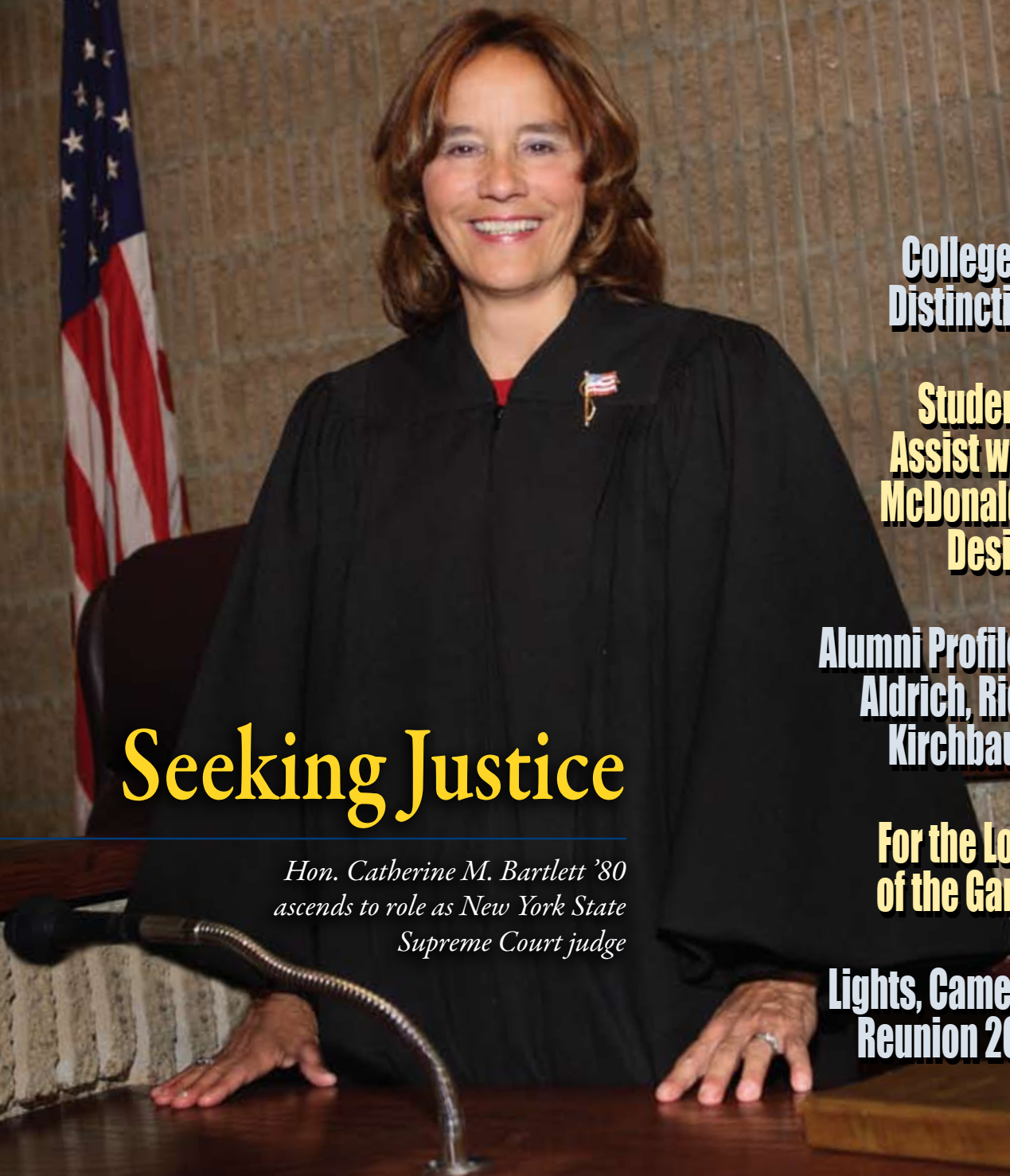




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# From Cazenovia to Canterbury



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*College offers a unique international study abroad experience*

Recently selected a College of Distinction (see page 6), Cazenovia College stands proud in its mission to keep students at the center of everything it does. In addition to offering our students a well-rounded liberal arts education – one in which students learn to communicate effectively, think critically and engage in constructive debate – Cazenovia College encourages its students to take an active part in their learning and explore the world through study abroad.

Since 2005, Cazenovia College has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with Canterbury Christ Church University in the United Kingdom, which affords students the opportunity to live in Canterbury, England, and to attend Canterbury Christ Church, a British university.

