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## BLUEPRINT FOR CAYUGA'S NEWEST HOME

In the fall 2012 semester, Cayuga Community College will come home to a place it's never been before. That place is the River Glen Plaza in Fulton, the site of the College's new Fulton Campus.

The opening of River Glen is the next chapter in a story that began nearly 20 years ago. In 1994, Cayuga began offering courses to 97 students in two rented rooms in the basement of the Fulton Education Center. We soon moved to the former Holy Family Parish School in Fulton, then to the former Jamesway on West Broadway/Route 3. By 2006, enrollment had jumped to 1,106 students. Today, campus enrollment in Fulton is more than 1,260 and growing.

As the College outgrew Broadway, we went looking for a new home. "I can tell you that my senior staff and I drove all over Oswego County," said College President Dr. Daniel Larson. "We looked at just about everything that was available, from speedways to buildings that had been vacant for 20 years. In the end, we agreed that River Glen was the ideal site for our future plans."

In March 2011, the Cayuga County Legislature approved the purchase agreement for the former P&C Foods building in the River Glen Plaza. A month later the Legislature approved the purchase of 45 acres of undeveloped land adjacent to River Glen. The final piece of the puzzle was

put in place in November, when the CCCF River Glen Holdings (a subsidiary of the CCC Foundation) purchased the balance of the Plaza.

"We were very pleased to receive the support of the College Foundation in helping us realize this goal," said Dr. Larson.

"Cayuga is now the master of its own fate in Oswego County. Our long-term vision for Fulton includes athletic fields, child care facilities, performance areas, and possibly student housing. River Glen gives us the ability to grow into the full-service campus our students deserve."

College Foundation President Lloyd Hoskins stated that "The mission of the Foundation is to support the College and its students. The College made it clear that the Fulton campus expansion was its top priority right now, and we were very happy to support the project."

River Glen makes for an attractive collegiate setting. It sits on a hill at the intersection of Interstate 481, a major divided highway, and Route 57

### A FEW STATISTICS ON THE COLLEGE'S NEW HOME IN FULTON:

- The College owns the former P&C plus 45 acres of surrounding land.
- The Foundation's subsidiary owns nearly 25 acres.
- When completely renovated, the P&C will be 82,150 sq. ft. (compared to our current 50,000 sq. ft.)
- The remainder of the Plaza holds about 124,000 sq. ft., with the K-Mart and Dollar Tree occupying 102,000 sq. ft.

at the southeast end of Fulton. The entrance to the property is highly visible, and controlled by a traffic light. The plaza has 898 parking spots.

Maggie Killoran, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Fulton Campus, said she is excited to see momentum

building for the new campus. "This project reflects the enthusiasm and anticipation the Fulton Campus community is feeling about the College," Killoran said. "The College is not only creating a space to meet our immediate needs, but also thinking of the long-term prosperity of this campus." "In addition to educating thousands of students, the expansion will also help jumpstart the local economy by streaming millions of dollars into Fulton and Oswego County in the form of salaries, equipment, supplies and materials and related spending," Dr. Larson added.

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Michael Fochtman, student and president of the Fulton Campus Student Government Organization, signs the beam for the student body. Later he addressed the crowd at the groundbreaking ceremony.

## Alumni Director's Report



Louise Wilson

### Get Inspired

How many of you have aspirations of accomplishing those January 1st resolutions? You know the routine...get more exercise, eat healthier, lose 5 more

pounds, clean out the basement, get organized, run a marathon – OK, how about a half-marathon? It's often a pretty ambitious list and we're all full of good intentions, at least for a few days. I always notice how much busier the gym is in January and, then, how it decreases slowly but steadily.

Those of you who subscribe to the Alumni Association's free e-magazine may have noticed that we added a verb, "get," and a "d" to the name of the publication. We thought it would be good to be more proactive and "Get Inspired" rather than just making the suggestion to inspire. Hopefully, you might read something that triggers a desire to get inspired by whatever your personal aspirations might be. We often hear all the reasons why people can't do this or aren't able to do that. Many underestimate their ability to pursue a dream or achieve a goal. We probably all have friends who attended ACC or CCC but never finished their degree program. Wouldn't it be a great accomplishment if they completed the course work, earned their degree and became an alum? Now that's a great inspiration. And think about the nontraditional students who have been away from campus

for many years. What a challenge it must be to walk into a classroom for the first time – but they do it – 40 percent of the CCC class of 2011 was older than 25.

How about exploring a new culture by visiting a foreign country? Or, what can be better than visiting one of our own amazing National Parks? That's when you hear the excuses: "I don't have the time"; "I don't have the money"; "I'm too old to do that kind of thing"; "I don't have anyone to go with." I got my inspiration for this letter on a trip I recently took. One of my travel companions told me about Ann from Pocatello, Idaho, his seatmate on the plane. He asked her where she was heading and she told him India and Nepal for a three-week adventure. He asked if she travelled a lot and she told him she had been to all 50 states. He asked how many countries she has visited and she replied "about 30." After a slight pause she added, "Well, I was counting on my fingers and I'm up to 40." The woman was a widow and was traveling with her friend, whose name, coincidentally, was Louise. Louise had cared for her ill husband for 15 years and since he had passed away, she welcomed the opportunity to accompany her friend. We were about to land at JFK, so Ann asked what they should do on their two-day layover in The Big Apple. She wondered if carriage rides were offered in Central Park during the winter. Among other things, they wanted to visit the Guggenheim, and were ready and eager to take on New York City before the "big" adventure began.

Ann is 85 years old....

Louise Barwinczok Wilson '72

## A Message from CCC President



Dr. Daniel Larson

Our spring semester is well underway, so the 2011-12 academic year is moving quickly. Soon, we will be celebrating graduation

and commencement. Cayuga continues to be a very busy place, with many activities and projects underway. This update provides you with some highlights.

Our impressive enrollment growth of these past few years – we are one-third larger than we were when I came to the College in August 2007 – is leveling off. We know that the renewal of national economic activity, no matter how modest, means that higher education may not be the immediate safe haven it was just a year or two ago. The national trend is that community colleges now are experiencing slower growth. We continue to see increases in our online students and in our concurrent high school students. We anticipate that the new Fulton campus will result in continued growth as we reach more of that potential market.

Construction at our new River Glen campus in Fulton is well underway. We held the public kickoff late last year, with a resoundingly full house – another reason for a larger campus! Since then, the demolition is complete and the steel for the second floor

is installed. With the pouring of the concrete floor underway, the rough work and then the finish work soon will be at hand. Our construction manager promises that the new campus will be ready in time for this fall. We can hardly wait! The College Foundation did purchase the remainder of the River Glen property, so we are assured of future space as our student numbers require expansion of the campus itself.

The Schwartz Family Performing Arts Center in downtown Auburn should break ground this spring. We are working with final designs and should be ready for bids as you read this message. You will see more public meetings and presentations about this exciting project in the next month or two. Construction should begin this spring, once the winter that has yet to start is over, with completion planned for Spring 2013. The Musical Theatre Festival wants to begin using The Schwartz, as it will be known, in Summer 2013.

Our recommendation about student residence halls on the Auburn campus shortly will go to the Board of Trustees. We have talked with several parties about possible property acquisition. A number of companies have contacted us about designing, building, financing, and operating the residence halls. This approach would allow the College to enter into this field while drawing upon the expertise of those organizations that do this work as their business. More details will be coming soon, so please watch

for them.

Our non-credit/credit-free registrations continue to grow as our Community Education courses draw more and more students. We know that there is positive community interest in these leisure-learning courses. We continue to look for new ideas and instructors. Please contact our Community Education Office if you have an idea for a course, or if you would like to teach one. Once the move to the River Glen campus occurs in Fulton, the existing Broadway campus will be used for Community Education programs and services in Oswego County. We know there is a population to be served there, and we anticipate growth similar to what we have experienced during the past three years at our Auburn campus. Meanwhile, our Auburn offerings will continue their growth based upon community interest.

I hope that you are visiting the College, either Auburn, or Fulton, or both campuses. Our students are busy with their courses and activities, our faculty keeps them challenged, and our staff keeps everything operating. If you have not been to the College recently, please stop by for a visit. We would love to see you and catch up. If you want to communicate directly via email, we have established the email address [president@cayuga-cc.edu](mailto:president@cayuga-cc.edu) as a way to do so. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Dan

## Board Member Introductions

**The ACC/CCC Alumni Association held its annual meeting and elections in September at which time new board members and officers were installed. The Board has been working on updating and expanding the offerings and involvements the Association undertakes. We would like to introduce you to your Board and tell you a little about them.**

### Lisa Babiarz '87



Lisa graduated from CCC with a degree in nursing. She attended Syracuse University College of Law. Lisa is now practicing law in Auburn and Ithaca, and specializes in personal injury, workers' compensation and social security disability. This is her fourth year serving on the Alumni Board. Babiarz lives in Auburn with her husband and children.

### Anthony 'Tony' Gucciardi '61



Tony notes that at the time of his graduation, the college was known as Auburn Community College. He shares that his first year at ACC was the first year at the new Franklin Street campus. Tony felt very fortunate to be elected President of the Freshman Class of 1959-60.

Following his graduation from ACC, Gucciardi went on to SUNY-Cortland where he received his bachelor's, master's and Certificate of Advanced Studies. Tony had a 33-year career in education as a teacher and principal. After retiring from the Auburn School system, he became a Director of Unity House for nine years and served on a number of community boards, including his current role as president of the ACC/CCC Alumni Association.

Gucciardi was recently elected to the Owasco Town Board. He has been married to his wife for 44 years and they have four sons and five grandchildren. Tony greatly

enjoys Owasco Lake, the YMCA, gardening, reading and being with his grandchildren.

### Jo Ann Harris '95



Jo Ann is the Office Manager in the Registrar's Office at Cayuga's Fulton Campus. She is in her 18th year of employment at Cayuga and is very passionate

about working with students, especially the Veterans. In addition to registering students and her other office duties, much of her time is spent certifying Veterans for educational benefits. Jo Ann currently serves as co-president of the college's Educational Support Professionals (clerical) Union.

Jo Ann shares, "I am a very proud alumna of this college and feel that serving on the Alumni Board is a way to give back." Jo Ann is the mother of three and grandmother of six. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at Columbia College. In her spare time, Jo Ann enjoys gardening, kayaking and the outdoors.

There are many things to consider when editing an issue of *The Spartan*: Will we be able to "coax" our alum to let us write about them? What color ink should we use? It's hard for me to believe that this is the fifth issue I've had the pleasure to collaborate with my team of Mary's: Mary Kriever, Mary Wejko and Mary Merritt. They work so hard behind the scenes and help make some of the many decisions that result in this paper.

Many thanks to all the great people who responded to our call for facts, details and photos that were used in this edition. This includes my fellow Foundation staffers, Carol MacKenzie and Marty MacKay. A special thanks to Jeff Hoffman for coming to my aid at the eleventh hour with our story on

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the River Glen campus. We hope you enjoy this connection with your alma mater.

—Louise

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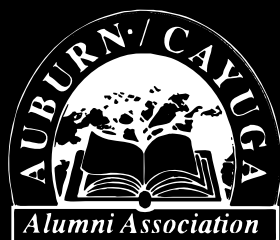
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Terry Wilbur '08

## Lori A. Cochran '05



Lori is the director of the Powers Library in Moravia, NY. She has served on the Alumni Board since graduating from CCC in 2005.

This year Lori was selected to serve as secretary of the Alumni Association. She also functions as the chairperson of the Travel Committee.

Cochran describes her service on the Board as a very rewarding experience: "It is a way of giving back to the college and the community." Lori lives in Moravia with her husband Sean and their son Joshua.

## Dear Cayuga Community College Alumni and Friends,



**Tony Gucciardi**  
ACC/CCC  
Alumni  
Association  
President

In 1953 the Auburn Board of Education took a momentous step in the area of college education by chartering Auburn Community College. From its humble beginning at what was then James Street Elementary School, to the building and opening of the Franklin Street campus in 1959, and now

to the \$16 million campus construction in Fulton, NY, it has been quite a journey. ACC/CCC has enjoyed much success in the world of community college education and has grown steadily over the past 50-plus years without becoming too large and impersonal. The College has maintained a family-type atmosphere while keeping standards and expectations high. In past letters, I have mentioned how important ACC was to my generation with respect to providing "opportunity." That same value exists today and, in fact, is being expanded as evidenced by the growth of our

Fulton campus. Educational opportunity continues to be the best way for our country to compete internationally and afford our citizens a fulfilling life. At the risk of sounding redundant, we are indeed fortunate to have Cayuga Community College in our midst. The contributions of ACC/CCC graduates in virtually every field of endeavor across the nation and abroad are too numerous to mention; the potential impact of future alumni is tremendous.

All of us are proud to be a part of the ACC/CCC family, and we enjoy the many activities and experiences coordinated by our Alumni Association

under the leadership of Louise Wilson, with assistance from Mary Kriever and the Alumni Board. Please participate in your Alumni Association. Demonstrate your appreciation by donating to the Annual Fund. Get involved in alumni activities. Sign up for a free subscription to our e-magazine, *Get Inspired*, and continue to read this newsletter to keep up to date on college activities as well as what other alum are doing. And remember, all alumni are welcome at our board meetings held the second Tuesday of the month.

Thank You.

**Tony Gucciardi '61**

## Thank You to the Association's Officers and Board Members

### Judith M. Campanella '78



Judy is a librarian on the Fulton Campus and is also currently serving as the Interim Associate Library Director at CCC. She received her master's degree in Library Science from the University at Buffalo. Judy was a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 2006, and the ACC/CCC Alumni Award in 2008.

This is Judy's 9th year serving on the Alumni Board of Directors. She lives in Auburn and enjoys spending time with her family, friends, and her three grandsons, Jack, Tyler & Luke. "They are my greatest joy."

### John L. McLeod '08



John is a music enthusiast and can often be found at WDWN 89.1 FM, where he is the Urban Music Director. John expanded the DJ's role to include the "Soul Saturday" line up with radio shows from noon to midnight. While at CCC, he was a member of the Radio and Television (RAT) Guild.

In summer 2011 John completed training as a certified personal care aide. He received a Theodore Case Film Festival Award for his production "Water Pollution Control Facility" in 2006. John is a family man and lives in Auburn.

John feels that his education at Cayuga provided him with the tools needed to work in the communications field, and he is happy to have the opportunity to give back to the college community by serving as a member of the Alumni Association board of directors.

### Gerard 'Gerry' Guiney '82



Gerry served in Vietnam while in the U.S. Army. He earned his bachelor's from SUNY College of Technology at Utica. Guiney retired from the NYS Department of Correctional and Community Services after 38½ years at the rank of Deputy Superintendent. He was a certified Criminal Justice Training Instructor and Criminal Justice Consultant.

Guiney has been an active member of many organizations, including the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has served the community in many capacities over the years including: Catholic Youth Organization Basketball, Auburn Boys and Girls Baseball League, and Auburn Indians Football and Cheerleading. Gerry is married to Marilyn DiRaddo and they have two sons, G. Adam and John.

### Lloyd Hoskins '74



Lloyd is the Executive Director of the Cayuga County Youth Bureau, Administrator of the Cayuga County Assigned Counsel Program, and Coordinator of the Cayuga

County STOP-DWI Program. He is also president of the Cayuga Community College Foundation Board of Directors. In addition to his busy schedule, Lloyd is a member of the Criminal Justice adjunct faculty here at Cayuga Community College. In his spare time, he enjoys making renovations to his historic home on South Street and seeking out treasures among antiques.

### Frederick P. Falsey '76



Fred followed his associate degree from Cayuga with a bachelor degree from SUNY-Geneseo. He has been employed by Onondaga County as a sanitary chemist for over 30 years. Fred feels it is an honor to serve on the Alumni Board as a way to give back to Cayuga.

In his spare time, Falsey likes to read historical novels and science fiction adventures. Fred lives in Auburn and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

### Betty E. (Pierce) DeLuna '93



Following graduation from CCC, Betty took some time off to raise her family. She has two children, a 17-year-old daughter, and a 12-year-old son, who keep her very busy. Three and a half years ago, she returned to Wells College, and this past December earned a B.A. in Public Policy with a concentration in government, as well as a minor in Secondary Education. Currently busy preparing for her NYS Teacher Certification exams, Betty is looking forward to pursuing a master's in literacy at SUNY Cortland.

While at CCC Betty had the opportunity to participate in an internship in the NYS Senate, and knew then that she wanted to give back to her community. At this time she is an elected Town Official in the Town of Locke; volunteers as a Moravia Youth Football Board Member; and is a new member of the CCC Alumni Board. Betty also volunteers at her children's school for their individual classes.

Betty believes the best thing about volunteering is that she is teaching her children about giving back to their community, as they often volunteer with her. She hopes to be able to offer the CCC Alumni Association her passion and dedication for her community. Betty looks forward to working with everyone on the board and in the college community.

### William 'Bill' Jacobs '73



Bill served in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. In 1962, he was appointed to the City of Auburn Fire Department and retired in 1987 at the rank of Captain. That same year, Bill was appointed to the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD. He later transferred to the United States Fire Administration as a Fire Prevention Specialist where he worked until 1998. The next year, Bill was appointed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as a Disaster Assistance Employee.

