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- Graduates Of the Last Decade 0-5-10 Year Reunion Brunch • Saturday morning
- Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon • Saturday afternoon
- Swimming and Diving Meet vs. Clarkson University • Saturday afternoon
- Women’s Ice Hockey Game vs. Chatham University • Saturday afternoon
- Donor Recognition Receptions • Saturday afternoon
- Pre-Game Tailgate • Saturday evening
- Men’s Ice Hockey Game vs. SUNY Geneseo • Saturday evening

Schedule of events is still being finalized. plus other athletic teams’ home games, campus/building tours and more! For the latest details, visit alumni.oswego.edu/homecoming.
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With Passion and Purpose: The Campaign for SUNY Oswego captured the heart and soul of our college community, exceeding all expectations by raising $43.48 million—well past our $40 million goal, which was the largest campaign among all SUNY comprehensive colleges. The remarkable success and impact of With Passion and Purpose will be featured in our next issue of the magazine, but I want to thank each of our 16,000-plus alumni and friends who supported the college in our historic five-year fundraising endeavor.

The impact of the campaign will be everlasting on the life of the college, much like the influence Lake Ontario has had on all who have visited its shores—from Edward Austin Sheldon and his contemporaries in the 19th century to our students, faculty, staff and alumni 155 years later. In each of our own ways, all of us who spend time on the shores of Lake Ontario develop a special relationship with the lake. It serves as the stunning backdrop to our campus experience and is integral to our sense of the college as a place.

As I marvel at the splendor that is Lake Ontario, I am in awe of how this precious resource has created a common bond for campus members and alumni throughout the history of the college. However, I also contemplate that preserving our most cherished resource, fresh water, is one of the grand challenges of our time.

Lake Ontario is a priceless resource—for sentimental reasons, of course, but more so for being a primary source of fresh water for millions of people. In fact, the Great Lakes represent 21 percent of the world’s fresh water. In this issue, you will read about some of the students and faculty members who are conducting research to improve the health of Lake Ontario (story on page 22). As biology professor Dr. C. Eric Hellquist points out in the story, Lake Ontario is one of the world’s natural wonders, and it is in our backyard.

Approximately 34 million people live in the Great Lakes basin, taking a toll on the lake’s pristine ecology. The college community is working to repair and preserve this precious resource so that it, like the college itself, will continue to inspire and thrive for generations to come.

With Oswego pride and gratitude for your support,

Deborah F. Stanley
President
Phase 2 of Tyler Hall Renovation Begins This Fall Amid Phase 1 Completion Celebration

Design work on the final phases of Tyler Hall’s renaissance—modernized studios, lab theatre, classrooms, offices and exterior finishing—is underway, even as work continues toward a grand reopening Oct. 27-30, for Waterman Theatre, Tyler Art Gallery, a two-story music rehearsal hall, a new recording studio and much more.

A state capital appropriation of $18 million makes completion—inside and out—of the college’s fine arts building possible, according to Mitch Fields, associate vice president for facilities services.

Julie Pretzat, dean of the School of Communication, Media and the Arts, said the continued work on Tyler means that many faculty in music and theatre, and some in art, will delay moving back into the fine arts building for at least two more years. She credited faculty members for opting to stay in temporary offices and other workspaces in Hewitt, Lanigan and elsewhere on campus.

As planned, some faculty and staff moved this summer into spaces that were finished in the $22.2 million Phase 1 for the building’s fall reopening. Student and faculty vocalists will settle into a new choir rehearsal room, and instrumentalists and ensembles will move into new rehearsal spaces. An all-new recording studio will greet sound designers and students in audio recording classes. Most of theatre’s technical faculty, staff and crews will move in.

A new box office, lobby, theatre and art gallery—all with enhanced accessibility—will welcome the public.

Courses in traditional classrooms will be held elsewhere during the additional Tyler work, soon moving into the design phase with consultant Architectural Resources of Buffalo.

Phase 2 will include a redesigned lab theatre, updated studios for artistic disciplines, a new costume shop and theatre-support spaces, updated and resized offices, and smart classrooms on the second floor.

The remaining interior work has a $13 million budget, while about $5 million will be devoted to exterior cleaning and finishing, including landscaping. Fields said.

Bids for the work are expected to go out in phases starting in September, with an eye toward completion in 2018.

“It’s exciting,” Pretzat said. “Once people see the new spaces, they’re going to be impressed. It will be a real showplace for the college.”

College Improves Experiences for Hearing-Impaired Audiences

SUNY Oswego is enhancing the experience of hearing-impaired spectators at ceremonies, performances and athletic events by installing audio-induction loops on the concourse level of Marano Campus Center arena and convocation hall, in the newly updated Sheldon Hall ballroom, in the soon-to-reopen Waterman Theatre and eventually in other venues on campus.

Also known as a hearing loop, the system allows audience members with many digital styles of hearing aids, or with relatively new cochlear implants, to connect to the loudspeaker system. The system pinpoints the sound’s source and minimizes the effect of reverberations and ambient noise.

Starr Abbott Wheeler ’98 M’03, director of the college’s Office of Disability Services, said she is excited that SUNY Oswego is moving ahead with hearing loops to make the campus more accessible to those with hearing devices.
New Fund Supports Students in Computing Club

When Lori Newman Cohen ’79 entered the computing world, most of her work involved automation—creating programs to help computerize previously paper-bound processes. Today, she focuses on business intelligence and data warehousing, or using information to improve a business’s service and bottom line.

“Data analytics is empowering,” said Cohen, head of data and analytics at New York Life Insurance Company in New York City. “Now, we’re not only able to measure what has happened in the past, but we’re getting into predictive analytics.”

Unlike the technological developments in the field, few strides have been made in solving the gender gap in computer science. In fact, it has gotten worse in the 37 years since Cohen graduated. A 2015 study by the American Association of University Women showed the number of female students enrolled in computer science programs dropped from 37 percent in the early 1980s to 18 percent in 2013.

A problem-solver by nature, Cohen provided funding, including a 100-percent matching gift up to $5,000 a year from her employer, to support the Women in Computing organization at SUNY Oswego and nurture the next generation of female computer scientists.

“We can reach more students through the club than through a single scholarship,” she said. “The club can use this money for club members to travel to conferences and build their professional networks. But I also want the college students to help pay it forward by working with the local school district to introduce students in grade school to coding. They need to hear and see that it’s cool to code!”

Melissa King ’15 M’16, president of Women in Computing, said the endowment helped the club grow from a few members to more than 20 students—female and male. They have been able to attend a hack-a-thon, a gaming convention and a Women in Computing conference, thanks to the funds provided by the Lori Newman Cohen ’79 Women in Computing at Oswego Endowment.

King said the group is not only grateful for the funds that Cohen donated, but also the mentoring she provides during her regular visits to campus.

“It’s helpful to hear her stories and know that she was challenged, too,” King said. “But she did it and has been very successful. It gives us inspiration and confidence to move forward and achieve our goals.”

Cohen’s gift has also encouraged others to support the fund, including fellow computer science alumna and Alpha Sigma Chi sorority member Stephanie Pianka ’87, treasurer and vice president of financial operations at New York University. To support the fund, contact the Office of University Development at develop@oswego.edu, 315-312-3003 or alumni.oswego.edu/givenow.

—Margaret Spillett

Rice Creek Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Rice Creek Associates

Citizen support group Rice Creek Associates celebrated its 30th anniversary with a gala open house on March 13, at SUNY Oswego’s Rice Creek Field Station. Mike Holy M’84, president of the group that seeks to sustain and advance the field station as a living laboratory, presented. There were trail walks, games for children, and a 30-minute slideshow on the history of the field station and its nearly 400 forever-wild acres of mixed terrain. A sale of signed and numbered prints by charter Rice Creek Associates member and former faculty member John Weeks was also held. For more information, visit oswego.edu/ricecreek.

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The Campaign for SUNY Oswego
Sheldon Ballroom Renovations
Modernize a Historic Space

Renovations to the Sheldon Hall ballroom improved the sight, sound and appearance of this historic space.

A new projector, screen, speakers, control panels, stage lights and an induction loop for the hearing impaired all enhance the audiovisual experience for guests at the ballroom's many campus events and public performances.

The new 10,000-lumen projector and 16-by-10-foot retractable screen accommodate today's wide video formats and represent substantial improvements over the older technology. Martin Line Arrays speakers, stage lights on racks and a spotlight are operated with new digital control panels onstage and at the rear of the house.

New carpet tile, an enclosure for the projector, electrical and wireless upgrades, and a paint job also make a more welcoming, updated ballroom.

Campus Hosts 2016
SUNY-Wide Film Festival

Among the SUNY Oswego students who crewed a film that documented the 2016 SUNY-Wide Film Festival on April 8 and 9 are (from left) Issack Cintron ’17, Garvin Wells ’16, Max Fehr ’16, James Snover ’16 and Matt Soffietti ’16. They represent festival director Joshua Adams and his 38-student class on “Film Festivals History and Practice,” which organized events surrounding the competition for best films submitted from schools in the SUNY system. The festival screened the best in filmmaking from around SUNY—six of the 35 official selections were from SUNY Oswego students—and featured a keynote address from Killer Films’ Christine Vachon. The following alumni were also included in the event: Robin Curtis ’78, Mark Martino ’12, Peter Myers ’15 and Matt Smith ’15. Cinema professor and festival organizer Amy Shore helped bring the festival to Oswego in 2015, and the college plans to host it again next year.

Events

Visit alumni.oswego.edu for complete listing.

Aug. 26 Welcoming Torchlight Ceremony*
Sept. 23 30th Anniversary ALANA Panel*
Sept. 24 30th Anniversary ALANA Banquet Gala*
Sept. 27 Alumni and Friends Election Event in NYC*
Sept. 28 SUNY Day at Yankee Stadium
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Men’s Soccer Alumni Reception*
Oct. TBD Alumni and Friends Event in Seattle
Oct. 6 Alumni and Friends Election Event in Washington, D.C.*
Oct. 27-30 Tyler Hall Opening Celebration
Oct. 27 Dr. Lewis B. O’Donnell Media Summit*
Oct. 29 Communication Studies Alumni Dinner*
Nov. 4 Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting*
Nov. 4 Oswego College Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**
Nov. 4 Green and Gold Day*
Nov. 4-5 Homecoming Weekend 2016*
Nov. 4-5 Women’s Hockey Alumnae Reunion*
Nov. 5 Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon*

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JUNE 8-11 Reunion 2017
* Alumni and Parent Relations, 315-312-2258
** University Development, 315-312-3003

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Save the Date
Sept. 17- 24, 2016
"Diamond in the Rough"
30th Annual ALANA Student Leadership Conference

Created by Tyrone Holmes M’89, the former assistant director of Hewitt Union, and Howard Gordon ‘74 M’78, the executive assistant to the president, the annual African, Latino, Asian, Native American (ALANA) Student Leadership Conference brings together the entire Oswego community for a variety of cultural and educational events. A 30th Anniversary ALANA Banquet Gala will be held on Sept. 24.

More information will be shared as it becomes available at oswego.edu/alana. Tickets for the gala can be purchased at oswego.edu/tickets.
Noteworthy News

Walter Roettger Named Acting Academic Vice President

SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley appointed Dr. Walter Roettger as acting provost and vice president for academic affairs. He began in the position in February.

As the college’s chief academic officer, Roettger is responsible for leadership of all instructional and academic programs across the college, including Oswego’s College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, and School of Communication, Media and the Arts.

“Dr. Roettger has an outstanding record of leadership in higher education,” said President Stanley. “We look forward to benefiting from his wealth of experience and insight.”

Roettger is the president emeritus of Lyon College, which he led to top-tier status among national liberal arts colleges. During his lengthy career he has served other colleges and universities as a vice president, provost, associate provost and dean, among other administrative positions.

Since his retirement from Lyon, he has provided interim leadership previously to three institutions around the nation. He is contributing to a book on leadership in higher education forthcoming from the Johns Hopkins University Press.

A graduate of Stanford University, Roettger earned a doctorate in political science from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He served with the U.S. Air Force, leaving active duty with the rank of captain. As a professor, Roettger was first tenured at Drake University, where he received the Honor Teacher Award.

Paid-Vacations Study Sharpens Student Research Skills

Undergraduate biochemistry majors Iain Thompson ’16 (left) and Tatiana Gregory ’17 work on separating peripheral blood mononuclear cells from human blood samples. They were mentored by chemistry faculty member Kestas Bendinskas during this spring semester on a portion of a grant commissioned by Project: Time Off to explore physiological, as well as psychological, effects of paid vacations versus abstaining from vacation time.

University Police Earns State Accreditation

University Police at SUNY Oswego attained state accreditation in March, an achievement that marks it as one of only 10 departments in the State University system and fewer than 150 police agencies of all kinds statewide to meet scores of exacting standards of professionalism.

The state Law Enforcement Accreditation Council provided formal recognition that University Police meets or exceeds expectations of quality in administration, training and operations. Achieving accreditation requires a department to demonstrate the effectiveness of its policies supporting 133 standards, covering everything from fiscal responsibility to firearms training and treatment of crime victims to evidence handling.
Snapshots: Faculty Research, Creative Works and Recognitions


- Kristen Munger M’93, associate dean of the School of Education, edited and co-authored, Steps for Success: Crossing the Bridge Between Literacy Research and Practice, a new Open SUNY textbook on research-driven literacy teaching practices, with SUNY Oswego School of Education curriculum and instruction faculty members Maria Murray and Joanne O’Toole ’91, and former member Elizabeth Stevens, now at Roberts Wesleyan College.

- SUNY Oswego music professor Eric Schmitz—whose father Alan is a professor at the University of Northern Iowa School of Music and brother Christopher is on the faculty of Mercer University’s Townsend School of Music—recently recorded ACE Composers: 21st Century Chamber Music by Alan, Christopher & Eric Schmitz (Ravello Records, 2016), a collection linked by both bloodline and connections to popular genres.

- The American Council on Education named Kristen Eichhorn, professor of communication studies at SUNY Oswego and faculty fellow in the college’s President’s Office, an ACE Fellow for academic year 2016-17. During the yearlong fellowship, she will investigate campus culture and its relationship to greater efficiency and productivity.
Noteworthy News continued

Governor Names Jerald Woolfolk to Heroin Task Force

Jerald Woolfolk, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, is one of 23 professionals named to a statewide heroin task force charged with creating a comprehensive plan to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic in New York.

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo launched the task force in May to identify ways to expand awareness of heroin and opioid addiction, enhance statewide prevention efforts, increase access to treatment and improve support for those in recovery.

The group consists of a broad coalition of experts in health care, drug policy, advocacy, and education, as well as parents and New Yorkers in recovery. Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul is co-chair. Woolfolk is the only higher education representative on the task force as well as the only member from Central New York.

Friedman Wins Fulbright Specialist Grant to Germany

Marketing and management faculty member Barry A. Friedman, an accomplished researcher who specializes in organizational behavior and human resource management, recently won a Fulbright Specialist grant to teach this summer at a business school in Germany.

Friedman served for a month with the Hamburg School of Business Administration, teaching a business ethics and corporate social responsibility seminar, collaborating with counterparts there on research projects and sharing effective teaching techniques. He is also solidifying a partnership between the SUNY Oswego School of Business and the school in Germany, providing opportunities for graduate students to take part in the prestigious summer program there.

A past recipient of both the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence and the Provost’s Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity, Friedman has served on Oswego’s faculty since 2003 following a 25-year career in human resource management at Exxon Mobil and Xerox.

School of Business Earns 2016 ‘Best for Vets’ Ranking

“Best for Vets: Business Schools,” a ranking compiled by Military Times publications, named SUNY Oswego’s School of Business to its list for 2016.

Oswego came in at 47 among only 77 schools of business that made the list nationwide. Military Times considered only colleges and universities offering graduate business degrees.

“We’re pleased that we made the list for the second consecutive year,” said Irene Scruton, director of MBA programs at SUNY Oswego. “Our entire staff here is very sensitive to the needs of veterans.”

“Best for Vets: Business Schools 2016” ranks schools for their commitment to providing opportunities for veterans.

Military Times also named SUNY Oswego a 2016 “Best for Vets College,” ranking it among only 125 four-year colleges and universities nationwide for the second consecutive year.

For more information about any of SUNY Oswego’s graduate business programs, visit oswego.edu/mba or call 315-312-2911.

Kevin Wanniarachchi
Kankanamalage ’16

with his poster “Expression Pattern of KRT15 During Chick Embryogenesis” talks with Yanfang Wang M’17 during the college’s annual Quest symposium.

Praeger Publishers recently released The Historian’s Huck Finn: Reading Mark Twain’s Masterpiece as Social and Economic History by Ranjit S. Dighe, professor and chair of economics. It follows Dighe’s The Historian’s Wizard of Oz: Reading L. Frank Baum’s Classic as Political and Monetary Allegory in The Historian’s Annotated Classics series.
New Campus-Based Video Production Company Gives Students Experience

Lakeside Media@SUNY Oswego launched as a student-staffed, faculty-mentored video production business, complete with professional responsibilities that include everything from on-time delivery of high-quality video to bookkeeping.

“It’s actually professional experience that these students will be getting, with faculty oversight,” said Julie Pretzat, dean of the School of Communication, Media and the Arts. “The work is contracted and the students are paid.”

The enterprise evolved over several years, starting with an award-winning, student-produced video whose contract ran through the video business of communication studies faculty member Mary-beth Longo ’11. The video about a communication system for Upstate first responders tied for third place in the instructional/educational category of the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts, a national competition.

“We thought, ‘Why not keep this going?’” Longo said.

Lakeside Media@SUNY Oswego launched with three contracts in hand: a video to help students know University Police and its duties better, another on the dangers of synthetic marijuana and a third on the college’s Title IX program.