Just this past September, a group of our students, led by **Professor Warren Olin-Ammentorp**, departed for Canterbury. After settling into their new living arrangements at Canterbury Christ Church University, our students immediately began to encounter a unique and rewarding international experience. They soon discovered that nothing points out how American you are then fully immersing yourself into a foreign culture.

What makes our study abroad experience

so unique? Unlike many overseas study programs, Cazenovia College students truly attend a British institution, rather than an American institution located in England. Our students enjoy a cross-cultural experience; they are fully integrated into the Canterbury Christ Church University curriculum and residence life programs. They live in University housing together with their British counterparts as well as students from many other nations.

For the past five years, at both the study abroad informational meetings and just before our students leave for England, I share the following message with them. "As you expand your understanding of the global community through participation in the British system of higher education, as well as through accompanying social and cultural experiences, we look forward to your return in December and the new perspectives you will bring back to campus as experienced international students."

From Cazenovia to Canterbury and back again, this international experience and complete immersion into a foreign culture undoubtedly changes our students forever.

  
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# Breaking the Glass Ceiling

*Alumna seeks justice in role as New York State Supreme Court judge*

When **Catherine M. Bartlett '80** was a young girl, she aspired to be a referee in the National Football League - to be in a position to always make the right call. Her desire to preside over a fair and level playing field drove her at an early age and intensified as she made her mark on the legal profession.

Fast forward to today and you won't find Bartlett wearing pinstripes or flagging professional athletes for unsportsmanlike conduct on Sundays. Instead, the Honorable Catherine M. Bartlett sports a black robe in her role as a highly regarded New York State Supreme Court judge assigned to Orange County Supreme Court, where she handles civil cases involving torts, contract law, medical malpractice, car accidents and tax certiorari proceedings.

Judge Bartlett's ascent in the courts culminated in July 2005 when she was appointed to the Court of Claims. First assigned to New York City court (Bronx County), she conducted and presided over jury trials that included murder, rape, drug sales, and grand larceny. Judge Bartlett spent the next four years in Rockland County (NY) presiding over felony-level criminal cases, before being assigned to her current position on the Supreme Court.

Compelled to make sure every human being gets justice, Judge Bartlett says, "When I see a wrong I feel obligated to make it right." This intense desire to care about what happens to people drives

Judge Bartlett every day; yet she finds that balancing the difficult and rewarding parts of the job presents a constant challenge. "The most difficult part of the job is putting someone in jail," says Judge Bartlett. "I take it very seriously when I take a human being's freedom away, and I work hard to make sure that it is the right decision."

The law and the courts are the great equalizer, claims Judge Bartlett, who adds that lawyers are large influencers on society. "Allowing people to have their day in court is the most rewarding part of the job," says Judge Bartlett, who stresses that "our courts are the most important pillars of our society; we are responsible to make sure all persons who come to court get justice."

After earning an associate's degree from Cazenovia College in 1980, a bachelor's degree in political science from American University in Washington, D.C., and a juris doctor degree from Western New England College's School of Law, Judge Bartlett immediately began to amass an impressive list of work experience and skills. She served as an assistant district attorney in Orange County, during which time she supervised the investigation of child abuse cases and conducted jury trials. She was a managing partner of the law firm of DeProspero, Petrizzo, Longo & Bartlett. In 1997 and again in 2001, Judge Bartlett was elected town justice for the Town of Goshen. She was also appointed acting village justice for the Village of Goshen and an acting city court judge for the City of Newburgh. In



Photo: Courtesy of Catherine M. Bartlett

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2004, she was appointed chief administrative officer for Orange County, a position in which she managed all county operations, including more than 2,000 county employees and an annual budget of over one half billion dollars.

In spite of all these accomplishments, she says the defining moment in her legal career came in 2002 when she was appointed the first woman county attorney in the history of Orange County, managing a law office of 18 attorneys, overseeing multi-million dollar lawsuits, and negotiating collective bargaining agreements and contracts with all county departments.

"It was an honor for me to 'break the glass ceiling' and become the first woman to serve in such an important, powerful position."

Judge Bartlett is proud of the women who came before her and mindful of the many glass ceilings they broke. Sandra Day O'Connor, the first female member of the United States Supreme Court, is her role model. She thanks her great grandmother, a suffragette from 1917 to 1920, for her efforts in fighting for women's right to vote. "Because of them, and the many other women who came before me, I will keep working to break glass ceilings for my daughter and all daughters to come."

