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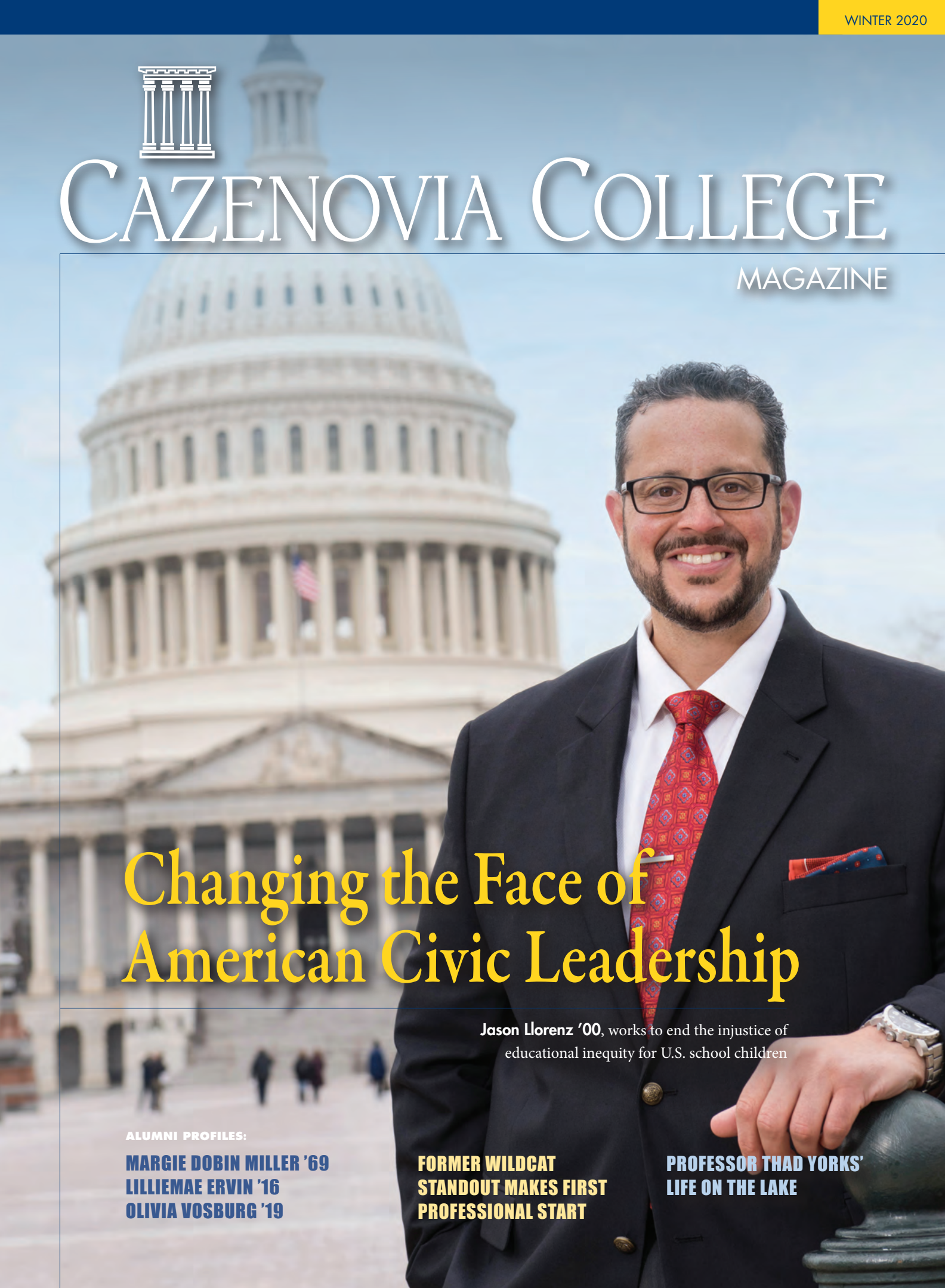
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# Looking Back at a Successful Year

*Celebrating many achievements in 2019.*



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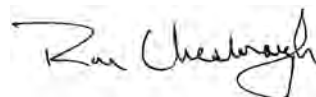
*It is that time of year  
when we reflect on all  
that has happened in the  
past 12 months.  
As I look back,  
I realize how much  
Cazenovia College has  
accomplished and am  
confident in our mission  
as an institution serving  
a diverse and talented  
student community.*

The College continues its ongoing high level of recognition by ranking services. *U.S. News* named Cazenovia a “Best College” for the sixteenth consecutive year. I’m pleased to report that *U.S. News* also ranked Cazenovia the #7 “Best Undergraduate Teaching” school, and #9 as a “Top Performer on Social Mobility,” which measures how well schools graduate economically disadvantaged students.

Other accomplishments include:

- Changing the College’s charter to allow for the introduction of the first-ever graduate program, a Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling
- Successfully passing the mid-point accreditation review by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- Introducing several new majors, including History, and dual majors in English and Communication Studies, and History and Social Science
- Updating the Student Center at Chapman Hall, converting the Cyber Café to the Zac Shack, and creating a new meeting space for clubs and other student organizations
- Introducing a new program, *First Year to Career*, to encourage students to engage with Career Services early on and throughout their time at the College
- Forming a Diversity Committee to advance the diversity related initiatives identified in the College’s strategic plan
- Maintaining new student enrollment for fall 2019 while increasing overall retention
- Beginning construction of a Criminal Justice Lab and planning for a Finance Lab - both anticipated to be available for students in 2020

As we move ahead, I look forward to communicating on the many initiatives and campus projects planned for 2020. I see another stable year ahead which will allow us to continue to build enrollment and provide an exceptional experience for our students.



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# Alumnus Changing the Face of American Civic Leadership

*Cazenovia College was more than a stop on the road to law school, Washington, D.C. and national policy and politics for Jason Llorenz '00.*



Entering Cazenovia during the summer of 1996 with a cohort of Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) students from around New York state, Llorenz made Cazenovia a learning laboratory and a steppingstone to a life of service. Coming from John Jay High School in Brooklyn's notorious Red Hook neighborhood, Llorenz was exposed to a broader world through Cazenovia College, and it inspired him to be a change agent.

Today, Llorenz serves as a vice president at Leadership for Educational Equity

(LEE), a national membership organization of civic leaders working to end the injustice of educational inequity for millions of U.S. school children. "We can get to our mission by changing the face of American civic leadership to ensure those who are directing programs are focused on education for all kids," stated Llorenz.

Llorenz sits on LEE's leadership team, directing its communications and engagement strategies, as well as working with a team to develop online and blended learning strategies. "It's a big mission,"

added Llorenz. "My personal experience in the public school system in New York City has contributed to my passion to inspire the kinds of leaders needed to make schools and systems work for all kids."

LEE prepares civic leaders to serve along four leadership pathways: elected leadership, organizing, policy and advocacy. When Llorenz joined the group four years ago, he was a senior director, building out the organization's partnerships with governors, state boards of education and national advocacy organizations.

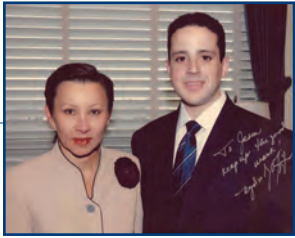
"The job at LEE found me," noted Llorenz. LEE reached out to Llorenz when he was at Rutgers University, where he was teaching, doing research and presenting. The change has been challenging, inspiring, and a great choice for Llorenz.

Llorenz was promoted to Vice President at LEE in January of 2019, joining the organization's leadership team at a time when working across teams and designing blended learning strategies is critical to impacting children. "I enjoy the challenge of waking up to work on a problem that is so much bigger than me, and that may not be solved in my lifetime," commented Llorenz. "This country needs equity-focused leaders with strong values more than at any time. It is exciting to play a part in that every day."

## Caz was the catapult to Washington, D.C.

Llorenz attributes his passion for leadership to early political exposure during his time at Cazenovia. "It was during my time at Caz that I was exposed to the idea that leadership matters," noted Llorenz. "If you prepare yourself, be a lifetime student, and expose yourself to big ideas, you can impact change in the world." Cazenovia was the launching pad for Llorenz because it allowed him the opportunity to do and be so much more.

Llorenz spent his junior year in Washington, D.C. through the Washington



Llorenz with Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez 2004



SiTV (now Nuvo TV) interview, 2003

Internship Institute, where he worked for a national education policy think tank, The Education Trust. That internship exposed Llorenz to policy work and politics. Llorenz helped lobby for a major piece of education legislation, and he met students with a passion for politics.

That semester in D.C., Llorenz met and listened to a wide variety of leaders. From Colin Powell sharing his thoughts on the political system, to members of Congress, Llorenz would listen when anyone was speaking. He first fell in love with big ideas about democracy in 1998. One of Llorenz's most important mentors, Dr. Mary Ryan, who was President of the Washington Internship Institute at the time would say, "To succeed in D.C., you need to be a sponge. Listen. On the metro. At the coffee shop. Listen to the people around you talking about the work of running the country." That is exactly what Llorenz did. He listened, learned and absorbed it all in hopes of one day having something to add to the conversation when it mattered.

Following that semester in 1998, Llorenz returned the next summer through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, which allowed him to spend a summer working for Former New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Llorenz took every opportunity during this time to build his understanding of the process.

### Career Crossroads

Llorenz graduated from law school in 2003, earning a Juris Doctor degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law. He sat for and passed the New York bar

exam. After law school, Llorenz had to choose between either going to D.C. and building a career there or going to a mid-sized law firm. He chose what he would describe as the harder and longer path that didn't come with a partner track, big bonuses or a big starting salary. Instead of a law firm, Llorenz accepted a legal fellowship with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute where he worked for a year for a federal judge and used that experience to launch his career.

Taking the longer, riskier path was a powerful choice for Llorenz. While the path would require sacrifices at the beginning, Llorenz was able to expand his network of contacts, build a repertoire of work, and gain exposure that would define his future. Following his year as a law fellow, Llorenz went to work as chief of staff and counsel for political insider, Yolanda Caraway, whose strategic communication and advocacy business served both issues campaigns and corporate work for global leaders like Microsoft. "I learned strategy, management and innovation at 26 years old," noted Llorenz.

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passed away. He returned to New York to assist his mom while opening his own law practice. Three years into his own practice, D.C. drew Llorenz back again. The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators was seeking a senior policy advisor to lead its policy team. Llorenz quickly became an executive director, leading a nonprofit coalition focused on telecom policy.