Clients in the run-up to the new business have included the Oswego County Division of Promotion and Tourism and the SUNY Oswego technology department’s advanced manufacturing program.

“This is a job,” Longo said. “There’s no academic credit. They’re not getting student work, they’re getting professional work. This gives them a big leg up on becoming self-sufficient.”

Two Graduates Receive 2016 OAA Outstanding Senior Award

The SUNY Oswego Alumni Association selected Eric M. Flagg ’16 and Darlene Le ’16 as winners of the 2016 Outstanding Senior Award. They were recognized during the Commencement Eve Torchlight Dinner and Ceremony on May 13 in the Marano Campus Center.

The two graduating seniors were selected from approximately 40 exceptional nominees for their academic achievement, campus involvement and service to the community.

Flagg of Chelmsford, Mass., graduated with a wellness management degree. Throughout his four years at Oswego, he was an active member of the Student Association, serving as senator and then director of student involvement. He participated in a number of intramural and club sports, and was a resident assistant and a fitness facility attendant.

He accepted a full-tuition scholarship to Penn State University School of Law, where he begins in the fall.

Le of Utica, NY, was a business administration major and first-generation college student. She was involved with Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity, the Newman Club, the Taekwondo Club, the Auxiliary Services Board and the Senior Class Planning Committee. She interned with Oswego Transfer Services, Career Services and the Oswego Alumni Association’s Alumni Sharing Knowledge program.

In the fall, she will pursue a master’s degree in higher education at Syracuse University.

The Outstanding Senior Award was established by the 2005 Senior Class Planning Committee and is funded by former Oswego Alumni Association board member Alice Massimi Crouch ’02. The award recognizes graduating seniors who have been highly involved on campus while maintaining academic excellence.
Alumna Delivers Honors Convocation Keynote

Jennifer Shropshire ’86, Oswego Alumni Association board member and past president and a principal at Edward F. Swenson & Associates Inc. in Philadelphia, extended her congratulations to students and shared her thoughts on leadership, diversity and inclusion during the annual Honors Convocation ceremony April 15 in the Marano Campus Center convocation arena. She challenged the 150 students being honored for their top academic and civic achievements to seek out a variety of experiences and opportunities for engagement.

Two Win Awards for Scholarship, Creativity

Business faculty member Ashraf Attia, who studies cross-cultural and e-commerce marketing and many topics in sales-and-service, and music faculty member Robert Auler, who has performed globally and worked locally to raise the profile of the arts, have received the President’s Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity.

Ashraf Attia

A faculty member in the department of management and marketing since 1998, Ashraf Attia has published 16 peer-reviewed articles and 26 papers in conference proceedings. He has 10 more under review or in press. He serves on the boards of three journals. His research ranges from the ethics and effects of social media marketing to e-commerce in the Middle East. Promoted to professor in 2007, Attia has a doctorate in marketing and a master’s in economics from Old Dominion University, and an MBA from the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

Robert Auler

A decorated concert pianist in halls across the globe, Robert Auler has expanded musical opportunities at SUNY Oswego and elsewhere. He co-founded the Oswego Jazz Project, a faculty combo that plays in local and national venues. He founded and directs the LaVeck Concert Series in Pulaski, N.Y. Auler and colleague Mihoko Tsutsumi recently founded the Oswego Youth Conservatory to encourage young musicians, and he organized the Focus on Faculty Series of concerts the past two years. Auler, who has a doctorate in musical arts from the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, has been promoted to professor effective Sept. 1.

Find the Founder!

In the Spring 2016 issue, the Sheldon statue can be found in the lower right side of a Homecoming group photo on page 19. Grand prize winner of a College Store gift certificate and Sheldon Hall print is Mary Bateman-Ferry ’78. Winning Sheldon Hall prints are Matthew L. Bishop ’14, Jeanne Myers Brickhouse ’75, Alicia Frisbie ’10, Greg Lighthouse ’00 M’01 and Rev. Frederick E. Scharf Jr. ’62. A tiny replica of the Sheldon statue pictured here is hidden somewhere in this issue. Find the Founder and send us a letter with the location and page number, your name, class year and address. We will draw one entry at random from all the correct answers and the winner will receive a $25 gift certificate to the College Store and a print of Sheldon Hall. The next five entries drawn will receive Sheldon Hall prints. Send your entry to Find the Founder, King Alumni Hall, 300 Washington Blvd., Oswego, NY 13126, or email to findthefounder@oswego.edu. Entries must be postmarked or emailed by Oct. 1.
Alumna Teacher Honors Parents, Her Profession with New Scholarship

For retired teacher Virginia “Ginny” Menera Trevor ’65, education, she has learned, often provides structure and stability to a child’s life.

“When you have students—especially who come from different backgrounds—it is important that they know what to expect when they come to school each day,” she said. “Offering that security and experiencing ‘aha’ moments made teaching a joy.”

Although Trevor changed schools 11 times between kindergarten to 12th grade, the Long Island, NY, native loved school. She recalls playing school as a child.

“Apparently, I was a bit of a bossy pants,” she said. “So when we played school, I was always the teacher. It was no surprise that I chose to become a teacher.”

Growing up during a time when young people—especially women—weren’t expected to go to college, her parents, James and Mildred Menera, encouraged her and her siblings to do so. The State University system made that possible for her.

Her father actually chose Oswego for her when he learned that her other choice didn’t have an on-campus residence hall available to her.

“My father said no to off-campus housing, and so that was that,” Trevor said. “I went to Oswego.”

Then during her sophomore year, her parents came to visit her and her father had a fatal heart attack on campus.

“I was going to leave school to help my mom back home, but she said, ‘Your dad wanted you to finish,’” she said. “And so, I stayed. I was very lucky to have had my parents’ support.”

Trevor said her Oswego education prepared her well for an elementary teaching career that spanned 33 years.

After attending her 50-year Reunion in June 2015, she decided to establish a scholarship to honor her parents, thank her alma mater and support the next generation of teachers.

The James and Mildred Menera Memorial Endowed Scholarship will be awarded annually to a full-time, upper-level student in the School of Education who maintains a minimum GPA of 3.0 and has a demonstrated financial need.

Trevor and her siblings agree that their parents—neither of whom completed high school—would never have foreseen their names attached to a college scholarship. They all support the tribute.

“I hope this scholarship supports someone who really cares about kids and cares about education,” Trevor said. “Teachers are vital to a community.”

—Margaret Spillett

Program Maps Alternative Routes to High School Diplomas

SUNY Oswego students Harry Kandaras ’16 (standing) and Justin D’Antonio ’16 M’18 (second from left) work with high school sophomores Zachary Cronk (left) and Brandon Dobbs in an alternative learning initiative in Wilber Hall. The CARE—Credit Accrual and Recovery for Everyone—program hosts 11 students in grades 9 to 12 who work one-on-one with a Center for Instruction, Technology and Information (CiTi) BOCES teacher, School of Education faculty members and students from around campus. The goal is to help boost struggling, disengaged Oswego County high school students who are off track to graduate, earn a diploma.
March Matchness Ends in a Win All-Around

SUNY Oswego’s newest graduates came out strong in support of their alma mater during the 2016 March Matchness Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD) fundraising challenge. The Class of 2015 earned bragging rights as the class with the highest number of members (63 donors) making a gift to the college during March. The Class of 2012 came in second place with a total of 44 donors.

But the big winner in the fun-spirited competition was SUNY Oswego. Having surpassed the donor goal of 250 by 27 percent, 318 GOLD donors secured a $5,000 gift from an anonymous challenger and another $5,000 from Jennifer Shropshire ’86, an Oswego Alumni Association board member and then national chair of The Fund for Oswego.

A total of $19,788 was raised by the 2016 March Matchness challenge to support current and future student programs and experiences.

The challenge spurred 194 GOLD alumni to make their first gift to the college. The total amount of GOLD alumni contributions increased considerably over the past three March Matchness challenges, rising from $5,618 in 2014 to $7,621 in 2015 to $9,788 in 2016, or an increase of approximately 74 percent in two years.

“It was exciting to see the team captains from each year posting thank-yous to their classmates and sharing school spirit while also raising funds for the college,” Shropshire said.

Throughout the month, Shropshire posted frequently on Twitter, spurring GOLD alumni to make a gift.

GOLD Leadership Council President Austin M. Byrd ’10 also took to Twitter to remind GOLD grads to make their gifts.

Some class captains posted thank-you messages to their classmates via Facebook and rallied others to make their gifts.

“Seeing such a spirited response from our most recent graduates is a very encouraging sign for the future of The Fund for Oswego!” said Ryan O’Donnell, associate director of annual giving.

All March Matchness gifts also counted toward the $40 million multi-year fundraising initiative, With Passion & Purpose: The Campaign for SUNY Oswego.

—Margaret Spillett

Extended Learning Programs to Relocate from Phoenix Site

The college’s Division of Extended Learning completed spring semester classes and other activities at its leased building in Phoenix, N.Y., then shifted people and programs to the college’s main campus and the branch campus in Syracuse earlier this summer.

CiTi—the Center for Instruction, Technology and Innovation, formerly known as Oswego County BOCES—is taking over the building’s 7,500 square feet of space. The college had leased the building, located in the Oswego County Industrial Park along State Route 481, from Operation Oswego County since 1994.

“We have enjoyed many years serving the area from our location in Phoenix,” said Jill Bettinger Pippin ’95, dean of the Division of Extended Learning. “We will focus on creating a vibrant college community for students at SUNY Oswego’s Metro Center branch campus in Syracuse, offering full undergraduate completion degrees, graduate programs and student services, and extending our community connections there.”

Testing services for state teacher certification, CLEP (College Level Examination Program) and other types of exams will move to a new testing center on the main campus, where students are also able to take proctored exams. Testing and proctoring that already occur at SUNY Oswego Metro Center will continue there.

“It’s beneficial for the communities we serve and favorable for CiTi, which will be able to offer additional programming from the Phoenix location,” Pippin said. “It’s a win for SUNY Oswego, in that we will continue to offer educational opportunities to Oswego County citizens at our main campus and to a wider audience at our branch campus in Syracuse.”
Commencement Speakers Include Honorary Degree Recipient John McHugh

Former U.S. Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh received an honorary Doctor of Laws from the State University of New York on May 14 at SUNY Oswego’s 155th Commencement ceremony before delivering his address to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences graduates.

Melanie Littlejohn, National Grid’s regional executive director for Upstate New York, was the featured speaker for the School of Business ceremony. Seth Mulligan, operations manager for TCG-Player, addressed graduates during the ceremony for the School of Education and the School of Communication, Media and the Arts. U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer also spoke to graduates and their families.

McHugh, the 21st secretary of the Army and former congressman and state senator in Upstate New York districts encompassing Oswego, was the second longest-serving Army secretary in history, serving from 2009 to 2015. As secretary, he was chief executive officer and was responsible for a budget of more than $243 billion at its height and a workforce of more than a million active duty, Army National Guard and Army Reserve soldiers as well as 250,000 civilian employees.

He had oversight on all matters relating to the Army. He earned a reputation as a hands-on problem solver.

Over four decades, McHugh worked in government at the local, state and national levels, succeeding H. Douglas Barclay as state senator.

He had served nine terms as congressman before his appointment as secretary of the Army by President Barack Obama.

Graduates, Families Celebrate Annual Torchlight Ceremony

Dresden Engle ’88, a national award-winning communications professional who owns and operates the firm Dresden Public Relations in Rochester, N.Y., addressed graduates and their families during the 2016 Commencement Eve Torchlight Dinner and Ceremony May 13 in the Marano Campus Center. Dresden, who served as the Torchlight keynote speaker and emcee, earned a bachelor’s degree in writing with a minor in theatre from SUNY Oswego and a master’s degree in communication from SUNY Brockport, where she teaches upper-level public relations courses.
College Establishes New Academic Programs

With more than 110 academic programs, Oswego offers a broad range of degree and certificate programs that are revised in response to advances in the discipline, the needs of our region and the changing demands of our students. This year, the college established several new programs to meet those ever-evolving market demands.

**Graphic Design Minor**
The college will offer a new minor in graphic design this fall, which provides the tools for visual communication, visual literacy and problem solving to students in disciplines across campus.

Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, the art department added the new minor to equip students to identify methods, tools and strategies for design planning, production, publication and distribution; develop technical, typographic, perceptual and visual organization skills; and evaluate design solutions using the elements and principles of design.

The curriculum includes digital media, multimedia and web media courses, as well as art history and foundational coursework.

Graphic design, already an established and popular undergraduate major and graduate degree program at the college, joins other art department or multidisciplinary minors that include art, art history, art management, expressive arts therapy, museum studies and photography.

**Strategic Communication Master’s**
The college recently began offering a graduate degree in strategic communication, the first master’s-level program from communication studies, which covers many potential career paths across multiple disciplines.

Candidates completing the master of arts degree in strategic communication will gain heightened knowledge and a sharpened skill set in producing effective and appropriate messages to create change, solve problems, influence others, highlight important issues within specific environments and strategically communicate with individuals at all levels of an organization.

The program will be offered in three tracks:

- **integrated media and social networks**, run by Ulises Mejias, who already coordinates the certificate program in integrated media and social networks;
- **health communication**, led by Taejin Jung; and
- **organizational communication**, headed by Mary Toale, communication studies chair.

For more information visit oswego.edu/graduate or call 315-312-3152.

**Special Education Master’s**
The new Master of Science in Education: Special Education 7–12 Generalist program fills a demonstrated workforce need—regionally, across the state and nationally—for teachers of special education in grades 7-12.

The program leads to initial state certification for generalist special education teachers—those who can co-teach in a variety of subject areas—in middle and high schools. Full-time faculty in curriculum and instruction Roberta Schnorr, Amanda Fenlon, Carol Willard and Linda Stummer will teach in the new program.

Degree candidates can enroll in the program full or part time, opening the door for in-service teachers in content areas such as English, math, social studies, science, modern languages or teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). Program requirements include a bachelor’s degree and initial certification in adolescence education or TESOL.

Each degree candidate will gain school-based experience through part-time field experiences and an internship.

For more information, visit oswego.edu/graduate, call the college’s Division of Graduate Studies at 315-312-3152 or email Fenlon at amanda.fenlon@oswego.edu.
2016 Chancellor’s Awards Recognize Employee Excellence

The Chancellor’s Award for Excellence are system-level honors conferred to acknowledge and provide SUNY-wide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence.

“It is an honor to recognize excellent work across the SUNY system,” said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. “Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients.”

Katharine Dutton ’03 M’10
Excellence in Professional Service

A 20-year employee of SUNY Oswego’s Campus Technology Services, Katharine Dutton ’03 M’10, learning support specialist, recently managed a change in the college’s learning management system from Angel to Blackboard Learn, a nine-month transition involving training more than 500 faculty and migrating more than 900 courses. She distinguished herself in support of Open SUNY, the system’s effort to offer seamless access to courses, degrees and professors across its 64 campuses. She is a member of several college-wide committees in her field as well as the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Committee.

Elizabeth Oberst

For more than 33 years, Elizabeth Oberst, associate vice president of alumni relations and stewardship, has led SUNY Oswego’s efforts to engage what are now more than 85,000 alumni. Oberst’s innovations include programs such as Alumni-in-Residence, Alumni Sharing Knowledge, Welcoming Torchlight and New York City Career Connections. She has served as publisher of Oswego alumni magazine since 2000, and for 25 years has nurtured Reunion, which annually draws more than 1,000 alumni to campus. Her newer achievements have included establishing a formal stewardship program to recognize and support donors.

Kathleen Okoniewski Pagano ’74

In 1972, then a first-generation college student, Kathleen Okoniewski Pagano ’74 started working for the financial aid office at SUNY Oswego. Since her graduation and employment here 42 years ago, she has modeled a students-first ethic as associate director of financial aid. She has served on several college-wide committees and has been active in the statewide activities of the SUNY Financial Aid Professionals and the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association.

Angela Galvin

Angela Galvin, senior secretary and office manager for the SUNY Oswego Division of Extended Learning, has been an invaluable resource for the SUNY Oswego campus for over 34 years. She has stepped up to take on additional duties when staff is unavailable, including those of the high school programs coordinator on two occasions, and has improved the program administratively. She has been building captain of Go Pink for the Cure, coordinated donations to the Newman Center’s annual yard sale and managed collections for the division’s “basket of caring” for the State Employees Federated Appeal/United Way drive.

SUNY Chancellor Awards Honor Three Oswego Students

Three SUNY Oswego students active in academics, leadership, community service, campus involvement, arts and career-long achievement received the 2016 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence—the highest student recognition through the statewide university system.

This year’s Oswego honorees for outstanding achievements inside and outside the classroom are:

- Juanita Diaz ’16 of Cincinnatus, N.Y., a zoology major with minors in geology and biocultural anthropology, who plans to earn a Ph.D. in zoology or ecology and evolutionary biology and become a professor;
- Tyler Pelle ’16 of Sparta, N.J., a dual major in meteorology and applied mathematics, who will attend the University of California, Irvine, as a Ph.D. candidate in the earth system science program to study the modeling of Arctic sea ice and its response to both natural and forced climate change; and
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Gary Andrews ’73 was getting ready to graduate in December with a bachelor’s in industrial arts when architect, environmentalist, author and inventor R. Buckminster Fuller visited campus in November 1973.

“I first heard about Buckminster Fuller from the Whole Earth Catalog, which was a must-have publication for all hippies in the early seventies,” Andrews said.

Andrews ended up attending Fuller’s lecture, which packed the Hewitt Union ballroom and required a satellite location for a live broadcast to reach the overflow crowd—the largest audience ever documented for a SUNY Oswego campus speaker.

“He was a very inspirational speaker to me,” Andrews said. “You do have to remember that was a long time ago, but something about the presentation was special and stayed with me all my life.”