While Judge Bartlett strongly believes that women deserve to be given a chance and that we need more women in leadership positions, she is quick to point out that they

must have the skills and qualifications for a particular job. "Do not give me a job because I am a woman, but because I am qualified and competent," she says.

Judge Bartlett first became interested in law and politics while at Cazenovia College. She recalls the 1980 presidential election, the first in which she was eligible to vote. "I knew then that I wanted to play a role in effecting policies that relate to people's freedom, rights and property."

According to Judge Bartlett, "Cazenovia College helped me develop superb study skills, organizational skills and public speaking skills, but more important, helped me grow up and become a mature and confident young woman."

Judge Bartlett remembers **Dr. Fred Williams**, "the best history professor ever, for teaching history so well that he made it exciting and interesting!" She is thankful for learning the hard truths about marketing and the business world that were provided by **Professor Robert Miller**, and acknowledges **Michael Bocketti** for being a great public speech professor.

She was involved in many organizations while at Cazenovia and credits the College for nurturing a desire to participate, and instilling in her a sense of duty to one's community. While on campus, Judge Bartlett served as editor in-chief of the yearbook and was a member

of Campus Keys, Student Council, Performing Arts, and the College Orientation and Commencement Organization (COCO). Her commitment to serving others can easily be traced back to her days at Cazenovia College, where as a resident advisor in Shove Hall, she helped a lot of young women. "My peers trusted me with personal matters and I was able to help them," recalls Judge Bartlett. "We grew up together and learned to trust each other."

Currently Judge Bartlett serves as a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Winslow Therapeutic Center - Healing with Horses, Goshen Rotary Club Scholarship Committee, Women's Bar Association of Orange County and the State of New York, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a volunteer coach for Goshen soccer and is past president of the Women of St. James Church in Goshen, New York.

When asked what advice she would give to today's college students, Judge Bartlett replied, "Study and work hard; when all others head home, stay and work harder." She referenced something she recently read in *Yankee Magazine*: "Do a little more work than you are being paid for and you will never have to worry about a job."

For Judge Bartlett, when the Cazenovia College community awarded her with an honorary degree in 2006, "it was the highlight of a lifetime. It acknowledged all my hard work and the fact that I carry the same moral principles - hard work, honesty and compassion - that my parents instilled in me. Receiving such a high honor from my alma mater also confirmed that I have made a difference in some small way in this great country we call America."

*"It was an honor for me to 'break the glass ceiling' and become the first woman to serve in such an important, powerful position."*

- Judge Catherine M. Bartlett '80



# Cazenovia Selected a College of Distinction

*College demonstrates excellence in the four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes*

Cazenovia College is now featured in an online guide that takes a fresh look at colleges and universities appealing to students' unique and varied interests. Based on the opinions of guidance counselors, educators, and admissions professionals, Colleges of Distinction honors colleges excelling in key areas of educational quality.



Distinction create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country," reports Tyson Schritter, executive editor of Colleges of Distinction. "While each school is one of a kind, they all share a common theme: they are all a great place to get an education."

In order to qualify, Cazenovia College was required to demonstrate excellence in the four distinctions: engaged

## Tree Campus USA Committee Celebrates Arbor Day

Last May on Arbor Day, students and staff helped to plant a tree on Nickerson Street, maintaining Cazenovia College's status as a Tree Campus USA, so named by the Arbor Day Foundation for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship.

Tree planters were (L-R) **Stefan Opalenick**, superintendent of grounds; **Dr. Sue Berger**, executive vice president; **Jeff Slocum**, plant operations manager; **Aimee Sosenko**, an environmental studies student who led the College's tree care and planning effort; **Christian Heberle**, facility engineer and management officer; **Thad Yorks**, associate professor of environmental science; and several other students.



Photo: John Seiter

students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. The goal of Colleges of Distinction is to provide students, counselors and parents with information about colleges and universities that excel in these four areas. Featured institutions take a holistic approach to admissions, consistently excel in providing an undergraduate education, and have a truly national reputation. Visit [www.collegesofdistinction.com](http://www.collegesofdistinction.com) for more information.

**Dr. Mark J. Tierno**, president of Cazenovia College, says, "We are pleased to learn that the goals and objectives we have been pursuing for years are also valued by an organization as highly regarded as Colleges of Distinction."

In addition to this reputable distinction, Cazenovia College was ranked, for the seventh consecutive year, among the top baccalaureate colleges in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges publication. The rankings, released on Aug. 17, list Cazenovia 21st among first-tier colleges in the North.