Llorenz's work in D.C. received the attention of Rutgers University who sought him out to join the school of communications and information as a senior fellow. Llorenz spent the next three years building public programs,

teaching policy courses and speaking around the country.

"Your career isn't just about the jobs you hold," stated Llorenz. "It's about the narrative you craft. You may do many different roles, but how you craft your personal narrative, and relate those experiences to your mission in the world is what brings it all together." For Llorenz, his mission has always been to make the world a better and more equitable place.

Llorenz has found many ways to do that, and he credits his professors at Cazenovia for exposing him to ideas, expanding his horizons and investing in him, which made it all possible.

### A Look to the Future

When asked what he sees for the next steps of his career, Llorenz offers insight on what could come. "I believe I have always been called to serve and to teach," observed Llorenz. "I would love to find a way to bring my experiences to lead and teach to a college, like Cazenovia or a community college, that is making a difference."

"The entire way we learn and teach is changing," reflects Llorenz. "Digital and social channels, social media and a mobile-powered world demand innovative approaches." This excites Llorenz for what can be designed to break down barriers, close the achievement gap, and power communities through times of economic change.

When asked if his own run for political office is ahead, Llorenz commented, "I hope for the right opportunity to run. Right now, I'm enjoying inspiring lots of others to make the leap." In the meantime, Llorenz stays focused on his mission to support and inspire a generation of leadership to make a more equitable world.



# Passion Leads to Purpose – Commencement 2019

*Bryan Terrell Clark delivers address*



It was a beautiful sunny day for Cazenovia College’s 194th Commencement, held on the Quad the morning of Saturday, May 18. Over 1,000 attendees gathered to celebrate the awarding of degrees to 208 Cazenovia College students. The College also awarded an honorary degree to **Richard L. “Dick” Smith**, a retired attorney and partner at Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, in recognition of his dedication and support of the institution. Smith was a member of the College’s board of trustees for sixteen years, five of which he served as chair.

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Commencement speaker **Bryan Terrell Clark**, a singer-songwriter, philanthropist, and actor, perhaps best known for his starring role as George Washington in *Hamilton: An American Musical on Broadway*, spoke of his belief that passion leads to purpose. In his address he said “I believe life is the journey, the road so to speak. Your passion is the compass, or the GPS. It guides you and leads you into purpose.” Clark went on to describe how acting became his passion growing up in Baltimore. Clark ended his remarks encouraging the graduates to “Walk in

passion, Walk in purpose and be the best instruments of change this world has to offer.”

The commencement ceremony included addresses from two valedictorians, **Olivia Sokolic** and **Katlynn Vredenburgh**, both having achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA. During the commencement, President **Ron Chesbrough** also presented the Distinguished Service Award to **James “Jimmy” St. Clair** and his late wife, **Jill Hebl St. Clair**, an alumna from the class of 1962. This prestigious accolade recognizes individuals whose support of the College has helped to improve the quality of life for others. The St. Clairs have been loyal supporters of the College over the last two decades. Following Jill’s death in 2006, Jimmy created the Jill Hebl St. Clair ’62 Endowed Scholarship, and in 2014, he established the Jill Hebl St. Clair ’62 Endowed Chair in Finance and Accounting.

## 18<sup>th</sup> Wheler Family Conference on World Affairs

On October 9, the College welcomed alumni **Amy Wagner Mantor ’94**, **Amy Olin Pavelka ’13** and **Breanna Staffon ’13** and academic coach at the College’s Center for Teaching and Learning, **Adair Milmo** as panelists during the *18<sup>th</sup> Wheler Family Conference on World Affairs*.

Plenary speaker Pavelka drew from her academic and career experience to address *Passion, Purpose and Change Management: A Design Thinker’s Guide to Problem Solving*. She shared a fresh approach to problem solving by using the three phases of “design thinking,” inspiration, ideation, and implementation.



## A Vibrant Opening Weekend

*The College welcomed new and returning students back to campus on a beautiful late August weekend.*

Students and their families were welcomed by an enthusiastic army of Move In Day student helpers dressed in blue and gold “One Family. One Pack.” t-shirts.

President Chesbrough congratulated the students and families for achieving the

sent 17 states along with international students from Germany, Sweden and Albania.

Following the President’s Welcome, the students and families assembled on Christakos Field to form the letter “C” for a drone photo. In the evening, first-year students gathered on the Quad for the First Night Ceremony, a Cazenovia College tradition whereby students are accepted as members of the academic community. The students confirm their commitment to the community by signing their name into the College Class Book followed by the lighting of candles to symbolize the “Lights of Knowledge.”

The opening weekend was capped off with Convocation to formally open the academic year. The Convocation procession was led by a bagpiper and Professor **Rachel Dinero**, the 2019 Distinguished Faculty Member, followed by faculty and the platform party dressed in full regalia. Speakers included President Chesbrough, Village of Cazenovia Mayor **Kurt Wheeler**, student remarks by **Jennifer Forward**, president of Alpha Lambda Delta, and Professor Dinero. President Chesbrough concluded the ceremony by declaring the 2019-2020 academic year to be in session.



milestone of entering college, and spoke of the supportive and caring campus community they are now members of at Cazenovia College. The president also shared that the new students repre-

## Adam Conover Visits Caz

*Creator and host of TruTV’s hit show Adam Ruins Everything*

As part of Cazenovia College’s Reisman Lecture Series, **Adam Conover**, the creator and host of TruTV’s hit show, *Adam Ruins Everything*, performed at Catherine Cumming’s Theatre. A hybrid of stand-up comedy and psychedelic biology class, Conover revealed the cultural parasites that seek to control your mind and behavior.



Before taking the stage, the comedian shared his approach to *Adam Ruins Everything* with students from Dr. **Ezra Wegbreit**’s course that is modeled after Conover’s television show. For Conover, the information he is conveying takes precedence over the comedy. His goal is for people to be skeptical and to think critically about the world.

## Offering Master’s in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

In May, Cazenovia College announced that for the first time in its 195-year history, the institution will offer a graduate program in clinical mental health counseling. The program prepares students for mental health counseling in individual, family, and group settings. It is structured to allow students to complete the course work within two years while continuing to work.



To learn more about the Master of Science in clinical mental health counseling at Cazenovia College, go to [www.cazenovia.edu/gradprograms](http://www.cazenovia.edu/gradprograms) or contact [gradprograms@cazenovia.edu](mailto:gradprograms@cazenovia.edu).

## Summer Experience Program Provides High School Students Hands-On Learning

The Summer Experience program offered 15 high school students the opportunity to earn three college credit hours for taking a course during two weeks of summer break. Students immersed themselves in the College campus culture by living in residence halls, while engaging in experiential learning that included classroom lectures, hands-on academic activities, and local field trips.

If you would like to learn more information on the 2020 Summer Experience, please contact **Taylor Hodge** at 315.655.7191 or [tkhodge@cazenovia.edu](mailto:tkhodge@cazenovia.edu).

# Cazenovia College Welcomes New Faculty

*Cazenovia College welcomed new faculty this fall to the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business and Management, and Humanities and Natural Sciences divisions.*



**Jessica Essary** joined the Social and Behavioral Sciences division as an Associate Professor and serves as the Education Program Director for Inclusive Early Childhood Education and Inclusive Elementary Education. Essary holds a doctoral degree from State University of New York at Buffalo. Prior to joining Cazenovia, she was an Assistant Professor at The University of Mississippi where she continues as an Adjunct Professor, instructing as part of their online distance learning program.



**Steven Hopkins** was hired as a Visiting Instructor and serves as the Program Director for Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies in the Social and Behavioral Sciences division. Hopkins has over 44 years' experience as a public servant in local, state and federal criminal justice organizations. He holds two Master of Arts, one in Public Administration and one in Criminal Justice.



**Tamara Demeree** joined Cazenovia as a Visiting Instructor in Sport Management. Demeree is a sport industry practitioner with over 30 years' experience working in both the for profit and not-for-profit industries. Demeree served on the Advisory Board of the Sport Management Program at State University of New York at Cortland. She holds a Master of Business Management from Syracuse University.



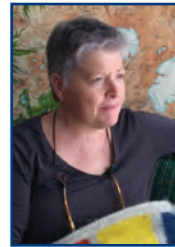
**Chad Jaconski** was hired as a Visiting Instructor in Chemistry and Physics under the Humanities and Natural Sciences division. Jaconski has spent his career in higher education teaching biology, chemistry and physics classes. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science from Cornell University and a Master of Arts in Teaching from State University of New York Empire State.



**Cherie Poland** joined Cazenovia as a Visiting Instructor in Mathematics. Previously she was a teacher at Proctor High School in Utica, New York and lived in Changzhou, China. Poland holds a Master of Science in Secondary Education with a concentration in mathematics from Utica College.

## Faculty Promotions Announced

*Cazenovia College announced the promotions of four faculty members for the 2019-20 academic year.*



**Jen Pepper** was promoted to full professor, studio art. Pepper is also the program director for studio art. She also serves as the director of the

Art Gallery in Reisman Hall.



**Sarah Cross** was promoted to associate professor, photography. Cross is also the program director for fine art photography and commercial photography.



**Emily Flynn** was promoted to associate professor, biology.



**Megan Lawson-Clark** was promoted to associate professor, fashion merchandising.



## Faculty Highlights

This year's presenters for the *Great Minds/Great Ideas* faculty library lecture series included **Michael Sanders** on "Just What Do We Owe Each Other? Peter Singer and Ethics Today", **Jody Hicks** on "Pierrepoint Noyes, President of Oneida Limited", **Scott Jensen** on "Technology's Also-Rans," and Lily Soltani-Amadi on "Presenting the Unrepresented: Women in STEM".



**Jesse Harasta**, assistant professor of International Studies, presented the paper "Sight and Sound: Technologies of Transmission in Revived Cornish" at the Heritage Language Conference in UCLA. Harasta also organized, moderated and spoke in a panel "Language Use without Proficiency" at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in San Diego. He presented the paper "Utilization of Ethnolinguistic Infusion in the Construction of Metalinguistic Community: An Example from the Kernewek (Cornish) language of Britain."

**Jen Pepper**, associate professor of Art & Design, was recently published in *Casura*, *The Journal of the Poetry Center San José* (illustrated), and *Stone Canoe 14: A Journal of Arts, Literature and Social Commentary* (illustrated). Pepper's work was also featured at the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park in Cazenovia, NY and Centre d'Art La Rectoria, Sant Pere de Vilamajor, Catalonia, Spain. Pepper and **Michael Sanders**, professor of Philosophy, led Cazenovia students on a 10-day European study tour in May. The trip

focused on modern art and design, with the group visiting three of the major European design capitols, including Amsterdam, Berlin, and Copenhagen.

