

The Cayuga SPARTAN

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**Eric Zizza Joins SUNY
Distinguished Academy**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Every semester has its own sense of energy, and the Spring 2024 term is no different at our campuses in Auburn and Fulton. There's a campuswide vitality from new initiatives and projects, the budding anticipation of Commencement, and students on their way toward new academic and career challenges. It's a time of progress for Cayuga and our students, and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Though we're only a few months into 2024, this year is shaping up to be one of achievement for Cayuga. Our staff and faculty have embraced the new strategic plan we highlighted for you in the Summer 2023 edition of *The Spartan*, recognizing that their contributions and initiative are essential elements in our College's long-term growth and success. I'm proud to be a part of an institution that is always open to change and so readily implements new ideas to benefit our students.

In Auburn, construction on our Workforce Development Center is progressing, and with it the promise of centralizing essential services our region needs to support career and industrial advancement. At the Fulton Campus, construction on the new Oswego County Regional Police Academy is underway and will be completed

this year, creating opportunities for our Criminal Justice students to build career connections with area law enforcement. I expect to have updates on these and other initiatives for you in the coming months.

In this edition of *The Spartan*, we celebrate our scholarship recipients and award winners. In recognition of his service, Professor Eric Zizza was inducted into the SUNY Distinguished Academy in 2023, making him only the second member of Cayuga so honored. His story can be found in these pages, as can the annual celebrations of our alumni award recipients and the past summer's President's Circle Dinner.

Lastly, included in this edition is our \$70 for 70 Campaign. In recognition of the College's 70th anniversary, we're asking our alumni to donate \$70 to support our institution and our students. Cayuga has made a tremendous impact in our community for seven decades, and with your continued support and confidence in our mission, I know we can continue to make a greater impact in the years to come.

Warmest regards,
Dr. Brian M. Durant
President



About the cover

State of New York Chancellor John King Jr., Cayuga Community College Provost Dr. Ronald Cantor, Professor Eric Zizza, inducted into the SUNY Distinguished Academy and SUNY Provost In Charge Shadi Sadvik at the ceremony presenting Professor Zizza's induction.

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MIDDLE STATES SELF-STUDY

By Dr. Terry Kupp and Professor Richard Brower

This year is extra special for Cayuga Community College as we not only advance on our reaccreditation journey with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) but also celebrate the graduation of our 70th class. It allows us to look back with pride on our growth and the diverse paths we've paved to meet the evolving needs of our students and community. It's a milestone in Cayuga's dedication to accessible, student-centered, and career-focused education.

Reaccreditation isn't merely a requirement; it's a chance for us to pause as a community, reflect on our achievements, and chart a course that stays true to our mission of empowering students in an ever-changing higher education landscape. The Self-Study is an opportunity for all who care about Cayuga to take part in highlighting strengths and bridging new opportunities for strategic partnerships, serving our students, and building infrastructure for years to come.

For our alumni, this reaccreditation process, coupled with the celebration of our 70th graduating class, underscores the enduring value of your Cayuga education. It's a reflection of how far we've come and the impact Cayuga has made on individual lives and the broader community. Your stories of success are what make Cayuga's mission valid.

As we gear up for our Self-Study visit in Spring 2025, we're inviting you to learn more and possibly be a part of this journey. To find out more about our reaccreditation process or let us know if you may wish to contribute, simply scan the QR code below. Your insights, support, and engagement are invaluable as we strive to innovate and inspire the next generation of Cayuga students.



PLANNED GIVING

Planned Giving, or Legacy Giving, may allow you to make a meaningful and lasting legacy for generations of students to come. There are a variety of ways to make planned gifts to the Foundation that will not deplete lifetime assets, and in some cases, can furnish additional income and significant tax deductions. Ways to include the Foundation in your estate plans include bequests, life insurance, charitable annuities, retirement funds, trusts and real estate.

Planned giving helps ensure the future and growth of Cayuga Community College by securing a base of permanent support for College initiatives. Talk to your financial advisor, or contact the Foundation Office at (315) 294-8587 or www.cayuga.cc.edu/foundation, to start the conversation.

SCHOLARSHIPS

(Non-Endowed Named Scholarships)

A minimum gift of \$2,500 establishes a named non-endowed scholarship. You may also choose to continue the scholarship with annual donations. Gifts can also be made to the Foundation's General Scholarship Fund.

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

You can create a named endowed scholarship fund for Cayuga Community College students. An endowed scholarship currently requires a minimum contribution of \$25,000. Ways to reach this minimum include one-time cash gifts, stocks and gifts given over a period of time, among many other plans. The Foundation will be pleased to work with you on a payment schedule that allows you to establish a scholarship fund.

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FROM THE FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the end of January, three long time members of our Foundation Board of Directors rotated off the Board having served over 27 combined years to the Foundation. John Latanyshyn of Auburn served as the President, Vice President and Treasurer for our Foundation. Under his leadership, the Foundation increased its investment in students as well as the physical plant of both campuses. It was his idea to do our food truck event at the beginning and end of each Academic Year to bring students, faculty and College staff together to celebrate the start of the school year and then thank them for their hard work.

There may not have been a bigger cheerleader for Cayuga when it came to creating partnerships in our community than Patti Callahan of Skaneateles, who grew up in Auburn. As our Board's Assistant Secretary and an active member of both our Finance and Long Range Planning committees, she was able to see how both these committees could work together to create new opportunities for our students, staff and the College as a whole.

You would not have known that **David Mamuscia '64**, of The Villages in Florida was a remote Board Member, always present either by Zoom or on his annual trips to Auburn, with his wife, Maxine. He was a dedicated member of our Finance and Personnel Committees. He was of special help to me, when I took over as the Executive Director of the Foundation, helping me modernize the financial and endowment sides of our operations, always willing to analyze and review our

work. The Foundation will miss their dedication and I will miss their wise counsel.