In 2001, Bill was elected to the Auburn City Council and served a four-year term. He is a member of St. Mary's Church where he serves as a church trustee, member of the Parish Council, and is a Eucharistic Minister. Currently, Bill is a Training Unit Leader with FEMA and serves on the boards of many local civic organizations. Throughout his career, he has received many special honors, including the ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award and the NY Community College Trustees Distinguished Alumnus Award, both in 2002.

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## "Don't Trash It, Cash It"

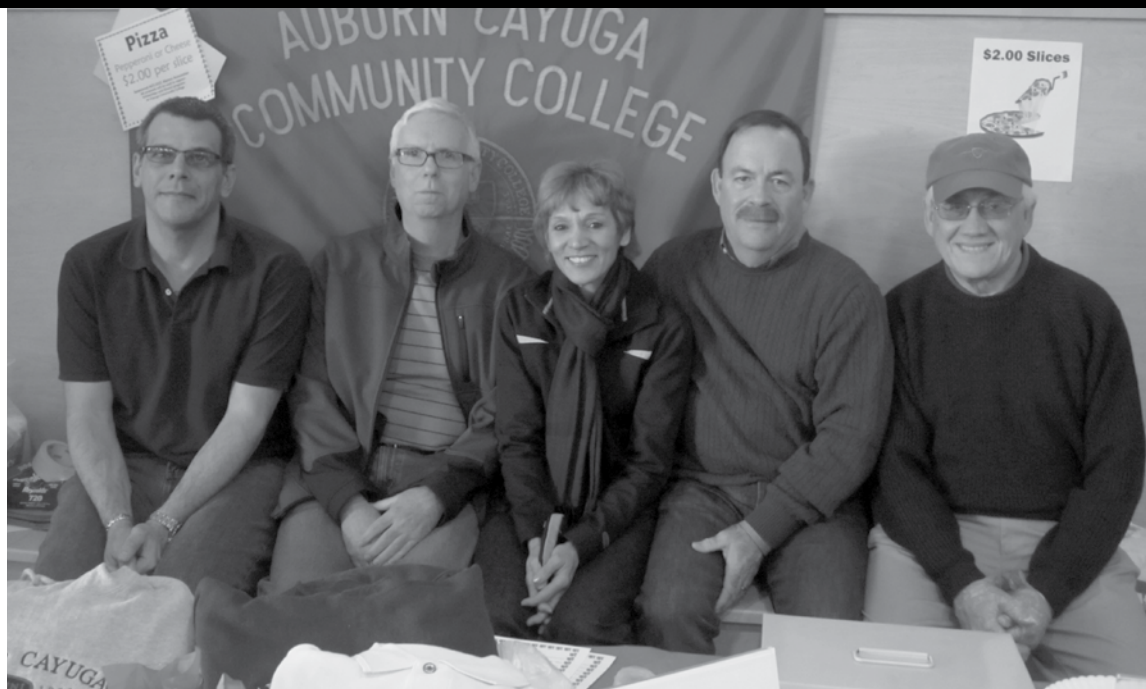


The Association held its ninth annual "Don't Trash It, Cash It" Antique Appraisal Fair on Sunday, October 16.

Expert opinions were offered by Robert Chilson of Purple Monkey Antiques in Weedsport, New York, and Danna DeVaul an Estate Broker in Cazenovia, New York.

Participants brought in their treasures for verbal opinions of their value.

The event was held in the Nature Center building on the Auburn campus for the first time, which was met with approval from those in attendance.



Alumni Gary Galletta, Fred Falsey, Louise Wilson, Lloyd Hoskins, and Angelo Marinelli posed for the camera at the College's annual Holiday Craft Fair in December. Association members and friends sold pizza at the event, proceeds from which help fund the various activities and scholarships the Association offers. Other alum and friends who lent a hand were Tony Gucciardi, Lisa Babiarz, John McLeod, Lavonte McLeod, Dick Paulino, Ted Herrling, Gerry Guiney, and Bill Jacobs.

## Nominations Sought for 2012 CCC Alumni Awards

There is still a little time left to submit a nomination for an Auburn/Cayuga Community College Alumni Association 2012 Alumni Award. The award recognizes graduates of the college who have distinguished themselves in careers or community service. Past awards have honored outstanding achievements in vocational or artistic pursuits, volunteer service, public service organizations, civic functions or service to the college.

Nominations will be

reviewed by the Association's Awards Committee, and the recipients will be honored at an awards brunch as well as at the college's commencement on May 20.

Anyone who holds a degree from Cayuga Community College (or its original entity, Auburn Community College) may be nominated. The deadline is March 31. Forms and information are available from the college's Alumni Office at alumni@cayuga-cc.edu, or 315-255-1743, ext. 2224 or 2453.

## ACC/CCC Alumni Association Seeks Applicants for Scholarships

Several scholarships to Cayuga Community College for the 2012-13 academic year, as well as May 2012 commencement awards to transfer institutions, are offered by the ACC/CCC Alumni Association and administered by the Cayuga Community College Foundation. Applications must be received by March 31, 2012 for scholarships awarded to:

- Incoming freshmen (2) – graduating high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of a Cayuga (or Auburn Community College) graduate
- Returning full-time sophomore

- Nontraditional student – age 24 or older, enrolled for at least 6 credit hours per semester looking to upgrade skills or start a new career
- Graduating Transfer students (2) – graduating from Cayuga in May 2012 and transferring to a four-year school

Application forms, including eligibility and submission requirements, are posted at [www.cayuga-cc.edu/financialaid/scholarships](http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/financialaid/scholarships) and are available from Cayuga's Financial Aid Office, or by contacting the Alumni Office at 315-255-1743, extension 2224 or 2454.

## Board Member Introductions...CONTINUED

### John E. Lamphere '74



John is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice and History and Criminal Justice Coordinator on the Fulton Campus. He received his bachelor's degree

from SUNY-Oswego in 1976, a Master's in Public Administration from Marist College, with Graduate Studies in History from SUNY-Oswego. Lamphere retired at the rank of Chief Deputy from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department after 27 years of service. He is a Civil War historian and self-proclaimed "history geek." In addition to serving as past president, vice-president and secretary for the Alumni Association, John's dedication to the Association include his renewed annual guided tours of the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Additionally, Lamphere participates in speaking engagements and lectures held at area libraries, town halls and museums on a variety of historical subjects. He is a life member of the Weedsport Volunteer Fire Department. John adds that he is a New York Giants fanatic!

In 1996, he won the New York State Sheriffs' Association's "Deputy of the Year" award; he received an ACC/CCC Alumni Association Award in 1999. A beloved professor, the Student Association at the Fulton campus has voted John "Teacher of the Year" five times! John has two daughters, Jolene and Ryann, and his "significant other," Liz McCormick, is an Associate Professor at CCC.

### Angelo R. Marinelli '62



A life-long resident of Auburn, NY, Angelo taught at various locations for several years after earning his B.S. in Social Sciences at SUNY Oswego in 1964. After receiving his master's degree in guidance & counseling in the fall of 1969,

Marinelli served as a guidance counselor, first at Port Byron Central Schools, and later with the Auburn School District. He retired in 1998. During this time, Angelo earned his C.A.S. Degree in Administration & Supervision at SUNY Cortland. He served as an adjunct instructor of Adolescent Psychology at his alma mater, CCC, for 25 years and found this time to be his most gratifying.

Angelo and his wife Marlene enjoy spending time with their family in "the beautiful Finger Lakes area." Their family includes Patricia and Andrew and grandchildren, Peyton, Schae, and Joseph Angelo.

### Gary B. Galletta '08



Gary lives in Weedsport and enjoys spending time with his wife Theresa and sons, Joshua and Dominic. He is a Marketing Representative

at Fidelis Care. Galletta graduated from Simmons Institute of Funeral Service and managed the Jewell Funeral Home in Cato and Weedsport from 1995-2000. He enjoys riding his motorcycle, camping, and photography. Gary's hobbies also include winemaking and woodworking. This is his second year serving on the Alumni Board.

### Edward F. 'Ted' Herrling '72



After graduation from Auburn Community College, Ted earned his B.A. in Social Science from SUNY Brockport in 1974. He has been Director of

the Cayuga County Employment & Training Department since 1979 and Director of the Cayuga Works Career Center since 2003. Ted was instrumental in the creation of the Cayuga Works Career Center, a multi-agency workforce development system in Cayuga County located in the James T. Walsh Regional Economic Center on the Auburn campus. Ted retired from Cayuga County in December 2011 after 35 years of service.

### Terry Wilbur '08



Terry is a second-term Oswego County Legislator representing the Town and Village of Hannibal. He is the youngest-ever elected county legislator. Terry graduated from

CCC with an associate's in criminal justice, and earned his bachelor's degree in political science from SUNY-Oswego.

He is very active in his local community and is very passionate about the agriculture community and its role in our everyday life. In his spare time, he enjoys watching NASCAR and basketball. Terry feels that the best form of education is a Cayuga education.



## Cookies for a Cause

**AUBURN CAMPUS COOKIES** In front: Dianna Sharp and Linda L. (Bellnier) Meyer '77, co-chair of Resident Council. Sitting: DeNece Grutzik '03, Social Worker, and Jessie Penird, Activity Director. Standing: Louise Wilson, Alumni Director.



Auburn campus collected over 45 dozen cookies that were donated to the Cayuga County Nursing Home. Fulton campus collected 58 dozen cookies that were donated to Oswego County Opportunities.

**FULTON CAMPUS COOKIES** From left: Alumni Board members John Lamphere, Judy Campanella; Laura Lloyd, OCO's PATH program (Program to Assist Teenage Homeless); and JoAnn Harris, Alumni Board.

## Gettysburg—The Trip—The Battle

Roberta "Bobbie" Bellnier '89

This entire Gettysburg experience, sponsored by the Auburn/Cayuga Community College Alumni Association and led by John Lamphere, assisted by Lori Cochran, was fascinating, well-planned, and informative for all participants—young,

There you are, on the battlefield with John Lamphere—Confederate Army clashes with the Union Army; South meets North. You are an officer, a soldier, a chaplain, a musician, a wagoner—you are ready for battle. You are part of an artillery



**ACC/CCC Alumni Board past president John Lamphere gestures on the battlefield.**

old, men, women, and children. Lamphere, with his superior knowledge of the Civil War and especially the Battle of Gettysburg, introduces you to the soldiers by name and reputation—their victories, their defeats, their faults and indiscretions. In his research he has gleaned personal stories of many of the characters and shares these stories with us.

team, a surgeon, a nurse, a resident farmer, an innocent bystander and you are part of a three-day battle fought in the summer of 1863—July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. You are

running with a bayonet so close to your enemy you can look him in the eye; you are running away from the enemy; you are wounded, hungry, thirsty, tired, your clothes are in tatters, and your feet are sore and bleeding. You are privy to every battle—you know where your troops are, where the enemy troops are, the look-outs, the couriers, the field

hospitals, the cemeteries. John does this for you—making the war come to life and placing you exactly where each firefight took place, introducing you to the warriors—some who retreated and some who charged in battle.

The culmination of the battlefield experience is the 17-acre National Cemetery where President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863 made his Gettysburg Address. Emotions ran deep while standing on this hallowed ground, and this day more than a tear or two was shed. We placed pennies, Lincoln side up, on President Lincoln's monument. John asked the youngest person there, a twelve-year-old, to read the Gettysburg Address, and he read to us brilliantly with Lincoln looking on in the background.

John, in the hand-out booklet, states, "...I believe I have sorted out fact from fiction and will only be telling you the truth. Attending events such as this will ensure we will always remember

## Alumni Trip Reports Octobah in Bawstin

*We shuah had a good time in Bawstin. It felt like summa. The wetha was wawm; cahs were bumpa to bumpa fawevah. Fawrinnuz everywhah. We Noo Yawkahs enjoyed lobsta, chowdah and beah. We wokked along the hahba to keep cool by the wotta.*

*Translation...We sure had a good time in Boston. It felt like summer. The weather was warm; cars were bumper to bumper forever. Foreigners were everywhere. We New Yorkers enjoyed lobster, chowder and beer. We walked along the harbor to keep cool by the water.*



On Columbus Day weekend the Alumni traveled to Boston. It was the most beautiful weather and all had a great time. Many trip goers enjoyed visiting the historic sites, such as the Old North Church and Quincy Market. Harbor tours were popular and, of course, the fresh seafood dinners. There is so much to see and do in Boston, like the New England Aquarium which several of

us decided to visit. The old cemeteries were popular and it is quite something to read the dates and see names such as Paul Revere. Some of us also saw a movie being shot in the streets of Boston. While this added to the congested traffic, it was more notable to see the huge production of car crashes and explosions. Fun was had by all.

Please join us on one of our future excursions. This year we will be traveling to Toronto, Gettysburg, and twice to New York City. You won't be disappointed.

Lori Cochran '05



**ACC/CCC Alums enjoying a tour of the battlefield in Gettysburg, led by John Lamphere and hosted by the Alumni Association.**

and appreciate the actions from those who served on both sides during those three days here....it is my hope that you return with a new sense of history, and a better understanding of what really happened

here for that fateful three days...."

Yes, John, you did succeed in accomplishing all of these things and we are deeply grateful to you for sharing your knowledge, time, and sense of humor!

## Alumni Trip Reports

# The Big Apple Revisited

New York City is a place of diverse contrasts. During our annual fall overnight outing in November, a full bus of ACC/CCC alumni and friends saw first-hand the many faces the city wears. The



motor coach delivered us to our hotel in midtown Manhattan for our two-day, one-night adventure. Shortly after we arrived, everyone dispersed in all directions to do their own thing. Many went to Broadway plays, museums, and, of course, aided the local economy with shopping therapy. There were several who walked *many* miles including yours truly, who wished she wore her CCC Fitness Challenge pedometer to document exactly how many. All I can say is that I walked most of the distance

from Central Park to Ground Zero, and from the river to the Brooklyn Bridge, and lots in between.

There was one particular contrast that was eye opening. Within a few blocks from each other,

hundreds of people lined up in a seemingly endless queue to visit the Ground Zero memorial. Just a short distance away, hundreds of people were demonstrating at the Occupy Wall Street encampment. A real contrast of emotions was showing in both locations.

But that's the kind of thing that makes this trip interesting. It doesn't matter how many times

you visit the city, you can be assured of seeing something new and different that you may never have seen before.

We welcome you to join us on this year's trip to the city. We will be leaving on Saturday morning, November 10, and will return early evening on Sunday. The trip goes on sale August 13. Call Mary or me in the Alumni office if you would like more information: 315.255.1743 extension 2224 or 2454.

Louise Wilson



Times Square in New York City.

## Toronto, Canada

April 28-29, 2012

Discover Toronto • Sunday theatre & brunch • Visit Niagara Falls



## New York City DAY TRIP

July 21, 2012

Our annual "Do Your Own Thing" Get-away to the Big Apple



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## Does Public Speaking Stress You Out?



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There is a Toastmasters International club at CCC on the Auburn campus called **Spartan Speakers** and it is open to the public.

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**Learn to be an EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR**

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## Gettysburg Battlefield

September 21-23, 2012

Escorted by John Lamphere

One of our most popular offerings!



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## New York City OVERNIGHT

November 10-11, 2012

Join us for a different spin on this perennial favorite!





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## Dear Alumni and Friends of ACC/CCC,



**Jeff Hoffman**  
CCC  
Foundation  
Executive  
Director

Someone once told me that "Investments are a prayer, not a promise." Whatever we choose to invest in, there are no guarantees. We should, however, believe within ourselves that our investment will lead to future success.

During 2011 the Cayuga

Community College Foundation made its biggest investment ever in the future of the College. We purchased the majority of the former River Glen Plaza as the new home for CCC's Fulton Campus. Our first foray into real estate ownership was far from simple, and there were times when we seriously considered turning back.

Several of the leaders on the Foundation Board who helped sort out all the details were ACC/CCC alumni: Joanne Dusel, Tony Franceschelli, Lloyd Hoskins

and Lorraine Miller. Alumnus Stan (Stas') Kott played the dual role of Foundation Director and College Trustee. Assisting these graduates on this project, I am proud to note, are the numerous CCC staff in Auburn and Fulton who also are our alumni. I wish to thank all of them, along with my non-alumni Foundation Directors, for their countless hours of work and for asking the tough questions throughout this process.

Now that the CCC Foundation has purchased

River Glen, we are working to maximize its promise to Cayuga's students, faculty and staff. In the same manner that the Foundation has invested in River Glen, I ask you to join us by investing in Cayuga's students. Your support for education at Cayuga Community College makes all the difference to today's students. Your gifts help turn their prayers into promises.

In the Cayuga Spirit,  
**Jeff Hoffman**

## Foundation Board Elects New President



**Lloyd Hoskins '74**

The CCCC Foundation Board of Directors has recently elected **Lloyd Hoskins '74** as president. Lloyd is a graduate of Auburn Community College with an A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice/Police Science. He received a B.A. in Public Justice, M.S. in Management, and

an M.B.A. from SUNY-Oswego. Since 1979 Lloyd has been Executive Director of the Cayuga County Youth Bureau, as well as Administrator for the Cayuga County Assigned Counsel Program, Coordinator for the Cayuga County STOP-DWI Program and an adjunct instructor in Criminal Justice at CCC teaching criminology. He is a member of the ACC/CCC Alumni Board, Second Vice President/Regional Director of the

Association of NY State Youth Bureaus, member of the CSEA Scholarship Selection Committee and Coordinated Children's Services Initiative Tier II. In addition Lloyd serves on several county and city advisory boards. He is married to Georgette. In what free time he has, Lloyd enjoys antiques, yard work, swimming, running and spending time in Nantucket.

