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—F. Scott Fitzgerald

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From the moment they decide to enroll, to their time as students and throughout their lives as alumni, SUNY Oswego family members stand together as they move along the road of life. Pictured from left are: **Ankur Yadav '20, Prince Phil-Jones '20, Iyuhna Callands '20, Ben Groman '20, Dana Segall Murphy '99** (Oswego Alumni Association president), **Emmanuel Cruz '09** (assistant director of Admissions), **Kaleigh Janes '22, Tyler West '22, Elizabeth Tzivas '19, Marah O'Connor '20 M'21, Erin Newell '20** and **Chris Darby '21**.

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Please note: Class notes included in the magazine come from a variety of sources, such as alumni submissions, news releases, social media posts and news media reports.

From the President



As the end of 2019 approaches, many of us will gather with family to celebrate our relationships with each other, the holidays and the passing of another year. Our families and our traditions are as unique as each of us. Some consider family members only those who share their DNA; but for many of us, the definition of family extends beyond biology and genetics. It encompasses intimate friendships, shared values and experiences, and the people you can depend on when times get tough. I consider you all to be part

of the SUNY Oswego family, and although I am not an alumna, I feel like I will forever be part of this college's DNA because I have come to know and love it so well.

In this issue, we highlight a variety of stories loosely themed around "family." From the alumnae caretakers of a family of elephants (page 18) to an educator who researches the genetic causes of inherited diseases (page 20) to stories about Oswego family legacies and those first-generation students who are creating a new branch on our family tree (page 22), SUNY Oswego family members are making their mark on this campus and in communities around the globe. True to the roots of our family's founder, Edward Austin Sheldon (page 56), our alumni are carrying their educational practice with them into the world and making ripples throughout their communities and their professions.

We are a college that cares about all of our members. We form deep connections with our students who are on their quest for knowledge, and we want to help them succeed. True to our nature as a family, we lift up those who are in need and we provide support to those who falter. Unfortunately, many of our students face an increasingly challenging deficit in funding their college education, and they have exhausted all resources to bridge the gap. To help these struggling family members, we have introduced a new campaign to double the number of need-based scholarships and help these students remain on The Path Forward (page 30).

During this season of giving, I ask each member of this family to give thoughtful consideration to the feasibility of funding a scholarship here at Oswego. These students are worthy of our support, and to recast the African proverb, it will take the whole SUNY Oswego community to help all of our students reach graduation. I know I can count on you as members of our Oswego family.

I wish you a blessed holiday season and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year!

Deborah F. Stanley

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Family Legacy Serves as Foundation for Scholarship



Kevin R. Kipers '76 met with scholarship recipient and software engineering major **Ben Groman '20** of Baldwinsville, N.Y., in April 2019 at the Shineman Center.

A family legacy of SUNY Oswego degrees reaching back to the 1940s played a key role in the decision of **Kevin R. Kipers '76** to help secure the futures of SUNY Oswego students.

“Numerous friends and relatives went on to successful careers after graduating from Oswego,” said Kipers of commemorating his SUNY Oswego education and related experiences, and the ways it all shaped his life—and the lives of family members. “My experience at Oswego directly led to an unexpected career path that was full of opportunity and enjoyment. After benefiting from programs and support at Oswego, it was an easy decision to establish support for students currently in attendance.”

Kipers joined the Sheldon Legacy Society and established the Kevin R. Kipers '76 Endowed Scholarship to support engineering and computer science students who demonstrate academic commitment, leadership and good citizenship and who are a positive role model for others.

Membership in the Sheldon Legacy Society includes bequest intentions to the college such as insurance or retirement plan assets; Kipers' current support through the scholarship is a direct reflection of the ways that his Oswego degree opened doors for him, he said.

“Computer classes taken at Oswego were directly responsible for the start of my career,” the economics major said. “Immediately after graduation I realized the value of those classes, and recalled the wisdom of an advisor’s strong recommendations to take computer classes. Subsequently, by considering career advice and options, I was afforded opportunities that I am ever grateful for.”

Early in his career, Kipers joined the New York Power Authority on a team of system analysts supporting a 24 x 7 system used by operators to monitor electric generation and transmission facilities. After 10 years in that group, he transitioned to coordinat-

ing efforts to monitor the planned and actual usage of municipal and industrial customers. In later years the deregulation of the electric energy market required significant changes, replacing and supporting new systems.

“Although full of challenges, the work with peers, other departments and vendors was rewarding,” the Oneida County, N.Y., native said. “My entire career was a period of learning—through information exchange with peers and other departments, formal classes and guidance from many co-workers.”

His selection of engineering and computer science students for scholarship assistance stems from his lifelong admiration of the people who “resolve technical challenges associated with everything from construction in ancient cities to landing on the moon,” he said.

Kipers retired in 2010. He serves as a committed alumnus, returning to campus to meet with students and participating in panels and classroom visits through the Alumni-In-Residence program.

“It is rewarding to see the work of the Oswego Alumni Association and to meet with enthusiastic students looking ahead to start their career or work towards an advanced degree,” Kipers said of returning to campus. “In discussions with the [scholarship] recipients and the campus students I met, I was impressed with their enthusiasm, self-confidence and interest in many activities.

“While the sunsets and snowstorms are memorable, my favorite memories revolve around the people I met and the fun we had along the way,” he said.



Learn more about establishing a scholarship at oswego.edu/pathforward.



GOLD Lakers Score Big for Alma Mater

\$5K
Challenge

250 donors
Goal

\$25.25
Average Gift Size

Class of 2018
MVP: 61 members
participating

\$12,677
Total Raised

308 donors
Results

23
Funds Supported

118
First-Timers

Tucker Sholtes '15
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Distinguished Speakers, Including Two Alumni, Earn Honorary Degrees at Commencement Ceremonies



Honorary degree recipient and Commencement speaker **Dr. Yvonne Spicer '84 M'85** in May 2019

A national education leader, a social marketing pioneer, a community-transforming philanthropist and the first mayor of the City of Framingham (Mass.) earned honorary degrees during SUNY Oswego's Commencement ceremonies on May 18.

Speaking and receiving honorary doctorates in humane letters were:

- **Dr. Mildred García**, president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ceremony

- **Jeff Ragovin '00**, the chief growth officer of Social Native, at the School of Business ceremony
- **Noreen Reale Falcone**, a respected community leader and philanthropist; and
- **Dr. Yvonne Spicer '84 M'85**, mayor of Framingham (Mass.) and a leading national advocate for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education—at the combined ceremony for the School of Communication, Media and the Arts and for the School of Education

Nearly 1,800 students received degrees from SUNY Oswego in May 2019, joining an alumni network that is more than 87,000 strong.

Justin Carmona '19, who was scheduled to graduate in May, was represented by his mother, brother and other relatives and close friends in the front row of the School of Communication, Media and the Arts ceremony, and awarded a degree posthumously. The senior, known for his poetry and creative writing, died unexpectedly in December 2018 following a short illness.

The three ceremonies may be viewed in full on the SUNY Oswego YouTube Page (youtube.com/user/sunyoswegovideo).

Commencement weekend began with one of Oswego's longest-standing traditions, the annual Commencement Eve Torchlight Ceremony. This event is the seniors' welcome into the Oswego Alumni Association and featured a dinner followed by a keynote address by **John McLoughlin '75**, a retired Port Authority Police Department lieutenant who overcame being trapped beneath the rubble of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. His daughter **Erin '19**, one of four siblings who are Oswego alumni, graduated with the Class of 2019. Read more about the family's Oswego story on page 25.

Finance Major Ahmed Albajari Named 2019 Outstanding Senior

For academic distinction and leadership activities outside the classroom, SUNY Oswego May graduate **Ahmed Albajari '19** earned the Oswego Alumni Association's 2019 Outstanding Senior Award.

The Outstanding Senior Award was established by the 2005 Senior Class Planning Committee and is funded by **Alice Mas-simi Crouch '02**. The Outstanding Senior Award recognizes a graduating senior who has been highly involved on campus while maintaining academic excellence.

A finance major with an economics minor, Albajari graduated with a GPA of 3.96. He served as president of the Economics Club, macroeconomics chair of the Student Investment Club, head chair of finance for the Student Association, treasurer for the Black Student Union, chief financial officer for the Financial Management Association, member of the Board of Directors for Auxiliary Services and a peer mentor for first-year economics majors.



Outstanding Senior Award winner **Ahmed Albajari '19** (center) with Associate Professor of Finance Dr. Richard Skolnik (left) and award nominator Michael Paestella, director of student involvement

Students Develop On-Air Persona with American Icon Al Roker '76



Students in BRC 497 Camera Ready: Developing Your On-Air Persona take a group selfie with their teachers, who include NBC *Today* show co-anchor and celebrity **Al Roker '76**, Professor Michael Riecke and local on-air meteorologist **Vanessa Richards '08**.

This fall, students in the broadcasting course, Camera Ready: Developing Your On-Air Persona, are learning what it takes to stand out from the pack and how to apply their skills and knowledge to succeed as an on-air personality in today's competitive media market from an expert on the subject—**Al Roker '76**.

Roker, NBC's *Today* co-anchor and American celebrity, is co-teaching the class with SUNY Oswego faculty members: Assistant Professor of Communication Studies Michael Riecke, a former anchor of WSYR-TV *The Morning News* in Syracuse; and Adjunct Professor of Meteorology **Vanessa Richards '08**, a TV meteorologist for Spectrum News, CNY.

The professors discuss with students the methods for connecting with an audience through storytelling, personal branding, presentation styles, on-camera appearance and more, with the goal of creating a demo reel. Students are also analyzing the work of legendary on-air talent in television, radio and digital media as well as examining the characteristics that helped them succeed.



SUNY Oswego's BRC 497 Camera Ready: Developing Your On-Air Persona class got to visit their co-teacher **Al Roker '76** on NBC's *Today* show. Students in the class got to watch the popular program's taping live in the studio, take behind-the-scenes tours and even appear on the show. They also enjoyed a dinner out in the Big Apple, hosted by **Frank DiGioia '78**, president and chief executive officer of Fort Group Inc., a marketing services company.

New Minor in Entrepreneurship Helps Prepare Students for Start-up Ventures



The School of Business launched a new entrepreneurship minor, building on students' strong efforts in business plan competitions and their work with Oswego-area companies, among other indicators of interest.

The minor's core courses in entrepreneurial management, innovation and creativity, along with traditional business functions such as marketing and sales, accounting and funding seek to lay a solid foundation for students who aim to take part in opportunities for business start-ups. There's also a required capstone project.

Aaron Shopland '20, whose idea for a new shark repellent propelled him and fellow marketing major **Michael York '20** to first place in the School of Business *Launch It!* competition this year, said that if he has already taken enough of the core courses, he may be able to declare the minor in time for his 2020 graduation.

Shopland came up with his idea for a sensory-based repellent involving magnetic waves as he watched "Shark Week" on the Discovery Channel. He took MGT 261 Business Organization with Larry Maher of the marketing and management faculty, later serving as a teaching assistant in the course two other times; he also took MGT 350 Entrepreneurship with Sarfraz Mian, chair of marketing and management and coordinator of the entrepreneurship minor.

Mian, who is a national team leader and principal investigator in the GEM (Global Entrepreneurship Monitor) program, said his research on entrepreneurship at SUNY Oswego shows strong interest in entrepreneurship, especially among students in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields looking for training to participate in high-tech businesses.

"The minor could become very useful for our students to fulfill their entrepreneurial ambitions," he said.

For information on all offerings of the AACSB-accredited SUNY Oswego School of Business, visit oswego.edu/business, call 315-312-2272 or email business@oswego.edu.

Noteworthy News

2019 Chancellor Award Winners

A total of 10 individuals received the State University of New York's highest recognition, the 2019 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence.

Faculty and Staff:



Richard Buck '05 M'10



Dr. Fehmi Damkaci



Dr. Casey Raymond



Dr. Irene Scruton



Alexandra "Alex" Sorbello '07



Holli Coats Stone '96 M'00

- **Richard Buck '05 M'10**, director of digital services in the Office of Communications and Marketing, Excellence in Professional Service
- **Dr. Fehmi Damkaci**, professor and chair of the chemistry department and founder and director of the GENIUS Olympiad environmental competition in Oswego for high school students from countries around the world, Excellence in Faculty Service
- **Dr. Casey Raymond**, associate professor of chemistry, Excellence in Teaching
- **Dr. Irene Scruton**, assistant dean and director of MBA programs in the School of Business, Excellence in Professional Service
- **Alexandra "Alex" Sorbello '07**, artist designer with the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Excellence in Classified Service
- **Holli Coats Stone '96 M'00**, director of Campus Life event management, Excellence in Professional Service

Students:



Manna Job '19 of Yonkers, N.Y., biology major, chemistry and psychology minors



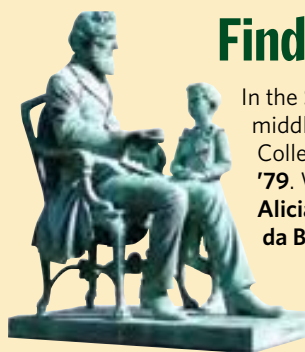
Jennifer Ofodile '19 of Brooklyn, N.Y., biochemistry major



Joely Rice '19 of DeRuyter, N.Y., broadcasting and mass communication major



Dylan Richmond '19 of Johnson City, N.Y., physics major



Find the Founder!

In the Spring 2019 issue, the Sheldon statue can be found in the top middle of the Fallbrook photo on page 28. Grand prize winner of a College Store gift certificate and a Sheldon Hall print is **John Steffan '79**. Winning Sheldon Hall prints are **Antoinette Pumilio Shaw '65**, **Alicia Suarez '84**, **Joe Marra '94**, **Sandy DeOliveira '95** and **Amanda Bennett Hyland '05**.

A tiny replica of the Sheldon statue, pictured here, is hidden somewhere in this issue. Find the Founder and send us a letter or email 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. Send your entry by Feb. 1, 2020, to Find the Founder, King Alumni Hall, 300 Washington Blvd., Oswego, N.Y., 13126, or email to findthefounder@oswego.edu.

Vote Oswego Founder Earns National Civic Engagement Award

SUNY Oswego political science professor Dr. Allison Rank, founder of the student-driven Vote Oswego voter mobilization campaign, won a national honor, the John Saltmarsh Award for Emerging Leaders in Civic Engagement, given by the American Democracy Project.

The award recognizes exemplary early-career leaders who are advancing the wider civic engagement movement through higher education to build a broader public culture of democracy. The American Democracy Project—a nonpartisan partnership of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and *The New York Times*—is a consortium of more than 250 state colleges and universities focused on preparing the next generation of informed, engaged citizens.

Rank established Vote Oswego as a course, a voter registration drive and a voter mobilization campaign that emphasizes building civic awareness and political skills among students who represent the next generation of voting citizens.



SUNY Oswego political science faculty member Dr. Allison Rank (front) takes a selfie with college President Deborah F. Stanley (front right) and student volunteers during a nonpartisan Vote Oswego “blitz week” event on campus prior to the 2016 presidential election.

It focused first on the 2016 presidential election year and runs every two years during the national election cycle.

In 2016 and 2018, the nonpartisan campaign—with five student interns,

more than 250 student volunteers each semester and Rank as campaign manager—registered over 2,000 students to vote and helped 2,500 students request absentee ballots.

Student-Run WTOP Earns National Broadcasting Awards

Always among the biggest events locally, the Oswego and Plattsburgh men’s college ice hockey rivalry games scored big on a larger stage, as coverage by SUNY Oswego’s student-run WTOP-10 TV station earned two national awards.



Student-run WTOP-10 TV station executive producer and special events director **Tara O’Donovan ’20** operates a camera as part of a men’s ice hockey broadcasting crew that numbers between 20 and 30 students, depending on the game.

WTOP won two honorable mentions—for Outstanding Live Game Production in the Collegiate Student category for “Men’s Ice Hockey, Oswego vs. Plattsburgh” and Outstanding Live Non-Game Production in the Collegiate Student category for “SUNYAC Semi-Final Pre-Game Show”—at the SVG College Sports Media Awards. The awards, co-sponsored by Sports Video Group and the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, officially recognized winners on May 30 at the SVG College Summit in Atlanta.

The national awards join a fourth-place honor in the Best Promo category presented at College Broadcasters Inc.’s National Student Electronic Media Convention in October 2018 for a one-minute piece by broadcasting and mass communication graduate **Griffin Bruce ’18**.

The station also earned three Excellence in Broadcasting Awards from the New York State Broadcasters’ Association in April, for Outstanding Feature News Story, Outstanding Specialty Programming and Outstanding Weathercast. WTOP sports director for 2018-19 **Brittany Cairns ’19** added to the haul with a Syracuse Press Club second-place award in the College Television Sports Story category.

Shaun Crisler Named Assistant VP for Residence Life and Housing



Shaun N. Crisler joined SUNY Oswego as the new assistant vice president for Residence Life and Housing, effective July 8, 2019.

Crisler brings to Oswego over a decade of experience in higher education housing and residence life, and a steadfast commitment to helping create a positive living and learning experience for all students. He previously served as the associate director of Human Resources, Inclusion and Communication in the Office of Residence Life at Syracuse University.

Currently a doctoral student in the Higher Education Administration Ph.D. program at Illinois State University, Crisler holds a B.S. in biology and a Master of Education degree in adult education from Northern Illinois University, as well as a master’s degree in labor relations and human resources from the Ohio State University. He recently attained his Society for Human Resource Management Senior Certified Professional certification.

Oswego Alumni Association Recognizes Seven Alumni with Awards



President Deborah F. Stanley with 2019 Distinguished Alumnus Award winner **David DeVillers '89** during Reunion Weekend 2019

The Oswego Alumni Association (OAA) honored seven notable alumni with a 2019 Alumni Award for their exceptional contributions and accomplishments.

"We were impressed by the caliber of the award recipients," said awards committee chair **Jennifer Shropshire '86**, a former president and long-time member of the OAA and a current board member of the Oswego College Foundation Inc. "They represent a broad definition of success, reflecting Oswego's varied programs and the wide-ranging paths that alumni take after graduation."

The Distinguished Alumnus Award—the association's most prestigious award—recognizes those who have achieved national or international recognition in their field. This year's recipients are:

- **David DeVillers '89**, assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and one of four prosecutors on the Saddam Hussein trial
- **Robert Moritz '85**, global chairman of PwC (formerly PricewaterhouseCoopers), the second largest professional services firm in the world, and a member of the Oswego College Foundation board of directors

Honoring alumni who have demonstrated a lifetime of both professional and civic leadership, the Lifetime Award of Merit was presented to:



- **Stephen Butler '85**, executive director of CNY ARTS and a tireless arts advocate
- **Dr. Craig Fisher '65**, computer programmer/information systems manager, educator, and data and information quality scholar
- **Dr. Diane Larsen-Freeman '67**, a linguist, educator and scholar in second language acquisition

Receiving the Community Service Award for outstanding achievement in service to others was:

- **Christy Harrison Huynh '98**, associate director of Career Services at SUNY Oswego, United Way of Greater Oswego County board member and volunteer on many committees, boards and organizations

The GOLD Award, presented to Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD) alumni who achieved career success and demonstrated significant volunteer service to their communities, was given to:

- **Cameron Jones '09**, Daytime Emmy Award winner, project manager at the Walt Disney Company, former operations coordinator for ABC News' *Good Morning America* and contributing digital reporter/producer for ABC News, and former member of the OAA's GOLD Leadership Council

The awards for DeVillers, Butler, Fisher, Larsen-Freeman and Huynh were presented during Reunion 2019, June 6-9 in Oswego. Jones received his award during the Communication Studies Dinner on Oct. 5 during Homecoming 2019, and the award for Moritz was presented at an event in New York City last spring.