**Anita Welych**, professor of Studio Art, received a professional development grant from Kappa Pi, the art honor society, as well as faculty development and Pinet fund monies for an artist exchange with Centre d'Art La Rectoria in Spain. Welych also exhibited a new installation at Artisan Gallery in Binghamton, N.Y. in August.

Artist in residence, **David Lowenstein** won Best Supporting Actor in a Musical at this year's SALT Awards (Syracuse Area Live Theater) in the Professional Theater categories for his performance as Mr. Greenway in *Elf, The Musical* at Syracuse Stage.

Professor of Biology and Environmental Biology, **Thad Yorks**, along with his students, organized and ran a "Photovoltaics, Wind Power, and Solar Thermal" demonstration table in 2018 and 2019 at the Seize the Power: Renewable Energy Fair & Youth Science Fair run by Cazenovia Call to Action. Yorks received a grant from the Cazenovia College Teaching Development Faculty Steering Committee Mini-Grant Program that fully funded his classes' attendance and participation in the Symposium on Energy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, a one-day professional conference held annually in East Syracuse. Collaborating with the Village of Caz's Tree Commission, Yorks helped organize the planting of 12 trees around the perimeter of the main campus, which was part of the 10<sup>th</sup> year application for Tree Campus USA.

**Grazyna J. Kozaczka** authored the first monograph published in English entirely devoted to the analysis of gender construction and performance in Polish American fiction, *Writing the Polish American Woman in Postwar Ethnic Fiction* (Ohio University Press, The Polish And Polish-American Studies Series, 2019). It offers a comprehensive study of novels and short stories by Polish American (both ethnic and immigrant) women writers of the past 70-80 years.

**Trace Trachsler**, assistant professor of Management: Sport Management, did a poster presentation at the Tenth International Conference on Sport & Society in June called "Understanding of the Other through Interactive Sport Experiences with Adults with Intellectual Disabilities."

**Christina Bobesky**, assistant professor of Human Services and Clinical Mental Health Counselor, coauthored "Ethnic Identity Among Ukrainians in the United States: Intergenerational and Community Influences," which was published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies Journal*. Bobesky also had a poster presented at the National Council on Family Relations conference in Fort Worth, Texas on "Physical Punishment Attitudes in an Acculturating Ukrainian Community."

## Ten times and counting... hopefully many more

*Our College adopted “Real Life Learning for Real Life Success” as a new slogan a few years ago, but we’ve actually been following this model for a very long time. One of the mechanisms by which we begin to prepare students for Real Life Success is our First Year Program. Incoming freshmen enroll in a First Year Seminar (FYS) of interest and are guided and taught by one or more “master students” (peer-mentor students in their sophomore, junior, or senior year) and their FYS professor.*



photo: John Seiler

As I finish writing this article, I also just finished teaching “my” FYS, Life on the Lake, from within the Environmental Biology Program for the tenth time since Fall 2006 (sigh... yes, when the Fall 2019 freshmen were only in kindergarten!). This FYS is an intro-level aquatic ecology/fisheries biology course in which we’ve progressed from the entire class using a single beat-up seine (long, fine-meshed net waded out into shallow water) found in the basement of Eckel Hall to now being able to give students hands-on experience in the other major methods used to observe and collect data on freshwater fish: trap-netting, gill-netting, and electrofishing. Through the usual instructional budget and a series of grants, we now have several seines, trap-nets, gill-nets, a research boat from which we can work those net systems, a backpack electrofisher, and a pair of storage rooms filled with waders, buckets, and lots of other smaller supplies needed to collect data in aquatic ecosystems.

During a fall semester, our methods and data collection evolve from very simple to more complicated. At the beginning of the semester when the water and air are warm enough for wading, we use seines to sample shallow, near-shore areas. We identify and count LOTS of small fish and learn how to carefully collect and record data; the most complicated thing we do is accurately measure

fish lengths. By late September or early October, we’re ready to put the boat in Cazenovia Lake and set up larger net systems in deeper waters. These nets are anchored in place for about a week, and fish are gathered every 24-hours with us working in teams of four or five. We continue to record fish species and lengths, but we also measure fishes’ weights and collect scale samples for estimating fish ages. It’s these datasets that we use to do some basic, yet meaningful, data analyses with spreadsheets in the second half of the semester. Finally, we electrofish in local streams in the last few weeks of the semester because the method requires a fair amount of situational awareness, and the cold-water conditions are less stressful on stunned fish. We must wear thick neoprene waders and insulated gloves when using electricity in water, so working in the cold water is actually tolerable.

We’ve also progressed from an intense focus on only two water bodies – Stoney Pond and Cazenovia Lake - to include a number of other area lakes. Since 2013, we’ve been studying at least one additional lake each fall, and we’ve actually studied three lakes within a semester when the second and third lakes are directly connected such that we can move equipment directly from one to the other. So far, we’ve studied Tuscarora Lake (Erieville Reservoir), Hatch Lake



**Thad Yorks with students Olivia Vosburg '19 and Ryan Cooper '19 at NY-AFS annual conference in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.**



and Bradley Brook Reservoir, Jamesville Reservoir, and Upper and Lower Leland Ponds. Cleaning and drying gear between lakes is time-consuming, but it gives students experience studying a variety of ecosystems. By the time they graduate, some students have worked on up to six different lakes.

So where do all of these data go? All students complete several basic analyses used in fisheries management, like relative weights for individual fish and proportional size distributions for populations, so they learn how to convert raw data into results useful from a real-life perspective. We also present our data to the NYSDEC in an annual report which is reviewed by their fisheries biologists. Occasionally, there are follow-up conversations with the DEC about the data we've collected; e.g., when we document a new fish species in a particular location.

These data have also given master students the opportunity to present research at a variety of conferences. In early years, we presented research at the Northeast Natural History Conference, Great Lakes Research Consortium Conference, and Oneida Lake Watershed Conference. In the last several years, master students have been presenting at the annual Cazenovia Lake Summit. In February 2019, five students - three senior master students and a pair of freshmen - presented two different projects at



the annual conference of the New York Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (NY-AFS) in Poughkeepsie. Those students worked on data analyses and writing during their winter break to meet a January abstract deadline. Then when they returned to campus, they wrote and re-wrote text, constructed and revised tables and figures, and pulled together a pair of undergrad research poster presentations I believe would make any professor proud. At the conference, their work was viewed by nearly 400 professionals from throughout the Northeast.

The seniors graduated (two quickly found relevant employment, one started graduate school), but what about those two freshmen? Well, they just did an outstanding job as master students for the Fall 2019 class, and along with a third master student, they are now each leading a small group of freshmen in preparing three research presentations for the 2020 NY-AFS annual conference in Lake Placid. The van is going to be packed, but I can't wait!

In terms of student success, this model of having students complete a FYS and potentially help as a master student has worked time and again. So far, every Life on the Lake master student choosing to pursue graduate school has been accepted into a program of their choice (including teaching, biology, environmental education, lake management, and Great

Lakes science programs), while others quickly have been employed by environmental consulting firms, non-profit organizations, and state and federal agencies. In reality, only some of our students pursue careers directly related to fisheries or other aquatic resources. But for all our students, the lab and research work they do is broadly providing them with an interesting and valuable framework in which to learn about their discipline and the research process as a whole. And they can take that anywhere.

## About the Author

Thad Yorks has been at Cazenovia College since 2004. He is a professor and the program director of the Environmental Biology and Biology programs, and he advises the College's Environmental Club and Fishing Club. His favorite upper-division courses to teach include Wetlands Ecology, Watershed Management, Aquatic Biology and Field Botany, and he has published several peer-reviewed articles in these areas. Thad received his Ph.D. in 2001 from State University of New York - College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Environmental and Forest Biology. He also holds a M.S. in Applied Ecology and Conservation Biology from Frostburg State University, and a B.S. in Forest Science from Pennsylvania State University. His daughter, son, and wife, Elaine, endure his sense of humor and a seemingly endless parade of fisheries gear traveling between home and campus.



# Olivia Vosburg '19 Pursues Her Passion for the Environment

*Environmental Biology major working as a biological science technician for the United States Geological Survey at the Lake Erie Biological Station*

**O**livia Vosburg '19 selected Cazenovia College because of the Environmental Biology program, the small campus, and a feeling that this was the place for her. Vosburg applied to 24 schools across the country, but Cazenovia made her top five because of the professor interaction she had during the application process. "Dr. Thad Yorks emailed me prior to being accepted and during the acceptance process," Vosburg noted. "He listened to what I was interested in and inspired me to look deeper into the program, which led me to change my original plan and go into environmental biology."

Her passion for the environment and doing her part to make a difference drove Vosburg to participate in numerous research projects while attending Cazenovia. Some of her favorites included raising her 150 brook trout from eggs and presenting research on

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- Olivia Vosburg '19

Walleye and Tiger Muskie Stocking in Jamesville Reservoir at the 2019 Annual New York Fisheries Conference. Vosburg also grew strains of algae and compared their biomass to evaluate which strain had the most potential to be grown and converted into a cleaner energy like biodiesel.

In her four years at Cazenovia, Vosburg had the opportunity to explore her major inside and outside of the classroom. She worked with employers in her field as well as with the community through



Vosburg holding a lake trout from Lake Erie.

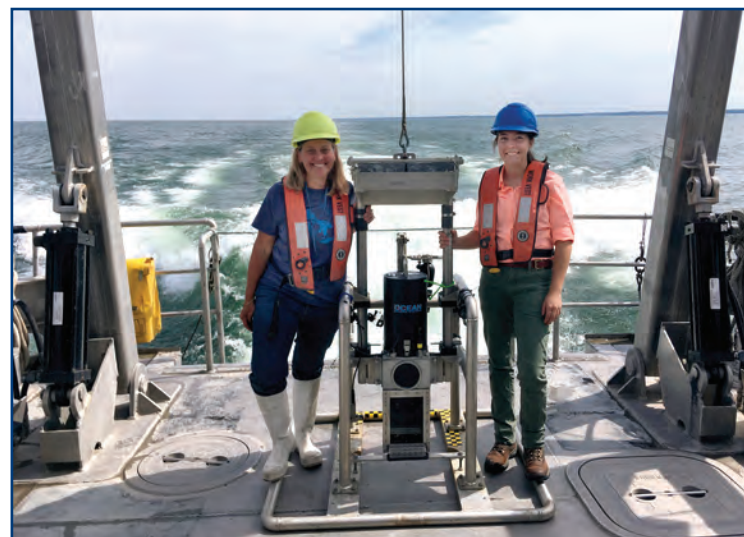
Photo: Courtesy of Olivia Vosburg

projects and events to promote environmental awareness. She also became familiar with a variety of sampling equipment in the field, attended and presented research at professional conferences, and built an impressive resume. "I left Cazenovia with more than a degree," noted Vosburg. "I have career networks, lifetime friendships, a job in my field, a passion for learning, and the confidence that I can do anything I put my mind and heart into."