## Summer Art Series Promotes Local Artists

*Annual series culminates with a "Retrospective of Four Fabulous Women" exhibit and auction*

Cazenovia College's Summer Art Series was created in 2007 as an opportunity for the College and community to join together to support the world of art and share the Art Gallery in Reisman Hall with the world outside the College. The series is organized by a committee of College employees and community members and a paid gallery assistant, who plan and staff three summer exhibitions.

Each year local artists or art collections are showcased. This year's "Collections of Cazenovia" exhibition drew on the art of "Four Fabulous Women," all artists with connections to Cazenovia College.

**Lucy Eliot**, a summer resident of Cazenovia for many years, painted Central New York landscapes and industrial buildings. In 2005, she donated many of her paintings to the College. Several have been added to the College's collection; many, at Eliot's wish, have been auctioned to support the Summer Art Series. The 2010 auction netted more than \$2,500.

Sculptor **Dorothy Riester** taught at Cazenovia in the 1960s. She and her late husband, Robert, founded Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, near Cazenovia, in 1991. The art park provides workshops and internships for Cazenovia College students.

Loaned art, biographical information and memorabilia for the exhibition was provided by: Paul Brooks; Amanda Bury '78; Cazenovia Public Library; Neil Chowdhury; Olga Diefendorf '61; Graham Egerton and Anne Redfern; Jon Hancock; Katherine Hansen; Caroline Jenney; Jim Ladd; Dorothy Riester; Elizabeth Secor; Stone Quarry Hill Art Park; Town of Cazenovia; Doris Eversfield Webster '46; Sally Webster; Glenda Wetzel; and the Frederic M. and Jean E. Williams Archives at Cazenovia College.



"Mystery on James St.," a painting by Lucy Eliot



A watercolor landscape by Priscilla Burg Jenney Hancock

**Prudence Burg Hubbard** and **Priscilla Burg Jenney Hancock**, known locally as "the Burg Twins," taught art at Cazenovia College in the mid-1900s. They maintained their identical appearance and allegedly stood in for each other in classes without anyone being the wiser.

Other summer shows included an exhibition of photographs taken in Dubai in 2005 by **Neil Chowdhury**, assistant professor of photography and director of the College's photography program, and "On My Own Time" - an exhibition that featured the work of Cazenovia College employees.

## Understanding the Death Penalty

*Reisman Lecture Series welcomes Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking"*

Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking, an Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States," continued her crusade against the death penalty at Cazenovia College's 2010 fall semester Reisman Lecture, "Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues."



Noting that virtually every person on death row is poor and that poverty generally leads to less than adequate defense in court, Sr. Helen urged the audience to think about the reasons people are poor and the social ills created by poverty. "We have a penchant to think we can solve social problems with violence," she said. "The death penalty is not a peripheral moral issue ... it hits the core and soul of who we are as a society."

As a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, Sr. Helen lived in the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans, and worked at Hope House. She sparked national dialogue on the death penalty, after becoming the spiritual advisor of a death row inmate and witnessing his execution. The play based on "Dead Man Walking" was staged at the Catherine Cummings Theatre this fall.

The Reisman Lectures, a three-year-long series funded through a gift from The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation, features thoughtful discourse on topics surrounding contemporary societal issues, by authors and scholars, leading public figures, and experts from business and the professions.





# A Visual Communications Professor's "Other Life"

*Scott Jensen is a cartoonist and greeting card illustrator*

Cazenovia College's art and visual communications professors are active in their fields apart from their work at the College. **Scott Jensen**, assistant professor of visual communications, writes and draws a cartoon strip "The Hardware Life," which appears regularly in *The Hardware Connection*, a digital-format trade publication for independent hardware retailers.

Approached by the editor of *The Hardware Connection* to write a cartoon series for the publication, Jensen says, "I've drawn cartoons for a couple of hardware industry trade magazines over the years, so this is not unfamiliar territory."

The strip takes a humorous look at the hardware retailing business from a retailer's viewpoint, using the fictional Digby's Hardware, a small independent store, as the setting. Ideas come from talking with retailers and Jensen's own hardware store experiences. "A lot of the themes are fairly universal to any small business or general retailing," he says. "I try to find the aspects that resonate with someone in the hardware business."