In fact, Fuller’s presentation provided the motivation for Andrews to create the geodesic dome project for a master class and with the students in his eighth grade class at Farley Middle School in the North Rockland (N.Y.) School District. He even incorporated Fuller’s books into the class lessons.

“Since I was teaching in a metals lab, we used thin strips of tinplate hemmed (folded in half for strength) to construct them,” said Andrews, who retired in 2014 after teaching for 40 years. “The students not only learned technology but used math and science to build the domes.”

In the spring, a new generation of students and campus members found inspiration in Fuller, who is best known for the geodesic dome and his work in sustainability, including his 1973 challenge to the Oswego community offering $1,000 for a workable idea harnessing the power of Lake Ontario’s waves.
Anchored around *The Love Song of R. Buckminster Fuller*, a live documentary by Sam Green with live score by indie band Yo La Tengo, the SUNY Oswego campus celebrated the life and works of Fuller through several related activities this spring.

“The ARTSwego Performing Arts Series aims to present arts events that encourage interdisciplinary conversation,” said John Shaffer, director of arts programming. “Filmmaker Sam Green’s *The Love Song of R. Buckminster Fuller* is a creative project with a broad reach.

“We also liked the shape of Sam’s work, creating cinema with the ‘feel’ of a live event, where the audience is in direct communication with those onstage, co-creating the evening through their response,” he said. “Sam’s work is revolutionary in the best sense—building a compelling new model. We think Buckminster Fuller would approve.”

Technology education professor and design expert John Belt, who is a Fuller scholar and devotee, incorporated reading Fuller’s books and the fabrication of Fuller-related structures into his Design Probe course. Some of the students’ fabrications were exhibited at the Synergetics Collaborative Symposium at the Rhode Island School of Design.

“Fuller is known to the majority of people for his large, space-enclosing domes,” Belt said. “For me, a huge hook was his extraordinary love of the planet and respect for his devotion to work for all humanity.”

Fuller was tireless in his call to “do more with less” and create a world that would “work for 100 percent of humanity … without ecological destruction.”

Belt said he hopes last semester’s presentations encouraged campus members to work in Fuller’s “Comprehensive Anticipatory Design Science manner to make the world work better in a collaborative way, as Fuller said, on ‘Livingry not Weaponry.’”

—Margaret Spillett

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**Co-Creative Activities**

**Accompanying ‘The Love Song of R. Buckminster Fuller’**

**RICE CREEK FIELD STATION**


Public Workshop: “Essentials of Geometric Design” — James Gyre

**TYLER ART GALLERY**

“Buckminster Fuller: An American Visionary” (Hewitt Union Lobby)

Suzanne Gaffney Beason ’84, student curator, and student volunteers; student designers in the classes of Amy Bartell ’86 and Carla Paglia Senecal ’08 M’09

**Arts Alive!** (Student Art Club) construction of geodesic sphere (Hewitt Union Lobby)

Ben Entner, faculty advisor

**Dance Faculty**

Residency by Ann Dunn, choreographer of “Bucky: A Ballet in Four Parts” screening and talk in Hewitt Union Lobby before live film documentary

**EDUCATION AND MATH CLUBS**

Joint meeting on design principles of Buckminster Fuller

Eric Olson, faculty presenter

**PENFIELD LIBRARY ARCHIVES**

Buckminster Fuller display. Publications and Fuller’s 1973 visit to Oswego

Technology 400/800 seminar; Buckminster Fuller/sustainable design powerpoint presentation on Fuller (Park Hall Corridor)

Complimentary Fuller keychains; construction of tensegrity table

John Belt, Department of Technology

Loan of the student-built geodesic dome (Temporarily in Hewitt Quad)

Loan of Fuller artifacts and student projects in the Hewitt Exhibit

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Campus display in Park Hall (top); Fuller’s 1973 visit to campus; students’ geodesic dome in Hewitt Union
ATHLETICS

Lakers Athletics Challenge Nets More Than $185,000

The 2015-16 Lakers Athletics Challenge met its goal of 625 donors, with the highest level of participation going to the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams.

Each team received $1,000, andchallengees Rich ’80 and Beth Kagan Lashley ’80 made a gift of $30,000 to The Fund for Oswego designated to Athletics. The challenge raised $185,832.

“This challenge has been a great opportunity to tap into the competitive spirit of all of the athletics programs at SUNY Oswego—for alumni, students and coaching staff,” said Rich Lashley, a member of the baseball team from 1976 to 1980 who also served as a team captain. “I’m proud to be a part of the legacy of SUNY Oswego’s athletics programs, and the community of athletes past and present who share in that pride.”

This is the second year in a row that the men’s swimming and diving team won the participation award; the women’s team edged out last year’s winners, women’s basketball, by four-tenths of a percentage point.

“We are grateful for everyone who helps us continue to provide our athletes with a positive experience,” said Michael Holman ’96, head men’s and women’s swimming and diving coach.

“Thank you to all who participated in this year’s Athletics Challenge,” said Ryan O’Donnell, associate director of annual giving. “The volume of former members of our athletic programs who make these annual gifts in support of their teams is such a testament to the experience student-athletes are provided here at Oswego—an experience that’s continually enhanced through the generosity of our donors.”

—Eileen Crandall Feinberg Lectures Highlight Women in Athletics

This spring, the Feinberg Family Fund sponsored a series of lectures on gender in sports. The fund was established by Robert Feinberg ’78 and his wife, Robbi, in 2003 to support discussion on women in the workplace, and this year’s theme focused on college and professional athletics.

“The series is important because it highlights the many ways in which inequity in the workplace and gender stereotypes affect women’s lives,” said Mary McCune, director of Oswego’s gender and women’s studies department. “It reveals how far women have come in the field of sports but also how much progress remains to be made.”

The first of these events featured Oswego professors Sharity Bassett and Evelyn Clark Benavides and Tracy Bruno, who is the women’s basketball coach. All three women presented on their research about issues with gender inequality in professional sports. Specifically, these professors have researched discrimination based on gender, race and sex, and the outcomes of negative stereotypes against female athletes.
Susan Ware continued the series in March with a discussion on the history of Title IX, and the significance of Billie Jean King, the subject of her new book *Game, Set, Match: Billie Jean King and the Revolution in Women’s Sports*. Ware emphasized the importance of Title IX’s impact on women’s sports in schools. She expressed admiration when she discovered that Oswego offers the same number of teams for men and women, and women make up about 45 percent of all athletes in the school’s population.

The series concluded in April with Kathrine Switzer, the first woman to officially run the Boston Marathon in 1976. For years Switzer has advocated for equal opportunities for women in sports, and has spoken about possibilities for women in all aspects of their lives.

“You have got such an incredibly bright future,” Switzer told students. “But you might not have any idea what that future is, so start paying attention to everything that’s going on in your life. Take the negatives and turn them into opportunities … and believe in yourself, you can do better and be better than you ever imagined.”

—Kelly Walters ’16

ESPN Anchor and Alumna Linda Cohn ’81 Celebrates Milestone with ‘SportsCenter’

Linda Cohn ’81, an ESPN anchor for more than 20 years, hosted her milestone 5,000th broadcast of SportsCenter on Feb. 21. No one in the program’s 36-year history—male or female—has hosted more shows.

Cohn, who was the goalie for the women’s ice hockey team from 1977-81, graduated from Oswego with a bachelor’s degree in communication studies. She has been an anchor for ESPN since 1992, when she hosted her first broadcast at 2 a.m. Since then, she has been a regular anchor for not only SportsCenter’s weekend morning edition but ESPNEWS, ESPN Radio and countless special coverage shows.

“It is a remarkable achievement. In her years at ESPN, she has been one of the defining personalities of SportsCenter,” said John Skipper, ESPN president and co-chairman of Disney Media Networks, in a statement. “The quality of her work and commitment has distinguished ESPN and made her one of the preeminent sportscasters of her time.”

The two-hour special broadcast, co-anchored by ESPN’s Randy Scott, showcased Cohn’s career with the network. Messages also poured in from fans online, and shortly after the broadcast began, SportsCenter’s hashtag for Linda’s achievement #LCo5KSC began trending nationwide.

During media interviews about the 5,000th episode, Cohn recognized School of Communication, Media and the Arts Dean Emeritus Fritz Messere ’71 M’76 for helping her develop her broadcast voice. She also gave a shout-out to fellow SportsCenter anchor and Oswego alumnus Steve Levy ’87.

During an ESPN radio interview, Cohn joked about not yet having a sub named after her at the Oswego Sub Shop, as have Levy and Al Roker ’76. The interviewer, Paul Esden Jr. ’15, then launched a Twitter campaign #GetCohnaSub, and a Linda Cohn sub has since been added to the menu. Cohn tweeted: “Thank you Oswego subshop!! I’ll make u proud with this healthy addition!”

—Kelly Walters ’16
Standing

Lakers Earn SUNYAC Recognitions

The following student-athletes earned SUNYAC All-Conference Recognitions:

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**
Eric Hamilton ’17 of Liverpool, N.Y., baseball

**ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**
Teresa Shattuck ’19 of Syracuse, N.Y., women’s lacrosse

**FIRST TEAM**
Adam Crumb ’17 of Wayne, N.Y., men’s track and field
Esther Gabriel ’16 of Lancaster, N.Y., women’s lacrosse
Ben Griffin ’17 of Sterling, N.Y., men’s track and field
Eric Hamilton ’17 of Liverpool, N.Y., baseball
Zach Kollar ’17 of Endwell, N.Y., baseball
Myles Kutscher ’17 of Glen Cove, N.Y., baseball
Tori Trovato ’16 of Fulton, N.Y., softball

**SECOND TEAM**
Mike Dellicarri ’19 of Congers, N.Y., baseball
Robert Donnelly ’18 of New City, N.Y., baseball
Nicole Granteed ’18 of Liverpool, N.Y., women’s lacrosse
Brian Hamilton ’16 of Liverpool, N.Y., baseball
Shawn Hulshof ’17 of Stouffville, Ontario, Canada, men’s ice hockey
Stephen Johnson ’17 of Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, men’s ice hockey
Erannan Shattuck ’16 of Syracuse, N.Y., women’s lacrosse
Teresa Shattuck ’19 of Syracuse, N.Y., women’s lacrosse

**THIRD TEAM**
Zeina Akl ’19 of Jamesville, N.Y., women’s lacrosse
Angela Ponto ’18 of Syracuse, N.Y., women’s lacrosse

**HONORABLE MENTION**
Wyatt Russo ’18 of Massapequa, N.Y., men’s lacrosse

Baseball Sets Program Record, Finishes Stellar Season

The Oswego State baseball team, ranked seventh in the country, set a program record for the most victories in a single season with 35 on the year. This breaks the previous record of 27 the team set in 2013 and 2015, both under the helm of Coach Scott Landers.

Oswego also made the NCAA Championship for the second-straight year, finishing third in the New England Regional, winning three games, the first of which was the program’s first NCAA tournament win since 1984.

Men’s Infielder Named All-American

Eric Hamilton ’17 of Liverpool, N.Y., garnered D3baseball.com All-America Second Team accolades while ABCA/Rawlings placed the third baseman on its Third Team. He is the sixth player in Oswego history to be recognized as an All-American. He was just one of two individuals from SUNYAC to make the ABCA/Rawlings list and one of four from the conference to nab D3baseball.com’s nod.

Hamilton finished 2016 batting .399 with 69 hits in 173 at-bats, setting new Oswego single-season records, as did his 13 home runs. His hits, homers, RBI, total bases (122) and slugging percentage (.705) all led the SUNYAC and were ranked in the top 50 in all of Division III.

Lakers Select Two Outstanding Senior Awards

Esther Gabriel ’16 of the women’s lacrosse team and Jordan Giller ’16 of the baseball team were named the Outstanding Senior Female and Male Athletes, respectively, at the annual All-Athlete Banquet in the Marano Campus Center in spring.

Gabriel of Lancaster, N.Y., ranked seventh in program history in both points (162) and goals (119) and is tied for eighth in assists (43). She led the Lakers in draws each of the last three years and was second on the team as a first-year student.

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The Outstanding Senior Athlete awards take into account the seniors’ entire career at Oswego and are based solely on their individual athletic achievements while wearing a Laker uniform.

Two Female Lakers Earn SUNY Chancellor Awards

Esther Gabriel ’16 of the women’s lacrosse team and Chloe Lonergan ’19 of the women’s soccer team have both earned the SUNY Chancellor’s Scholar-Athlete Award as selected by the State University of New York. The award is given to students who have combined academic excellence and outstanding athletic achievement, and are members of an All-Conference or All-Tournament team.

Gabriel of Lancaster, N.Y., helped lead the women’s lacrosse team to one of its best seasons in history, as the squad tied the program record for wins with 12. Academically, Gabriel earned a 3.80 GPA over her four years, majoring in philosophy and minoring in logic.

Lonergan of Cicero, N.Y., was a force in her first season, anchoring a defensive unit that allowed just 22 goals in 19 games this season. In the classroom, she earned a 4.0 GPA while majoring in operations management and information systems with a minor in international business.

Women’s Ice Hockey Players Named to All-Academic Team

Nine players from the Oswego State women’s ice hockey team have been named by the Eastern College Athletic Conference West (ECAC West) to the 2015-16 All-Academic Team. Alexa Aramburu ’17 of Glen Rock, N.J., Alyssa Brockmann ’17 of Fairport, N.Y., Olivia Ellis ’18 of Wilcox, Sask., Canada, Sarah Grupp ’17 of Charlotteville, Va., Ashley Lyman ’17 of Lockport, N.Y., Lizzy Marks ’16 of Penfield, N.Y., Andrea Noss ’18 of Orange, Conn., Laura Thacker ’18 of San Jose, Calif., and Tori Trovato ’16 of Fulton, N.Y., have all earned this distinction.

D3Hoops Names Junior to All-America Team

Brian Sortino ’17 of Fairport, N.Y., has earned All-America status for the first time in his career, as D3hoops.com named him to its third team.

An exceptional scorer, the junior ranked ninth nationally in total points (649) and 43rd in points per game (20.9). Those stats were also good for first and second in the SUNYAC, respectively. A multi-dimensional player, the guard also ranked first for the Lakers in assists per game (3.3) and total steals (28).

D3hoops.com also recognized Sortino with First Team All-East Region on the heels of his All-SUNYAC First Team accolade.

Sortino also hit a milestone during the season, recording his 1,000th career point against Cortland on Jan. 23. At the end of the year, the All-American had accumulated 1,380 points in his Laker career, placing him 10th all-time in Oswego State men’s basketball history.

Two Topple School Track and Field Records

A pair of school track and field records was toppled at the Bucknell Bison Outdoor Classic at Christy Mathewson Memorial Stadium in Pennsylvania in April.

Abigail Boyle ’17 of Lockport, N.Y., took down her own record in the triple jump, leaping 11.11 meters in the finals or .02 meters more than her previous record set in 2015.

On the men’s team, Ethan Ehrlich ’18 of Livingston, N.J., set the Oswego State record in the javelin throw.

The sophomore edged the previous record, set by Matt McDorman ’15 of Wolcott, N.Y., in 2015, by nearly 6 inches, tossing the javelin 55.91 meters (183’ 5”).

SUNY Oswego Serves as Host Site for Men’s Basketball NCAA Tournament Round of 16

The Oswego State men’s basketball team had its season come to a close March 11 in a raucous Max Ziel Gymnasium environment, 66-65, to The College of Wooster in the NCAA Division III Championship, hosted on the SUNY Oswego campus for the first time in school history.

The game marked not only an appearance by the men’s team in the Sweet 16, but an opportunity to host semi-final teams from Wooster, Christopher Newport University, and Keene State College.

“Being able to host a sectional round of an NCAA Championship is not an everyday occurrence,” said Michael Bielak, SUNY Oswego sports information director. “It was a truly unique opportunity to showcase SUNY Oswego, the Athletics Department and the community.”

More than 1,250 attendees descended on the SUNY Oswego campus for the game—perhaps the highest attendance in program history, he said.

Oswego’s farthest run in the post-season ended at 22-9. Their performance this season earned Oswego State the No. 17 spot on D3hoops.com men’s basketball Top 25 poll. Oswego’s ranking is the second-highest final poll finish in program history, as the 2011-12 squad wrapped its season at No. 17. Among the Top-25 teams, the Lakers were one of only two teams from the East Region and the only squad from SUNYAC. •
RIPPLE EFFECT

Oswego researchers work to improve the health of the lake that means so much to our campus and our community

By Eileen Crandall
to begin to understand it, you must stand on its shore.

James Pagano ’74 has, for decades—first as a child growing up in Oswego, today as a researcher. “I have lived, pretty much, with the influence of the lake my entire life,” said Pagano, a member of the department of chemistry at SUNY Oswego. Pagano’s parents operated a grocery store in the city for more than 40 years; all five of their children worked in the store, treasuring Sundays off to picnic, swim and play on the waves of Lake Ontario.

Those who have never stood at the edge of a Great Lake often can’t fathom the vastness of our inland freshwater seas. Until they have experienced it, it is hard to imagine the many personalities that reflect the mysterious abyss of Lake Ontario: fierce and peaceful, dangerous and beautiful.

SUNY Oswego’s main campus borders the 14th largest lake on the planet. At 7,320 square miles, the lake also looms large in the photographic albums and memories of alumni: summer’s sunsets that carve an orange path across a gently rippling surface, bands of rocks that punish the feet of swimmers, winter’s icebergs that huddle against the shore, waves crashing onto stones with roiling fury.

But beneath the surface of the water, there are more stories to tell. This complex ecosystem is the target of threats that range from chemical to climactic. It grapples with pollutants, invasive species, water quality issues, loss of biodiversity and declining fish health, to name just a few.