Jeff Hoffman,  
Foundation Executive

Director, commented that, "Lloyd continues the long line of ACC and CCC alumni who have served on the Foundation Board since its inception. His leadership has been recognized by his fellow Foundation Directors who elected him to serve as their President. I look forward to working with Lloyd as we continue to expand the Foundation's work on behalf of Cayuga's students and the communities that we serve."

## Father-Son Authors Speak at Fulton Campus

In October 2011, Bernie and **Jon Whalen '64** appeared at CCC's Fulton Campus to discuss their book *Justifiable Homicide*. Their appearance was made possible by the CCC Foundation, the Criminal Justice Society and the Literary Club.

The Whalens' morning presentation to students focused on the art, science

and business of becoming a published author. "The first rule of writing is, 'do what you know,'" said Bernie. "I was a New York City cop, while my dad [Jon] worked at Auburn prison. So, our book is set in New York with a lot of references to Auburn, and to life in prison." For details beyond their areas of expertise, the Whalens

consulted experts in the New York City Bomb Squad and others who had first-hand knowledge of the topic. "People catch every detail," noted Jon. "They'll call you on anything that they think is a mistake, from the size of the Unisphere

in Queens to the height of 'Copper John' at the prison."

One of the most important traits of a successful writer is patience. "All writing is re-writing," said Bernie. "We re-wrote every chapter, every scene, many times. One nice thing about all the work is that it brought us closer together as father and son."

The Whalens emphasized the importance of character development. Jon noted, "It's more than just a plot line. People want to care about the people in your book. And in our case, the City itself became a character in the novel." "Conflict is also a key component of fiction writing," continued Bernie. "In our book, it's the question of wanting to have someone killed. When is homicide really justifiable? That's one that the reader needs to answer for himself."

At their evening event, the Whalens spoke to the campus community and the general public about their work. They talked about the difficulties of getting published. Bernie said, "Try the Mystery Writers of America first. They will often review a book, free of charge. If you really want to write, you can always find an outlet." They also discussed their lives before becoming authors, as members of the criminal justice system. "We've both seen a lot," said Bernie. "For cops, humor is sometimes our only defense mechanism. Call it 'gallows humor' or whatever, but sometimes you really need it."

More information on Bernie and Jon Whalen and on their books, including *Justifiable Homicide*, may be found at their website <http://www.bjwhalen.com/>.



Seated (L-R): Tracy Elkin, Laura Kolanda, Staci Beechner. Standing (L-R): Foundation Executive Director Jeff Hoffman, Bernie Whalen, Kim Clarke, Peggy Arter, Michael Fochtman, Judy Campanella, Michele Yanock, Patricia McCurdy, and Jon Whalen.



## World-Renowned Samite is 2012 Brunell Visiting Scholar

### The Brunell Chair in the Humanities and Cayuga Community College

Professor Robert H. Brunell taught at Cayuga Community College for 50 years. Prior to his passing in 2004, he established a fund to bring a visiting scholar to the College for one semester, every other year. As stated in the original agreement, this chair was established "to invite a distinguished and noted author or artist to be in residence and actively teaching and interacting with students and faculty at the College." The artist/teacher-in-residence is chosen by the humanities faculty at the College and the program is administered by the Cayuga Community College Foundation.

The first Brunell Visiting Scholar at the College was Christopher Kennedy, Director of the M.F.A. Program at Syracuse University in Creative Writing.

"The Brunell Chair in the Humanities may be the only one of this breadth and scope among American community college foundations," said Foundation Executive Director Jeff Hoffman. "Typically a visiting scholar may come for a day or two, possibly a week. Professor Brunell's generosity allows the CCC Foundation to provide a semester-long series of events to benefit our students, faculty and communities."

The power of music is more than an expression; it is a way of life for Samite (Saem ê tay) Mulondo, world-renowned musician, humanitarian and photographer. On February 8, the stage of the Irene A. Bisgrove Community Theatre on the Auburn campus was set with an odd assortment of instruments most of us had never seen before. Among them were a kalimba (African thumb piano) and litungu (traditional lyre). Samite described and played each instrument, and between each melodious, rhythmic song, the crowd was delighted to hear his

stories, both humorous and poignant. Though we didn't understand the language of the songs, the feelings of each piece could be heard and felt. The audience was urged to interact by clapping with the beat, singing the chorus, and even getting up to dance.

Originally from Uganda, Samite lived during the reign of Idi Amin, known as the "Butcher of Uganda," one of Africa's most notorious dictators. Though he was born to a socially prominent family and attended school in the king's palace, it did not keep him safe from Amin's atrocities.

As the result of family tragedy and the killing of his brother, he was forced to flee to Kenya as a political refugee in 1982. He described life in the refugee camp there and spoke about the people he encountered from many countries and walks of life.

In 1997, Samite took part in a PBS documentary depicting the plight of refugees in Africa. He joined the team and visited Liberia, Rwanda and Cote D'Ivoire. He was also able to return to Uganda and be reunited with his family for the first time in many years. It was during the filming that he realized he was destined to spread peace and offer hope through music, which is exactly what he did at CCC.

Samite is also a photographer and spoke at the opening of an exhibition of his work at The Library Gallery @ 197, in the Bourke Memorial Library on the Auburn campus. The exhibit is free and open to the public and will be on display through the first week of March. Samite hopes "that when people see my photographs, they get the sense of peace and calmness that I felt while I captured the images."

Samite has released 10 CDs, including the soundtrack for the film *Addiction Incorporated*. He is the subject of the documentary, *Song of the Refugee*, and founder of the non-profit organization, Musicians for World Harmony. He and his wife, Sandra, currently live in Ithaca, New York.



Photo by Tom Casella



Photo by Tom Casella

Samite Mulondo, world-renowned musician, humanitarian and photographer

A number of activities involving our students will take place on both campuses throughout the spring semester. There will be classes and workshops for telecom, music and art students, as well as talks on African culture and politics. The public is invited to attend several free events:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 1:30 P.M.

On the stage of the Irene A. Bisgrove Community Theatre (Auburn campus) Samite will speak to the art class and then perform for an hour as students paint to his music.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012 7:30 P.M.

Room T229 (Auburn campus)  
Film and discussion "War Dance"

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012 7:30 P.M.

G. Ray Bodley High School, Fulton NY  
Samite in concert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2012 7:30 P.M.

Irene A. Bisgrove Community Theatre (Auburn campus)  
Samite in concert, featuring the CCC student chorus and jazz ensemble

For more information on these free activities, contact Professor Howard Nelson at 315.255.1743 extension 2275.



## Staff Update



### Welcome & Goodbye

Retirements and New Hires (full-time) from October 2011 – March 2012

### NEW FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Gina M. Dixe	Instructor/Counselor, Temporary 10-month	October 2011
Donald H. O'Brien	Instructor/Counselor, Temporary 10-month	October 2011
Barbara J. Travis	Program Specialist, Community Education	January 2012

### BEST WISHES AS THEY MOVE ON

NO RETIREES THIS PERIOD

Financial Aid office staff gather for a photo-op: Debbie Drake, Yvonne

Warrick '81, Allison Cass, Jackie Darquea, Bonnie Rooker '71, Penelope "Penny" Austin '07, Christina Knapp '07, Theresa Rogalski '88, and Judi Miladin.







## CAYUGA'S NEWEST HOME CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

Fulton over the years," Fulton Mayor Ron Woodward said. "I never dreamed there would be a college at River Glen some day. It's going to spur more business opportunities in Fulton."

"This is a great addition to Oswego County," said Legislator Terry Wilbur, a 2008 graduate of the



**Barry Leemann, then-chair of the Oswego County Legislature, was one of the many participants to sign a structural steel beam that will be placed within the building.**

Fulton Campus. "As a member of the CCC Alumni Board, I think it is a great step forward. We have a lot of confidence in Cayuga Community College and think it will be a big boost for Oswego County."

A CCC education is "the best bang for the buck," Wilbur continued, referring to the 70 percent of graduates who remain in the area to live and work. "I am one of the ones who stayed here. Right now, with the hard times, people are looking for new careers. They have to be educated and Cayuga Community College can do that right in our own back yard."

At the groundbreaking ceremony in December, Michael Fochtman, student and president of the Fulton Campus Student Government Organization said, "This institution, students, faculty and staff are amazing. I have a better direction now; I know where I'm going, what I'm going to do. It is because of this institution. The students

have taken ownership of this expansion and we appreciate that from the bottom of our hearts. We truly do," he told the audience.

Where do we go from here? After moving three times in 18 years, Cayuga is "here to stay" at River Glen. Dr. Larson noted that this new campus will serve our students, communities and alumni well into the middle of the 21st Century.



**Oswego County Legislator Louella LeClair, foreground, and Holly Carpenter of Sen. Patty Ritchie's office sing "The River Glen Song" during the ceremony.**

"It would be exciting to come back here in 50 years to see how the campus had grown. There is no reason why this campus shouldn't have 2,500 students, or 3,000 students."

*Editor's Note: Subscribers of the Alumni Association's e-magazine 'Get Inspired' can see more photos from the dedication ceremony, as well as the video of Jeff Hoffman's "River Glen" song. For more details on 'Get Inspired', contact the Alumni office at alumni@cayuga-cc.edu.*



**Louise Wilson signs the beam for the Alumni Association.**



## CCC Participates in Empty Bowls Project

Students, faculty and staff at CCC can often be found participating in community service projects; one in particular was the Empty Bowls fundraiser. The event held last October was an effort in helping to beat hunger in our community, as well as being a teaching project for our students. Under the direction of Jennifer Gande, CCC Ceramics instructor, students and employees helped create bowls. When their work was completed, the Studio Art & Design program donated 55 bowls to the project. At the event, participants could eat a bowl of soup and then take their empty bowl home with them. It created a reminder that there are many people who have an empty bowl every day. Each of the bowls was signed with "CCC" on the bottom.

## Alumni Participate in Experiential Learning Program

It is a well-documented fact that experience has a great impact on learning. CCC is providing opportunities for our future alum to participate

in hands-on work and service experiences that allow them to test concepts and ideas while giving back to the community. Faculty members help

students to seek out internships and service learning experiences. CCC has secured funding from the AmeriCorps VISTA program to host a VISTA volunteer for one year while that person develops and deepens campus/community partnerships to benefit students and the community.

Last spring, Sheila Myers was hired to serve as coordinator of experiential learning. The ACC/CCC Alumni Association has joined with Sheila to offer a program called Alumni Voices. The first joint project was a panel discussion held on February 29 in the Irene A. Bisgrove Theatre on the Auburn campus. The discussion was titled "Alumni Voices: Community Service and Leadership." Alumni panelists included Marilyn R. Higgins '73, Gerard Guiney '82, and Terry Wilbur '08. Ms. Higgins is Vice President of Community Engagement and Economic Development at Syracuse University. Before his retirement, Mr. Guiney served as the Deputy Superintendent of the New York State Department of Correctional Services. Last November, Mr. Wilbur, a recent graduate of the State University College at Oswego, was re-elected to serve his second term on the Oswego County Legislature.

We are pleased to have these individuals share their time and experiences with our students. Hopefully, this panel was the first of many covering a variety of topics to benefit our students.

## Country in Crisis: Cayuga Responds

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, CCC was part of a statewide recognition called *New York Remembers*. A powerful display depicting the collapse of the Towers, as well as Ground Zero artifacts from the collections of the State Museum and National September 11 Memorial & Museum were open to the public for viewing.

The Auburn campus was accorded the privilege of displaying a large piece of the exterior aluminum sheathing that was part of the World Trade Center. On August 31, 2011, College President Daniel Larson welcomed local dignitaries, representatives from Governor Cuomo's office, college administration and faculty, and community members to officially open the exhibit.

The college's Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology was instrumental in printing the first satellite images of Ground Zero for emergency workers at the scene. Robert Brower, director of IAGT, gave a presentation on the Institute's involvement.

On September 9, the college welcomed Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy when he visited the "New York Remembers" exhibit. He was joined by New York State Senator Michael F. Nozzolio (54th District); Auburn Mayor Michael Quill; some of Cayuga County's first responders; and Eric Pittman, father of Skaneateles native Christopher Todd Pittman, who died in the Twin Towers during the 9/11 attacks. The public was welcomed to hear their inspiring words.



**Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy speaks at Cayuga Community College on September 9.**



## Accounting/Business Alumni

There are many aspects to the business world and graduating with a Business Administration or Business/Accounting degree from CCC has been the gateway to many successful careers for our alumni. They gain distinction by receiving special honors, winning awards, and holding prestigious positions. Additionally, they choose to give back and become involved in their community, which makes these individuals more than just successful. They become not only an invaluable asset to their respective community but also a great representative of our college. We would like to share the success stories of five such individuals, who have chosen to make a career, as well as a name for themselves, in the fields of finance, business and accounting.

### Alice M. (Warren) Hoatland, CPA, '70



Alice has a long-standing connection to CCC. She served on the ACC/CCC Alumni Association board for nine years, and was past president and treasurer. In addition, Alice was one of the Alumni Award recipients in 1997 and received the SUNY Alumni Honor Roll Award that same year. She

continues her association with CCC on an annual basis with her visits to the Intermediate Accounting class where she and other accounting professionals mentor students about accounting career choices. This "CPA Round Table" gathers four local CPAs who discuss the many facets of accounting from courses and education, to what degrees to obtain, to positions available, and to resumes and interviewing techniques. She also attends the annual Accounting Banquet for CCC grads.

She is partner in charge of tax, estate and financial planning at Buffington & Hoatland CPAs, PLLC. Following CCC Hoatland attended Le Moyne College where she earned her B.S. in Accounting. Licensed since 1984, she is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

With over thirty years' experience as a CPA in small business consulting and taxation, Alice has recently drawn the attention of the Cayuga County Chamber

of Commerce. This past November, she, along with her business partner Elaine S. Buffington, received the 2011 Phyllis Goldman Encouragement Award for Women. This award was created to recognize women who have pursued an entrepreneurial endeavor and encourage other women to do the same. Hoatland was also recognized with the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce Small Business Person of the Year Award in 2005.

Alice is actively involved in various professional and local community organizations. She is a member of the Cayuga Community Fund, CNY Community Foundation, and serves on its Leadership Committee. Hoatland has served on the Auburn Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, is currently on the Finance Committee, and has served as the board's vice president and treasurer. She is also on the Hospital Systems Foundation Board, serves on its Planned Giving Committee, and has held office as vice president and treasurer. Currently, she is a member of both the Cayuga County and Skaneateles Chambers of Commerce.

Alice has been married to Robert for 41 years and they have lived in the Auburn area their entire lives. They have a son Benjamin who also lives in Auburn with his wife Elishia. Alice enjoys history, reading, golf and her cats. She recently remarked: "I loved my years at CCC and enjoy coming back each year to take part in the panel discussions for the accounting students."

### Gail M. (Koon) Kinsella, CPA, '83



Gail graduated from CCC with her degree in Business Administration, continued her education at Le Moyne College, and became a CPA. In May 2011 Gail was installed as President-elect of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA), just the fifth woman in the

114-year history of the Society to serve in this capacity. NYSSCPA is the oldest state accounting organization in the nation, now representing more than 28,000 CPAs.

A partner in the Audit Practice Group of Testone, Marshall & Disenza, LLP accounting firm in Syracuse, Gail coordinates the firm's Quality Control and Peer Review programs. Her career integrates a range of expertise in auditing, accounting and consulting services for not-for-profit organizations, municipalities, Employee Benefits Plans, and closely held entities.

In addition to NYSSCPA, she is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the New York State Government Finance Officers Association (NYSGFOA). She has served NYSSCPA in a variety of roles including vice president and member of its Executive Committee, Quality Enhancement Policy Committee, Selections Committee, Syracuse Chapter president, Chapter Executive Committee member, and as past president of the Foundation for Accounting Education.

Her involvement doesn't stop there. Gail is currently a member of NYSSCPA's strategic task force and affiliation task force. As an advisor to NYSSCPA's Career Opportunities in the Accounting Profession, she was instrumental in establishing the forum in Syracuse. She has served as chair of the Accounting and Auditing Committee of CPANet International and has received a Certificate of Achievement in Non-profit Accounting from American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Gail also has served the community in many facets. She is past chair of the United Way of Central New York and Hospice of Central New York boards of directors. In addition, she was past trustee of the Onondaga County Public Library and served on the Samaritan Center Finance Committee. A graduate of Leadership Greater Syracuse, Gail has been recognized for her many contributions and successes with the American Red Cross *Women Who Mean Business Award*, *Central New York Women in Business Award*, *CBS TV-5 Women in Leadership Award*, *Central New York 40 Under Forty Award*, and the *Junior League's In League and Community Service Awards*.

In her free time, Gail spends a great deal of time with her family. She is married to **Thomas P. Kinsella '81** and they have a 15-year-old son, Tommy. Her parents resided in Auburn all their lives; her brother, Stephen Koon, and his wife Debra still reside on the family farm on Koon Road, the 7th generation to do so. Gail enjoys cooking, gardening, spending time outdoors and entertaining friends. She is also considered the "family archivist," a role previously filled by her mom.

### Michael E. Cuddy '78



Mike graduated from ACC as a Business-Accounting major and has over 25 years of experience in the financial planning field. Mike is First Vice President/Financial Advisor at the Auburn office of Pinnacle Investments, LLC.

