busch Inc., Baldwinsville, NY, as an operations group manager, process support.

**Justin Leszczynski**, the youngest of Ray's sons, graduated from CCC in 2003 with an AAS degree in Criminal Justice. His first position, while still a student at CCC, was with the Campus Security Department at Wells College. Upon graduation he took a full-time position with the Campus Security Division at SUNY Albany. In July of last year, he graduated from the Police Academy and is presently employed both as a police officer with the city of Little Falls, NY, and as campus peace officer with Herkimer County Community College.

Ray is the first to point out that he is "very proud of each of my sons' educational and career accomplishments, and I credit CCC for the fine educational opportunity, background and start that it provided for each of their professional careers."

We applaud the Leszczynskis and their bond with Cayuga!

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# PICTURE NEWS

For readers ... for writers ... for everyone with a dream ... enjoy!

## Kim Edwards '78

Kim Edwards, born in Killeen, Texas, grew up in Skaneateles, New York. She followed her graduation from Cayuga Community College in 1978 with a bachelor's degree from Colgate University and master's degrees in creative writing and linguistics from the University of Iowa.

Kim taught English for five years in Malaysia, Japan and Cambodia. She taught in MFA programs at Washington University and Warren Wilson College. Since 2003, she has been an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky. Kim lives with her husband and their two daughters in Lexington, Kentucky.

This ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award recipient and former CCC commencement speaker has been hailed as a "born novelist." She has been recognized with prestigious awards: Pushcart Prize, for the short story *The Way It Felt to Be Falling*; National Magazine Award for Fiction; Nelson Algren Award; grants from National Endowment for the Arts, Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, Seaside Institute, Kentucky Arts Council and Kentucky Foundation for Women; and the Whiting Writer's Award.

When did Kim discover her talent? According to her parents, she found her place very early on in life, and that place was in books. Kim loved and loves to read! She loved language, loved listening to people talk. Yet, after she graduated from Skaneateles High School, Kim had no idea how to pursue a writing career. She enrolled as an accounting major at Cayuga Community College. After one semester she decided to switch to English, felt "tremendous joy," and never looked back.

Kim's debut novel, *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, published by Viking in the summer of 2005, received enthusiastic acclaim. A review in *The Washington Post* praised the book's "extraordinary power and sympathy," and the *Library Journal* called it a "heart-wrenching book, by turns light and dark, literary and suspenseful."

The story itself begins in 1964 in Kentucky. A doctor delivers his own twin children during a snowstorm. When he realizes the newborn girl has Down syndrome, he instructs a nurse to whisk her off to an institution but tells his wife the girl died. The nurse flees the city and starts a new life with the baby girl.

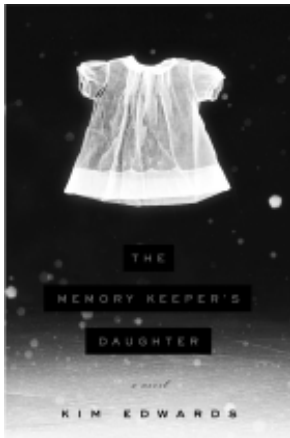
The seeds of the novel were planted in a true story.

Kim brought that story to life in a beautifully written novel that goes right to a reader's heart. How did Kim become such a fine writer? We asked her to tell a little bit about herself, about how she came to be a writer – things that would perhaps be helpful to students or alumni who have a dream of writing. Here is Kim herself:

*... With writing, as with any artistic life, there's no single way to go. What I can say is that it takes persistence, and a willingness to be true to your dream, to make time for it every day, even if there's no immediate external result. I think of writing as a kind of journey, an engagement with the external world, but also a way of continually traveling inward, making discoveries. Writing is its own reward, and when I teach I encourage students to see it that way.*

*Since writing is so solitary, one thing that's always very important to writers at any level, but especially beginning writers, is to have sense of community. That's something I discovered at CCC. I took a creative writing class and met a lot of other people who were interested in the same sorts of things I loved. Many of them were in a theater group that Professor Dan Labeille ran, and I remember lots of excitement in those days about the arts in general, and theater and writing in particular. It was a really energized time. I remember going to see the poet Etheridge Knight who read at CCC, and traveling to several different creative writing conferences at other SUNY schools with groups from CCC. Those connections – that discovery of the larger world of writing, the wonderful ongoing dialogue of writing, were very important to me.*

*After graduating from CCC, I took a year off and spent part of it on a study group in Seville, Spain, organized through a consortium of community colleges, again through Cayuga. Then I went to Colgate and studied English. The great thing about writing is that anything you do in your life adds dimension to your work. These experiences of traveling and discovering and reading deeply were absolutely formative to me, and set the pattern of my life for years to come. Still, when I was doing graduate work at Iowa, I met people from many different backgrounds, physics and medicine, journalism and law. All of their experiences enriched*



*their work, too – and in many cases gave them a way to support themselves while pursuing their dreams of writing. So my advice to young writers is always to pursue their passions, whatever they may be. I teach writing at the University of Kentucky, which is both a privilege and joy, but it's only recently that creative writing has become part of a university education. In the past, many of our greatest writers did other things, too – William Carlos Williams was a doctor, for instance, and TS Eliot a banker. The important thing is to have a kind of consistency with writing, or any art. To do it every day, to practice and work hard and keep discovering.*

*That's what I'm still doing, really, standing at the edge of a new novel, not yet sure where it's going to go – but very much looking forward to the discoveries ahead!*

We hope all the young writers and writers to be will follow Kim's advice to pursue their passions, whatever they may be. Kim, thank you for taking time to share so much with us!

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