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In this issue, *UA Albany* "examines" the careers of orthodontist Neil Capolongo, D.D.S., B.S.'85, and other alumni in the healthcare professions.

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School of Public Health doctoral candidate Kamiar Alaei, M.D., left, and Arash Alaei, M.D., accept the Elizabeth Taylor Award from actress Sharon Stone at the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C., July 21. The brothers – imprisoned in their native Iran in 2008 for treating and educating AIDS and HIV patients – are currently international education specialists at UAlbany. Both exemplify the many dedicated physicians and dentists who prepared for their careers, conducted research or supplemented their learning at the University.

To read more about the Alaei brothers and other medical and dental professionals with UAlbany connections, please turn to page 7.

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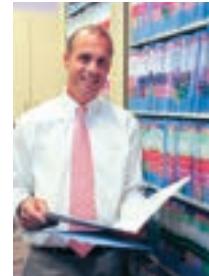
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Ronald Frasch, B.S.'70, gave up selling mutual funds more than 40 years ago and opted for a career in merchandising instead. And he's never looked back.

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From the Podium and Beyond

By Carol Olechowski

CNSE Hosts a Presidential Visit

The College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) and its Albany NanoTech Complex attracted both national attention and presidential praise May 8 when President Barack Obama arrived for a brief visit that included a tour and a talk. Obama commended CNSE founder Alain Kaloyeros, the college and UAlbany for promoting high-tech advancements that are strengthening the economy. "You have an outstanding university. Now I

want what's happening in Albany to happen across the country," the president noted.

To view photographic highlights of the day, link to <http://tinyurl.com/c9cntx5>.



Gary Gold



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Cimini Champions Change

M. Dolores Cimini, Ph.D., has been recognized by the White House as a Champion of Change for promoting access to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers for students, particularly young women, with disabilities. Cimini, assistant director for Prevention and Program Evaluation at UAlbany's Counseling Center, co-chairs the American Psychological Association's Women with Disabilities in STEM Education Project.



Mark Schmidt

NanoCollege Student Is 2012 Goldwater Scholar

Nanoengineering major Sheila Smith is a recipient of the 2012 Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the premier undergraduate award for outstanding students in the science, engineering and math fields. The Pittstown, N.Y., native is researching new materials and processes that will enhance the speed, functionality and energy efficiency of such products as cellphones, laptops, LEDs and solar cells. Smith plans to continue her graduate studies at CNSE after earning her bachelor's degree.

Bakhru Named Distinguished Service Professor



Mark Schmidt

Longtime UAlbany faculty member Hassaram Bakhru, Ph.D., has been designated a Distinguished Service Professor, the most prestigious appointment in the

SUNY system. Bakhru, who joined the UAlbany faculty in 1970, is a past chair of the physics department and has served as director of the University's Ion Beam Laboratory for 40 years. Currently, he heads CNSE's Nanosciences Constellation.

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APA Honors Altarriba



Mark Schmidt

Professor of Psychology Jeannette Altarriba was honored Aug. 3 at the American Psychological Association Convention in Orlando, Fla., with the 2012 Minority Fellowship Program's Dalmas A. Taylor Award. The honor

recognized the psychology department chair-elect, who has taught at UAlbany since 1992, for her outstanding teaching and training of ethnic minority psychologists. Altarriba is also affiliated with the University's Department of Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies, and with the Linguistics and Cognitive Science programs.

CWGCS Partners With State Department

UAlbany's Center for Women in Government & Civil Society (CWGCS), supported by a \$60,000 U.S. Department of State Women in Public Service Project (WPS) grant, is exploring ways to improve Uganda's policy decisions while retaining women in public service in that country. The research, explained center director and co-principal investigator Dina Refki, "is designed to deepen our understanding of the contextual factors that affect the behavior and actions of female change agents in the Ugandan legislature."

Giants Return to UAlbany

For a 16th season, the New York Giants returned to UAlbany's uptown campus for summer training camp. Players arrived July 26 and began practicing the following day. They also participated in several other events, including Autograph Day (July 28) and Giants Youth Day (Aug. 8).

The Super Bowl XLVI champions headed back home Aug. 15.



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Chancellor Recognizes 13 from UAlbany

Thirteen University at Albany faculty and staff were among a group of 289 SUNY employees receiving the 2011-12 Chancellor's Award for Excellence from Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher in July. University President George Philip, top row, fourth from left, posed with UAlbany honorees Melissa Samuels, JoAnne Carson, Michael Jaromin, Denise Heiserman, Susan Gauss and Jane Kessler, standing; and Glenn Deane, Martin Hildebrand, Iris Berger and Odette Fung, seated. Not pictured are awardees Karyn Losocco, Gerald Burke and Istvan Kecskes.

Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

Endowment Honors O'Leary

A year after his passing in April 2011, the memory of former University at Albany President Vincent O'Leary is being kept alive by his daughter, Beth O'Leary, and other family members through a scholarship endowment in his name.

The President Vincent O'Leary Scholarship Endowment will provide support for undergraduates. Recipients must demonstrate financial need.

O'Leary joined the School of Criminal Justice faculty in 1968 and subsequently served as dean. He was the University's 14th president from 1977 until 1990.



Scholarship Benefits Graduate Students



As a professor of English for 30-plus years, Arthur N. Collins, Ph.D., B.A.'48, taught thousands of New York State College for Teachers (NYSCT) and UAlbany students. Today, through The Professor Arthur N. Collins and Marion B. Collins Scholarship, he is still helping students.

Amy Hopty, Collins' daughter, established the fund in his name and that of her late mother, the professor's first wife. The scholarship will support students pursuing graduate degrees in the humanities.

Collins, who retired from the University in the mid-1980s, passed away in December 2011.

Bunshaft Inaugurates Lecture Series

Al Bunshaft, B.S.'80, shared his thoughts about having "a fun and fulfilling life after college" with 200 UAlbany students April 20 at the first Bunshaft Lecture. "How to Have a Career (and a Life) – even if your goals aren't clear yet!" focused on his career in global technology. Bunshaft is managing director of Dassault Systèmes North America, which uses realistic 3D virtual simulations to assist companies in addressing industry-specific challenges. He and wife Caryn Bunshaft, B.S.'82, established the The Bunshaft Lecture on Careers in Computer Science within the College of Computing and Information (CCI).



Where Are They Now?

By Carol Olechowski

Amaury Muñoz (Spring 2012, "Student Spotlight") believes in making the most of his educational experience! As a junior, the Brentwood, N.Y., resident interned for both Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. This summer, Muñoz was one of only 30 students nationally to participate in UC Berkeley's prestigious seven-week Public Policy and International Affairs (PPIA) Summer Institute in policy skills. Now, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has named him a Thomas R. Pickering Undergraduate Foreign Affairs Fellow. According to Mazin Melegy, program assistant for the fellowship program, "Amaury is the first University at Albany student ever to receive a Pickering Fellowship." The award, which prepares students for careers with the U.S. Foreign Service, will provide "up to \$40,000 in tuition, room, board, books, fees and other expenses for Amaury's senior year," Melegy says, as well as \$40,000 for his first year of graduate study. Muñoz, a public policy and political science major, graduates next May.



Mark Schmidt

Interstate Water Compacts: Intergovernmental Efforts to Manage America's Water Resources, to be published this fall by the State University of New York Press, is the latest book from Professor of Political Science **Joseph F. Zimmerman** (Spring 2011, "Where Are They Now?"). The Press published two other of the Rockefeller College faculty member's works, *State-Local Governmental Interactions* and *Interstate Cooperation: Compacts and Administrative Agreements, 2nd edition*, in early 2012. Zimmerman has authored or edited more than 50 books.

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Cover: At the busy office of University at Albany alumnus Neil Capolongo, D.D.S., B.S.'85, young patients often hear the phrase "Open wide!" But they're also likely to hear the orthodontist praise his alma mater—and suggest that UAlbany is well worth considering when they and their parents are discussing plans for college. The Doctor is in, which begins on page 7, features profiles of Capolongo and other alumni in the healthcare field. Cover photo: Mike Tritchonis

Out and About

By Christy Doyle, M.B.A.'04

UAlbany Celebrates Its Donors

Photos: Peter Evans

Following the spring meeting of the University at Albany Foundation Board of Directors June 21, UAlbany President George M. Philip hosted a donor appreciation reception at SEFCU Arena. The reception recognized 1844 Society donors, as well as Loyalty Society supporters. Through their annual gifts of \$1,000 or more, 1844 Society members share a common pledge to educational excellence, student success and service to the University. The society's name recalls the year the University was founded at the New York State Normal School at Albany. The newly formed Loyalty Society recognizes donors who faithfully contribute each and every year. Membership is established upon the third consecutive year of giving and continues with each successive annual donation.

Photo 1: University Art Museum Director Janet Riker poses with Matt Mataraso and Susan Shipherd '64, standing, and, seated, Ann Mataraso '02, Kenneth Doran '39 and Kathleen Doran '70.

Photo 2: The new generation of 1844 Society donors includes, left to right, Brian Fessler '06, '07; Katie DiLello '08; Casey Crandall '07, '12; and Jacob Crawford '08, '09.

Photo 3: Marie and Lawrence Shore are longtime UAlbany supporters and friends.

Photo 4: An exceptional group of donors – including, left to right, David Laiosa '71, '88, and Joyce Laiosa '72, '97; Kenneth Doran '39; George Philip '69, '73; James Panton '53 and Georgiana Panton; and Betty Devine '73, '78 – has contributed to the University in each of the last 25 or more years.



Tribeca Meets UAlbany

Photos: Mark Schmidt

Just after the 11th annual Tribeca Film Festival concluded, festival co-founder and Albany native Craig Hatkoff visited UAlbany. His May 3 visit coincided with the kickoff of UAlbany's multi-disciplinary film initiative, Upstate NY Screens, which will start small with documentary films and the début of a regional cinematic exposition to include screenings, master classes and networking opportunities for filmmakers.



Hatkoff, holding the Tribeca Film Festival's Disruptive Innovation Award, addresses a group of UAlbany donors and applauds the University's Small Enterprise Economic Development (SEED) program for winning the prize.



Via Skype, Alex Orlovsky, one of the producers of "A Place Beyond the Pines," speaks with townhall audience members about the positive experience he had while filming last year in the Capital Region.

The Doctor is In

Healthcare providers who graduated from the University at Albany share memories of their student days – and offer some insights into the ways their academic and co-curricular experiences influenced their lives and career choices.



Neil Capolongo, D.D.S., B.S.'85

University Ambassador

by Carol Olechowski

Albany was the foundation" for Neil Capolongo's career as an orthodontist. "It was a state university, but I found it to be a private school, in many ways. Its history as a teachers college was presented to us many times. Albany gave me leadership abilities; at 20 or 21 years of age, I'd have conversations with the University president and administrators, and conduct myself as an ambassador to

Capolongo encourages his young patients "all the time" to consider attending UAlbany.

visiting students and professors. I was in the Purple and Gold Society. Each experience impacted a part of my life. I have such great things to tell my patients about Albany."

And tell them he does: At his office in Mount Kisco, N.Y., Capolongo encourages his young patients "all the time" to consider attending UAlbany. "It's also wonderful to speak with current students and with other graduates. I hear good things. Today, a patient told me that he visited the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. It was great to hear how interested he is in UAlbany."

Capolongo, who majored in biology, "always wanted to be a doctor" but later found himself "on the fence," choosing between a career in medicine or dentistry. "Part of what made me go the dental route was some research I did at the Empire State Plaza's Wadsworth Labs," he notes. "Junior year, I wanted to do some research and round out my CV and graduate school application. One of my professors put me in contact with Dr. Carmen Mannella, who was researching

a cancer drug, Adriamycin, to determine its toxicity to the heart and how to prevent it. I'd take the bus downtown and hang out in the basement – 'the dungeon,' I called it – and the research did round me out. It was intense, very finite, very detailed, which I was not used to. Dr. Mannella let me run with it, and he got some grant money for further study. I was paid for about 10 hours of work a week, and I did earn graduate credits my senior year."

The work also convinced Capolongo that "I could never do research. I decided on dentistry." His "strong" background in the sciences "got me into Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine. I even received a scholarship, which paid 50 percent of my tuition."

Capolongo met his wife, Gina, a pediatric dentist, at Columbia. After graduation, they moved to Westchester County, sensing the area "would prove to be a good opportunity. We've been here for 21 great, super, wonderful years," he says.

While Albany prepared him well for his career, Capolongo notes that even his treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma had a University connection. His doctors prescribed Adriamycin – the very same pharmaceutical Capolongo researched as an undergraduate. "It was surreal, in many ways," he admits, adding that he's now "15 years cancer free."



The Long Island native is proud of the University and his fellow graduates. "We have strong alumni; we all have fond memories of Albany and its history and vibrancy. I had a great college experience and the educational greatness that got me down the road to my profession. When you combine the two, what more can you have? It was a win-win situation."

For Capolongo, "the college conversations are just starting now" with his oldest child, Catie, who turns 16 in September. "It's a matter of seeing what would be right for her. I could see my daughter enjoying both academics and entertainment on campus. Albany will be on our list when we start looking at schools – absolutely, it will. I came out of there with complete happiness."

"The opportunities at the University are immense," says Capolongo, who is also the father of 12-year-old twins Genevieve and Lauren. "I enjoyed being there. I took a year off after college and stayed in Albany; it's a great town. It's a fun place and has easy access to many other places – Saratoga, Lake George, skiing at Gore Mountain. It really was great."



Tyrone G. Bristol, M.D., F.A.A.P., C.P.E., M.P.H.'07

Caring for the Community

by Carol Olechowski

Since joining Shanghai United Family Hospitals and Clinics (SHU) staff as chief medical officer in December 2008, pediatrician Tyrone Bristol has had ample opportunity to incorporate into his practice "preventative healthcare for the community, which I learned while getting my M.P.H. at UAlbany."

The past four years "have gone by quite rapidly" for the School of Public Health alumnus, who earned undergraduate and M.D. degrees from Cornell University and Albany Medical College, respectively. "In addition to enhancing SHU standards with guidelines and policies, we've expanded healthcare services, such as diabetes and respiratory care, smoking cessation, sports medicine and adolescent care. We now have a consistent internal medical-education program for our staff and a significant outreach program to help educate our community on such topics as the dangers

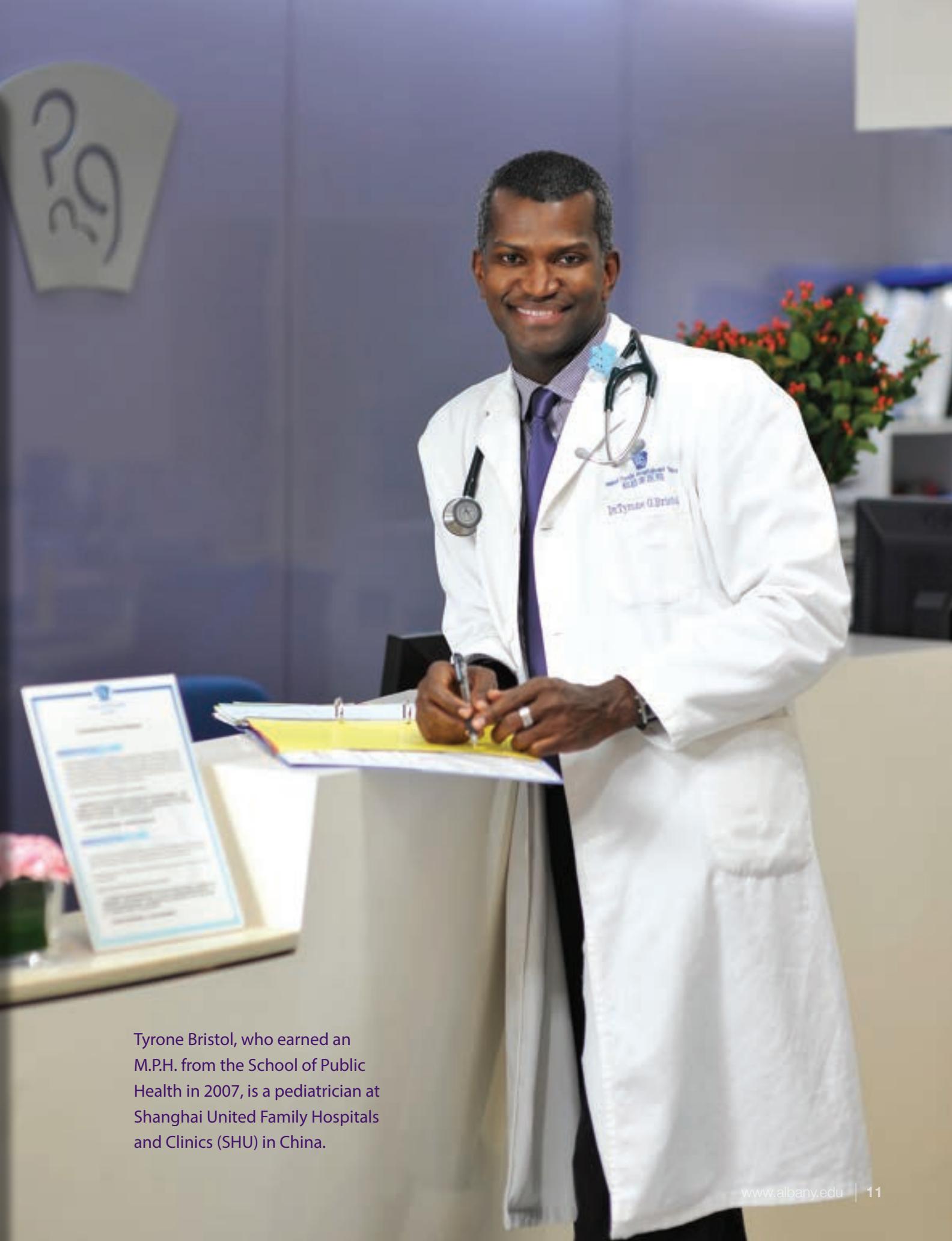
of lead poisoning and poor air quality. I've been able to continue one of my professional passions: educating teenagers and parents about teen health risks, including the use of alcohol and other drugs, and unhealthy sexual behaviors.