We are delighted to have **Darryl Clark '01** joining our Board. As you will see in his biography across from this report, Mr. Clark is very active in our community as a local business and not-for-profit leader. His efforts of inclusion and fostering activities for young people in Cayuga County is one of the reasons he was recognized by our Alumni Board as a 2023 Alumni of the Year Recipient.

You will also note that we have had some changes on our Board. Kevin LaMontagne has moved up from being our Treasurer to Board President and Aliza Querns has been named our Vice President. Judge **Tim Rice '77** replaces her as Board Secretary. **David Verdi '06** and Blake Turner have both taken leadership roles as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer respectively.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The Spartan* you can read about the work of the Alumni Board, under the leadership of their President and a member of the Foundation Board, **Amanda Stankus '03**, in choosing our 2024 honorees on page 14. We appreciate the work of she and her Board and their dedication to recognizing the achievements of many of ACC and CCC's best.

The Foundation also wants to congratulate the well deserved recognition by the State University of New York of Professor Eric Zizza as a member of the SUNY Distinguished Academy, only the second in Cayuga's history. A well deserved honor for a great member of the Cayuga Team!

All the best,

Guy Cosentino
Executive Director

2023 ALUMNI AWARD WINNER JOINS FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Darryl Clark, a 2001 graduate of Cayuga Community College, chose to return to Auburn after earning his Bachelor's degree in Multi-Media Arts at Duquesne University, where he played Division 1 Football and Track, and lived in Germany where he played semi-pro football.

Mr. Clark's entrepreneurial spirit has brought incredible opportunities to Auburn and to his clients across the country. His studio, AVP Unlimited, an audio, video and photography production facility in Auburn, coupled with his years of expertise in the music industry with VP AllVibez Entertainment, an artist



management company, bring clients national recognition and success across a variety of platforms. In addition,

Mr. Clark has developed local opportunities where young people can have fun and socialize in a safe gaming space at The Hide-Out in Aurelius. Mr. Clark organizes various charitable community events throughout the year and serves as Co-Chair of the Board at East Hill Family Medical.

Mr. Clark's business acumen and philanthropy bring thoughtful ideas to the Foundation and we are delighted to welcome him to the Board.

FOUNDATION FUNDS PILOT EOP

The Cayuga Community College Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) was initially established at the College in the summer of 2022, and has been providing access and opportunity for New York State students who demonstrate academic potential and a desire to earn a college degree. The program assists students who are both (historically) academically and financially disadvantaged. In the Spring of 2023, after hearing a presentation from Debra Joseph-McKeeon (pictured), Director of the Education Opportunity Program, the Foundation Board unanimously agreed to fund a multi-year pilot program to support Cayuga's EOP.



In the summer of 2023, EOP facilitated a 4-week summer program. The experience comprised of a College Success Strategies component, English/Writing component, Math Component, and with the support of the Foundation, a 1-credit CS035 Computer Literacy component, facilitated by **Prof. Loraine Miller '73**. Currently, EOP is continuing in its efforts to meet student enrollment goals, and to expand its student-centered services/support and programming tailored to meet the needs of its students, in support of their academic success.



Student Brittany Simmons



Student Jorge Jimenez



Vanessa Davis, EOP Coach/counselor and Student T'Queria Bowman

CAYUGA PROFESSOR JOINS PRESTIGIOUS SUNY DISTINGUISHED ACADEMY

Cayuga Community College Professor Eric Zizza joined the elite SUNY Distinguished Academy in 2023, the highest possible honor for faculty in the State University of New York.

In recognition of his years of service at Cayuga and in the regional and statewide communities, Professor Zizza was awarded the rank of SUNY Distinguished Service Professor. Since 1963, SUNY has only awarded 358 Distinguished Service Professorships as of 2023.

Professor Zizza was recognized for his achievement at Cayuga's 2023 Commencement at Falcon Park.

"Induction into SUNY's Distinguished Academy is a prestigious honor that's only awarded to a select few across the State University of New York. Throughout his tenure at Cayuga, Professor Zizza has demonstrated that he deserves such recognition," said Cayuga President Dr. Brian Durant. "He is a strong leader who is always focused on developing new opportunities for our students and supporting his colleagues. We've seen his devotion to our communities time and again through his leadership on committees and boards of education, plus his advocacy on the state level."

Professor Zizza said he was honored to be named to SUNY's Distinguished Academy, noting that the academy is filled with prominent members whose academic and leadership contributions are widespread.

"This is extremely humbling. When you look at others who have been inducted into the SUNY Distinguished Academy, you see Nobel Prize nominees and people doing groundbreaking research," he said.



"To be included in that group is a tremendous honor, one that I didn't anticipate ever receiving."

Professor Zizza joined Cayuga in 2003 as an Adjunct Counselor before being named the College's Transfer Counselor in 2004. He served in that capacity for 14 years before being named the Division Chair of the College's Division of Business, Behavioral/Social Science, Criminal Justice, Teacher Education, and Health and Physical Education in 2018.

He is only the second Cayuga faculty member to join the SUNY Distinguished Academy, following Professor Steve Keeler's induction in 2012. Professor Keeler submitted a letter of support for Professor Zizza's nomination, saying his contributions far exceeded normal professional responsibilities.

"Eric is a very deserving candidate based on his exemplary and consistent service to our college, and our greater regional community for many years," said Professor Keeler. "In reviewing his record at Cayuga, one really becomes impressed by the

number of important professional contributions he has made in many areas."

In his 20 years at Cayuga, Professor Zizza has amassed a comprehensive service record. He was a leading voice in the development of Cayuga's emerging Human Services program, has served as the President of the College Faculty Association for the past decade, and has served on committees dedicated to enrollment, health and wellness, and accreditation.