Visit alumni.oswego.edu/alumniawards to read longer biographies of this year's recipients or to nominate worthy alumni.

Nominations are due by **Dec. 1**.



Markers at Sheldon Hall, Shady Shore Honor College, Community History

SUNY Oswego has installed historical markers at two century-plus-old landmarks on campus, Sheldon Hall and Shady Shore—the culmination of a project that began in the summer of 2017.

The college's Facilities Services installed the informative blue and gold signs, thanks to the work of campus researchers and the Historic Roadside Marker Program, funded through grants of the William G. Pomeroy Foundation.

Originally known as Old Main, Sheldon Hall, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, was the college's only building on the present campus from its 1913 opening until Park Hall debuted in 1932. Sheldon Hall's marker is located at the foot of the main entrance's steps.

Shady Shore was built as a family home in 1857 by Edward Austin Sheldon, founder of the Oswego Primary Teachers' Training School—predecessor to SUNY Oswego—and has served as the residence of the college's presidents for decades. Shady Shore's sign is along Rudolph Road in front of the residence.

Oswego Pair Wins Prestigious Fulbright Program Awards

Two SUNY Oswego alumni won prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student program awards, adding to a recent string of success while reflecting campus efforts to expand diversity in studying abroad.

Naomi Rodriguez Jose '18, a dual major in global and international studies and in communication and social interaction, is teaching English in Brazil, while marketing alumna **Tiana Morris '16** is teaching English in Croatia under the 2019-20 Fulbright program.

Earlier this year, SUNY Oswego won an Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion in International Education award from Diversity Abroad. The award recognized the increasing diversity of campus and ways the college ensures opportunities like studying abroad are accessible to all who are interested in it.

Since 2014, Oswego has had nine students and/or alumni receive Fulbrights, an unprecedented number that puts Oswego in elite company for a school its size. In February, Oswego was named a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Student awards, as reported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.



Naomi Rodriguez Jose '18 was selected as a Fulbright U.S. Student program award recipient to teach English in Brazil, a country she “fell in love with” while studying there her senior year. She is pictured outside the Museum of Tomorrow in Rio de Janeiro.

Two New Deans Begin Tenure



Dr. Croyle



Dr. Kothandaraman

On July 1, the college community welcomed Dr. Kristin L. Croyle as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Dr. Prabakar Kothandaraman as dean of the School of Business.

Croyle takes the helm from Associate Dean Patricia Clark who stepped into the interim dean role when Dr. Adrienne McCormick resigned in July 2018.

Croyle most recently served as professor in the Department of Psychological Sciences at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley—a doctoral institution with an enrollment of approximately 28,500 students. She was also vice president for student success, overseeing such areas as retention and graduation initiatives, academic advising and student academic supports, experiential learning initiatives, general education curriculum and student life operations.

Croyle was instrumental in shaping the structure, initiatives and staffing at the newly formed, multi-campus University of Texas Rio Grande Valley to build undergraduate student success on all campuses. She also served on the core leadership team that proposed the academic structure of the new institution, academic policies and the undergraduate curriculum for 64 bachelor's programs.

Croyle's prior positions include vice provost for undergraduate education, and dean of the University College at the University of Texas-Pan American; interim dean and assistant dean for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Texas-Pan American.

She earned a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts in clinical psychology from the University of Montana. She earned a Bachelor of Science in psychology from the University of Utah. She also completed a clinical neuropsychology postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Washington's School of Medicine.

Dr. Kothandaraman succeeds outgoing dean of 12 years Dr. Richard Skolnik, who stepped down as dean to return to the classroom as a full-time faculty member.

Dr. Kothandaraman most recently served as professor in the Department of Pro-

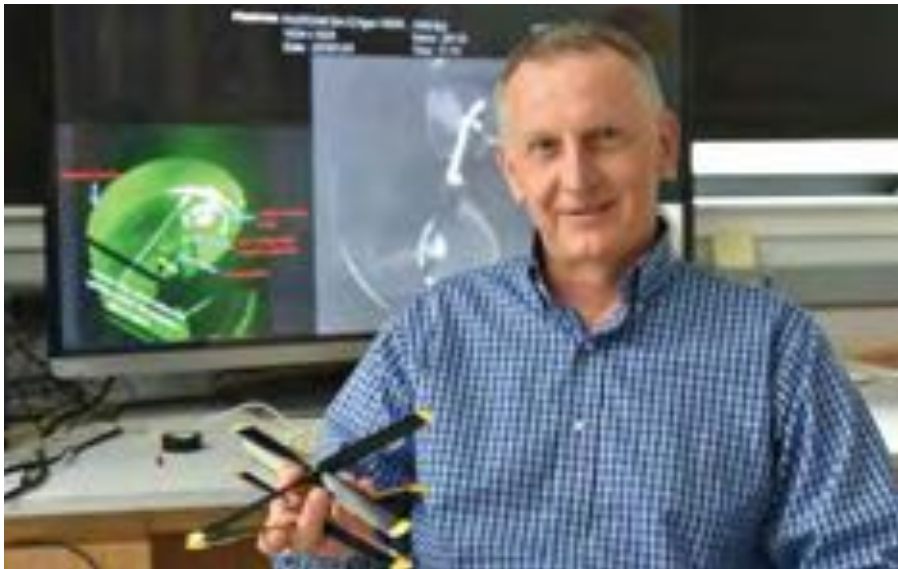
fessional Sales in the Cotsakos College of Business at William Paterson University (New Jersey). He also served as chair of the Department of Professional Sales since 2014, and executive director of the Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales since 2010.

Some of his key accomplishments include preparing and executing a “Go to Market” strategy for rolling out the first-ever master's degree in sales leadership for executives at William Paterson University; assembling an advisory board and graduate program advisory board at Russ Berrie Institute; securing funds from corporate sponsorships and external training revenue; and increasing corporate engagement.

Dr. Kothandaraman was a faculty member at Drexel University, Texas A&M University and Xavier Institute of Management in Bhubaneswar, India. He also served as interim executive director and senior researcher at Harvard Business School's India Research Center.

He earned a doctorate in business administration from Smeal College of Business at Pennsylvania State University, an MBA from the Xavier Institute of Management and a B.E with honors in chemical engineering from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science in India.

Snapshots: Research and Creative Works



Ion Wind Technology Breakthrough Takes Flight at SUNY Oswego

A new spin on propulsion is taking flight in a SUNY Oswego lab, leading to electrical and computer engineering faculty member Adrian Ieta and the SUNY Research Foundation pursuing a patent on this promising technology.

Last year, Ieta and his students' research achieved a first-of-its-kind flight driven by ionic wind, which could open up a new field of development. Through additional refinement, publication and presentations, the breakthrough is starting to gain momentum, which would be greatly aided by

approval of the international patent filed in May.

The large potential comes from the technology allowing a rotor to effectively function as an engine, Ieta said.

"This was the first rotational object to lift using this technology," Ieta said. "It might be the first ionic system to ever lift off in atmosphere without carrying a power supply."



See a video of technology-in-action at magazine.oswego.edu.

Student Involvement

When Fehmi Damkaci of Oswego's chemistry faculty asked Ieta to showcase something for high school students, Ieta subsequently provided this avenue of research to his students at the college in 2011. Their interest played a key role in ongoing developments.

"I let them do what they wanted to try," Ieta said. "What they most appreciated was the less-structured environment and the opportunity to pursue whatever their imagination came up with."

Students suggested perhaps making an object spin, which led to the first ionic spinners and later on to trying a propeller spin and liftoff. "They were involved in problem-solving at every step," Ieta said. "After the first ionic propeller liftoff in particular, it was amazing to be in the lab and doing things nobody else had done."

While a team of six undergraduates at SUNY Oswego attempted different propeller designs according to some general guidelines given, the prototype made by **Nicholas Curinga '20** was the first one to lift off in February 2018. Ieta has credited Curinga as a key part of the research, but the breakthrough has involved the input of many students besides this research group.

"They were all thrilled," Ieta said. "This is research the students have enjoyed doing. They came up with various ideas and tried things I might not have thought of."

Professor Joins Team to Produce Science-Themed Videos to Teach Hindi



Dr. Alok Kumar, distinguished teaching professor of physics, had an idea to pitch to the National Security Agency: a series of videos about famous archaeological sites and institutions in India, with accompanying lesson plans, to teach Hindi internationally in the context of science and technology.

The NSA-funded program STARTALK makes it a national security priority to expand the teaching and learning of Hindi, Arabic, Chinese and other world languages. The program made a \$90,000 grant to Dr. Ved Chaudhary, director of the project, supplemented by funding from his New Jersey-based foundation, Educators' Society for Heritage of India, with Kumar as principal investigator.

The financial support enabled Kumar to work with a team of scholars in New Jersey, Jaipur and New Delhi, where they produced 28 videos in India's majority language.

Oswego Dean Co-Edits Noted Communication Textbook for Graduate Students

Kristen C. Eichhorn, dean of graduate studies, recently co-edited the third edition of a respected textbook, Routledge's *An Integrated Approach to Communication Theory and Research*. The first edition was published in 1996, the second in 2007. The 608-page 2019 edition features several new chapters by leading researchers.

Current and former SUNY Oswego communication studies faculty members each contributed a chapter for the third edition: Jason Zenor, an associate professor who specializes in media law and economics; and **Fritz Messere '71 M'76**, a professor emeritus and former dean of the School of Communication, Media and the Arts, who writes about privacy rights and the First Amendment.



Faculty Awards and Recognitions

The following SUNY Oswego faculty members received awards from the college:



Biological sciences faculty member Poongodi Geetha-Loganathan, the Provost's Award for Mentoring in Scholarly and Creative Activity

Paul Leary of the music department, the Provost's Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity



Jessica Reeher, chair of the communication studies department, the President's Award for Teaching Excellence

Damian Schofield, director of the graduate program in human-computer interaction, the President's Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity



Dr. Kamal Mohamed (right) with George and Jane Pauk

Biological Sciences Professor Assists Canal Forest Restoration Project

Dr. Kamal Mohamed, director of SUNY Oswego's Rice Creek Biological Field Station, has signed on to assist—and expand—a citizen-science project to repopulate white oak and white pine trees along the New York State Canal System and surrounding areas.

Undertaken by George and Jane Pauk, the Canal Forest Restoration Project has recruited volunteers and obtained seedlings from the state Department of Environmental Conservation and elsewhere. The project now has access to a new 2,500-square-foot enclosure at Rice Creek for protecting potted trees until ready for transplant, as well as space in the field station itself for germinating seeds.

Primarily, the project helps raise awareness of the region's rich arboreal heritage and the potential for regaining some of what was lost. The New York State Nursery in Saratoga gives the project young trees, and the project distributes them for free, along with instructions on caring for and protecting them.

Mohamed plans to expand the project. "With the help of the Pauk family, Rice Creek's goal is to grow its own trees—white pine and swamp white oaks—from seeds starting next year," he said.

With the help of SUNY Oswego interns, Mohamed would like to transplant up to 1,000 trees this year on Rice Creek's mixed terrain and perhaps some on the main campus. The field station's 400 acres and trail system welcome residents to hike and take part in nature programming.

Circle of Security Parenting Program Sees Dramatic Growth

SUNY Oswego alumni and students participated in the 2019 kick-off meeting of the Circle of Security Parenting Program, which saw triple the number of candidate trainers over 2018. Each trainer, upon earning certification, would conduct two courses for parents to help break the cycle of abuse and neglect of children in Oswego County by providing parents with the tools to recognize their children's needs and to respond with understanding and affection. The program was founded locally by SUNY Oswego psychology chair Dr. Matt Dykas.



Engineering Programs Earn ABET Accreditation

SUNY Oswego's Bachelor of Science degree programs in Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), and Software Engineering (SE) have been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) of ABET—the global accreditor of college and university programs in applied and natural science, computing, engineering and engineering technology.

"ABET accreditation affirms that Oswego's engineering programs meet rigorous industry standards," said SUNY Oswego President Deborah F. Stanley. "Our state-of-the-art labs and facilities, highly skilled and involved faculty, and rigorous curriculum have all contributed to this 'best practices' recognition—a testament to how Oswego prepares our students to graduate from an ABET-accredited program, enter critical STEM fields and lead the way in innovation and emerging technologies."

ABET accreditation assures that programs meet standards to produce graduates ready to enter critical engineering fields. Sought worldwide, ABET's voluntary peer-review process is highly respected because it adds critical value to academic programs in the technical disciplines, where quality, precision and safety are of the utmost importance.



Following a rigorous review of self-study reports prepared and submitted by SUNY Oswego for the Electrical and Computer Engineering and Software Engineering programs, the EAC (made up of engineering faculty from other accredited, highly reputable engineering programs) visited the campus in fall 2018 for an intense three-day visit, before making its official decision in August 2019.

"ABET accreditation enhances my degree and verifies that my educational experience at Oswego was of the highest quality," said **Sushmita Banerjee '19**. "As a

student at SUNY Oswego, I benefited from engineering and computer science faculty who pushed me forward, were constantly present and provided individual attention and care to ensure that I (and my fellow students) succeeded."

Banerjee praised Oswego for preparing her well and recalled how the college assisted her in securing an internship her sophomore year with Ahold Delhaize (one of the world's largest food retail groups and leader in supermarkets and e-commerce/sustainable retailing). The company hired Banerjee as a front-end developer at its Massachusetts office upon her graduation from SUNY Oswego in May.

Oswego's ECE program provides a well-rounded competitive engineering education that delves into five high-demand concentration areas of embedded systems, robotics, biomedical instrumentation, modern energy systems and wireless communication systems. Oswego's SE program—the first of its kind in the entire State University of New York system—provides a systems-oriented curriculum that encompasses software requirements, design, construction, testing, maintenance, configuration management, engineering management, engineering process, tools and quality assurance.

For more information about ABET, visit abet.org/accreditation.

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The idea of the late **Mary Lester Gosek '87**, wife of Coach **Ed Gosek '83 M'01**, and supported by four years of continuous fundraising, @OswegoMHockey traveled to Europe to play games and learn more about the culture. And Captain **Josh Zizek '19** is doing a #LakerTakeover of the SUNY Oswego Instagram account.



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For more information, view SUNY Oswego's Engineering Accreditation video at magazine.oswego.edu or visit oswego.edu/engineering.

Two Named to College Foundation Board

Two new members have been named to the Oswego College Foundation Inc. Board of Directors for a term of three years, effective July 1.

Kathy Bower '85 and Tom Schneider have joined the volunteer board. The board sets policy, approves the operating budget and holds fiduciary responsibility of private funds contributed to the foundation.



Bower, general counsel for New England Enterprise, was a public justice and history major who went on to earn a juris doctorate from Hofstra University. She was recently admitted

to the United States Supreme Court and holds positions as a Special Master in the United States District Court and as Attorney Trial Referee and Fact Finder at the Superior Court level. She served as keynote speaker for SUNY Oswego's Honors Convocation in 2018, and has participated as an annual fund donor to *The Fund for Oswego*. She resides in Southbury, Conn.

Schneider is president and CEO of Pathfinder Bank, and has spent his entire 35-year career in the financial services industry. Among his many board appointments are the Advisory Council



of the American Bankers Association Stonier Graduate School of Banking at the Wharton School of Business, the New York Bankers Association, the Community Bankers Forum, CenterState CEO, WCNY, Oswego Health, Shineman Foundation, Port of Oswego and The MOST. He also serves as an adjunct professor in SUNY Oswego's School of Business and as a member of its Advisory Board.

Renewing members of the board are: **Bill Burns '83, Rose Cardamone Crane '81, Steve Doran '82, Jack James '62, Doreen Mochrie '85** and **Bob Moritz '85**.

New Members Join Oswego Alumni Association Board



The Oswego Alumni Association's five new board members: (from left) **Tucker Sholtes '15, Emmanuel Cruz '09, Trudy Perkins '93, Paul Austin '92** and **Justin Dobrow '17**

The Oswego Alumni Association welcomed new members for fiscal year 2019-2020, effective July 1. The five newest members will serve a three-year term that expires in 2022.

Paul Austin '92, government information specialist in the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., was a political science major and has served as a Reunion volunteer. As a student, he served as Student Association president and was involved in *The Oswegonian*. He resides in Stephens City, Va.

Emmanuel Cruz '09, SUNY Oswego regional assistant director of admissions in New York City, was a marketing major. He has been an active volunteer with the Local Lakers, Alumni Sharing Knowledge (ASK), Reunion and Alumni-In-Residence (AIR) programs. As a student, he was an admissions tour guide, American Marketing Association member and Newman Club member. He resides in Ridgewood, N.Y.

Justin Dobrow '17, global client operations specialist for program operations at NBCUniversal in New York City, was a broadcasting and mass communication major. He has been active as a Graduate Of the Last Decade (GOLD) Leadership Council member, a Local Lakers volunteer and admissions volunteer. As a student, he was the student event coordinator for Rokerthon 3 and served as general manager of WTOP.

Trudy Perkins '93, deputy chief of staff for Office of Maryland's 7th Con-

gressional District (formerly Office of Congressman Elijah E. Cummings), was a business major. She has been active with the AIR, Return to Oz and Local Lakers programs. As a student, she was the Student Association director of finance, Alpha Kappa Alpha sister, Student Association Planning Board member and an Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) participant. She resides in Laurel, Md.

Tucker Sholtes '15 was a business administration and public relations double major. He has been active with GOLD Leadership Council, AIR, ASK, Reunion Committee, College Council and School of Business Advisory Board. He served as the matching donor for the 2019 GOLD March Matchness giving campaign. As a student, he served as president of the Student Association, president of ENACTUS, Future Alumni Network volunteer, Auxiliary Services board member and assistant sustainability coordinator, among other positions. He resides in Chapin, S.C.

The following board members were re-elected for another three-year term: **Thaina Gonzalez '92, Phillip Grome '89, Jennifer Warner Janes '91, Cathleen Richards '09** and **Jeff Sorensen '92**.

The alumni board acknowledged the service of several board members who completed their terms: **Paul Brennan '93, Michael Caldwell '70 M'88, Jerry Esposito '70, Don Levine '78, Molly Matott '15, Rick Yacobush '77** and **Tom Yates '89**. Brennan will stay on the board as an at-large member.



THE Howard Dynasty



The Howard family has deep roots in Lakers athletics, particularly wrestling, with a Howard serving as a head coach for nearly six decades.

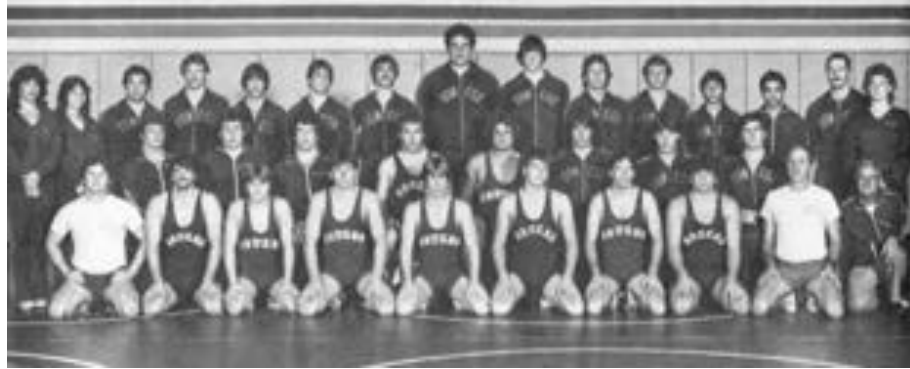
Thanksgiving dinner for the Howard family often features a toast by "Grandpa" and Emeritus Wrestling Coach Jim Howard Sr. that wishes a fair and successful season for the many coaches at the table. It also includes a shout-out to his grandson and professional ice hockey goalie, Jimmy Howard III, that he might bring home the Stanley Cup for his Detroit Red Wings.