"Our staff and organization continue to grow, with new hospitals and clinic projects. We are proud to have been reaccredited by the Joint Commission International (JCI) in 2011 for another three years. We still have many goals for the Shanghai organization, and I look forward to being part of it."

Even as Bristol's hospital-administrator role has expanded, "I've been able to build a pediatric practice in the very limited amount of time I have to see patients. I've learned many cultural and ethnic nuances of providing healthcare to kids from all over the world. I've had weekly Mandarin lessons since February 2009; I just started learning some medical Mandarin, and also how to write the characters. Personally, I was happy to become a Certified Physician Executive (CPE) in March."

Life hasn't been all work and no play for the Guyana-born Bristol, who immigrated to the U.S. as a teenager: "I continue to enjoy traveling and exploring other parts of Asia, such as Japan, Korea and Thailand."





Tyrone Bristol, who earned an M.P.H. from the School of Public Health in 2007, is a pediatrician at Shanghai United Family Hospitals and Clinics (SHU) in China.

Advocating for Those With HIV and AIDS

Determined to overcome the stigma attached to HIV/AIDS, brothers Kamiar Alaei, M.D., and Arash Alaei, M.D., developed harm-reduction programs in their native Iran. They created Global Health in the Middle East and Central Asia, an HIV/AIDS training program for regional health experts. And they founded a clinic where they treated, educated and offered emotional support to patients and families.

After Mahmoud Ahmadinejad became president, however, the government withdrew its support for their work. During a visit home by Kamiar, then a School of Public Health intern traveling to conduct research at the family's

clinic, both physicians were arrested and held for several months without being charged. Finally, at a secret trial Dec. 31, 2008, Arash and Kamiar were charged with "communications with an enemy" and seeking to overthrow the government under Article 508 of Iran's Islamic Penal Code. At a press conference, Iranian Judiciary spokesperson Ali-Reza Jamshidi claimed the brothers were "linked to the CIA, backed by the U.S. government and State Department. ... They recruited and trained people to work with different espionage networks to launch a velvet overthrow of the Iranian government." Three weeks after the one-day trial, on Jan. 20, 2009, Kamiar and Arash were

informed that they had been convicted. Arash was sentenced to six years at Tehran's infamous Evin prison; Kamiar was

sentenced to three years there but was released in December 2010. Arash was freed in August 2011.

Their work has earned the physicians many tributes. The most recent came July 21, during the opening ceremonies of the XIX International AIDS Conference in Washington, D.C., when they received the Elizabeth Taylor Award "in Recognition of Efforts to Advocate for Human Rights in the Field of HIV."

Arash is now adviser for International Education at UAlbany. Kamiar, director of International Programs, is a doctoral candidate at the School of Public Health.

Arash Alaei addresses audience members at the XIX International AIDS Conference after he and his brother, Kamiar Alaei, left, accepted the Elizabeth Taylor Award from actress Sharon Stone.



Kamiar Alaei, M.D.

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Judith Katz, M.D., B.A.'72 For The Love Of Puzzles

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

Judith Katz has always loved crossword puzzles and other games that challenge and tease the mind. She thinks this is what drew her to the field of imaging.

"Everything I do is really a puzzle," explained Katz, the chief of Ultrasound at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. "I have to look at the situation, the images we collect, and put the puzzle together."

In addition to overseeing the ultrasound department and reading scans such as x-rays, CT-scans and mammograms, Katz is an assistant professor at Tufts University



School of Medicine. She enjoys the teaching part of her job because it ensures that she is constantly learning. "I like being a student for life," she said.

Katz chose the University at Albany because of its proximity to her downstate New York family. She has fond memories of working in the biology labs – a precursor, of sorts, to her work in imaging.

"I enjoy being behind the scenes, working collaboratively with other professionals to solve a problem," Katz noted. "When you know you've helped someone, it's an extraordinary feeling."

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

Neil Gordon, M.D., B.S.'86 Facing Forward

"I make people's outsides match what's inside," explained Neil Gordon.

Gordon is one of the nation's preeminent facial plastic surgeons and a leader in the breakthrough technique known as the 'deep plane facelift' – a way to make patients' faces appear younger without looking like they've had work done.

"It's very artistic," said Gordon, describing his work. "And it has a very positive effect on people's lives, their confidence and self-image."

Gordon, who practices at office locations in Connecticut and in Manhattan, is founder of The Retreat at Split Rock, a unique facility that offers state-of-the-art plastic surgery in a private, spa-like atmosphere.

Beyond his private practice, Gordon is the director of Head and Neck Aesthetic Surgery at the Yale School of Medicine; he also carries out other academic responsibilities. A nationally recognized authority on facial plastic surgery, he was even interviewed by E! Entertainment Television for a segment about celebrity facelifts.

Gordon credits his UAlbany education with putting him "in a position to succeed" relative to medical school and other endeavors.



Janice K. (Pyke) Ascencio, M.D., B.S.'94

“A Part of People’s Lives”



Ask Janice Krystal (Pyke) Ascencio what she most enjoys about her work, and she instantly responds, "Being a part of other people's lives."

Attracted to the medical profession by the prospect of being involved with people "at the highest and lowest points of their lives," Ascencio – an obstetrician and gynecologist – sees patients at the four offices of Geisinger Health System in Pennsylvania and performs surgery at the system's medical center. She increasingly incorporates minimally invasive surgery (MIS) into her practice to "allow patients to heal and resume their normal activities more quickly."

At the University at Albany, Ascencio was a pre-med student majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry. "I wanted to go to the University of Pennsylvania, but I was 16 and my mother didn't want me to go so far away," recalls the Jamaica native, whose family settled in Queens, N.Y., after immigrating to the United

States. When her sister, Holly Pyke-Brown, B.S.'91, urged her to enroll at Albany, Ascencio did, and "it worked out very well for me. Everyone there was very helpful. There was a center where we used to go for tutoring; I immediately signed up for a tutor in every class! It gave me kind of a security blanket; I was able to meet people. I met my husband, Alfredo Ascencio [B.S.'94, business administration], there."

Although Ascencio was "very focused on my school-work," her mentor and adviser, Professor Daniel Wulff, "wanted me to be a little more socialized. He felt I worked too hard. He wanted me to have a well-rounded experience; he got me listening to opera, and he helped me to do the applications for Phi Beta Kappa and Purple and Gold. He was an inspiration."

Ascencio, who went on to graduate from the University of Virginia School of Medicine in Charlottesville, is "very grateful to have been a student at Albany. The curriculum was very competitive, and I was well prepared for a dynamic career."

Steven M. Katz, M.D., B.S.'76 Understanding Ideas and Facts

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

Steven M. Katz is an anesthesiologist at Christiana Health Care System in Delaware. He specializes in obstetric anesthesia.

A math major and physics minor, Katz was very much influenced by his math professors at the University at Albany. "My math training has always made me think about my assumptions about things and try to avoid memorization as a way of learning," he says. Instead, Katz sought to understand ideas and facts. That approach shaped his pre-med education at Columbia University and his study of medicine at Hahnemann University, which is now a part of Drexel University.

Katz also found value in other courses he took. Film

classes with Arthur Lennig gave him a lifelong love of the movies. A class with Richard (Doc) Sauers, then head coach of the men's basketball team, gave him perspective on, and an appreciation for, the game.

Katz and his sister, Judith, established the *Edith and Otto Katz Scholarship* at the University.

"Neither of my parents went to college, but they made it possible for us to go. So we thought it would be a fitting tribute to them to create a scholarship in their honor," Katz says.



John H. Bowker, M.D., B.S.'52

Decades of Dedication

By Carol Olechowski

A Few Words of Advice

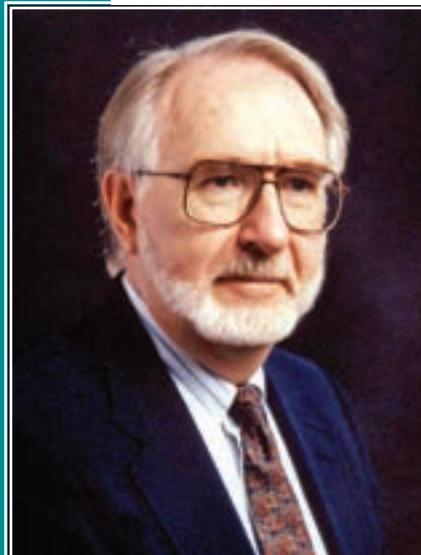
"Virtually all foot problems in diabetics result from ignoring high blood sugar levels over a prolonged period," says John H. Bowker.

"This results in gradual loss of protective sensation in the feet, leading to the inability to recognize injuries to them until, all too often, serious infection results."

Bowker advises diabetics

- never to walk barefoot or only in socks, even in their homes.
- to inspect their feet and shoes closely twice a day.
- to check their blood sugar levels daily.
- to have their hemoglobin A1C determined every three months to indicate the average daily blood sugar levels over this period. ("Ideally, this level should be very close to 6 percent. Maintaining that level should greatly help prevent onset or progression of major complications, including loss of vision, kidney failure and decreased foot sensation," Bowker notes.)

The doctor adds: "There are millions of prediabetic persons in the United States, most of them obese. Without intervention, about 70 percent will develop Type 2 diabetes. The most effective measure to stop that progression is by attaining a normal weight through moderate exercise and diet under the guidance of one's primary physician and a dietitian."



Most of his contemporaries have retired. But at age 84, orthopaedic surgeon John H. Bowker proudly remains on the job, treating patients two days a week at Miami's Jackson Memorial Medical Center.

Bowker's interest in medicine was "awakened during the waning days of World War II," when he served as a U.S. Navy corpsman at St. Albans Naval Hospital in Queens, N.Y. He later studied biology at the New York State College for Teachers. The school "was affordable for me with the help of the G.I. Bill, a New York State Veterans scholarship, and living in Albany with my parents," recalls Bowker. To make ends meet, he worked weekends as a licensed practical nurse and during school breaks as "a common laborer on the construction of the New York State Thruway and the Albany power plant."

At NYSCT, Bowker's favorite classes were biology and history; "the quality of the teaching was outstanding in these areas." Minnie Scotland, who taught several of his biology courses, and Catharine Newbold of the history department "were outstanding teachers with a great sense of humor." His professors' "high expectations for student

performance" aided Bowker in "developing a mindset valuable for medical studies and subsequent specialty training."

After graduating from Albany Medical College in 1956, Bowker completed a residency in orthopaedic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and a fellowship in orthopaedic rehabilitation at Massachusetts General Hospital. He combined his medical training with an interest in teaching, joining the orthopaedic faculty at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine. Bowker taught there full time for 19 years, then for another 18 at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He retired from the university in 2000, and "the next day, I was hired by Jackson Memorial to continue my resident teaching and surgical work."

One day each week, Bowker sees "a large number of mostly indigent-care patients in clinics that alternate, with one devoted to preventive and therapeutic management of foot problems of diabetics, and one

dedicated to the care of persons with amputations, including the provision and maintenance of prosthetic limbs. These clinics emphasize a team approach. The second day is my surgery schedule; I address the serious problems seen in the clinics, ranging from function-preserving amputations within the foot to major lower-limb amputations."

Bowker, who works with the Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Association and The International Society for Prosthetics and Orthotics, is a member of Technical Committee 168 of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). He has served as an editor for the last three editions of Levin and O'Neal's *The Diabetic Foot* (Elsevier Publishing),

"the leading interdisciplinary work on management of diabetic foot problems for over 30 years," as well as for the most recent editions of the *Atlas of Amputations and Limb Deficiencies*, published by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

More than five decades into his career, Bowker considers his work in the clinics, in "improving the quality of both amputation surgery techniques and the lifelong prosthetic management of persons with amputation," and in "training literally hundreds of orthopaedic residents in the principles of care for these patients," highly rewarding.

Matthew Mauer, D.O., M.P.H.'97

Research Driven

The serious, often debilitating health problems experienced by many of the surviving first responders to the World Trade Center disaster. The effectiveness of Lyme disease vaccination among at-risk workers. The long-term health impacts of exposure to disaster sites.

These are just some of the topics Matthew Mauer has studied and written about in his role as medical director of the Division of Environmental Health Assessment in the Center for Environmental Health, part of the New York State Department of Health.

"I really enjoy the publishing aspect of my job – sharing information that could potentially impact large populations of people," Mauer said.

Mauer, a doctor of osteopathy who earned his master's degree from UAlbany's School of Public Health, is currently an assistant professor there.

Having published numerous articles on the lingering health problems of 9/11 first responders, Mauer is considered one of the foremost experts on the topic. His work is just one example of how a medical researcher has to follow the data.

"In the field of public health, you have to be adaptable," said Mauer. "The World Trade Center disaster was unexpected and tragic, yet it shaped my career for the next decade of my life."

– Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93



By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

Ashley Reherman



Kevin Ferentz, M.D., B.S.'79 & Lisa (Ettinger) Ferentz, B.A.'81

Rising Stars

They met, quite literally, on stage. Lisa Ettinger and Kevin Ferentz were theatre majors at UAlbany, and they were brought together by a production of the one-act play *Impromptu*.

"He was my leading man then, and he's my leading man now," noted Lisa with a smile.

Though they continued to nurture their love of acting and live theatre, Lisa and Kevin ultimately directed their careers to a different stage: the field of medicine.

Kevin Ferentz is the chief medical officer for Baltimore Medical System, Inc. – the largest group of Federally Qualified Health Centers in Maryland – and has been recognized as one of the top family physicians in America. Lisa Ferentz, president and founder of The Institute for Advanced Psychotherapy and Training, Inc., is an award-winning clinical social worker.

Both Lisa and Kevin are longtime educators, as well as published authors and sought-after speakers in their respective

specialties. They can attribute some success in medicine to their background in theatre.

"My background in acting has offered me many advantages – the ability to speak in front of an audience and to connect with people on an emotional level," said Lisa.

"Training in the arts makes you better at what you do, no matter what profession you're in," added Kevin. "It makes you a more well-rounded person."

Paul Kirschbaum, M.D., F.A.C.C., B.S.'75

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

"Medicine is a great career ... it can be the most rewarding experience," explained Paul Kirschbaum. "I truly mean it when I say, 'I love what I do.' "

Kirschbaum is a cardiologist at the Atlanta Heart Group, offering a full range of cardiology services in the greater Atlanta area. His work blends office visits and patient consultations with high-tech hospital procedures, such as cardiac catheterization and angioplasty – a mix that he terms "the best of all worlds."

Even going back to his days in pre-med at UAlbany, Kirschbaum always knew he wanted to be in the medical field. "I liked science, and I liked taking care of people," he said.



Kirschbaum regards his UAlbany experience as a "good, balanced education," and, nearly 40 years later, maintains several close friendships formed at the University.

by Carol Olechowski

David Cohn, M.D., B.A.'75

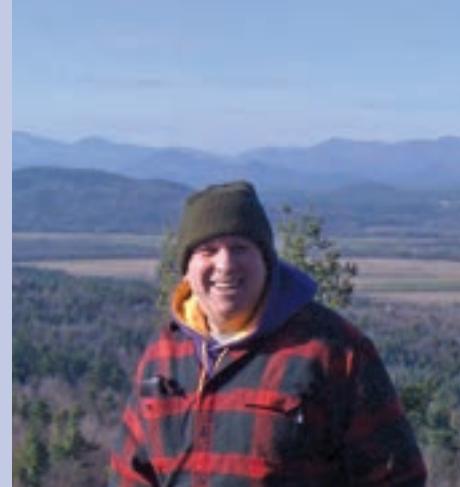
A New Direction

David Cohn, son of an 89-year-old World War II veteran, believes "all people have a right to good health care, and veterans have clearly earned it." Through Locum Tenens, a program that allows him to work "wherever I choose, for as long as I want, depending on availability," he's doing his part to provide that care at the Saranac Lake and Westport, N.Y., Veterans Administration (VA) clinics.

Board-certified in internal medicine with an emphasis on geriatrics, Cohn is a University of Miami School of Medicine graduate. He offered "primary care for all adults" at Jacobs and Cohn, M.D., P.A., in Miami, then worked solo at the practice until it merged with Elite Healthcare. Ties to UAlbany and family, and memories of summer camp at Schroon Lake, drew him to the North Country.