In 2007, Mike and two colleagues formed a team, The Cuddy Group, which combined their respective business experiences in insurance, retirement planning and wealth management. At the time the Group was associated with a global financial services firm. In early January 2009, the Group decided to end that affiliation and spent months researching various firms who had specific key qualities they were seeking. Their search culminated in July of that year when the group decided to join Pinnacle Investments, LLC, one of the largest independent full service investment firms in Central New York. Mike states that this was the best move his group could have made. Their Auburn office has subsequently grown and now has four financial advisors available to assist clients along with two support staff.

Cuddy has developed the skills and knowledge necessary to make him a dedicated and trusted

financial professional. He focuses his business on designing professionally managed portfolios, creating retirement planning solutions and looking for new business opportunities. Mike possesses one of the most important skills when working with new or existing clients -- the ability to listen to and understand what goals, values, aspirations and concerns are of the utmost importance. These abilities have enabled him to develop sound investment plans tailored to help his clients meet their long-term financial objectives.

As a lifelong resident of Auburn, Cuddy's strong leadership skills have helped him give back to the community. He is past president of the United Way Board of Directors and served as chair of its 2002 fund-raising Campaign. He has been active in the St. Alphonsus parish, serving as co-chair of the Partners in Faith campaign, and as a treasurer and coach in the CYO program. Mike is an avid golfer, softball and basketball player and participates in numerous leagues.

Mike and his wife, **Lisa M. (Wilson) Cuddy '80**, a reading and writing teacher at LaFayette School District, have been married for over 25 years. They have two grown children. Reflecting on how his time in college had affected his career decisions, Cuddy shares: "I remember my time at ACC fondly. It proved to be a great catalyst in shaping my business career. The accounting and business courses helped develop my passion for the financial planning field."

### Rhonda C. Hutchinson, CPA, '01



At a recent tax seminar, Professor Dawn Matijas-Czolowski recognized former accounting student, Rhonda. Rhonda had been working full time while attending CCC part time in the evenings. Although her degree was in liberal arts, by the time she had gotten through several accounting

courses with Matijas, she quickly decided that she wanted a career in accounting. Following her graduation, she entered the SUNY-Oswego accounting program. Of her education at CCC, Hutchinson said, "The foundation I received at CCC made me better prepared than many of my classmates entering into the difficult upper-level accounting courses." She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with Economics Concentration at SUNY-Oswego.

Rhonda started working as a staff accountant in 2004 for LaDelfa, Schoder & Walker, P.C. in Mt. Morris, NY, and began to study for her CPA exam. After successfully passing her CPA exam (with high scores), Hutchinson went to work for Robinson & Gordon, P.C. in Rochester, NY in 2005. The position allowed her to increase her responsibilities to include a wider range of duties.

Hutchinson has been a Senior Accountant with Peters & Associates, CPAs P.C. in Syracuse, NY since 2008. They are a public accounting firm that specializes in small business and not-for-profit accounting and consulting. Rhonda's responsibilities include performing reviews and preparing compilation financial statements, monthly management use reports for small business and not-for-profit clients, and implementing major computer systems upgrades. She is involved with processing payroll, reviewing federal and state filing requirements, and carries out interim CFO duties in-house for a client, along with other services. Specializing in accounting for small business allows Rhonda to provide her clients with a unique service that allows them to better understand their business so they can manage effectively and meet their goals, something she really enjoys.

Hutchinson is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA). She is also a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, the Kanadasaga Kennel Club, and the American Belgian Tervuren Club. She has a six-year-old daughter, Molly. In her free time Rhonda does conformation, obedience and herding with her Belgian Tervuren (her dog). In February, she made her very first trip as an exhibitor to the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City.

### Nichole M. Hogan '04



Like taking snap shots, we enjoy visiting our alumni during different stages in their careers. One of our more recent "Accounting Alumni" featured in this issue is Nichole. Once again, Professor Matijas-Czolowski proudly put us in touch with one of her former students.

Following graduation from CCC, Nichole attended Le Moyne College graduating with honors in 2007 with a B.S. in Accounting. In 2006 while at Le Moyne, she received the NYSSCPA (*New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants*) *Syracuse Chapter Academic Achievement Award*. She also received the *New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Award* in 2007.

In September 2007 Nichole joined Dermody, Burke and Brown, CPAs, LLC, as an audit associate. This past November she was promoted to Senior Tax Associate at the Auburn firm where she specializes in planning and executing reviews and compilations. In addition, she prepares personal, corporate and partnership tax returns for a variety of clients, including for-profit, not-for-profit, and consolidated entities. Additionally, she has experience and is proficient in completing school district audits and construction schedules. She is currently studying for her CPA license.

Nichole participates in various charitable organizations, including United Way, the ALS Association, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and Ducks Unlimited. Her life will soon become much busier as she has recently become engaged to be married and will welcome two stepchildren, ages 6 and 9, as well as two dogs and one cat. In their free time, Nichole and her fiancé enjoy boating, snowmobiling, hunting and fishing.



## Alumni of Note

### Janette I. 'Janny' (Dwyer) Brust, MPH '68

When our Alumni Association became aware that Janette Brust received the Alumni Service Award from the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, it soon became obvious that there was more than meets the



Janette Brust '68 "Then and Now"

eye about this alumna. The University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award recognizes outstanding alumni for their exceptional volunteer commitment and leadership to the Alumni Association and the University.

Janny is described as "the alumni volunteer every institution hopes for." As president of the school's Alumni Association, she played a major role in strengthening its mentoring program, mentoring fifteen SPH students herself. She has helped to make the University a key partner on the Minnesota Public Health Association's policy forums. Brust also serves on the school's Council of Past Presidents and received two SPH Community Partner Star awards.

Janette earned her B.A. in Psychology from the University of California-Davis and her M.P.H., Public Health Administration, from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Currently, she is the Director of Medical Policy and Community Affairs at the Minnesota Council of Health Plans, a trade association for Minnesota's non-profit health plans. She is the Minnesota affiliate representative for the American Public Health Association and the chair



of the Great Lakes Coalition, as well as past president of the Minnesota Public Health Association (MPHA). She has served for the past six years as a co-principal investigator on the CDC-funded "Controlling Asthma in American

Cities" grant and as vice chair of the Minnesota Department of Health's Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Steering Committee. In 2005, Janny received the Albert Justus Chelsey Leadership Award from MPHA.

Previously, Brust was the Vice President of Public Health at the Allina Health System; an epidemiologist for the city of Minneapolis; and a research fellow at the University of Minnesota, School of Public Health, Maternal and Child Health. She has published and presented on a wide variety of health topics, including gun violence, access to care, and community benefits, to name a few.

Alumna Janny Dwyer Brust shared, "I started at ACC as a 17-year-old with no clue about what I might do with my life. I found my way slowly and have worked steadily at things I care about." She notes that she is always struck by what great careers ACC/CCC alumni have had. She met her husband, **George D. Brust '68**, while attending ACC. He received his grad degree from Stanford, which had quite a different tuition, and they always thought that the education experience was comparable. The couple returns to the area to visit family a few times a year.

### William D. Stuart '74



Many of us have shared the sentiment William "Bill" Stuart felt when he was fresh out of high school: "I was young and didn't have a clue what I wanted to do with my life, or how I would ever achieve any level of success." Fortunately the time he spent

at ACC helped him to not only "get a clue" but he came out "knowing what he wanted to do with his life!" Since then, Bill has accomplished a great many things.

While Bill acknowledges that he had some great professors while attending ACC, one in particular made the real difference -- Professor of Marketing Bill Lovell. Stuart admits that he even missed some 'Happy Hours' at Curley's because he didn't want to miss class; "this marketing thing really captured my interest."

Following graduation from ACC, Bill went to Albany State where he graduated *cum laude* with a degree in Marketing. Over the past 37 years, he rose to the level of senior vice president for two major U.S. retailers before starting his own consulting company in 1995. He is the CEO of Stuart & Associates Inc., a leader in sales and leadership

development for retailers and manufacturers. Since its founding, Bill's company has helped some of the largest corporations in the world (P&G, Microsoft, Hoover, Philips Consumer Electronics, Best Buy, etc.) develop and launch new products. He and his company have shown their clients how to drive revenues and bring more of the profit to the bottom line.

Bill currently lives in Franklin, TN with his wife. They have three sons. The oldest is out on his own "making a name for himself," and his twins are in college. "I have had a great life," Bill shares. He and his wife have seen the world, something he never thought could have happened. They love to ski, cruise and travel. He enjoys cycling, flying RC planes and collectable street rods. Bill writes that his life has turned out so much better than he could have ever dreamed, and it all was sparked by a Marketing class he took 36 years ago from a guy who cared enough to give his students his best. "Thank you, Professor Lovell."

His advice to today's students is simple: "Never give up on your dreams whatever they made be, no matter what others might think or say. Remember this: There is only one person who stands between you and success, and that's the person you look at in the mirror every morning!" Bill invites you to check out the company's website at [www.bettersales.com](http://www.bettersales.com)

### Heidi L. Huddleston Cross, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, CWOCN, '97



What an interesting life alumna Heidi Huddleston Cross '97 has led! From her childhood living in Salzburg, Austria (and having a few cameo shots in the *Sound of Music* as she doubled for the Brigitte Von Trapp character), to

finding her life's passion in nursing, to her mission work in South Sudan, her life reads like a captivating story. Heidi's comments make it easier to understand why she is such a success: "It sounds corny, but I really believe that I was born to do exactly what I do, and CCC provided the portal and the means to do it!"

After graduating *summa cum laude* from CCC, Cross earned her bachelor's in Nursing *magna cum laude* from Syracuse University; a master's in Nursing and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Certificate from SUNY Upstate Medical University; and her WOCN (Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurse) Certificate at Wicks

Educational Associates in Pennsylvania. Heidi currently works at Upstate University Hospital as Nurse Practitioner in inpatient and outpatient wound and ostomy nursing. In addition, she is a Nurse Practitioner with CNY Surgical Physicians at the Community General Wound Care Center. Heidi also maintains Central New York's only Ostomy Support Group. Recently, she has branched out to legal nursing and does chart review for attorneys.

Cross is currently chair of the WOCN Certification Board Exam Committee and serves on several other committees. She has been a presenter at national and regional conferences and done contract work with PESI (a provider of high-quality continuing education for health care professionals), lecturing nationally on wound and ostomy care. And, she has found time to be published in the *Journal of Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nursing*.

Last June at the WOCN Society's annual conference, Heidi was honored with the 2011 WOC Nurse Great Comebacks Award for "her dedication to patients and her many achievements in ostomy care... a

nurse who regularly goes the extra mile to help patients achieve a full recovery and live a healthier life." She also received a Presidential Award from the WOCN Certification Board that year.

In 2010, Cross was the winner of the first annual WOCN Certification Board Scholarship to the Nurse in Washington Internship (NIWI), an annual project of the Nursing Organizations Alliance designed to inform nurses about the legislative process. (She received a scholarship again in 2011.) She was recipient of a WOCN Society Members' Research Grant in 2010. In 2009, the honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, Omicron Alpha Chapter, presented her with the Community Mentor Award. Heidi was chosen as the 2008 Nurse of the Year by the United Ostomy Associations of America (UOAA).

In 2009 Heidi traveled with an upstate NY medical team to Southern Sudan on a 10-day mission to teach wound care to physicians and nurses at the Duk Payuel Lost Boys Clinic. While there she assisted a 6-foot-6-inch Sudanese R.N. in teaching wound care, whom she described as "very

interested, wonderful and hardworking" and stated that they "made quite a pair." This very remote village is reachable only by bush plane, and although the area is undergoing turmoil between warring tribes, her husband is heading there in February to help build a nutrition center. Don Cross, an engineer at Nucor Steel in Auburn, is one of the volunteers who over the years have helped build the Duk Lost Boys Clinic, a 4,000-square-foot medical center.

From her fascinating childhood, growing up with a father who was a professional opera singer (appearing in *Camelot* with Richard Burton and Julie Andrews on Broadway), to her remarkable career choices and mission work, Heidi Cross shows no signs of slowing down. She and her husband live in Skaneateles, NY, where they raised their four children, and have five "wonderful and beautiful" grandchildren.

Some final thoughts from this alumna: "I can't tell you how grateful I am to CCC for providing the education and superb preparation for an exciting career. I feel so blessed to be in a career that I love."



## Frame Elected President of TANYS

CCC's Director of Theatre Operations Robert Frame was elected to a two-year term as president of the Theatre Association of New York State (TANYS). He will be responsible for overseeing the board and the operations of the association. Bob will also be communicating with the more than 50 non-professional theatres throughout the state, and will act as a representative on regional and national community theatre association boards.



Robert Frame

In his 35-year involvement with TANYS, Frame has held various

positions including technical director of the festival from 1991 to 2007, adjudicator since 1993, and member of the Board of Directors since 1997. His goal is to solidify the importance of TANYS to local community theatres and work to create strong advocacy relations with them.

Bob teaches courses on lighting, basic acting, introduction to theatre, stagecraft, creating character, and is the producer and director of the College drama club, Harlequin Productions. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the TANYS Mary Eva Duthie Award for outstanding contribution to theatre in New York State, and the College Student Senate's award for Excellence in Teaching.



Therapy Cast and Crew

## Serving up a Stack of One-acts!

Harlequin Productions served up a Stack of One-acts for their fall 2011 production. Running for two weekends in October/November, ten different plays, which featured the talents of 22 student actors and technicians and three professional staff, were on the menu. Eleven of the students were freshly picked and new to the Bisgrove Theatre's stage!

The ten short plays by four different playwrights were chosen by Harlequin Advisor and director Bob Frame. The first play, *An Actual Baby Person* by Barbara Lindsay, starred Kat Jordan of Tully and McCrady Magwood III of Lyons. *Santa Watch* by Michael Phelan featured Rachel Bodner and Katy Lubaszewski, both Auburn High graduates. *Mom's Funeral*, also by Michael Phelan, included cast members Joshua Stedge of Auburn, Colin Wentworth and Caryl Frame of Skaneateles. Barbara Lindsay's *Spinsters* was performed by Alicia Frame of Skaneateles and Ciara Hirsch of Auburn. The first half of the evening ended with *Jump* by George J. Bryjak, with cast members Dylan Thompson of Romulus, Maria Coleman of Port Byron and Savonne Crews of Rochester.

The second half opened with *Therapy* by Bryjak, performed by Stedge, Alicia Frame, and Bodner. LaRae Brooks of Syracuse, Wentworth and Thomas Constantino of Romulus acted out the storyline in *Squashed* by Chris Mackowski. Stephen Hodge of Auburn was joined by Hirsch in *Cupid's Beau* by Lindsay. *Love in the Fast Lane* by Bryjak starred Michael Crowe of Romulus, Crews and Brooks. Last up was Bryjak's *Going Up?* starring Jon Norton of Union Springs, Coleman and Alicia Frame.

Production staff for the One-Acts included Virginia Fennessy, set

designer; Robin Fragoman, lighting designer; Allison Fennessy, costume designer; Caryl Frame, stage manager; and David Thieringer, assistant stage manager.

Ed Scutt of Rochester, an Adjudicator from the Theatre Association of New York State, was brought in by Frame to assess the students' work. Scutt was so impressed that he gave six awards based on a list of criteria, including believability of acting and effective timing, character interpretation, and overall impact. Awards and their recipients included:

- Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble Acting: The Cast of *Mom's Funeral*
- Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble Acting: The Cast of *Therapy*
- Excellence in Acting: Savonne Crews for her portrayal of multiple roles in *Jump* and *Love in the Fast Lane*
- Excellence in Acting: Alicia Frame for her portrayal of multiple roles in *Spinsters*, *Therapy*, and *Going Up?*
- Excellence in Acting: Ciara Hirsch for her portrayal of multiple roles in *Spinsters* and *Cupid's Beau*

The Association invited the cast of *Therapy* to present its production at the 2011 TANYS Festival showcase held in Batavia in November. The show was only one of eight invited to present out of 60 entrants. They were met by playwright George Bryjack, who saw his play in Auburn and made the trek to support the cast at the Festival! The production received an Excellence in Set Design, and Alicia Frame received a People's Choice award for Excellence in Acting. Additionally, for the BMI Supply Design Exhibition and Competition, Harlequin entered the set design from their spring production of *When I Come to My Senses, I'm Alive!* Production designer Robert John Andrusko received the Best Overall Design trophy.

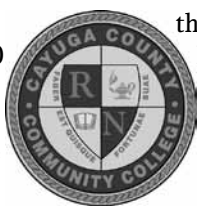
## Celebrating 40 Years of Broadcasting



CCC's radio station, WDWN, celebrated 40 years of being 'on the air' October 31, 2011.

## 100% NCLEX Passing Rate for 2011 Nursing Graduates

The Nursing program's Class of 2011 achieved a 100 per cent passing rate on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX), surpassing the 84% New York State and 88% national passing rates. "We are



thrilled with these results," said Professor and Nursing Program Director Linda Alfieri. "Cayuga has a rich history of graduating exemplary nurses, and the Class of 2011 continues our tradition of excellence."



The Nursing Club participated in the 10th annual RISE and Walk fundraiser for breast cancer. About 300 people made the one-mile trip around Loop Road to support local patients and their families. The walk is organized by Stacey A. Petrosino '94, who founded RISE (Reaching and Inspiring Survivors Everywhere). The club raised \$305.25 for the cause.