"Athletics and coaching are the typical topics of conversation around the Howard dinner table," explained **Mike Howard Jr. '10 M'15**, who was a four-year member of the Laker wrestling team and a 2009 Scholar All-American, and is the current wrestling coach at Oswego High School. "We have the family drive for athletics. It doesn't matter if it's Christmas day or our birthday; we'll get up and do our workout and weight training. It's ingrained in us, and we're proud of it."

He is the eldest son of current Lakers Wrestling Head Coach and Golf Coach, **Michael Howard '90**, and **Su-Ann Akley Howard '92**, and the brother of Brittany Howard, the head coach of women's lacrosse at SUNY Oswego. Britt and Mike Jr.'s brother, Matt



From left: Barbara, **Michael '90**, Britt, James Sr., **Mike Jr. '10 M'15** and **Mark '84**



The Oswego State wrestling team photo, 1984 *Ontarian*

Howard, was on the Oswego women's lacrosse coaching staff for the 2018 season. Su-Ann's brother, **Shawn Akley '96**, wrestled for the Lakers as well and today officiates wrestling matches throughout the region.

Mark Howard '84, the middle son of Emeritus Coach Howard, was inducted into the Oswego State Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend 2019 for his contributions to the wrestling team. Mark's daughter, **Kimberly Howard Pacific '09 M'12**, also attended Oswego and now teaches in the Central Square (N.Y.) School District.

Jimmy III's father, **Jim Jr. '79**, played men's ice hockey for the Lakers, and his sister, **Katie Howard Bottari '08**, is also a Laker.

A Legacy Begins

As the patriarch of the Howard family, Jim Howard Sr. established his family's roots along the shores of Lake Ontario when he was recruited away from his high school wrestling coach position in Windsor, N.Y., to become the wrestling coach at SUNY Oswego in 1962.

But he didn't start the job at Oswego until he had finished organizing and hosting the first New York State High School Wrestling Championship, which was held at Cornell University in 1963. Through his work with that, and with his years of coaching, he had a tremendous wrestling network and connections to the best high school wrestling coaches across the state—which helped him recruit the best talent to SUNY Oswego.

"My first year I recruited seven seniors from Windsor to wrestle at Oswego," said Coach Emeritus Howard, who was inducted into the Oswego State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001, having coached 28 NCAA All-American wrestlers, including three national champions, among many other accolades. "With a strong nucleus like that, the good program got better. And success breeds more success."

In addition to recruiting strong talent, he said he often looked for student-athletes who were hard workers with something to prove.

"Many of these young men were the first in their family to attend college," he said. "And they were loyal to each other, and we established connections that would last a lifetime. These individuals have become part of my family."



Back row: **Mike Howard Jr. '10 M'15**, Carla Howard, Deb Howard, **Kimberly Howard Pacific '09 M'12**, Joe Pacific, Britt Howard (Head Women's Lacrosse Coach), Julie Jerdo, **Jim Howard Jr. '79**. Front Row: Emeritus Coach Jim Howard Sr., **Mark Howard '84**, **Head Coach Michael Howard Sr. '90**

At Home in Laker Hall

"Over the door to the wrestling room there is a sign that says, 'Through these portals pass the hardest-nosed wrestlers in the East,'" said Mark Howard during his acceptance speech at the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. "I have known a lot of these wrestlers ... I am the son of one of the greatest coaches in the history of the sport. As kids, we pretty much ran in the halls of Lee Hall in the early years, and Laker Hall, in the later years. SUNY Oswego has been so great to so many of my friends, and so many of my family."

Throughout the generations, Laker Hall itself has become a second home to many of the Howards.

"My earliest memories are of Laker Hall," said Mike Sr., who had served as an assistant coach before becoming head coach after his father's retirement in 1989. "I knew every square inch of that building. My brothers and I considered the wrestlers on the team as family members. They would come over to our house for dinner, and my mom [Barbara] would cook for all of us."

For Mike Jr., he can't think of SUNY Oswego without thinking of Laker Hall and the smell of the mats in the gym.

"It's such a vivid memory—everything about Laker Hall is imprinted on my brain," he said. "I crawled on those mats, then ran around on them and eventually wrestled on them."

When it came time to decide where to go to college, his family encouraged him to attend whatever school he wanted. His "uncles"—the older wrestling alumni whom he knew from his childhood days in Laker—convinced him that Oswego was the best place for him.

"It just felt right," he said. "The college was my home and was filled with my family."

But like previous generations, being a Howard coached by a Howard was anything but easy.

"Going home for vacation was not a vacation," Mike Jr. joked. "I could never get away with anything."

His dad agreed and said it was the same way for him—as the son of Coach Jim Howard.

"I was the guy who would always get called out or get my weight checked," Mike Sr. said. "I'd take the brunt of it for everybody else—say if I was a little heavier than where I should have been, and everyone else was scattering through the locker room because they knew if they got on the scale it would be the same situation for them."

United Through the Years

Today, the Howards meet with their wrestling family at least once every two years during Reunion Weekend in June. True to the family setting, the alumni gather at Coach Emeritus Jim Howard's home for a steak bake and reminiscing.

"I feel lucky to have been around the program my whole life," said Mike Jr. "I look forward to our reunions, and what's really great is that the older guys treat me like one of their own. That's what generates a lifetime of connections and relationships that span generations." ● —Margaret Spillet



Attendees at a Wrestling Reunion in June 2017 hosted by the Howard family



Watch a video about today's wrestling program at magazine.oswego.edu.

Classmates Caring for Elephant Family



Oswego alumnae caregivers and elephants gather for a family portrait at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse. From left front are **Heather Jennings '14**, **Megan VanVorce '17**, Cora the rescue dog, **Ashley Kurtz Sheppard '10** and **Alinda Dygert '18**; back row 4-year-old Batu; baby, Ajay; father, Doc; mother, Mali; and grandma, Targa. Cora is part of the team; she is in training to work as an elephant barn dog and as a training aide for keepers who must practice a new behavior with her in preparation for introducing it to elephants.

Among the 700 animals at the 43-acre Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, N.Y., is the family of eight Asian elephants, who are cared for by a family of SUNY Oswego zoology alumnae: **Alinda Dygert '18**, **Heather Jennings '14**, **Ashley Kurtz Sheppard '10**, elephant collection manager; and **Megan VanVorce '17**.

The team of elephant caregivers represent only half of the SUNY Oswego zoology graduates who currently work at the zoo. Other

Lakers include: **Morgan Bronner '18**, **Sarah Hansen Graf '03**, **Sarah Kohler '03** and **Lucas Whitman '04**.

The team of elephant caregivers got together and shared a bit about how they got to the zoo and what it's like to work with the family of elephants.



Heard Among the Herd:

"We are a different type of family that includes both people and animals. All of our relationships are built on mutual respect and trust. This includes the elephants trusting us to do what is needed to keep them healthy and comfortable.

"The internships that we all fulfilled while at Oswego led us to our current careers. The classes we took at Oswego were good foundation builders to help prepare us for those internships.

"Our responsibilities include daily husbandry, training, enrichment and medical care of our herd of eight Asian elephants. We also participate in public education and outreach to help the general public learn about how to conserve endangered species. Megan also participates in the daily care of the carnivores at the zoo.

"In the elephant barn we are a tight-knit group and have slowly gathered more and more Oswego grads to fill out the rest of the animal departments. It is an interesting dynamic at this point because a lot of our former interns from Oswego are now full-time staff in other departments of the zoo.

"When it comes to our coworkers, we must be able to rely on each other to keep us safe and provide feedback and guidance when needed. Due to the nature of the job we spend a lot of time together when things are difficult or exciting, including things such as sick animals or the birth of a baby animal. In these times we have to lean on each other to make sure we are all doing our best for our herd of elephants.

"We all love training and working with the elephants to provide them the best care possible. Sharing our experiences with zoo visitors and showing what it means to care for elephants and other endangered species are a great payoff as well.

"Although we are committed to caring for the animals in our herd, there is another goal at hand. The Rosamond Gifford Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, and as a member of AZA we actively participate in Species Survival Plans for several different endangered species. This means that our participation could someday help the wild populations that, in many cases, are in a lot of trouble. We work closely with other accredited facilities around the world to accomplish this goal. While sharing our herd of elephants with our guests, it is our mission to get them excited about Asian elephants in the wild, too. This way we can help their wild counterparts and care for the ones we have here as well."



Elephant collection manager **Ashley Kurtz Sheppard '10** begins training baby, Ajay.



The eight Asian elephants in the herd at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse are cared for by four SUNY Oswego zoology alumnae.



Mother, Mali, plays with her newest addition baby, Ajay, who was born on Jan. 15 at the zoo. The zoo sponsored a contest to name the elephant, and **Heather Hedgecock House '04** submitted the winning name, Ajay, which is pronounced "Ah-JAI," and means "invincible" in Sanskrit. The Syracuse zoo is one of only 11 in North America equipped to breed Asian elephants, which are an endangered species.

NO FAMILY SECRETS



Dr. Judy Brown '91, a diagnostic genetic researcher and educator

Although the field is still fairly young, diagnostic genetics is widespread in the United States. In fact, many people have had diagnostic genetic testing and might not even know it: All babies born in the U.S. since the 1960s have had their heel pricked and blood screened for a variety of genetic disorders.

That's a fact that **Dr. Judy Brown '91**, a diagnostic genetic researcher and educator, likes to share with members of the public as a way to introduce the field of genetics and how genetics relates to their lives.

"I like to take science that is difficult to understand, interpret and apply, and use creative ways to inform the public and my students," said Judy, who is the director of the diagnostic genetic sciences undergraduate program and the health care genetics professional science master's degree program at the University of Connecticut. "The field is constantly changing and the public knows little about genetics itself. And now we're dealing with a new phenomenon of what we are calling entertainment genetics with commercial

businesses providing genetics testing for consumers."

The developments have unfolded rather quickly for a scientific field.

It's been just over 65 years since Watson and Crick discovered the double helix or the twisted-ladder structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA); it's been approximately 32 years since scientists first characterized what later would be called CRISPR, a genetic engineering tool that allows researchers to "edit" a gene; and it's been 28 years since Brown graduated from SUNY Oswego with a bachelor's degree in biology and a job lined up in a SUNY Health Science Center genetic testing lab in Syracuse, N.Y.

"That's really what got me started and allowed me to be able to dabble in everything," Judy said. "It was a job that launched a thousand ships."

In Syracuse, she worked in cytogenetics—the study of chromosomes—in a clinical setting, which meant she conducted chromosomal tests on the amniotic fluid from

pregnant women, or the cells of malignant tumors to look for abnormalities within the number of or arrangement of the chromosomes. She was developing skills that were unique and highly prized.

After five years, she was offered the opportunity to be paid to earn a master's degree in allied health and teach a course in cytogenetics at UConn—one of only five institutions at the time that had a program in diagnostic genetics. Once her degree was completed, she was hired as a full-time instructor and later earned a doctorate in genetics and genomics part-time while continuing to teach.

"I wear many hats depending on the day, which is why I love what I do," Judy said. "So as far as genetics goes, right now I'm teaching it, I'm doing research with it, I'm doing community outreach with it and I'm doing testing of stem cells for it."



"If you go in to your doctor and tell him absolutely everything you can about your family, it's going to make every genetic test that much more valuable."

—Dr. Judy Brown '91

For example, researchers in the state of Connecticut are doing genome editing of different types of stem cells and they're modeling different human conditions such as Turner syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome or other disorders for which they know the specific genetic cause.

"These researchers will go in and use this CRISPR bioediting technology to either remove a sequence or insert something to correct for an error," Judy explained. "And my technologists and students and I will do the genetic testing to make sure that CRISPR technology has not gone off and removed different genes than it was supposed to."

Her work will often lead her to interface with the general public or with others outside of the genetics field, and she credits her English and creative writing courses from Oswego with helping her effectively communicate with the lay person.

"Those courses have really made a big difference," said Judy, who as a student also had a poem published in the *Great Lakes Review* and who was voted "Hall Ghost" because she spent so much time away from campus pursuing biology internships in the Syracuse area. "The skills I learned from my English and writing professors at Oswego have helped me write science publications and grants and assist students with their papers and thesis. I can put together presentations for the public. I've been interviewed on the news and I'm comfortable doing presentations."

In fact, she advises her students to take a communications or writing course instead of an additional science, as she said it will give them the edge over their scientist peers in the field.

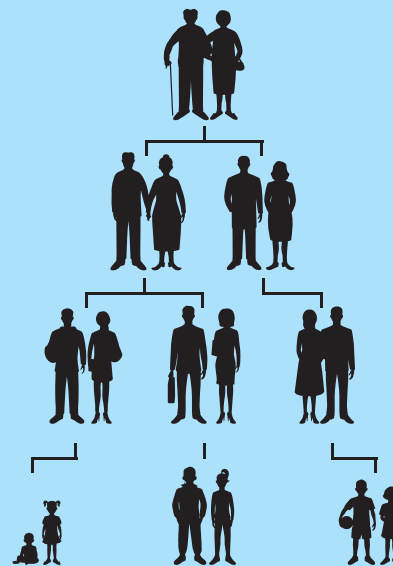
She calls upon her communication skills to develop public education materials about genetics for such efforts as a 4H program to educate youth about genetics testing for animals and careers in diag-

nostic genetics, the LEDGE (Laboratory Experience and Diagnostic Genetic Education) program for middle and high school students, presentations about genetics testing and a pocket-sized family history tool to teach that: "Despite all the advances in genetics and these complicated tests, the best genetic test is always taking the best family history," she said. (See sidebar for more details.)

"If you go in to your doctor and tell him absolutely everything you can about your family, it's going to make every genetic test that much more valuable," Judy said. "Who from your family had what? Diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure—all of that matters, especially now as we're uncovering more and more about what genetic variants are linked to what conditions. Without the family history though, we would have never known to look at that particular place."

● —Margaret Spillett

family GATHERINGS



Entertainment Genetics: BUYER BEWARE

With genetic testing and family genealogy services such as 23andMe, MyHeritage DNA, AncestryDNA, Family Tree DNA and others becoming more prolific and mainstream, genetics experts like **Dr. Judy Brown '91** want consumers to:

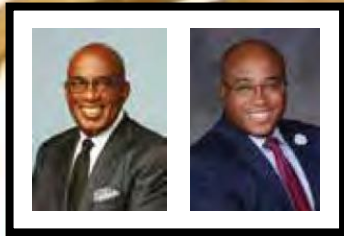
1. **Know where your DNA will be stored, who will have access and how it could potentially be used.** Are you OK with your DNA sequence being used for scientific research or tracking things like potential suspects in crime? Most people don't read the 100-plus page consent form that describes how their sequences may be used.
2. **Be sure you want to know.** In addition to finding out things like what diseases you may be prone to developing, you could also find out that your parents are not your biological parents or that you have siblings you weren't aware of.
3. **All genetic results should be viewed and interpreted by a genetics counselor or medical professional.** The entertainment genetics companies do not have to follow the same guidelines or regulatory compliance as medical genetics testing companies regarding how DNA sequence variations are reported. There is a high likelihood that the results could be misinterpreted or reported to have a higher incidence rate without the correct context or whether the risk is clinically actionable.

Family History Around The Table

It's the holiday season, and you and your family are gathered around the dinner table enjoying conversation and a delicious home-cooked meal. As you reminisce with relatives about fond times and create new ones for future memories, you might also learn some valuable information that could help you to lead a healthier life.

The best genetic diagnostic tool is recording your family history. Your entire genome could be sequenced, but in order to interpret how differences in your DNA sequences compare to someone else's, it must be in relation to something. And that "in relation to something" is the family history. Do you have a history in your family of colon cancer? If so, then diagnostic genetics professionals could start to look at the region in a DNA sequence that they know might be associated with colon cancer.

So this holiday season, in addition to the toast to good health, take the opportunity to write down your family history with the people who know it best. For some tools to help you get started, visit the Center for Disease Control's Family History website: cdc.gov/genomics/famhistory.



The Laker Legacy

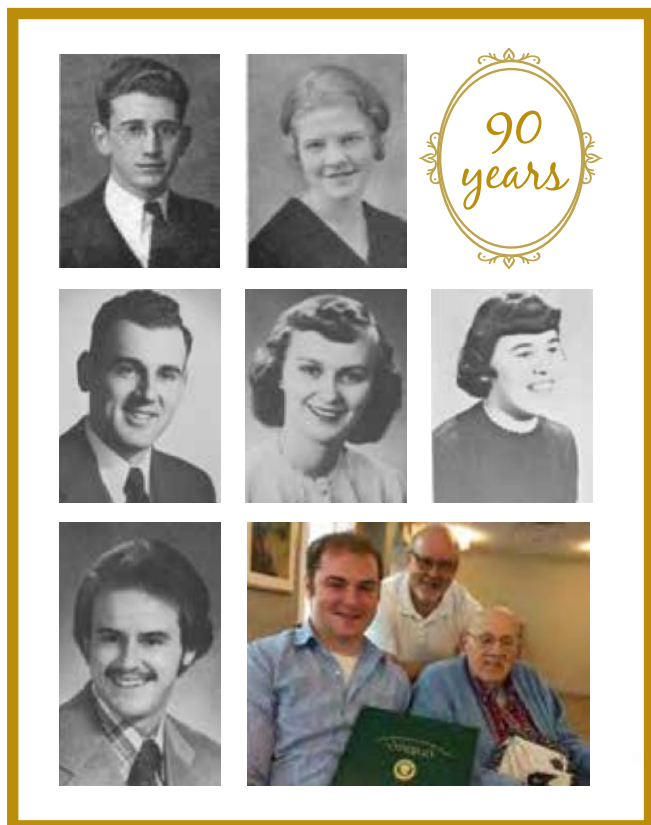


Choosing a college is a big decision. For some Lakers, the decision is in their DNA.

What brings students to Oswego? Some say it's our beautiful campus. Others, exceptional value and a rich college life. Even more alumni tout opportunities and a history of academic excellence. There are those who say it's all that, and one more thing. It's also because they are members of a legacy family. Their parents—or grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins or siblings—found a home here. A home they found, too.

So how does the love for a college span generations, spur marriages, unite siblings and reach deeply into the branches of a family tree? We asked seven families. They shared.





In an interview with John before his death in August, he shared that his family has benefited from a strong background in the importance of education, “and we still honor it today.” It was, in fact, at the core of John’s career, predominantly as an educator in Liverpool, Port Byron and BOCES in Ithaca spanning decades, both as an industrial arts teacher and principal. And John also had an extended Oswego family. For more than 10 years, he was a master teacher, training SUNY Oswego student teachers to become the next generation of educators.

His son, Gary, followed him into the industrial arts program, and today is vice president of New Product Development for Currier Plastics in Auburn, N.Y.

Jonah, who chose different SUNY Oswego signature programs—zoology and operations management—from his father and grandfather, has already landed an internship position at Busch Gardens in Virginia, in its Culinary Business Leadership program. He’s considering an MBA.

“Hopefully, these opportunities will help me throughout my career as it has my dad, grandpa and all my family who graduated from Oswego,” Jonah said. 🌿

Pictured Top: **Charles G. Young '34, Mary Bertelsmann Young '34**
Middle: **John C. Kieffer '51, Julanne Amidon Kieffer '52, Una Kieffer Zona '56.** Bottom: **Gary J. Kieffer '80; Jonah A. Kieffer '19** at his graduation celebration with Gary and John.