Pagano knows the consequences of failing to have vigilance over the waters of the Great Lakes: negative impacts on the health and prosperity of our communities. Since 2005, he has headed up the Environmental Research Center in the Department of Chemistry at SUNY Oswego.

Among its goals: work collaboratively to improve understanding of the movement of chemical contaminants in Lake Ontario and its food chain.

“Oswego has a long history of conducting research on Lake Ontario with many partners in the area,” Pagano said. In fact, the ERC was established on campus in the 1960s; first as LOTEL (Lake Ontario Environmental Laboratory) and later changed to SURCO in 1978 (State University Research Center at Oswego) and finally changed to the ERC in 1995.

SUNY Oswego’s proximity to Lake Ontario and the Oswego River—in combination with state-of-the-art science laboratories in the Richard S. Shineman Center for Science, Engineering and Innovation—facilitates collaborative environmental research in the Lake Ontario basin, Pagano said.

For example, the United States Geological Survey has a Biological Field Station on the Oswego Harbor with facilities for nearshore and deep water research. Sea Grant, a program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the U.S. Department of Commerce, maintains a satellite office at SUNY Oswego. SUNY Oswego’s research programs have a long history of partnerships with the Great Lake Research Consortium, as well as with the state Department of Environmental Conservation at the Salmon River hatchery and Cayuga Lake, which provides fish samples.

Water may be the most important substance in our lives, our economy and our landscape. It also may be the substance about which we know the least. And there is good news: researchers are paying attention.

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the largest system of fresh surface water in the world. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative resources are used to strategically target the biggest threats to the Great Lakes ecosystem.

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded financial support to a partnership of three universities, including Pagano’s team at SUNY Oswego, for a total of $14.75 million from 2005 to 2020. That total includes a $6.5 million five-year Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to monitor fish for contaminants: PCBs, pesticides, mercury and emerging chemicals of concern like flame retardants and those found in some personal care products.

Why study the fish? They are barometers of the health of the lake, Pagano said. “Yearly fish monitoring of all the Great Lakes is part of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, an international treaty with Canada to identify and implement measures to restore the Great Lakes,” he said.

And it has yielded results: Levels of industrial contaminants, such as PCBs, dioxins and pesticides continue to decline in fish and wildlife from the peak levels in the late 1970s, Pagano said.

SUNY Oswego students and researchers collaborate with government agencies in extensive labs in the Shineman Center. A lab on the fourth floor houses state-of-the-art equipment for processing and analyzing samples for contaminants in the lake water. A separate ground-floor lab contains a

LAKE ONTARIO
AT A GLANCE

14th largest lake in the world
Length: 193 mi / 311 km
Width: 53 mi / 85 km
Average depth: 283 ft / 86 m
Maximum depth: 802 ft / 244 m
Volume: 393 mi³ / 1634 km³
Water surface area: 7,340 mi² / 19,011 km²
Shoreline length: 712 mi / 1146 km
(SOURCE: NEW YORK SEA GRANT)
A lake is the landscape’s most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth’s eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature.

—HENRY DAVID THOREAU
CAPTURING THE BEAUTY OF THE LAKE.

For students (and others) seeking a photography minor, the lake is a source of artistic fodder, with hours spent perched on its shore seeking the perfect picture. The lake is among the most popular spots to gather for a sunset photo session during Reunion Weekend. Jim Russell '83, SUNY Oswego’s campus photographer, has spent decades photographing this elusive subject. Here are his tips for photographing a Lake Ontario sunset.

**Wispy clouds are best for sunsets.** In Oswego, great sunsets can happen right after a storm passes through, bringing in drier air.

**Employ some basic rules of composition used by landscape photographers.** Include an object in the foreground to help create the illusion of depth; hold the camera level to the horizon; and frame the scene with natural surroundings to emphasize the subject.

**Expose for the sky, not the sun.** For close-ups of people with the sunset as a background, use fill flash. Set the camera exposure for the sky, then combine that with automatic flash. If your camera is automatic-only, be sure to set the flash control to "fill-flash" (always on). Be careful where you place the horizon line to avoid intersecting your subject’s neck or ears.

**A low camera viewpoint can emphasize the waves splashing against the rocks.**

**Useful items:** A tripod for slow shutter speed. A graduated neutral density filter used against the sky will boost foreground detail.

**Experiment!**

To see some (more!) of the photography minor students’ sunsets and Lake Ontario photos, visit oswego.edu/magazine.
Some 10 million people live in the Lake Ontario watershed. It is particularly susceptible to upstream contaminants, a troubling fact when considering the Great Lakes system provides drinking water for around 44 million people.

Professor of Chemistry Vadoud Niri has been supported by Scholarly and Creative Activities Committee grant funding to analyze volatile organic compounds (VOCs)—chemicals that may be harmful to humans and the environment—in drinking water after treatment and in raw water, which is coming from Lake Ontario.

“Contamination of natural water resources is a growing problem worldwide,” Niri said. “It is important not only to protect water resources from contamination, but also to monitor the levels of contaminants to ensure that water is safe to drink.”

Water is expected to contain trace amounts of some contaminants, but this does not mean that the water constitutes a health risk, he said. Niri and his team take samples and perform an extraction procedure, from both treated water supplies in Oswego and raw water from Lake Ontario before any treatment.

“The results show that the level of tested VOCs in our drinking water is lower than the maximum contaminant level (MCL), which is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water, per the EPA,” he said. “It’s safe to drink in this regard.”

While the VOCs research provides optimistic results, there is another threat to the lake’s health that has yet to show improvement.

**THE PROBLEM OF PLASTICS**

In the post–World War II world, plastics have defined a way of life. They have also ended up as debris in our waterways, on our beaches—virtually everywhere on earth.

Just ask Scott Minihkeim ’17 from Cato, N.Y.

Minihkeim has just completed a sampling of plastics in a 10-square meter beach area behind Johnson Hall. He and Nina House ’19 have carefully delineated the space to be sampled with measuring tape; they use a two-minute timer and scour the sampling area for visible plastics that they place into paper bags. Each bag is carefully labeled. Ultimately the quantity of plastics in the sample area will be extrapolated to reflect the story of washed-up plastic litter strewn on the stony waterfront at lakeside. There are other samples from Sterling Nature Center, Rudy’s Lakeside and Mexico Point.*

“For me, growing up, the lake meant swimming and fishing,” Minihkeim said, opening his bag to reveal the litter inside. “We all kind of take it for granted. But when you see how this little area has this much plastic, then you think about the whole lake…”

The federal Clean Water Act has resulted in significantly cleaner waterways, as state and local governments imposed tighter controls on industrial pollution and sewage treatment. But one problem the act does not address is the nation’s disposable consumer culture—a problem that results in plenty of plastic debris.

In fact, what happens in the Great Lakes doesn’t stay in the Great Lakes: Plastics are among the kinds of pollutants that hitchhike on the waves. Because SUNY Oswego is on the easterly end of the easternmost lake in the system, traveling garbage — shotgun waddings, bottle caps and rings, straws, cigar tips, to name a few—wash ashore from sources both near and far.

*To view more photos of research samples—and more—check out the exclusive web content at oswego.edu/magazine.
THE BREAKWALL

After 130 years of service, the breakwall in Oswego Harbor received a facelift in 2015. The 7,200-foot-long wall, originally built in the 1880s, shields Oswego Harbor from the sometimes destructive waves of Lake Ontario. The detached breakwall experienced extensive damage during Hurricane Sandy. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received $1.3 million in public grants to dredge the Oswego Harbor in its fiscal year 2016 budget; the harbor was last dredged in 2014 when 71,000 cubic yards of material were removed.

An initiative to ban microplastics—particles that are less than five millimeters in size and come from a variety of sources, including cosmetics and toothpaste—could help reduce plastics' impacts at an even smaller level than the contents of the bags held by the students. Meanwhile, House and Minihkeim are examining how plastics make their way into the food chain: the stomachs of five species of fish provided by the USGS will be dissolved in potassium hydroxide in a lab in Shineman. When the organic material disappears, the plastics will remain—a portent for the health of fish and for the health of species who eat the fish, and also a grim illustration of how the environment just can’t process plastics.

The students’ projects are overseen by Biology Professor C. Eric Hellquist, who teaches a class titled Great Lakes Environmental Issues. According to Hellquist, population density and the impact of humans make Lake Ontario the most highly stressed lake ecosystem in the Great Lakes.

Sweeps of the shoreline in spring as part of community service projects help reduce litter that affects the ecosystem, a little. Despite so much stacked against its health, Hellquist is far from declaring the lakes a losing battle ground against plastic pollutants.

“Lake Ontario’s future is up to us,” he said. “It’s entirely in our hands.”

In fact, Oswego, as a high-industry port, was at one time listed as an “area of concern” by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, meaning the geographic area was environmentally degraded. It was delisted in July 2006 as the result of stabilization of pollutants; while this is far from a declaration of health, Hellquist said, it’s a step in the right direction.

So, too, are other research initiatives geared at studying other pollutants. James MacKenzie of Oswego’s biological sciences faculty received funding as a collaborator on the EPA grant for liver toxicology research on lake trout—a top predator in Lake Ontario. Professor Richard Back, another grant collaborator from the biological sciences department, received funding to lead studies of contami-
NAVIGATING THE WATERFRONT TO THE EAST OF CAMPUS: BLINKING BEACONS FOR STUDENTS; COMMERCE TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY VIBRANT

Two giant chimneys on the shore of Lake Ontario at the northeast edge of campus have long served as a guide for SUNY Oswego students navigating by land toward their lakeshore campus, as have four smaller ones, which have through the years been referred to by alumni as “Huey, Dewey, and Louie” with the last one given a variety of names, including Frank. Today, these chimneys belong to NRG company, an oil-burning power plant. The stacks date from 1939.

Oswego Harbor Power LLC, an NRG company, owns and operates the Steam Generating Station, which contains fossil fuel steam electric generating units that were constructed between 1938 and 1956. Initially, the steam electric generating units were powered by coal, but in 1972, the units were converted to be powered by oil. Today, the facility runs only in response to increased demand, running only about 3 percent of the time. But the blinking lights of the towers remain, and they can still be seen from miles away, showing students the way “home” to campus.

Just east of the steam plant, the Oswego Harbor remains active as a major commercial and industrial port on the Great Lakes, as well as a harbor of refuge. Commodities shipped or received include petroleum, cement, chemicals, ores and minerals. It also holds its own as a recreational haven, with more than $7 million in recreational economic dollars generated, and that’s not just on Harborfest weekend.

According to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, there are more than 535 boat slips and 29 charter boats that are based out of Oswego Harbor. The harbor supports in the range of 500 jobs. SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley is a strong supporter of college-community partnerships that spur economic development in the Port of Oswego, including a cooperative education program with SUNY Oswego’s Agricultural Testing and Analysis Laboratory. Students grade and test New York state-grown grains—corn, soybeans and wheat—at the port prior to the exchange between farmer and buyer, and do higher-level analysis in the college’s lab.

The Port of Oswego Authority was one of six ports to receive the Robert J. Lewis Pacesetter Award for 2015, for increases in international cargo shipping.

A CALL FOR PROTECTION

For the first time in nearly 20 years the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has opened up the application process to add new National Marine Sanctuaries to the 14 already established regions in the world. This has prompted four Lake Ontario counties (Jefferson, Oswego, Cayuga and Yates) to submit applications in support of the plan.

Can you guess the most famous waterfront restaurant among SUNY Oswego alumni and students?

• It is now in the third generation of Livesey family owner/operation, and the fourth generation has already started in the stockrooms.
• Its owners believe in pursuing ways to reuse-reduce-recycle, and sell 100% of its used cooking oil for refinement into bio-diesel.
• Customers are invited to skip stones at its waterfront. But you might want to avoid feeding the gulls.

If you haven’t guessed yet, it’s time for you to return to campus and have one of Rudy’s Lakeside platters!
Navigating The Waterfront to the North of Campus: The View Beneath the Surface

Mathematics Professor Pat Halpin parks behind Penfield Library and makes his way to shore with his SCUBA gear.

"The water off the college is relatively shallow from a diver's perspective," Halpin said. "I once dove with a student to see how far out we could go on a single tank of air. We swam north for almost an hour and the maximum depth was approximately 35 feet."

The lake's floor and the surrounding land began to form about 15,000 years ago, stemming from glacial activity. It holds special challenges to navigators. There are sudden shallows and terrific storms, both reasons why the lake floor is littered with shipwrecks. And for these reasons—and more—Lake Ontario is a diver's paradise.

According to Halpin, the campus's offshore lakebed consists of "shelf rock" with small drop offs near shore. Farther from shore, there are occasional large boulders mixed with smaller rock.

Halpin, who grew up on Lake Ontario near Rochester, said his love of the lake was a major factor in his decision to accept a position in the mathematics department. And his love of SCUBA has made its way into the classroom as well: As a factor in his decision to accept a position in the college, he said. "I have been able to bring this into my calculus classrooms, and students seem to find it interesting and amusing that I am a diver," Halpin said.

"Much of my fresh water diving has taken place right off from the college," said Halpin, who became certified around 1990.

"The lake has indeed changed quite a bit over the last 25 years. The water clarity has increased greatly. This is because of invasive mussels that now thrive in the Great Lakes. In fact the bottom of the lake is carpeted in mussels, and they are sharp!"

Halpin saw a wider variety of fish in decades past: yellow perch, sunfish, rock bass, bass and eels. "Now we see more carp, sheepshead and round gobies (another invasive species)," he said.

Halpin has also gone diving at night, using powerful dive lights.

"One night I was diving with Fred Brown '96, a computer science major who returned to college after serving in the Marines," he said. "We entered the water near the library, and during the dive the wind came up out of the west. We were carried east, and at the end of the dive we were closer to Shady Shore than the library.

"We emerged from the water with our wet suits and heavy SCUBA gear only to find ourselves in the midst of a formal affair that was being hosted by President Stanley," Halpin laughed. "So, after all these years: President Stanley, I confess, it was me!"

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Wayne) and the City of Oswego to apply for status for the southeastern Lake Ontario region.

National Marine Sanctuaries are designated by NOAA for research, education and protection. They are selected for their opportunity to advance marine science and conservation programs that support ecologic, economic, subsistence and traditional uses. An NMS does not mean "off limits." Just the opposite, in fact. An NMS seeks to enhance responsible and sustainable access for recreational, educational and economic purposes.

"The NMS will absolutely provide an additional cog in the restoration of the eastern basin of Lake Ontario," Pagano said. "Transforming and protecting the unique and irreplaceable resources of Lake Ontario is of critical importance to future generations."

And the need for study and action will never disappear. Rather, it will be like the water itself: fluid, elusive, ever-changing.

Even with improvements to the health of the largest freshwater habitat on Earth, persistent and emerging problems will continue to threaten this most valuable resource.

"They are natural wonders of the world, right here in our neighborhood, right here in our backyard," Hellquist said. "This is the Himalayas of fresh water. And it's right here."

The choice to be vigilant, he said, is ours.

The Inland Watershed

A watershed describes an area of land that contains a common set of streams and rivers that all drain into a single larger body of water. The Lake Ontario watershed, part of the even greater Great Lakes watershed, includes innumerable water sources, two of which are Rice Creek and the Little Salmon River.

SUNY Oswego students are studying the watershed ecosystem's health with funding from the National Science Foundation, the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program, Rice Creek Associates and other sources. Two projects are freshwater snails and freshwater mussels.

"Pollutants in some aquatic ecosystems are increasing," said Marta Tomaszewski '16. "It can start with our little mussels and lead all the way to the top predators. That's why it's so important to study them."

Team Mussel and Team Snail have completed hours of field work and histological review of the creatures at the center of their individual studies. Future plans include expanding to more sites—as well as new toxins—affecting the study subjects and providing a glimpse into the health of these tiny environmental biomonitors.

Marta Tomaszewski '16

Wyutyi Kyaw '16 is a member of team snail.
During Reunion 2016 June 9-12, more than 1,000 alumni and friends returned to campus to reconnect with friends, make new ones and check out all the changes and updates to their beloved alma mater. A highlight of the weekend was the announcement by President Deborah F. Stanley that the college had reached a milestone in its five-year fundraising campaign, *With Passion & Purpose.*

“We set out on our journey five years ago to secure the resources we need to prepare students to contribute to the common good,” President Stanley said. “As a public institution, we pride ourselves on keeping the doors of education and possibility open wide to all who seek higher education and a better life. To support that mission and to keep college affordable and within reach, we laid out an ambitious plan to raise $40 million,” she said. “I am thrilled to announce that we
have achieved that milestone, and we thank each and every person who helped us reach this moment.” (Complete coverage of the campaign, which raised $43.48 million, will appear in the Fall/Winter 2016 issue.)

One of the major accomplishments of the campaign was the 154-percent growth of the endowment, from $11.5 million in 2011 to more than $29.2 million on June 30, 2016.

The Oswego College Foundation, comprised primarily of alumni representatives, has stewarded the gifts exceptionally well, and the college endowment’s 10-year rate of return of 7.9 percent exceeded the 7.2 percent rate of Oswego’s aspirational group—universities with endowments over $1 billion—and the industry average of 6.3 percent (NACUBO Report, January 2016). This long-term rate of return is a key factor in determining how much money the Oswego College Foundation will pay out in privately endowed scholarships and funds.

In addition to approximately $4 million in merit scholarships awarded to Oswego students each fall, the Oswego College Foundation provides $800,000 in more than 350 scholarships. The campaign created more than 75 new scholarships for students and increased endowment levels on several existing scholarships to add to existing totals—which translates into larger or more scholarships for students.