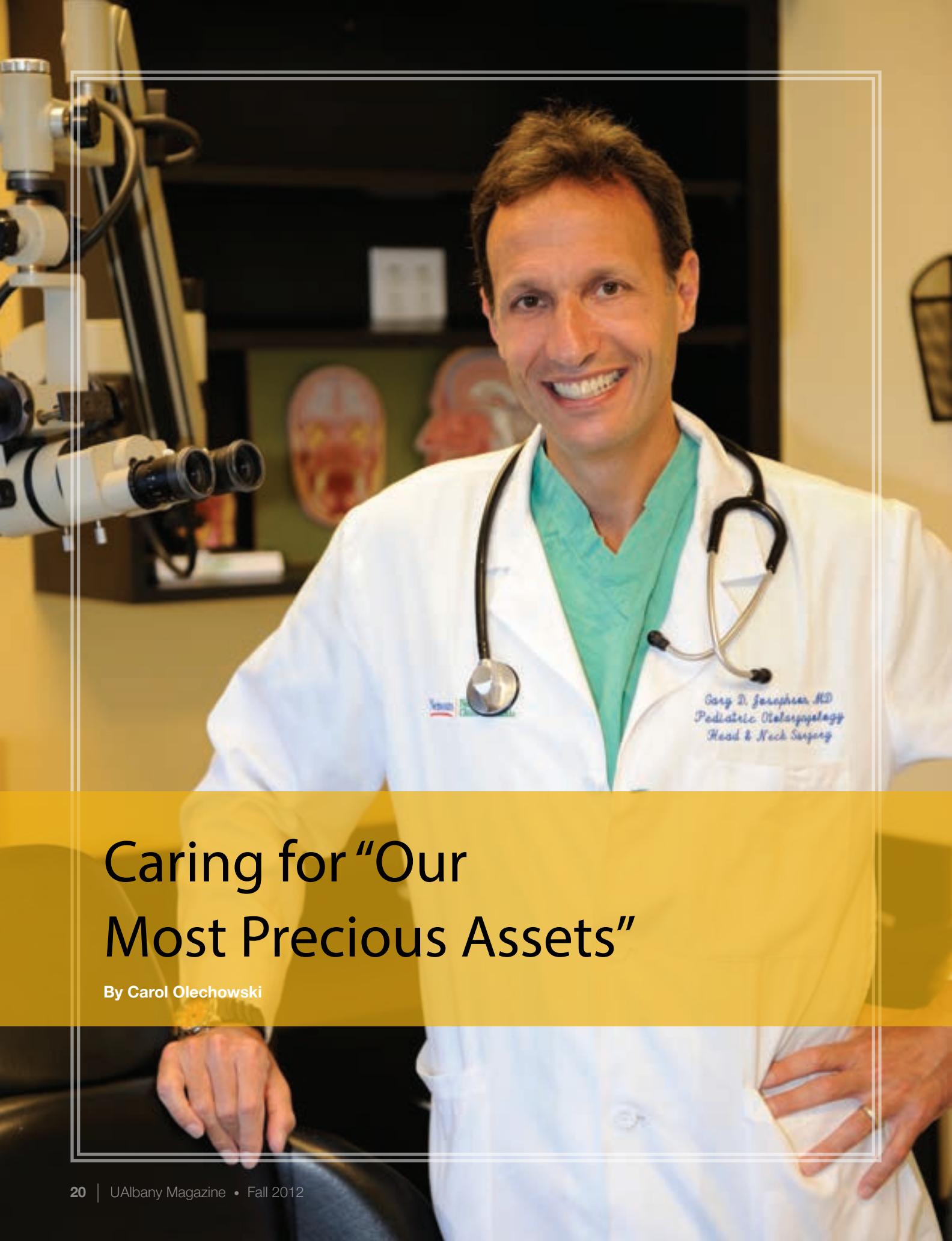
At the VA clinic, staff treat physical ailments and "a lot of mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). A good support system, with social workers, psychologists and psychiatrists, is available to help the vets," notes Cohn, who sees five to 10 patients daily.

Cohn credits Albany – "the best school that accepted me" – with "making me a better person and therefore a better, more caring physician." He majored in psychology and minored in math, played JV and varsity baseball, and was involved with Albany Men's Intramural Athletics (AMIA). Cohn, who has taught medical professionals and trainees, recalls "various psych courses and statistics" and the examples of math professor Richard Hornblower, "who always encouraged



me towards a career in medicine, and my other mentor, Robert Hicks, who taught psychology."

Remembering "those who contributed to me," Cohn supports UAlbany with donations "mostly for the baseball team." He returns to Albany for the yearly alumni baseball game and remains a close friend of former intramural adviser Denny Elkin.



Caring for “Our Most Precious Assets”

By Carol Olechowski

Gary D. Josephson, M.D., M.B.A., B.A.'86

“Children are our most precious assets and will mold the future of our world,” says Nemours Children’s Clinic pediatric ear, nose, throat, head and neck surgeon and Department of Surgery Chair Gary D. Josephson. His work as both healthcare provider at the Jacksonville, Fla., clinic and child advocate underscores his commitment to youngsters.

Josephson, former division chief of Pediatric Otolaryngology and assistant professor of otolaryngology, pediatrics, and anesthesiology at the University of Miami School of Medicine, joined Nemours in 2000, intrigued by its “mission of caring for children regardless of their families’ ability to pay for their care. The Nemours Foundation was set up by the late Alfred I. DuPont, who left a trust in perpetuity to care for all children in both Delaware, his home state, and in Florida, where he spent time vacationing.”

At Nemours, Josephson specializes in airway and sinus disease in children. His other contributions to the medical field include numerous publications, such as the 2005 textbook *Complications in Pediatric Otolaryngology*, often used and referenced by medical facilities and physicians. Josephson has developed several surgical instruments that bear his name and are currently used in the operating theater. He also is an associate professor of otolaryngology at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

“I feel I still have a lot to give,” adds Josephson, whose office is filled with beautiful cards, drawings and words of appreciation from the children and families he cares for. He sits on numerous boards and committees that assure children “receive the care they

need and deserve. The clinical side of medicine is still closest to my heart. When I change a child’s life medically, allowing him or her to lead a more normal life, have fun and become a productive member of society, I know I am making a difference. I feel blessed to have been given the opportunities

otolaryngology training at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary. Convincing that his future lay in working with children and “giving them the best opportunities for long, successful, healthy lives,” Josephson completed a pediatric otolaryngology fellowship at the University of Virginia.



PediatricENTGaryJosephsonperformssurgery atNemoursChildren’sClinicinJacksonville, Fla.

afforded me, and I am committed to using these skill sets to give others opportunity, as well.”

Josephson’s University at Albany undergraduate experience – he majored in biology and minored in English and psychology – “provided a strong foundation and direction for my current career. He attended medical school at the State University of New York in Brooklyn, graduating in 1990 with honors for distinction in research. Josephson went on to do general surgery training at the Beth Israel Medical Center in Manhattan, then

Several years ago, he earned a professional master’s in business administration from the University of Massachusetts. “The field of medicine is changing rapidly,” Josephson points out, and the degree “allows me to better understand the business side of medicine. Although at Nemours we are fortunate to have a trust that supports our mission, physicians need to be more fiscally responsible as resources become tighter. We have to be able to provide more and better care, while reducing the bottom line. This is a challenge, to say the least, but it’s doable.”

Josephson, who describes himself as “very spiritual,” has “other passions” aside from work: “my wonderful wife, Patricia, a University of Florida pediatrician, and my two children, Samantha, 10; and Grayson, 7.” He enjoys outdoor activities and is an avid competitive slalom water skier. “The sport allows me to stay focused, physically fit and well balanced,” Josephson says.

Jordan S. Josephson, M.D., F.A.C.S., B.S.’78 also a UAlbany graduate, is an internationally known sinus and nasal surgeon, educator and researcher practicing in New York City. “I’m his biggest fan!” says Gary Josephson of his older brother.



JessicaWynne

Leslie H. Sultan, D.M.D., P.A., B.S.'80

Computers, Chemistry and Conceptualization

By Carol Olechowski

Picture a profession where you're "upside down and backward, working through a mirror and conceptualizing how things go together, from the beginning to the end," and you'll have a vague idea of the intricacies of Leslie Sultan's specialty: diagnosing and treating defects of the face, jaws and mouth.

"Many of my patients present with problems that are congenital or traumatic in origin," explains the founder of the Sultan Center for Oral Facial Surgery in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "The scope of my practice includes everything from the removal of impacted teeth to facial reconstruction" that addresses "both form and function, improving aesthetics and ensuring my patients' ability to breathe, speak and chew properly." Sultan's subspecialties include surgery to correct obstructive sleep apnea, the design and placement of custom computer-designed dental and facial implants, and temporomandibular joint replacement.

Much of his work "is based on computer design" and recalls Sultan's years at the University at Albany, where he took one of the first computer science courses offered. "A lot of what I do now is also based on my training in organic chemistry. Even the development of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), integral to my diagnoses, is based on research using early Nuclear Magnetic Resonance technology developed in the chemistry department when I was an undergrad," the Brooklyn, N.Y., native notes.

"At the time I graduated, I was gung ho on research and planned to obtain a Ph.D." remembers Sultan, a Board Certified Diplomate of the American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in private practice since 1989. "I worked for one of my professors, Dr. Henry G. Kuivila, an organic chemist. I was

interested in being an industrial research chemist, so I took the graduate school entrance exam and got accepted to seven organic chemistry Ph.D. programs across the country." After a year at Penn State, "I realized that research was not the right path for me. I was more of a people person."

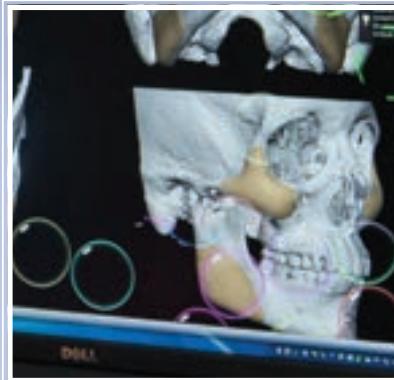
Sultan's people skills led him to dentistry, and eventually to a career in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He graduated in the top 5 percent of his class at the University of Maryland Dental School, and completed an internship at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and his residency at New York City's Mount Sinai Medical Center. Licensed in both Florida and New York, Sultan is affiliated with Broward General Medical Center, where he performs the majority of his surgeries and is

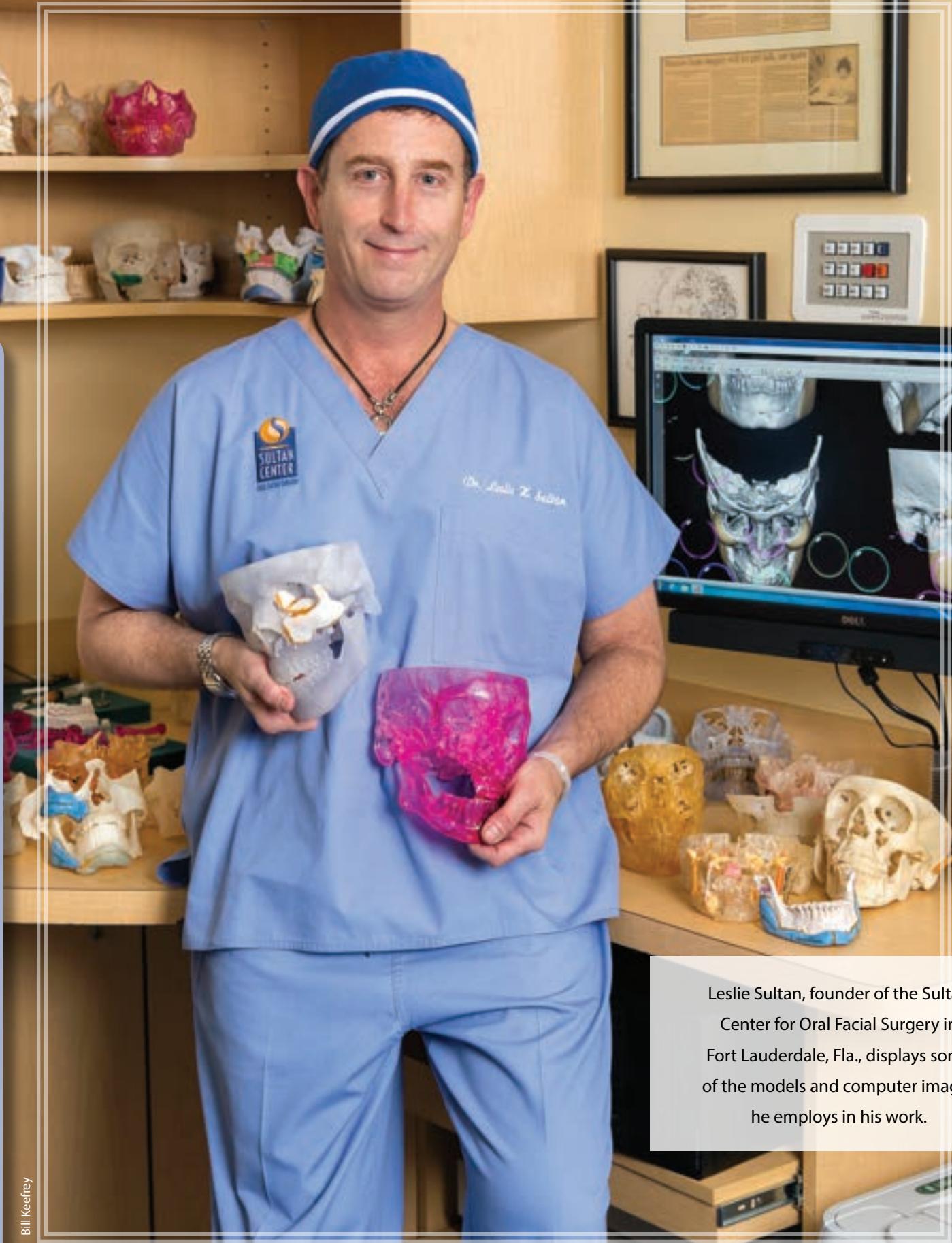
a member of the Trauma and Sleep Disorders Teams. A past director of Broward's Cleft Palate Program, he also cares for the county's indigent population and volunteers for surgical missions to underdeveloped countries.

Away from the surgical suite, Sultan runs; does Pilates; plays guitar and tennis; and is "the proud dad" to his rescue dog and cat.

Sultan, a Nova Southeastern University professor who supervises the training of future surgeons, enrolled at Albany because "it was a great school with a great reputation. I had a lot of friends who were going there, and it was very affordable. Plus, Albany had a really good health sciences program." Sultan still keeps in touch with fellow alumni, including Eric Lobel, M.D., B.S.'80, an anesthesiologist in Alabama, and New York City businessman Steven Schapiro, B.S.'80.

Albany, he adds, was "a great stepping stone to where I am now. Looking back at my career, I wouldn't have done anything different."





Leslie Sultan, founder of the Sultan Center for Oral Facial Surgery in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., displays some of the models and computer images he employs in his work.

Allan Greissman, M.D., B.S.'83 Where Business Meets Medicine

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

Allan Greissman, M.D., was – at one time – Allan Greissman, business major.

He credits his faculty advisors at UAlbany for encouraging him to think beyond the traditional application of his degree in business administration -- and to pursue his interest in medicine. "They were 100 percent behind me," remembered Greissman. "And that meant a lot to me at the time."

As it turns out, this business background would serve Greissman well in his medical career. He is currently president of Pediatric Critical Care of South Florida – a position that combines both medical care and administration.

"I love that I get to practice medicine and, in particular, get to help children and families," Greissman said. "But I also love that I am able to nurture my entrepreneurial side, too."



Ephraim Back, M.D., M.P.H.'06 Melding Public Health and Clinical Practice

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

Ephraim Back completed his master's degree at UAlbany's School of Public Health while working full time as a physician. He took one course a semester; his concentration was in epidemiology.

As a doctor, Back saw that public health and clinical medicine rarely interact. "Clinicians see a problem in one way, and public health officials

see it in another," he observes. "They speak different languages, and even though public health and clinical practice should be more closely melded, they often are not."

After attending medical school in Buffalo and completing his residency at the University of Rochester, Back spent the next four years working in public health with the Indian Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control.

Since 1991, Back has

been a physician in Schenectady. Now, he is the associate director of the Family Medicine Residency at Ellis Hospital. The practice serves low-income patients and is a training site for residents.

Back's patients include some of the several thousand Guyanese immigrants who settled in Schenectady within the past two decades. He noticed that they "have a high incidence of diabetes" that "didn't look like other diabetes."

The adult-onset Type 2 form of the disease, Back notes, tends to show up in older people and obese people, but that was not the case with the Guyanese. He organized a research study that confirmed the rate of this diabetes, at about 30 percent of adults, was significantly higher than that of other populations. The Schenectady County Public Health Department obtained a grant from the Centers for Disease Control to address this problem.

Back hopes to inspire others to view clinical problems from a public health perspective – and to have public health officials examine situations from a clinical viewpoint. He's succeeded with at least one person: his daughter Rebecca, who earned her M.P.H. in medical school. She is now a family medicine resident in Rhode Island.