Nearly 90 Years of Lakers

When **Jonah A. Kieffer '19** graduated from SUNY Oswego this past May, he could look back four generations and see fellow Laker alumni on his family tree.

“SUNY Oswego was the only school to which I applied,” Jonah said. “Looking at the opportunities that Oswego granted to all of my relatives, because of the strong education they received, Oswego was an easy choice.”

It all started with **Charles G. Young '34**, who married **Mary Bertelsmann Young '34**.

Their nephew, **John C. Kieffer '51**, came to Oswego and here met his wife, **Julanne Amidon Kieffer '52**; the couple also influenced John’s sister, **Una Kieffer Zona '56**, to attend.

John and Julanne had four children—one is **Gary J. Kieffer '80**. And it is Gary’s son, Jonah, who became the most recent member of the alumni family as a member of the Class of 2019.

In honor of the legacy stretching nearly 90 years, the Kieffer family gathered to celebrate Jonah’s graduation at his grandfather John’s residence in the Elderwood Nursing Home in North Syracuse, N.Y., in May.

A School of One’s Own

As a high school student, **Eleni Vakirtzis '19** didn’t want to attend SUNY Oswego.

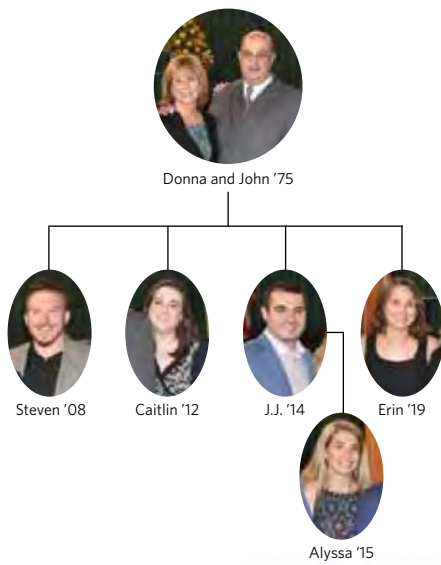
“Strangely enough, my attempt to avoid loving the campus, town and program itself, it all failed miserably,” Eleni joked. “I immediately fell in love and knew it was the right place for me. Without hesitation, the day I received my acceptance letter was the day that I knew I was a Laker for life.”

Eleni didn’t want to take Oswego into consideration when choosing a college for the sole reason that it was her father’s alma mater, she said.

“I wanted to find a school of my own,” she said. But all of the things that drew **Adamantios 'Montos' Vakirtzis '87** to Oswego as a transfer student from community college also drew her—as well as her younger brother, **Panagiotis '23**.

Montos first came to campus as part of a community college program to visit six universities.

“SUNY Oswego’s campus was by far the prettiest,” Montos said. “During my visit I had the opportunity to meet with administration and professors from the Computer Science department. I found everyone to be caring and dedicated to the



The McLoughlin family gathered on campus in May for the graduation of **Erin '19**.

Raising Laker Alumni



John McLoughlin '75 and his wife, Donna, have four children. All four followed in John's footsteps and attended SUNY Oswego.

"When the first one went, I was thrilled," John said. "I also thought, 'It's been a long time since I went there, what if it's changed? Will he enjoy it as much as I did?'"

John's oldest, **Steven '08**, did.

"As it turns out, some things never change about Oswego," John said. "There's an environment at Oswego that's conducive to friendliness and a good education. As each kid went, I was more and more comfortable about it."

Steven's alumni siblings are **Caitlin '12**, **J.J. '14** and **Erin '19**. Each found his or her "own Oswego," John said. Each was active around the campus and took advantage of opportunities.

"Looking back, they influenced each other to attend Oswego, probably more than I did," he said. By the time Erin arrived on campus her freshman year, "she knew that campus better than some of the seniors did, she'd visited so much."

For Erin's graduation, John returned to campus to serve as the Commencement Eve Torchlight keynote speaker, sharing his experiences as a Port Authority Police Department sergeant who was trapped in the rubble of the World Trade Center following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack in New York. The family also gathered for a wedding shortly after the May 2019 graduation—J.J. married Oswego alumna **Alyssa Derasmo '15** on June 1 in a wedding attended by many Oswego friends and family members.

"People at the wedding witnessed how tight the Oswego kids are," John said. "The Oswego crowd was the life of the party." 🌿

student's learnings and success. In addition, I found the computer lab and academic offerings to be second to none."

More than 30 years later, he continues to be an "honored, proud graduate and advocate of SUNY Oswego," he said.

"As a father, my children are my priority, and like every parent I only want the best for them," he said. "This is why I encouraged each of them to attend SUNY Oswego and to experience some of the best years of their lives there as I did."

Now, two of Montos's three children are on track to be Laker alumni.

"Prior to my sister's graduation this past May, we as a family would take the opportunity to visit her often," Panagiotis said.

"At times I would stay with her, spend days during the week and even attend a class or two. Our family trips to SUNY Oswego were more than just visiting my sister, it was the chance for me to begin preparing for making SUNY Oswego my school, too." 🌿

The Vakirtzis family celebrated the graduation of **Eleni '19** in May. From left are grandfather Lenny Dalupan, **Panagiotis '23**, mother Frances, **Eleni '19** and **Montos '87**.





Patricia '60

William III '59



Diane '88

Donald '87

William IV '90

Holly '88

Kathleen '95

Robert '95

The Family You Meet Along The Way

Love must be in the air at SUNY Oswego—so many of our legacy families met their spouses here. Take eight members of the Bacon family, who perhaps all should have made their wedding colors green and gold.

Patricia Kallmeyer Bacon '60 married **William Bacon III '59**; all three of their alumni children also married alumni. One grandson, **William Bacon V**, graduated in 2018. Another, **Kyle Bacon**, is a member of the Class of 2020.

For Patricia and William's children: **Diane Bacon Rizzo '88** (who married **Donald Rizzo '87**); **William IV '90** (who married **Holly Roth Bacon '88**); and **Robert '95** (who married **Kathleen Liguori Bacon '95**), SUNY Oswego has nourished the branches of their family tree.

Patricia and William III met at SUNY Oswego—most likely at a Delta Kappa Kappa social, their son William IV believes—but didn't start dating until after they graduated and reconnected at the wedding of fellow Oswego alumni.

Their children met their spouses on campus, "started dating, and the rest is history," William IV said.

"We believe it's quite an honor for each generation to be part of the legacy family," William IV said. "To experience Oswego firsthand is something you will never forget. We received outstanding educations that have helped us find careers that we are very passionate about. We are teachers, firefighters, state troopers and entrepreneurs. We have made lasting friendships and continue to experience life at Oswego through our family members."

For the third generation Bacon family members to come to SUNY Oswego, athletics also played a role.



"We attended an Oswego open house and met with Coach Drew Bezek," William IV said. "Our sons were very impressed with coach, the lacrosse team, campus and academic majors. They soon decided they wanted to become future Lakers and play lacrosse for Oswego. I believe, on that day, they made their decision to attend Oswego."

William V wishes the first generation of Bacon Lakers—Patricia and William III—were alive to see the legacy continue.

"It all goes back to the first generation," he said. "Our grandparents shared many memories and told fond stories of life at Oswego. They built friendships that lasted a lifetime." 🌿

◀ The Bacon family at the 2016 Alumni Legacy Reception in King Alumni Hall: (from left) **Kyle '20**, **William IV '90**, **William V '18** and **Holly Roth Bacon '88**



A Legacy of Laker Women in Education

For the Janes family, the Laker Legacy is all female.

When **Kaleigh Janes** graduates with the Class of 2022, she will represent a long lineage of alumni women in her family: **Ruth Nelson Templeton** who attended in the early 1900s, Ruth's niece **Marian Nelson Jardin '64**, Marian's daughter **Yvonne Jardin Kniskern '71**, Yvonne's cousin **Jennifer Warner Janes '91** and Jennifer's sister **Sarah Warner Silvia '97**. Kaleigh is Jennifer's daughter. This lineage is all on Kaleigh's paternal side; a maternal aunt is also an alumna—**Sandy Bradley Odell '79**.

Like many of the family's women before her, Kaleigh chose SUNY Oswego for its teaching program. Oswego was founded primarily as a teachers' training institution, drawing many women of the era to attend; today, it remains strong in preparing educators.

"My family has been involved with Oswego for so long," Kaleigh said. "I enjoy the fact that I get to follow in the footsteps of so many of my family members and I hope the tradition can continue in the future."

Similar to Kaleigh, Jennifer said she grew up hearing a lot about Oswego.

"Ironically, I am the only graduate in our family who did not go into teaching," Jennifer said. "They were all very successful teachers, and I guess I wanted to be a part of that success in my career of choice. I have spent over 20 years working in higher education, though!" 🌿



Ruth early 1900s



Marian '64



Yvonne '71



Jennifer '91



Sarah '97



Sandy '79



Kaleigh '22

From Guyana to Oswego

Maxine and Frederick Jones traveled nearly 3,000 miles to become Lakers—in the late 1960s for Maxine and the early 1970s for Frederick—and not only did they share Oswego with their own children, they served as educators for the greater SUNY Oswego college community, too.

Maxine Jones '71, who also holds a master's degree in teaching physics from SUNY Binghamton, was an adjunct professor in the Oswego mathematics department. Her husband, **Frederick Jones '74**, who also holds a master's degree in plant pathology from Oklahoma State University, was a teaching support specialist for Oswego's biology department.

All three of their children are alumni: **Ida A. Jones '98**, **Edward Jones '01** and **Jeffrey Jones '03**. Edward married **Adzele Kitissou-Jones '02**, whose brothers, **Ako '00** and **Kpoti '04**, are both alumni; the Kitissous' father, Marcel, also taught at SUNY Oswego.

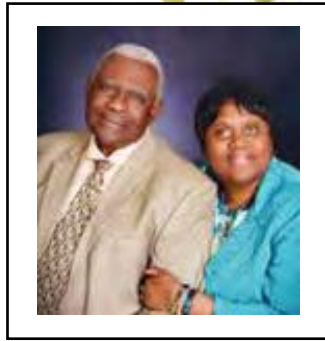
The Jones Laker legacy began when Maxine and Frederick met in Guyana in 1966. The couple traveled to Oswego from the South American country and set roots in the SUNY Oswego community.

Before coming to Oswego, Maxine taught physics and mathematics at institutes in the United States, Guyana and other Caribbean countries. She prepared Caribbean students for international examinations in physics. After her time in Oswego, Maxine further taught at a community college and Ithaca College.

In Guyana, Frederick taught plant pathology at the Guyana School of Agriculture and the University of Guyana. He was a plant pathologist and head of unit at the National Agricultural Research Institute, and also served as a country representative in St. Kitts and St. Lucia for the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute.

"Our initial introduction to Oswego snowfall was unforgettable," said Frederick.

Over time, the couple's three children were encouraged to strive for educational excellence, they said.



"We knew that Oswego was the place for them to achieve their objectives in a safe environment," said Maxine. "We knew that their academic advisors and the college community would support their best efforts."

Ida, who also holds both a master's and a doctoral degree from SUNY Binghamton, was the first Jones child to attend.

"They came, we followed," joked Ida of her parents' encouragement to attend Oswego. "Once I had gone through, the link was relayed to Edward, who then passed the torch to Jeff."

All of the Jones children sang for college groups, including State Singers, College Choir and Chamber Singers; all three graduated with honors. Today, Ida is a language services professional in Washington, D.C.

Ida's younger brother Edward filled out his application form for Oswego the same night he attended the Commencement Eve Torchlight Ceremony that honored Ida and her fellow graduates of the Class of 1998.

"I remember the moment, I remember the feeling," said Edward, who today is a software engineer in Boulder, Colo., and holds a master's degree in systems engineering from Cornell University. "My parents were alumni, my sister was about to be an alumna ... it felt like I just belonged in Oswego."

Jeffrey, who holds a doctorate from SUNY Stony Brook and today lives in the New York City area, agreed.

"I benefited greatly from the experiences and relationships of my older siblings," he said. "I was eager to make memories of my own." 🌿





Branch Sprung from Brotherhood

Christopher Roker '92 (far right) was first introduced to SUNY Oswego by his older brother, **Al Roker '76**. However, after arriving on campus, he developed bonds with new brothers through the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

The Roker branch of the Oswego family tree strengthened when **Lattice Hardy-Roker '90** married Christopher.

The Roker branch extends into the New York City area, where Christopher serves as chief executive officer for NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens, Lattice is manager of support services at Visiting Nurse Service of NY and Al co-anchors NBC's *Today* show, among other roles. 🌿



This Oswego portrait depicts family members representing class years from 1954 through maybe 2039, and careers, majors and aspirations as diverse as each individual pictured.

The Alumni Family of Firsts

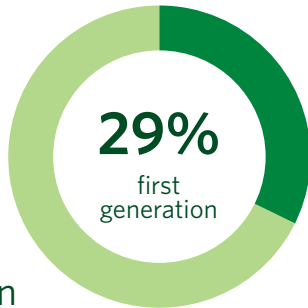
Since its inception, the SUNY Oswego community has been especially proud of one of its families: the family of first generation college students.

“Because they are not raised with a higher education tradition, first generation college students may face different issues,” said college President Deborah F. Stanley. “We are here to support them. That is what the state university system is all about. Lifting people up, that’s what it’s all about.”

According to **Grace Maxon Clarke '11 M'14**, an academic planning counselor for the Educational Opportunity Program and organizer for SUNY Oswego’s First Gen Day activities, SUNY Oswego has a long legacy of service to first generation college students.

Even our college founder, Edward Austin Sheldon, was a first generation college student, she said.

“We have historically emphasized a value and respect for learning that is experiential, as well as providing access to education,” Grace said. “Recognizing the hard work of our students is always important but also it validates that there are likely additional barriers they have had to overcome for their success. We can only serve our students better when we understand their first generation college student identity as an important piece of who they are and their experience at SUNY Oswego and beyond.”



The Next Generation

The demographics of SUNY Oswego students and families have changed dramatically over the decades, but the number of first generation college students who join the campus each year remains strong. Recent statistics place the Class of 2018 at **29%** first generation college students. Women are more likely than men to be first generation students: **32%** of women vs. **27%** of men.

It’s an opportunity for future legacy families to join the ranks of so many who have come before them. Who knows how many new legacy families are in the works among the students on campus today—who will become tomorrow’s alumni, and tomorrow’s legacy families? ● —Eileen Moran

DID YOU KNOW? Nov. 8 was First Generation Day on the SUNY Oswego campus, a celebration of Lakers who represent the first in their families to attend college like the students featured at right.

Marano Scholars

Since 2017, SUNY Oswego has awarded more than 60 scholarships a year to first generation SUNY Oswego students, thanks to a \$7.5 million bequest from Nunzio “Nick” and Lorraine Marano.

“The Marano gift is a testament to the transformative power of public higher education and how private philanthropy can make the dream of a college education a reality for students,” said **Mary Gibbons Canale '81**, vice president for development and alumni engagement. “Generations of students will now be able to forge new paths for their families as the first to graduate from college.”

The following Marano Scholarship recipients share what it means to them to be the first in their family to attend college.



“I did not believe that I would be recognized for being the first in my family to attend college,” said **Samantha Dominique '20**. An aspiring broadcast journalist, Samantha said that “being recognized by the campus gives me more confidence to succeed and pursue my dream career to my fullest potential.”



Lok Chi Hon '21 is studying computer science and participates on the swimming and diving team.

“As a first generation student who comes from a family of immigrants, I have firsthand experience of how difficult it is to go for and finish a college education without accruing massive debt,” she said. “This award motivates me to aim high and to continue working even harder to achieve excellence. It will serve as a reminder to continue to fully dedicate myself to the path I am on, not just for my own good, but for the world’s greater good.”



Omar Garbanzo '23 said that his entry into the family of first generation college students has brought joy to his parents.

“I have been given a very generous opportunity to continue my education and make my parents proud of who I grew up to become,” Omar said. “Seeing the way that [this scholarship] has been able to make not just me, but my family happy inspires me to some day pay it forward myself.”

The Path FORWARD

—Paths Merge at SUNY Oswego



AN UNCHARTED PATH



When **Ahmed Albajari '19** was 12, he joined his father by working at his family's grocery store in Brooklyn to help bring in more money for the household of seven. As his high school graduation rolled around, he figured his academic career was coming to a close and he would begin working full time.

But as he watched his peers applying for college, he changed his mind. He could be the first in his family to attend college and pave the way for his younger siblings to obtain higher education.

"Something inside of me sparked and I saw [attending college] as an opportunity to give back to my parents who have worked so hard to give me this life I live," said Ahmed, whose parents emigrated from Yemen. "All throughout my years in college, I have always had my family's best interest in mind and have even abstained from summer internship opportunities to make my contributions to the family store because my father was in need of the assistance."

Despite passing up summer internship opportunities, Ahmed packed as much as he could into his four years at SUNY Oswego. He graduated with a GPA of 3.96, and a long list of extracurricular activities that enriched his college experience. Today, he works as a treasury analyst for Point72 Asset Management in Stamford, Conn.

As the recipient of the Michael O'Brien '81 Memorial Scholarship at SUNY Oswego, he credits the financial support he received as being integral to his success and said he hopes to someday establish a scholarship for students in need.

"I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for my donors' help," he said.

LONG AND WINDING ROAD



After **Casey Stewart '23** earned an associate's degree in 2012, she got married, bought a house and started working full time. She has always dreamed of earning a bachelor's but, "Life just happened quickly," she said. A diagnosis of multiple sclerosis in 2017 was life-changing, but she became more determined to forge ahead.

"No matter what happens in life you have to be able to push on and keep moving forward bettering yourself as a person," she said. "Now is my time to further my education to move up in the world."

She enrolled part-time in the business administration program at the Oswego Syracuse campus and received the Visions Federal Credit Union Scholarship that is helping to pay for her books and reducing her student loan debt.

After earning her bachelor's degree, she aspires to obtain a role as human resources manager at her current employer, Spectrum Community Solutions in Syracuse.

"As a recipient of that scholarship, I know my community supports me and wants me to further my education," Casey said. "I don't take that lightly. It brings a good pressure, and it drives me to get that essay done and keep studying until I know the information. It definitely boosts my morale and lets me know that not only do I know I can do it, Visions does, too!"





A VOCAL JOURNEY

Angel Tyler '21 of Cleveland, Ohio, first became aware of and interested in SUNY Oswego as she watched the “Rokerthon 3” live broadcast on NBC’s *Today* show in 2017, and after a little online research and a campus visit, she knew it was the right place for her to pursue her passion for music and vocal performance.

“Only one problem...figuring out how to afford being here,” she said. “Finances are a struggle for my family; we are categorized as a low-income household. Neither of my parents went to college, and only one of my parents is able to work. My mom cannot work any more due to her battle with breast cancer. Constant medical bills, including a recent two-month stay in the hospital, puts additional strain on our family’s finances, and not to mention, on our emotions. Without scholarship support, I can honestly say to you, I would not be here today as a SUNY Oswego student.”

She received academic scholarships and works as a resident assistant in Seneca Hall to help pay for college. She also received the Carapetyan Voice Scholarship, which did more than help her afford to stay in college.

“When I learned that I was the recipient of this scholarship, I was extremely happy and proud because I saw being selected as a reflection of my growth as a singer,” Angel said. “It proved to me that my hard work was paying off, and that I am on the right track towards my future.”

The Path FORWARD

The stories of Casey, Angel and Ahmed are only three among thousands of SUNY Oswego students who seek to better themselves and make a greater contribution to society through higher education.

They study alongside classmates who entered college with an average SAT score of 1150 and average high school GPA of 90; whose academic accomplishments have led to Oswego being named a top producer of Fulbright U.S. Student award recipients; and whose broadcast excellence and commitment to service and civic engagement have garnered national awards.