After graduating in May, Vosburg moved to Sandusky, Ohio and is working for the United States Geological Survey at the Lake Erie Biological Station as a biological science technician. "I am working on a research vessel collecting data on Lake Erie, working in the lab, and helping to prepare reports," shared Vosburg.



Photo: Alix Pfisterer



Vosburg and colleague on a research vessel with a sediment profile imagery camera.

To learn more about Olivia Vosburg, go to her MyCaz Experience video [www.cazenovia.edu/olivia\\_vosburg](http://www.cazenovia.edu/olivia_vosburg)



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## McBatch Jacey Menes '20 Scores All-Star Recognition

*Business major and basketball player combines business skills and sports into successful internships*

According to **McBatch Jacey Menes '20**, he didn't select Cazenovia College, but rather it selected him. Basketball Coach **Justin Stern** happened to be at another college's tryouts and suggested that Menes give Cazenovia a look. Shortly after that first meeting with Coach Stern, Menes came to campus and it was on that visit that he decided Cazenovia was the place for him. "The campus was beautiful, and it felt like the right place for me," stated Menes.

Menes chose to major in business because he felt it was a broad major that would allow him to explore several business avenues once he graduated. He also chose to minor in marketing after taking some courses that really got him excited about it. "I received a lot of support from my business management professor, **Francine Varisco**," noted Menes. "She pushed me in my courses and assisted me with internships."

Menes has already been putting his business and marketing knowledge to work.

This past summer, he interned with the Buffalo Bills where he worked on increasing ticket sales. "It was a great experience working at their training camp," added Menes.

With Syracuse University Athletics, Menes interned as part of 'Cuse Crew where he was responsible for setting up the contests during games and giving out prizes. Menes was named an All-Star for his work with 'Cuse Crew which led him to his current internship promoting ticket sales for SU. "I am grateful to my professors who have helped me make the connections I needed to interview for these internships," stated Menes. "I feel that Cazenovia has prepared me well for interviewing and handling the business situations I am experiencing."

For the second year, Menes is Cazenovia College's Ambassador for the National Retail Federation (NRF) 2020 Vision show held at the Javits Center in New York City. His goal is to grow the chapter by educating the College on the benefits of the NRF, including scholarships, jobs and internships. While the NRF name implies retail, it is so much more. Executives from all types of businesses attend the event so it is a great opportunity to network. As

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**- Zach Richards**  
Account Service Coordinator  
Buffalo Bills

Ambassador, Menes helps students navigate and prepare for the event.

"My basketball teammates are like my brothers," added Menes. His freshman year was a challenging season that began with a losing streak. The team learned to work together and ended the year going to the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Final Four. Basketball pushes Menes to be a leader and work even harder so he can show others how to balance courses, sports and other activities.

For Menes, his time at Cazenovia has been life changing. "Initially, I was only thinking about basketball," reflected Menes. "Expanding into other areas has given me more possibilities." After graduation, Menes is considering several options including continuing his education, taking a position in marketing, or maybe, playing basketball overseas.

## The Rocky Horror Show Presented as Fall Drama Production

*Directed and choreographed by Artist-in-Residence and Broadway veteran, David Lowenstein*



Cazenovia College presented Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show*. The cast featured Cazenovia College students and faculty, and members of the local community.

The show was a hilarious, rollicking musical comedy that combined the characteristics of horror B movies of the 1950s - 1960s and science fiction. It told the story of a couple, caught in a storm, who are welcomed into the home of a mad scientist unveiling his creation, a Frankenstein-like monster named Rocky Horror.

A special Halloween night presentation was added to the performance schedule which was a big hit with students.



## Teaching Youth How to Advocate for Themselves

*The essential skill that Lilliemae Ervin '16 teaches her students at the Harlem Children's Zone is how to "self-advocate" as they prepare for college. Throughout her four years at Cazenovia, Ervin exercised her advocacy muscles both inside and outside the classroom.*

Growing up in Harlem as a three-sport athlete, Ervin admits that while she had good grades, her focus was on athletics, playing volleyball, basketball and tennis. When it came to college, Ervin had only been considering division one and division two schools until Cazenovia College's Head Women's Basketball and Softball Coach, **Chris Comino**, came to one of her games to scout. Comino's visit changed her direction, and she agreed to attend Cazenovia College after only one conversation with Comino about the College's focus on the complete student athlete.

During her first year on campus, Ervin played volleyball, basketball, and ran cross country. She also became very involved in Project REACH, an organization that shaped her Cazenovia experience as well as her life. She eventually became a Project REACH team member and then peer mentor.

At the end of her freshman year, Ervin's experience took a drastic turn. Her grandmother, who had been supporting her, became ill and was no longer able to subsidize the cost of Ervin's tuition. Stranded in Cazenovia because she could not afford to pay her tuition or return home, Ervin turned to a Project REACH staff member.

The Project REACH team helped her secure a job in the dining hall that she held for the next three years. Ervin then met with the business office, flexing her advocacy muscles by negotiating a feasible payment plan for the rest of the semester. The next step was to secure scholarships that would help her pay tuition moving forward. Once again, the Project REACH team assisted her by finding scholarships that she could apply for. Working with the Office of Financial Aid, Ervin worked to understand her aid package and her financial burden for the next three years.





When the fall of her sophomore year started, Ervin's priorities had shifted from athletics to the classroom, Project REACH responsibilities, work study, and her new position as a resident advisor. Project REACH became the foundation that connected her to everyone else at Cazenovia.

Ervin developed close relationships with a number of faculty members, especially in the Business Management Division. She started at Cazenovia with a plan to become an accountant, but eventually came to the realization that education was her true calling. Some of her professors knew this before she did, especially Business and Management Professor **Francine Varisco**. "She knew who I wanted to be before I knew who I wanted to be," noted Ervin. "She said you are going to be in education even when I said I was going to be an accountant." Ervin also added, "I really have to thank Professor Varisco. She helped and pushed me through the business aspect of my education. She taught me public speaking, how to network, how to converse with someone even if I didn't know them."

**FROM THE BUSINESS FACULTY TO THE STAFF IN PROJECT REACH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS, ERVIN CREDITS MANY AT CAZENOVIA FOR HELPING TO CHANGE HER LIFE FOR THE BETTER.**

Essentially, Varisco along with the Project REACH team equipped Ervin with the skills she now emphasizes with her students at the Harlem Children's Zone.

Ervin's last years at Cazenovia were not without bumps, but she relied on the close relationships she built in Project

REACH and with faculty to support her journey. Business and Management Professor **Joe Adamo** was the first faculty member she told she was pregnant at the start of her senior year. He was happy for her, but also adamant that she finish college. Adamo helped her find a way to complete her course work even when she struggled with the early morning class. Business and Management Assistant Professor **Joni Koegel** was also a pillar of support, and the first to predict the baby's due date. Former Vice President for Student Affairs, **Katie O'Brien** sparked Ervin's interest in community service, and got her involved in Sigma Alpha Phi, the national society for leadership and success which focuses on the importance of service. Ervin now pushes her students to do all the community service they can manage.

Giving back is very important to Ervin, and something she not only teaches but also embodies. As a result of her financial challenges in college, not long after she graduated, Ervin set up the Saaiyonna Cuffee Term Scholarship at Cazenovia for a student from Project REACH. Saaiyonna Cuffee

is her daughter's name, in memory of Ervin's aunt. Philanthropy is something Ervin hopes to instill in both of her children. Her goal with the scholarship is to ensure that no student needs to scramble to fund their education the way she did. Ervin commented, "I never want a student to be put in the position I was

put in – to have that feeling of what am I going to do next."

Today, Ervin works as the Advocacy Coordinator at the Harlem Children's Zone. In that role, she oversees five other advocates and works with hundreds of high school aged children, helping to prepare them for college. Along the way she has the opportunity to tell them a little bit about Cazenovia College, and has had a couple of former students attend the College. She is well aware of how one person can influence your life, and hopes to be that for these children.

Ervin credits many at Cazenovia for helping to change her life for the better from the business faculty to the staff in Project REACH and Student Affairs. She hopes to help her students at those pivotal points with making positive decisions towards a college experience that will be as transformative for them as Cazenovia was for her. But no matter what, she teaches her students the skills that served her well as she sought to find ways to pay for her education, and later to balance school and personal concerns – how to self-advocate, network, and help others in need.

## Serving with Passion

*How Margie Dobin Miller '69 selflessly shares of herself to benefit others.*

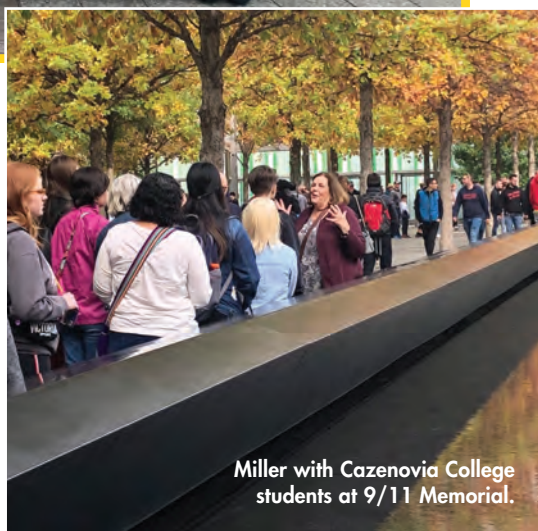
Vice-President for Academic Affairs, **Dr. Sharon Dettmer**, commented, "We are honored that Margie wanted to speak to the students who will be working in the criminal justice and counseling fields and thank her for sharing her story. It resonated with the students, especially the ones who were with her at the 9/11 Memorial."

In the aftermath of the 9/11 tragedy, Miller became involved at the World Trade Center Family Center (WTCFC) on Long Island – an inclusive and comprehensive support program for all those impacted by the events of 9/11. Miller was the family outreach coordinator and organized adult programming at the center. Having personally lost a loved one, she was in the unique position to advocate for the needs of the families, something she continues to offer today. She welcomes every opportunity to speak to schools and community groups about her experiences as well as the effects of 9/11 on bereaved families.