Ronald Frasch, B.S.'70

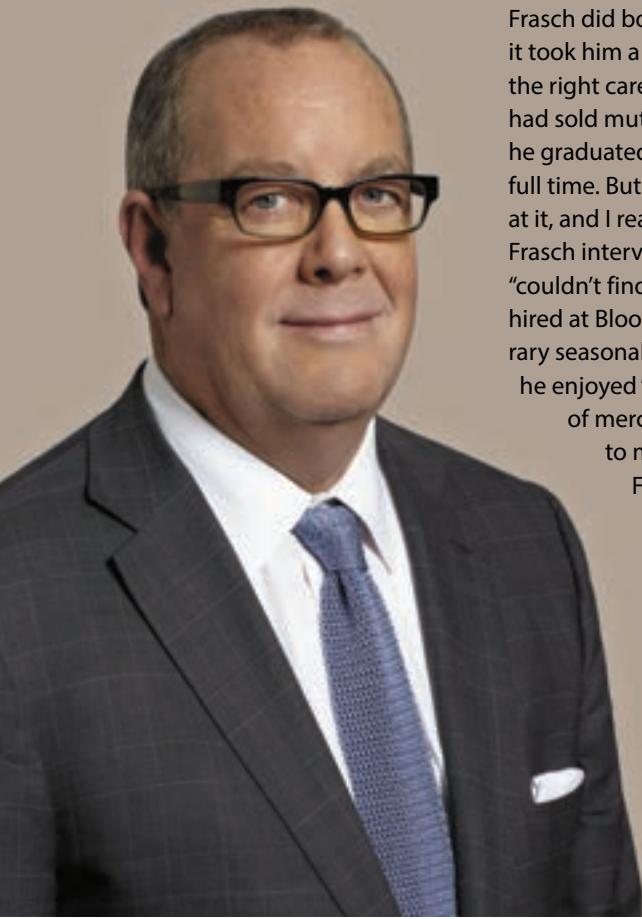
Merchandising Maven

By Carol Olechowski

If Saks Fifth Avenue President and Chief Merchandising Officer Ron Frasch had a career objective when he was 17, "it wasn't the fashion industry." He initially attended Ohio University to study journalism. After considering finances and proximity to home, however, the Glens Falls native transferred to what was then SUNY Albany and opted for a business major instead.

"I was very proud to be accepted at Albany," recalls Frasch. "To be able to succeed in a very competitive environment was really important." That setting, combined with "extremely talented professors and extremely bright students," reinforced his determination "to get my degree and find a job."

At Saks, Frasch uses the teamwork and time-management skills he acquired at UAlbany. Working "arm in arm" with CEO Steve Sadove, he is "responsible for all the merchandising and merchandise planning, and all the stores report to me. I also have responsibility for store-planning functions, the overall look of our stores and any construction that goes along with renovating them. Steve and I do everything else together."



Frasch did both, but it took him a while to settle into the right career. Senior year, he had sold mutual funds, and when he graduated, "I started doing that full time. But I was not very good at it, and I really didn't like it." Frasch interviewed elsewhere but "couldn't find a job." Eventually hired at Bloomingdale's as a temporary seasonal employee, he found he enjoyed "the people aspect" of merchandising enough to make it his career.

Frasch has spent all of his 40 years in the business, including the last eight, with Saks Fifth Avenue. He has also held executive-level positions with Neiman Marcus and Bergdorf Goodman.



Frasch also works with several UAlbany alumni, "all very good people in our industry. They are driven to be successful. That's something very special, and I'm very proud of my fellow graduates.

"I love the people, developing and mentoring them," adds Frasch. "The business is very stimulating and constantly new. I enjoy the dynamic of an ever-changing environment, whether it's product, people or plans. I don't think two days have ever been the same in my entire career. I love what I do."

Ask Geoff

By Geoff Williams, University Archivist

The Uptown Campus: From Crossroads to Construction Site

For centuries, the property where UAlbany's uptown campus is situated has been surrounded and cut through by east-west transportation routes and various streams. In the 1800s and early 1900s, the property's south side was drained by a stream rising from a kuyl (Old Dutch for "pit"), or, depending on the authority, possibly the east branch of the Kromme (Old Dutch for "crooked") Kill (Dutch for "stream") or the Hunger Kill under the Great Western Turnpike, which is Western Avenue today. A branch of the Patroon Creek, which flowed under – and sometimes over – Washington Avenue drained the north side.

Long ago, Native Americans portaged canoes from the Mohawk River, where Schenectady is now, to the Hudson at what became Albany, avoiding the falls at Cohoes. This path offered refreshment from the spring-fed waters of the kuyl, or Hunger Kill (supposedly the best water in the region), making the location an ideal resting point for travelers. Not surprisingly, the King's Highway, a two-rut wagon track between Albany and Schenectady, followed the Native American trail across what would become the uptown campus. Old Roads Running through the Albany Country Club Property, a 1940s map William Efner based on a 1760s map of the area, shows successive taverns being estab-

lished beside the kuyl (Efner spelled it "Knil") on the King's Highway, just north of UAlbany's Campus (Indian) Pond. According to Efner's map, Ritchies Tavern, located 5 miles from downtown Albany and also known as Five Mile Tavern, existed by 1760. Within 20 years, McKown's Tavern rose on the same site, near where Indian Quad now stands. When the Western Turnpike was established, diverting traffic from

in 1893 as the Albany Country Club (ACC). A year later, the Knowlton Estate, a large Western Avenue property, was added to the tavern parcel, and a clubhouse and golf course were built. The new country club quickly won the support of prominent Albanians, including the Van Rensselaer, Pruyn, Sage and Lansing families. The popular venue also offered tennis courts, and later, swimming and skating on the

kuyl/kill, which was dammed by a 300-foot earthen-and-wooden dam in exactly the location where Indian Pond is situated today.

On the high hillock to the west, directly across from what is today SEFCU Arena, was the Billy Barnes Hunting Lodge. Built in 1905, the lodge was owned by the chairman of the Albany Republican Machine, which controlled Albany until the O'Connell Democrats took over in 1920. Barnes was a

grandson of Thurlow Weed, a state and national leader of the Whig Party and a founder of the Republican Party. The Albany Council of Churches purchased the lodge in the late 1960s; until it burned in 1985, the building housed a chapel house for the new campus. It was replaced by the current Chapel House at the bottom of the hill.

Acquiring the property for the newly designated SUNY University Center



This 1962 photo from the University Archives shows the kuyl at the Albany Country Club (ACC). The wooden dam is circled.

the King's Highway, McKown built a second tavern south of the intersection of Fuller Road and Western Avenue in what is now McKownville.

In 1889, a private group purchased the old roadhouse located approximately where Indian Quad is, intending to transform the parcel into a fox-hunting club. The plan proved unpopular; the club held Saturday afternoon teas – and apparently little else. Membership declined, and the group reorganized

The ACC is seen, right, in this 1910 Albany Country Club Constitution picture, courtesy New York State Library.

Far right, Chapel House was once located in the old hunting lodge pictured in this University Archives photo. The building was destroyed by fire in 1985, and a new Chapel House was built nearby.



at Albany was difficult. Even though the ACC sold off parcels of its property along Western Avenue, country club members, at least publicly, were reluctant to sell. At one point, then-Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller threatened to move the new Edward Durell Stone-designed campus to the Helderbergs or Saratoga Springs, depriving the City of Albany of revenue from the new University. Eventually, the parties arrived at a fair price, but the troubles continued: As bulldozers reshaped the land, ACC members continued to play their course. To prevent being hit by errant golf balls, construction crews cut down trees and piled them in front of the greens. More havoc ensued in March 1963, when the old country club pond retaining wall collapsed. Fifteen million gallons of water, huge chunks of ice and trees cascaded across Western Avenue into homes and businesses — stranding one homeowner's car in a tree blocks away. The dam was repaired and reinforced, and the pond remained.

Within a year (Fall 1964), students would begin moving into Dutch Quad, and, by 1966, the first courses would be offered on the uptown campus. Shortly thereafter, University at Albany students and faculty began walking the old trail beside the Hunger Kill.

College Goes to Country Club Site Or It Leaves Albany, Rocky Warns

Location Decision Called 'Absolute'

By JOHN DOUGLAS
Times-Union Staff Writer

Either the state university college at Albany will expand to the Albany Country Club site, or the college—including existing facilities—will be moved out of the city. There is no alternative in Albany.

It is imperative that Albany, as quickly as possible, develop a master plan—and this plan must include suitable income sources. Full state cooperation will be afforded the city if it develops the plan.

The state decided to build its new offices at the campus site off Washington Ave., because "the city fathers in their wisdom decided" they didn't want state expansion downtown. This arrangement was agreed upon 12 years ago.

DECISION ABSOLUTE

These were the decisive comments made by Governor Rockefeller yesterday afternoon following a conference with Mayor Comings, held at the mayor's request.

Rockefeller made it clear that the decision—insofar as the college's ultimate location was concerned—was absolute and that the city in effect was faced with an ultimatum.



Clippings from the Sept. 20, 1960, Times-Union, above, and the Aug. 22, 1962, Knickerbocker Press, right, detail some of the challenges that arose as the country club made way for UAlbany's uptown campus. The clippings are from the Times Union and University Archives, respectively.

Bulldozers Chop Up the Greens To Make Way for College Campus

By BARRY FISCHER

Old golf courses don't die—they're eaten up by bulldozers.

"NO GOLF" reads a big chalk sign on the bulletin board of Albany Country Club and no golf forever at the Western Avenue site is what it means.

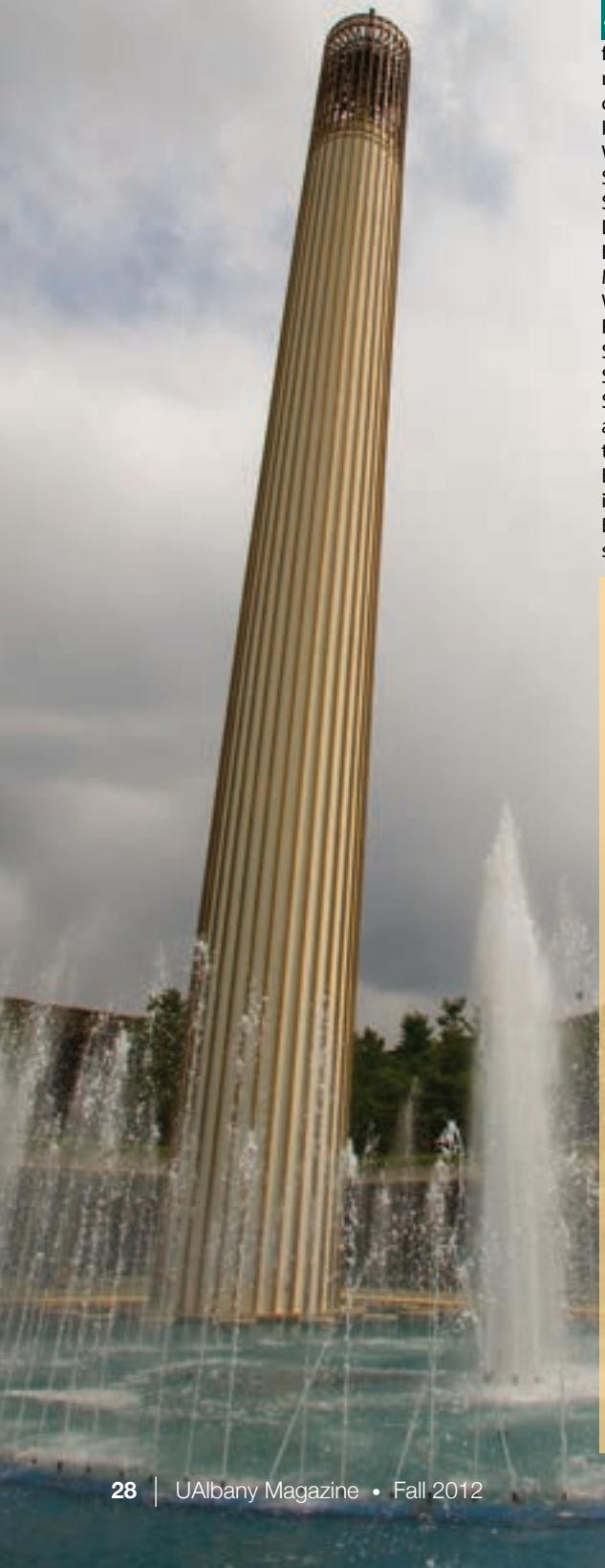
Never again will the familiar voices of jubilant and angry golfers echo across the club's rolling green fairways. Never again will the cry "I made it" come from the mouth of a putter who just sunk that 25-footer.

There is no joy at Albany Country Club, for the mighty golf course is no more.

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THE ONLY echo today was the roar of three angry



WITH TREES—An angry bulldozer rips into a cluster of trees on the Albany Country Club golf course. The 'NO GOLF' signs went up on the course on Monday and since then any person attempting to play golf would be trespassing on state-owned land.



48 A note from your class councilor: The following classmates replied to me when they first received news of a possible reunion of all of the classes of the 1940s: Marjorie Lotz Backlund, Isabel Cooper Baker, Gertrude Coslick Brown, Wilma Diehl, Samuel Dickeson, Sheila Van Scy Dingley, Ruth Seelbach Elmore, Lucille St. Priest Horton, Annalee Levine Ginsberg, Dolores Shindelman Grossman, Ruth Hurr, Beverly Free McCarthy, Clare Creeden McCracken, Wanda Tomasik Methe, Doris Wester Miga, Jane O'Brien O'Brien, George Poulos, Viola Eileen Abrams Petterson, Donald Sayles, Helen Kisiel Schick, Selene Wolf Sheriff, Joan Sittner Sherwood, Vera Chudlak Smith, Janice Todt, Phyllis Yerdon Van Alstine, and Eloise Butler Worth. They shared memories that may be interesting to all of us: Ockies; The Boulevard Cafeteria; dancing and playing bridge in the commons; the scarcity of men until the G.I. Bill kicked in; the blizzard of '47; 7-8-foot-high snowbanks; the girls' basketball team ("The Whiz

Kids"); inter-class rivalry; Moving Up Day, when it snowed in May and we were dressed in white dresses and white shoes; meeting wonderful friends; turning in our "ration books" to the dorms (1944); the cloud of smoke that hung over the commons; all of the servicemen on the trains between NY and Albany; my first rum and coke (ugh); practicing teaching at Milne; a great education at a college that was serious about offering a solid liberal arts education; and wonderful, dedicated professors. Marcell Brusie Coombs is confined to a nursing home in Florida. She would appreciate cards and news sent to her care of her daughter, Mada Knight, 13201 Lauderdale Rd., Hudson, FL 34667.

Class councilor: Eleanor Holbig Alland, ealland214b@nycap.rr.com

49 A note from your class councilor: It is with a great deal of sadness that I report the passing of our classmate Wilma Whitney Saunders on March 14, 2012; Arlene

Ludima Gus Burton, B.A.'46

At age 92, Ludima Gus Burton has just published her eighth novel. *Drew Gets It Right*, a sequel to *Never a Cougar*, was e-published in July by WriteWords Inc. and will be printed this month by Cambridge Books. The author is already working on her next "sweet romance," *His Son, Her Daughter*. Though "not a prolific writer" – Burton, who lives in Fultonville, N.Y., usually writes "only one book a year" – she loves "writing at my leisure, and my family and friends do read my books." Still, Burton adds, "it's a good thing I don't look on writing as a job, because I don't make any money. My last royalty check, for *Never a Cougar*, was \$11.66!"



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Who will you be in two years?

Golden Noonan on May 22, 2012; and Dr. Helen Habermann on June 5, 2012. There have been two changes of address: Annette Gardiner DeLyser's new address is Emerald Crossings, 7220 Muirfield Drive, Apt. 220, Dublin, OH 43017, and Bonnie Totten Adkins' new address is 17 Overlook Drive, Middlebury, VT 05753. Bonnie and her husband, Lee, plan to tour England in October; they will also be meeting friends there. They also plan to visit family in Germany. Elsa Moberg Cox was selected a voting representative at the National Presbyterian Church conference held in Orlando, Fla. Bob Kittredge and wife Diana were signed up for a Viking river cruise tour to Moscow and St. Petersburg in August and an add-on trip to Helsinki. Larry Appleby went on a trip to the State of Washington that included a journey along the Columbia River. Bob Kloepfel, Russ Bailey, Jack Kirby and Nolan Powell, college chums, had a mini-reunion early in June. Jack came up all the way from Florida. Jerry Reisner reports with a great deal of pride that all four of his grandchildren have graduated from college. Richard Foster reports from Sarasota, Fla., that he keeps busy playing bridge, piano and trivia; singing; speaking Spanish everyday; and going on cruises. Richard now has three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Abe Trophass signed up for a Road Scholar program in September for rebuilding the Virginia City, Mont., historical museum. Abe says this is the sixth Road Scholar program he has participated in. Hortsy Zeingold Schmierer went as a delegate to the national convention of the League of Women Voters in Washington, D.C., in June. In the spring, she also attended the graduation of her youngest granddaughter from SUNY Binghamton. Robertson Baker has an excellent reason to toot his own horn. He proudly reports that three of his grandchildren each received the music grade Level 6 rating—the highest difficulty level—by the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA). One grandchild plays trombone, one plays tuba and one plays trumpet. Dolores Stocker Eklund says she's been bitten by the cruise bug and took a cruise to the New England islands (Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard, etc.). Leslie Hervey O'Heir enjoyed immensely a trip to Ireland. She's looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to our class's 65th reunion in 2014. Atta girl, Leslie! Freddy Laemmerzahl Miller lucked out in April, when the tornadoes went south and west of Stillwater, Okla. From her residence, she was able to view the damage to the city of Woodward. Don Dickinson continues to work as the librarian at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Ariz. His granddaughter, Emily, graduated from high school in June and plans to attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst for the fall semester. Anna Olin Buchert taught Latin for 22 years before retiring. She said that both Dr. Goggin and Dr. Wallace were excellent professors and gave her a great background for teaching Latin. Anna, who lives in Richmond,

This is a difficult question to consider. Do thoughts immediately take you to professional pursuits, your family or your own well-being? A group of alumni considered this question on behalf of your Alumni Association. What do we want the Alumni Association to be in the fall of 2014?