His service record is not limited to the College. Since 2012 he served as the Chair for the Cayuga County Health Consortium Board of Directors, which governs the health insurance programs for several regional agencies and municipalities, including the City of Auburn and Cayuga County. Professor Zizza was twice elected to the Board of Education for the Weedsport Central School District, where he served as President and Vice President.

Professor Zizza said he adopts the same approach to service, whether it's at Cayuga or in the community.

"If there's something I'm proud of, it's being committed to helping to find answers and making sure people who are a part of each process are heard and that we do justice to all concerned. I've always thought that's the best way to ensure we end up in a better place than where we started, no matter what problem or issue we're trying to solve," he said.

For more information about the SUNY Distinguished Academy, please visit <https://www.suny.edu/distinguished-academy/>.

48TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR A TRUE COMMUNITY EVENT

The College’s 48th Annual Craft Fair was held in December on the Auburn campus and showcasing the talents of nearly 100 artisans and crafters over a two day period.

The College Foundation is proud to be able to operate this on behalf of the College annually. It brings together, crafters, local not-for-profits, musical groups, and most importantly – thousands interested to browse just before the holidays.

Nearly a dozen not-for-profits were also invited in to explain the services they provide. Boy Scout Troop 11 of Owasco sold out of more than 140 boxes of Krispy

Kreme doughnuts within two hours and our nursing students were able to do blood pressure checks for those who wanted to stop by their booth.

We were also delighted to have the college’s Musical Theatre Ensemble, led by Professor of Vocal Music/Choral Director Erica Walters and Adjunct Music Professor Mark Nowak, give a performance from Perform For Purpose in the cafeteria. *(More craft fair images on page 25)*

Kia Larsen of the Foundation Office has already started to plan the 49th annual craft fair which will be held December 7th and 8th of this year.



Troop 21 Scouts and Krispy Kream donuts greeted customers and vendors at the 48th annual Craft Fair.



Perform 4 Purpose takes the stage.



Pictured left – right, are senior nursing students Rebecca Chalupnicki, Mackenzie LaForce, and Margaret Fudo.



Musical Theatre Ensemble performers from left to right: Kylah Rossbach, Kayleigh Stayton, Tessa Higgins and Cassandra Barker. They are pictured performing “Shine Line the Sun” from 9 to 5 The Musical.

ACC/CCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES ANNUAL AWARDS



Thirty years ago, the Auburn Community College/Cayuga Community College Alumni Association created an award to recognize the achievements of alums who have made and continue to make a difference in our community, nation and world.

The Alumni Association recognized its 2023 nominees at a reception and awards ceremony held at Prison City North in June that was attended by the nominees, their nominators, families and friends.

Alumni Board President and Foundation Board Member, **Amanda Stankus '03**, told those in attendance “It is fascinating to learn about the myriad of paths Cayuga graduates have taken and how they are working to build a better community.”

This year’s inductees were:

Darryl Clark '01 who was introduced by Kia Larsen, the new Director of Alumni Engagement. She read from Nominator Tiffanie Clark’s submission, “Through a combination of his knowledge, creativity and vision, he singlehandedly created a positive outlet for local rap and R&B artists to pursue their talents.”

Patrick Crawford '96 was joined by his award nominators, **Allison '23** and Patrick Crawford, Jr. (planned '25 graduation), who introduced him at the event saying, “Not only is he a dedicated educator, he is also a lifelong learner. He is a role model who leads by example and has spent much of his time giving back to the community.”

Jim Van Arsdale '06 was surprised when he walked into Prison City

North to hear music played that was very familiar to him. The Co-founder and Program Director of the non-profit Perform 4 Purpose did not know that more than a half dozen of his students were going to be on hand to entertain the guests that evening before the ceremony. Foundation Board President John Lata-nyshyn recognized the students with gifts and hoped that some would be future Cayuga Alums.

The three were also joined by **Alisha Dymond Burnett '09** – a flight nurse in Florida, who was a 2022 Award recipient, but could not attend last year’s ceremony. Nursing Professor **Edie Smith '91** was on hand to welcome her and talk about Ms. Burnett’s time at Cayuga.

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throughout the Class of 2023 are three people who have made it part of their mission to work with young people and just as importantly raising funds for local charities, whether it comes to helping those in need, youth programming or the arts – what a great and noble group” said Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn.

All four of the awardees made it clear at the Prison City event that their foundation and successes at Cayuga Community College laid the groundwork for their future successes.



Nominations for the Alumni of the Year Awards are presented by the ACC/CCCC Alumni Board each year. A committee of the Board reviews the nominations received and recommends their selections to the full Alumni Board for approval. Information on the process and how to make nominations can be done through the College’s website at:

www.cayuga-cc.edu/giving/alumni/nominate/

A surprised **Jim Van Arsdale '06** walks into Prison City North as music, students and guests greeted him.

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with young people and just as importantly raising funds for local charities,” said Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn.

DARRYL CLARK '01

Darryl Clark, a 2001 graduate of Cayuga Community College, went on to Duquesne University to play Division 1 Football and Track while obtaining his Bachelor’s degree in Multi-Media Arts. He traveled to Germany to play semi-pro football before returning to Auburn.

Mr. Clark has built several studios from the ground up, including AVP Unlimited, an audio, video and photography production facility in Auburn. He is now using his many years of expertise in the music industry as VP AllVibez Entertainment, an artist management company. Under him, the artists receive helpful guidance and have seen success such as appearing on The Ellen Show and the Today Show, millions of followers on Tiktok, and recently, an artist signing a record deal with Republic Records. On top of all of this, he has started another business called DC Arcades, where he builds virtual pinball machines from a design of his own invention. He and business partner Daryl King created The HideOut, a safe gaming place for kids to have fun and socialize. Located in Aurelius, the facility hosts gaming tournaments, parties and outdoor events. They have created a youth volunteer program, HideOut Helpers, that rewards participants while providing opportunities to help build their customer service skills. *Continued on page 10.*



PATRICK CRAWFORD '96

Auburn native Patrick Crawford is a 1996 graduate of Cayuga Community College. Following graduation, he earned his BS in Biology from SUNY Geneseo and MS in Education from SUNY Oswego. He has taught at the Auburn Enlarged School District since 1999.