They are academically gifted and motivated students who have the drive to succeed and overcome adversity, and they are willing to commit and invest in their educational pursuits.

Yet, despite taking advantage of the state, federal and private resources available to them to fund their college education, many still face what can seem like insurmountable financial barriers. More than 41 percent of SUNY Oswego students receive the federal Pell grant, which is intended for the financially neediest students whose total annual family income is less than \$50,000.

“That means any little change in their circumstance—an illness at home, food insecurity, problems with travel to and from campus—can end their dream of obtaining a college education and their life trajectory changes forever,” said President Deborah F. Stanley. “These are students who are worthy of our support, and I know our Oswego family will pull together and help close the gap so that our students remain on course and complete their degrees.”

That’s why the college is announcing a new campaign—The Path Forward—to double the number of need-based scholarships from 220 to 440 over the next two years.



Micaela Dobereiner '17 M'18 (second from right), an accounting major from Red Creek, N.Y., received the AP Professionals Scholarship as a student, and today serves as an advanced staff accountant at Firley, Moran, Freer & Eassa in Syracuse. She is pictured here with (from left) **Jack James '62**, **Lisa Marceau Schnorr '87** and President Deborah F. Stanley at the 2016 Scholars Brunch in Sheldon Hall Ballroom.

“Here at SUNY Oswego, we have a long legacy of receiving support from our alumni and friends and a strong track record of stewarding those gifts to make the greatest impact on our students,” said **Mary Gibbons Canale '81**, vice president for development and alumni engagement. “We are grateful for your philanthropy, and know you will once again join us in supporting The Path Forward—an initiative to generate more scholarship support for SUNY Oswego students.”

“We can ensure that our students’ SUNY Oswego story continues,” President Stanley said. “We can empower them so they can take full advantage of the rich opportunities and resources the college offers. By contributing to these students, we are committing to a better world. Change can happen one student at a time.”

Please consider supporting our students on The Path Forward. Join the effort at oswego.edu/pathforward.



The Path FORWARD

220

Scholarships

440

Scholarships

Current SUNY Oswego Students

\$26,307

Average Cost of Attendance for 2019-20 at SUNY Oswego

89%

Financial Aid Recipients

41%

Pell Grant Recipients

1150

Average SAT Score

90

Average High School GPA

Ways to Support

➡ **The General Scholarship Fund:** Gifts of any size can support the General Scholarship Fund. Your generosity united with others adds up to make a significant difference right now for deserving students who have the greatest financial need.

➡ **Current-Use Scholarship:** A commitment of \$5,000 over five years will establish a named scholarship that will provide \$1,000 a year to an incoming student with financial need for a five-year term.

➡ **Endowed Scholarship:** A gift of \$30,000 establishes a named endowed scholarship of \$25,000 that will live in perpetuity as well as a five-year, current-use scholarship of \$1,000 that would be awarded to an incoming student with financial need to use immediately until the endowed gift is fully funded and invested.

➡ **Planned Gift Scholarship:** You can establish a scholarship fund by naming the Oswego College Foundation Inc. as a beneficiary in your will or estate plans. You can direct such assets as retirement funds, an insurance policy, charitable trusts or charitable gift annuities to meet your current needs while planting the seeds for future growth at the college. Through your planned gift, you ensure your legacy of supporting Oswego students continues in perpetuity.

Learn more at oswego.edu/pathforward or 315-312-3003.

Class Notes

From The Archive

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the G.I. Bill, was a law that provided a range of benefits for returning World War II veterans. Thanks to the bill, World War II veterans and their wives flocked to college campuses across the country, where they often lived in temporary trailer-park style housing. At SUNY Oswego, the student housing shortage was addressed by obtaining surplus military barracks and erecting them along the bluff behind what is now Park Hall. This makeshift housing of 74 units, known as Splinter Village, became home to many married couples.

Do you know more about this photo? Or do you have a favorite photo from your college days that you'd like featured in an alumni communication? Send the photo and a description, along with your name and class year, to alumni@oswego.edu; or King Alumni Hall, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

To submit your class note, email alumni@oswego.edu, call 315-312-2258 or complete the class note form online at alumni.oswego.edu. You can also mail submissions to the OSWEGO Alumni Magazine, King Alumni Hall, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

1940s

Reunion, June 4 – 7
1945 – 75th

Gina Scala Bachner '49 is an Arethusa sister and resident of Wesley Nursing Center in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She considers 1945-1949—her time at SUNY Oswego—as “some of the best years of my life.”

1950s

Reunion, June 4 – 7
1950 – 70th | 1955 – 65th

Joseph Boskin '51 of Belmont, Mass., is a professor emeritus of history and African-American Studies at Boston University. He has authored five books, edited six volumes and has written dozens of articles about American social history, pop culture, ethnicity and conflict. Throughout his

career, he was the recipient of numerous teaching and research awards. At Oswego, he was involved in Sigma Gamma fraternity. He shared his “Homage to a Teacher,” which he wrote about his classmate, the late **Melvin Bernstein '51**, in 1987. The full text is available online at magazine.oswego.edu.

1960s

Reunion, June 4 – 7
1960 – 60th | 1965 – 55th

Donovan Russell '64 M'69 of Moravia, N.Y., earned a Ph.D. from Cornell University. After managing organizations and programs in the U.S. and Canada, he worked as chief of development programs and country director for the Peace Corps, and as a development consultant for more than three decades in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. He is the author of *Right Before His Very Eyes: An Encounter with the Mysteries of Africa* and *Choosing a Career in International Development: A Guide to the Professions of International Development*.

Robert W. Christmann '67 of Grand Island, N.Y., is president of the National School Development Council, which represents non-profit educational service organiza-

tions with college/university affiliations. He serves as executive director of the New York State Leadership Group, with ties to SUNY Buffalo State, providing services to school districts.

Keith Gagnier '69 of Washougal, Wash., is president of Pump Marketing Solutions LLC in Washougal.

Kathleen Agone Nastasi '69 of Brewerton, N.Y., considers the Blizzard of '66 to be among her favorite Oswego memories. She is married to **Richard Nastasi '68**; they have two children and three grandchildren.

Francis Roy M'69 of New Hartford, N.Y., is a retired elementary school teacher and active member of the Tramp and Trail Hiking Club, the sheriff deputy Kurt B. Wyman Memorial committee and the Mohawk Valley St. Jude Children's Research Hospital committee. He is also the Central New York Labor Council vice president, Utica Teachers Association delegate to the Central New York Labor Council and America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk union team competition chairman. He enjoys attending concerts and plays.

Susan Foote Wallace '69 of Kila, Mont., is a retired teacher. She is also self-employed as a vintage/home decorator.

Golden Alumni Society Inductees: CLASS OF 1969 In Celebration of their 50th Reunion



Row 1 (seated from left): Janet Gish Nelson, Tracy Nadler, Mary Dotterer Michel, Lucille Wolski McCormick, Joanne Senn Sheffield, Gale Koch Katenkamp, Brigitte Lehmann Karlof, Daniel Kanaley, Phil Jermain, Betty Behrens Sundstrom, Mary Ann Costa Holt, Susan Menell Heppeler, Chuck Heppeler, Janet Guyon Hanford, Sue Foote Wallace, Carol Smith Fritton, Diane Grafly and Nancy Moyer Gifford; **Second row** (from left): Jane Keeler, Karen Marshall Peters, Richard Prideaux, Mark Radley, Francis T. Roy, Dennis M. Kehoe, Patricia Teifke Slosek, Donald Sova, Norman Gersman, Robert Stenger, Alfred Strobel, Roy Hyland, Linda Siegel Terry, Joyce Wheeler Thompson-Hovey, James Van Vliet, Margery Anderson VanVliet, Chanda E. Vincent, Michael Gendron, Karen A. Wheelock, Joan Yungwirth and Linda Zembek Gormel; **Standing** (from left): Sharon Lyons Santoro, Charlotte Hooper DeBoalt, Gary Fox, Judy Ingalls Cherowitz, Joyce Colmar, Theodora Morgia Baytos, James Bailey, Patricia Ulrich Gerbasi, Mary Warzecha Connolly, Suzanne Dietrich Bradley, Bill Bradley, Patricia Klapp Atwell, Dr. W. Bruce Watkins, Charles Horsken, Charles P. Haley, Terry Anderson, Patricia Cary Joyce, Jane Wieland Anderson, Gail Hink Ace, Kathleen Agone Nastasi, Mary Ann Donahue, Susan Knipler Bossard, Patricia Turner Shoemaker and Jerry Greenlee.

1970s

Reunion, June 4 – 7
1970 – 50th

Jo Anne Esposito Capucilli '70 of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is a retired teacher for the North Syracuse Central School District. She and her family, including spouse Dennis, actively raise money and support student scholarships in the name of their son, David, who died of a rare form of cancer in 2013. She has also been active in civic and community volunteerism with the Baldwinsville Optimist Club, Everson Museum, Jenna Foundation for Non-Violence and Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Fund of CNY. She is a teacher and eucharistic minister at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Baldwinsville.

Donna Dicker Gority '70 of Duncansville, Pa., is the first woman to be elected a Blair County (Pa.) commissioner, serving from 1984 to 2012. Her portrait now hangs in the Blair County Courthouse. In addition, the Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership Award was created in honor of her service, and in 2017, she was the first woman to receive the Central Blair Recreation Commission Respected Citizen Award. She and her husband, John, have two daughters.

James McCarthy '70 of Oswego, N.Y., retired as a Supreme Court Justice after 30 years of service, effective Dec. 31, 2018. In February 2019, he was appointed to a five-year term as one of the 14 commissioners of the Joint Commission of Public Ethics for New York State by Assemblyman Brian Kolb, minority leader of the New York Assembly.

Paul Moskowitz '71 of Shoreham, N.Y., is senior national security advisor at Idaho National Laboratory of the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C.

Chuck Pietra '72 M'80 of Fayetteville, N.Y., is the civil CAD manager for C&S Companies in Syracuse, N.Y. He has over 30 years of experience with technology implementation and training, previously serving as technical applications manager at O'Brien and Gere.



Patricia Symonds Snell '73 (right) of Kendall, N.Y., is an educator and author of *Substitute Teacher Domain: Enter At Your Own Risk*. She has also written a tribute to college friend **Christine Casterton '73** (left) that you can read on-

line in OSWEGO Magazine's web exclusive content at magazine.oswego.edu.

Thomas Loughlin '74 of Dunkirk, N.Y., is a distinguished professor emeritus of the State University of New York at Fredonia in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

Andrew Wetzel '74 of Mastic Beach, N.Y., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and **Aida Yacopi Wetzel '73** have two children and four grandchildren. They enjoy camping, visiting national parks and traveling to New Mexico, Texas and many other states.

Benita Zahn '76 was among the recipients of an Emmy Award at NewsChannel 13 in Albany, N.Y., for her work on a story about Korean War vet Red Parkinson in March 2018. She co-anchors NewsChannel 13 *Live at 4*, among many other roles. She is also a member of the Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Richard Collins '77 of Olney, Md., is a senior consultant for Ashley Rountree & Associates in Washington, D.C.

David Dunn '77, principal at Martha Brown Middle School in the Fairport (N.Y.) Central School District, was selected as the 2019 New York State Middle School Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York State and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

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Don Levine '78, member of the School of Communication, Media and the Arts Board of Advisors, former Oswego Alumni Association Board of Directors member and Sheldon Legacy Society member

William Levonne '77 of Binghamton, N.Y., is a programmer for the New York State Thruway Authority.

Michael Marciuliano '77 of Staten Island, N.Y., is employed by the food preparation department of Wegmans Food Market.

Alfred Taddeo '77 of Milton, Del., retired from Allstate Insurance Company in December 2018 after 37 years of service.

Richard Yanni '77 of Garden City, N.Y., is director of RJ Yanni & Associates LLC.

Judith Simon Sabol '78 of White Plains, N.Y., is a teacher in the Port Chester School District. She and her husband, Peter, have two children.

Paul Westfield '78 of Eads, Tenn., is a captain and instructor evaluator for FedEx.

Regina Adams '79 of Mechanicsville, Va., is a transfer advising coordinator at James Madison University. She and her husband, **Mark Zanchelli '78**, have three children and one grandchild.

Alan Dafeo '79 of Bloomington, Ind., retired as the director of the Hoosier Hills Career Center in Bloomington. He also had served at professorial rank at Indiana State University, Pittsburg State University in Kansas and the University of Kentucky.

Jean Garvey Dahlgren '79 of Wilmington, Del., is president of Delaware College of Art and Design.



Liz Nanni Sara '79 of Washington, D.C., is chair of the National Women's Business Council, as appointed by U.S. President Donald J. Trump, to serve a three-year term. Liz is the founder and president of Best Marketing LLC.

Previously, she played a principal role as co-founder of SpaceWorks, an eCommerce software company. She recently completed her term as the first female board chair of the Dingman Center of Entrepreneurship at the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business, where she is an adjunct professor.

Return to Iwo Jima: Lakers Pay Respects at World War II Battleground



As the World War II Battle of Iwo Jima unfolded directly around him, Bob Persichitti performed his duties as a U.S. Navy radio operator on the command ship USS Eldorado.

"So many young men lost their lives on that island," the 97-year-old veteran said, speaking of the renowned 1945 battle in which the U.S. Marine Corps captured Iwo Jima from the Imperial Japanese Army.

And in March 2019—along with his friend **Allan DeCarlo '86 M'95 CAS'03**—Bob returned to Iwo Jima.

Bob and Al are both Lakers—Bob attended SUNY Oswego in the 1960s and Al, a Sigma Gamma brother who teaches American History for Pittsford-Mendon (N.Y.) High School, graduated from SUNY Oswego with bachelor's and master's degrees in education, as well as a certificate of advanced study.

Bob received a provisional certificate through SUNY Oswego in 1958 to teach vocational carpentry. In 1965, as a teacher in the Rochester, N.Y., schools, he began pursuing his degree through SUNY Oswego as a non-traditional student, traveling to campus

during the evenings and in summers to take courses throughout the late 1960s. He ultimately completed his degree through SUNY Buffalo in 1972.

It wouldn't be until 2013 that Bob and Al would meet and, eventually, travel together halfway around the world.

The Laker friendship began when Al's high school students wrote letters to Bob following a trip Bob took as a member of the Honor Flight of Rochester, N.Y. Bob read the students' letters, then showed up at Al's school to thank them.

"I've been coming to speak in his classroom ever since," Bob said. "As long as I'm alive, I'll keep coming."

According to Al, student access to a firsthand historical resource is a gift, but in Bob's case, it is a rare and tremendous privilege. Not only are students learning so much more, but he's gotten to be part of history, too—as one of "two Oswego guys on top of Mount Suribachi" on the one day every year Americans are permitted to access the site. The 2019 trip lasted 10 days and included stops at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan and Tinian before culminating in a joint United States-Japan Memorial Ceremony on Iwo Jima.



To read more and see more photographs about the friends' trip online, please visit magazine.oswego.edu.



AIR quotes

“ I have never felt so happy about an investment I've made, because that's what I see the scholarship as—an investment in our future and a way to make an impact on someone else's life. I can honestly say this is one of the **MOST FULFILLING** charitable contributions I have ever made in my life. ”



— **Bob Garrett '83**, Oswego College Foundation board member, AIR visitor, scholarship donor and managing partner at KPMG LLP in New York City, with his scholarship recipient, **Janeah Thomas '19**

1980s

Reunion, June 4 – 7
'80 – 40th | '89, '90, '91 – 30th

Myrna Hogan Kennedy '80 of Hampstead, Md., was honored by the Maryland Bankers Association Council of Professional Women in Banking and Finance with the 2019 Champion for Women Award. Myrna is senior vice president and senior commercial credit officer for Howard Bank in Baltimore, Md.

Paul Strasser '81 of Leesburg, Va., is president of Brilliant Corporation in Reston, Va.

Mark Vitali '81 has received numerous Nationwide Insurance awards, including the Presidents Conference Award and the Champion Award. He is married to **Mary Faith Sbaraglia Vitali '82**. Mark owns multiple Nationwide agencies in the Chapel Hill-Durham, N.C., area.

Brian Fogarty '82 of East Northport, N.Y., is regional vice president for Allied Universal Security in New York City.

Robert Waters '82 of Franklin, Tenn., is a transportation security officer for the

Department of Homeland Security in Nashville. He has published his second eBook, *The Prophetic Backbone*.

Jim Murrell '83 of Torrance, Calif., is a broker for JK3 Yachts in Torrance.

Yolanda Robinson '83 of White Plains, N.Y., is director of executive operations for New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Yolanda has also worked extensively in television and radio as a reporter/anchor for News 12 Westchester (N.Y.), as well as a radio talk show host at WJAZ-FM, WFAS-AM/FM and WBLS/WLIB. She was also a spokesperson for the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. She has received numerous awards for her work in the community. She was chosen as one of Westchester's Ten Most Influential Blacks by the African American Chamber of Commerce of Westchester and Rockland Counties. She is a member of the historic sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, Rotary Club of Larchmont and the New York City Police Department Auxiliary Police Department's Citywide Traffic Taskforce. Yolanda also received Meritorious Service award from the U.S. Coast Guard. She is the proud mother of three children, Nicole, Jasmine and James Jr.



Kelley Flood '84 (above) of Constantia, N.Y., retired from SUNY Upstate Medical University after over 20 years of providing HIV social work services. She volunteers at Helping Hounds Dog Rescue.

Craig Karczmer '84 of Lincoln Park, N.J., is executive director of Lantern Hill, a retirement community in New Providence, N.J.

Don Barr '85 of South Bend, Ind., is general sales manager for WNDU-TV.

Susan Eicher Hemmer '85 is a retired teacher living in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Ed Walch '85 of Dumont, N.J., is customer service manager for ShopRite Supermarkets in Millburn, N.J.

Dorothy O'Connor Damone '86 retired from the Department of the U.S. Army Civilian, where she had served since

March 2009. In 1987, she had enlisted in the Army and completed active duty as a Sergeant First Class Counterintelligence Agent in 2007. Over the years she served in Germany, Turkey, Washington State, Florida and Arizona. She was honored at a Doctrine Retirement Luncheon in March 2019 and received the Superior Civilian Service Award. Dot's military awards also include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. She has been married to Patrick for 30 years; they have two children and four grandchildren.

Nancy Fichtman Dana '86 M'88 was a finalist for Baylor University's 2020 Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching, the only national teaching award—with the single largest monetary reward of \$250,000—presented by a college or university to an individual for exceptional teaching. She earned a Ph.D. in elementary education from Florida State University in 1991 and taught in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Pennsylvania State University from 1992 to 2003. In 2003, she moved to University of Florida's School of Teaching and Learning, where she serves as professor of education.

Allan DeCarlo '86 M'95 CAS'03 and Bob Persichitti, who received a provisional certificate through SUNY Oswego in 1958 to teach vocational carpentry, traveled together to Iwo Jima in March 2019 to commemorate the World War II battle that Bob witnessed firsthand. Read more about their trip and their Laker friendship online at magazine.oswego.edu and on page 36.

Maria Dalessandro '88 is a retail specialist for CBRE in Philadelphia, Pa. Prior to joining CBRE in 2016, she was a residential real estate agent for three years. She also previously worked for Resource Real Estate in Philadelphia.

Beth Plummer '88 of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is senior vice president and chief revenue officer for Spectrum Reach. She holds an MBA from SUNY Empire State College.

Jeffrey P. Sikora '88 was presented the 2018 Quarter Century Operator Club Award by the New York Water Environment Association at its 91st annual Water Quality Technical Conference. Jeffrey, who is a 27-year member of the NYWEA Central Chapter, is the Auburn (N.Y.) wastewater treatment plant's chief operator.