After careful review of the needs of our alumni and *alma mater*, and thorough deliberation, the Alumni Association board of directors developed the three core statements below that will guide our programs, services and communications for the next two years. To be truly effective, though, we need to stay in touch with you to determine how we can best serve you and UAlbany. Please assist us with this ongoing assessment of our pursuits by helping us answer three simple questions:

1. We are the lifelong connection to the University at Albany, with a strong worldwide presence and identity.

In what ways do you believe we can best achieve this global presence?

2. We are a leader in engaging alumni and students in the University at Albany through focused and meaningful communications and services that instill – with proven success – pride, spirit, loyalty and affinity.

What is the most meaningful service we can provide for you?

3. We are a visible, dynamic and successful Alumni Association, relevant and responsive to our alumni and students.

On Sept. 1, 2014, you would call the Alumni Association a success if we were _____.

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Alumni News & Notes



More than 120 alumni and guests enjoyed the Fourth Annual Celebration of Vital Volunteers Luncheon April 28.

Dr. Kamiar Alaei, left, a doctoral student at the School of Public Health, discussed his work in establishing health clinics and developing a major health proposal for the control of HIV/AIDS in Iran.

Va., has been married for 59 years to Quentin Bucher (Brockport Phys Ed). She has one daughter who is an RN and two granddaughters. One granddaughter is a nurse practitioner; the other, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Mary Washington, is continuing her education. In the spring, Anne Sulich Raser took a two-hour tour of the Satellite Division of Boeing Company in El Segundo, Calif. After 14 years, Boeing had an open house for families of its employees, and since Anne's youngest son is an employee, she had the pleasure of going on the tour. She was happy to hear that Boeing will remain in El Segundo because no other city can duplicate its unique buildings and facilities. Ellen Fay Harmon has had a special year. She celebrated her 85th birthday in July, and her family celebrated Ellen and Tom's 60th wedding anniversary in August. In addition, they are in their 20th year of reading for the print disabled on closed-circuit radio (RISE) at their local PBS station. Ellen and Tom have been reading magazines, books and newspapers on a weekly basis since she retired from Albany High School in 1992. Joan Rourke McClelland continues to work on a Sedona, Ariz., citizens' committee to have the Coconino Forest lands

declared a National Scenic area. She also is involved with the Yavapai County Planning and Zoning Commission, an area which she finds very interesting. Robert Kaiser and Mary Anne were looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the wedding in July of their eldest grandson in Madison, Wis. Joe Zanchelli and Joyce had much to enjoy in the first six months of the year: one grandson graduating from the University of Virginia, one grandson graduating from high school and a daughter-in-law receiving her master's degree in school nurse education from Seton Hall University. Joe keeps busy with volunteer work once a week at the Yaddo Rose Garden; he's also an ambassador for the Saratoga Arts Fest and a food packer for the Saratoga Economic Commission's food-delivery program for the rural poor. Joe's favorite volunteer activity is being class councilor. It keeps him in touch with so many of his wonderful classmates. He thanks you all for all your help.

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50 A note from your class councilor: As you will note below, several class members made meaningful reference to the passing of our classmate, longtime class counselor and organizer of class reunions Edie

Minch Noelner. Edie represented much of the best we seek in each of us; solid, dependable, always there, unassuming, she was a good person who contributed much to our class, our college and her community. She was proud to be a farmer's daughter and a farmer's wife, but was much more. We will always be in her debt. After serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific until May 1946, Irwin Baumel enrolled at NYSCT; he graduated cum laude and was honored with membership in Sigma Tau. In 1960, he and Nan Mechanic were married, and he began working on his master's at State. His first job, as a chemist, was with the Navy at Annapolis and then at the Picatinny Arsenal. During those years they had two daughters, Cheryl and Robin. A career change took them to Whittier, Calif., and a partnership in an electrical contracting company specializing in wiring tract houses right in time for the housing boom. Irwin bought a 40-acre parcel of land in San Diego County; cleared it; installed grove roads and an irrigation system; and planted 3,300 Hass avocados. In 1990, when labor problems took the fun out of farming, he sold the grove and concentrated on building, in Norwalk, Calif., six concrete tilt-up industrial buildings which he still owns and which are now managed by his older daughter, a C.P.A. Irwin and Nan

traveled extensively in Western Europe until her death in 1990. He also had a rewarding hobby raising orchids. In the fall of 2010, he invited classmate Elise de Seve Brown to travel with him to Chile and Argentina; the trip sparked a long-term relationship. They traveled to Italy and bumped into Sparky Vaughn in Florence. They have also seen him in Washington, D.C., where Elise lives. They just returned from three weeks in Spain and will spend the summer in Whittier, where Irwin lives. After her husband, Lyle Walsh, died in 1994, Jeanne Bowen Walsh continued square dancing; kept the Oxford Senior Citizens Center (N.Y.) going; and spoiled her nine grandchildren, whenever allowed. Her joy was driving her camping van to the Adirondacks to see Lila Lee Harrington. They took many trips to New England, New Brunswick and even to Nova Scotia. After 2000, Jeanne married her square dance partner and moved eight miles to Norwich, N.Y. Their home is large and the grounds are beautiful, "So stop in." Her growing family is scattered. They converged at bed and breakfast in Cooperstown for the Christmas Celebration. No great-grandchildren – yet. Sarah Caruso Frasca, sad to say, is a permanent resident/patient in the Westlake Hills SUMMIT, a senior-living residence in Austin, Texas. Her husband, Bob Frasca, also a

Calendar of Events

October

12-13 – GOLD Reunion, Albany
12-13 – Classes of 1957, 1962, 1972 and 2002 reunions
12-14 – Homecoming/FALLBANY
13 – Alumni Volunteer Council Recognition Breakfast

November

11 – Capital Region Chapter Annual Luncheon

December

1 – UAlbany vs. Siena Basketball Game and Pregame Party

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classmate, sold their home of 30 years and took an apartment in the same building to be near her and to avoid the notorious Austin traffic. Prior to her retirement, Sarah had a successful, happy teaching career in Austin and elsewhere. Bob wrote that IBM "managed to put up with me" until he retired in 1990. Sarah and Bob traveled extensively, becoming real world travelers. Two daughters, Susan and Mary Ellen, live in Austin; a third, Kathy, lives in Phoenix, Ariz., with her husband, Russ. Kathy visits them quarterly, staying a week or so. Ken George had the honor of serving as grand marshal for the Voorheesville Memorial Day parade. Audrey Hartman White wrote that she and her husband, Bill, have slowed down considerably in the last six months. Bill's illness has progressed to leukemia; treatment consists of 16 days a month at the James Ohio State University Hospital, about 13 miles away. He is not in pain but has little energy. Audrey had a arthroscopy on her right knee and is getting better. This past August they flew to Salt Lake City for their granddaughter Autumn's wedding. Autumn is a resident at a Columbus hospital; in December, she will be a hospitalist at a hospital north of where Audrey and Bill live. They see her as often as her schedule allows. Their other grandchildren are from Orlando, where their son works in advertising for Disney. Kelsey is at the University of Central Florida; Sean at the University of Northern Florida. Glen is in high school. Audrey and Bill used to visit annually, stopping during their return to see Elly Rapacz (Adams). Now they keep in touch by telephone. Ben and Gloria Jackson are proud of their three

grandchildren: Alicia recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Jenna is a junior at Kenyon College, and Alexander is a sophomore at the University of Maryland. They are equally proud of their fourth grandchild, Lewis III, who will be a high school junior in New Albany, Ohio. Ben's essay "For the Love of Science" appeared in the winter issue of Rensselaer, RPI's alumni magazine. Audrey Koch Feathers and the Feathers family have established a memorial garden on their property on Jenny Lake in memory of Richard (Dick) Feathers, also a 1950 classmate and our freshman class president. Jenny Lake is in the Glens Falls, N.Y., area, near the village of Corinth, close enough to Queensbury, where Audrey now lives, to permit extensive visits and family outings, especially on holidays, when Audrey "cooks up a storm." She also shares her home cooking with two families to provide an occasional alternative to "meals on wheels," on which they are otherwise dependent. Lila Lee Harrington moved into the Prestwick Chase independent living facility in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and was quite ill. She is happy to be able to report that, following numerous hospitalizations and tests, a diagnosis led to a cure, and she is now in robust health. Lila's environment offers a myriad of opportunities, and she takes full advantage of them: an in-house newspaper; a book chat club; a poetry club; interaction with Skidmore College students; the Ladies Breakfast Club; aerobics; and a shuttle bus to events at Skidmore College, the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Proctor's Theater in Albany, and other theaters in

the area. In her spare time, she collects stamps, handwrites notes for family and friends, and enjoys taking close-up photographs. Lila keeps in contact with Maggie Hosking Winne, Audrey Koch Feathers and Jeanne Bowen Walsh. She lamented the recent passing of her close friend and classmate, Ruth Bauch Holman. Maggie and Ruth were Lila's roommates at Phi Delta on Western Avenue. Marjory Lyons directed a performance of *Murder in the Cathedral*, the powerful historical drama by T.S. Elliot. It was presented as a staged reading at All Saints Episcopal Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach. Marjory, a longtime actress, speaker and director, performed

recently at the Broward Library Theater in Fort Lauderdale and the Willow Theater in Boca Raton. Playwrights bring their short plays to the Playwrights and Drama Group; the actors read them cold, followed by a round-robin critique. At NYSCT, Marjory studied with the great Agnes Futterer, along with Hal Gould. "Miss Futt inspired all of us; I use her techniques and methods every time I perform." Al and Ruth Matteson Holliday spent the summer at their camp at Great Sacandaga Lake in the Adirondacks, entertaining family and friends. They took a cruise in Alaska with several family members in the latter part of July and, as usual, headed back to Florida at the end of September. They hope everyone is

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The Alumni House

Alumni House Fund 1960



by Carol Olechowski

In a wooded setting on the western edge of UAlbany's uptown campus stands a lasting tribute to alumni. It isn't a plaque or a monument, but a place where they gather to enjoy fellowship, reminisce about their student days and plan for the University's future.

It's the Alumni House, a home away from home for graduates of the former New York State College for Teachers (NYSCT) and its successor institutions, including the University at Albany. Forty years ago, planning for the Alumni House Conference Center gave rise to the Annual Fund, which brought alumni together to raise the \$175,000 necessary to construct and furnish the 6,300-square-foot building. The yearly tradition of supporting a specific University project or need continues today through the UAlbany Fund.

William Floyd, B.A.'54, M.A.'55, and Henry M. Madej, B.A.'67, M.P.A.'68, were successive chairs of the Alumni

House Conference Center Committee from 1972 to 1976. The project had "two purposes," Madej recalled: "to provide a home on the uptown campus for alumni and to help the University begin to raise money for itself. There was a need to have something that would be a draw and ease people into the concept of giving to the University.

"One of the problems we had was that most of the alumni, especially those who had attended the University more than a few years before, didn't particularly associate with the new campus. My class, even, and we went through 'the great transition': We were the first to have classes consistently on the new campus and the second to graduate from there. We wanted a place where all alumni could come and feel at home."

At the time, "the Alumni Association had a small two-room suite on the first floor of the Administration building on the uptown campus," remembered

Floyd, a former educator and administrator now retired from the New York State School Boards Association. As demand for space grew on campus, it became apparent that the association needed a permanent home. Floyd and University administrator Clifton C. Thorne '40 debated various options, eventually agreeing that "the only viable alternative was to raise money and build quarters for the association."

Madej credited his predecessor for doing "a yeoman's job. Once Bill finished the hard work, like choosing an architect, I followed up." In addition to raising funds, committee members "handled various communications to the Alumni Association board and details concerning design, the groundbreaking and the opening." Madej smiled as he remembered, "I was responsible for the purple and gold chairs."

One design component unusual for the time – solar panels – "got us a little fame



A souvenir mug, left, and an Alumni House Conference Center model, above, recall the fundraising and design processes that brought the center to fruition.



Project milestones included the May 1974 groundbreaking, above; the construction process, near right; the May 1976 grand opening, center right, with Joy Longo '54, University President Emmett Fields, and Eunice Baird Whittlesey '44, and, far right, Town of Guilderland Supervisor Carl Walters enjoying the moment; and the completed building, above right.



for our scientific prowess before the University became known for nanotechnology," joked Madej. According to the January 1976 Carillon, University at Albany Archivist Geoff Williams said, two 4,000-gallon water tanks and one mile of copper tubing went into the assembly of the solar array. Grants from Niagara-Mohawk, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the University's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) supported its construction. The location of the Alumni House, Floyd noted, "was changed from a knoll on the eastern side of the campus to its present site to accommodate the solar collectors."

Floyd and Madej were on hand May 18, 1974, for the groundbreaking and in May 1976, when University President Emmett Fields and Eunice Baird Whittlesey '44 cut the ribbon for the Alumni House grand opening. In addition to providing quarters for the Alumni Association, the building, according to Williams, included a

first-floor Rathskeller named with a \$10,000 donation from the Potter Club. The Phi Delta and Kappa Delta sororities each raised \$10,000 to name rooms on the second floor, and "a number of classes also gave gifts. Professor Emeritus Arvid Burke '28, '30, made a special pledge to establish the Arvid Burke Library on the first floor. The large reception room upstairs was named for Bertha Brimmer, longtime Alumni Association secretary."

Floyd, who still regards the downtown campus as "my school," doesn't visit the Alumni House very often but has "always felt welcome" there. "The staff has always been helpful, courteous and friendly whenever I have dropped by or called," he said.

Although Madej doesn't get to the Alumni House "as much as I used to," he likes the building. "The style is contemporary;

it's consistent with the rest of the campus, but it's not more white concrete. It's part of the unbroken thread of the campus, and it works for each of its intended purposes."

Alumni House Building Committee Members

William Floyd '54, '55 (first chair)
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enjoying their retirement years as much as they have. Rhoda Riber Mones and her husband, Mel, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 10. The happy occasion took place at the yacht club near their home in San Diego. At the time of forwarding information about the upcoming event, they planned to share their joy with about 60 family members and friends, including classmate Renee Harris Barger. Rhoda was among those who lamented the passing of former class counselor Edie Minch Noeltner; "She was such a vital, active member of the class." This past winter Joan Peterson Engelbosch

took a cruise on the Queen Elizabeth, from New York through the Panama Canal, along the West Coast to Pago Pago, American Samoa, Hawaii, and then onto New Zealand and Australia. Before she left, Joan received the sad news that classmate Joan Erlandson Field Viele had passed away in the fall. After graduation, Joan Peterson and Joan Erlandson both went to teach in Roscoe, N.Y., and shared an apartment there. Earline (Ken) Thompson Sorensen wrote that her recent college memories have largely centered on her dear friend Edie Minch Noeltner, who died last year. At our 50th class reunion, Edie, our class

councilor for many years, received the Distinguished Alumni Award for her remarkable record of community service. This recognition by SUNY was very meaningful to Edie. Ken's four children are healthy and gainfully employed. Her five grandchildren are her constant pride and delight. Ken continues to spend her "extra pennies" on travel and, at this writing, was planning her next adventure, a tour of the four Scandinavian countries. When not traveling, Earline does tai chi at the Y; walks an hour or more every day; plays golf; and, every so often, meets over lunch with classmates Florence Blasco Foster and Alice Casey Reynolds, both of whom live in nearby Seneca. "If any of you are in the beautiful Finger Lakes region, do call; I'd love to see you and promise not to talk every minute about the grandkids." Harold (Sparky) Vaughn's oldest daughter, Karen, spent most of April in what has become the family apartment in Florence, Italy, providing an opportunity for an in-depth visit to the city that played a central role in the Italian Renaissance. Her daughter, Christine, joined her for a week. Christine spent a year in Florence studying architecture. Sparky plans to spend a month in Florence early in the fall. The eighth great-grandchild and second great-granddaughter was born in May.