"This is how I've chosen to honor my husband's death as well as the life he led," shared Miller.

In addition to her involvement with WTCFC, Miller has long been an active member and currently serves as president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, an international non-profit religious organization. She has also served as the lead trainer for the organization's

leadership institutes traveling all over North America facilitating workshops for sisterhood leaders and their boards, focusing on leadership skills, leadership



Miller with Cazenovia College students at 9/11 Memorial.

**M**argie Dobin Miller '69 exemplifies what it means to live a life of service to others. She recently completed her nine-year tenure as a member of the Board of Trustees, however her service to the College continues as an active and engaged member of the Cazenovia alumni community.

Miller is always more than willing to share her life stories to enrich the student experience at Cazenovia. This past fall, she came to campus to talk with students in the Intro to Criminal Justice and Intro to Counseling classes who were studying terrorism.

Miller's husband, Joel Miller, worked at the World Trade Center and died in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Miller shared her heartbreaking 9/11 experience and after speaking with the classes, she later served as the guide to many of the same students visiting the 9/11 Memorial during a College-sponsored trip to New York City.



language, conflict resolution, team dynamics, communication, organizational structure and goal setting.

Miller was recognized by the College as its Volunteer of the Year at Reunion 2014, and this past June she received the Winifred E. Coleman Award at Reunion 2019. This award is given to honor the qualities that exemplify the exceptional character, spirit and wisdom of **Winnie Coleman**, a woman of extreme patience, kindness, fairness and humor, who's dedication to Cazenovia College as former dean of students, honorary alumna, and trustee emerita, was demonstrated by her commitment to higher education and belief that students are individuals worthy of personal attention. Upon receiving the award Miller shared, "Dean Coleman was on the top of my very short list of role models in my life. The qualities of Dean Coleman's leadership, how she engaged with the students, how she handled herself in so many situations, and her absolute professionalism have inspired me throughout my life and career."

A member of *The 1824 Society*, Miller is a loyal and generous supporter of the College. She encourages her fellow alumni to do the same and helped organize class challenges for her 35<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> honored year reunions. She often talks about how much she gained from her days at Cazenovia and how she wants to make sure that today's students have a similar enriching experience.

Miller recalls her days as a student at Caz with fond memories. "Attending college in the sixties was a unique time in the history of the College and the world.

Things were changing everywhere. My class seemed to have one foot in the past and the other in the quick paced future," recalls Miller. She reminisced about how students attended chapel, had tea with the college president, and shared family dinners once a week.

**"ATTENDING COLLEGE IN THE SIXTIES WAS A UNIQUE TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE AND THE WORLD."**

- Margie Dobin Miller '69

"We wore our blazers and freshman beanies with pride and great college spirit. On the other hand, during our sophomore year, we gained the right to sit on faculty committees, could wear pants to class, became politically aware and active, and weren't going to let the world-changing sixties pass us by," added Miller.

Miller received an Associate in Arts Degree in liberal arts from Cazenovia College in 1969 and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hofstra University, majoring in sociology and psychology. She was an administrator and religious school teacher for 16 years, and a licensed real estate broker.

Miller joined the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees in 2010 and served as chair of the Student Life Committee. In recognition of her time as a trustee, Board Chair, **Ken Gardiner**, remarked, "The Cazenovia Community is greatly appreciative of Margie's years of service as a trustee of the College and we look forward to her continued engagement. She is truly an amazing individual whose dedication to a life of service sets a wonderful example for our students."



## IN FOND MEMORY

*Cazenovia College notes the deaths of the following alumni:*

Audrey Hough Nesbitt '36  
 Theodore Fibison '41  
 Helen Lehmann Anken '42  
 Phyllis Woolsey Perkins '42  
 Lettie Ingersol DeSilva '43  
 Charlotte Kniskern '43  
 Mary Ellen Tuthill Schodde '46  
 Mary Merritt Brady '47  
 Rae Ellis Devine '47  
 Norma Candee Fowler '47  
 Kathryn Blanco Longe '47  
 Cherie Campbell Lyons '47  
 Priscilla Wilkinson Vaughan '47  
 Patricia Wray Keller '48  
 Martha Langdon McArdle '48  
 Carol Raymond Jennings '49  
 Geraldine MacDonald '50  
 Jean Busch Lloyd '51  
 Jacqueline Irby Stormer '51  
 Elizabeth Michaels TerBush '51  
 Marilyn Lambek Leeds '52  
 Irene Stoll Lowe '52  
 Maryadams Baker Richards '52  
 Grace Fariel Snyder '53  
 Elizabeth Johnson Bryson '54

Diane Nickerson Bures '54  
 Marion Rudd Whaley '54  
 Elinor Walton Ducat '55  
 Betty Youker Gray '55  
 Wilda Stephens '55  
 Dolores Bush Scuderi '57  
 Jane Horley Zick '57  
 Ruthann Mack Henkels '58  
 Bonnie Hooey Hudson '58  
 Sandra Armstrong Jones '58  
 Sandra McKenna Skrobol '58  
 Marjorie Danzer Straub '58  
 Shirley Baumgarten Weiser '58  
 Susan Rothman Chetlin '60  
 Rachael Foley Perkins '60  
 Patricia Rountree Melvin '61  
 Anne Listner Beatty '62  
 Stephanie Peacock Rydelek '62  
 Sharon Haley '63  
 Carolyn Loeffler Sterner '64  
 Candace Close '67  
 Gretchen Foster Rowe '67  
 Dale Connell Trautman '67  
 Paulette DiCocco '68  
 Darleen Ortlieb Frechen '68

Kathleen Mannix Schlarb '68  
 Barbara Quinlan Baker '69  
 Eleanor Dow '69  
 Candace Erickson Briggs '70  
 Deborah Wilson Coffey '70  
 Joanne Nemece Carlson '71  
 Loraine Sherman '71  
 Lorri Lewis '72  
 Cleo Babacas Warden '72  
 Christine Macera Driscoll '73  
 Amy Carroll Parker '73  
 Carmela Peters '73  
 Marcia Mock Collins '75  
 Paula Johnson Ford '77  
 Maryann Bump '78  
 Alberta Leo '79  
 Keri Thornton Collins '85  
 Jeanne Mancini Shaw '85  
 Shelah Bugaj Miller '86  
 Melissa Patterson Turek '87  
 Laurel Wiley '87  
 Deanna Getman Cook '90  
 Melissa Kurlak Thompson '92  
 Travis Agnew '94  
 Andrew Breeyear '12  
 Kathryn Straight '12

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*In Remembrance of*  
**Paul J. Schupf**



The Cazenovia College community is saddened by the passing of **Paul J. Schupf**. A generous supporter of the College, Mr. Schupf, of Hamilton, New York, died of cancer on Wednesday, December 4 at the age of 82. Born in Antwerp, Belgium in 1937, Schupf's family emigrated to the U.S. in 1940.

Schupf's support for Cazenovia College is memorialized with the Paul J. Schupf Lecture series and the Paul J. Schupf Endowed Chair in History and Humanities, a post occupied by longtime faculty member and friend, **Dr. John Robert Greene**. "From the start, Paul was emphatic about his expectations for the holder of the Schupf Chair," remembered Greene. "In my first meeting with him, Paul made it clear that he wanted the chair to be an active one; one that would give something to the students, not just fund a faculty member's solitary research. At that early juncture, I could see that Paul well understood the mission of Cazenovia College."

Schupf also instituted the Dr. John S. and Enid Morris Scholarship which is awarded to students who demonstrate superior citizenship and academic excellence by qualifying for the Dean's list. Mr. Schupf received an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Cazenovia College in 1997.

"Paul was a longtime supporter and friend of Cazenovia College," stated President **Ron Chesbrough**. "I will personally miss our lunch conversations and his advice." Schupf is survived by his siblings Axel Schupf and Tina Nordlander and many nieces, great-nieces and nephews.

*Cazenovia College has received gifts 'in memory' of and 'in honor' of for the following between November 18, 2017 and January 10, 2020:*

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Please help keep our office and friends up-to-date by sharing recent information. **Have you moved? Changed jobs? Been promoted? Received an award? Said, "I do"? Welcomed a new baby?** If so, please send us the details and include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and email address. Please identify individuals in photographs. Photographs will not be returned.

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## CLASS NOTES

### 1949

**Sally Rollins Meinweiser '49** writes, "To say that I was disappointed in the turn out for our 70th Reunion is an understatement...I knew there would be a few of us returning, but only me?! I truly missed you all! Weather wise the weekend was glorious. Everything was well planned, lunches, cocktails, dinners, lectures, etc. I had a chance to chat with a few alums from other classes. The class of 1969 especially. Thanks to my daughter, **Holly Gerner**, Class of 1974 (45<sup>th</sup> Reunion) I was driven up and back. It was a special weekend for us and I am most grateful. Spoke with **Audrey Duysters Glenfield '49**, **Bobby Grant Vosburgh '49** and **Jayne Yates '49**. They



**Sally Rollins Meinweiser '49 and Holly Gerner '74**

all sent their best and were doing quite well. Nothing more to report but would love to hear from you or put a note into the Caz magazine re: what's happened or happening in your lives. Wishing you good health, happiness and love."

### 1970

**Margot Cheney Jacoby '70** writes, "2020 is our big 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion and a perfect time to give back to our beloved Cazenovia. Join us to celebrate and reconnect on our special anniversary. Hope we can show our gratitude and have fun!"

**Nancy Beetz Cave '70** writes, "I live in Land O' Lakes, Fla. with my husband Bill. I retired as an Account Executive in the Insurance Business in 2012. Bill is semi-retired as he still owns his own IT Company and works as their consultant. We have three children between us and six grandchildren. Two in Florida and one in Tennessee. We love to travel, own a Harley Davidson, belong to a HOG and skeet shooting club. We're enjoying our grandchildren and retirement in the sun. We recently renewed our wedding vows in Hawaii."



**Bill and Nancy Beetz Cave '70**

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## 1972

**Valerie Lawton Weaver '72** retired on December 31, 2019 with the goal of traveling and creating travel memories with grand nieces and nephews.

**Wendy Dibble Smith '72** writes, “Thoroughly enjoying married life, and we just downsized to a smaller home and lot size. I’m playing Vbox in my husband’s band. We’re called Everyday People and play at nursing homes. Still stay in touch with my Caz roommate, **Susan Wadsworth Norte '72**, who is living in Tennessee. We see each other 2-3 times a year. We also travel to visit Barry’s sons’ families and five grandchildren.”