Nursing Students Jenna Fronce, Jeff Hickock, Alicia Slywka, and Dannielle Rowland participated in the Auburn Memorial Hospital Heart Expo that took place in September 2011.



## A Message from the Fulton Campus Dean



Maggie Killoran

Over the past months the Fulton Campus has continued to experience change, with employees and students alike joining in the energetic buzz connected to our pending move this coming fall 2012. At this point the new campus has been designed and construction is well underway. As well, discussions are occurring on many fronts about the furniture and equipment needs of the new campus, how to sequence the move of different departments/services this summer, and what will become of the Broadway Campus after credit operations move. While these dilemmas only seem to generate more questions than answers, they are the type of questions associated with the certainty of attaining a



new campus for Fulton students and employees. What a nice problem to have!

And while the logistics and practicalities associated with the Fulton Campus expansion are of critical importance, it is the journey that students and employees are on together right now that keeps us all on our toes. What we hope, plan, and dream about achieving this fall and beyond is made more real by the details, frustrations, and uncertainties we are all managing on a daily basis in the here and now. But, like every journey ... it is the effort and the slogging in the moment that will ultimately make the new campus shine that much brighter once we arrive there this coming fall. To quote American writer Ursula LeGuin, "It is good to have an end to journey towards, but it is the journey that matters in the end."

Stay tuned!

## Fulton Campus Gives Back

Reporting on some of the results of the activities held on the Fulton campus this past semester, Susan C. Witmer '90, Director of Fulton Operations, stated that the 2011-2012 United Way pledge drive resulted in 19 staff pledges during the campaign. Sue was also able

to collect five large boxes of food that were delivered to the local food pantry. In addition, the Fulton campus PTK was able to send several boxes of clothing, blankets and furniture to the flood victims in the Binghamton area.

Way to go Fulton!



The Rotaract Club's first active semester was a great success, despite not meeting the minimum membership requirement. The club's current seven members raised \$120 selling raffle tickets and donated the proceeds to the Fulton Catholic Charities Food Pantry. The members also volunteered at St. Luke's Nursing Home in Oswego. Pictured presenting the check are Amanda Reed, Rotaract Club Advisor; club members Kiaya Cali and Will Thomas; Catholic Charities representative; and Sean Yanock, club president.



## Life Changer Bet

Spurred on by a New Year's bet with his wife last year, James "Jay" M. Wornick II lost close to 200 pounds on his own by completely overhauling his diet, exercise and lifestyle. A local news story sparked media interest and the couple was asked to appear on *Good Morning America*. Jay is pictured above with news anchor, Robin Roberts. The appearance led to requests from a number of other nationally-televised shows. Jay is currently enrolled



Angela Wornick

in CCC's Business program. His wife, Angela M. (Doran) Wornick, expects to graduate from the Nursing program this coming May and works as the Fulton Student Activities Coordinator.



SGO Fulton President Michael Fochtman stands beside a display of the striking AIDS Memorial Quilt. On November 30, as part of World AIDS Day, SGO Fulton hosted sections of "The NAMES Quilt." Begun in 1987, the tapestry now contains more than 47,000 panels. Sections are continuously on display across the country in a variety of settings "to help foster healing, advance social justice, and inspire action."



Members of the Fulton Campus wore red on February 3 to raise heart disease awareness.



The food and supplies drive for the Oswego City Animal Shelter was a huge success. SGO, The Green Team, and the Literary Club sponsored a holiday tree for the Animal Shelter. The group managed to fill a Dodge mini-van to the brim, as well as the back of Sue Witmer's Subaru Outback. Pictured are officers of the SGO Fulton Executive Board: Tracy Elkin, Secretary; Michelle Yanock, Vice-President; Michael Fochtman, President; and Staci Beechner, Treasurer.



Mario Paiva



Bruno Guadie-Ley



Tia Segretto



Jaime Carolissen



Will Backhouse



Briana Seda



Tyresha Mathis



Dashawn Williamson

## MSAC, Region III Recognize Spartan Soccer Standouts

Congratulations to **Mario Paiva** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) and **Bruno Guadie-Ley** (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) who were named to the Mid-State Athletic All-Conference Team for Men's Soccer. In addition, **Jaime Carolissen** (Cape Town, South Africa), **Will Backhouse** (Swindon, England) and Guadie-Ley were also recognized by making the NJCAA Region III All-Conference Second Team. All players played a key role in the men's soccer program's resurgence and a Region III post-season run to the semi-finals. The talented freshmen helped improve

the team's record to 10-4-2 this fall under first-year head coach, Darren Wynne.

On the women's side, **Tia Segretto** (Jordan-Elbridge, NY) was named to both the NJCAA Region III All-Conference First Team and the Mid-State Athletic All-Conference Team for Women's Soccer. Segretto led the Spartans in scoring with 13 goals and 3 assists and helped control the midfield. The freshman standout helped improve the team's record and competitiveness this fall under first-year head coach, Carrie Lysik.

## Spartan Hoopsters Recognized

Spartan women's basketball player **Briana Seda** (Rochester, NY) was named Region III Female Athlete-of-the-Week for the week of November 7, 2011. In three games that week, Briana scored 73 points, pulled down 13 rebounds, had 12 steals and dished out 9 assists. She was named MVP of the Tompkins-Cortland CC tournament this past weekend.

Freshman forward **Tyresha Mathis** (Corcoran HS, Syracuse, NY) was also named Region III Female Athlete-of-the-Week in January. In three games that week, Tyresha scored 65 points, pulled down 64 rebounds, blocked

10 shots, and had 5 steals. She started the week with a 28 point, 23 rebound, 5 blocked shots, and 3 steal performance at Jefferson CC and finished the week with a 21 point, 24 rebound performance at Finger Lakes CC.

Men's sophomore forward **Dashawn Williamson** (Liberty, NY) was named Mid-State Conference Player-of-the-Week the final week of January. He led the Spartans to wins over previously unbeaten Tompkins-Cortland and Onondaga this week. He averaged 18 points and 9 rebounds per game on the week.



## Men's Soccer Ranked #20 in NSCAA Poll

The Cayuga Community College men's soccer program gained some national recognition by being ranked #20 in the final National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll for Division III Junior Colleges. The previously unranked Spartans jumped into the poll for the first time this season.



National Soccer Coaches Association of America

The season marked quite an impressive turn-around for a program that did not win a game in the previous 2010 season. The Spartans reached the NJCAA Region III Semi-Finals this past 2011 season losing a heartbreaker to Mohawk Valley 3-2 in overtime. Congratulations to the team and first-year head coach Darren Wynne for their accomplishments this year.

## A "Red Out" Came To Spartan Hall



CCC's women's and men's basketball games against Schenectady CCC on February 21 were designated as a "Red Out". Fans were encouraged to wear red all day on campus as well as to the game. Special red t-shirts were available for purchase at the price of \$5. All proceeds generated from shirt sales will benefit the Cayuga County United Way.

Team spirit showed as the men's team was victorious with a score of 84-71 bringing The Spartans tally to 9 wins out of their last 10 games. The team has secured a spot in the NJCAA Region III Tournament.

The game was webcast live on LiveSportsVideo, broadcast by the CCC Spartan Sports Network, which is a production of BigTime College Sports Northeast (BTCsNE) and CCC Sports

Television (CCCST).

The men's team went on to win the Mid-State Athletic Conference Tournament Championship with a 93 - 68 victory over Onondaga.

For more information on Spartan athletics, please contact the CCC Athletic & Marketing department at 315-294-8861.





## Nuremberg Trials Come to Life on CCC's Campuses

The world relived the atrocities of Nazi war crimes at the Nuremberg trials in 1945. The events have been depicted in movies and have been taught in world history classes for decades. But an audience at both Cayuga Community College campuses heard the story from a "witness to history." The firsthand experience of that heinous time was shared with students, faculty, staff and the general public by Father Moritz Fuchs, one of the last surviving participants of that historic time.



Father Moritz Fuchs

A collaboration of CCC's Criminal Justice, Veterans and History Clubs brought Father Fuchs to campus on December 8. The then twenty-year-old Fuchs was an Army private from Fulton, NY, who was chosen to be the bodyguard for Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson. His mission was to keep Jackson alive, around the clock, through the duration of the trials. This was a daunting task for anyone, much less such a young man recently returned from combat in France and Germany.

Many of our students were unaware of some of the facts surrounding the trial and commented that hearing it from a participant made it come to life. Fuchs discussed the trial and reminded us that of the 24 Nazi defendants, 12 received the death penalty and only three were acquitted. At the conclusion of the hour-long event, the audience was invited to ask questions and have Father Fuchs sign programs.

Fuchs has been featured in documentaries about the trial. His character was depicted in the movie, *Nuremberg*, starring Alec Baldwin and Christopher Plummer. Eventually, he went on to become a Roman Catholic priest and currently resides in Fulton, NY.



Once again, the Criminal Justice Club put out the notice to "wear purple" in support of the statewide "Turn the State Purple" day this past October 19. More than 50 CCC students, faculty and staff members donned purple attire to show support for the victims of domestic violence. The CJ Club sold pins, bracelets, lollipops and T-shirts throughout the month of October, raising more than \$240 for the Cayuga County Domestic Violence Intervention Program. The club also collected 13 cell phones which were to be refurbished and assigned to victims of domestic violence.

## Golden Spartan: Lifelong Educator/Consumer Advocate

Dr. Joseph M. "Joe" Belth, Ph. D, '58 responded to our invitation to "Golden Spartans" to share their story. Belth was briefly profiled in our Fall/Winter 2010 issue under the caption, "What Alumni Have Done with their Degrees."

From an expanded biography, we learned that Joe was born and raised in Syracuse, NY. He married Marjorie Lavine in 1955 and decided to attend ACC because of its affordable tuition and proximity. Joe transferred credits to Syracuse University and graduated *summa cum laude* from ACC and SU's College of Business Administration the same year. With a fellowship from the S.S. Huebner Foundation for Insurance Education, Joe graduated from the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1961 with a Ph.D. in Applied Economics with a concentration in insurance. In 1962, he joined the faculty of the School of Business (now the Kelley School of Business) at Indiana University, Bloomington, and retired in 1993 as



Joseph Belth, Ph.D. then and now



professor emeritus of insurance. In 1991, for "intensive scrutiny of the insurance industry since 1974," *The Insurance Forum* received a George Polk Award [in the special publications category],

which is one of the most coveted in journalism. In 1999, "in recognition of distinguished service to education and professionalism," Joe received a Huebner Gold Medal from The American College. He has been profiled in three national publications – *The Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, *The New York Times* – and is listed in *Who's Who in America*.

In 1974, Belth was invited to be commencement speaker at ACC, the first alum so honored. In his address, Joe asked students to consider their responsibilities to society. Retired now for 18 years, he and his wife continue to live in their home outside Bloomington, Indiana. They have three children, four grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

An Internet search provided, in the words of the late Paul Harvey, "the rest of the story." We discovered that Belth's name is almost synonymous with life insurance. Nationally recognized as one of the foremost authorities and one of the most respected critics of the industry, he has testified before congressional subcommittees and regulatory commissions since the early '70s. Joe has been extolled and criticized by colleagues, life insurance executives, and regulators alike. He has witnessed the life insurance industry's sales practices scandals of the 1990s and the failure of several insurance companies and has remained a steadfast advocate for the average consumer. Over the years, Joe has been quoted extensively by national media and his name continues to appear in the press. Enter the name "Joseph M. Belth" into any search engine and see what you get. Pretty impressive.

Finally, we wish to extend our thanks to Dr. Belth for continuing to remember his alma mater. In 1974, he established an award in memory of his parents, Irving and Helen Belth, which to this day recognizes a graduate for both outstanding scholarship and student citizenship.

### GOLDEN SPARTANS

The "Golden Spartans Club" was initiated in 2004 by former Alumni Director Elisabeth Hurley to recognize our alumni who had graduated 50 years (or more) ago. If you fit into our "Golden Spartan" category, we'd love to hear from you!

winning articles published in academic journals. He taught and conducted extensive research on deceptive sales practices in the life insurance industry (considered controversial by insurance practitioners at that time). After encountering censorship from trade journals and professional organizations, he began publishing a monthly independent newsletter in 1974 – *The Insurance Forum* – which is now in its 39th year.

Belth received significant accolades for his work. In 1966, for "outstanding contribution to the literature of insurance," Joe received an Elizur Wright Award from ARIA for his book, *Participating*

professor emeritus of insurance.

Active in the American Risk and Insurance Association (ARIA), Belth wrote books on the subject of life insurance and had numerous award-

## Excelsior College Partnership

Cayuga Community College has recently renewed its education partnership agreement with Excelsior College, a fully accredited, nonprofit distance learning institution with over 40 years of experience in adult education, with a new emphasis on Cayuga students interested in transferring to certain bachelor's level programs in business and technology at Excelsior College. In addition, Cayuga students can explore Excelsior degree programs in health sciences, nursing, and liberal studies.

Our current partnership with Excelsior College will allow you to fully transfer your Associate's degree in either Business Administration or Computer Information Systems. You will increase both your earning power and your employment opportunities with a Bachelor of Science degree.

### PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Pay reduced community college partner tuition and fee prices
- Transfer up to 105 credits toward an Excelsior degree
- Choose from both Cayuga and Excelsior College courses

- Apply for federal financial aid, scholarships, or payment plans
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### DEGREE OPTIONS

**ACCOUNTING:** develop a mastery of the principles of accounting, marketing, finance, management and economics.

**BUSINESS:** compete effectively in all global, legal, and social environments of business.

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For more information, contact Michael Greene, coordinator of baccalaureate programs at Cayuga's University Center, at 315-294-8567, or michael.greene@cayuga-cc.edu. Or learn more about the details of transferring credits by visiting: [www.excelsior.edu/community-colleges/cayuga-community-college](http://www.excelsior.edu/community-colleges/cayuga-community-college).



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# Class Notes



**M. Grace (Marygrace) Frumento '56** is retired from Seward School in Auburn, NY.

**Carolyn A. Wood '57** is enjoying her retirement in California with her husband. While they don't get to Auburn often, she shares that they have good memories.

**Dr. Michael A. Iacovino '58** is a retired orthodontist.

**Joseph C. '58** and **Joanne (Leonard) Mitchell '68** are both retired. They have returned to Auburn and are living happily back in New York.

**Martin "Marty" H. Bays '59** retired from teaching math in 1995. He continues to show horses both state- and nation-wide. Marty partnered with his daughter, Gayle, to show High-Point NRHA (National Reining Horse Association) in New York State.

**Charles Falcone '59** retired from the NYS Department of Labor in 1994.

**William P. '59** and **Deborah L. (Bingham) Lovell '97** became grandparents on June 3, 2011. Their son Benjamin and his wife Jennifer had a daughter, Alexis Grace. They are also grandparents to her sister, Madeline Jade who is 2½.

**Karl S. Kabelac '61** is a retired librarian in Rochester, NY. During the '80s and '90s, he edited, compiled, or co-compiled



seven bibliographies and indexes, which are now available in

digital editions on the Internet as well as paper copies. One of these, *Index to Biographical Sketches and Picture of Cayuga Countians* (1999), is available in digital version on the Cayuga County genweb site and is available through WorldCat.org; the paper copy is available in several libraries in Cayuga County. Over the last decade, Karl has been researching, writing and publishing short biographical articles on women presidents of national banks in the U.S. during the national bank note issuing period (1863-1935). So far, Kabelac has published 36 such articles.

**Barbara (Hollatz) Lohr '61** has been blessed with a new grandchild, Henry James Witherspoon, born November 2, 2010. His sister Chloe is now four. Barbara shares, "Sadly, the Witherspoon Family resides in Atlanta, GA."

**Patricia E. (Dinsmore) Walter '61** has "completely" retired, as of December 31st. She is looking forward to "FREE time for me – maybe traveling, maybe volunteering, if I get bored."

**Angelo R. Marinelli '62** is retired from Auburn Schools. He and his wife Marlene enjoy spending winters in Venice, FL. They have been blessed by the birth of their first grandson, and Angelo states, "He's going to have to compete with our two beautiful granddaughters!" Angelo is beginning his third term on the ACC/CCC Alumni Board. "It is a nice way to give something back to an outstanding college!"

**Patricia L. (Pines) Heieck '63** is employed with Hobart & William Smith Colleges as a Special Events Director.

**Michael Balyszak '64** is a retired volleyball official. He states that he is "Not getting any younger."

**David P. Mamuscia '64** retired from Blue Cross & Blue Shield in 1997 and from Mercer Consulting in 2007. David is now self-employed part-time as an actuary. He and his wife Maxine are living in Florida.

**Paul T. Moon '64** is now semi-retired from Newark Central School. His wife is employed with Finger Lakes Community College. He enjoys traveling to the Nevada-Arizona areas often, along with warmer climates.

**Joseph M. Nemecek '64** and his wife are now retired.

**Dr. James G. Ward '64** is retired.

**Charles (Zinc) LaDouce '65** and Jean (Lapychak) LaDouce celebrated their 50th anniversary on Friday, September 16, 2011. The couple has five children and ten grandchildren.



**James Vitale '65** was honored by the Italian Heritage Society at the Christopher Columbus Recognition Dinner on October 9, 2011. He currently serves as executive vice president of the Empire State Association of Assisted Living Facilities and owns and operates assisted living communities throughout central New York. He serves on the board of Tyburn Academy and is very active in his church. Over the years, James has served on numerous other community-oriented boards and organizations. Vitale said, "I felt that I was able to give something back. I am really honored and grateful."