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52 A note from your class councilor: Don Putterman is still actively engaged in the work of the Benevolent Association at UAlbany. This is his ninth year of involvement with that worthy association. Don's oldest daughter, Melissa, and her daughter, Jillian, will be in the summer production of *Oliver!* in Clifton Park. The term must run in the family, as Melissa's husband, Gary, and son, Matthew, both appeared in the Schenectady Light Opera Company production of *Hairspray*. Mary Borys Corow writes that she and husband Don have been traveling as much as possible in their motor home, attending weddings, graduations and births of great-grandchildren. They have seven, with another due in September. Two granddaughters will be off to college this fall, one to the University of Iowa and one to the University of Texas at Austin. She and Don have been on two cruises in the past 14 months, one to the Panama Canal, the other a Circle Hawaii cruise. Though Mary is unable to attend our 60th reunion, she sends her best to those who remember her—as though we could ever forget her! Vickie Eade Eddy's big news concerns her son Chris, who, on Feb. 17, 2012, was promoted to the rank of one-star general in the Air Force Reserves. He was honored as a "special guest" in the Memorial Day parade in Olean, N.Y., his hometown. He and his family now make their home in Weston, Fla., where he and his wife work for the FBI. Vickie's daughter, Pam, who teaches doctoral students at William and Mary College, will receive recognition on the Academic Wall of Fame at Olean High School. Vickie continues to spend part of the year in her hometown of Olean and the rest of the year in Yuma, Ariz. Tom Holman, who is looking forward to our reunion, continues to enjoy his time in St. Maarten's seaview winter. He says the people down there have become his "extended family," and it sounds as though the hotel where he stays is his "home away from home." Helen Pilcher Terrill is looking forward to her first trip abroad when she leaves May 26 for Israel. She will be going with her son, Ed, and his wife, Carol, plus their daughter, Helen and Helen's cousin. Helen is also looking forward to our September reunion. Helene Patlen Gordon and her husband Ed have moved to Albany after spending 12 years in Watertown, N.Y. They are very happy to be back in this area and may shorten their usual Sarasota, Fla., stay in order to spend more time in their new home. Joan Bennett Kelly writes that her eldest granddaughter has landed the role of Ophelia in a Central Park production of *Hamlet*. She also had two bit parts in "Broadway Empire" on HBO last winter. Their freshman granddaughter at Springfield College had some playing time on the lacrosse team, which won its league. Joannie and Charlie are hoping to host some of our classmates who will be in the area for our 60th reunion. Sounds like a great time! Jean Faville Smith and Smitty are also planning to attend our reunion, and Jean is spreading the word that this is the reunion to attend. She and Smitty celebrated their 60th anniversary in June and went on a cruise from Rotterdam to Copenhagen up the coast of Norway, with several stops in Scotland. Jeanne Hayes Coyne had lunch with Esse Jungling

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UAlbany alumni in fashion gather at Saks Fifth Avenue in New York City to hear from colleagues in the industry.

Portz and Sally McCain Horne in Florida in February and reports that "both are fine and enjoying busy lives as I am, too." She said family keeps her busy traveling to graduations and weddings of the younger generation. Bert Jabloni is still working for Empire College and foot racing every weekend somewhere on Long Island. He played the Senior Games in May, golf and short sprints. (He sure knows how to stay in shape!) Bert and his wife just enjoyed a five-day vacation at Montauk, the easternmost end of Long Island. Dave Manly is still serving as a "pulpit supply" in area churches. He and wife Jean winter in Hilton Head, where they volunteer at a thrift shop that contributed \$370,000 in grants to needy organizations of Beaufort County. At least once a year they take a Road Scholar program; the latest was "Culinary Delights of Low Country Cuisine." Dave's hoping to soon know what medical treatment will be needed to allow him to put away, at least temporarily, the walker he's found so handy in his last travels. Eleanor Rosenbaum Roth reports that her novel *Rainbow Dust* is now on Barnes and Noble's Nook and she is now working on another novel. She said that when she starts a novel, the topic is contemporary, but by the time she finishes, it's historical. Her family news is that her youngest grandchild, Rebecca Rose, has been accepted at Brown, where Rebecca's brother is already a student. Jeanne Seymour Earle reports that she is still subbing in the local schools and working at the library. Her big news is that her son is being married in September, and she's looking forward to the wedding with much anticipation. Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli and husband Joe just returned from attending graduation exercises for their grandson at the historic University of Virginia. They are looking forward to a Road Scholar program in October, and, of course, the 60th reunion of the Class of '52 in September. Joyce is enjoying her volunteer work as a docent at Yaddo, the famous artists' retreat in Saratoga, N.Y. She also has enjoyed taking classes through the Academy for Lifelong Learning and volunteering for Arts Fest, a weekend featuring the arts. Maureen Davis Mullin informs us she has seven grandchildren ranging in age from 4 (twin boys) to 17. All three sons live nearby, which is a joy. One of her sons, Chris, is a teacher at the high school



and the University of California at Santa Barbara, was voted California teacher of the year. This past year, Maureen supervised teachers getting credentials at UCSB and did some tutoring. She would like to continue teaching, so she is looking for some part-time work. Every summer, her whole family goes to Yosemite to do some spectacular hiking. Sounds like fun. Maureen is also planning a visit to Berlin to visit some dear friends. She concludes by saying, "I am always pleased when someone asks me where I received my degrees." Maureen loved NYSCT. Kitty Kloser Irons continues to lead an active life, traveling, going to the theater, quilting and keeping up with grandchildren. She had a special treat on one of her monthly trips to see a Broadway show: The grandson of one of her friends made arrangements for them to meet Angela Lansbury, "a great and gracious

lady." Early in May, Kitty and Marty attended the wedding of Kitty's nephew. All of her siblings were there, which was fun, and she expects many relatives to be present at a family reunion in Montana. This will be followed by a trip to Oregon to see their youngerson. In the middle of May, her quilt guild held a show, which kept Kitty busy feeding the judges. She concludes by saying she is attending the Class of '52 reunion in September. Hooray!! Elsie Freeman Finch resides in both Baltimore and Ithaca, N.Y. She states, "I'll continue my work as a good Democrat for the upcoming election, maintain my status as Veggie Queen at a local soup kitchen and enjoy friends, acquaintances and the pleasures of the Finger Lakes in summer and fall." Grandson Jesse Freeman finished his freshman year at Williams College with A's and A-pluses and is doing an

internship at the National Archives, where his grandmother spent more than 20 years managing public education programs. Al Stevenson writes that he is the lead author of the fourth edition of a college textbook on media performance. He is also editing the video shot last year when he interviewed broadcasters on techniques. The video will be on a Web site accompanying the text. Al will be returning to the college to teach another year and says he is planning to attend our reunion in September. Marilyn Johnson VanDyke, our class president, is helping the Town of Queensbury celebrate its sesquicentennial (250 years, 1762-2012). She delivered an address on the history of Queensbury at the Foundation Day event and she helped lead an August open house at the Town Hall. Marilyn also is celebrating with her



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grandson, Alex Aust, who received his master's degree from the College of Saint Rose, and with her granddaughter, who will graduate from Shenendehowa High School in June and head for Washington for her internship in Senator Gillibrand's office this summer. She will begin her studies at SUNY Oneonta in the fall. Margaret (Meg) Gemmett Deleare reports that she and her husband still reside in West Islip, Long Island. She belongs to Friends of the Library and her retired teacher's organization, both of which sponsor trips to New York City and other places in the United States several times a year. She also attends the seniors' exercise class held in the library. Meg showed two of her photographs at an art show in which close to 40 seniors participated. This is one of three art shows in which she has shown her work. Meg and her husband were looking forward to summer visits from their children and one grandson. Classnotes councilor: Joyce Zanchelli, jjzanch@yahoo.com

54 A note from your class councilor: Marie Jersen celebrated the marriage of her daughter, who is now living in New York. They made the trip north to the wedding by auto and happened to be in the Sidney area when the Susquehanna River and all other area rivers flooded the area once again. Marie said it was quite a different feeling to be in the middle of it, rather than just to be reading about the flood and the resulting damage. Her youngest granddaughter, Joanna (the other teacher in the family), became engaged, and the wedding was in Las Vegas in August 2012. Marie's oldest granddaughter (senior software design engineer at Microsoft) and her husband brought a great-grandson, Aidan John, into the family in March 2012. Marie and John are doing okay but slowing down considerably. Phyl Weaver just got back from a month in Bhutan and India. The Buddhist and Hindu religions were interesting, with a lotto offer. Henry Berleth is "living in the 4Gage," still enjoying golf, gardening and watching grandchildren graduate college – as he approaches 80. Ken Schoonmaker spent 10 days or so touring Costa Rica, which he found wonderful for its flora and fauna. He is looking for compatible roommates to go on further trips worldwide (to cut out single supplements). You can email him at kbschoony@gmail.com or phone (845) 565-3638. Diane Ozkum Langeveld spends most of her time painting fine arts. Stefanie Manning continues on with lots of volunteering and a bit of travel. She attends Story & Music Time at a day care two mornings a week; spend time with hospice patients for sessions of "Soothing Touch"; and reviews books for the School Library Journal (science books, mostly, with a splash of history from time to time!). She has traveled to New Haven, Conn., and New York City to see her wonderful grands and the ballet. She also went to the beach in North Caribuba and then to Venice in late October, followed by a month in Rome. Stefanie is grateful and loves her unexpectedly rich and varied life. Naoshi Koriyama is well and keeping busy, enjoying writing and translating poetry. Gloria (Migliore) Falzarano and her husband enjoy winters at their home in Ormond Beach, Fla., where she is involved in some theater activities. While back in Frankfort, N.Y., for the summer, she worked on photo albums for each of their two children and also researched their family tree. Arline and George Wood are keeping busy. George completed another successful as a tax volunteer with AARP, and Arline still volunteers as an instructor for AARP Driver Safety. She is also a trainer for new instructors in the program in her region. They have four grandchildren ages 4 to 6, and two older ones, 18 and 20. They feel blessed to have all the grandchildren nearby. Margaret Jacobson reports her grandson, Kyle Emich, has received his Ph.D. from Cornell and will be heading for New York City for a position as assistant professor in occupational behavior at Fordham University in September. He got married this past June 15 to Li Lu, a student in the Ph.D. program at the University of Los Angeles. Li's mom made her first visit to America for the wedding from her home in China. Myra and Stu Macnofsky celebrated their anniversary with a Caribbean cruise in January. Captain Stu, USN (ret.), says these eco-ed cruises are more fun than those previously taken on active duty. Jim Thompson and Carol enjoyed a two-week cruise to Hawaii in April 2012. "On the way" they visited Jim's granddaughter, Carissa Thompson-Snow. Next, their busy schedule took them to the Gettysburg College graduation for granddaughter Kristen Thompson. They celebrated Rose Mary

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James Malatas '99, '00, '08 (second from right), recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, chats with UAlbany President George Philip '69, '73 (left) and other guests at the Excellence Awards Gala April 28.

Brad Zongrone's 80th birthday with former classmates Bill Floyd, Jim Bennett, Pete McManus, Buzzy Weiner, Neumetzger, Barb Law, Usborne, Bunny Gunsberg Shoope, John Zongrone and most of their lovely family. They followed this up with two celebrations of Jim's 80th, one with family in August and one with Albany-area friends in September. They rested between events at the travel trailer home for the summer at Tupper Lake, N.Y. Mimi Webb was in Vienna, visiting her son and family. Her grandkids are 10 and almost 12, learning German in an international school. Her son is a press officer at the International Atomic Energy Agency – lots of interesting stuff with ongoing issues with Iran and Japan. John Centra shares that life is fairly sedate since Nancy had her stroke a year or two ago. Thankfully, they traveled a great deal over the years – all over the country and the world, in fact – so they have many great memories. Of course, Albany State will always be a top memory. Art Stone and wife Nancy are working hard, making costumes for dance schools and running dance competitions and conventions all over the United States, with national finals every year in the summer in either Orlando or Chicago. They travel extensively for business, and once in a while for pleasure. Shirley Dillon returned from Paris in May. She took a River Cruise for a week on the Avalon cruise line from Paris to Normandy. Shirley took her daughter, Marie, with her and was accompanied by a widow and two other widows. Malcolm Blum has returned to New York from San Francisco to live in Whitesboro, N.Y., for the time being. Barb Cumber Edwards and her husband enjoy their retirement community, conveniently located above a K-8 building where she is able to do volunteer work as a mentor. They enjoy visits from their daughter, Anne, who travels from Liverpool and has hilarious stories every day to share. Rich, their eldest son, has been a colonel in the Air Force for more than 20 years. Their son Mike and his family are in D.C., and Mike enjoys time with his two dancing daughters. James, his wife and son are in Huntsville, Ala., with Qualitest. Daughter Sarah is currently in North Carolina and has plans to come back north. Their eight grandchildren are perfect. Ashlie married last Labor Day; their youngest is 5 and ready for kindergarten, and he

knows all his planets and continents! Barb loves being a grandmother and is still glad teaching washer profession. She gets together with Doris Emens Maginsky for lunch and Bridge. Doris still lives in Greene and often visits family, volunteers and plays golf. She is healthy and happy! Patricia Zylko Prindle is enjoying life in Guilderland and Peck's Lake during her retirement from Adirondack Research Library as a volunteer and from teaching math. Bonnie Brousseau is proud to share that her granddaughter will graduate in October from the Culinary Institute with a bachelor's degree in baking and pastry, and one grandson graduated from Champlain Community College in June. Arnie Smith will be driving to Goose Bay, Labrador, to fish for brook trout and renew old acquaintances as he has been doing since 2004. Joan Hartman enjoyed a visit with Ellen Thomas Smith '53 this spring. On the way back home to Hilton Head, S.C., she stopped off in Williamsburg, Va. John Cooper celebrated a spectacular 80th birthday arranged by his wife and daughter; his son and daughter-in-law, who live near Ithaca, were surprise guests. He would love to see any old friends from our class who might make it to Oregon, and he is happy to drive them around to see some of the spectacular scenery. He has signed up to volunteer as a writing tutor at a local community college and is waiting to be assigned to a student. June Barno is busy with family, grandchildren's weddings, and her 16-year-old artist granddaughter's show in New York. She and Bob celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary in August. Class notes councilor: Bernice Gunsberg Shoope, bshoope@pol.net

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A note from your class councilor: Nancy Evans Bush's 30-plus years of experience with near-death studies has brought her to the publication of her first book, *Dancing Past the Dark: Distressing Near-Death Experiences*. Favorable early reviews have declared it an important contribution to the field. More information: www.dancingpastthedark.com. During a three-month sojourn in Tuscany in the spring, Dee Montalbano made time to conduct a writing workshop for several British friends, as well as submit regular postings to her new blog, "Crossing Seventy: Moments in Outrageous Aging" (www.crossingseventy.wordpress.com). Like many of Dee's other efforts in recent years, the blog honors "women in the second half of life." In February, Ed and Anne Franco boarded the Queen Elizabeth in San Francisco for the start of a world cruise to commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary. Three months later, they sailed aboard the Queen Mary II for

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the final leg from England. Too many experiences to recount here, Ed admits, but a few were the superb treatment on both ships, a "first-rate" *Turandot* at the Sydney Opera House, the *Taj Mahal*, the pleasures of a Tuscan hill town, and having George H.W. Bush and his family as fellow passengers on the QMII. The Francos' family celebration of their anniversary was held on Mackinac Island in August. Class councilor: John Orser, xity3jo@hotmail.com

57 A note from your class councilor: We are finalizing plans for our 55th reunion which, this year, will be held in conjunction with the University's Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 12-14. We'll have a fine dinner Saturday night and brunch on OUR campus Sunday morning. The Alumni Association is sponsoring other Homecoming events; we should have a great weekend. Please plan to attend. Watch for the mailings for specific details and registration forms. Marilyn Stilwell Dakin writes that she and her husband will travel to Italy in the fall. Emil Polakis is still working on *Volumelli* of his Latin manuscript and will travel to London for some memory research. Bob and Bev Haviland are eager to visit the campus and see long-time friends. Bob and Pat Reuss also write that they are looking forward to seeing their many Class of '57 friends. Class notes councilor: Ben Lindeman, bhllind@aol.com

58 Arlene Adel-Posses has relocated to River Walk, 2682 James River Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411.

61 Peter Spina was appointed interim president of the four-campus, 46,000-student Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, Va.

62 Johanna Prong owns a home-based travel agency, Johanna's Journeys. She studied at Finger Lakes Community College and Champlain College in Burlington, Vt., taking courses to be a paralegal. She and her husband, Bob, live in Burlington, Vt., close to two of their sons, three granddaughters and one grandson. Their other son lives near Tampa, Fla. Class councilor: J. Sheril McCormack, vanillastar202@yahoo.com

63 A note from your class councilor, Richard Kelly: It is with the deepest regret that I share the sad news of the passing of our class councilor, Joyce Williamson Gould Robinson. Joyce served our class for many years on the Alumni Council, and she worked tirelessly organizing and helping to host our class reunions, always with a smile and her wonderful sense of humor. We all extend our deepest sympathy to her family. It has been a great honor and privilege for me to serve as your class councilor for more than 40 years. However, I have decided now is the time to resign the position, and Peter Fisher has graciously and enthusiastically agreed to be our new councilor.

New class councilor: Peter Fisher, peternfisher@yahoo.com

65 Elissa (Gold) Laster has been retired for 11 years from the Plainview Old Bethpage School District after teaching there for 35 glorious years. She and her husband love to travel, and especially scuba dive. Their favorite site was Palau in Micronesia two years ago. Class councilor: Judy (Koblitz) Madnick, jmadnick@alumni.albany.edu

70 The Rev. Charles G. Ackerson, Ph.D., was been named honorary canon of the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Garden City, N.Y. Larry Kagan's artwork was featured in an exhibition in New York City at the OK Harris gallery.



71 George Scheck retired from his position as acquisitions librarian at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

72 For his volunteer work and overall inspiration, Chester Bunnell was presented an MS Society Inspiration Award at the Gateway area chapter's annual meeting/dinner in January. Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2006, Chester is in a wheelchair bound and confined to a skilled nursing facility. He is on Facebook, and his

e-mail is chetbunn@hotmail.com. Joyce Laiosa holds the position of president, Youth Services Section, of the New York State Library Association (2011-2013).