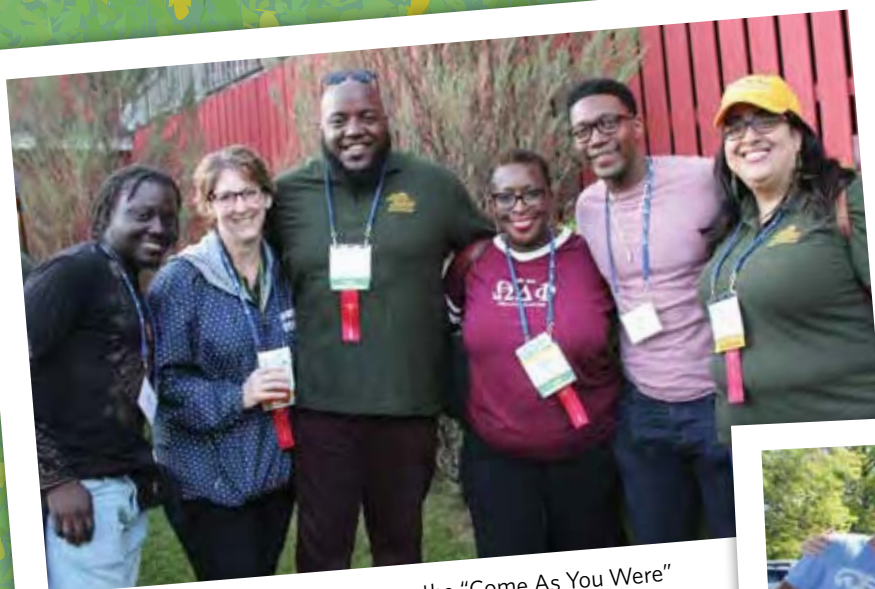
Michael Meiman '89 of Richmond, Vt., is a master service technician for the University of Vermont Physical Plant in Burlington, Vt.

Reunion 2019

Oswego Family Tree

Celebrating our Oswego family at Reunion Weekend 2019, June 6-9

~ Like branches on a tree, we all grow in different directions; yet our roots remain entwined.



The largest, most popular event was the "Come As You Were" BBQ at Fallbrook on Friday night.



Oswego alumni came from 37 states and as far as Binfield, UK (Paul Ferguson '69), to reconnect with their alma mater.



Alumni danced the night away at the Sunset Concert, featuring the music of The Billionaires.



Vice President for Development and Alumni Engagement **Mary Gibbons Canale '81** (left) welcomed the members of the Class of 1969 into the Golden Alumni Society and presented them with a pin.



Nearly 1,100 alumni and friends, including 145 Phi Lambda Phi sisters (above) who celebrated the sorority's 60th anniversary, returned to the SUNY Oswego campus for Reunion 2019. Representatives from the Class of 1945 through to the Class of 2021 came together for a sun-filled weekend, and special celebrations were held for milestone reunions for the classes of 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1994, 2003, 2004 and 2005.



President Deborah F. Stanley (front center in white jacket) hosted special receptions for milestone anniversary classes, including the classes of 1994 and 1983, 1984 and 1985 (pictured above), at her home at Shady Shore.

Celebrating 50 Years of Radio



WOCR/WNYO and WRVO alumni reconnected during special 50th Anniversary events throughout Reunion Weekend.

During Reunion Weekend 2019, June 6-9, WNYO/WOCR and WRVO alumni celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the three icons of campus media.

WOCR-WNYO Reunion Planning Committee members **Dee McGowan Perkins '85**, **Mike Frazer '79**, **Larry Rubinstein '81** and **Dana Segall Murphy '99** helped organize a station takeover during which alumni hosted live broadcasts from the WNYO studio in Marano Campus Center on Saturday morning. Alumni were invited to tour facilities and reconnect with each other during a 50th Anniversary reception later that day.

WRVO-FM opened the doors to its studios in the Penfield Library building Saturday afternoon for a special 50th anniversary open house. WRVO listeners, members, friends, alumni and more were invited to share memories, mingle and celebrate this important milestone with former and current hosts, reporters and staff members. Visitors commemorated the anniversary with their own recorded testimonials and toured the offices and studios.

Several alumni talked about their experiences with the stations, and their stories bridged together the evolution of the station as new technologies were introduced.



WOCR/WNYO alumni took to the airwaves to reminisce about 50 years of radio from the studio in Marano Campus Center during Reunion Weekend 2019.

Hank Volpe '73 joined WOCR in 1969, right after students started the organization. During his time there, the radio station was much smaller than it is now, as the students were trying to build it up. Volpe hosted the "Rise and Shine Show" in the mornings and even stayed during academic breaks to keep the station running.

Kathy Contino-Turner '80 was the first woman general manager at WOCR and helped organize the first Communication Studies dinner for the 10-year anniversary of the college radio station. She started in 1976 and became general manager April 1, 1979.

Larry Rubinstein '81 was the chief engineer for WOCR, at the same time as Contino-Turner. During his time, the station only transmitted on-campus in the residence halls and Hewitt Union, where it was based along with WTOP, *The Oswegonian* and the college tavern.

WOCR changed its call letters in the early 90s when it expanded beyond just the campus. WNYO now reaches just past Fulton, New York.

Dana Segall Murphy '99 ran WNYO as general manager from 1998 to 1999, and at this point, the station had stopped using vinyl and moved to CDs. It also began the transition to using computers, which could only be used by a few people because of the high costs that came with it.

Rufaro Matombo '12 started his WNYO career in 2009 when he was a DJ and an on-air personality. At this time, social media began to make an impact on marketing for the radio station.

Since its beginning days as WOCR, WNYO 88.9FM has moved locations to the Marano Campus Center, in the same hallway as SUNY Oswego's other student media organizations, WTOP-10 and *The Oswegonian*. It has recently received a brand new sound board and now has an ID access-based door to get into the office. If one is around Oswego or Fulton, they can tune in to listen to the radio channel, or they listen online or on the cell phone application "Radio Box."



Alumni visit the WRVO Public Media studios in the Penfield Library building.



Students involved in the early years of WOCR laid the foundation for today's campus radio station, now called WNYO. Today, its broadcast strength reaches just past Fulton, N.Y.

Visit the online magazine for special coverage, including:

- Sound bites of alumni reminiscing about the role the station played in their time as students
- Recording of alumni's live broadcast during Reunion Weekend 2019
- Recording of WRVO Public Media's 50th Year Commemoration



Don't Miss an Upcoming Reunion...



Mark your Calendars and Start Planning for your Class Anniversary Reunion

REUNION 2020 — June 4 to 7 Milestone Anniversaries:

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| 1995 – 25th | 1960 – 60th |
| '89, '90, '91 – 30th | 1955 – 65th |
| 1980 – 40th | 1950 – 70th |
| 1970 – 50th | 1945 – 75th |
| 1965 – 55th | |
- Alpha Delta Eta – 95th Anniversary
 Blackfriars – 40th Reunion Anniversary
 Omega Delta Phi – 40th Anniversary
 Psi Phi Gamma – 95th Anniversary

REUNION 2021 June 10 to 13

- '00, '01, '02 – 20th
 1996 – 25th
 1981 – 40th
 '75, '76, '77 – 45th
 1971 – 50th
 1966 – 55th
 1961 – 60th
 1956 – 65th
 1951 – 70th
 1946 – 75th

REUNION 2022 June 9 to 12

- '06, '07, '08 – 15th
 1997 – 25th
 '86, '87, '88 – 35th
 1982 – 40th
 1972 – 50th
 1967 – 55th
 1962 – 60th
 1957 – 65th
 1952 – 70th
 1947 – 75th

REUNION 2023 June 8 to 11

- 1998 – 25th
 '92, '93, '94 – 30th
 1983 – 40th
 1973 – 50th
 1968 – 55th
 1963 – 60th
 1958 – 65th
 1953 – 70th
 1948 – 75th

REUNION 2024 June 6 to 9

- '03, '04, '05 – 20th
 1999 – 25th
 1984 – 40th
 '78, '79, '80 – 45th
 1974 – 50th
 1969 – 55th
 1964 – 60th
 1959 – 65th
 1954 – 70th
 1949 – 75th

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1990s

Reunion, June 4 – 7
'89, '90, '91 – 30th | '95 – 25th



Mark Britz '91 and **Cynthia O'Neill Britz '93** (above) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in September 2019. Mark and Cindy reside in Syracuse, N.Y., and have two children. Cindy is the development director at Vera House Inc., and Mark serves as the senior manager of programming at the eLearning Guild and as chief strategist for his consultancy, ThruWork.

Scott Duggleby '91 of Cleveland, N.Y., is senior vice president and wealth management regional sales manager for Community Bank N.A. in Albany, N.Y. Previously, he was regional sales manager for Citizens Securities.

Michael Dunn '91 of Pittsford, N.Y., is business development director for St. John's Senior Services in Rochester, N.Y. He has a master's degree in health services management and policy from The New School.

Karen Knapik-Scalzo '91 of East Syracuse, N.Y., is an associate economist for the New York State Department of Labor. Her son Kyle joined the SUNY Oswego Class of 2023 this fall.

Katie Kranze Million '91 of Minneapolis, Minn., is the director of Women's National Team Programs for USA Hockey. Previously, she was the Western Collegiate Hockey Association vice president and women's commissioner for three years. Katie also spent 17 years as the director of events for the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, N.Y. She manages the U18 National Team, U22 National Team and the Women's National Team. She also sits on the board of directors at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

Lynne Geoca Tempest '91 of Pittsford, N.Y., is account director for Dixon Schwabl.

Richard Bush '92 M'97 of Oswego was named 2018 Volunteer of the Year at the H. Lee White Maritime Museum in Oswego for his dedication, program activities and efforts at both the museum and the J. Richard Pfund Boating Center. Rich is a technology professor at SUNY Oswego and has dedicated many hours teaching the center's Family Boat Building program for more than 13 years, building exhibits both at the museum and for the New York State Fair. He and his wife, **Diane Kruse Bush '92 M'99**, served as challengers in the college's Oct. 24 Giving Challenge.

Christina Leigh Docteur '93 of Liverpool, N.Y., is director of Proposal Support Services for the Office of Research at Syracuse University.

Julie A. Bell '94 of Oswego was appointed director of the Oswego County Human Resources department by the county legislature in May 2019. She has worked in the county's HR office since 2009 as a human resources administrator.

Cheryl McGuigan Burgmaier '94 is regional director in the Houston, Texas, office of Halbert Hargrove Global Advisors LLC. She has over 20 years of public and private accounting experience.

Myles A. Seidenfrau '94 of Voorhees, N.J., is counsel in the Stradley Ronon financial services litigation group. Previously, he served as senior vice president and assistant general counsel at Bank of America.



William Decaire '95 of New Scotland, N.Y., is general counsel for the Bestpass company. Previously, William practiced law for more than 17 years

as an attorney with Carter Conboy, where he served as outside general counsel for several Capital Region companies. He earned a juris doctorate from Albany Law School. William also serves on the associate board of directors for the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation and the board of directors for the Voorheesville Baseball Club Inc.

Wendy Adamkoski '96 of Broadalbin, N.Y., is a vocal instructor for Vocal Image Music Studios in Broadalbin. Her oldest child joined the Class of 2023 this fall.

Heather Cornelius Edwards '96 of Bayport, N.Y., is the executive director of Allied Foundation Inc.



Aaron Mentkowski '96 (above) is chief meteorologist at WKBW-TV in Buffalo, N.Y. He earned a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist designation from the American Meteorological Society. Aaron is also an adjunct professor of meteorology at Jamestown Community College and Buffalo State College. He serves as a forensic meteorologist for various law firms. Aaron is an inductee into the North Tonawanda (N.Y.) High School Wall of Fame. He has been nominated for Best Local Weatherman in Buffalo's *Art Voice* magazine, and has been featured on *LIVE with Regis and Kelly*.



Ed Randolph '96 (above) of Slate Hill, N.Y., was featured on a July 2019 episode of the television show *Chopped*, airing on the Food Network. After working in the corporate world for 20 years, Ed launched his BBQ brand, Handsome Devil BBQ, which won six state championship awards in six states and the Food Network's New York City Wine & Food Festival award. Ed has also authored a cookbook, *Smoked*.

Pamela Oathout Wickes '96 of Schenectady, N.Y., is founder and principal of Wickes Forensic Accounting & Consulting LLC in Clifton Park, N.Y. Previously she worked at CPA firms with a focus on forensic accounting. She and her husband have three children.

Dawn Kostoroski Metott '97 M'01 is clinical director for the Child Advocacy Center in Oswego. She is a licensed mental health counselor. She previously worked as youth activities coordinator for Oswego City-County Youth Bureau, and most recently as the prevention service school supervisor for Farnham Family Services.

Kelly Rubley '97 M'00 CAS'06 traded a career as a middle school science teacher and administrator to become a thoroughbred horse racing trainer who vied to become the first female trainer to win the Preakness in 2019 with Alwaysmining. When she decided to leave education, Kelly took a job fox hunting on a farm in Unionville, Pa., before finding her way to Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton, Md., where she became an exercise rider for Kentucky Derby-winning trainer Barclay Tagg in 2009. Today, Kelly trains a string of about 40 horses.

Jason T. Serrano '97 of New York City is president of New York Mortgage Trust Inc. Prior to joining the company, Jason was a partner and a managing director at Oak Hill Advisors LP. Prior to joining OHA, he served as a principal at the Blackstone Group and vice president at Fortress Investment Group.

Keith Washo '97 of Apex, N.C., is producer for a musical entertainment production in the Raleigh-Durham area called *The L.O.V.E. Show*.

Jason Ostrowe '98 of Merrick, N.Y., earned a Ph.D. in criminal justice from the City University of New York.

Scott Tucker '99 of Spartanburg, S.C., is the women's lacrosse coach for Limestone College, where he achieved his 300th coaching victory in 2019. Prior to his time with Limestone, Scott coached the Oswego State women's lacrosse team for two seasons. He is a former men's lacrosse player for the Lakers.

Justin Wiedrick '99 M'05 of West-ernville, N.Y., teaches 6th grade mathematics at Adirondack Central School in Boonville, N.Y. Justin achieved National Board Certification status from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in December 2018.



Karen Genier Rappleye '93, daughter, **Sarah '21**, and husband, Jim Rappleye, at an Oswego cross country meet last fall.

Passing Through Oswego: Sweet Treats Help Form Family's Oswego Connection

As a child in the 1970s and 80s, **Karen Genier Rappleye '93** would travel through Oswego on her way to visit family in the Watertown (N.Y.) area. Sometimes, the trips included stops at Canale's, Little While and Bev's for ice cream.

"When it came time for me to start college in 1989, I selected a comfortable place to me: Oswego," Karen said.

Karen, who had known she wanted to be a teacher since age 5, began her 25th year as a teacher this fall in the Gates Chili (N.Y.) Central School District. One of the cousins she traveled to see in Watertown, **Lindsey Scott Cuppernell '06**, also found a home at SUNY Oswego and a career as a guidance counselor; she is currently a stay-at-home mom to three young boys.

Time passed, and Karen and her husband—then, their two children—continued to travel through Oswego.

"A look at the beautiful lake, a yummy meal out and stories shared," Karen said of bringing her family to the community of her alma mater. And when it came time for Karen's daughter, **Sarah '21**, to select a college, she, too, chose Oswego.

"She heard that Oswego gave her favorite thing after summer tours ... ice cream," Karen said. "So off we went to see mom's college. She loves it just as much as I did."

A pleasant family surprise came this year when Karen's nephew, **Joseph Genier '23**, selected Oswego, entering this fall.

Like many educators, Karen's SUNY Oswego family extends to work colleagues, including **Marilyn Arcuri Luff '78**, her teaching partner of over 20 years.

"Our shared love of Oswego initiated our friendship," Karen said. "Our preparation and careers as educators forged our family bond."

There's Still Time



As 2019 comes to a close, be sure to send in your end of the year gift to *The Fund for Oswego*. Help create opportunities for our current and future students. You can make your gift online at alumni.oswego.edu/give, or mail to 215 Sheldon Hall, Oswego, N.Y. 13126.

Weddings



Bryanna Duval '16 and **Noah Lupini '16** were married Jan. 12, 2019, on the island of Turks and Caicos. In attendance were (from left to right): Cierra Duval, Isabel Elsenbeck, Paige Lupini, Alexandra Collier, Jackie Bourgeois '17 M'18, Kimberly Love, Bryanna Duval '16, Noah Lupini '16, Matt Malecki '16, Matt Senior, Eric O'Donnell, Zachary Yates, Nate Keating and Joshua Duval.



Cara Murphy '09 and **Peter Neer Jr.** were married June 9, 2018, in Rochester, N.Y. In attendance were Andrea Bunker Harris '09, Melissa Latella '09, Heather Lucarelli Wasacz '09, Eric Wasacz '09, Greg Suarez '09, Caitlin Weir Suarez '09, Ashley Guy Pink '09, Casey Reed Button '09, Chuck Button '09 and Mary Luley '09.



Stephanie Gibney '14 and **Dan Amorese '14** were married on October 6, 2018, in Endicott, N.Y. In attendance were: Glenn Terry, Tom Schmid '14, Amanda Joseph '15, Kris Dennison '14, Ryan Bolia '14, Mike Tanzini '14, Allen Wengert '14, Adam Rosenbarker '14 M'16, Julie Stuart, Michelle Callahan '14, Michelle O'Mara '14, Talia Harrison '14, John Mongiello '14, Travis Clark '15, Jenna Arcese '14, Molly Darrow '14, Ben Weiss '14, Chris Walters '14, Ross Bentley '14 and Andrew Hill '13.



Christina Buckingham '15 and **Sean Cooper** were married on August 25, 2018, at Traditions at the Links in East Syracuse, N.Y. From left are the following alumni: Andrew Buchmann '13 M'16, Kelly Buckingham '80, Julia Knight '17, Beth Smith Wagner '91, Allysa Swilley '15, Rich Wagner '89, Sean Cooper, Christina Buckingham Cooper '15, Kathy Lupien DuBois '89 '95, Jackie Campbell Wallace '02 M'04, Michelle Massaro Bandla '93, Michelle Wesolowski '18, Michele Chodubski May '94, Ryan O'Rourke '06 M'10.



Katy Osborn '15 and Tyler Woods '15 were married Sept. 22, 2018, in Cicero, N.Y. In attendance were Kristen Goehle, Elana Ginsburg '15, Raquel Apuzzo '15, Gina Schultz '15, Kayla Gaylord, Evelyn Desantis, Paige Desantis, Lawrence Senecal '15, Andrew Thornton, Megan Bratjan, Frank Joseph Bratjan and Sean Osborn. Katy and Tyler live in North Syracuse, N.Y. Katy works as a licensed massage therapist and yoga teacher, and Tyler works for the Bank of New York Mellon.



Brianna Nichols '14 and Shane LaChance '13 were married Sept. 2, 2018, in Vernon, N.Y. They are pictured with Dan Jones '13, Kara Alheim Jones '13, Chris Cavanaugh '13, Mallory Greenseich Cavanaugh '11 M'18, Pat Dunham, Sean Sullivan '12, Alyssa Hilton Sullivan '13, Jessica Sandler '14, Cait Trimble '17, Amanda Watkins '14, Kelsey Harvey Gallipeau '13, Nick Gallipeau '13, Laura Scaffidi '13, Nate Zera '13, Emily Scheut-zow '12 M'16, Patrick Kane '13, Michael Bevilacqua '13, Sean Morris '14, Mara Ciacelli Vuillaume '13, Erik Vuillaume '14 and Alandra Nichols '18.