In 2018, Mr. Crawford was selected as the Cayuga Onondaga School Board Association Teacher of the Year. He was also selected as the New York State Master Teacher for the Central New York Region, requiring a four-year commitment to participate in professional development to increase his STEM pedagogical knowledge. In 2019, he began a five-year fellowship with the University of Rochester’s Warner School of Education Noyce Program. This program includes a combination of coursework and mentored field experience to develop expertise in digitally-rich STEM teaching and leadership. Upon graduation, Mr. Crawford will receive two Advanced Certificates in Digitally Rich Teaching and Teacher Leadership.

Mr. Crawford’s award nominators, Allison and Patrick Crawford, Jr., wrote, “Not only is Patrick a dedicated educator, he is also a lifelong learner. He is a role model who leads by example and has spent much of his time giving back to the community.” *Continued on page 10.*



Jim Van Arsdale '06

Jim Van Arsdale is a 2006 Cayuga Community College graduate who returned to college after a 20 year career in the business field that included owning a Domino's Pizza franchise, and working as a Service Manager for the Fox Auto Group. He earned his Bachelors in Educational Science in 2008 from SUNY Oswego and completed his Masters in the Integration of Technology in the Classroom through Walden University in 2012. He has been an elementary teacher at the Moravia Central School District for more than 15 years.

Mr. Van Arsdale is the Co-founder & Program Director of the non-profit organization Perform 4 Purpose, which has just reached a goal of helping to raise one million dollars for local nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Van Arsdale is also a Board Member and volunteer with Tomatofest, Sports 4 All, and the Auburn Chamber Orchestra.



He mentors in music education at Auburn Public Theater, where he advises with several music programs. Mr. Van Arsdale is the President of the Moravia Teachers Association and is a Board Member for the Auburn Enlarged City School District.

Mr. Van Arsdale has earned several awards, including NAACP's Nonprofit of the Year in 2018, Kiwanis Service to Youth award in 2019 and the Tri-M Music Honor Society in 2023.

Nominator Debra Minturn Delaney said, "As a valued member of our community, Jim has made it his own personal mission to bring a sense of well-being to so many people's lives, whether it be in the form of his unique educational teachings, the joy of music through his many musical outlets or his volunteerism that brings experience, knowledge and passion to every table he takes a seat at. An encounter with Jim leaves a respectable lasting impression that brings an appreciation of his value into their lives."

Darryl Clark, Continued.

Mr. Clark organizes various charitable community events throughout the year, including a coat drive to collect winter wear for distribution through the Auburn Rescue Mission. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Board at East Hill Family Medical. His foundation and successes at Cayuga Community College laid the groundwork for his future success.

Patrick Crawford, Continued.

A member of Knights of Columbus Council #207 for nearly 30 years, Mr. Crawford served as Deputy Grand Knight for two years and Grand Knight from 2010 - 2013. For the last three years he's served on a committee called "Operation Enduring Gratitude" raising funds to send WWII, Korean War and Vietnam veterans on an all-expenses paid trip to Washington DC. Together with Brian Scanlan and the Auburn Fire Department, he co-lead the team to bring the St. Baldrick's Fundraiser to Cayuga County and, over the course of six years, the event raised \$516,673 to help in the fight against childhood cancers.

THE \$40 FOR 40 CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS

To commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Cayuga Community College Foundation in 1982, the centerpiece of the Foundation's 2022-2023 Annual Campaign was the **\$40 for 40 Campaign**. The funds raised will be used for an upcoming capital project and matched with funding from the State University of New York.

We were gratified by the support given to the **\$40 For 40 Campaign** by Alumni, employees and generous supporters of the College and our Foundation in our community. The Foundation appreciates the support from the following donors, who gave to this effort:

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Alyssa Gavurnik

Recipient of the Pine Family Scholarship Class of 2024

I am very appreciative of this program, as it not only helps financially support my higher education, but ultimately allows me to be one step closer to a rewarding career in nursing. Knowing how highly regarded the curriculum is here, I'm grateful for this scholarship and the opportunity to further my studies through this generous donation.



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Alexis Martinez

Granddaughter of Rosalie Ward, CCC Nursing Instructor
Recipient of a French and Metcalf Foundations Scholarship

Class of 2025

As a working wife and mother, returning to college to pursue my dream of becoming a nurse has been a great challenge. Unexpectedly receiving this scholarship from the French and Metcalf foundations has been an incredible blessing. I am grateful beyond words for the recognition of my hard work and dedication to my studies. This comes at the most opportune time as it will alleviate some of the stress that comes with juggling school and work. I can devote even more time to accomplishing my goals and following in my grandma's footsteps. Thank you to the generous donors and the foundations!



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Harry & Dorothy George Scholarship

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John Karpinski Memorial Award
Samuel V. and Marion B. Kennedy Memorial Award
Ruth Kimball Memorial Kent English Award

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Robert Washburn	Oswego, NY
Erica Lynn Davis	Oswego, NY
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Introducing the 2024 Alumni Award Winners

The Alumni Association is exceptionally proud of our graduates. With more than a dozen submissions of talented, dedicated nominees, the Alumni Association will honor **Eileen Jerrett '02**, **Scott Jessie '96**, and **Dr. Michael Kelly '76** this year.