## 1973

**Marina Guidetti '73** writes, “Still working as an International Flight Attendant for United Airlines. It’s been 38 years and three mergers. I own property and rent two small beach cottages on Cape Cod. Also, started a consignment business and chalk paint furniture. I do jewelry art and sell jewelry from my travels to India and China. Need to retire so I can relax! My one and only son is a successful Computer Science Engineer working at Harvard University Medical in Boston. I’ve been blessed with a wonderful son, a successful life, and lots of great friends. Cazenovia was a wonderful experience where I made great friends that I still have today.”

**Gail Ormsbee '73** got to sing twice with her dear friends The Lettermen on October 5 at a show in Roslyn, N.Y. The current Lettermen lineup includes Donavan Tea, Rob Gulack and Bobby Poynton – equally talented soloists as group singers.

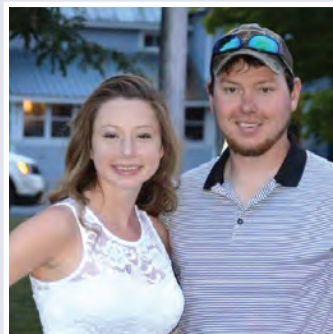
## 1980

**Karen Downes '80** writes, “I have entered the grandmother club. Our son had a baby boy, Benjamin, in March and he’s a delight! I’m now a Colonel in the USAF as Director for the Secretary

of the Air Force (Reserve Affairs and Airmen Readiness) portfolio at the Pentagon. Truly enjoy my job knowing we make a difference for our Airmen. I am looking forward to retirement on August 1, 2020 and raising therapy dogs in Pennsylvania. Would love to hear from the 1978-1980 crowd; **Julie, Lisa, Connie and Mel**. Hope you all are well!”

## 1988

**Tina Tynon Martin '88** writes, “I’m retired from the USPS. My beautiful daughter is now attending Cazenovia. Trisha is a sophomore majoring in Business Management. She loves it like I did. Lots of changes over the past 31 years. Trisha plays soccer so I’m at the home



**Trisha and Andrew Martin**

games and it brings back some good memories. My son Andrew is a lineman for National Grid and living the life. Proud Mom and Alumna!”

**Crystal Wright Farrell '88, Julie Mott Greenberg '88, Christine Canal '88, Janet Kodash '88, Raquel Aponte Hili '89 and Kathleen Blodgett '89** gathered in December 2019 for a “Caz Sister” weekend to celebrate the holidays and lifelong friendships.



**Seated (L-R): Kathleen Blodgett '89, Christine Canal '88 and Janet Kodash '88**  
**Standing (L-R): Crystal Wright Farrell '88, Julie Mott Greenberg '88 and Raquel Aponte Hili '89**



**Phillip Hamilton '94 and Audrey Brown Hamilton '93**

## 1993

**Audrey Brown Hamilton '93 and Phillip Hamilton '94** were married at the Lincklaen House in Cazenovia on August 31, 2019. They were introduced in 1994 by a mutual friend and classmate **Kadip Sen '94**. The couple resides in the community and love having Cazenovia as their home. Audrey is a local photographer and Phillip is an administrator through Morrisville College at the EOC in Syracuse.

## 1994

**Pamela Seney Goldswor '94** has been promoted to HR Director at Townsend Leather. Pamela has also been published in *Forbes* magazine four times each on topics about culture and employee relations.

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**Andrea '97, Jeff and Addison Sebeck-Koss**

**1997**

**Andrea Sebeck '97** writes, "After 19 years together, I married Jeff Koss in an intimate winter wedding. We were united on December 30, 2018 at the Appel Inn in Altamont, N.Y. surrounded by close family and friends. Our daughter, Addison Sebeck-Koss, was the flower-girl." Andrea, Jeff and Addison live in Albany, N.Y., and Andrea is employed by the NYS Department of Labor as a workforce Programs Specialist.

**1998**

**Kristina Madias Christmann '98** and **James Christmann '97** write, "We had our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 23, 2019. We first met at Albert's while at Caz. Now we have three beautiful children and live in Buffalo, N.Y."



**Kristina Madias Christmann '98 and James Christmann '97**



**Brett Carguello, Associate Director of Admissions, Kate Lincoln Harris '08, Marlo Colletto '11, Tiffany Varlaro, Assistant Dean, Office of Student Life, President Ron Chesbrough, Lisa Folsom '07, Monica Everdyke '02**

**Erin Niles Woods '98** has been a published author for years now (pen name GB MacRae). Her writings include the first three books of the Book of Avenzyre series, a short story collection and an Avenzyre themed coloring book. Erin is also teaching creative writing at the CNY Community Arts Center. Book four is due out next fall.

**2007**

**Shauna Dack '07** writes, "A former colleague and I recently started our own architecture and design firm called Advantage Architecture. The office is located on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 40<sup>th</sup> Street (right by Bryant Park), and the official 'start date' was October 1, 2019. It's all very new, but our current client base is commercial office interiors and quite a few restaurants as Architect of Record. I'm pretty excited about it, should be a fun adventure! Once we are settled, I'd love to be more of a resource for the college's Interior Design Program."

**2008**

**Kate Lincoln Harris '08, Marlo Colletto '11, Lisa Folsom '07** and **Monica Everdyke '02** returned to campus in October 2019 for the Annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction celebration.



**Claudia Paraschiv and Andrea Werwinski '09**

**2009**

**Andrea Werwinski '09** moved to Salem, Mass. in September 2018. She is now the Regional Sales Manager for SUITE New York, the luxury furniture company based out of New York City, where she's been working for the past seven years. Andrea writes, "I also started a small business selling my artwork-macrame, loom weavings, and pottery! The name of my business is 3:27am. I share studio space with a good friend and fellow artist. We recently had a studio opening party which was a success. Our hope is to hold seasonal parties and collaborate with local musicians and businesses."

**Vanessa Rutigliano '09** moved to Boynton Beach, Fla. from Beacon, N.Y. in 2017. Recently, she started a new job as a graphic designer/marketing coordinator for a big mortgage company based out of Boca Raton, Fla.

## 2010

**Katie Krebs Bartlett '10** and **Tim Bartlett '10** welcomed Genevieve Ruth Bartlett who was born on December 5, 2019.



**Genevieve Ruth Bartlett**



**David and Corinne Cunningham Miller '11**

## 2011

**Corinne Cunningham Miller '11** married David Miller in October 2019. She recently received a promotion at Mood Media and is now the Interactive Design Manager.

**Ivan Montoya '11** writes, "I was with Restoration Hardware (now RH) for seven years. I am now the Studio Manager for Industry West in SoHo here in NYC!"

## 2012

**Darrell Buckingham '12** recently joined the Central New York Community Foundation to serve as Manager of Foundation and Facility Operations. Darrell previously served as Personnel Officer for the Onondaga County Public Libraries, and is the former Chapter President for Central New York/Mohawk Valley International Association of Workforce Professionals. He's an active member of the local NAACP and serves on the Community Engagement Committee for the Everson Museum. Darrell will join the board of directors for Vera House in January.



**Kara Handerhan '12 and Carl DiVeglia III**

**Kara Handerhan '12** and **Carl DiVeglia III** were engaged at the Stone Quarry Art Park. They are currently planning their wedding for May 16, 2020. Kara is a special education teacher in the Albany City School District.

**Kimmy Norton Kimball '12** married Chaz Kimball at Old Hickory Farm in Weedsport, N.Y. on July 14, 2018. She graduated with a second masters in Organizational Leadership from Grand Canyon University at the end of the year. The Kimball's welcomed Oaklyn Sky Kimball to their family on March 2, 2019. Kimmy also started a new job as



**Chaz, Oaklyn and Kimmy Norton Kimball '12**

Content Marketing Manager at the Martin J. Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University, and is pursuing her Ph.D. in Higher Education.

## 2013

**Carley Carson Cliff '13** writes, "On October 4, 2019, I married Jamie Cliff, who is a police officer in our hometown of Oswego, N.Y. We were married at Old Hickory Farm in Weedsport, N.Y. **Nalia Bouley O'Connor '13** was my matron of honor. **Kim Grethel '13**, **Cory Tilton '13**, and **Shannon Ames Tilton '17** were also in attendance. We had Caz Roots wedding favors, Critz Farms mini apple ciders, and mini donuts from Mara's mini donuts (owned and operated by **Mara Halstead '16**) too. I also changed jobs and am now a Nuclear Security Officer at Nine Mile Point Nuclear Station in Oswego."



**Jamie and Carley Carson Cliff '13**

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**Taylor Kubber Hodge '13, Amy Olin Pavelka '13 and Breanna Staffon '13** participated in the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Wheler Family Conference on World Affairs on campus in October 2019.

### 2014

**Taylor MacFarland '14** writes, "I got married this year! On September 15, 2019, I married Brian Rashkow, an attorney, in Pittsfield, Mass. We currently reside in Ballston Spa with our dog, Phoenix."



**Taylor MacFarland Raskow '14 and Brian Rashkow**



**(L-R): Dr. John Robert Greene, Paul J. Schupf Professor of History and Humanities, Director of History Program, Taylor Kubber Hodge '13, Amy Olin Pavelka '13 and Breanna Staffon '13**



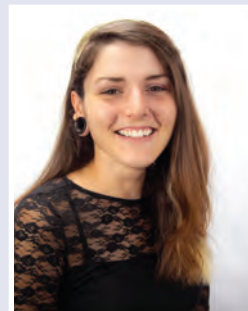
**Sean, Lukas and Vicki Dufort '14**

**Vicki Dufort '14** and Sean Thibault welcomed Lukas Thomas Thibault at 5:59am on June 1, 2019. Lukas was born 8lbs 11oz, 20 inches tall and a happy, healthy bundle of joy!

**Brianna Kessler Foster '16** writes, "Since graduating, I've traveled across the country and lived in California with my now husband (whom I met at Cazenovia College). Since moving back to New York, my husband and I have opened a restaurant, gotten married and are expecting our first baby, a daughter. I received my master's in social work and work for a not for profit agency, providing counseling services. I still have the same best friends I met while at Caz. We try and get together often and are always there to support each other. My connections from the College still assist me even though I live three hours away. Without Caz I'm not sure where I would be today, professionally or personally."

### 2016

**Mackenzi Van Slyke '16** has been promoted from Marketing Assistant to Digital Marketing Manager at C&D Advertising in Utica, NY. Mackenzi will be getting married in August 2020.