Reunion attendees also toured campus buildings, attended a BBQ at Fallbrook and enjoyed a rodeo-themed tailgate followed by a “hoedown” concert, which was co-sponsored by Delta Kappa Kappa to support a new scholarship established by the fraternity. The concert featured Jumbo Shrimp (with lead singer Tom Willette ’93) and The Gravelding Brothers (with lead singer Nick Gravelding ’91) in the Marano Campus Center. Reunion provided numerous opportunities for friends to meet up over golf, a meal, a beautiful sunset and dozens of other events throughout the weekend.

This year’s Reunion giving classes donated more than $555,955 to SUNY Oswego, and the Class of 1966, under the leadership of class giving chairs Eric ’66 and Nan Decker Kuntz ’66, won the coveted “Participation Cup,” which is awarded to the Reunion class with the highest percentage of classmates who donate.

A highlight for some attendees was meeting 10-time Emmy Award-winning TV personality and America’s favorite weatherman Al Roker ’76, who returned to celebrate his 40th Reunion with classmates.

“We were thrilled to welcome so many of our alumni back to reconnect with each other and check out the developments on our lakeside campus,” said Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Laura Pavlus Kelly ’09.

“We hosted alumni representing the Class of 1947 to our Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD), and who had traveled from Florida, Texas, Canada, Arizona, California and across New York to be with us this weekend. We enjoyed hearing their stories and sharing news from campus with them. We look forward to seeing them next year at Reunion 2017, June 8-11!”

—Margaret Spillett
CLASS OF 1966 50TH REUNION


At Reunion 2017, will SUNY Oswego “go” . . .

MEDIEVAL MEXICAN FIESTA ROYALTY HOLLYWOOD PARISIAN JUNGLE DR. SEUSS ROCK ‘N ROLL . . . Your idea here You decide!

Join the Reunion Engagement and Planning Committee and help plan the biggest party of the year, including helping to choose this year’s theme and events! Plus, you will network with classmates and reconnect more closely with your alma mater.

Contact us at 315-312-5559 or reunion@oswego.edu by Oct. 1, 2016, to join our volunteer team!

All alumni are welcome to attend, but so far, special events are planned for the following milestone classes and groups:

REUNION 2017
JUNE 8 TO 11
1992 – 25th
1977 – 40th
1972 – 45th
1966 – 50th
1957 – 60th
1952 – 65th
1947 – 70th
1942 – 75th
Delta Phi Epsilon – 30th
Omicron Xi – 35th
Delta Chi Omega/Tau Kappa Epsilon – 40th
Sigma Gamma – 70th

REUNION 2018
JUNE 7 TO 10
1993 – 25th
1978 – 40th
1973 – 45th
1968 – 50th
1963 – 55th
1958 – 60th
1953 – 65th
1948 – 70th
1943 – 75th

REUNION 2019
JUNE 6 TO 9
1994 – 25th
1979 – 40th
1974 – 45th
1969 – 50th
1964 – 55th
1959 – 60th
1954 – 65th
1949 – 70th
1944 – 75th

REUNION 2020
JUNE 4 TO 7
1995 – 25th
1980 – 40th
1975 – 45th
1970 – 50th
1966 – 55th
1960 – 60th
1955 – 65th
1950 – 70th
1945 – 75th

REUNION 2021
JUNE 10 TO 13
1996 – 25th
1981 – 40th
1976 – 45th
1971 – 50th
1966 – 55th
1961 – 60th
1956 – 65th
1951 – 70th
1946 – 75th

REUNION 2022
JUNE 9 TO 12
1997 – 25th
1982 – 40th
1977 – 45th
1972 – 50th
1967 – 55th
1962 – 60th
1957 – 65th
1952 – 70th
1947 – 75th

Note: Reunion Weekend is always held two weeks after Memorial Day Weekend.
Beverly LaVeck Ouderkirk ’61 was appointed by a joint session of both houses of the New York State Legislature to a position as a member of the Board of Regents for a term of five years effective April 1. She started her career in public education as a kindergarten teacher in the Weedsport (N.Y.) Central School District in 1961.

Alumna Uses Fulbright Award to Empower Cypriot Women

Lawyer Patricia M. Intini Martin ’77, recipient of a prestigious Fulbright Scholar Award, travelled to Nicosia, Cyprus, in August 2014 to support victims of nonviolent abuse. Martin realized her future would have a global impact during her junior year at Oswego. As one of only five SUNY students selected, Martin studied at the University of Nottingham in England. To afford the trip, she worked three jobs and left with only a knapsack.

“You can have what you want and don’t need a lot of money to do it,” Martin said.

In Cyprus, Martin shared this mentality. Some low-income Cypriot women struggled to assert one of their basic human rights—the right to no contact—thinking they needed to have access to a lawyer.

Many countries, through their respective legislation and law enforcement, protect women from violence and domestic abuse. However, not all abuse is violent. Some abuse comes in the form of threats, stalking and harassment.

Funded by the Fulbright, Martin and a network of volunteers established the first free international self-help website providing resources to those seeking a divorce or to assert their human right to sever all communications with a specific individual—otherwise known as no contact. Through the website, One Woman at a Time, or OWAAT, anyone can have access to documents similar to those a lawyer would use in a legal setting.

Law students at the University of Nicosia created the documents under Martin’s supervision, and as a sustainable organization, OWAAT is completely run by volunteers. After Fulbright funding ended in May 2015, Martin picked up the cost to maintain the website.

“You have everything that’s necessary to tell someone ‘goodbye,’” Martin said. “We have the power to determine the people we will or will not associate with.”

—Aaron Wilson ’17
City, and United Hospital and Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, N.J.

Joel Balaban ’76 recalls a men’s ice hockey victory over West Point to be among his fondest Oswego memories. He is retired from the United States Postal Service and lives in Commack, N.Y., where he enjoys gardening, traveling and following sports.

Susan Hill Egbert ’76 is a self-employed artist in Salem, Va.

Edward Schwartz ’76 is the market development manager for Constellation Brands Beer Division. He lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

William Smith ’77 of Bowie, Md., is a programmer analyst for Symcon Global Technologies USA, working for the National Center for Weather and Climate Prediction on its Advanced Weather Interactive Processing System software.

Theresa Andrew ’78 is a principal at North Warren Central School in Chestertown, N.Y. She resides in Valley Falls, N.Y.

Jim Devlin ’78 of Surf City, N.J., is a consulting partner for SDL Enterprises LLC in Middlesex, N.J.

Joseph Hennessey ’78 is the coordinator of learning services at Berkshire Community College. He lives in Richmond, Mass.

David Peck ’78 of Brick, N.J., is a paraprofessional for Source4Teachers, working on air pollution meteorology, air quality monitoring and prediction meteorology. Peck has taught sixth grade middle school science for four years, was a senior database administrator for 10 years prior to teaching, and a LAN and e-mail administrator for a fortune 100 company.

Meg Van Buskirk ’78 is a teacher for Pinellas County Schools in Florida. She lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

James “Zeke” Zoccoli ’78 of Carrollton, Texas, is the chief information officer at Addus HomeCare Corporation, a provider of home and community-based services. Zoccoli previously served as senior vice president and chief information officer of Heart to Heart Hospice. He has been recognized for his achievements three times by the InformationWeek 500 Award, as well as by Computerworld and CIO Magazine.

William Newsome ’79 is the technical tier two team lead for Duke Health at Duke University. He lives in Raleigh, N.C.

Alumna Teaches, Embodies Perseverance to Overcome Obstacles

After serving as a teacher and administrator in the Syracuse City School District for nearly 35 years, Phyllis Moore Holloway ’76 CAS ’01 hopes the thousands of students she interacted with learned some life lessons, along with the course material.

“I always told students that sometimes the greatest gift that your parents can give to you is to give birth to you, and they’ve gone as far as they can go,” she said. “And other people have to step in and help. You cannot be held accountable for the decisions your parents have made. You can be held accountable for the decisions that you make. You have the power to decide do you want to take the path they took, or do you want to take a different path?”

Education is about empowering one’s self and obtaining the tools and knowledge to persevere, Holloway said.

“The biggest lesson from Oswego—I learned to persevere,” she said. “At that time, there were not many minorities on campus.” Many of those who were minorities came from downstate. “They thought that those of us from upstate were rather country.”

But the social aspects of college were only a small part of the challenges Holloway overcame.

“Throughout my whole school career, I struggled academically,” she said. “But it didn’t mean I didn’t like to learn. I just had to read my textbooks ahead of time and very carefully plan out my study periods. I stayed the course and persevered.”

As an adult, she learned that she had a visual disability, which made reading a tedious and challenging task.

Although retired from her formal role as an educator, Holloway continues to serve the youth in the area as the volunteer interim director of the Dunbar Center, the century-old community center on the Southside of Syracuse. It is a role she took on during a crisis at the center to prevent its closing.

When she assumed the role in the summer of 2015, she said she’d stay on a few months to do three things: supervise the summer school staff and programming; get the building and staff ready for fall 2015 programs; and get the building clean and organized.

“Well, I’ve done those things, and then some!” she laughed. Yet, more than a year later, she remains in the role. She has also helped secure some grants and assists the board in finding a partner agency. She was recognized in May with an NAACP Unsung Hero Award for her work at Dunbar.

She is committed to helping Dunbar stay open because it provided her with her first professional position four decades ago. She believes it provides a valuable space for children, seniors and other community members to learn, study, socialize and play.

So, as she helps stabilize the center, she simultaneously pursues her retirement dream of opening a restaurant, Joe’s To-Go at 415 West Onondaga St. in Syracuse.

“I will still be working with people, but in a different capacity,” Holloway said. “It should be fun and challenging at the same time.”

—Margaret Spillett
Dominick Alecci '80 is the director of sales at Ashley Lynn Winery in Mexico, N.Y., and the owner/president of Donnie’s BBQ at Ontario Orchards in Oswego. He resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

Rev. Kathleen Smith Clark '80 is pastor of the Federated Church of East Arlington in East Arlington, Vt.

Michael Gannon '80 is a professor of biology at the Pennsylvania State University, completing 25 years of service at the Penn State’s Altoona College. He spent much of the last 30 years studying bats and bat ecology in the U.S. and the Caribbean and has published numerous books, book chapters and scientific articles. He lives in Altoona, Pa.

John Shaver '80 of Westfield, Mass., is vice president of finance/CFO for Baystate Noble Hospital.

Rosemary Calderalo '81 is the director of gift planning for the Baltimore Community Foundation in Baltimore.

Mary Ann Ciotti DeBernardis '81 is an elementary music teacher in the Utica (N.Y.) City School District.

Alan Eppers '81 is a senior vice president at Lantern Investments Inc., an investment company based in Melville, N.Y. Prior to joining Lantern, Eppers worked at Wall Street firms Merrill Lynch, Salomon Smith Barney and Stifel Nicolaus. Eppers has been quoted in Newsday’s “Ask the Expert” column and has been published in several professional newsletters and journals.

Steven Licardi '81 is the leasing manager for the Industrial Division of Key Equipment Finance. He lives in Maineville, Ohio.

John Hassett '82 of Pennington, N.J., is associate principal for the East Arlington High School.

Joyce Barclay Notarnicola '82 lives in Cairo, N.Y., with her husband, Mark Notarnicola '81. She is a French teacher for Catskill (N.Y.) High School.

Richard Sendrovitz '82 of New York City is chief financial officer for The Carter Burden Center for the Aging.

Suzann Tighe-Cushman '82 is the executive director of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County. She resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

Lori Fryba Winderl '83 of Marcellus, N.Y., is a quality assurance nurse at Universal American, a healthcare insurance company.

Yvonne Spicer '84 M'85, Ph.D., is the vice president of Advocacy and Education Partnerships for the National Center for Technological Literacy at the Museum of Science in Boston.

Michael Buckley '85 of Manhattan Beach, Calif., is chief executive officer at Differential Brands Group Inc.

Jay Gussak '85 is a business development manager at Connex International. He resides in Danbury, Conn.

Cynthia Ryerson Kehoe '85 of Rock Hill, S.C., is a certified nurse aide for Visiting Angels Senior Home Care.

Scott Legacy '85 has been named first head wrestling coach for Castleton University (Vt.), which will begin varsity competition in the fall of 2016. Legacy joined Castleton following a career as the wrestling coach at Mount Anthony Union High School in Bennington, Vt., for 30 years. The 2014 USA Today National Coach of the Year and New England Wrestling Hall of Fame inductee created a dynasty at Mount Anthony, with 27 consecutive Vermont State Wrestling Championships.

Thomas Lloyd ‘86 of New York City is the senior managing director of Investor Services for the Greater New York City region for CBRE Group Inc. He holds finance- and real estate-related professional certifications from New York University.

Ann Gaffney Meigs ‘86 is the choral director/theater teacher at Clayton High School in Clayton, N.C. She was also named the January 2016 Super Star Teacher of the Month by the Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

Green and Gold, Red and White: Alumni Open Pennsylvania Winery

Thirty years ago, Dana Master Woolley ’87 and Richard Woolley ’89 over a keg of beer at a Sigma Tau Chi fraternity party.

Today, their tastes in companionship have remained the same, but their drink of choice has changed.

After decades of exploring both the art and science of drinking and making wine, the Woolleys have opened a winery in the Lehigh Valley near Allentown, Pa., Weathered Vineyards.

Getting the barn doors open hasn’t been easy, and the 13-acre farm has lived up to its name: The first grapevines planted by the Woolleys died in one single night, when a fluke dip in temperatures to -15 F wiped out nearly the entire 3,000 vine crop—something even a seasoned meteorologist like Richard had a hard time swallowing.

Despite the setback, in late September 2014 they were ready to open to the public.

“A few people came by to see, but they were mostly neighbors,” Richard said of their soft opening. It would be just a few short weeks later that hundreds of customers would converge on Weathered Vineyards, bringing their dreams to fruition.

It had been decades in the making, through raising a family and Richard’s position as a meteorologist, which had the couple criss-crossing the country. Their travels provided ample opportunities to try, and study, wines from New York’s Finger Lakes to California’s Sierra Nevada wine region and many, many places in between.

Dana is at the helm of Weathered Vineyard’s marketing, sales and events planning as well as serving as Weathered Vineyard’s bottle labels and logo designer. The team has not quit their day jobs: Dana and Richard continue to work other jobs, tending to the vineyard evenings and weekends.

And according to Richard, it’s well worth the hard work.

“Sometimes there are just those nice days when the weather is beautiful with a few clouds and a breeze, not too hot or cold, and you can sit back enjoy a glass of wine and watch the weather go by in silence,” said Richard.

And in case you’re wondering what the winemaker himself favors: It’s probably a Cabernet Franc.

—Eileen Crandall
Alumni Bookshelf

We celebrate and share the success of Oswego alumni authors, illustrators and recording artists, who may ask their publisher/distributor to send a copy of the work to the Oswego alumni office to be considered for this column and our website, where cover photos of all works in this column will be displayed.

John T. Sullivan Jr. ’68
Forks in the Road: Small Town Lives and Lessons
AUTHORHOUSE, 2015.

Growing up in the 1950s and 60s in a working class neighborhood in Oswego, NY, the author, who was mayor of Oswego from 1988–1991, has compiled a community’s share of stories, of the people and places who helped shape his life and career. Each brief biographical sketch provides not only an understanding of people and the times in which they lived, but also a feel for the contributions their lives made. The book features an introduction by Oswego poet, author and SUNY Oswego professor emeritus Lew Turco, and contains 28 biographical type sketches and photos of several prominent Oswegonians, both living and deceased.

Tom Balles ’73
Becoming a Healing Presence: A Guide for Those Who Offer Care
UNIVERSE, 2015.

Whether you are at home caring for an aging or ailing family member, training to be a volunteer or working as a healthcare professional, you’ll find powerful words of encouragement in these essays. The writings are designed to remind you of the many healing capacities you possess as a caregiver and of the great strength to be found in the healing relationship.

Marc Nussbaum ’78
AUDIBLE RUSH LEARNING, 2015.

On Aug. 21, 2017, the first U.S. coast-to-coast solar eclipse in nearly 100 years will occur. For those who are interested in making the most of this once-in-a-lifetime event and to ensure the best viewing experience possible, Nussbaum offers advice for choosing a viewing site, photographing the eclipse and selecting eye protection. He also explains the science and significance of total solar eclipses.

Joseph V. Abbate Jr. ’85
God’s Only Mistake
CREATESPACE INDEPENDENT PUBLISHING, 2014.

When he gets the call that his father needs help recovering from open-heart surgery, Joe Abbate tries to put his agoraphobia and anxiety disorders aside as he makes the journey to his parents’ backwoods Maine home. However, his father has little faith in doctors and even less in Joe’s ability to do anything right. With an insurmountable task ahead of him, Joe is determined to do whatever he can to nurse his father back to health—whether his father likes it or not. In this memoir, Abbate gives a raw and honest look at his relationship with his father and the new insights he gained as his father’s caretaker.

Jeanne R. Nelleke Burton ’79
The Web of Family Court: Ten Guiding Lights
JEANNE R. BURTON, 2016.

Are you or a loved one feeling entrapped in the judicial system? Through 10 life principles and illustrative stories of others, this book will provide support and guidance to readers to help ensure they not only survive family court, but thrive there.

Carolyn Chapple Buckley ’87
Experience Psychology! A Laboratory Guide to Psychological Science
KENDALL HUNT, 2015.

In this companion lab manual, students are engaged through explanations of concepts and applications of fundamental psychological science, outcome assessments and an accompanying appendix of answers for students to check their own work, glossary of terms and additional information about the ethics of research involving human participants. Students will learn new ways to think about the philosophy and practice of science.

Robert J. Shenandoah ’87
Tenor and Reality: A Stark Contradiction Throughout
WESTBOW PRESS, 2016.

This thesis investigates American historical and legal records to determine whether the Haudenosaunee should be required to be registered with the Selective Service System in order to be eligible for United States Student Financial Assistance.

Jan Burkins and Kim Leary Yaris ’92
Who’s Doing the Work: How to Say Less So Readers Can Do More
STENHOUSE PUBLISHERS, 2016.