Documentary filmmaker and Ph.D. candidate **Eileen Jerrett '02** has been making films and traveling worldwide, speaking about hidden stories and extraordinary social movements. In 2015 she founded Wilma's Wish Productions and has since been praised by critics for being a pioneer in a new mode of documentary filmmaking. Her unique approach has gained access to incredibly intimate and universally identifiable moments of humanity. Her films give the audience a window into personal stories that empower, delight, and humanize the viewer and the subject.

Scott Jessie '96 launched his nursing career at CCC and went on to earn a BS and Master's degree in Nursing at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He completed his MBA in March 2023 and is enrolled in the Doctor of Healthcare Administration program at Oklahoma State University. He is the Chief Nursing Officer at Upstate University Hospital and Upstate Community Hospital. He provides executive nursing leadership to over 3,200 FTE's and manages an operational budget of over \$450 million dollars.

Dr. Michael Kelly '76 completed a BS in microbiology at SUNY Geneseo and a BS in Chemical Engineering at Clarkson University. After working in an agricultural firm in Cayuga County for a few years and countless hours spent volunteering with a veterinarian, his career path evolved to include Cornell Veterinary School. For the past 30 years he has been the consummate example of a conscientious and compassionate animal doctor, improving the lives of animals and their humans in the Olean, NY region.

The Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Cayuga County Community College Foundation, will recognize these well-deserved awardees at a reception this June.

Nominations for the 2025 ACC/CCC Alumni Awards will be accepted through February 28th, 2025. Please go to www.cayuga-cc.edu/giving/alumni/nominate/ or email alumni@cayuga-cc.edu for information about nominations.

Hope you are having a great 2024!

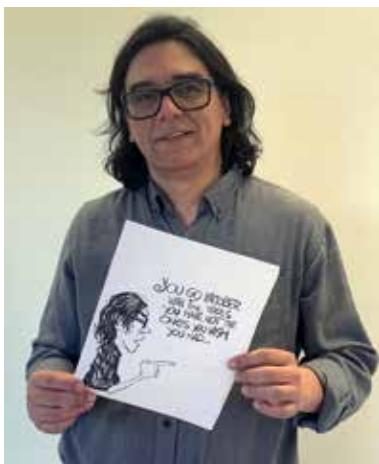
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RENOWNED POLITICAL CARTOONIST IS VISITING SCHOLAR



This year's Brunell Visiting Fellow, funded by the College Foundation is Pedro X. Molina a world acclaimed practicing political cartoonist, originally from Nicaragua. In 2018, he received the Inter American Press Association Cartoonist Category award. In December of the same year he was forced to flee his home country when the offices of the *Confidencial* news outlet where he worked were raided, ransacked, and then occupied by the government of Daniel Ortega. He arrived in Ithaca on Christmas day as a resident artist of the Ithaca City of Asylum program where he lives and works, continuing to create and publish cartoons while living in exile.

Cayuga Community College students were introduced to Mr. Molina's work in the Fall when he visited classes and gave a public presentation about cartooning.



This Spring semester, he is co-teaching a course on the Auburn campus: *Special Topics – Cartoons, Comics, and Graphic Novels*. Students have had a great experience developing a new skillset this semester in this unique course. Students in this special-topics class will have an opportunity to showcase their work in an on-campus exhibition, as well as in a publication of their cartoons. The publication will be printed and distributed after the conclusion of the course.

The student exhibition, as well as an exhibition of Molina's cartoons will open on Wednesday, May 1st. An artist talk and reception will coincide with the exhibit opening. All are welcome to attend – it is a special opportunity to hear from a world-renowned cartoonist here at Cayuga Community College.

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As we all know, technology, especially social media, is changing the way we get information and how, with less and less use of the postal service to deliver magazines, such as *The Spartan*. We are trying to identify those Cayuga Alumni who would rather receive *The Spartan* by e-mail and/or in a print format.

If you are interested in receiving future *Spartans* electronically, please fill out the form below and send it back to us in the envelope across from this page, or e-mail your request to alumni@cayuga-cc.edu. You also have the option to receive it both electronically and still by mail, if you wish.



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YOUR \$70 WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR 70th YEAR

When we unveiled our \$70 for 70 Campaign in the Summer *Spartan* in July and also made it a part of our *Spartan Extra* ask in December, we were impressed by the number of Alumni who not only gave to this campaign, but did so on top of their usual generous annual gifts! We were also thrilled to see a number of first time givers, who focused on this campaign to help our students remain enrolled when unexpected emergencies arise.

As we celebrate the College's 70th birthday the College Foundation has set up our 2023-2024 Annual Campaign to focus on raising funds to help our students in degree and non-degree programs. A decade ago, the College was evenly split between full and part time students. With changes in demographics, the economy and, yes, the aftermath of COVID-19, our campus make-up has shifted, to almost 70% of our students enrolled as being part time students.

The College and Foundation have found that with that shift there is a higher need among our students for emergency assistance when it comes to food security, health care, housing and transportation. With that in mind we are focused on the emergency needs of our students, as funds helping students during the pandemic from Albany and Washington end.

Donors to the \$70 for 70 Campaign will be listed in the Foundation's Annual Report and in a future issue of *The Spartan*.

If you have already given, again we thank you for your generosity.

We hope you can help to continue to build on the foundation, begun 70 years ago in Auburn, by using the Stamped Self Addressed Envelope opposite this page and make a gift of \$70 or more to the College Foundation on behalf of our students.



FOUR SPARTANS EARN MSAC HONORS

Student-athletes on both Cayuga Community College basketball teams were recognized for strong seasons by the Mid-State Athletic Conference last week.

Forward Tony Borges from the Men's Basketball team and Haley Mosch, Lamontiona Johnson and Avrey Colton from the Women's Basketball team were named to the MSAC All-Conference teams for the 2023-24 season.