**John J. Klink '66** was appointed by Gov. Cuomo to serve on the CCC Board of Trustees. His term will run through 2016. John is the former Town of Owasco supervisor and taught social studies for 31 years at Southern Cayuga High School. He is married to ACC alumna **Suzanne M. (Lepine) Klink '66**.

**Lucille E. (Blanchard) Richmond '66** retired in 2010 from Red Creek Central School as a teacher's assistant. She is now helping to care for her grandchildren and her elderly mother. She enjoys camping in her free time.

**Joanne M. (Turner) Terpening '66** is employed with Seminole City School District in Florida. Her husband Herb is retired.

**Frank P. Amie '67** has been retired for five years and takes trips to Virginia and Oregon. Frank also enjoys kayaking, camping, photography, music and computing.

**JoAnn (Molinaro) Brennan '67** is retired and "enjoying!"

**Anita L. (Luisi) Colvin '67** and her husband Thomas announce the marriage of their daughter, Nichole E. Colvin, to Timothy W. Stinneford on September 24, 2011. The bride is employed as a manager of McMurphy's Pub and the groom is with Nucor Steel.

**James R. '67** and **Diane P. (Castellano) Darnell '67** have both retired.

**Harry '67** and **Nancy C. (Cuthbert) Slywiak '68** became the proud grandparents of Jack William, born to their son **Eric '04** and his wife Diana (Mucedola) Slywiak.

**Susan J. Grinnell '68** enjoys passing the time with her two nieces, Rebecca and Emily Grinnell.

**Joan (Hudson) Robinson '68** retired from teaching English at Homer High School.

**Allen '68** and **Dana (Schwartz) Webster '70** are both retired and have welcomed their first grandchild, Phoebe Webster Kranes.

**Jonathan C. Chapman '69** is a full-time tax partner with Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. in Boston. He is also teaching a tax course in the Northeastern University MST (Master's of Science in Taxation) program. He and his wife have been working on their "bucket list" and have visited the Amazon, Egypt/Jordan, and Tanzania. They will be visiting France for three weeks in May.

**Mary B. (Dilella) Dornbush '69** is now a full-time Financial Aid Advisor for Schenectady County Community College (SCCC). She joined SCCC part time in 1996 in the Financial Aid Office and in 2008 became a full-time temporary employee. Mary earned her M.S., C.A.S. in Counseling Psychology and Student Development, and B.A. in English from the University at Albany.

**Sylvia (Zichettella) Ingleston '69** has been with Tops Friendly Markets for 32 years, and Bass Pro Shops for four years. Sylvia shares that her first husband Myron passed away 13 years ago and that in 2002, she married Tracey Ingleston. She has three grown children, Myron, Theresa and Sylvia, and 12 grandchildren, ranging in age from 15 to 2-years-old.

**Martin Nodzo '69** and his wife are now retired.

**Kevin A. Daly '70** retired from the NYS Department of Correctional Services as a correctional counselor in July 2011. He is an assistant varsity softball coach for Auburn High School.

**Michael V. Didio '70** was recently elected to the Cayuga County Legislature representing District #14. He retired this past summer after working for 18 years at Willard Drug and Treatment Facility as a parole officer. Michael first got involved with politics about eight years ago when he began attending City Council meetings. He has served on the board of directors of the Auburn Indians Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading Programs, as well as Auburn Little League and Babe Ruth programs.

**Donald P. Kehoskie '70** retired from NYS Department of Transportation in September 2010.

**Felix '70** and **MaryAnn (Milillo) Mucedola '71** are both retired and enjoying travel.

**Janet E. Klimek '71** and her husband David celebrated the marriage of two sons and the engagement of a third. Their son, **Adam David Klimek '05**, married Megan Danielle Turner on June 24, 2011. Adam received his bachelor's in criminal justice from SUNY-Brockport and is a state trooper in Beaufort/Jasper counties in South Carolina. Another son, John Klimek, married Nicole Wallack on September 4, 2011. John graduated from RIT with a degree in mechanical engineering and is employed for BVR Construction Co., Inc. in Rochester. Their son, Jeffrey Allan

Klimek, is engaged to Meghan Marie Ryan. A December 15, 2012 wedding is planned.

**Joseph '71** and **Cathy L. (Connell) Mucedola '72** became the proud grandparents of a boy, Jack William, born to their daughter Diana and her husband, **Eric Slywiak '04**.

**Martin "Marty" A. Reed '71** is happy to announce the marriage of his daughter Meridith to John Styer this past June. He is "blessed beyond measure." Marty also shared that he is "happy to see the progress ACC/CCC has made with the Fulton extension!" He is employed with Oswego County Energy Recovery Facility (ERF).

**William C. Tracy '71** and his wife Marge announced the marriage of their son, Michael Ryan Tracy, to Whitney Anne Stanton on July 20, 2011. The groom graduated from SUNY-Geneseo with a bachelor's degree and from Roberts Wesleyan with a master's degree in strategic marketing. Michael is employed by Partners and Napier as an account executive. The bride is also a SUNY-Geneseo grad and is employed at Manning and Napier as a financial analyst.

**Janet H. (Holdrege) Cole '72** is employed with Auburn Memorial Hospital and CCC. Her husband Jeff is with NYSEG.

**Christine A. Gilfus '72** and her husband Donald announce the engagement of their son, **Gregory D. Gilfus '98**, to **Christine L. Treat '04**, both of whom are employed with the City of Auburn. A September 29, 2012 wedding is planned.

**Edward (Ted) Herrling '72** and his wife Paige announce the engagement of their daughter Kristin Renee to Brendan Martin Sheehan. Kristin is a graduate of Roy H. Park School of Communication at Ithaca College, and is employed as assistant director of alumni affairs at Albany Law School. Her fiancé graduated from Gettysburg College and University of Buffalo Law School. He is employed as a federal law clerk, District Court-Northern District of New York. A June 20, 2012 wedding is planned.

**Dr. John P. MacDaniel '72** is semi-retired and resides in New York state and Ontario, Canada. Both he and his wife Joann are self-employed. Their daughter is married and living in Seattle, WA; their son Michael is living in Anchorage, AK.

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**Richard O. Stevens '72** and his wife Barbara announced the marriage of their son, Neil Richard Stevens, to Kimberly Mazie Wheeler on May 28, 2011. The groom is a graduate of Cornell University and is employed at the DEC Division of Law Enforcement. The bride is an Ithaca College grad and is employed as an occupational therapist at the Perfect Playground.

**David '72 and Cheryl (Coleman) Wawraszek '72** became the grandparents of Emerson Celia Mack in August 2011. Their daughter Gara and her husband, John Mack, have another child, Madison.



**David A. Kinney '73** retired from the U.S. Postal Service in November 2010. He is serving his 8th term as president of Weedsport Central School Alumni, and "just enjoying life altogether."

**Toivo H. Nei '73** is a retired U.S. Air Force Public Affairs officer. He is currently working in Marketing Research at Walt Disney World.

**Deborah A. (Bishop) Schwarting '73** is employed with the Auburn YMCA. She has two grandchildren, Madison, 2, and William, 11 months. Deborah's son Carl married Kimberly French on May 6, 2011. Congratulations!

**Joyce (Foote) Smith '73** is enjoying her retirement with travel and relaxation. Her son Travis is a leader in AmeriCorps this year and is based in Sacramento, CA. Her daughter Elizabeth is attending graduate school at Buffalo State.

**Catherine (Muldoon) White '73** shares that her daughter, Catherine M. White, graduated with honors from Johns Hopkins University in May with a degree in molecular and cellular biology. Her daughter is currently enrolled at Johns Hopkins pursuing a master's in biology.



**Janice R. (Ballard) Bastian '74** has worked for the NYS Department of Health in Geneva for 37 years. Her husband has already retired, and she is planning to retire within the next few years. Her future plans are to spend time with both her children and grandson, who all live in Charlotte, NC.

**Thomas E. Ganey '74** was honored by the Italian Heritage Society at the Christopher Columbus Recognition Dinner on October 9,

2011. He was recognized for the time he has given to youth sports, such as Auburn Little League and coaching both high school and youth hockey. He has also been very involved with the Auburn Doubledays and presently serves as vice president of Matthew House. In response to the recognition, Tom said, "This is a great community and I am honored."

**Teresa A. (Pagano) Holmes '74** works for the Auburn School District. Her husband works for Cayuga County.

**Kenneth G. '74 and Donna M. (Youtt) Lumb '74** announced the marriage of their son Douglas George to Sarah Kenna Bennett, daughter of Thomas and **Denise M. Bennett '79** on August 27, 2011. The bride is a graduate of Canisius College and is employed as a nanny. Her husband graduated from Ithaca College with an M.B.A. and is employed at Doyle Security. The couple honeymooned in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.

**Rex A. Parcels '74** has been appointed Vice President of Instruction at Hill College in Texas. Following CCC, Rex received his bachelor's degree in education and science from Cornell and his master's in physical education from Ithaca College. Rex was a professor in the Physical Education Department and head of men's soccer, basketball and tennis here at CCC. Later, he was a faculty member at Collins College in Texas.

**Edward W. Bolton '75** is a criminal investigator and has worked in the law enforcement field for 33 years. Ed is also an instructor at his local community college in Belton, TX, where he has taught criminal justice for ten years. In June 2012, he will be graduating with his Doctor of Education degree.



**Charlene (Butler) Maville '75** has received three (3) EMMY Awards, a Telly Award, and numerous other broadcasting awards since her graduation from ACC. She is marketing coordinator for WPTV-TV in West Palm Beach, FL, where she has been working since 1999. Charlene graduated from Barry University in Florida with her B.A. in Communications and General Administration. She worked at WCNY-TV in Syracuse as a television production crew person in 1980; in 1992, she became a television producer/director with WCNY. Maville met her husband Michael at ACC, who was a telcom



**Michael & Charlene Maville '75**

& engineering student. He is also working at WPTV, and is assistant chief engineer.

**Peter J. Ruzicka '75** was elected to the Auburn City Council in November 2011. He is a mechanical engineer at Saab Sensis Corp. He has a bachelor's of science in mechanical engineering from Syracuse University. Peter is a "political novice."

**Joseph P. Urbanik '75** works for D. Mustad & Son. His wife Nancy works for Cayuga County.

**Laura A. (Bishop) Delaney '76** and her husband Richard announced the engagement of their son, Ryan P. Delaney, to Kaitlin S. Henry. Ryan is a graduate of Hobart College and is employed as a principal at Mesa West Capital, a Los Angeles-based commercial real estate finance company. His fiancée is a graduate of Pace University, and is employed as a coordinator and production manager for music videos and commercials in LA, California. An August 2012 wedding is planned.

**Constance M. (Hoffman) Cuddy '76** enjoys living in Baldwinsville. She has made many new friends in her apartment building. Constance shares, "I do a little traveling in good health and try to keep in touch with a couple of friends from CCC. Now I'm the boss of my life!"

**Robert '76 and Cynthia (Schenck) Dudek '77** announce the engagement of their son, Kyle C. Dudek, to Casey M. Consentino. Kyle graduated from Cornell University and George Mason Law School and is an attorney-at-law in Virginia. His fiancée graduated from Cornell University and the University of Buffalo Law School and is an attorney-at-law in Washington, DC.

**Susan E. Kreplin-Michaels '76** participated in the USAT National Championship Olympic Distance Triathlon in August 2011. Susan finished 4th in her age group, earning her a spot on Team USA World Championship race in Auckland, New Zealand in October 2012. She is employed with Cuddy Financial Services; her husband is with Michaels & Smolak.

**Margaret A. O'Connell '76** retired from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department in November 2004 as a corrections officer. Following retirement, Margaret became a school bus monitor until she received her CDL to drive a school bus and now enjoys driving part time. In her free time, she tends to her flower gardens and cares for her two dogs and two cats.

**Susan E. Secaur '76** is employed with Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES as a teacher's aide. Her husband is David DeCaro.

**Linda L. (Bellnier) Meyer '77** is a co-chair of the Resident Council at the Cayuga County Nursing Home.

**Cathy (Potter) Jordan '78** is employed with Romulus Central School as a reading teacher for grades 7-12.

**Denise A. Bennett '79** announces the marriage of her daughter, Sarah Kenna Bennett, to Douglas George Lumb, son of **Kenneth G. Lumb '74** and **Donna M. (Youtt) Lumb '74**. The couple married on August 27, 2011 in Holy Family Church in Auburn.

**Timothy M. Burns '79** retired from NYS Department of Corrections in April 2011 after more than 31 years as an R.N. "I had a great career thanks to CCC's exemplary Nursing Program." He had also worked at Auburn Correctional Facility for almost 10 years, and at Cayuga Correctional Facility for over 21 years.

**Beatrice Arloine (Freeman) Ellis '79** shares that at 84 she is still working 30 hours a week as an R.N. with Gulf Coast Medical. Her challenge: "I'd like to see more RN's names in the supporting fund list."

**Donna J. (Kenney) Wheeler '79** announced the marriage of her daughter, Kimberly Mazie Wheeler, to Neil Richard Stevens on May 28, 2011. Kimberly is a graduate of Ithaca College and is employed as an occupational therapist at the Perfect Playground. Neil is a Cornell University grad and is employed at the DEC Division of Law Enforcement.

**Rev. Louise Tallman '80** married James A. Stephens on October 1, 2011. She continues to serve as Pediatric Chaplain at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

**Timothy F. Schaffer '81** attended SUNY-Oswego and was hired by SUNY-Oswego Campus Police in 1981. Later, he moved to Clarksville, TN, and joined their

police department. In 1993, Tim moved to Bluffton, IN, and joined the Wells County Sheriff's Office. During this time, he became an Advanced Emergency Vehicle Operations Instructor, a firearms instructor and received his Master Instructor certification in Law Enforcement. He retired in 2005 as Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Department and moved to Key West, FL, where he has recently been promoted to field engineer of the Transfield Services, North America. Tim recently contacted his former Judo instructor, Pete Petrosino, at CCC. He recalled how some things learned in his Judo classes remained with him and believes that the discipline taught in class has helped him throughout his law enforcement career. After receiving Tim's e-mail, Pete shared, "I think it clearly shows why I have continued to teach Judo since 1968 here at CCC. I can't tell you how great it is to get a 'thank you' from a successful student."

**Robert Padula '83** and his wife Ann became grandparents of Ryan Dominic on July 13, 2011. Their son Mark and his wife Maria are the proud parents.

**Suzanne M. (Hoellerer) Kapcha '83** and her husband Jack announce the engagement of their daughter, **Rachel M. Kapcha '07**, to **James J. Wallace '04**, son of Doug and Carol Wallace. A February 2012 wedding is planned.

**John M. Camardo '84** was elected to the Auburn City Council in November 2011. He is an independent businessman in real estate and automobile sales. John is currently chairman of the CCC Board of Trustees. He earned his bachelor's of professional studies from SUNY Utica-Rome. John is married and has three sons.

**Pamela (Scarborough) Kirkwood '84**, administrative aide to NYS Assemblyman **Gary D. Finch '64**, was on hand November 17, 2011 to present a State Assembly Citation from Finch at the Cayuga Community Health Network celebration for the "Great American Smokeout" and "National Rural Health Day." Kirkwood is a member of CCC's Board of Trustees.

**Linda W. (Wolcott) Sherman '84** married John F. Sherman on June 17, 2005. She is employed with the Village of Seneca Falls Police Department; her husband is with the Seneca County Addictions Program.

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**Mary K. Taormina '84** recently shared that, "Cayuga Community College has always been good to me and my family." She graduated from the Nursing program and has worked as a nurse for years. Her daughter has been teaching part time on the Fulton campus for nine years.

**Donna J. (Ellinwood) Carter '85** received her M.S.N. in Public Health Nursing from Nova Southeastern University last fall. She is a member of the Tobacco Free Coalition in Cayuga County and is employed with Auburn Memorial Hospital. Donna has spent the last 13½ years as a Cardiac Rehab Nurse, along with teaching smoking cessation classes at AMH.

**Teresa L. Burke '86** is employed with Upstate Medical University.

**Margaret M. Martin '86** has been promoted recently from copywriter and editorial assistant to writer and editor at Crème della Crème Copywriting & Communications of Auburn. In her former position, Margaret performed in-depth research and developed copy for websites, dental articles, editorials, brochures, and other communication material essential to the company and its clients. Over the past several months, Margaret's attentiveness to client needs, writing versatility, commitment and dedication have proven her a valuable asset. *The Scotsman* article also stated that along with several other employees, Margaret "rounds out an exemplary Crème della Crème team."

**Susan (McHale) Dwyer '87** was on hand in October as a member of the Community Advisory Board of the Harriet Tubman Center to help present a check to the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency's TASA program. Susan won re-election last fall as Cayuga County Clerk.

**Debra A. (Bishop) Geroux '90** owns the *Purple Kitty LLC*, a Sewing, Needlework, and Piece Goods Stores company located in Oswego, NY. Her husband is with the Novelis Corporation.



**Brian P. Brooks '91** was recently honored by the School Administrators Association of New York State with the T. Walsh McQuillan Award.

The award is presented annually to a member of the Association who has strong leadership skills

and who has made exceptional contributions to elementary education. Brian is a principal at Palmyra-Macedon Primary School and has worked in education for 15 years, 10 as an administrator. He is a member of the Headstart Education Advisory Committee, is on the Nazareth College Alumni Board, and volunteers for Fairport Little League.