In their follow-up to Reading Wellness, Burkins and Yaris offer additional literacy education tactics to help educators encourage students to become more independent readers. Through an emphasis on reading aloud, shared reading, guided reading and independent reading, Burkin and Yaris argue that making students do the “work” in reading helps them absorb more of the information and become more independent thinkers. Burkins and Yaris include in-depth explanations of each practice, tips for educators to engage their students and classroom snapshots at the end of each chapter so educators can see what the strategies look like in action.
Noel Ridsdale '86 of Jacksonville, Fla., is the academic director at the Art of Institute of Jacksonville, Fla.

Dana Master Woolley '87 and Richard Woolley '89 are co-owners of Weathedr Vineyards, a winery in the Lehigh Valley near Allentown, Pa. See related story on page 35.

Claire Wynnagard '87 of Woodbridge, Va., is public affairs associate at the Boat Owners Association of the United States. See related story on page 27.

Jeffrey Zayicek '87 of Sewell, N.J., is chief financial officer for RATEX Business Solutions in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

James Triandiflou '88 is chief executive officer for Relias Learning, a software company in Cary, N.C.

James Greimer '89 is a firefighter in the Fire Department of New York (FDNY). He is the captain of FDNY Engine 39/Ladder 16 on Manhattan's east side.

Michelle Stone Brantner '90 was voted superintendent for the Marcellus (N.Y.) Central School District, effective July 1, 2016.

John Rivera-Greene '90 is a major gifts officer for Cocoon House, which provides services and shelter for at-risk and homeless teens based in Everett, Wash.

Elizabeth Yinger Carrasco '91 is the owner and principal designer for VIP Interior Design, a residential and commercial design service based in Raleigh, N.C. She was named president of the Alliance of Interior Designers, a professional organization for specialists in residential and light commercial interior design, for 2016-2017.

Lee Kaiser '91 was named the 2016 LifeChanger of the Year by the National Life Group, which recognizes school employees across the United States who exemplify excellence, positive influence and leadership. He is the school counselor for Centreville (Va.) Elementary School.

Julie Sincebaugh Piascik '91 of Weedsport, N.Y., is senior clerk for Cayuga County Department of Social Services.

Marc Chambers '92 is a senior project manager at Capital One Financial. He resides in Midlothian, Va.

Brian Bellair M'93 is the director of special programs and services for Whitesboro (N.Y.) Central School District, and will take over as superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year. Bellair is currently completing a Ph.D. in education administration and policy studies from SUNY Albany. Bellair and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Whitesboro with their three children.

Louis Calabrese '93 of Charlotte, N.C., is vice president of marketing for LPL Financial.

David E. Lewis '93 of Greer, S.C., is chief financial officer at FinTrust Investment Advisors.

Donna O'Hara M'93 retired from teaching art at Altmar-Parish-Williamstown (N.Y.) Central School District in 2013. She teaches classes and exhibits work at Full Moon Reflections Art Center in Camden, N.Y. In February 2016, she displayed her pastel drawings and owl sculptures at "A Journey Among Friends" exhibition at Rome Art and Community Center in Rome, N.Y. O'Hara lives in Camden with her husband.

La-Dana Renee Jenkins '94 of Staten Island, N.Y., is a lecturer/internship professor for the Borough of Manhattan Community College in New York City. She serves on the Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Yvonne Scott-Younis '94 of Liverpool, N.Y., is director of development and a member of the executive staff at Hiscock Legal Aid Society.

Keith Chidsey '95 is director of business development for juvo BioScience in Rush, N.Y.

Dave D'Agostino '95 of Balston Spa, N.Y., is director of sales for ESP and SurgeX brands at AMETEK Electronic Systems Protection.

Dana Pierce M'95 is a school counselor at Fayetteville-Manlius (N.Y.) High School. She was named the 2015 School Counselor of the Year by the New York State School Counselor Association. The award recognizes a counselor who has exhibited outstanding service to students and the profession.

M. Paul Mahalick M'96 of Syracuse, N.Y., is a certified public accountant. He was named partner at Daley, LaCombe & Charette P.C. He serves as treasurer on the board of directors of Onondaga Citizens League, as well as ACR Health.

Adam Badt '97 is a dispatcher for Florida Rock & Tank Lines. He lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Adrienne D’Amato '97 of Staten Island, N.Y., is director of public relations for Turner Broadcasting System Inc. in New York City.

Daniel McCloskey ‘97 is an associate professor of psychology at the College of Staten Island. He has been named a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, granting him the U.S. government's highest award for scientists and engineers in the early stages of their independent research careers. Dr. McCloskey, who is one of 105 researchers awarded this national distinction, was selected for his research studying the African naked mole-rat to understand the role of social behavior brain systems in health, as well as develop deeper insights into diseases such as epilepsy and autism.

Markisan Naso ‘97 is a comic book writer based in Evanston, Ill. His first series Voracious, a mini-series about a man who time-travels back to the Cretaceous period, was released in February 2016. See “The Last Word” on page 48.

Melissa Vincent '97 works in the new products department at Apple Inc. She lives in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Thurman Nassoiy '98 M'03 of League City, Texas, is an education specialist for the Texas Region 4 Education Service Center in Houston.

Jeffrey Simons M’99 was appointed superintendent for the East Greenbush (N.Y.) Central School District.

Brandon Barba '00 is an accountant at AXA Advisors LLC. He has Series 7, 63 and NYS life and health licenses. He lives in Camillus, N.Y.
Mosquito Expert Alumna Studies Disease Transmission, Zika Virus

Her research might make your skin crawl.

Katie S. Costanzo ’00, Ph.D., is an evolutionary ecologist at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. One of her favorite blood-sucking subjects: mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes are far more than a nuisance. Some of the world’s most serious illnesses can be traced to the pests—including the most recent Zika virus outbreak, which is being associated with the birth defect microcephaly, a head size abnormality in infants that affects brain development.

The Zika virus is spread to people from the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, and Costanzo raises this species from larvae to adulthood in her lab at Canisius to study how climate factors, infections, competition and predators influence its biology and behavior—all factors in disease transmission.

"From an ecological perspective, we can determine how interactions may affect invasive versus native mosquito species differently, while from a medical perspective we can generate predictions as to how these interactions may affect disease transmission efficiency by the mosquito vector," Costanzo said.

Costanzo holds a B.S. in biological sciences with a concentration in zoology from SUNY Oswego; an M.S. in biological sciences with a concentration in conservation biology from Illinois State University, and a Ph.D. in biological science with a concentration in ecology, evolution and behavior from SUNY Buffalo. She credits her SUNY Oswego professors and the opportunities provided through field courses and the Rice Creek Field Station for her scientific pursuits.

"I can honestly say that I am here because of my professors from SUNY Oswego," Costanzo said. "They challenged me. They saw something in me that I could not see in myself at that time. Their encouragement and support gave me the confidence to push myself and pursue my dream of a career in science."

In addition to her research, Costanzo is an associate professor in the Canisius Biology Department and director of the Environmental Science Program.

As for her interest in mosquitoes?

Costanzo was convinced to join an entomology lab during a graduate school interview, and has worked with invertebrates ever since.

“I’ve always had a passion for nature and was very inquisitive from early childhood,” she said. “I want to know how things work, and why they work the way they do in the natural world.”

—Eileen Crandall

Mosquitoes 101

- Only female mosquitoes blood feed.
- There are about 3,500 species of mosquito with 176 species in the United States.
- Mosquitoes beat their wings about 500-600 times per second.
- The immature (larval) stages of mosquitoes live in water.
- Female mosquitoes detect their host by color, heat, carbon dioxide and chemicals released by the host. New evidence suggests that microbiota of the host also play a role.
- Adult mosquitoes live on average about 10 days, but can live for 2-3 months under ideal conditions.
- On average, females lay between 50-100 eggs at a single time, and can do this every five days.

Katie S. Costanzo ’00, Ph.D., is an evolutionary ecologist at Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Kelly Filipkowski ’00, Ph.D., is an associate professor of psychology at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa.

Kenneth J. Koopmans ’00 is the executive director of career services at Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Mich.

Christopher LoPalo ’00 of Bay Shore, N.Y., is an attorney and partner at Napoli Shkolnik PLLC, a national law firm. LoPalo has been named in *Super Lawyers* magazine numerous times for his accomplishments.

Jarod Miller ’00 was honored on March 9 by the Rochester (N.Y.) Museum & Science Center with its STEM Communication Award. The award recognizes individual achievement or team collaboration in a body of communications or journalistic work that presents science and technology news and issues. At age 25, Miller became the youngest accredited zoo director in the United States, and helped transform the Binghamton Zoo. He later went on to host his own television
New York Agency an Oswego Family Affair

When Joe Donofrio ’02 and a partner launched technology and design agency Karbyn Inc., they wanted an innovative environment with a strong focus on building—and maintaining—relationships.

So they stacked the staff with SUNY Oswego graduates, including Michelle Gotay Donofrio ’01, who is married to Joe and is the CFO of Karbyn.

“Starting Karbyn was a long time coming,” Joe said. “I’ve always seen myself as an entrepreneur and knew I always wanted to have my own business. Watching this idea turn into a success through hard work and building a great team is something we feel very proud of.”

From humble beginnings in the Donofrios’ home to offices in Melville and Manhattan just four years later, Karbyn now has 20 employees: Four of them hold degrees from SUNY Oswego and the first hired was Lucas LaRueau ’11. Positions include designers, developers, project managers, marketing and strategy and administrative staff. Karbyn has an impressive client list, including fortune 500 companies like Adecco and Comcast; other clients include Endicott College, Dealertrack, Amgen, NBTY and many more. They provide digital services ranging from marketing strategy and design to application development and system integration.

“We love to hire from Oswego,” said Michelle, who is also a member of Sigma Delta Tau sorority. “We know Oswego grads are well prepared, eager to learn and extremely hard working.”

Joe, who has worked in various IT companies throughout his career, most recently as director of content management for MindShift, and Michelle, who has extensive background in both public and private accounting, met at SUNY Oswego in 1999 at The Nut House on West Seneca Street.

“I have so many great memories of Oswego,” Michelle said. “I met some of my best friends there, the beautiful summers, those crazy winters, and I met my amazing husband there. Just that alone is a great story for me!”

Both have siblings who are also graduates: Michelle’s sister, Taisha Gotay ’09 (who is now engaged to LaRueau) and Joe’s brother, Anthony Donofrio ’98. The Donofrios welcomed future Laker, Ethan Joseph, on March 26.

Despite Karbyn’s successes in an ever-changing field, Joe wasn’t always interested in technology.

“Early on, my technology interests were more based around music and music production,” he said. “However, as I got introduced to web technologies, it sparked an interest for me and I never looked back.”

For more information about Karbyn, visit them at www.karbyn.com.

—Eileen Crandall
Alumnus Pursues Pro Wrestling Passion

Ian Sison ’10 was just 5 years old when he started watching professional wrestling.

A Long Island native, Sison quickly fell in love with the athleticism and showmanship of professional wrestling.

“I signed up for the youth amateur wrestling team. I was expecting the big ring with ropes and lights and crowds,” Sison laughed. “When I realized what I thought was going to be the ring was just a floor mat, I wanted to quit, but my dad made me stick it out.”

So he did. Sison wrestled throughout school and again after transferring to SUNY Oswego from Suffolk Community College to pursue a bachelor’s in broadcasting and mass communication.

“I wanted to learn everything possible in college—PR, marketing, video production, theatre—that could possibly help support a professional wrestling career,” Sison said. “Broadcasting made sense.”

Who is Kai Katana?
Kai Katana is my ring name. There are two types of wrestlers—people who play wrestlers and actual wrestlers. I’m not playing Kai Katana. I’m channelling the wrestling and fighting spirit inside of me. It’s my warrior state.

Are the matches predetermined?
The outcome of the match is scripted, but the quality of the performance is up to the people in the ring. I’m a blue belt in Ju Jitsu, and I was in the Judo Club at Oswego. Professional wrestling is a way to showcase a bunch of different martial arts disciplines in a theatrical way. It’s sports entertainment, and we’re trained athletes. Our goal is to make the stunts look as realistic as possible and to leave the audience entertained and wanting more.

Why did you decide to come to SUNY Oswego?
I visited a high school friend Joe Bond ’08—he’s a technology teacher now—and I really liked the Oswego culture. Plus, the broadcasting program is well recognized.

What was your first big break?
I heard that Donna Goldsmith ’82 [Oswego Alumni Association board member and former COO of World Wrestling Entertainment Inc.] was going to be on the panel of the Media Summit. I took off work and I drove up to Oswego with my resume and portfolio in hand. She put me in touch with someone at WWE—a woman I had been trying to contact for a year: I heard back the next day.

Are you wrestling full time?
I was working full time for a telecommunications company in a management position—and wrestling full time. It was a dream job, but my heart was in wrestling. So I put in my two-week notice, bought a plane ticket to London and packed my bags. I traveled throughout Europe for six weeks wrestling in exhibition events in Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Hungary, Switzerland and England. My outlook on life is completely different after having traveled. I’ve never looked back.

You have more than 50,000 followers on Facebook. Does that surprise you?
My following has been growing a lot lately. I was fortunate to be included as an alternate in the WWE Cruiserweight Classic this summer and that gave me great exposure. It’s humbling and surreal to have so many fans. A lot of my online fans are from the Philippines, and as a Filipino-American, it means a lot to have their support. Interacting with kids who are fans at events is one of my favorite parts of wrestling.

What’s next for you?
Well, I’m working on a documentary film that tells my story and gets my name out there more. We don’t have a release date yet, but it is an exciting project to be working on. It’s all because of the connections I made at Oswego.

—Tyler Edic ‘13
Michael Moncibaiiz ’05 M’07, also known as St. Moncii, exhibited paintings at Fancy & Staple Gallery in New York City in March 2016. He works from his studio in Rochester, N.Y., to produce abstract paintings. He has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions in New York, Oregon, New Jersey, California, Washington, D.C., and Canada.

Kristin Beck ’06 of Buffalo, N.Y., is the assistant director of residence life for Niagara County Community College.

Stephen Coulthart ’06 is assistant professor of security studies in the National Security Studies Institute for the University of Texas at El Paso.

Theresa Kiernan ’06 M’13 of Castorland, N.Y., is a health clinic counselor at Carthage Area Hospital.

Bonnie Beck Schechter ’06 is an event coordinator at Muscular Dystrophy Association. She recently welcomed her second child with her husband, Matthew. They reside in Cumming, Ga.

Heather M. Collins ’07 was appointed mayor of Port Leyden, N.Y., in January 2016. She is a prevention specialist at Mountain View Prevention Services in Cutchogue, N.Y., is an account executive at Automatic Data Processing LLP.

Heather Doherty ’12 works in Quick Service Food and Beverage at Magic Kingdom Park, at Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Irene Benton ’13 M’14 is an audit associate at Fust Charles Chambers LLP in Syracuse, N.Y.

Gabrielle Mastaglio ’13 of Cutchogue, N.Y., is an account executive at Hodes in New York City.

Steven Neuhauser ’13 M’15 is an assistant for the small business advisory team of the Bonadio Group in Syracuse, N.Y.

Shannon Rosato ’13 of Winston-Salem, N.C., is assistant broadcast editor for MullenLowe, a Boston-based advertising agency. She was a writer and editor for the short 48HFP film Gotta Go, featured at the Short Film Corner at the Cannes Film Festival in May 2016.

Daniel Smyth ’13 M’14 of Suffolk, N.Y., is an audit associate at Fust Charles Chambers LLP.

Ineisha Williford ’13 is a community school director for CAMBA in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Ashley Kujawa Trionfero ’10 M’12 of Liverpool, N.Y., is an associate examiner at the New York State Office of the Comptroller.

Sara Tuthill ’10 M’11 is a special education and agriculture teacher, as well as Future Farmers of America co-advisor at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill Central School in Verona, N.Y.

Marissa Bellinger Aguilar ’11 of Pulaski, N.Y., is a bilingual customer service associate at the Home Depot. She and her husband recently celebrated their 20th anniversary. They have four children.

Thomas DiRoma ’11 is the assistant director of student involvement for Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Va.

Keith Jasza ’11 is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Great Falls, Mont.

Kayla Gauger Van Fleet ’11 is the finance director of United Way of Greater Oswego County. She resides in Sterling, N.Y.

Meredith Mesick Askew ’12 of Oswego, N.Y., is a national accounts service time and labor implementation consultant at Automatic Data Processing LLP.

Keith Jaszka ’11 is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Great Falls, Mont.

Oswego Matters

By Executive Director
Betsy Oberst

It is a glorious time of year to live in Oswego on our beautiful lakeshore. Lunches and dinners at beautiful waterside restaurants; breathtaking sunsets every night; our parks, gardens and city planters in full blooming color; concerts along the river—these are all joys of this season.

In this issue, Eileen Crandall shares with us an amazing story about our Great Lake Ontario and its indelible and timeless linkage with our campus. In addition to the plethora of research opportunities for students and faculty, the lake has for generations of Oswego alumni provided fun, camaraderie and lifelong memories along its shoreline. One alum who returned for Reunion 2016 in June told of his “plunge” in the lake in February while he was a student! Yikes! We’d love to hear your lake stories or memories. Please share them with us at alumni@oswego.edu.

This summer we also celebrate the successful conclusion of our With Passion and Purpose: The Campaign for Oswego fundraising campaign in which you helped us surpass our ambitious $40 million goal. Your gifts to support our students and faculty totaled nearly $43.5 million, making it the largest campaign to date among all SUNY comprehensive colleges, our peers. Oswego Pride and gratitude is truly the order of the day! Thank you to everyone who made a gift during our five-year campaign: Every gift, every day counted toward our goal.