Lauren Boyd '15 and Michael Stairs '14 were married Aug. 18, 2018, in Central Bridge, N.Y. Pictured (front row, from left): Brendon Wormley '17, Jenn Parrish '14, Meg Himes, Danielle Fiorello '14 M'15, Rachel Walczak '12 M'13 and Jillian Bergemann '15 M'18; (middle row, from left): Jon Leeuwen '13 M'15 CAS'15, Marissa Waggoner '14, Lauren MacBlane '15, Matt McGee, Ian Gillis '14, Lysnie Beilman '14, Stef Traynor '14, Alex Marano '14, Lauren Sorce '15, Lauren Hohler '15 M'16, Lauren Micale '14, Molly Matott '15, Liz Collins '15, Aislinn Breslin '13 and Jennica Vehrs Cunningham '11 M'13; (back row from left): Pat Reiser '15, James Simon '14, Zach 'Cina' Marciniak, Gina Agostinelli '15, Matt Bower '15, Tom Stairs '95 and Taylor Clock '15.



Ashley Wood '09 M'10 and Steven Shlotzhauer '09 M'10 were married May 26, 2018, in Geneva, N.Y. From left, back row: Bethany Ahsmann Hudson '09, Mike Wichowski '10, Emma Brady '10. Middle row: Jonathan Herman '09 M'10, Peter Blasioli '09 M'10, Jaime Wood '12, Kirstie Linza '10, SUNY Oswego Alumni and Development Director of Finance Melissa Maldonado, Sarah Pickering '07 M'08, Megan Shlotzhauer '10, Alan Sherman '09 and Stephanie Sherman. Front row: Sammi Clark Collins '10.

2000s

Jeremy Clingerman '00 M'04 of Waterloo, N.Y., is superintendent of the Seneca Falls (N.Y.) School District.

Mark Popp '01 of Syracuse, N.Y., is a financial advisor for the Smith/Holowski Wealth Advisory Group at Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC. Mark is a certified public accountant with over 25 years of experience in the financial services industry.



Michael Kanick '02 and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed David Francis Paul Kanick on Jan. 8, 2019. He joins siblings Evelyn and Thomas.

Jill Cotter '03 of Rochester, N.Y., earned a master's degree in higher education from the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester, with a concentration in academic advising and career counseling. She is a program support specialist for University of Rochester's Larry and Cindy Bloch Alumni and Advancement Center.

Nicholas Orland '03 is a board certified behavior analyst who works with children on the autism spectrum as the managing director of Autism Rocks: Autism Support Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in the applied behavior analysis program at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. See story on page 47.

Jennifer O'Connor Teepe '03 of Albany, N.Y., is associate director of human resources for the New York State Office of General Services.

Megan Davis '04 of Argyle, N.Y., is on the account service team for the Fingerpaint marketing agency in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Previously, Megan spent seven years as director of advancement communications and marketing for the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Laura Feeley Gilstrap '04 of Tampa, Fla., is the founder of LG Nutrition Consulting for couples battling infertility. Additionally, Laura works as a clinical dietitian for critically ill, vent-dependent patients in the BayCare Hospital System. She and her husband have one daughter.

Kelly Palka Gallagher '05 of Scotia, N.Y., is an editor for the Office of State Assessment of the New York State Department of Education. Previously, she worked for Guideposts Publications in Manhattan. She is married to **Alan Gallagher '03**. Alan is a workforce programs specialist at the New York State Department of Labor. They have one son, Hudson.



Jessica Neal '05 (fourth from right) is a Los Angeles Police Department officer and 2019 Public Service Award honoree of the Wilshire Rotary Club of Los Angeles, for going above and beyond the call of duty. Jessica joined the LAPD in 2007, and, during her 11-year career, she has received 44 commendations from the community and her superiors. During her tenure, she has worked a variety of assignments such as patrol, gangs and the juvenile unit. She is currently working Wilshire's Division's Domestic Abuse Response Team car, where her duties consist of investigating domestic violence restraining order violations, child concealment and domestic violence/family violence.

Amberly Rundell Bucci '06 of Glens Falls, N.Y., is at the helm of Amberly Bucci Digital Marketing. Following graduation, she worked with national and worldwide brands, including Hilton, Samsung and Walt Disney World. Her campaigns have won two nationally recognized compe-

AIR quotes

“ There were very few people working in national media who were like me: I'm unapologetically black. I'm unapologetically feminist. I'm openly bisexual. I recognized I was part of the problem ... **I wasn't challenging anyone** on why we were representing LGBT experience as so cisgender, so white and so male. In order to succeed, **I HAD TO BRING MY WHOLE SELF TO WORK**, and once I did that, **it set me free**. I leveled up. ”



— **Michelle Garcia '06**, deputy editor of news and ideas at VICE Media in her keynote address at the 2019 Communication Studies Reunion dinner

titions—2018 Best Social Media Campaign—Interactive Marketing Awards and 2017 Best in Search/E-Commerce Campaign—U.S. Search Awards.

Loyal Lakers

“I am not a millionaire or donating millions of dollars. But I do feel it is important for me to pay forward the support I received as a recipient of the Jerry Burns Memorial Scholarship and other benefits I received as an employee here in obtaining my degree. I do payroll deduction and just add a few dollars more into that when I can. I honestly love the students and want to support them in any way that I can.”



— **Shelly Reifke-Souza '00**, Loyal Lakers Society member and administrative assistant in the School of Business Dean's Office
Learn more at alumni.oswego.edu/loyallakers.



Laker Helps Families in the Middle East

Nicholas Orland '03 was working in Massachusetts when he saw an interesting job listing in Dubai.

He took a shot and applied. It was a logical move to pursue his passion—which he figured out after a few post-grad jobs and a volunteer role assisting intellectually disabled individuals: A position managing a facility dedicated to working with children on the autism spectrum.

“To my shock, I was immediately hired, and in less than two months I was on a plane over to the Middle East,” Nick said.

Nick is a board certified behavior analyst and the managing director of the Autism Rocks: Autism Support Centre in the United Arab Emirates. He is also a Ph.D. candidate in the applied behavior analysis program at Endicott College in Beverly, Mass. Nick holds a Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling from the College of New Rochelle (N.Y.) and an advanced graduate certificate in applied behavior analysis from Florida Institute of Technology.

He has lived in Dubai since 2015.

“There is no job more rewarding than working with individuals with special needs,” Nick said. He trains people from around the world on how to administer services to children, from his offices in Dubai. He also has taken the opportunity as an expat to learn cultural differences—such as gender-specific waiting rooms and gyms—and meeting new people and exploring new places.

“Dubai is the hub of the Middle East, and it is filled with super fun things to do,” Nick said. “We have deserts where I frequently go quading and sand boarding. I live very close to some of the most amazing restaurants with world-renowned chefs here in Dubai, but nothing will do it for me like a cheeseburger sub from Oswego Sub Shop.”

As far as working with individuals on the autism spectrum, the USA is a bit ahead in terms of a social agenda for autism, which affects 1 in 59 people worldwide, Nick said.



“As it is a ‘spectrum’ disorder, it affects everyone differently,” Nick said. “People who may be perceived as rude may in fact have autism and not pick up on appropriate social cues as we may.”

Nick said he always encourages people to consider the possibility of autism before rushing to judgment.

“Also, if a child is having a meltdown, please do not immediately blame the parent,” said Nick, whose doctoral focus is on applied behavior analysis and parent training methods in relation to children on the autism spectrum. “Parents of children with autism have a lot on their plate, and they need the support of the community, not the criticism of it.”

Nick said his goal is to continue to contribute to the body of research on parent training.

“Parents tend to not always get the supports they need, and I am looking to develop more evidence-based methodologies to assist them,” he said.

Bob Metcalfe '06 is an Irondequoit, N.Y., firefighter. After graduating with a meteorology degree, he was an on-air meteorologist for WDTV in Clarksburg, W.V., for 18 months, followed by three years at WROC-TV in Rochester, N.Y. Following his time on the air, he worked in sales and marketing before taking the firefighter civil service exam. As a firefighter, he has integrated his meteorology degree to develop programs and present at conferences on the topic of weather for fire, HAZMAT and emergency services. He is also the creator of *The Firefighter Podcast*.

Ryan Wilcox '06 of Ithaca, N.Y., is a case manager for the Learning Web Youth Outreach in Ithaca.

Trevor Backer '07 lives in Portland, Ore., where he is a senior case manager for the Multnomah County Health Department.

Lindsey Abraham Williamson '07 of Phelps, N.Y., is the senior graphic designer for the Office of Communications at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, N.Y.

Vanessa Cristaldi '08 of Geneva, N.Y., is territory sales manager for Saand Company in the New York and New Jersey area.

Todd Franze '08 M'13 is principal of Hampden Elementary School in the Cumberland Valley (Pa.) School District, effective July 1. Todd previously was an administrator in the Alexandria (Va.) City Public School District.



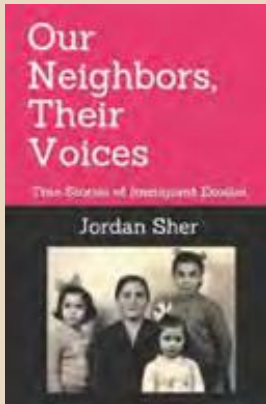
Lisa Lazzaro M'08 is director of web development for Mower marketing, advertising and public relations agency in Syracuse, N.Y. Previously, she was a software engineer with Osмосе Utilities Services Inc.

Michael Anderson '09 of Monroe, La., is director of recruitment and admissions for Louisiana Delta Community College.

David Haas '09 of Syracuse, N.Y., is executive director of Sarah's Guest House for families of patients receiving medical care in Central New York. Previously, he managed several programs for adults with intellectual disabilities at Launch CNY. He holds a master's degree from the State University of New York at Cortland.

Rosanne Luis-Wegman '09 M'11 of Anchorage, Alaska, is a special education teacher at Clark Middle School in Anchorage.

ALUMNI BOOKSHELF



Jim Molloy '72

The Grammar You Missed in High School

Outskirts Press, 2018.

This textbook for journalists provides fundamental instruction in all aspects of standard English to improve composition.

Jordan Sher '77

Our Neighbors, Their Voices: True Stories of Immigrant Exodus

Kindle Direct Publishing, 2019.

The author has interviewed 14 people who have come to America from various countries as a result of one of the pressures that immigrants confront. The exodus from their countries of origin will bring readers into their harrowing journeys. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book will be donated to an organization that supports refugees.



Glenn Searfoss '81

Cycles of Norse Mythology

Acorn Books, 2019.

This lyrical re-imagining of Norse myths presents the gripping adventures of Norse gods and their foes to delight modern readers of all ages.



Dan Witmer '82 M'87

And Piles To Go Before I Sleep: The Book of Wit

Dan Witmer, 2018.

This memoir captures the stories of Dan Witmer, who taught English at Hannibal (N.Y.) High School for 33 years, as well as coaching sports at the high school and SUNY Oswego.

John Gray '85

Keller's Heart

Paraclete Press, 2019.

A book for children of all ages, *Keller's Heart* tells the story of a blind and deaf dog that steals the heart of a deaf girl.

Barbara Kavovit '87

Heels of Steel

MIRA Books, 2019.

Bronx-born Bridget Steele is a scrappy and determined young woman who fights her way into the good old boys club and builds one of the largest and most successful construction companies in New York City, only to get a shot at building one of the tallest skyscrapers in the city.

Barbara Horton O'Rourke '87

writing as Barb Shadow

Shifting To Black

From The Shadows Publishing, 2018.

In this sequel to *A Step Into Darkness*, this paranormal thriller takes readers to New Castle Asylum, where dark forces challenge ghost hunters.

Kimberly J. Lamay Licursi '91

Remembering World War I in America

University of Nebraska Press, 2018.

This book explores the American public's collective memory and common perceptions of World War I.



To see all book covers, please visit magazine.oswego.edu.

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.

2010s

Lindsey Haraden '10 of Ballston Spa, N.Y., is the spokesperson and operations manager for her family's fourth generation car dealership, Mohawk Honda, which celebrated 100 years of business in 2019.

Sydney Botts Lawton '10 of Latham, N.Y., is the community manager for the Pitney Bowes Customer Communities.



Craig Mazuchowski '10 and **Jessica Rainey Mazuchowski '10** announce the birth of Robert Joseph Mazuchowski on Jan. 16, 2019. Jessica and Craig are educators, and the family lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Leah Paige '10 of Syracuse, N.Y., is a project manager for Mower marketing and public relations agency in Syracuse. Previously, she was an account manager at Terakeet.

Cat Wilson '10 of Albuquerque, N.M., is an administrative assistant for Tax Therapy LLC in Albuquerque.

Shawn Bernstein '11 of Englewood, Colo., is senior account manager at Cherry Creek Insurance Group in Greenwood Village, Colo.

Anthony Amen '12 of Stony Brook, N.Y., is the owner of Redefine Fitness in Mount Sinai, N.Y.

Jessica Bagdovitz '12 is an employee relations representative for CVS Health in Lincoln, R.I.

Christina Strauss '12 M'15 of Apple Valley, Calif., is a clinical social worker for A Greater Hope in Victorville, Calif.

Sam Hewitt '13 is a buildings and grounds maintenance staff member and meteorologist for the Public Works Department in Durham, N.C.

Eric Miccio '13 is head coach for the Onondaga Community College (Syracuse, N.Y.) men's lacrosse program. Previously, Eric was head coach for Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. The OCC Lazars secured its third consecutive NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship, 12th in program history, in spring 2019.

Ben Noll '13 is a meteorologist at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research in Auckland, New Zealand.

Zachary Gewelb '14 is the Brooklyn Paper's editor-in-chief. Previously, he served for a year as editor-in-chief of Schneps Media's *TimesLedger* Newspapers. In addition to serving as the paper's top editor, he also oversees the editorial operations of Schneps Media's four *Courier Life* newspapers in the borough: the *Park Slope Courier*, *Mill-Marine Courier*, *Bay News* and *Brooklyn Graphic*.

AIR quotes

“The support that you get as a student and as a professional is unmatched. You don't realize the **EXPERIENCE AND EXPOSURE** that Oswego gives you until you step outside into the real world.”



— **Greg Smith '07 M'10**, a CPA and tax manager at Dermody, Burke & Brown in Syracuse, N.Y.

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Questions? Please call the Oswego Alumni Association at 315-312-2258 or Campus Technology Services at 315-312-3456.

Local Lakers Gatherings



Oswego went wild for a family-friendly Alumni Day at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, N.Y., on May 5, 2019. Private animal encounters, ice-cream sundae bar, zoo exploration, prizes and activities for kids kept everyone busy. Read about how alumni are caring for the zoo's animals on page 18.

EVENTS

- Dec. 3** Giving Tuesday**
- Dec. 7** 2020 Reunion Engagement and Planning Committee Meeting*
- Dec.** Local Lakers Holiday Social Get-Togethers*
- Dec. 13** December Commencement Eve Reception*
- Jan. 4** 2020 Reunion Engagement and Planning Committee Meeting*
- Feb. 8** 2020 Reunion Engagement and Planning Committee Meeting*
- Winter** Florida Alumni and Friends Events*
- March 1-31** March Matchness GOLD Fundraising Challenge**
- March 21** Oswego Alumni Board of Directors Meeting*
- April 18** 2020 Reunion Engagement and Planning Committee Meeting*
- Spring** Albany Alumni and Friends Event*
- Spring** Boston Alumni and Friends Event*
- Spring** Rochester Alumni and Friends Event*
- Spring** New York City Alumni and Friends Event
- Spring** Nashville Alumni and Friends Event*
- May 8** Oswego College Foundation Board Meeting**
- May 15** Commencement Eve Torchlight Ceremony
- June 4-7** Reunion Weekend 2020
- June 6** Oswego Alumni Board of Directors Meeting*

* Alumni and Parent Relations, 315-312-2258

** University Development, 315-312-3003



SUNY Oswego Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) alumni gathered at the Press Box in Oswego, as part of Harborfest activities on July 27, 2019. Dozens of alumni took advantage of on-campus housing during the annual summer festival hosted by the Oswego community.



Alumni and friends from SUNY Oswego, as well as SUNY Brockport, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Geneseo and SUNY Plattsburgh, met for a summer afternoon at 2019 SUNY Day at the Races in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on Aug. 7, 2019.

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Greetings, Laker family!

For those of you whom I have not yet had the pleasure of meeting over my nearly 10 professional years (and two student-intern years!) with the Alumni Office, please allow me to introduce myself: My name is **Laura Pavlus Kelly '09**, and I am the new executive director of your Oswego Alumni Association.

While I officially joined the Oswego alumni family in 2009, I had green and gold in my veins well before that—with both my parents, **Don '74** and **Carol Metzger Pavlus '74**, and my sister, **Erica Pavlus Schneider '99**, graduating from this “friendly college by the lake” before me...not to mention an uncle, **Bruce Needle '74**, and countless friends! I am certainly a legacy Laker, and enormously proud to be one.

My first part-time professional role with the office was serving as the Reunion reservationist for our 2009 Reunion Weekend—which happened to be the largest Reunion program we've had to date, drawing 1,400 alumni and friends back to campus. What a great way to meet so many amazing alumni right out of the

gate! Since then, in my subsequent roles of associate alumni director and alumni director, I have loved connecting with so many more of you, and witnessing the continued growth of our programs and services. I'm thrilled to be in this new position as we look forward to the changing landscape ahead.

I am a firm believer that change brings opportunity—opportunity for new ideas, for redirection, for enhancement. As I embrace these opportunities to build upon our strong foundation in the months and years to come, I, alongside our Board of Directors, will look to all of you, our valued alumni, for your feedback and input. What makes you want to stay engaged? Why do you support the institution? How can we provide more value? We plan to send our triennial all-alumni comprehensive survey in 2020, to determine how we can better serve our alumni community. I hope you'll take a few moments to share your thoughts and opinions with us!

Of course, you shouldn't wait until then to touch base! I encourage you to attend a Reunion or regional event, volunteer to connect with students and fellow alumni, support the institution and update us regularly on your news and accomplishments. Continue to watch your mailbox for this



bi-annual magazine, and your inbox for regular emails and newsletters, to find details on the ways you can stay connected, as well as news from campus and the impacts our alumni are making around the world!

I look forward to meeting, and re-connecting, with so many of you in the near future—and to continuing to build meaningful, lifelong relationships that bring SUNY Oswego to its “highest degree of usefulness.” It was the true vision of our alumni family's founding father, after all.

With Laker pride,

Laura

Laura Pavlus Kelly '09
Executive Director
Oswego Alumni Association

Green and Gold in the Family

Diana Miranda '97, (right) wanted to find the same things that her cousin, **Thaina Gonzalez '92**, (left) found at SUNY Oswego.

“Thaina was so involved in the school,” said Diana, who is pictured here with Thaina and her brother, **Rafael Giovanni Rodriguez '98**, also an Oswego alum. “She brought that involvement home. We met her friends and saw how their relationships flourished. I wanted the same.”

Diana visited Oswego and even accompanied Thaina to some classes.

“The lecture halls left an impression, as they were completely different from my high school classes,” Diana said. “It made me feel like a professional at a conference.”

Today, Diana is a human resources professional in Buford, Ga. She remembers fondly the time she spent in Oswego—friends, the lake, Johnson Hall, snow storms, to name a few memories.

“We had to link arms to not fall or be blown away,” Miranda joked. “The list goes on.”

Today, Thaina is manager of executive offices/board liaison of Sponsors for Educational Opportunity in New York, N.Y. and a member of the board of directors for the Oswego Alumni Association. Rafael is in law enforcement for the federal government.