**Mackenzi Van Slyke '16**



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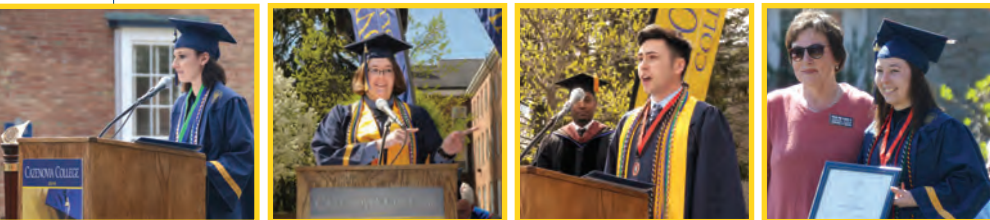
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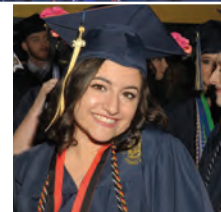
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## Gardiner Named Board Chair

**K**enneth Gardiner was elected chair of the board of trustees at the May 2019 board meeting. Gardiner, whose two daughters graduated from Cazenovia College, joined the board in 2016 and has served on the Finance and Investment committees. A partner at Dannible & McKee, LLP, Gardiner has worked in accounting for over 35 years. He is the partner-in-charge of assurance services and quality control for the firm. Gardiner's area of expertise is providing audit and accounting services to the construction industry. He also provides services for architects, engineers, and manufacturing companies and has extensive experience with audits of employee benefit plans.



Gardiner replaces Richard L. Smith who completed his tenure on the board of trustees. Smith received an honorary degree at the May 2019 commencement ceremony and was awarded trustee emeritus status. He served as a member of the board from 2001 to 2010, during which he was chair from 2008 to 2010. Smith rejoined the board in 2011 and served as chair from 2016 to 2019. In 2010, he created the Richard L. and Anne T. Smith Scholarship for Excellence in History.

## Board Welcomes Two New Trustees

*Eric Burrell and Jackie Wilson join the board.*



**E**ric Burrell serves on the Audit and Buildings & Grounds committees of the College's board of trustees. Burrell is the president and CEO of Professional Teleconcepts, LLC (Pro-Tel), a telecommunications engineering and construction firm serving multiple wire line and wireless telecommunications companies throughout the U.S. Burrell also manages Pro-Tel Properties, a local firm that owns and manages multiple commercial properties in Cazenovia, N.Y., and Norwich, N.Y.

Burrell is a strategic investor and owns vineyards in France, a private bank in Illinois, and multiple seed investments in startup companies. Burrell also believes in philanthropy, and he and his wife focus their philanthropic efforts towards causes that benefit children.

Burrell holds a Bachelor of Science in organizational communications from New York University and is a graduate of Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

**Jackie Wilson** serves on the Academic Affairs and Institutional Advancement committees while chairing the Student Affairs committee. Wilson owns and operates American Fashion Network/JES Apparel (AFN), a fashion company established in 2005 and located in Central New York.

Wilson and her team design, develop, and manufacture product for some of

America's top retail chains including Kohl's, American Eagle, and JCPenney. With a global manufacturing footprint to include the U.S., Guatemala, Cambodia, and China, AFN trots the globe supplying solutions for the ever-changing retail environment.

The four-time recipient of the prestigious 50 Fastest Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies in North America, Wilson and her company continue to grow, lead, and innovate.

Currently, five of Wilson's staff members graduated from the fashion program at Cazenovia College and she is an active supporter of the fashion program, which includes hosting numerous interns. The company has sponsored the College's fashion show for the past four years. In addition, AFN donates samples and product to disaster relief initiatives; many of these products are designed by Cazenovia College students.

# The College Mourns the Loss of Two Trustee Emeriti

*The Cazenovia College community is greatly saddened by the passing of trustees Charles B. Morgan and Barbara C. Wheler.*



## Charles B. Morgan died September 13, 2019, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

Charles served on the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1996, acting as chair of the board from 1991 to 1993. He received the President's Medallion in 1996, and he and his wife **Elsbeth**, who also served as a College trustee from 1996 to 2005, received the Distinguished Service Award in 2014. In 2016, Charles was designated a trustee emeritus.

In addition to his service on the Board of Trustees, Charles will be remembered as a generous benefactor of the College. Members of *The 1824 Society*, Charles and Elsbeth's support has included gifts for the Cazenovia College Library Fund Drive, the Morgan Student Center (now the Morgan Room), the Art & Design Building Project (now Reisman Hall) and the Cazenovia College Equine Education Center. The Morgans also endowed the Elsbeth W. and Charles B. Morgan Scholarship in Interior Design, as well as supported many events including the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, the Alumni Golf Tournament, and alumni Reunions at the College.



## Barbara C. Wheler passed away peacefully at home on Friday, January 10, 2020.

Barbara's association with Cazenovia College began in 1973 when she joined an ad hoc committee of concerned citizens who worked diligently to save the College from closing. In 1974, she was appointed to the Board of Trustees and served as chair in the later part of the 1970's. She returned to the Board in 1995 and served through 2004. Ms. Wheler received the President's Medallion in recognition of her contributions to the College in 1982, and was designated a trustee emerita in 2004.

In 2001, her son **Bradford G. Wheler** established the Barbara C. Wheler Endowed Scholarship at Cazenovia College, which is awarded to a female student in their junior year who shows a commitment to community and public service.

In the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 tragedy, Barbara and her husband, the late **A. Gordon Wheler**, who also served on the College's Board of Trustees, established the annual Wheler Family Conference on World Affairs. Now in its nineteenth year, the conference brings to campus academics and professionals who speak to a specific theme of interest to the College's student body. Barbara and Gordon Wheler were presented with the College's Distinguished Service Award in 2008 in recognition of their help in making the educational experience, Cazenovia College, and the Cazenovia community as a whole, better.

The Cazenovia College Community will be forever grateful for the service and support of Charles Morgan and Barbara Wheler. They will be truly missed.



## Cazenovia College Athletics Inducts Class of 2019



### *Harris, Nearpass Pallone and Westcott join Wildcats Hall of Fame*

Three inductees joined the Cazenovia College Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming and Family Weekend at the annual Blue and Gold Dinner. The 2019 class included **Brittany Westcott '11** (Women's Soccer), **Stephen Harris '09** (Men's basketball), and **Heather Nearpass Pallone '08** (Women's Volleyball, Women's Basketball, Softball).

 **Brittany Westcott '11**  
Student-Athlete

- 2010 NEAC Goalkeeper of the Year
- 2010 NEAC First Team All-Conference
- Record – Career Saves (474)
- Record – Career Ties (4)
- Record – Most Ties in a Season (2)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Saves per game (9.48)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Career Wins (16)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Career Shutouts (9)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saves in a Season (193)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Saves Per Game in a Season (11.35)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Saves Per Game in a Season (9.35)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Most Wins in a Season (7)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Most Saves in a Game (27)

 **Stephen Harris '09**  
Student-Athlete

- 2007-2008 NEAC Second Team All-Conference
- Record – Career Field Goals Attempted (1416)
- Record – Career 3pt Field Goals Made (365)
- Record – Career 3pt Field Goals Attempted (1062)
- Record – Most 3pt Made in a Season (99)
- Record – Most 3pt Attempts in a Season (281)
- Record – 3pt Field Goals Made in a Game (10 Twice)
- Record – 3pt Field Goals Attempted in a Game (18)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Points (1597)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Career Field Goals Made (519)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Career Free Throw % (.815)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Career Steals (108)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Most 3pt Made in a Season (95)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Most 3pt Made in a Season (88)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Most 3pt Made in a Season (83)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Most 3pt Attempts in a Season (280)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Most 3pt Attempts in a Season (259)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Most 3pt Attempts in a Season (242)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Free Throw % in a Season (.889)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Field Goals Made in a Game (13)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Field Goals Attempted in a Game (24)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 3pt Field Goals Attempted in a Game (16)

 **Heather Nearpass Pallone '08**  
Student-Athlete

- 2006 NEAC Second Team All-Conference
- 2007 NEAC Second Team All-Conference
- Record – Career Attacks (2292)
- Record – Career Service Attempts (823)
- Record – Attacks Attempted in a Season (1023)
- Record – Service Attempts in a Season (370)
- Record – Digs in a Season (475)
- Record – Attack Attempts in a Game (66)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Kills (540)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Career Aces (112)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Digs (1063)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Career Digs per game (3.76)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Block Assists (37)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Points (679.5)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Digs in a Game (35)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Digs in a Game (33)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Total Blocks in a Game (11)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kills in a Season (236)
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Service Aces in a Season (48)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Points in a Season (286)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Career Assists (325 Basketball)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Career Assists Average (3.1 Basketball)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Career Steals (238- Basketball)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Career Steals Average (2.3 Basketball)

## Former Wildcat Standout Makes First Professional Start

*Thompson makes his mark with #1 Syracuse Stallions*

Former Cazenovia College men's basketball standout, and 1,000 point scorer, **Will Thompson '18**, has been named a starter for the first time in his professional career, for the #1 ranked Syracuse Stallions of the American Basketball Association.

Thompson's road to starting for the Stallions is one of pure determination and tenacity. Named a reserve player in 2018-19, he spent much of the season as a practice player, and filled in as needed when injuries occurred.

This season however, Thompson was named to the 12-man Stallions roster after a summer of intense training and made an immediate impact in the team's



season opener finishing with 19 points and nine rebounds on 5-10 shooting while going 7-9 from the charity stripe.

Former Cazenovia men's basketball assistant coach and current Stallions President and General Manager Mike Sugamoto attributes Thompson's promotion to his work on the defensive end saying, "Simply put, Will earned the starting spot. His intensity on defense, ability to block shots and ability to rebound at a high rate turned defense into offense so many times for us. In the ABA, the rules are slightly different. The best teams across the country turn great defense into a great transition offense."

## Crumblin Named to NEAC All-Conference Third Team

*The North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) has announced the 2019 Women's Soccer All-Conference Teams and Major Award winners as determined by the league's head coaches.*



Cazenovia's **Cassidy Crumblin** (Tarpon Springs, FL) was the lone selection for the Wildcats this season, earning a NEAC Third Team All-Conference selection. The Wildcats defender anchored a defense that allowed the third fewest goals in the Conference in 2019, and finished her senior campaign with three goals and two assists.

## Andreasson Selected to NEAC Men's Soccer All-Conference Team

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Cazenovia junior **David Andreasson** (Uddevall, Sweden) was the lone selection for the Wildcats in 2019, earning a Third Team All-Conference selection. Andreasson started all 16 games he appeared in, finishing second on the team in both goals scored (8) and assists (3). This is the second time in Andreasson's career he has been named to the NEAC's All-Conference team, earning a Third Team selection in 2017, his freshman season.