Our alumni director, Laura Pavlus Kelly ’09, is working with campus colleagues to plan our second Homecoming celebration Nov. 4–5. Please mark your calendars to join us back on campus to celebrate the many things that contribute to Oswego Pride. Meet our students, reconnect with classmates, friends and former faculty; and share with us your Oswego stories and memories, and the path you’ve traveled since leaving Oswego.

We are truly thankful for all you do to share your pride in Oswego every day, and we are honored that you continue to include your alma mater—and our students—on your journey. I hear this so often, but in a recent correspondence with Sharon Jones Zondag ’76, she said, "It is impossible to put too fine a point on how much your college years define you and inform your entire life’s journey." Amen to that, and thanks for sharing your Oswego connections story with us, Sharon.

On a personal note, Jerry ’77 and I were thrilled to welcome our first grandson, Jude Morgan, in June. We are filled with joy and thanks, and we look forward to the possibility that he may someday be a Laker!
Sung W. Ahn ’14 graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and is a U.S. Army specialist.

Ryan Brennan ’14 is an accountant in the tax department of Firley, Moran, Freer & Eassa CPA P.C. in Syracuse, N.Y.

Susana Carman ’14 became a federally certified court Spanish interpreter in October 2015. She has worked for federal, state and municipal courts as an interpreter, and resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

Ashley Collins ’14 is a mathematics teacher for Binghamton (N.Y.) City School District.

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Ashley Collins ’14 is a mathematics teacher for Binghamton (N.Y.) City School District.

Shelby Godfrey ’14 M’15 is an assistant for the health care tax-exempt team of the Bonadio Group in Syracuse, N.Y.

Jeremy Long ’14 is a traffic specialist at Raycom Media in Charlotte, N.C.

Kyle Mullane M’14 is an audit associate at Fust Charles Chambers LLP in Syracuse, N.Y.

Jessica O’Laughlin ’14 M’15 is an accountant in the audit department at Firley, Moran, Freer, & Eassa CPA P.C. in Syracuse, N.Y.

Adam Shear ’14 of Roslyn Heights, N.Y., is an on-air scheduling coordinator for USA Network at NBCUniversal in New York City.

James Simon ’14 of Nanuet, N.Y., is an integrated media assistant at Active International.

Justus Stahrr ’14 is a police officer in Phoenix, N.Y.

Joshua Anderson ’15 of Rochester, N.Y., is an externally manufactured medical device complaint specialist at Bausch & Lomb. He is also an active member in the United States Marine Corps and served in the Army National Guard.

Nana Yaa Ansah ’15 of New York City is a stylist and blogger.

Brianna Case ’15 of Liverpool, N.Y., is the weekend reporter for WICZ Fox 40 in Binghamton, N.Y.

Ryan Domer M’15 is an audit associate at Fust Charles Chambers LLP. He resides in Syracuse, N.Y.

Michael Ferlenda ’15 is a financial professional at AXA Advisors LLC. Ferlenda has earned Series 7 and 63 FINRA Securities registrations in New York, and New York state life, accident and health. He resides in Auburn, N.Y.

Bridget Jackson ’15 is a page in the NBC Universal East Coast Page Program in New York City.

Jacob Lunduski ’15 is a brand strategist for Terakeet, a software and marketing company in Syracuse, N.Y.

Sean Nolan ’15 of Palmyra, N.Y., is a financial services representative for New York Life.

David Owens ’15 of Oswego is an illustrator who has provided illustrations for several clients, including Adirondack Life magazine and Seward House Museum.

Aaron Rogers ’15 of Rome, N.Y., is a management trainee for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Amanda Tomaselli ’15 of Cedarhurst, N.Y., is a staff associate at Kellen, a global management and communications company, in New York City.

Miao Jun Zhang ’15 lives in Jincheng, China.

Elizabeth Crowley ’11 and Mark Martin ’09 were married Sept. 4, 2015, in Sherrill, N.Y. Pictured (from left) are Shawn Axtell, Nicholas Mayba ’10, Charles Hibson ’10, Michael Collier ’10, Elizabeth Crowley ’11, Rachel Newport ’10, Mark Martin ’09, Valentina Capone ’10, Andrea Ritter ’11, Sean Bellinger ’08, Lauren Clark ’12 and Kelsey Bennett ’11. The bride is a team leader for Liberty Travel in Syracuse and the groom is a sales representative for Schindler Elevator in Syracuse. They live in Liverpool, N.Y.

Sam Allen ’11 and Catherine Richard ’12 were married July 25, 2015, in Canandaigua, N.Y.
Laura Peña ’05 and Steven Screws ’06 were married Jan. 16, 2016, in Las Vegas. Pictured (from left) are John Sykes ’06, Lauren Dascher ’07, Patrick Albani ’07, Laura Peña ’05, Steven Screws ’06, Maggie Dolly ’07, Brian Keech ’07, Kara Boice ’08, Katrina Ithier ’06 and Isadora Rocourt ’06.

Katie Armitage ’10 and Shane Mardon ’11 were married March 6, 2015, in Troy, N.Y. Pictured are (front row from left): Dianne Lombard ’11, Bill Boulton, Mike Lucatuorto ’15; (middle row from left): Dan Tascarella ’06 M’07, Bob Holsinger, Elizabeth Abbott Holsinger ’09, Matt Wilson ’09 M’11, Nicole Burdick ’10, Laura Farruggia Pollicino ’10, Caitlin Shevin ’13, Mackenzie White, Kiera Elmer ’11, Elysia Moore, Andrew Schuster ’12, Karli Stone Powers ’10; (back row from left): Stephen Peroni ’08, Amy Adamchick ’12, Brian Meade, Kevin Schulz ’14, Sean Tulumello ’14, Rob Rosenbaum ’10, Jay Boyko ’14, Kit Farrell ’12, Kevin Nestler, Jeff Worden ’14, Laura Corbett, Anthony Pasalacqua ’11, Lauren Polak ’11, Jamie Lloyd ’08, Ron Tascarella ’06, Michael Fitzgerald ’14, Justin Colombo and Mark Stewart ’11.
Dorothy “Dot” Murray Deans ’42 of Pulaski, N.Y., died March 4, 2016. She served as a sergeant with the U.S. Women’s Army Corps as a basic training instructor, recruiter and hospital administrator during World War II. She was a teacher in the Pulaski Academy and Central School District for more than 30 years. Dot is survived by her daughters, Andrea and Karen.

Annamarie Longway Donovan ’42 of Oswego died Dec. 24, 2015. She was a teacher in the Oswego City School District for 25 years. She was predeceased by her husband, James ’40. Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Linda Donovan Clement ’71 and Peter Clement ’71, and her grandchildren, Kristen and Amy.

Arlene Bilkey Moore ’43 of Lorraine, N.Y., died March 27, 2016. She began her teaching career in Belleville, and after many years assisting in the family business, Moore’s Friendly Store, and raising her family, she returned to teaching at South Jefferson Central School District in 1963. Arlene retired in 1983. She is survived by four children, Bilkey, Terry, Thomas ’74 and Melanie Moore Bolton ’78; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Martin Petersen ’47 of South Setauket, N.Y., died Feb. 9, 2016. He is survived by three daughters and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by Grace Klink Petersen ’47.

Jane Cavanaugh Bilasz ’48 of Oriskany, N.Y., died Feb. 3, 2016. She taught in the Rome (N.Y.) City School District for more than 35 years, retiring in 1981. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by William Bilasz ’50.

James Crawford ’48 of Adirondack, N.Y., died April 28, 2016. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Jim was a retired teacher, administrator and chair of industrial arts of the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District. He had also been director of continuing education for Orange County Community College. Surviving are his wife, Muriel, two daughters, three grandsons and 14 great-grandchildren.

Patricia Keefe ’48 of Fayetteville, N.Y., died Feb. 21, 2016. After teaching for several years, she accepted a position with the Girl Scouts of America in Buffalo. She later transferred to Syracuse and retired as the executive director of the Central New York Girl Scout Council. She is survived by a brother, Thomas; a brother-in-law, George Cuppernall, Professor Emeritus of Music; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Milton Marsh ’48 of Antwerp, N.Y., died Sept. 22, 2015. He began his career as a teacher at Antwerp High School, which later became Indian River Central School. Milton earned a master’s degree from St. Lawrence University. In 1974, he became a customs inspector with the U.S. Customs Service in Alexandria Bay, retiring in 1984. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, three sons, two stepsons, two stepdaughters, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

George “Gil” Parker ’48 M’52 of Stony Point, N.Y., died April 15, 2016. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught industrial arts in the Clarkstown (N.Y.) Central School District. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, George ’91 M’98 and Jill Tompkins Parker ’94 M’98; his daughter, Laurie Mackey, and her husband, James; and seven grandchildren.

Katherine Root Eldridge ’48 of Pleasant Ridge, Mich., died Nov. 26, 2010. She was a teacher in the Hazel Park School District before retiring in the early 1980s. Katie was predeceased by her husband, Clifton “Hank” ’49. She is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.


Richard Muller ’49 of Fort Wayne, Ind., died April 11, 2016. After graduation, he served overseas with the U.S. Army. Richard earned a master’s degree from Syracuse University. He worked for General Electric for many years, in Utica, N.Y., then in the suburban Philadelphia area. He later earned a Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary and a Master of Arts from Temple University. He was ordained as a minister in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and joined the faculty at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, where he taught in the systematic theology department until his retirement. He was predeceased by his wife, Catherine Kovac Muller ’49. Surviving are his son, Peter, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Robert Mumford ’50 of Chestertown, Md., died Feb. 1, 2016. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. Following his discharge from the Navy, he joined the New York State Police as a state trooper. After graduating from Oswego, he taught industrial arts at Morrisstown High School in New Jersey from 1950 until his retirement in 1985. Surviving are his wife, Susan, two children, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Hilda Gertler Shainis ’50 of Lynbrook, N.Y., died Jan. 24, 2016. She earned a master’s degree at Fordham University. Hilda taught in New York City, Wantagh and Ballston Spa. She is survived by her husband, Murray, three children and three grandchildren.

Donald Dashnau ’51 of Snowville, N.H., died Sept. 28, 2015. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. Don earned a master’s degree at Union College. He began his teaching career in the VA Hospital in Montrose, N.Y., where he taught industrial arts in the rehabilitation department. He later taught physics and Earth science at Hendrick Hudson (N.Y.) High School, retiring in 1980. In retirement, he and his wife owned and operated Sleigh Mill Antiques in New Hampshire. Don is survived by his wife, Edith, three daughters, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Eugene Pinkowski ’51 of Stuyvesant, N.Y., died April 7, 2013. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a teacher for 20 years in Comack and Central Islip. Eugene was the owner of Halfmoon Seafood in Stuyvesant. Surviving are his wife, Sandra, two sons and two grandchildren.

Emil Rothery ’51 of Cypress, Calif., died April 19, 2016. He served with the U.S. Army from 1951–1953 and remained in the reserves until 1957. Emil received a master’s degree from New York University in 1956. He taught Industrial Arts in Yonkers, New Rochelle and Albany and was a guidance counselor in the Monroe Woodbury and Delhi School Districts. He later taught Industrial Arts in Cortland, N.Y., retiring in 1987. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; five children, Jerry and Brian Rothery, Susan Weber, Carol Rothery Moening ’82, and Jennie Kennedy; and 14 grandchildren.

M. Joan Armbruster ’53 of Largo, Fla., died Dec. 17, 2015. She was a teacher for 40 years and taught in New York, Germany, England and Florida. Surviving are two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

Robert Balfour ’54 of Ogdensburg, N.Y., died May 7, 2016. He earned a master’s degree from St. Lawrence University in 1958. He began his teaching career in the Watertown (N.Y.) Central School District and in 1966 became the director of elementary education at Heuvelton Central School, retiring in 1991. Following his retirement, he served as a student teacher supervisor for SUNY Potsdam. Bob is survived by his wife, Mary, three children and four grandchildren.

Diana Sekulski Grabowski ’54 of Bristol, R.I., died Dec. 17, 2015. She was an elementary school teacher in Brentwood, N.Y., for 33 years, retiring in 1989. Diana is survived by two children and three grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred ’57.

Carl “Skip” Turner ’54 of Syracuse, N.Y., died May 1, 2016. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He worked in the family business, Stearns and Bergstrom Inc. for many years until the business closed, and was then self-employed at Turner Stone Company until his retirement in 2015. Skip is survived by his wife, Diane; two children, Karen Turner Malinowski ’78 and William; and two grandchildren, Heather Malinowski ’11 M’13 and Anthony Turner. He was predeceased by his first wife, Ann Stearns Turner ’53, in 1993.

Leigh Adams ’55 of Wadsworth, Ohio, died Oct. 4, 2015. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II and was recalled to active duty.
in 1951. With his wife, Carol, he served as a missionary in Quebec, Canada, for 10 years. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1970, they established Campus Bible Fellowship groups on 23 campuses in the northeast. Leigh became Baptist Mid-Missions’ director for North American ministries in 1974, and retired as first vice president in 1995. He is survived by his wife, Carol Fletcher Adams ’51, five children, 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and his siblings, Walter ’53, James, Dorothy Adams Buecher ’70 M’75 and Donna Peet.

Wilma Brown ’56 of Chittenango, N.Y., died Jan. 19, 2016. She taught in Mattydale, N.Y.; Kaiserslautern, Germany; Seattle and Chittenango, N.Y. Wilma is survived by her brother, Robert.

Charles Purce ’56 of Jarrettsville, Md., died Feb. 17, 2016. He earned a master’s degree from Alfred University. Chuck began his teaching career at Hornell (N.Y.) Junior High School. Later, he accepted a position at Alfred University as director of financial aid, a position he held for about eight years. He eventually returned to Hornell, where he became a guidance counselor at Hornell High School, retiring in 1992.

Frances Michaels Schopp ’56 of Plantation, Fla., died Feb. 16, 2016. Eran created and managed the West Regional Library Gift Shop and was recognized as Plantation’s Woman of the Year for her leadership and dedication to the library. She is survived by her husband, Fred, two children and two granddaughters.


Barbara Huckabee Handley-Place ’57 of Oswego died March 26, 2016. She taught at Riley Elementary School for more than 20 years. Barbara is survived by her husband, David Place; daughter, Karen Gell; sons, Charles and Thomas; two brothers; Charles, and James ’68 and sister-in-law Diane Codici Huckabee ’68; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; David’s three children and five grandchildren.

Barbara McCoy Gibbons ’58 of Whitesboro, N.Y., died Feb. 4, 2016. She taught third grade in Whitesboro until her retirement in 1995. Surviving are her husband, Charles, three children and four grandchildren.

William King ’59 of Valley Cottage, N.Y., died Feb. 5, 2016. He was active in the N.Y. National Guard prior to starting college in 1955. He taught industrial arts in Tarrytown for 30 years, and was a Fulbright Exchange teacher in Bolton, England, for the 1969–1970 school year. Bill is survived by his wife, Jane, and two sons.

Mary Ann Good sight Cristiano M’59 of Herkimer, N.Y., died March 6, 2016. She taught first grade in Ilion right after college. With her husband, Dick, she owned and operated the General Store in Herkimer. In 1973, they started the TruValue Hardware in Ilion. Mary Ann is survived by her husband, Dick; four children, Debi, Rick, Diane and Robert ’88; and five grandchildren.

Benjamin McClusky M’59 of Lexington Park, Md., died Oct. 8, 2015. He taught industrial arts in the Utica (N.Y.) City School District for many years. After he retired, he enjoyed a second career at the Genuine Auto Co. Ben is survived by his wife, Eleanor, two daughters and four grandchildren.

Ronald Lassial ’60 of Winter Haven, Fla., died on Feb. 10, 2016. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1952–1956. After graduation, he worked as a draftsman for Xerox, and went on to work at several other companies before retiring. Ronald is survived by three daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jeffery Gorton ’61 M’69 CAS ’74 of Fulton, N.Y., died Jan. 16, 2016. He was a teacher and principal in the Phoenix (N.Y.) Central School District. Jeffery is survived by his children, Michael ’83, David and Christopher ’09; two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Andrew Wel lott ’61 of Seneca Falls, N.Y., died Sept. 8, 2013. He served with the military in the Pacific during World War II. He served as a Methodist and Presbyterian minister in Oswego Center and Bellona, N.Y. In 1968, Andrew accepted a position with Goulds Pumps. Surviving are his wife, Gloria, six children, 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

William DeForest ’62 of Oswego died March 26, 2016. He taught social studies at John C. Birdlebough High School in Phoenix, N.Y., for 32 years. Bill is survived by his wife, Earleen ’76; his children, Linda ’92 M’00, William ’86 and Cindy; and a grandson.


Lee C lendenning ’63 of Rome, Ga., died March 23, 2016. He earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois Champagne in 1971. He taught at Berry College in Rome, Ga., for 37 years and had served as chair of the Industrial Arts and Vocational Education Department. Lee is survived by his wife, Patricia, two sons and two grandchildren.

Jean Cro tty ’65 of Baldwinsville, N.Y., died March 11, 2016. Jean was an elementary teacher in the Port Byron Central School District and later in the Syracuse City School District until her retirement. Jean is survived by four sisters.

Richard Grounds ’65 of Loudonville, N.Y., died April 15, 2016. He taught industrial arts, retiring from the Margaretville (N.Y.) Central School District. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two children and four grandchildren.

Sally McIntosh Spath ’65 of Oswego died Jan. 18, 2016. She taught for many years in the Oswego City School District and St. Mary’s and Trinity Catholic schools. Surviving are her husband, William; two sons, Michael ’89 M’94 and his wife, Karin Dykeman ’91 M’99, and William; and three grandchildren.