Fashion Conscious

For Chicago native **Julio Valenzuela '15**, Oswego became home when as a 14-year-old entering high school, his family left the big city to open the Azteca Mexican Grill on Bridge Street. Coming from an inner-city school that was mostly Latino and black students, to a nearly all-white, small-city—if not rural—school was something of a “culture shock,” he said. But the move also enabled him to confront his own stereotypes and see beyond skin color and racial identities.

He set his sights on establishing a personal and professional brand that “seeks to bring others up and spread good energy” and that “represents the progressive power of ambition, gratitude and purpose.” A screenprinting course with Professor Bill DeMott helped him formulate an idea for an apparel company and an independent study the following semester led him to the realization of that dream. He created H3Collective—with products including sweatshirts, shirts and accessories—during his last semester.

What was your time here at Oswego like?

It was awesome. I really enjoyed the Graphic Design program, and all it had to offer. A highlight was definitely bonding with a group of creative friends. A few of us transferred in the same semester and it seemed like the timing couldn't be better. We ended up renting a house together. We worked on small projects and brainstormed ideas of where we see ourselves after school and what our goals are. That was an essential part of my well-being throughout my school years.

How did you come to launch H3Collective?

Basically, I saw the opportunity to start a business for credit by doing an independent study my senior year. I always knew that fashion design and branding was something I wanted to do. I pitched the ideas for the different projects that I would need to accomplish throughout the semester and established the deadlines. If I hadn't given myself deadlines, then I wouldn't have come up with a name and concept and wouldn't be here right now.

Then I had to come up with branding and logo—logo guidelines and a typographic logo. Then, there were two different pieces that I would design—a hat and a shirt. From there, the following project was to screenprint the shirt myself and then the hat was building a relationship with a company and working with a company one-on-one to bring my vision to life. The last project was coming up with social media content, including lookbook photography and two promotional videos.



Let's talk about the name of your company and the three H's. What do these words mean to you?

Hungry, humble, happy. That flowed nicer than any combination of the three. And it just happened to be three H's. These three words form my mindset and it's all about balance. I knew I wanted to bring like-minded, conscious individuals together to influence a positive lifestyle.

The first 'H' (hungry) represents ambition; I like to surround myself with people who want more out of life and don't conform to society's expectations. The second 'H' (humble) represents humility and gratitude; I love the idea of being a student for life and always being open to learn from others. The third 'H' (happy) represents happiness, of course; I believe your purpose is something that brings you happiness and excitement meanwhile being of service to others. I like to encourage everyone to go after their passion, no matter how big or small.

How does that philosophy spill over into your life?

There are always going to be people who judge you or who undermine your goals or your vision. But at the end of the day, it's you versus you. Nothing can stop anybody. The only limitations are the ones that we create in our minds.

What do you hope for the people who buy into your brand?

To create healthy habits that bring balance in their life and to go after whatever it is they're looking to achieve. If it doesn't make them happy, then it's probably not worth the effort. If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. Collaboration is key nowadays.

Check out the H3Collection at hthrecollective.com.



Alexander Lykins '14 of Scotia, N.Y., is sustainability coordinator for Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. Alexander began working at Union in 2016 as a residence director. He also serves as the executive chair for Schenectady County Environmental Advisory Council; is on the board of directors for ECOS: The Environmental Clearinghouse of New York; is the capital region representative for New York Coalition for Sustainability in Higher Education; and is the founder and CEO of SustainaBrew Consultancy. He earned an MBA degree in sustainability from Bard College in 2019.

John Larkin '15 of Schenectady, N.Y., is a member of the 2019 recruitment class for the Schenectady Police Department.

Riley Ackley '16 of Albany, N.Y., is senior media specialist for the New York State Assembly.

Grace Beard '16 of Selden, N.Y., is a community health worker for REACH CNY Inc. in Syracuse, N.Y.

Amanda Clark '16 is a senior brand manager for The Martin Group LLC in Buffalo, N.Y.

Steven Cox '17 M'18 of Amsterdam, N.Y., is a staff member in Ernst & Young LLP's assurance practice.

Nathan Crowell '17 of Columbus, Ohio, is pursuing a law degree at Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law. He is also an intern for Disability Rights Ohio.

Ugonna Duru '17 of Bronx, N.Y., is accounts payable/bookkeeper for Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers.

Shelby Gallaro '17 of Rochester, N.Y., is a prevention and education advisor for Monroe Community College in Rochester.

Ryan Kanavy '17 of Syracuse, N.Y., is a marketing associate for Loretto Health in Syracuse, where he previously served as a marketing intern.

Ashante McLeod-Perez '17 is a meteorologist for WKBW-TV in Buffalo, N.Y., where she is on air as Michelle McLeod. Previously, she worked at WWNY in Watertown, N.Y.

Brandon Woolfolk '17 left his position as station manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car at the Syracuse (N.Y.) Hancock International Airport in July to become student involvement advisor at SUNY Oswego.

James Dylan Furney '18 of Rome, N.Y., is a commercial real estate salesperson in the



Kirby Socker '18 (right) is a field production assistant for *The Late Late Show* with host James Corden, who surprised her with an on-air appearance on the late-night TV show in June for a game called "Late Late Live Tinder." Like the dating app Tinder, she had to swipe left or right for eligible dates—who were standing in front of her, in person—while Corden added fun commentary.

Utica, N.Y., offices of Cushman & Wakefield/Pyramid Brokerage Company.

Leea Sinay '18 is head women's lacrosse coach for Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y. The OCC women's team has made several NJCAA National Championship appearances.

Vince Walker '18 of Dryden, N.Y., is a junior copywriter for Pinckney Hugo Group in Syracuse, N.Y.

Chris Wells '18 is a data scientist for the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

Kass Paulo '19 of Baldwinsville, N.Y., is a reporter for *Oswego County Today*.

Matthew Seymour '19 of Dryden, N.Y., is pursuing a master's degree at SUNY Albany.

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Richard Elton '40
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Eugene Mayer '47 M'56
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Michael "Joe" Brennick '48
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Malvin Guralnick '48
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Elizabeth Michalski Moshier '48
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Egidio "Gigs" Breda '49
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Henning Haggblom '52 M'55
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Douglas Howard '52
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Ethel Collins Leal '52
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John Lembo '52
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Howard Sherman '52
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Barbara Stern Siegel '52
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Barbara Moody Lamb '53
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Edward Nostrand '53
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Arthur Schilling '53
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Russell Abrams '54
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Bert-Mary Coon Brady '55
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Edward Lindsey '55
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Henry Meyer '56 M'65
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Anthony Pecorale '56
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John Fiore '57
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Phyllis Klepper Geringer '57
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James Milewski '57
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Patricia Ciaschi Reece '57
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Donald Dickinson '58 M'64
of Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 29, 2019.

Herbert Gaupman '58
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Rosa Pappalardo Kemmis '58
of Fulton, N.Y., June 4, 2019.

Lee Porter '58
of Redlands, Calif., Jan. 23, 2019.

William Brown '59
of Hemlock, N.Y., Jan. 6, 2019.

David Bushey '59
of East Fishkill, N.Y., April 8, 2019.

William Connors '59 M'69 CAS'72
of Fulton, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2018.

Virginia Savona Familo '59
of Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 11, 2019.

William Burns '60 M'65
of Watertown, N.Y., March 29, 2019.

Edward Danishevski '60
of Spring Hill, Fla., Jan. 7, 2017.

Joel Ehren '60
of Jacksonville, N.C., Feb. 11, 2019.

Maurice Keroack '60
of Zephyrhills, Fla., April 21, 2019.

Keith Roberts '60
of Honeoye, N.Y., Feb. 12, 2019.

Robert Vienne '60
of Huntington Station, N.Y., Jan. 3, 2019.

John Sculley '61 M'79
of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., Feb. 3, 2019.

Emmet Stopher '61
of Syracuse, N.Y., April 4, 2019.

Brenda LaForce Cooper '62
of Leesburg, Fla., Dec. 10, 2018.

Raymond Esack '62
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Edwin Jaworski '62
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Dean Walts '62
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William Atkins '63
of Green Valley, Ariz., March 14, 2019.

John Lunde '64
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Sylvia Aufiero Matousek '64
of DeWitt, N.Y., March 8, 2019.

Margaret Evangelist Savona '64
of Oswego, April 11, 2019.

Sharon White '65
of Parish, N.Y., Feb. 5, 2019.

Susan Burnette '66
of Marcellus, N.Y., March 16, 2019.

Emily Shea Fey '66
of Rome, N.Y., May 29, 2019.

David Mowry '66
of Plattsburgh, N.Y., April 22, 2019.

Sandra Waterman Taylor '66
of Rome, N.Y., June 19, 2019.

Charles Chandler '67 M'68
of Mattydale, N.Y., Feb. 12, 2018.

Frances VanDerWall Kazmierczak '67
of Orchard Park, N.Y., Oct. 2, 2018.

Thomas Malone '67
of Palatka, Fla., Jan. 18, 2019.

Robert Spafford '67
of Redwood, N.Y., Feb. 9, 2019.

Ellen Buskirk '68
of Fountain Valley, Calif., April 13, 2019.

Susan Williamson Cusenz '69
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Mary Ann Robinson Mercier '69
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Leonard Zullo '69
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Warren Kuchenbecker '70
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Frank Padalino '70
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Ben Gerardo '71
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James Jerose '71
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Helen Wase '71
of Baldwinsville, N.Y., June 19, 2019.

Theresa Fosco Coffey '72
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Earnest Williams '72
of Rochester, N.Y., March 3, 2019.

JoAnn Briggs Carroll '74
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Timothy Kelly '74
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George Klump '74
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Gerard McGirr '74
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William McLachlan '74 of Ottawa,
Ontario, Canada, March 26, 2019.

Anthony Rasemus '74
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Josephine Manasseri Adams '75 M'80
of Dexter, N.Y., Jan. 21, 2019.

Garry Austin '75
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Thomas Barry '75
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Mildred Ellison Jeffers '75
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Christopher Evenden '76
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Patricia Cobbs Ferguson '76
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Salvatore Caputo '77
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Richard Mattice '77 M'85
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Cathy Riley Quarantello '77
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Douglas Read '77
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Peter Roosa '77
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Timothy Ryan-Pepper '77
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Thomas Dudarchik '78
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Kathleen Moser Cole '79
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Robert Stanton '80
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Anne Bender '81
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Edward Fabian '81
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Landa Hammond '82
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Keith Himes '82 M'91
of Port Charlotte, Fla., April 25, 2019.

James Anziano '83
of Miller Place, N.Y., June 10, 2017.

Elma Howell Beall '83
of Wake Forest, N.C., Sept. 12, 2017.

David Bentley '83
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Michael Lewis '83
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Barry Goldstein '84 of Croton-on-Hudson,
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Deborah Polaski '85
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Cheryl Datlo Spina '85
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Edward Verdi '85 of Lauderdale-by-the-
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Lisa Rabinowitz '87
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Michelle Brisson '89
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Lynne Kelly M'89 CAS'89
of Baldwinsville, N.Y., June 4, 2019.

Andrea Schrader '89
of Providence, R.I., June 4, 2019.

Theodora Wasiluk Casson '90
of Camillus, N.Y., June 14, 2019.

Harold Grunenwald M'90 CAS'00
of Kingston, N.Y., Feb. 6, 2019.

Elizabeth Cummings Monroe '90
of Cazenovia, N.Y., Jan. 27, 2019.

Jeffrey Kline '97
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Brian Pringle '01
of Fulton, N.Y., Dec. 17, 2018.

Adam Conway '02 M'07
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Brendan Lynch '02
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Thomas Kelly '03
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Michael Sayles '03
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Aziz Goksel '07
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Cathy Lam Davius '15
of Grand Prairie, Texas, June 5, 2019.

H. Fred Bartle, Associate Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Feb. 18, 2019.

Pamela Cox, Professor of Management,
May 15, 2019.

George Crowe, first men's hockey coach at Oswego, Jan. 6, 2019.

J. Douglas Deal, Professor of History and Director of General Education, April 23, 2019.

Joseph LeFevre, Professor Emeritus of Organic Chemistry, Jan. 10, 2019.

Robert Maurer, Associate Professor Emeritus of Earth Sciences, Dec. 21, 2018.

Raymond O'Donnell, Associate Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Feb. 1, 2019.*

Zabel Sarian, Associate Professor Emeritus of Art, Nov. 20, 2016.

Alfred Stamm, Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Meteorology, May 23, 2019.

Joseph Wiecha, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus of Modern Languages and Literatures, April 29, 2019.

* Friends and family have established a fund in memory of this SUNY Oswego community member. Gifts can be made at alumni.oswego.edu/give or sent to the Oswego College Foundation, 215 Sheldon Hall, SUNY, Oswego, N.Y. 13126. Please indicate the name of the person you wish to honor.

Reflecting on Sheldon



Tom Little '92 (left) and Don Little '91



As I head to another Laker hockey game with my dad and friends, we always take a moment as we pass that statue in front of Sheldon Hall. I pause and reflect on the fatherly guidance that he provided in the establishment and growth of the Oswego Normal and Training School—Oswego State. As I reflect on the Oswego family, I wanted to take a moment to share my love and profound admiration of that great man.

When I was an undergrad in the late 1980s and the early 1990s, I am ashamed to say that my knowledge and understanding of Sheldon's legacy was so sparse that I might well call it ignorant. With age comes appreciation and respect. After all, this man was quite a game changer! He began working with students at the Ragged School and later served as superintendent of both Oswego and Syracuse school districts. In Syracuse, he helped to organize the Onondaga County Library System and supported the freeing of a runaway slave (the Jerry Rescue).

It was within these experiences that he saw the need to improve the training of teachers for the enhanced experience of student learning. The training program that he developed became known as the Oswego Method. So phenomenal was this work that it became universally adopted by normal schools across America. Today, we just call it "student teaching."

Perhaps the simple story of the statue allows one to better understand the importance of Sheldon. On Arbor Day 1898, 200,000 students from 3,000 schools collected pennies for the commissioning of that statue. A monument to Sheldon would be woefully inadequate if it were of him alone. In many ways, the statue reflects the equality within the learning process of the student and Sheldon. It was this belief in meeting each child where he or she was and moving him or her forward that makes Sheldon so important to the American education system. That is the mindset that he promoted in his training program.

Our college's fatherly founder was deeply rooted in a student-centered model of teaching and learning. That model has flourished for more than a century and a half. He profoundly altered both the way children in the United States were taught and the way teachers were educated. It is why the statue was dedicated! Sheldon was extraordinarily ordinary and that is what makes me appreciate him even more. Like thousands of fellow graduates, I have dedicated my professional life to the education of children. In that regard, I am extraordinarily ordinary.

He was a force of nature and a charismatic personality who drew like-minded trailblazers to the shores of Lake Ontario. These merry men and women went far and wide and spread the gospel of Sheldon to every corner of the country and beyond. He has set the standard of what an Oswego alum should do civically and professionally: Use your talents to achieve your personal best; add to your community by valuing and advocating for those around you; and perform at your highest level in all of your involvements. My twin brother, **Tom '92**, and I have followed that lead in Syracuse city schools with great success.

As we end our pause at the statue, I proceed to the arena, drop off my dad and friends, and park the truck. It is often in those moments of trudging across the parking lot that I realize that those lessons from my "college father," are really similar to the lessons from my father. What a blessing to have two dads who expected so much! I suppose that is why Tom and I dedicated a scholarship in our family's name to our Oswego family. They belong together, don't they... ● —Don Little '91

Don Little '91 is a social studies teacher at Nottingham High School, and his master thesis, focused on Edward Austin Sheldon's life and legacy, is available for review at Penfield Library. He and his brother, Tom '92, established the Little Family Scholarship to support students who graduated from a Syracuse City School District high school and who now attend SUNY Oswego and are majoring in education or a social science.

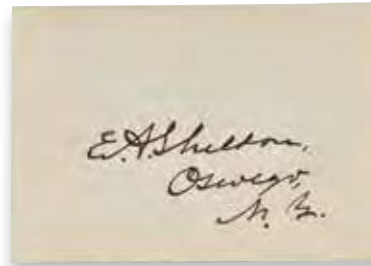


Read more about Sheldon and his contributions to education in an extended online version, please visit magazine.oswego.edu.

Sheldon Objects



Three of the wooden spheres used in the object method of teaching at Oswego Normal and Training School. Developed by Pestalozzi and introduced in Oswego by Sheldon and Krusi, the method moved away from recitation and memorization toward an active learning style including physical objects and field trips. The statue of Sheldon in front of Sheldon Hall holds up a model of one of these spheres.



Calling card used by Edward Austin Sheldon when making visits to people's homes.



Edward Austin Sheldon's favorite chair, used while writing many of his books on teaching and education.

Published in 1872 by EA Sheldon, this was the *First Reader*, which was adapted to the phonic, word and alphabet modes of teaching to read.



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Faculty —HALL OF FAME—



The Fullers

Some decisions in life come easily. **Cindy Evans Fuller '72** knew that she wanted to follow in her favorite high school teacher's footsteps by becoming a math educator. She also knew immediately that she liked college classmate, **Larry Fuller '72 M'76**, a chemistry major, whom she and her twin sister, **Sylvia '72**, befriended on move-in day.

"I had my eye on him really from day one," Cindy said. So when he called her to invite her to "the union for a soda," she dropped everything and raced to meet him for their first date.

Cindy and Larry, and Sylvia and **Leslie Torok '71**, would eventually marry in a double ceremony in July 1973.

The Fullers have spent more than four decades as members of the SUNY Oswego

community—as students, faculty members, alumni and currently officers with the Emeriti Association.

The couple were among the first students to study in the then brand-new Snygg Hall, and were there when the building was torn down to make way for the current Shineman Center for Science, Engineering and Innovation.

"Our entire career was spent in Snygg Hall," said Larry, who returned to Oswego to earn a master's in chemistry and was then kept on as the chemistry lab coordinator before moving into a teaching position.

He counts among his most significant contributions his work with colleagues on developing the first facility master plan, which led to the renovation of Rich Hall as the home for the School of Business and laid the groundwork for several other construction projects on campus.

In the classroom, Larry made chemistry memorable for students, especially for non-science majors. For example, in explaining the concept of an electron gaining energy as it moves from one level to another around a nucleus, he was known to hop onto a row of desks and race down the row, hop to the next row—making his way to the back of the room—and then run through the hallway and emerge through the door at the front of the classroom.

"I'd come back into the room, and they'd be laughing out of their minds," he said. "And I'd say, 'You guys are now ions and I'm a free electron.' So that's what I would try to do in my lectures—something they would never

expect, something that would make them want to come back to class the next time."

Larry also helped develop the forensic science minor at SUNY Oswego, and created chemistry courses in criminalistics and forensic science that complemented course offerings in the Public Justice Department. His expertise in forensic science, particularly in the analysis of unknown drugs and other physical evidence, led to his testimony in criminal court cases.

Early in her career, Cindy taught math in a variety of secondary schools, and then in 1992, she joined the SUNY Oswego faculty as a math instructor.

"My goal was to make math fun for my students," Cindy said. "What stands out to me from my years here were connecting with those students who didn't like math, or maybe college for that matter, and talking with them, showing patience so that by the end of the semester, you could see how their attitude had improved and how they could now see a future for themselves."

They both retired in May 2015, but a Fuller still remains on staff, as their son, Greg, works as a network operations manager for Campus Technology Services. Larry and Cindy serve as president and vice chair, respectively, of the Oswego Emeriti Association.

"We got involved in that as a way to keep in touch with our former colleagues," Larry said. "We plan social outings and organize a few lunches a year. It keeps us busy and connected."