## Wildcats Inaugural e-Sports Season Underway

*The Cazenovia College eSports team opened their inaugural season this October, with a Phase One, Round One, Rainbow Six Siege match against the Redbirds of Illinois State.*



The Wildcats compete in CollegiateR6 (CR6), one of the largest Rainbow Six leagues around with 210 registered teams. In order to compete individuals must currently be attending college or university at an accredited institution.

The Wildcats are led by first-year head coach **Will Gordon '19**, who believes this team, and this season, will provide fans with an exciting preview into the world of competitive gaming. "Expect to see something you have never seen before," said Gordon. "This team is going to be competing in a program that not many colleges offer. You will see surprises, professional-quality video gaming maneuvers, and most of all, you will see passionate video gamers coming together to compete with some of the nation's best collegiate gamers. This Rainbow Six Siege team will pave the way for the future development of our eSports program."

The Rainbow Six Siege season was divided into three phases outlined below:

**PHASE 1** - Unseeded Four Weeks of Play

September 29 - October 25

**PHASE 2** - Seeded Four Weeks of Play

October 27 - November 22

**PHASE 3** - Relegation and Playoff

December 7, 8, 14, and 15

*For the latest news, roster, and schedule information on Cazenovia College eSports please visit [www.cazenovawildcats.com/sports/esports](http://www.cazenovawildcats.com/sports/esports).*

## Wildcats Announce New Head Women's Soccer Coach

Former Onondaga Community College (OCC) Head Coach and St. Bonaventure standout, **Hannah Tigh**, was named the head coach of Cazenovia College's Women's Soccer earlier this year. She became the Wildcats sixth head coach since the program joined NCAA Division III in 1999.



Tigh's most recent coaching experience includes three seasons as the Head Coach of the OCC Women's Soccer Team where she led the Lasers to their first conference championship in program history. While at OCC, she recruited eleven all-conference and four all-region players, including three first team all-region.

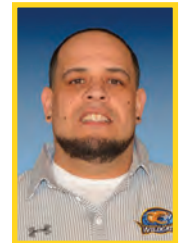
Prior to OCC, Tigh worked at Bryant & Stratton College as an admission representative and Head Cross Country and Track and Field Coach. She also assisted with men's and women's soccer programs at the college. Tigh also coached for the Arsenal Soccer Club and The Ultimate Goal.

Tigh graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Saint Bonaventure University in 2007 where she was a standout on the soccer field.

In addition to coaching, Tigh is the Wildcats Athletics Compliance Coordinator. In this role, she oversees all aspects of NCAA, Conference, and Institutional Compliance monitoring policies, and creates internal compliance education. She also serves as a lead athletics administrator for student-athlete academic monitoring.

## Mattox Named Head Women's Lacrosse Coach

Cazenovia College Athletics is pleased to announce the appointment of **Erik Mattox** as the new Head Women's Lacrosse Coach. Mattox has taken over a very talented Wildcats team that made it to the conference final four a season ago.



Mattox is no stranger to the Wildcat family, he was an assistant coach for the Women's Lacrosse program during the 2017-2018 season. During his time as an assistant, Mattox was the offensive coordinator and the Wildcats goalie coach. He also helped bring in the Wildcats largest recruiting class in program history.

In addition to coaching at Cazenovia College, Coach Mattox is also the Head Coach for the Marcellus Outlaws club lacrosse team. During his time with the Outlaws, he has assisted players with the recruiting process and helped them find the right fit. Coach Mattox's other coaching experience includes Women's Varsity Soccer Coach for the Syracuse



City School District, and assisting with FCA women's basketball clinics for grades four through twelve.

Mattox, a Syracuse native, played lacrosse at Neuman University for one season. He also played one season at Onondaga Community College and one season at Herkimer County Community College. Mattox also was a three-year starter for Lacrosse at Nottingham High School.

## Dream Fulfilled; Houser Qualifies for IRONMAN World Championships

*Cross Country and Swimming and Diving head coach, Bill Houser, completed his lifelong dream of qualifying for the IRONMAN World Championships.*

With a finishing time of 04:42:34 in the IRONMAN 70.3 Atlantic City on September 15, Houser bested a field of over 2,500 competitors to finish eighth in his age bracket and 42<sup>nd</sup> overall, securing a spot in the 2020 IRONMAN 70.3 World Championships in Taupō, New Zealand. The top 2,500 male and female triathletes in the world qualify for the World Championships.



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"I have always dreamt of qualifying for the world championships and I have made several attempts in the past to no avail," said Houser. "For those that know me, I am not a person that gives up on things or my dreams; I do not give up on people, and I certainly do not give up on myself."

Houser, an avid tri-athlete, began competing in 2006 and, to date, has completed just over 45 triathlons of varying distances, including multiple finishes in one of the hardest IRONMAN races in the world, the Ironman Lake Placid (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike, 26.2 mile run). Houser compliments a consistent training regimen for his success as a competitive tri-athlete, "I ride to work every day that I can, run or swim at lunch, and will occasionally ride or run with friends." In total Houser trains approximately 15-20 hours per week.

It will be the first time the IRONMAN 70.3 World Championship has been held in New Zealand, Taupō. The race will take place on November 29, 2020 and will feature a swim in one of the world's largest fresh water lakes, a bike course through New Zealand's renowned rural landscape and a run course which takes in views of the lake front that will be lined with spectator and local support according to the IRONMAN World Championship press release.

Preparations are already underway for Houser, who after making travel arrangements plans to focus on strength training and his running split times ahead of the 2020 World Championships.

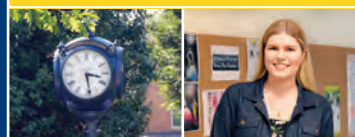
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# Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Equine Education Center

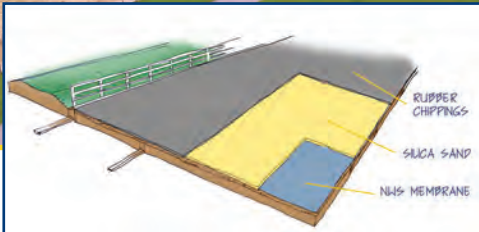
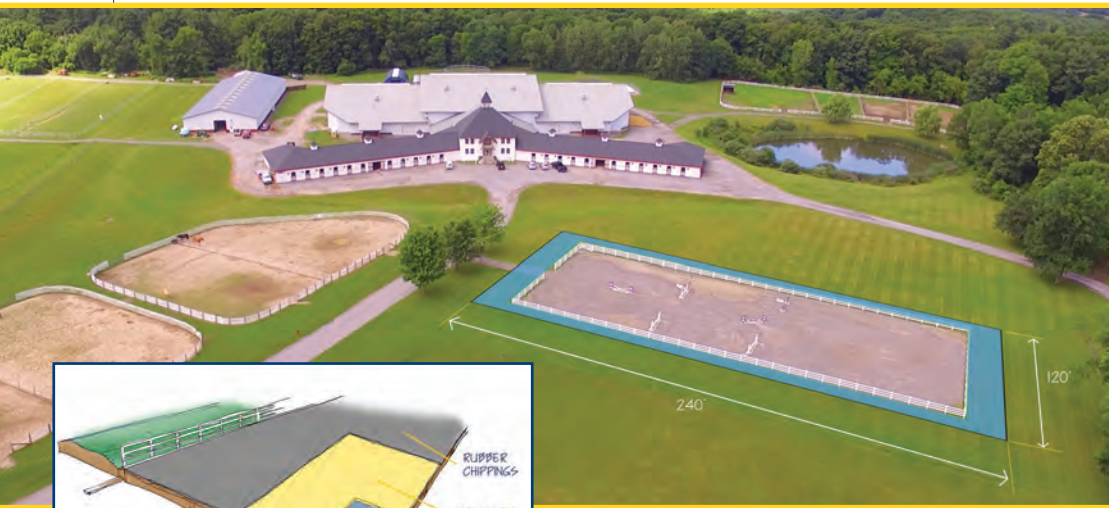
*Kick off for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Campaign for a larger outdoor ring*



equine care and techniques. Graduates have gone on to successful careers running stables, working with breeders, and working in feed and equipment sales and development.

“We have always considered equine to be one of our distinguishing programs and an area that helps to drive enrollment for the college,” noted Chesbrough. “This year, Equine Business Management students joining the first-year class were the largest number of any single major at the College.”

As part of its ongoing mission to provide an exceptional educational experience in state-of-the-art facilities, the College is planning to expand the outdoor ring of the Center. “The focus of the 20th Anniversary Campaign is to expand the riding availability at the Center so that we can grow program offerings, increase opportunities for classes and boarders, and expand out ability to host larger equine events,” stated Chesbrough.



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- President Ron Chesbrough

On Friday, September 27, Cazenovia College held a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary reception of the Equine Education Center. President **Ron Chesbrough** celebrated with trustees, equine alumni, equestrian team members, supporters of the equine program and special friends of the College. Dr. Chesbrough highlighted the success of the College’s equine program and presented the future vision for the facility. He also kicked off the 20th Anniversary Campaign to raise funds for a larger outdoor ring which would allow the College to host more equine events.

Over the last 20 years, Cazenovia College has become nationally recognized as having one of the premier equine centers in the Northeast. The

Center is home to both the Equine Business Management program and our nationally ranked Intercollegiate Equestrian team which competes in Hunter Seat, Western Horsemanship, and Reining and Dressage.

Since 1974, Cazenovia has offered degree programs in equine. The current Equine Business Management program gives students the core knowledge they need to operate in the business side of the industry by taking specialized classes like equine nutrition, business operations for farm and stable owners, and

The outdoor ring will expand to 240 feet by 120 feet and will include new turnout paddocks. The increased size of the outdoor ring will allow for a full size dressage arena and larger courses for competitions which will expand the College’s national presence and allow for a broader number of organizations to rent the facility.

*If you would like to be part of this next phase in the history of equestrian at Cazenovia College, please go to [www.cazenovia.edu/give](http://www.cazenovia.edu/give).*

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Students entering in Fall 2020 will be members of the Class of 2024, the College's Bicentennial Anniversary. The Cazenovia Bicentennial Scholarship will provide an additional scholarship opportunity for these incoming freshman students.

Qualifying students for the fall 2020 freshman class will receive a scholarship of **\$2,024** annually (for four years) toward the direct cost of attendance at the College. To qualify, students must have a G.P.A. of 3.7 or higher and submit a 500-word essay, addressing why Cazenovia College interests them, how they believe Cazenovia can help them be successful, and what they hope to achieve while attending the College.



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