**Brice W. Shipley '91** is employed by ValveTech Inc.

**Kim M. Emperato '92** has obtained her securities and New York State life, accidental and health insurance licenses, and has become a registered representative of H.D. Vest Investment Services. Cuddy Financial Services recently made the announcement, which means that Emperato can now offer comprehensive financial services, including investment planning, retirement and college planning and insurance solutions. Kim said, "The great thing about my partnership with H.D. Vest is that they provide the tools and resources that allow me to help people pursue their dreams. I can't think of anything more fun or rewarding for me to do."

**Jeffrey S. Grillo '92** was recently appointed the associate director of the Biddle Law Library at the University of Pennsylvania's Law School. Jeff earned his bachelor's degree at Le Moyne College and his master's in library science at Syracuse University. He will oversee technical services for the library



where he will be supervising 11 professional and support staff.

**Jeremy G. Blowers '93, PhD, LMHC, NCC, CAS, CGAS**, whom we featured in our Judo-Alumni article in the Fall 2011 *Spartan*, recently wrote an article for *The Citizen* which explained the importance of including weight training in your regular work-out routine. Dr. Blowers is an assistant professor at A.T. Still University, as well as a speaker and author on health and wellness topics. Specializing in behavioral medicine, he is interested in helping individuals attain fitness on all wellness levels.

**Christina (Stivers) Gibson '93** is currently in her 8th year as a Residential R.N. with Seneca Cayuga ARC and "loves it!" Her husband, who is employed by the Auburn School District in addition to being self employed, stays busy with his jobs and interests. Daughter Abby



is currently pursuing a nursing degree and lives with her fiancé in Florida, and daughter Vanessa is completing an Environmental Ed & Recreation internship in Belize, Central America.

**Mary Lee (LeFever) Hares '93** is retired from Cayuga County Home Health Care Agency (CHHA). Mary shares, "I loved going first to ACC and finally graduating from CCC, a very nice college." Her husband, David W. Hares, is retired from NYS and they have four grandchildren.

**Doreen E. (Proulx) Fikes '95** and her husband Chris became the grandparents of Emily Elizabeth on May 2, 2011. Their son Levi and his wife Kimberly also have a daughter, Lindsay, and a son, William.

**Bethany M. Jorolemon '97** graduated from SUNY-Oswego in 2009. She is employed with the Department of Homeland Security in Transportation Security Administration as a Transportation Security Officer. Bethany has a 13-year-old eighth grader who is active in sports and the school play.



**Michael R. Frame '98** was officially named Director of Federal Relations for SUNY System Administration, a position he has held on an interim part-

time basis while keeping his post at Binghamton University as Director of Federal Relations/Major Gifts Officer for the Division of Research. Such shared arrangement between SUNY and Binghamton University will continue for the next two years. Mike is the son of CCC's Director of Theatre Operations, Robert Frame.

**Gregory D. Gilfus '98**, son of **Donald** and **Christine A. Gilfus '72**, is engaged to **Christine L. Treat '04**. Greg and Christine are both employed by the City of Auburn. A September 29, 2012 wedding is planned.

**Thomas G. Gabak '99** has been married to Alicia Gabak for four years. They have two children, Marisa, 3½, and William, 2. Tom has been employed by the City of Auburn for 20 years and is a water and sewer supervisor.

**Christopher James Adessa '00** is engaged to Kathleen Marie Kanalley. Chris is employed by Mesa Grande Taqueria and his fiancée, who graduated from Wells College, is employed by Colonial Veterinary Hospital.



**Sarah E. (Balch) Bertollini '00** has been hired as strategic relations manager with Northland Communications. She began her sales career at CXtec in 2007 as an account manager. Sarah was promoted twice and eventually went to work for CXtec's subsidiary, TERACAI, in education vertical. In November 2010, she joined New Horizons Computer Learning Center as an account executive.

**Regina G. (Daniluk) McAllaster '00** was interviewed by *The Citizen* for their "Lake Life" section. Regina said that "Knowing at the end of the day I did my best to help another person" is one of the rewarding parts of her job. She does find being organized and multi-tasking in her "fast-paced" environment to be challenging. McAllaster enjoys baking, knitting, decorating cookies and cakes, and doing arts and crafts in her free time.

**Lynette Taylor '00** married Aymee Belles on June 3, 2011. Lynette is a graduate of Keuka College and is employed as an R.N. at Crouse Hospital. Aymee attended CCC and Keuka College. She is currently pursuing a law degree at Syracuse University. Following a trip to the Caribbean, the couple is living in Elbridge.

**Dawn M. Waldron '00** and her husband David announced the marriage of daughter Lindsey to Shawn Lillie on July 30, 2011.



Following a trip to Jamaica, the newlyweds live in Auburn.

**Melissa Ann Hovey '01** became engaged to Charles Derrig Witte. Melissa graduated from SUNY-New Paltz and is employed as a divisional director at Greystone Programs Inc. in Poughkeepsie. Her fiancé also graduated from SUNY-New Paltz and is employed as an art teacher at Monroe-Woodbury Central School in Central Valley. The wedding is planned for July 7, 2012.

**Jessica Lynn Martellaro '01** married **Jason Thomas Barrette '03** on October 8, 2011 in Willard Memorial Chapel in Auburn, NY. Jessica received a bachelor's degree from SUNY-Geneseo and a master's from SUNY-Albany. She is employed by the Auburn Enlarged City School District. Her husband graduated from SUNY-Oswego with a bachelor's degree and is employed at Balloon's Restaurant. The couple is planning to honeymoon in New Orleans in the spring.

**Ryan William Murphy '01** married Holly Louise Montgomery on October 8, 2011 at The Ruins at Tower Grove Park in St. Louis, MO. The bride is a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and is employed by Yume Inc. as a senior account executive. The groom is an Ithaca College grad and is employed by Capitol Records as an artist and repertoire manager. Following their wedding trip to Anguilla and St. Maarten, the couple is living in New York City.

**Emily C. Cadwallader '02** and **Michael D. Cameron '03** were married October 22, 2010. Emily received her bachelor's degree from SUNY-Potsdam and her master's from SUNY-Oswego. She is employed as an admissions assistant at Cayuga Community College. Her husband graduated from SUNY-Plattsburgh and is employed by Presentation Concepts Corporation.

**Gerry Updyke '02** is engaged to Amy Boyes. Gerry graduated from CCC with an associate's degree in criminal justice. Amy is currently pursuing a nursing degree at CCC. A June 2012 wedding is planned.

**Jason Thomas Barrette '03** and **Jessica Lynn Martellaro '01** were married October 8, 2011, at Willard Memorial Chapel in Auburn, NY.

**DeNece Grutzik '03** is a social worker at the Cayuga County Nursing Home. Following CCC, DeNece attended SU and received her B.A. in Social Work.

**Deborah A. Troncone '03** continues to work at Wayne County Nursing Home (WCNH) as the new 11-to-7 nursing supervisor. She said that she is forever grateful to CCC for helping her to achieve her goal of becoming an R.N.

**Amy S. Burrige '04** and **Ronald E. Marsteiner II '04** were married on July 2, 2011. The bride is employed as a medical biller in Syracuse, and the groom is employed at SRC in Syracuse. The couple went to Cancun, Mexico for a wedding trip.

**Eric E. Slywiak '04** and his wife Diana (Mucedola) Slywiak became the proud parents of a son, Jack William, on September 17, 2011.

**Christine L. Treat '04** and **Gregory D. Gilfus '98**, son of Donald and **Christine A. Gilfus '72**, are engaged to be married on September 29, 2012. Both are employed by the City of Auburn.



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**James J. Wallace '04**, son of Carol and Doug Wallace, became engaged to **Rachel M. Kapcha '07**, daughter of Jack and **Suzanne M. (Hoellerer) Kapcha '83**. A February 2012 wedding is planned.

**Ryan M. Brown '05** married Erin Trombley on September 23, 2011. Following their wedding trip to Catalina Island, the couple is residing in Camillus.

**Marcia (Sherman) Dare '05** is employed with Upstate Community General Hospital.

**Vincent G. "Vin" Gleason '05** started the not-for-profit foundation *Run4Life* because he understood the pain in the hearts of parents whose children have illnesses. His running began when both of his children were young and each needed to spend some time in the hospital. The *Run4Life* organization is dedicated to assisting establishments within Cayuga County through organizing and supervising road races, events and benefits. This past year *Run4Lifers* partnered with other organizations in the following events: Food Drives (January-April); Mommy 'N Me Mile (May); Daddy's Day Dash (June); Run 4 Remembrance 5K (July); the second "Annual Trick R Trot" (October); and the "Spirit of Christmas Walk/Run for Food" (December).

**Megan E. Hohman '05** married Robert J. Bell, Jr. on August 13, 2011. Megan graduated from SUNY-Oswego and is employed by Cayuga County Health Department. Her husband is employed by Onondaga County Sheriff's Department.

**Adam David Klimek '05** married Megan Danielle Turner on June 24, 2011. He graduated from SUNY-Brockport with a degree in criminal justice and is employed as a state trooper in Beaufort/Jasper counties in South Carolina. His bride is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and earned a degree in early childhood education. She is currently a first grade teacher at the Broad River Elementary School in Beaufort County School District, SC. The couple spent their honeymoon on a cruise to Jamaica.

**Roberta Parseghian '05** was featured in *The Citizen's* "Lake Life" back in August. She and her friend, Elisa Tumino-VanAmburgh, have been working together for more than five years trying to restore King Cemetery in King Ferry, NY. Roberta said that she was currently working to clear away overgrowth and restore headstones at several other local sites as well. "I don't like to see things so forgotten like that; I think these sites offer an important

insight into our history." The article commented that "Through the work of people like Parseghian and Tumino-VanAmburgh and the Genoa Historical Association, efforts have been and continue to be made to save these historical sites."

**Patrick Ward Collier '06** married Carolyn Bua Donahue on October 23, 2010. Patrick graduated from SUNY-Brockport with a B.A. in Physical Education and is employed by the Auburn Enlarged City School District, Sacred Heart Church, and Wegmans. His bride is a graduate of Nazareth College of Rochester and is employed at Active Physical Therapy Solutions.

**Joseph D. Pinckney '06** has recently signed with StarTune Records in Nashville, as a professional songwriter. His first single "If I Ever Get To Heaven" came out on iTunes and Amazon on February 15th. Joe still lives locally in Savannah, NY and performs poetry live around the Auburn, Skaneateles and Syracuse areas. He has had several of his poems published in *The Citizen* newspaper over the past year. Pinckney belongs to two writers' groups in Auburn and Skaneateles, as well as a songwriter's circle in Syracuse.



**Kathleen C. (Katie) Rhodes '06** has joined the University of Detroit-Mercy women's NCAA Division I level lacrosse program as an assistant

coach. During the 2010 season, she worked as assistant coach at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. "I am very excited to start my first year with the Titans women's lacrosse program," Rhodes said. The Titans head coach said that Rhodes' work ethic and hardworking mentality would bring a boost to the Titans staff. Katie earned her B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in 2010. She played women's lacrosse for two seasons at St. Andrews after transferring from CCC.

**Jennifer R. Stevens '06** married Jamar Owens on July 24, 2011. Jennifer is employed by the Cayuga County Department of Health and Human Services; her husband is employed by NYS Department of Corrections.

**Kimberly E. Waterman '06** married Benjamin R. King on August 28, 2011. Their reception was held at the Springside Inn.

**Michelle Ann Guarino '07** is engaged to Christopher Daniel

Abel. Michelle graduated from DeVry University. Her husband is a graduate of Alfred State and is employed by ADT Security. A summer 2012 wedding is planned.

**Rachel M. Kapcha '07**, daughter of Jack and **Suzanne M. (Hoellerer) Kapcha '83**, became engaged to **James J. Wallace '04**, son of Doug and Carol Wallace. A February 2012 wedding is planned.

**Heidi L. Lord '07** married Corey Wright at Mohegan Manor in Baldwinsville on June 18, 2011. The bride is the daughter of Robert and **Lynn M. (Withers) Lord '79** of Moravia. Heidi graduated from SUNY-Cortland and is employed as an employment coordinator at dial America. The groom is a graduate of Ithaca College and is employed as coordinator of multimedia and web services at Niagara County Community College. Following their wedding trip to Mayan Riviera, Mexico, the couple is living in Lockport.



**Michael J. Petrilli, Jr. '08** was a guest speaker at the Oswego Rotary Club in August. He has been a volunteer coordinator for Harborfestivals

Inc. since 2008. Mike participated in several clubs while at CCC, including Phi Theta Kappa. He graduated from SUNY-Oswego with studies in public justice and a minor in psychology. Mike interned with Oswego County Opportunities this past fall and hopes to find a job in human services. Susan Witmer, Director of Fulton Operations at CCC, commented that "Mike has done a great job with the volunteer piece of Harborfest and is a great guy! We were very pleased to have him as a Rotary speaker."

**Jessica A. Wolniak '08** married Jared Dudek on September 16, 2011. She is employed with Cayuga Centers and her husband is employed with Welch Allyn.



Following a wedding trip to Old Forge, the couple is living in Auburn.

**Stephanie N. Dudek '09** was named to the dean's list at State University College of Technology at Canton.

**Kimberly P. Mace '09** is engaged to Christopher M. O'Connell. Kim graduated from Keuka College with a degree in marketing and from CCC with a degree in nursing. She is an R.N. at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Her fiancé is a graduate of SUNY-Brockport with a degree in criminal justice, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a master's in public administration. He is employed as an investigator for Capital Investing and Adjusting. A June 2, 2012 wedding is planned.



**Travis M. Dunn '10** is a Deputy Sheriff with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department and has joined the Road Patrol. He received his associate's degree in criminal justice from CCC. In June 2011, he graduated from the 12-week training program at the police academy and has been working since October.

**Kathy L. Ineich '10** has been working as an office manager at Mason & Grant Air Handling, Inc. since graduating with her Business Administration degree. The business is a small family-owned heating and air conditioning company in Auburn. Kathy said, "I am loving it! It is close to home and the people I work with are great!"

**Victoria Pysnack '10**

was named to the dean's list at SUNY-Potsdam. She is majoring in art studio.



**Jamie L. Secor '10** is engaged to Nathan D. Grant. Jamie is currently attending Empire State College and is a team leader at Adidas. Her fiancé is employed with Nucor Steel. A June 2012 wedding is planned.



**Danielle Elizabeth Campagnola '11** married Matthew John Manzone on June 25, 2011 in Holy Family Church in Auburn. The bride is the daughter of **Kimberly Campagnola '04**. Danielle is currently a full-time student studying adolescent education at SUNY-Oswego. Her husband is employed at Auburn Memorial Hospital. The couple took their wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico.

**Amy Lewis '11** was awarded the State University College at Fredonia Transfer Scholarship Award. She has begun a bachelor of chemistry degree program with teacher certification.

**Amanda Lynn Reitz '11** is engaged to Harry James Truman Hildreth. Amanda is employed as an R.N. at Wayne County Nursing Home and her fiancé is employed by Tessa Plastics. An October 20, 2012 wedding is planned.



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# Passings 2012



**Dr. Paul Sidney Bowes '59** lived a long and fulfilling life and peacefully passed away on January 5, 2012. He was a graduate of SU, and following a successful career with Plymouth Cordage Columbian Rope Company, he graduated from Southern College of Optometry. He began his second career as an optometrist in his clinic, Midtown Vision Center. Paul was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Memphis, TN, where he served as an usher and greeter. Mr. Bowes was a member of the American Optometric Association and the Antique Boat Society. Paul loved the outdoors, boating, hunting, fishing and music. He was preceded in death by his son Bruce, and his brother William. Surviving are his wife and best friend, Joanne; his children, Scott, Brian, David, Chris, Suzonne, and Sean; two brothers and three sisters; and numerous grandchildren.

**Charles A. 'Charlie' Falcone '59** passed away December 15, 2011. He was a Navy veteran serving in the Korean Conflict. He obtained his engineering degree from Syracuse University and retired from the NY State Office of Unemployment where he was an interviewer for many years. Charlie was a communicant of St. Francis Church. Mr. Falcone is survived by his sister, Nancy Ciampi; four brothers, Joseph, Peter, Antony and Angelo; several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.



**Michael J. Walawender '60** passed away September 13, 2011. He was professor of Geological Sciences at San Diego State University for 32 years. He had a great love of teaching and was a top-rated

professor by students, who responded to his organization, good humor, and engaging teaching style. Following his retirement, he returned to Auburn to be close to his family and enjoy the beauty of the Finger Lakes area. Mike received his B.S. from Syracuse University in 1965, an M.S. at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and his Ph.D. from Penn State in 1972, and then stepped in the position of Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences at SDSU. He enjoyed camping and fishing trips; and Colorado was a frequent destination. He was a keen amateur astronomer, which he shared with his wife and son, and was an avid poker player. Mike published dozens of professional papers and a popular book on local geology in 1999 "The Peninsular Ranger: A Geological Guide to San Diego's Back County." He remained active as a research associate in the San Diego Natural History Museum Department of Mineralogy after his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Sonja; his son Josh; a brother, Robert Walawender; a niece and nephew; aunts, uncles and several cousins.