Class councilor: Rick Corcione: rickcorcione@yahoo.com

73 Charlotte Biblow received the Long Island Business News' "Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business" Award. The program recognizes Long Island's top women professionals for business acumen, mentoring and community involvement. This was the third time Charlotte was honored, and she is now a member of the program's

74 Hall of Fame. Sylvia Jenkins was named president of Chicago's Moraine Community College, a school of about 35,000 students. Named Master Teacher of the Year at Moraine Valley twice for incorporating technology into teaching and learning, Sylvia has also received the Innovator of the Year Award and the Vernon O. Crawley Leadership Award from the college.

74 Jerome "Jerry" Niles, the current dean emeritus of Virginia Tech's College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, has been named interim vice president for Outreach and International Affairs.

77 Patricia Kenney Dykeman recently earned a master of science in nursing with a concentration in education from East Carolina University and was named Outstanding MSN Graduate in the Education Program. She is currently an associate professor at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, N.C., teaching in the certified nursing assistant program.

78 Tomas Morales will be the new president at Cal State San Bernardino. Tomas has been an educator and administrative leader in higher education for more than 32 years. From 2001 to 2007, he served in various capacities at Cal Poly Pomona, including vice president for Student Affairs, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, professor of



Justin Sayles '11 (right) joined other Syracuse-area alumni for an accepted student reception in Syracuse in March. He was one of 27 alumni who volunteered to share their experiences and enthusiasm for UAlbany at spring admissions receptions in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

education, and principal deputy to the president.

79 Kevin Ferentz has joined Baltimore Medical System as chief medical officer. He will oversee the clinical operations



Kevin Ferentz

of the organization's six community health centers and eight school-based centers. A family physician for 26 years, Kevin most recently served as vice president of the University of Maryland Family Medicine Associates, associate professor and director of Clinical Operations for the university's Department of Family Medicine,

and chair of the Medical Executive Committee.

81 Susan Sprung has been appointed associate national executive director for the Producers Guild of America.



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82 Joshua Bloom has been elected vice chair of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Environmental Law Section for 2012. Mara Jevera Fulmer, professor and program coordinator in graphic design at Mott Community College in Flint, Mich., was selected for a Fulbright Specialists project in Russia at the Yekaterinburg Academy of Contemporary Art during May 2012. Mara taught a short course on cultural journalism, addressing the intersection of art/design and social and political issues.

83 Yoke San Reynolds, vice president and chief financial officer of the University of Virginia, retired in May.



Her work and programs are estimated to have saved the university up to \$1 billion over a 30-year period. Barry Slifstein is now vice president of investor relations and planning for RPM International Inc. RPM, a holding company, owns subsidiaries that are world leaders in specialty coatings, sealants, building materials and related services, serving both

industrial and consumer markets. Barry will oversee RPM's investor-relations function while serving as the primary financial representative in the company's planning process with its operating units.

84 Mark Schaming was appointed assistant commissioner and director of the New York State Museum by the New York State Board of Regents.

85 Thomas Boyle was appointed vice president/corporate actuarial for W.R. Berkley Corporation in Greenwich, Conn. Patricia Salkin has been appointed dean of the Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Patricia Law Center. Patricia is Salkin

nationally known scholar and expert in land-use planning and government ethics. She previously served as associate dean and director of the Government Law Center of Albany Law School and as the Raymond & Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law. Class councilor: Patty Salkin, psalk@albany.edu

86 Jill Mazer-Marino, an attorney with Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein P.C., spoke at a breakfast presentation sponsored by The Women in Intellectual Property Subcommittee of the Women in the Profession Committee at the New York City Bar. She was a panel speaker at the breakfast and examined issues of intellectual property and bankruptcy while discussing how businesses can protect their intangible assets before and during bankruptcy.

Howard Krooks of Elder Law Associates PA in Boca Raton, Fla., has been named president-elect of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys for 2012-13. Howard Miller, a partner in the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King in Garden City, N.Y., was recently listed in the national peer review "Best

Lawyers In America" in the area of education law.

87 Stephen Boroh has been named administrative director of Doctoral Programs at the Fox School of Business at Temple University. He oversees 165 students pursuing doctoral degrees in business administration and statistics.

89 Patrick McGrath has been appointed assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction at Mohonasen Schools by the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake (N.Y.) Board of Education.

90 Ruth Baines is proud to share that the Baines-Woodruff Endowed Lectureship in Health Disparities through the College of Health Sciences at Alabama State University is now a reality. This is the college's first endowed lectureship and will make a meaningful contribution to the ongoing pursuit of health equity for all. For more information, please contact the Office of Development at (334) 229-4431.

91 Terri Eberle Katz has joined the Burke Rehabilitation Hospital in Westchester County, N.Y., as the new director of Foundation Relations.



Recent grads hit the lanes for the third annual GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Bowling Night.

Dana Melvin, B.A.'87

Phat, Not Fat

92 Charlotte Ghiorse's *The Modern Mother*, which includes 42 drawings, three photos, two paintings and one video, was featured at the Museum of Motherhood in New York City in April.

93 Leslie Tayne is the managing director of the Law Offices of Leslie H. Tayne, P.C., which concentrates on debt resolution and bankruptcy avoidance. She was selected as one of *Long Island Business News*' "Top 50 Most Influential Women in Business." Mitch Blum has been named chief marketing officer of Blitz Media, recently ranked the eighth-largest advertising agency in Boston by the *Boston Business Journal* and the only media agency in the top 10. Blitz Media employs 50 people and has over \$114 million in billings. Previously, as senior vice president, director of strategy and planning at Marketing Drive, Mitch managed clients that included Procter & Gamble, Novartis, Welch's, Pernod Ricard and more. He also held strategic senior marketing roles at Mullen and Arnold Worldwide. Noel Goldberg reports that, after obtaining his doctorate in Virginia, he began working with veterans at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. In 2001, he returned to Albany to do an internship at the Albany Consortium, which includes Albany Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Medical Center and Capital District Psychiatric Hospital. Noel also worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and is currently under contract at Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital, working with our returning wounded warriors. He was married in February 2008 and welcomed son Ashlon in December 2010.

94 Sonia Nunez, assistant

principal of Columbus Elementary in New Rochelle, N.Y., since 2005, will succeed outgoing principal Yigal Joseph.

97 Joshua Smith was named dean of the School of Education at Loyola University Maryland. Johnathan Moore, of counsel at Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia, Pa., was recognized by *The Legal Intelligencer* as one of the "Top Lateral Hires of 2011" in Pennsylvania. Scott Kalicki has been appointed president of Lakes Region Community College by the Board of Trustees of the Community College System of New Hampshire. He served as interim president at the college since August 2011, during which time he led the planning of a new 30,000-square-foot facility that will house the college's expanding allied health and technology programs. Completion of the facility is scheduled for late 2012. Scott also guided the college through challenging fiscal times and in the face of increasing demand for community college programs and services.

98 Margaret Murphy was promoted to partner by the national law firm Wilson Elser.



Richard Reiter

99 Richard Reiter was promoted to partner by the national law firm Wilson Elser.

00 Gracie Mercado has been promoted to director, Human Resources, at the YES Network. Gracie, who had been manager, will oversee all aspects of YES human resources functions, including employee relations, compensation and benefits, and recruitment.



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Phat is a good thing: It's attractive, healthy, cool. And certified personal fitness trainer and author Dana Melvin wants to inspire African-American women to become phat.

To that end, the former Buffalo Bills wide receiver penned *PHAT & FIT: The Ultimate Workout for Women of Color* (Booklogix Publishing Services, 2011) to "shed light on cultural differences pertaining to African-American women" while motivating readers to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Melvin pinpoints physical differences that distinguish black women's body types from those of other races, and examines the social and lifestyle factors that often influence eating habits and physical activity levels. He takes note of issues, such as health problems and stress, that must be taken into account when an individual makes diet and fitness changes. *PHAT & FIT* also includes recipes, as well as descriptions and illustrations of exercises.

Melvin's interest in health and fitness was piqued at the University at Albany, where he majored in Africana studies and minored in medical anthropology. His anthropology classes made him think about "human health and its cultural distinctions" and about sharing that knowledge with others. As president/owner of Dana's Total Fitness in Maryland and Georgia and a longtime physical education teacher and coach in both states, Melvin remains committed to his "quest to mold the lives of children and save lives."

His newest enterprise, a business venture with WellSpa, opened last year in Atlanta, where the native New Yorker resides with his family.

Visit Melvin's Web site at www.danastotalfitness@bellsouth.net.

– Carol Olechowski

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New graduates played the Great Dane Toss, won prizes and learned about GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) at the Alumni Association's GOLD tent at the Commencement Picnic.

For a complete list of class councilors:
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(518) 442-3080.

02 Jesse Koepp has been appointed senior client relationship manager at Fenimore Asset Management, the investment advisor to the Jesse Fenimore Private Client Koepp Group and FAM Funds, in Cobleskill, N.Y. He previously was a senior investment officer for Trustco Bank and an investment analyst with The Ayco Company.



03 Charles Woehr was appointed vice president and senior branch manager by HSBC Bank USA, National Association. He joined HSBC in 2011 as branch manager. In his new role, Charles will focus on retaining and expanding existing client partnerships while developing additional relationships among internationally focused businesses and individuals within the Hauppauge, N.Y., area.

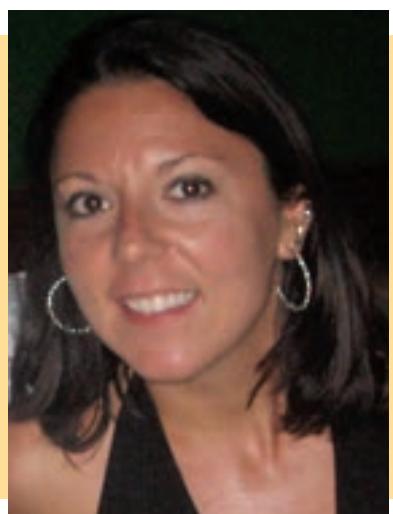
04 Christopher La Porta, senior client relationship manager and firm principal at Fenimore Asset Management, has earned the CFP® (Certified Financial Planner) certification. He will continue to oversee equity and fixed income portfolios for



individuals and institutional investors. Nadia Feeser was hired by the City of Pismo Beach, Calif., to serve as administrative services director. She will be responsible for all finance-related activities that support municipal operations in Pismo Beach. Nadia also will oversee the city's information technology services and its risk-management program.

06 Robert "Robbie" Freeman won the 2011 Novice Nurse of the Year from employer Beth Israel Medical Center and the Novice Nurse of the Year/Nurse of Distinction Award from 1199 Service Employees International Union. Using the money he received from those awards, he created a "NurseNet" app that Apple has now acquired. The free app, downloaded by more than 12,000 people, includes a News Reader that gathers medical news from the top nursing websites and media outlets, and an Abbreviation Assistant that decodes more than 10,000 medical abbreviations nurses are likely to encounter on medical charts.

08 Jacob Crawford has been recognized by Jacob Crawford



Vanessa DeYulius, M.P.H.'10

These days, Vanessa DeYulius is wearing two hats. As a New York State Office of Mental Health Bureau of Quality Improvement (BQI) staffer, she assists with the New York State Incident Management and Reporting System (NIMRS). "I facilitate the reporting, tracking and analysis of incidents occurring in mental health programs that may endanger the safety and well-being of clients and staff," DeYulius explains. The Pennsylvania native also works as a part-time pet-nutrition specialist, "assisting customers with purchasing dog and cat food based on the nutritional needs of their pets." Such "diverse" work experiences have been "invaluable," adds DeYulius, whose long-term goal is "to secure a career promoting public health initiatives to improve communities' quality of life."

Weddings

1986 – **Gregory Sheindlin** and Laurie Pila, May 12, 2012

1993 – **Ashvin “Ashu” Saxena** and Neeta Patel, March 17, 2012

1994 – **Heidi Brody** and Franklin Olson, May 27, 2012

2001 – **Chad Roth** and Lisa Giulino, May 19, 2012



Neeta Patel and Ashvin Saxena



Franklin Olson and Heidi Brody



Gregory Sheindlin and Laurie Pila



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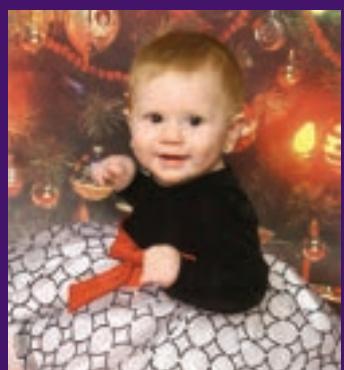
Births

1999 – **Kristina Moran Muller** and husband Matthew, a son, Connor Anthony, Jan. 20, 2012

2000 – **Kimberly Verhoff** and **Edward Verhoff '03**, a son, Liam Gregory, June 6, 2012

2004 – **Jennifer (Rajczak) Ducharme** and husband James, a son, Trey Michael, Feb. 29, 2012

2004 – **Natasha Coons** and husband **Donald Coons Jr. '02**, a daughter, Gabriella Isabelle, March 4, 2011



Gabriella Isabelle Coons

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Deaths

1930s

Agnes Erb Gillespy '34, March 8, 2012
Damia Lownsbury Winshurst '34, March 1, 1982
Lazetta Gehm Bragnelli '35, Aug. 8, 2010
Carolyn Fonda Viall '36, March 3, 2012
Marian Bismett Constable '38, Feb. 3, 2012
Katharine H. Herber '38, Sept. 9, 2011
Kathryn Hobbie Lockwood '38, Feb. 16, 2012
Minna Strauss Margolies '38, April 10, 2012
Elizabeth Philpott Vandeven '38, Nov. 4, 2010
Leah Mekeel Allen '39, Oct. 9, 2007
Eleanore Wickham Bowman '39, March 15, 2010
Frederic Q. Bowman '39, Nov. 7, 2009
Lois Wester Crandall '39, Sept. 17, 2011
Helen Bifarella Kuhn '39, Jan. 26, 2012
Lillian Frank Schwartz '39, Feb. 4, 2012
William A. Sivers Jr. '39, Jan. 16, 2012

1940s

Louis H. Fink '40, Feb. 17, 2012
Helen Cashman Rogers '40, March 30, 2012
Lydia Bond Shearer '41, May 18, 2012
Isobel McCampbell Jablonski '42, Dec. 31, 2009
Nicholas Morsillo, Esq., '42, Feb. 6, 2012
Alma Jewell Kern '43, Oct. 10, 2011
Michael A. Perretta '43, March 19, 2012
Ellen Delfs Sherwood '43, April 29, 2012
Shirley Wurz '43, June 16, 2010
Celina Davis '44, Jan. 15, 2009
Marjorie Edwards Koerner '44, Nov. 28, 2005
Elizabeth Howell Bennett '45, Aug. 11, 2011
Jeanne Burkhard Gennett '45, Aug. 26, 2009
Therese McGinnis O'Brian '45, Dec. 5, 2001
Sunna Cooper Rasch '45, May 26, 2011
Angeline Suraci '45, Jan. 13, 2011
Mildred Tymeson Young '45, April 16, 2006
Rose Beidl Humphreys '46, May 27, 2011
Marie Liebl Muller '46, Sept. 23, 2011
Elizabeth Margot Cox '47, July 9, 2010
Stanley W. Gipp '47, June 2, 2009
Dorothy Monty Horne '47, Jan. 6, 2012
Arlene Vetter Paetow '47, March 21, 2012
Benjamin R. Reed '47, Oct. 8, 2011
Gladys Hawk Baldeck '48, May 16, 2012
Rita Coleman Combs '48, Dec. 9, 2010
Gloria Merhige Daas '48, Feb. 27, 2011
Mary J. Fleming '48, Oct. 10, 2011

Ida Ambroski Friedl '48, Sept. 15, 1995
Wilma Phillips Snyder '48, March 22, 2012
Lorraine Malo Zaremba '48, Nov. 16, 2011
Richard T. Clark '49, April 28, 2009
Joseph Francello '49, Aug. 23, 2009
Norman Madsen '49, Aug. 5, 2011
Wilma Whitney Saunders '49, March 14, 2012
Samuel Schalit '49, Oct. 11, 1972
Marianne Standing Woolfe '49, May 22, 2007

1950s

John P. McGrath '50, July 5, 2011
Lloyd A. Taylor '50, March 14, 2012
Mary Cahill Strong '51, April 5, 2012
Mary Conerty '51, Feb. 13, 2012
William H. Engelhart '51, June 19, 2011
John A. Morley '51, Dec. 8, 2011
Stanley E. May '52, Oct. 3, 2011

Class councilor
Carolyn Fonda Viall '36
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Doris Doherty Wilson '53
passed away in July.