Borges was named to the MSAC 2nd Team after finishing as the

Spartans' top scorer and rebounder.

The freshman averaged close to a double-double with 15 points and just under 10 rebounds per contest, and was also among the team leaders with two assists per game.

Mosch, Johnson and Colton led the Spartans to a third-place finish in the conference this season. Mosch, a freshman, was named MSAC 2nd Team after a season in which she was the team's top scorer and rebounder with almost 14 points and eight rebounds per game.

Johnson, another freshman for the Spartans, was named to MSAC's 3rd Team. She averaged 10 points and seven rebounds per game while keying Cayuga's zone defense this season.

One of two sophomores on the Spartans, Colton earned MSAC Honorable Mention after scoring close to 10 points per contest. She also averaged more than six rebounds and a team-high four assists per game.

Joseph F. Brechue '06

Joseph F. Brechue, 65, passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in Auburn Community Hospital.

Born and raised in Auburn, NY, he enjoyed playing softball in his early years, winning the City Fast Pitch A League Championship as a member of Mr. Ed's.

After softball, he began his basketball coaching career. He was head basketball coach at Port Byron High School before eventually becoming Cayuga Community College's head coach. He was recognized as the 2013 Central New York Community College Coach of the Year.

Pete Liddell, former Athletic Director, said "Coach Brechue was simply a great basketball guy. He loved coaching and



being around any game. He was great in recruitment, an outstanding game planner and could really interact with all different types of player personalities."

Head Men's Basketball Coach Tony Borges really leaned on his expertise and stayed close to Coach Brechue right up until his passing. "He had been around our men's basketball program for two plus decades and was a huge benefit. He became very active in "Coaches vs Cancer" during the month of January every year, even during his illness. He will be sorely missed."

He later became the Athletic Director at Tyburn Academy and played a major role in getting their sports programs up and running.

Following his cancer diagnosis, he, along with close friend Sheri Quinn, established Stand By Me, a support group that has helped families throughout Central New York.

Class Notes

1955

Bob Andrews, It is great to know that what began for some of us in 1953 is now a growing and extraordinary college. Congratulations to all who made this happen!"

1957

Jack Green, "The family my wife and I started now has 37 members – 5 children and they all have passed their 25th wedding anniversaries."

1959

Don Lawler, "Still teaching and loving it!"



Professor Lawler said this is him recruiting students at an early age.



1960

Dr. Larry Kenney is completely retired now and still lives in Wisconsin. For almost 10 years he served a college in Jamaica West Indies as president.

1961

Patricia Dinsmore Walter replied that she is "enjoying "old" age and keeping busy with volunteer activities and enjoying friends and family!"

1961

David Martin traveled to France with a group of Rhodes Scholar veterans to honor his uncle, Bill Purdy, who was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge. They honored those who fell at Normandy at a wreath laying ceremony at the U.S. cemetery in France.

Philip H. McMillen, Lt. Colonel, USAF (retired) reminds us that March 29th is Vietnam Veteran's Day. He said "I served two tours in Vietnam, two special ops tours in Korea, two tours in Alaska chasing Russian bombers/spies from our airspace."

1962

Betty Putnam Short, "My grandchildren are grown and are out of school except the youngest. Four are graduates of our local community college. Two of my children also graduated from our community college. A wonderful way to get a start in their college education."

1963

Don Groesbeck, has retired from the US Navy and Goulds Pumps.

Kay Benedict Sgarlata, continues to enjoy good health. She volunteers and stays in touch with **Mary Sullivan Chase '63** and **Kathy Coyne '63**.

1964

Lewis Hicks said "Thanks for keeping track of me all these years (59!)."

Paul Moon, finally retired and is traveling mainly out west (so far!).

Ann Bobbett Smallen retired from teaching at Mohawk Valley Community College 18 years ago. She currently enjoys playing duplicate bridges, quilting, caning chairs, gardening and volunteering.

1966

Ron Bachta retired architect, has been a regular participant at the CCC Annual Holiday Craft Fair.



Jim Porten, Vice President of the Class of 1966, has retired from the U.S. Department of Justice.



David Rollinson continues to work as an attorney in his law firm. **Pat Sposato Rollinson '66** is a bookkeeper for the firm as well as for a religious not-for-profit with whom they have taken 22 mission trips around the world. They have 3 children and 12 grandchildren



1966

Mitchell Ross said “We welcomed the birth of our eleventh grandchild. We split our time between NY and the Outer Banks of NC. We have truly been blessed.”

1967

Roger Needham, “ACC was the best school I ever attended. The teachers were all there because they wanted to teach there. As I read through the *Cayuga Spartan* I saw that Dr. Greer has passed. I took Earth Science from him.”

Bill Rausch wrote that he will “always be grateful for the education I received at ACC!”

Jerry Wetherby wrote that he plays tennis, watches grandchildren growing up and reads books. He is looking forward to knowing what

Lou Nocilly '62 is doing.

1968

Kathleen McNamara Gonya retired after 32 years of teaching Social Studies for the Syracuse City School District. She celebrated her 54 year wedding anniversary.

1968

Linda Minde is enjoying good health in her retirement from Cornell and



living near Oswego. She is having a blast planting trees and bushes and flowers for her many birds.

John W. Reif is a mathematics professor at SUNY Cortland.

Gail Belknap Sullivan and husband **Joe Sullivan '66** enjoy spending time golfing and traveling.



Ronald E. Wilson graduated from ACC in 1968, SUNY Brockport in 1970, taught for 5 years at Marcus-Whitman, came back to Port Byron Schools in the Fall of 1975 and retired in 2003. He has been active in

local politics since 1978 and has served as Trustee, Mayor of Village of Port Byron and Supervisor – Town of Mentz.



1969

Sylvia Ingleston has three children, 22 grandchildren, four great grandchildren and five step-children.