**John "Jack" A. Landers '61** passed away peacefully December 22, 2010. Following high school, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After graduating from ACC, he worked as a transportation manager with General Electric. Following his retirement from GE, he worked for RailCarriers in Fort Myers, FL. Mr. Landers enjoyed his retirement and was an active member of the North American Hunting Club. He was also an avid golfer and loved a good joke. Jack was predeceased by his wife, Susan (Webster) Landers, and by his grandson, Stephen Landers. He is survived by his sons, Richard, Stephen (Dawn), Jeffrey, and Dylan; his daughter, Erin (Rodney) Phillips; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



**Gene V. Williams '61** passed away peacefully November 1, 2011. He was born in Allentown, PA and worked as an engineer with GTE. Gene was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed ham radio, fishing, restoring antique automobiles and was a former President of the Fort Wayne Historical Automobile Association. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte Williams; a daughter, Lori (Paul) Shaw; son, Douglas (Bobbie) Williams; step-daughter, Gwendolyn (Brian) Niec; step-son, Jonathan (Jenni) Kintz, along with seven grandchildren. Mr. Williams was predeceased by his first wife, Janice L., in 1986.

**David W. Paradise '64** passed away December 31, 2011. He had earned his B.S. degree from Oswego State University and his M.S. from Central Michigan. David enjoyed watching sports (especially his New York Giants team), playing golf and gardening. He was an avid reader. Mr. Paradise is survived by his two children, Carey and Marc, whom he dearly loved; his brother Donald; his uncle and several cousins.

**R. Edson "Ed" Porter '64** died peacefully December 14, 2011. He earned his bachelor's in education from SUNY-Oswego. Ed taught English at Weedsport CSD, followed by 30 years at Southern Cayuga CSD. He enjoyed writing and was a published poet. Mr. Porter was a member of the Academy of American Poets and the Finger Lakes Writer's Group. He was very active in local theatre as an actor, stagehand, and director with the Auburn Players and Loose Ends Theatre Company. Ed is survived by his brothers, Kevin and Shawn; his sister, Linda Organist; a nephew and three nieces.

**Natalie M. (Gago) Landry '65** passed away November 22, 2011. Natalie was a dental assistant for M.A. Impaglia, D.D.S. for over 40 years before retiring in 2008. She was a long-time communicant of Holy Family Church. Mrs. Landry is survived by her husband of 44 years, Thomas J.; two daughters, Kristin (James) Corcoran, and Trisha (David) Corrao; two sons, Thomas and Mark (Jennifer); along with six grandchildren.

**Joseph T. Kowaney '67** died December 18, 2011. Born in Auburn, Joseph had lived the past 45 years in Los Angeles. He was a graduate of California State University-Northridge and received his M.B.A. at Golden Gate University. Joseph was a Certified Public Accountant. He is survived by his wife, Ruby Co Kowaney; a daughter, Sarah Kowaney; a sister-in-law, Joyce Kowaney; two nephews and two nieces.

**Margherita 'Rita' L. (Evangelista) Sarnicola '67** passed peacefully on February 3, 2012. She worked for more than 15 years as a clerk in the children's section of Seymour Library. Rita loved animals and was very active in the humane treatment of any species. One of her favorite passions was baking for family and friends. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church. Rita is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, **Armond Joseph Sarnicola '77**; two children, daughter Molly (Carl) Cornstock, and son Devin (Amanda) McDonald; sister, Louise (Andy) Guzalak; a brother, John Evangelista; three grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.



**Maureen Elizabeth (Bannon) O'Hara '68** passed away peacefully November 26, 2011. She earned her B.A. in Latin American Studies from Buffalo State College. She was a member of Eddie's

Fish Fry family for more than 30 years. She operated both Eddie's Restaurant and E.J. O'Hara's Irish Pub with her husband Michael. At Cornell Cooperative Extension, she was instrumental in the creation of the Women in Business Network and was recognized by Cornell for her work with small businesses. In 2000, she received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from CCC. She served on the boards for Literacy Volunteers of America, SCORE, and Leadership Cayuga. Maureen is survived by her husband Michael and her daughters, Margaret O'Hara and Marylyn (Steven) Uhnak.

**Ronald D. Atkins '69** died December 31, 2011. He attended the University of Miami and was employed by Welch Allyn. Ronald enjoyed volunteering his time at the William H. Seward House. He is survived by his mother, Julia Pytel Atkins, and brother Robert "Gary" Atkins.

**Judith C. (Shetler) Gadek '70** passed away September 22, 2010. Following ACC, Judith attended Central Michigan University where she received her B.S. in Sociology. She was employed as a Human Resources Specialist for a health care corporation in Arizona. She is survived by her father Fred Shetler, who also resides in Arizona.

**Leland Earl Hughes '70** died January 23, 2012. He served his country in the U.S. Navy before settling in Sterling during 1983. Mr. Hughes worked with Raytheon, an American defense contractor and industrial corporation, until he retired in 2007. Leland was a lover of all animals. He enjoyed reading and being an amateur ham radio operator at WA2VPH. He is survived by his partner and best friend, Faith Donald; three sisters, Kathleen Castellet, Cassandra Escobedo, and Suzette Castellet; his birth mother, Elizabeth Kay; and a host of other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Leland Palmer and Gertrude Strong Hughes and a brother, Terrance Patrick Castellet.

**Lloyd S. Kilmer '71** passed away on June 19, 2011. He was predeceased by his mother Shirley. Lloyd is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Linda (Broger) Kilmer; his father Elmer; sons, John and David Kilmer; a sister and a brother; and many nieces and nephews.

**Anthony K. 'Kenny' Umina '72** passed away October 27, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Carol A. Furman; their children, Anthony and Deborah Umina; his daughters, Carolyn Rafferty and Anne (David) Horak; four grandchildren; and four siblings.

Umina served two tours of duty in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the U.S.S. Ingraham when it was detailed to the Cuban blockade. He graduated from ACC and earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY-Oswego and his master's from SUNY-Albany.

Before retiring in 1999, Ken had a 33-year distinguished career in law enforcement and criminal justice. He served as a police officer, corrections officer, and after being taken hostage at Coxsackie CF, became the founding director of a state crisis intervention unit. In conjunction with the NYS Police, he began the DOCS K-9 unit. During a disturbance at Sing Sing in 1983, he acted as chief negotiator when inmates took 19 employees hostage. After five days of non-stop negotiations, all were released unharmed. Umina received national recognition for this success and went on to teach hostage negotiation techniques to law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S.

Mayor Edward Koch appointed him to serve as Special Deputy Commissioner for the New York City Department of Correction. In

1987, Governor Mario Cuomo appointed him to the Parole Board, and upon his confirmation by the State Senate, he served two six-year terms as Parole Commissioner. An adjunct instructor of criminal justice here at ACC, Ken also lectured at the State Police and the Correctional Services Training Academies. Umina served on the board of directors of the Tri-Village Little League, managed several little league teams, and served on the board of directors of the Bethlehem Mickey Mantle Baseball Club. He enjoyed annual fishing excursions and canoeing trips to the Adirondacks. He was a communicant and active member of St. John's/St. Ann's parish in Albany. Ken was also involved in local politics and government and was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of the American Legion.

**Peter Lyon "Big Pete" Duttweiler '73** passed away December 11, 2010. He graduated from Buffalo State College and earned his master's from SUNY-Oswego. He joined the Army, serving in Vietnam, and was a member of the American Legion, VFW and the Disabled American Veterans. He was honored with the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Conspicuous Service Star while serving in Vietnam. Duttweiler received national recognition for his book, *The Alpha Atlas*, which featured over 100 patients from around the world who had the same debilitating disease as he did. As a strong advocate for the alpha-1 patients, he formed a worldwide support group. Pete is survived by his loving wife Eileen; his sisters, Johanne (Jim) Alexander, Gail McVicker, and **Christine A. Duttweiler '77**; and a brother, David (Sally) Duttweiler.

**Joseph F. Graceffo '74** passed away October 24, 2011. Following graduation from CCC, Joe attended RIT. He was a long-time communicant of Sacred Heart Church, and was employed for more than 20 years as a pharmacy clerk and commissary worker at Auburn Correctional Facility. He was an avid Auburn Doubledays baseball fan and following numerous years of volunteering, he was inducted into the Doubledays Wall of Fame in 2009. Joseph is survived by six siblings: three sisters, Susan (Denis) Draina, Elaine Graceffo, and Francine (Bob) May; three brothers, Dr. Anthony (Paula) Graceffo, Frank Graceffo, and Dr. Michael Graceffo; along with several nieces and nephews.

**Jeffrey R. Kowalski '76** passed away January 21, 2012. He was a University of Buffalo graduate and had been an engineer with Welch Allyn in Skaneateles for 35 years. His latest position was as senior engineering specialist. Jeff's hobbies included photography, boating and operating heavy equipment. Surviving are his mother, Helen J. Kowalski; twin sister Monica LUNDI; sister, Kathy (Peter) Cashin; brother, Alan (Katie) Kowalski; nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and many cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Henry Kowalski.

**Robert P. 'Bob' Williams '76** passed away September 20, 2011. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Korea. While at CCC, Bob earned two degrees, Electronics in 1976, and Computer Technology in 1982. He was an Electronics Production Launch Engineer for TRW in Auburn for the past 33 years. Robert coached his son's soccer teams for the Marcellus Youth Sports for over 10 years. He enjoyed spending time with his family traveling, cross country skiing, boating and golfing. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Linda; a son, Ryan (Timree); and two granddaughters.

**Rose M. (Spagnola) LoPiccolo '77** entered into eternal rest on January 27, 2012. She was previously employed at Holy Family School and retired from the Auburn Enlarged School District as a teacher's aide. Rose was an avid golfer and former member of Auburn Country Club and Dutch Hollow. She was also a past member of the board of directors of the Neighborhood House. Mrs. LoPiccolo was a communicant of St. Mary's Church. She is survived by her beloved husband of 68 years, Joseph; a son, Joseph and his companion, Anne Carnicelli; daughters, Joanne Stillwell and Nancy (Ronald) Hart; grandson Robert Stillwell; one brother and sister; and many nieces and nephews.

**Harold L. Weeks '78** died January 12, 2012. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service for over 25 years, retiring in 1994. Prior to that, Harold served in the U.S. Army. Following his retirement, he lived in Big Pine Key, FL, where he volunteered at the Florida Game and Wildlife Refuge. Mr. Weeks was a member of the Auburn Moose Club and the Cayuga Bird Club. He is survived by his wife Carin; son, Peter L. Weeks; four grandchildren and several cousins.

**Jacqueline M. (Deyo) Roberts '84** passed away January 3, 2012. She had been employed with Wal-Mart for the past 17 years, and previously was with the Port Byron Central School District. Jacqueline loved to garden and loved her cats and dogs. She is survived by her three sons: Christopher, Joseph, and Edwin Roberts, and their father, David Roberts. Also surviving are her father and stepmother, Robert and Josephine Deyo. Jacqueline was predeceased by her mother and sister, Jennifer Lynn Deyo.

**Donald G. Lawler '90** passed away unexpectedly on December 20, 2011. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church. He was extremely fond of books and music, and was employed for many years at Walden Book Store. He also managed a music store at the Fingerlakes Mall. More recently, he was employed by Welch Allyn. Mr. Lawler loved doing professional photography for weddings and special occasions. He gave often and tirelessly of his time and photographic talents to benefits and fundraisers. He is survived by his parents, Joanne and Don Lawler; a brother Tom; two sisters, Marie (Allen) Lutins and Patricia (Chris) Sciria; and two nieces.

**Winifred Anne Keogan '93** passed away December 7, 2011. She had retired from the Farm Family Insurance Company Syracuse, after 35 years in the claims adjustment department. Winifred was a member of Sacred Heart Church, where she was a bingo volunteer for many years. In earlier years, she was a Girl Scout leader, and always enjoyed reading and knitting. She is survived by two sisters, Mary Keogan and Joan Guido; two nieces and a nephew; six great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

**John P. Cullen '10** passed away January 15, 2012. John's shining achievement, at age 77, was his graduation from Cayuga Community College. He was the eldest known grad to earn this distinction. Mr. Cullen was predeceased by six brothers and sisters. He is survived by two brothers, Thomas and Charles Cullen; three sisters, Mary Woolson, Teresa Kimball and Patricia Matzke; and his nieces and nephews.

*Our sympathies go out to their families. They will be missed by all who knew them.*



# Spring '12 Activities



Wednesday, March 14th  
Auburn Campus  
Wednesday, March 21st  
Fulton Campus  
**CCC OPEN MIC**  
Do you have talent? Prove it! Sing a song, play an instrument, or perform your best poem for your fellow students.  
Auburn Campus  
The Cube  
11:00 am  
Fulton Campus  
Student Lounge  
11:00 am



Saturday, March 17th  
**CCC NIGHT AT THE SYRACUSE CRUNCH GAME!**  
Looking for some excitement? Look no further. Join us for Syracuse Crunch vs. Adirondack Phantoms hockey game.  
Transportation not provided.  
7:30 pm  
Just \$5 per student!

Friday, March 23rd  
Fulton Campus  
**COMEDY NIGHT OUT, ON US!**  
Featuring Comedy Central's **JAY BLACK**  
Beat the mid semester blues with a coffee house comedy show! Jay will

have you laughing until it hurts while you indulge in coffee, hot chocolate and delicious pastries! Free and, open to the public.  
Fulton Student Lounge  
7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 28th  
Auburn Campus  
**THE ASIA PROJECT**  
Asia's gripping words have never been less than an honest and genuine testimonial to his life. His uncanny ability to combine humor and inspiration will provoke thought and self-reflection. His spoken word has won audiences over across the country. You do not want to miss this!  
The Cube  
11:00 am



**TODD CAREY**

Saturday, April 28th  
Fulton Campus  
**2ND ANNUAL PEACE FESTIVAL!**  
Carnival like atmosphere with lots of food, music, and games! Come celebrate good will and community with students, faculty and staff at CCC Fulton Campus. Open to the community. Entertainment provided by acoustic musician **TODD CAREY**  
Fulton Campus Parking Lot  
12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 5th  
**NYC OVERNIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA!**  
You don't want to miss the bus to NYC! Join us for an overnight sightseeing trip to the Big Apple. Trip includes coach transportation, lodging, pick up and drop off at location in Manhattan on Saturday and Sunday.  
\$70 students, \$85 for non-students



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Monday, May 7th  
Auburn Campus  
Wednesday, May 9th  
Fulton Campus  
**MASSAGE THERAPY**  
Highly trained massage therapists will give you the most amazing spa experience ever offered on campus. Need to relax? Come get your 10 minute chair massage!  
Student Lounge  
10:30 am

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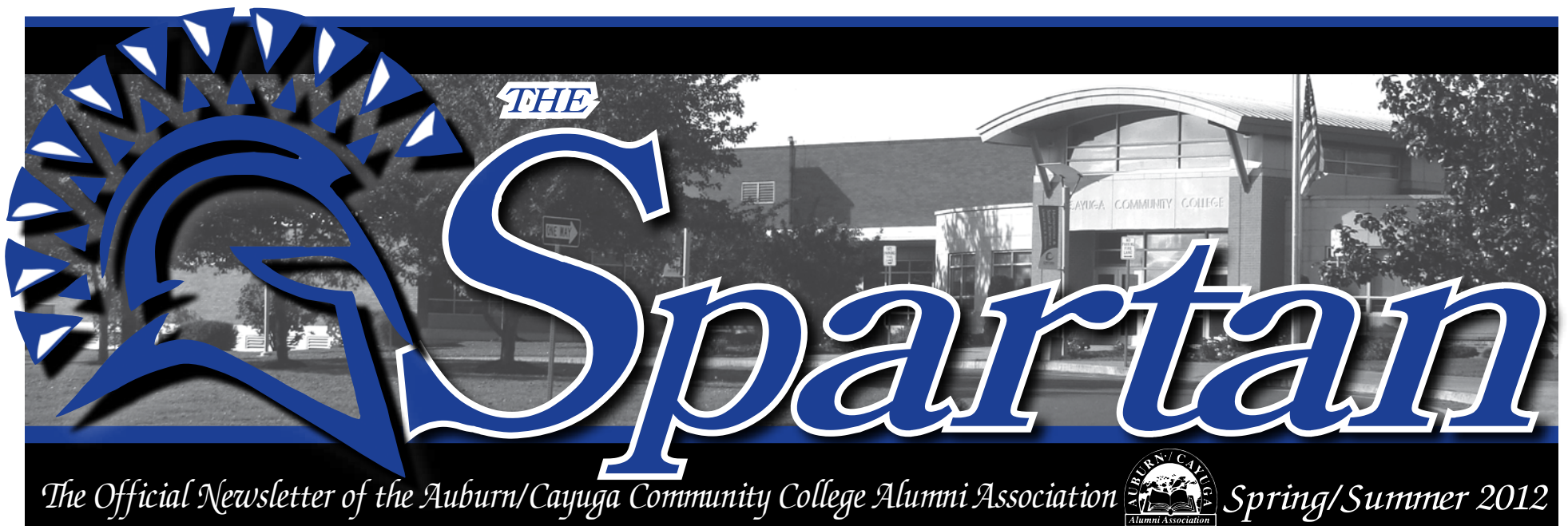
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When you receive your call from one of the Phone-a-Thon workers, please take a few minutes to speak with them. Think back on your wonderful experience at ACC or CCC and give whatever amount you can so others can continue to receive an excellent education here. We greatly appreciate your pledges.