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Joyce Williamson Gould Robinson '63
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Doris Doherty Wilson '53, July 16, 2012
Maureen Fitzgerald Dean '54, Aug. 28, 2011
Ann Caparis Howlett '54, Feb. 11, 2012
Richard Kirch '54, June 5, 2011
Joan Chamberlain Denton '55, Jan. 27, 2012
Mary Johnpoll Stanton '55, Feb. 5, 2012
William Berkeley '56, Jan. 7, 2012
John Evans '56, Jan. 5, 2012
Phyllis Bialow Levitt '56, Nov. 27, 2011
Marilyn Kridemann Schwager '57, Jan. 8, 2012
Lynn Remmel Broderick '58, May 3, 2012
Edward J. Demske '58, Jan. 21, 2012
John D. Kaar '58, Dec. 29, 2011
Brian G. Mortensen '58, Jan. 8, 2010
Pauline Bordonali Terilli '58, March 27, 2012

Camilla J. Dewitt '59, March 3, 2012
Eunice C. Gies '59, March 9, 2012
Irma Tognola Haller '59, April 20, 2010

1960s

Marian Silverstein Calabrese '60, May 7, 2012
Sandra E. Lewis '60, Dec. 5, 2011
Ray Eddy '61, July 28, 2011
Heather Gardner Abrahams '62, March 11, 2012
Anne Farrell McElligott-Schoeck '62, Feb. 21, 2012
Stephen V. Myslinski '62, Feb. 27, 2012
John H. Galivan '63, March 3, 2012
Joan Herbert Olney '63, June 23, 2011
E. Joyce Williamson Robinson '63, April 10, 2012
Ronald Putnam '64, Dec. 7, 2011
Linda Groeling Waterman '64, Jan. 23, 2012
William R. Casement '66, July 28, 2007
Nora H. Jason '66, Jan. 23, 2012
Sonja S. Javarone '66, Oct. 11, 2011
Mary E. Whitehill '66, March 27, 2012
A. Electra Sokaris '67, Sept. 5, 2011
Richard J. Betz '68, April 25, 2012
Susan Hlesciak Hall '68, Jan. 8, 2012
Janet Klimacek-Winter '68, Feb. 5, 2012

1970s

Joseph A. Almindo '70, March 17, 2012
Constance A. Casey '70, March 14, 2012
Helen Stephenson Deluca '70, Sept. 8, 2010
Norman E. Early '70, Nov. 16, 2002
Bruce S. Kershner '70, Nov. 20, 2011
Daniel R. Eignor '71, May 25, 2012
Reynold J. Kosek '71, Jan. 17, 2012
William P. Hunt '72, May 12, 2011
Barbara Huss Schrader '72, Dec. 21, 2011
Rodney P. Scoville '72, April 21, 2012
Anne Wochinger Zimmerman '72, Feb. 2, 2012
Mark Fisher '73, April 12, 2012
Antonio Putzu '73, April 1, 2012
John J. Bowden '74, Sept. 2, 2009
Susan Dunnigan '74, Dec. 14, 2011
Suzanne L. Irwin '74, Nov. 11, 2010
Cynthia H. Chapman '75, March 26, 2012
Christine D. Dickerson '75, Oct. 14, 2011
Virginia Dolins '75, July 24, 2011
Helen Wallace Fitzgerald '75, Jan. 20, 2012
Maryjane T. Fuller '75, May 14, 2008
Marc E. Hafenstein '75, April 10, 2012
William P. Shannon '75, May 7, 2011
Joseph A. Foering '76, Jan. 2, 2010

Patrick J. Lerner '76, Feb. 18, 2012
Maria Tovbis Sistla '76, Jan. 25, 2012
Cynthia A. White '76, Dec. 1, 2011
Leon M. Daims '77, April 12, 2009
Ellen S. Snyder '77, Feb. 24, 2007
Elizabeth Herlinger Groot '78, Feb. 10, 2012
Bonnell Rafferty Kaido '78, Dec. 31, 2011
Jessica M. Levin '79, April 13, 2012
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Susan Holdridge '80, Feb. 16, 2012
Darlene T. McGuire '80, Feb. 3, 2012
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Ann M. Gothler '82, Nov. 29, 2011
Leslie Goldner Maserjian-Schuyler '82, May 5, 2012
Patricia May Werner '82, Oct. 22, 2011
Elizabeth Alexander '83, Oct. 23, 2009
Donna M. Comiskey '83, Feb. 24, 2012
Alvia A. Hafer '83, Nov. 4, 2011
Martin J. King Jr. '84, Jan. 22, 2012
Leona J. Tobin '84, Aug. 3, 2011

1990s
Stephen S. Haanen '85, Feb. 1, 2012
Deborah A. Kelsey '85, April 14, 2005
Margaret A. Clement '87, May 4, 2012
Mary J. Troll '87, Dec. 18, 2011
Richard C. Grande '89, Feb. 17, 2012
Alicia Fulmer Hinds '89, April 13, 2012
Richard Mortimer '89, Oct. 19, 2010

2000s
Mary Rances-Basil '90, Sept. 9, 2011
Kurt D. Burmeister '95, Feb. 25, 2012
Brian J. Elk '96, March 2, 2012
Peter J. Baldes '97, May 6, 2012
Catherine M. Connolly '97, April 5, 2012
Glen B. Pepicelli '98, May 10, 2012

2010s
Brian R. Bedford '00, Dec. 25, 2011
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John Sangimino '01, April 30, 2012
Young In Lee '06, Oct. 31, 2007
Michael D. Fish '09, May 15, 2011

Vladimir Pyrig '10, Oct. 17, 2011

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Roger Blanchette, Sept. 22, 2011, Plant Utilities Assistant, Utilities Plant, 2008-2011

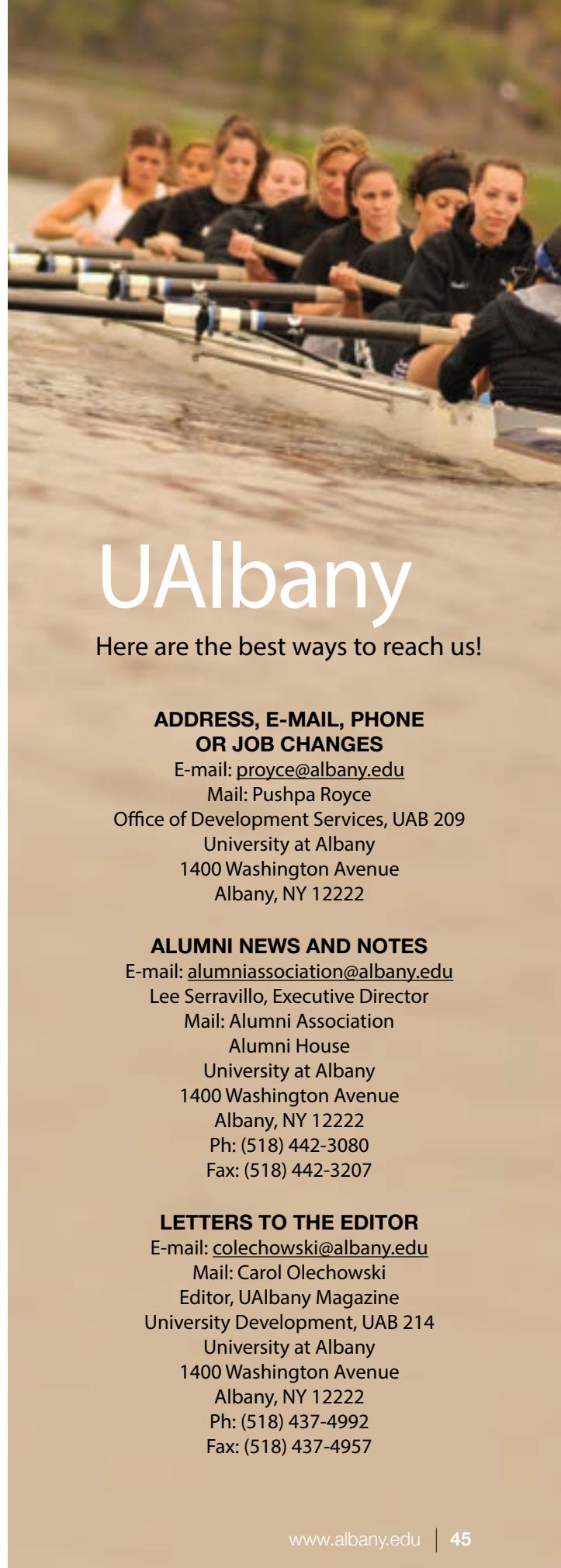
Dewitt C. Ellinwood Jr., March 28, 2012, Associate Professor, History, 1962-1989

Arthur Z. Loesch, April 5, 2012, Professor, Atmospheric & Environmental Science, 1973-2007

Frank Lucarelli, April 19, 2012, Assistant to VP, Research & Education Development, 1967-1983

Elinore Holland Posner, Feb. 14, 2012, Assistant to Dean, Office of General Studies & Summer Session, 1969-1971

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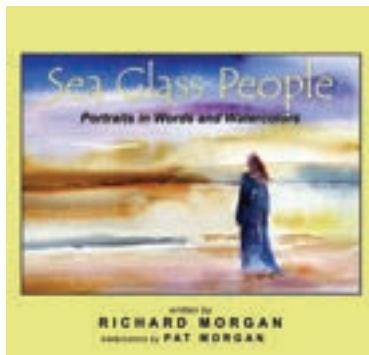
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Nancy Evans Bush, B.A.'55, has published *Dancing Past the Dark: Distressing Near-Death Experiences*, the product of more than 30 years' involvement with the International Association for Near-Death Studies, of which she is president-emerita.

Margaret Dunaski Harde, B.A.'65, M.A.'66, has written *Schooltime Reflections-Feelings 202*, a book that describes true stories taken from her experiences in the classroom and in life.

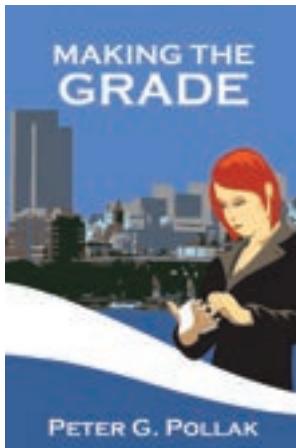


Lawrence Epstein, B.A.'67, M.A.'68, Ph.D.'76, published his first novel, *The Land of Eighteen Dreams*. More information: www.lawrenceepstein.com.

Richard Morgan, B.S.'69, lives and writes poetry on New Jersey's Long Beach Island. His second collection of poems, *Sea Glass People: Portraits in*

Words and Watercolors, with watercolors by his wife, Pat, has been published.

Peter Pollak, M.A.'70, Ph.D.'78, published his second novel, *Making the Grade*. The story follows the first woman promoted to detective grade on the Albany, N.Y., Police Department as she faces resistance from men on the force. When two strange



men from her past show up, will those ties mean a quick end to her career? Pollak began focusing on writing fiction after retiring from readMedia Inc., the company he founded (as Empire Information Services) in 1985. He also was a journalist and instructor for Empire State College and the UAlbany School of Education. More information: www.petergpollak.com.

Edward Downey, M.P.A., D.P.A.'71, published *Public Service, Governance and Web 2.0 Technologies: Future Trends in Social Media*, a book that investigates the effects of Web technologies and social media on interaction and the political process.

Alan Zaremba, Ph.D.'71, published *Speaking Professionally: Influence, Power, and Responsibility*. In his book, individuals will learn how to overcome speech anxiety in order to prepare, deliver and analyze business presentations.



Patricia (Carroll) Springstubb, M.L.S.'72, has written two children's novels, *What Happened on Fox Street* and the sequel *Mo Wren: Lost and Found*. Both are published by Harper Collins.

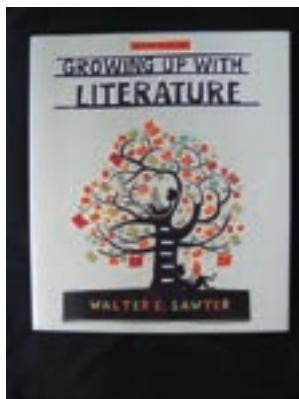
Walter E. Sawyer, Ed.D.'74, published *Growing Up With Literature*. The overriding philosophy of the book is to help children experience the beauty and relevance of literature in their lives. By doing this, there is a celebration of

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the interaction between young children and quality literature that leads to the enhancement of language development and emergent literacy.

Patricia A. Dunn, B.A.'74, M.A.'76, D.A.'91, and Ken Lindblom, M.A.'92, have co-authored *Grammar Rants: How a Backstage Tour of Writing Complaints Can Help Students Make Informed, Savvy Choices About Their Writing*, published by Heinemann/Boynton Cook.

David Fiske, M.L.S.'78, has written *Solomon Northup: His Life Before and After Slavery*. This book is a follow-up to Northup's 1853 book *Twelve Years as a Slave*, one of the most influential slave narratives published before the Civil War.

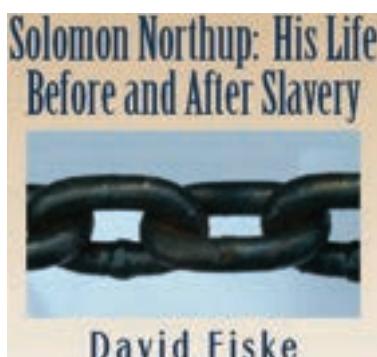


David Klein, B.A.'80, has published his second novel with Broadway Books. *Clean Break* tells the riveting, suspenseful story of four characters whose lives become intertwined and forever changed when passerby Jake Atwood steps in to diffuse a violent argument between a couple whose relationship has spun out of control.

Russell Marnell, B.S.'80, co-wrote an article, "Equitable Estoppel Applied by Court to Preclude Biological Father's Parental Rights," published in

the December 2011 issue of *The Nassau Lawyer*. The New York Law Journal published "Enforcing Divorce Agreements: What is the Statute of Limitation?" in January 2012.

Joseph Heithaus, B.A.'85, has published *Poison Sonnets*. After encouraging a student to write a series of sonnets, Heithaus turned the assignment on himself and began to write sonnets inspired by illustrations of poison plants in an old Webster's Dictionary. He began publishing some of these sonnets in magazines, such as *Poetry* and the *American Poetry Journal*, and then won the prestigious 2007 Discovery/The Nation Prize for a group of 10 "Poison Sonnets." Those sonnets are now the central thread of the book, a weave of 54 sonnets exploring the nature of poison and celebrating the complexities of language.



Myrna Haskell, B.A.'86, has written *Lions and Tigers and Teens: Expert advice and support for the conscientious parent just like you*. Published by Unlimited Publishing LLC., the book is a compilation of Myrna's favorite columns, which have run in self-syndication in parenting magazines in more than 15 states.

Noel Goldberg, B.A.'93, published *The ABC's of Mental Health: Ten Chap-*

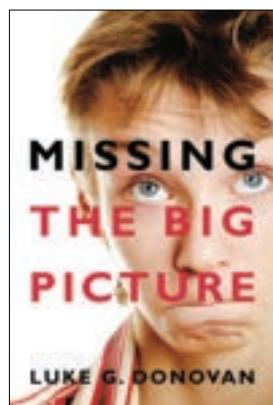
ters to Healing. It is available on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble (Kindle & Nook), as well as in paperback.

S. Evan Kreider, M.L.S. '94, has published *The Philosophy of Joss Whedon*. Whedon is the famed creator of such media productions as "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel" and "Firefly," as well as the innovative online series "Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog." This book examines Whedon's plots and characterizations to reveal their philosophical takes on the limits of personal freedom, sexual morality, radical evil and Daoism.

Luke Donovan, B.A.'04, has written and published an autobiography titled *Missing the Big Picture*. The book deals with bullying and mental illness and is a powerful, inspirational coming-of-age journey. It is available on amazon.com.



Claudia Haupt, M.A.'04, is the author of a new book, *Religion-State Relations in the United States and Germany*, published by Cambridge University Press.



Kristen Henderson, M.S.W.'08, is the author of a book of poetry, *Drum Machine*, which earned the Jenkins International 2011 eLit Awards' Gold Medal in poetry.

Last Look

By Christine A. Doyle, M.B.A.'04

Photos by Island Photography, Gary Gold and Mark Schmidt

Spring 2012 Commencement

UAlbany's Spring Commencement ceremonies, held May 19 and 20, celebrated the success of 872 graduate students and 2,010 undergraduates.



Judge Judith Scheindlin, A.K.A. "Judge Judy," waves to the 14,000-plus degree candidates and family members as she processes onto the stage at the undergraduate ceremony. She advised the new graduates:

- "Listen to many people, but ultimately follow your instincts as to what's right."
- "That first impression can alter the course of your life. Don't blow it."
- "Academic excellence is nice, but it doesn't always define you. What defines you is a passion for what you do, and a steady moral compass."



A new Ph.D. poses with her family after the ceremony.



Honorary degree recipient Thomas Constantine '71, whose career has included service with the New York State Police, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and international law-enforcement initiatives, addresses Ph.D. and master's candidates.



Undergraduate ceremony speaker Joel Shawn Amad Livingston '12 shares his moving story about overcoming challenges associated with growing up in a single-parent household, poor academic performance in middle and high school, and finding the right fit in college. The Reclassifying All Children Equally (RACE) Organization founder graduated magna cum laude and will pursue an M.S.W. at Columbia University in the fall.



Sheindlin is no stranger to UAlbany: Her son, Adam Levy '89, third from left, and stepsons, Gregory Sheindlin '86, second from right, and physician Jonathan Sheindlin '89, second from left, are all graduates. Pictured at left is Sorrell Chesin, associate vice president for University Development and longtime chair of the Parents Council, on which both Sheindlin parents served.



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