Lucy Newlon Sylvester, “Both Rob, my husband, and I have lived in the Fayetteville-Manlius area since 1977 and have been married for 51.5 years. We have four grandchildren (two girls and two boys) who live nearby and the oldest granddaughter will attend college this next year. We have been retired for a couple of years and enjoy three weeks in Florida. Rob plays golf in Cazenovia and we hope to perhaps do a trip to England where his brother and family live.”

1970

Pat Bozek retired in 2012 after 40 years of teaching. She is the grandma of five, three girls and two boys.

George Homokay said he is “enjoying full time retirement after several years in higher education and over forty years operating my own home remodeling business. Many fond memories of my brief time at Auburn CC.”

John Zogby and **Stephanie Matjczyn '67** have celebrated 53 years of marriage. John writes “I retired from Vi-Jon Industries as Executive VP in 2005 and Stephanie retired from teaching in New Haven, CT schools in 2000. We are living the life in retirement in N. Myrtle Beach, SC.”

1971

Tom Gangemi is happily retired from Liverpool Schools after teaching 6th grade for 33 years. He enjoys tutoring students in math.

1967

Ron Fleury reports “In the summer of 2021 I was encouraged to move to Marcellus as my daughter, son-in-law and two grandkids lived just outside Marcellus. In October 2021 I was inducted into the Mynderse Academy Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach. In April 2022, during my 50th season as Head Track and Field coach; there was a huge dedication of the

Mynderse Academy Track and Field complex in my name. In July I retired from Hobart College XC coaching after 38 years as the Head Coach. In April 2022 I received the Dorinne Maxwell Memorial Award at the Hobart College Athletic Awards dinner given for citizenship and commitment to others.” He retired from teaching 8th grade math in 2000.



Class Notes

1972

Kenneth Park retired in 2012 as District Manager after 35 years with the Social Security Administration.

Richard C. Patchen is still restoring antique and classic autos and building race cars and street rods. He retired from WFL BOCES.

1973

C.J. Phillips has retired.

1974

Peter R. Crouse has been appointed chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Colonie, NY.

1975

Mike Nolan reports “Not terribly exciting but the older we get the more interesting I think... at least according to an anthropologist I know.”

“My wife and I left NJ after 34 years, moving to Bryn Mawr, PA (near Villanova) in 2018; we love it there! Natural beauty abounds and a much friendlier tax scheme.”

“Latest update is that I left JP Morgan Advisors in late September after a combined 31 years at the firm joining RBC Wealth Management. With me came my junior partner, son Brian, and three extraordinary Team Members who tend to the business.”

“We’re doting and very blessed grandparents with three little ones so far!”

William Fulton, the former mayor of Ventura California, recently presented to a luncheon of the Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA) at the Springside Inn on how the recent decision by Micron



Technology to make a \$100 million in Central New York. Mr. Fulton, considered one of Planetizen’s “Top 100 Urban Thinkers” is the author of the recent book *“Place and Prosperity – How Cities Help Us to Connect and Innovate”*.

1976

William O’Keefe retired November 2021 after 43 years in the construction accounting field.

1978

Jeffrey Rowoth reports living an “excellent life/work balance with 25 years of managing travel.”

1979

Barbara Roesch Rokow, “I retired from the practice of law after 37 years, and am as busy as ever!”

1981

Anne Jacobs-Beavers said “Daughter Gabrielle graduated from Wells College in May 2022. She is teaching art in the Syracuse School District for the YMCA. While at Wells she played lacrosse and won the United East All Sportsmanship Award two years in a row, and wore her father’s number #13. Son Jake goes to Utica University for Forensic Computer and plays lacrosse. They are the grandchildren of **William Jacobs ’73**, a former Alumni Association Board member. Anne is enjoying retirement.

Michael L. Toombs has retired from Röchling Advent Tool and Mold.

1982

Lucy Nicandri is currently serving as Executive Director of Suncoast Charities for Children located in



Sarasota Florida. Suncoast Charities for Children provides funding support to seven non-profit agencies offering critical programs and services to over 8,000 local children, teens, and adults with special needs.

1983

Bob Padula retired from his banking career in 2020. After almost a year off, he started a part-time job as Community Liaison at the E. John Gavas Center in Auburn. He had been on their Board of Directors for



almost ten years while he was still working. He also volunteers at Matthew House, a hospice home in Auburn. He still serves on several boards.

1984

Dr. Theresa Casper-Klock has 3 grandchildren! She has been named to a four-year term on the Board of Trustees for the NYS Dental Association.



Cynthia, Eric, Theresa, Vincent, **Peter ’13** and Andrew Klock at the Seventh District Dental Society Awards Dinner.

Class Notes

1986

Dr. Cathleen McColgin has retired after serving for eight years as president of Herkimer County Community College.

“It is obvious to anyone who watches her in action that Cathleen McColgin is a born leader. When I arrived at the College in 1996, she was on the nursing faculty and a coordinator of the nursing laboratory. With her talents and calm analytical manner, she moved quickly to the College’s first Director of Assessment and then the Provost of the Fulton campus, with great success in both jobs. It was no surprise to me that she eventually was chosen as the fourth President of Herkimer College,” said former Cayuga Community College President Dennis Golladay.



1988

Linda DeForest reports that she was an elementary school teacher who retired from Jordan-Elbridge Central School.

Robert Ringwood has been a labor relations specialist with the New York State United Teachers since 2000.

1991

Joe Goodsell was awarded Unity House of Cayuga County’s 14th Fred Atkins Community Service Award. This award recognizes an outstanding individual who volunteers in the county and exemplifies his high moral standards and philanthropic spirit. He volunteered his nursing skills at Matthew House after being impressed by the end-of-life care it provided his father-in-law, and he has been there ever since. He also volunteers with St. Mary’s Church and Meals on Wheels, to name a couple of organizations.