Linda Schwartz Toneatti ’65 of Thetils, N.Y., died April 22, 2016. She taught at Stony Point (N.Y.) Elementary School until her retirement in 1999. Linda is survived by her daughters, Jennifer and Amy; and two grandchildren.

Carol Schaefer Graves ’66 of Wolcott, N.Y., died April 9, 2016. She was a teacher for more than 40 years at Florentine Hendrick Elementary School. Carol is survived by her sons, Brian and Michael; six grandchildren; and her partner, Chris Kenyon.

Lawrence Hall ’66 of Newark, N.Y., died Jan. 24, 2016. He served with the U.S. Navy. Larry taught industrial arts in the Newark Central School District until his retirement. He is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

David Harnden ’66 of Syracuse, N.Y., died Dec. 10, 2015. He is survived by his brother, Stuart, and several nieces and nephews.

Mark Intino ’66 of Las Vegas died Jan. 18, 2016. He had been a stockbroker in California and had spent the past 26 years as a financial advisor in Las Vegas, retiring in 2011. He is survived by his daughter, Kim Intino.

Norman Kahler ’67 of Lockport, N.Y., died April 21, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Fran, four children and 26 grandchildren.

Arleen LaBella ’67 of Reston, Va., died Feb. 22, 2016. She earned two master’s degrees and a doctorate degree, all in education. She taught in New York and Virginia before working at SUNY Buffalo, Bennington College, and two national training organizations. Arleen is survived by her husband, Dennis O’Brien, and two children.

James Bates ’68 of Spring Hill, Fla., died Feb. 10, 2016. He began his teaching career in Monsey, N.Y., before relocating to Three Mile Bay, where he taught sixth grade at Lyme Central School in Chaumont, N.Y., for 10 years. After moving to Spring Hill in 1980, he taught at Westside Elementary School until his retirement in 2008. Jim is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn; his son, James; and his brother and sister-in-law, David ’62 and Joanne Clary Bates ’63.
David Leese ’68 of Kihei, Hawaii, died Dec. 19, 2015. He held master’s degrees from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and Columbia University, and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. He taught history at University of Hawaii Maui College.

Rose Mary Cacciatore Myers ’69 of Frankfort, N.Y., died Nov. 24, 2013. She earned a master’s degree at SUNY Cortland. Rose Mary taught at Herkimer Central School for 32 years, retiring in 2002. She is survived by her husband, Richard.

Paul Bohn ’70 of Cheektowaga, N.Y., died Feb. 2, 2016. He worked for 30 years as operations manager at Higgins Erectors and Haulers until 2002 when the company closed. He then began a second career in education, working as a substitute teacher and then as a teaching assistant for English as a second language in Cheektowaga Central Schools, where he worked for about 10 years. Paul is survived by his wife, Diane, two stepchildren and two granddaughters.

Louis Georgianna ’70 CAS ’78 and ’86 of Phoenix, N.Y., died March 13, 2016. He was a guidance counselor in the Syracuse City School District for 34 years, retiring in 2008. Surviving are his wife, Jeann Johnson Georgianna ’81, two children, and four grandchildren.

Richard Janis ’70 of Syracuse, N.Y., died May 5, 2015. He developed the freshman studies program at SUNY Morrisville and coordinated the HEOP program at Syracuse University before teaching at Fowler High School. He then spent 10 years at the NYS Division for Youth. After spending five years operating Parkside Painting Company, he returned to education as a crisis counselor at Cayuga County BOCES. He is survived by his wife, Jane, three daughters and a son.

Richard Schmonskey ’70 of Ballston Spa, N.Y., died March 11, 2016. He earned an associate’s degree at Jamestown Community College and a master’s degree at Springfield College. He was the director of counseling and advising at Columbia-Greene Community College for more than 30 years. Richard is survived by his wife, Judy, three children and one granddaughter.

Anthony Reisman ’71 of New York City died Sept. 21, 2012. He was the associate director of the Child Center of New York.

Richard Bonner ’71 of Camillus, N.Y., died June 30, 2013. He was a rehabilitation counselor and retired from Oswego Industries in 1992. Dick is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren.

Peter Hare ’72 M’80 of Watertown, N.Y., died Feb. 12, 2016. He earned an associate’s degree from Jefferson Community College. He taught from 1977–1979 at Sackets Harbor Central School then worked for over 20 years in the insurance industry. Surviving are his wife, Rosemary, five siblings and two stepchildren.

Michael Janos ’72 of Tarrytown, N.Y., died Feb. 28, 2016. He had been the proprietor of Mory’s Army Navy Store in Tarrytown. He was employed by the Village of Tarrytown Recreation Department as the driver for the Senior Citizen’s Bus. Michael is survived by his wife, Patricia, and three children.

Steven Morris ’72 of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died March 5, 2015.

Joseph Carr ’73 of Newark, N.Y., died March 20, 2014. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught at BOCES in Fairport for 23 years, retiring in 1988. He is survived by three children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Richard Christie ’74 of Bryan, Texas, died Feb. 23, 2014. He served with the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of captain. He had a career managing multiple businesses. Richard is survived by five daughters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Gayle Kinstler Jansen ’74 of Mount Olive, Ala., died Feb. 13, 2016. She was a substitute teacher in Jefferson County for 33 years. Surviving are her husband, John ’73; daughters, Cari, Heather and Jodie; and son, Joshua.

Robert Garfinke1 ’78 of Seattle died Sept. 30, 2015. After graduation, he joined his father and uncle in the family jewelry business in New York City. He later moved to Seattle, where he was employed as a bartender. Robert is survived by two siblings and several nieces and nephews.

Keith Winters ’78 of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., died Sept. 22, 2015.

Danny Edelman ’80 of Sauquoit, N.Y., died April 20, 2012. Danny operated D&D Courier Service for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Tina; two sons, Keith and Kyle; and his mother, Theresa Edelman.

John Doxtader ’81 of Hurley, N.Y., died April 6, 2016. He earned a master’s degree in computer science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and another in music from SUNY Potsdam. John was a software engineer with IBM for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Green Doxtader ’79, four children and five grandchildren.

Carol Grant ’81 of Sterling, N.Y., died Sept. 29, 2014.

James Carr ’82 of Waverly, N.Y., died Feb. 8, 2016. He was a minister in churches in Mannsville, Lorraine, Chemung, Hicks, Wellsburg and Lowman, N.Y., and in Wilawana, Pa. He retired in 2012. Jim is survived by his wife, Dawn, three children, three stepchildren two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Steven Orlando ’82 M’85 of East Northport, N.Y., died Sept. 3, 2013.

Danny Carr ’83 of Oneonta, N.Y., died Feb. 11, 2016. He was a technology teacher at Oneonta High School for 30 years. Surviving are his wife, Susan, three children and his parents, Roger and Gloria Carr.

Carmen Campanella ’84 of Palm Coast, Fla., died March 24, 2016. He was a purchasing coordinator for the Flagler County School Board. Carmen is survived by his wife, Margaret, three children and his mother, Rosa Campanella.

Myrtle Hayes Bush ’85 M’88 of Syracuse, N.Y., died Jan. 21, 2016. She graduated from St. Joseph’s School of Nursing in the 1940s and worked as a nurse in area hospitals and nursing homes. After graduating from Oswego, she was a nursing instructor for CCBI, OCM BOCES, Onondaga Community College and Central Technical High School. Myrtle is survived by three daughters, Suzanne Fitzgerald, Sandra Collins M’02 and Nancy Eron; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Familo ’86 M’92 of Central Square, N.Y., died April 24, 2016. He served with the U.S. Army in Vietnam. Ken taught in the Central Square Central School District for many years. He owned and operated Puppy Pals Pet Grooming. He is survived by his wife, Linda, two children and four grandchildren.

Clifton Hebert ’87 of Cobleskill, N.Y., died March 21, 2016. He earned a master’s degree from SUNY Albany. He had been the superintendent at Cooperstown Central Schools for the past six years. CJ began his career in education at Corinth High School, where he also served as principal from 1998 to 2002. He was principal at Hudson Falls High School from 2002 to 2010. Surviving are his wife, Tammy; a son, Clifton IV; two stepchildren; and brothers and sisters-in-law, James ’89 and Lori Schicker Hebert ’87 and Troy and Pam Hebert.

Sandra Keller Napolitano ’89 of Cicero, N.Y., died April 19, 2016. She was employed at Purenergy as a project accountant. Sandra is survived by her husband, Nick, and three children.

Vincent Gimeno ’90 of Myrtle Beach, S.C., died Feb. 2, 2016. He was a member of Boilermakers Local No. 7 of Buffalo and No. 175 of Oswego, and Laborers Local No. 214 of Oswego. Vince is survived by three siblings, nieces and nephews.

John Schairer ’91 of Baldwinsville, N.Y., died Feb. 15, 2016. He worked at BJ’s Wholesale and Dot Foods. John was a volunteer fire-
fighter with the Baldwinsville Fire Department, where he was a member of the Rescue Diver Team and an EMT. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; a son, John; a daughter, Alexa; his mother; sisters, Jacquelynn Wortel and Tracy Schairer Gilbo ’88, and several nieces and nephews.

Judith Carr Mead ’92 of Pulaski, N.Y., died Nov. 9, 2015. She earned a bachelor’s degree at SUNY Alfred in 1962 and an associate’s degree from Jefferson Community College in 1986. She and her husband were dairy farmers in Big Creek and Henderson from 1963-1981 and did bridal planning and bridal shows through their company, Far View Images, for more than 24 years. Judith is survived by her husband, Larry, two sons, two grandsons and one great-grandson.

Sandra Nichols Steele ’94 of Amboy, N.Y., died Feb. 7, 2016. Sandy was a teacher and corrections officer at Montana State Youth Corrections Facility. She is survived by seven children; her mother, Jane Nichols; and many grandchildren.

Larry Taylor M ’95 M ’98 of Oswego died Feb. 26, 2016. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Edinboro University in 1977. Larry was a quality inspector for 10 years with National Inspection Consultants. He was a quality inspector and later a supervisor of human resources for Constellation at Nine Mile Point in Oswego. When Ginna Nuclear Power Plant in Rochester was purchased by Constellation, he became director of human resources, retiring in 2013. Larry was also the co-owner of Mojo’s Restaurant and the Lodge on the Loop Guns and Ammo. He is survived by his wife, Shari, three daughters and a granddaughter.

Christopher Corwin ’99 of Glen Spey, N.Y., died Jan. 28, 2016. He earned a master’s degree at the New York Institute of Technology. Christopher was a technology teacher at Monticello Central School District for seven years before moving to Minisink Valley Middle School in Slate Hill, N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Colleen, two children and his mother, Judith Corwin.

P. Michael Vottis ’00 of Scotia, N.Y., died July 19, 2013. He is survived by his wife, Theresa ’86, two daughters and his parents, Patrick and Patricia Vottis.

Roi Frank ’02 of Springfield, Va., died March 11, 2016. He worked as an electronics specialist for several companies, and as a civilian electronics engineer for the U.S. Coast Guard. Roi is survived by his daughter, Casey, and his son, Liam.

Ronald Guile, Emeritus Chief of University Police, died March 27, 2016. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict from 1951–1954. He began at Oswego in 1969, was appointed director of Public/Campus Security in 1977, and retired in 1989. Ron is survived by his wife, Teresa; children, Roni Taylor, Mimi and James Deming ’85, and Lisa Guile Schultzkie ’89 M ’93; seven grandchildren, Justin and Nikki Taylor, Lauren, Lexi and Ashli Deming ’15, Nathan and Brandon Schultzkie ’17.

Thomas Marshall, Professor Emeritus of French, died March 23, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, and three children, Edward, Janet and Phillip ’80.

Robert Schell, Emeritus Associate Dean of Students, died April 6, 2016. Bob came to Oswego in 1967 as a residence hall director and worked in the Student Affairs Office. He became an associate dean of students while teaching courses in multiple departments, retiring in 2005. Bob performed with the College Orchestra and the Oswego City Summer Band. Surviving are his children, Todd and Kathryn Schuhmann Schell ’88 M ’91, and Nancy and Phil Trower; four grandchildren, William ’18 and Elizabeth Schell ’16, and Samuel and Maxwell Fuster; and three step-grandchildren, Matthew, Brooke and Vince Trower. Gifts in Bob’s memory can be made to the Robert Schell Memorial Fund, c/o the Oswego College Foundation, 215 Sheldon Hall, SUNY, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

Dale Zych, Professor Emeritus of Physics, died April 8, 2016. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Case Institute of Technology in 1961, a master’s degree from Ohio State in 1963 and a Ph.D. from Case in 1967. He was awarded a postdoctoral position at Ohio State University. Dale was appointed at Oswego in 1971, where he taught for 44 years until his retirement in 2015. Surviving are his wife, Diane; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Sherry Zych, Fred and Jamie Sweet Zych ’01, and Matthew and Vanessa Zych; and two grandsons. Gifts in Dale’s memory can be made to the Physics Department, c/o the Oswego College Foundation, 215 Sheldon Hall, SUNY, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

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Made My Bones

By Markisan Naso ’97

I spent my first year of college at SUNY Stony Brook studying archaeology, and it was a complete and utter failure. In a few short months I learned that my dream of becoming an archaeologist (or more accurately, becoming the next Indiana Jones), required a lot less punching and a lot more memorization of human bones.

I loved science in high school, but by the time I turned 18 my imagination had grown increasingly restless, likely due to the many years of comic book reading. Staring at femurs for three hours a day in a sterile lab just didn’t do much to satisfy my creative impulses. So, when an English professor at Stony Brook told me how much he enjoyed my essays and urged me to consider transferring to a school with a good writing program, I quickly packed my bags.

In order to become a writer, I felt I needed to be in a familiar place. I ended up choosing SUNY Oswego because the school meant something to me. My parents* met and fell in love while attending college here. During the summers they would often take my brother and me to the “Stands” to enjoy ice cream and watch the sunset drip ribbons of tangerine and red on the water, just like they had years before. When I thought of those moments, there didn’t seem to be a more romantic place to write stories than on the shores of Lake Ontario.

Soon after I started taking courses at Oswego I fell in love with writing. My affection was fueled by excellent classes, but none more so than the poetry sessions with [Professor Emeritus] Lewis Turco. He encouraged creativity but also showed me how to use structure to make stories more effective and powerful. At age 19 I had a fertile imagination and a talent for organization, but I didn’t know how to bring those two things together in writing. Today, I still think about Professor Turco’s guidance on form, rhythm and balance, whether I’m writing a metal album review, or an article about hospital evacuation plans, or a crazy story about a time-traveling chef who serves dinosaurs at a restaurant.

My education wasn’t the only Oswego experience that had a lasting effect on me and my writing. I adored campus life here. I made some great friends and enjoyed many adventures that we still talk about today. I remember listening to death metal every night with my buddies in an Onondaga Hall suite that we affectionately named the Death Star. I remember eating half a Monster 32 pizza and two dozen Sal’s Sassy Wings after a particularly festive night out, and then waking up the next morning with a drumstick lodged in my mouth. I remember being a nightshift DJ for the radio station, ignoring the rules and playing nothing but Slayer songs for four hours straight. I remember working as a tutor in the writing center and feeling my chest go tight with pride whenever a student stopped by to thank me for helping her with a paper. I remember falling in love with a girl for the first time, having my heart broken and trudging across campus through moonlit snowfall to try and win her back. And I remember all those blood-orange sunsets that painted the waves so beautifully.

Sometimes I think about making the choice to transfer to Oswego and how that decision impacted me. I may not have become an archaeologist like Indiana Jones, but I can definitely write a kick-ass adventure like the Indy stories that inspired me when I was growing up. That’s what my time at Oswego gave me. Making my way to Oz made all the difference in my life, and the ride turned out to be a hell of a lot more fun than trying to remember old bones.

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Ken Hyde was a 12-year-old boy exploring his small hometown of McKees Rock, Pa., when he received his first chemistry set from his grandma. He enjoyed mixing the chemicals and observing the changes that happened.

“My interest in chemistry just got bigger and bigger and bigger,” said Hyde, who earned a bachelor’s in chemistry from Carnegie Mellon and a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry at the University of Maryland.

He retired in 2011 after teaching 43 years in the SUNY Oswego chemistry department and educating thousands of students. He initiated computers into the chemistry curriculum by incorporating the new technology into the entry-level and upper-level courses.

His Oswego career began one semester before the opening of Snygg Hall in September 1968.

“That was pretty neat,” he said. “I was a young guy, moving into this new building, and there was new equipment, lots of space and an excitement about it all.”

During his career, a master’s degree in chemistry was established and the field of biochemistry emerged as an important part of the chemistry program.

“Graduate students bring spontaneity and enthusiasm to their work, which rubs off on the undergraduates,” Hyde said, a Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus. “But they also invigorate the faculty and keep them active in research, too.”

During his final years at Oswego, he served as the assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the dean’s liaison to the Science Planning Committee for what would become the Richard S. Shineman Center for Science, Engineering and Innovation. The building is named for the Chemistry Department founder and one of the faculty members who recruited Hyde to Oswego.

So as a bookend to his Oswego beginning, he retired after breaking ground on the new science building.

“It’s an impressive building,” he said of the Shineman Center. “It took a lot of planning over the course of several years, but I think they’ve done a really good job with it.”

Today, his experience in planning new spaces is being used to refurbish and maintain a camp on Skaneateles Lake near Niles, N.Y. It is now a lake house for family and friends to gather. He also volunteers as a counselor in the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program for low to moderate income people of all ages.

He returns to campus periodically to catch the annual Augustine Silveira endowed chemistry lecture or to stay up-to-date on other departmental and college activities.

“What’s been very interesting to me lately are the developments in biochemistry, microbiology, DNA and CRISPR genome editing,” he said. “I’ve done a little reading on it and am fascinated by it. That’s an area where advances will come—where biology and chemistry blend together.”

—Margaret Spillett