“Joe is valued for his positivity, kindness and willingness to help in any way,” Unity House said in a news release.

1994

Brad Winne lives in Switzerland with his wife and two children, Finn and Melanie. He was a helicopter pilot for a few years in the US.

2016

Jason “Wally” Meyers has started a new venture, HELPRA, LLC (Helping Empower Local People Recovery Associates, LLC). The services offered include 1 to 1 support services, integration and reintegration, alternatives in the



human service field, local systems of care navigation, specializing in systems of care navigation for human service workers working within the local system. “My goal is to offer support in our community, to collaborate with all local agencies, to close gaps not already being targeted.” Wally was awarded the 2022 Alumni Award for his outstanding contributions to our community.

2019

Brianna Augello is an office worker in Moravia and, because of her networking experience, is valued at helping with occasional computer glitches.

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The Sean M. Walsh K-9 Memorial Foundation raises funds to provide grants to law enforcement agencies for their K-9 teams.



Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppies in training.



NAMI of Cayuga County raised awareness and funds at the Craft Fair.



The Foundation was delighted to be able to hold its Annual Presidents' Circle Dinner last July at the Pavilion at Emerson Park to thank supporters of the Foundation that include those who donate at the Presidents' Circle Level (\$1,000) or above, as well as our local philanthropic community, who have long supported the work of the College, its students and faculty.

The Foundation invited several students (pictured with College Foundation Board Members and Trustees), and their guests, who have benefited from the support of donors with scholarships and Commencement Awards to attend the event and be presented by Board President John Latanyshyn with a gift from the Foundation.

NEW AIR HANDLING SYSTEM FOR SPARTAN HALL INSTALLED



Pictured: Guy Cosentino, Foundation Executive Director, the Foundation's first Executive Director, Dan Labelle, Board Member **David Verdi '06**, Board Treasurer Kevin LaMontagne, Board Vice President and Former Cayuga Community College President Dennis Golladay, Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn, Assistant Board Secretary Patti Callahan, Board Secretary Aliza Querns and Kia Larsen, the Foundation's Deputy Director and Director of Alumni Engagement.

In the Summer of 2021, Cayuga President Brian Durant, Foundation Board President John Latanyshyn and Foundation Executive Director Guy Cosentino met to discuss the capital needs of the College. One item long on Dr. Durant's list of "things to do", as with several of his predecessors, was installing an HVAC system in Spartan Hall.

The need, especially after the pandemic, to have better air flow for Commencement ceremonies, the College's Craft Fair and sporting events was readily evident. The Foundation worked with Dr. Durant and College staff to not only install a new system in Spartan Hall, but make

enhancements to the already existing, but antiquated system, at the Norman F. Bourke Memorial Library. The Foundation committed funds to this project that could be matched by New York State. College staff was able to access CARES Act funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, that allowed the Foundation's funds to be switched to a new and exciting project that will be soon announced for the Auburn Campus.

At the directions of President Durant, a plaque noting the Foundation and Board of Trustee's leadership and support of the new and upgraded air handling systems was unveiled before a Cayuga Women's Basketball game on January 31st.



Leslie Robinson, Jr.

Leslie Robinson, Jr., 79, of Auburn, NY passed away January 30, 2023, after a long illness.

He retired from the Athletic Department at Cayuga Community College. A lifelong athlete, he could be found at CCC or in local recreation leagues playing racquetball, basketball and baseball with exceptional skill. A champion for students of all ages, he encouraged hard work and took pride in the accomplishments of each student.

Former Cayuga Athletic Director Pete Liddell said “I met Les in my first year after college when I was working at Cazenovia College and Les was coaching women’s basketball here

at CCC. I immediately struck up a friendship with him and that continued at a greater capacity when I came to Cayuga. I never once heard Les brag about his athletic ability in his day but anyone you spoke to that played with or against him was quick to point out his prowess in any game he played. Equally as important, he was well respected by colleagues and students for his outgoing personality. I enjoyed spending many hours sharing stories with Les. I miss him!”

His gift of caring extended beyond the classroom to the Nature Trail at CCC. With the help of his students and athletes, he ensured it was taken care of so everyone could enjoy its splendor.



Professor Kenneth Ray Scouten

Kenneth Ray Scouten passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 12, 2024, at the age of 84. Born and raised in Old Forge, NY he attended Colgate University where he studied English and was a member of the marching band. He received his Master’s Degree in English from Syracuse University and went on to become a dedicated college professor. He spent almost his entire 30-year teaching career at Cayuga Community College where he taught English Literature, World Literature and Public Speaking, and was known for his tough grading and a passion for proper grammar.

During his tenure as a college professor, he participated in several research sabbaticals, including a year-

long study of author Flannery O’Connor. He was selected as one of only a handful of scholars to study in O’Connor’s private library in Milledgeville, Georgia. He also was the lead contract negotiator for New York State’s Teachers’ Union for many years, serving as a fierce advocate for pensions and health insurance.

Most importantly, he shared 62 years with the love of his life, best friend and confidant, Teresa. Ray and Terry spent their lives together as residents of Skaneateles, NY. They loved bird watching and traveling around the United States and Canada to see their favorite Shakespearean plays. He was also an avid reader, and as his son would say, has read at least three quarters of the Skaneateles Library.

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FUTURE CCC STUDENTS TOUR TELECOM STUDIO



Jeff Szczesniak '01, our Tele Com Department's Instructional Assistant, gave a tour of our Auburn Campus's Radio Station, WIN 89 FM and the TeleCom studio where public affairs and Soundwaves shows are recorded to Scouts from Troop 21 of Auburn who are all working on their Communication's Merit Badge. We think there are more than a couple future Cayuga students in the group.