For nearly 25 years, Jensen has illustrated a line of greeting cards for Oatmeal Studios. He is a former ad agency art director, and continues to provide marketing communication materials for a number of clients, in addition to blogging about corporate logos. This fall, Jensen was accepted as a member



Photo: Oatmeal Studios



of the National Cartoonist Society, established in 1946 with the legendary Rube Goldberg as president. Jensen says, "I'm pleased they found my work worthy, and I'm excited to join a group that has so many of my professional heroes."

Jensen's outside interests generally find their way into his classrooms. "I'm interested in corporate identity and what motivates companies to change their logos," he says. "My students know that's my thing, and they like to 'talk logos' with me and tip me to new ones they've noticed."

## Honoring Years of Service

*Dedicated employees are recognized for years-of-service anniversaries*

**Sharon LeDuc**, housekeeping supervisor, and **Josef M. Ritter**, professor of interior design, were recognized for their 25 and 30 years of service to Cazenovia College at the Employee Welcome Back Luncheon on Wednesday, August 25, 2010.

They were joined by a number of College employees who celebrated 5, 10, and 15-year service anniversaries, and the following employees recognized for 20 years as employees of Cazenovia College: **Joanne Moffat**, **Warren L. Olin-Ammentorp**, **Anita H. Welych** and **Danette L. Tallman**.

President Mark J. Tierno stressed that "the luncheon allows us to honor and recognize dedicated employees whose long-standing service of employment really matters to the College's success."

## Current and Former Faculty Members Reunite at Reunion 2010



Photo: Wayne Westervelt

A highlight of Reunion 2010 was the gathering of current and former members of the faculty at a reception to welcome alumni back to campus. Pictured are (Top Row, L-R) **Mark J. Tierno**, president; **Dr. Bob Greene**, Paul J. Schupf professor of history and humanities; **Jo Buffalo**, professor, art; **Kim Waale**, professor, art; **Jesse Lott**, director, Center for Teaching and Learning; **John Livermore**, assistant professor, mathematics; **Eric Boyer**, professor, English; **Darren Zirbel**, associate lecturer, art and design; (Middle Row, L-R) **Scottie Ottaviano**, professor emerita, interior design; **Marge Pinet**, professor emerita, English; **Fred Williams**, professor emeritus, history; **Karen Steen**, professor, fashion design; **Heather Kipping-Regitano**, associate professor, human services; **Betsy Moore**, professor, interior design; **Joe Ritter**, professor, interior design; (Seated, L-R) **Dolly Weiss**, professor emerita, psychology; **Winnie Coleman**, former dean of students and trustee emerita; and **Harwant Dosanjh**, professor emerita, chemistry



(L-R) Sharon LeDuc and Josef M. Ritter

Photo: John Seiter

## Development Employee Honored by Junior League of Syracuse

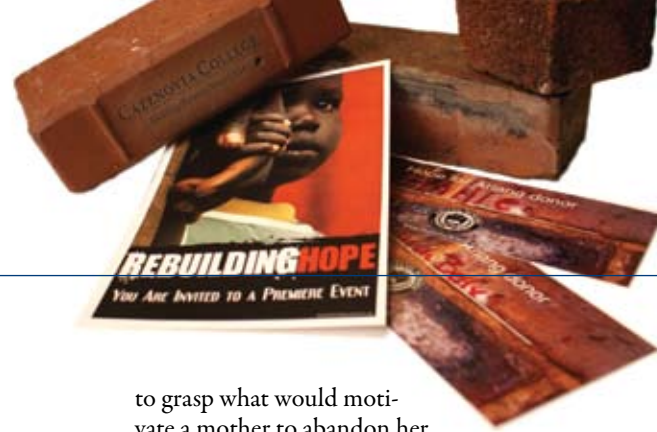
*Stephanie Macero receives community service award*

**Stephanie Macero**, senior development associate, is a long-time member of the Junior League of Syracuse. She was recently honored as the League's 2010 Community Service winner. Some of Macero's service activities with the Junior League are the Holiday Shoppes, fund development, and project development for the League. She chairs the membership committee for the St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary, and serves as its first vice president.

Presenter Karen Ciotti noted that Macero's greatest gift is the way in which she gives back to her community. "Cazenovia College, St. Joseph's Hospital and the Junior League are all fortunate to have Stephanie on their side. Through her contacts, our league has been able to pursue many untapped resources. She always provides a solid referral to a community link."



Photo: John Seiter



# Realizing Potential to Change the World

by Sharon Dettmer, Ph.D.

I can still see the fine dust on the faces of the children who had just been rescued from their jobs as quarry workers. Until their rescue, almost all had been held in bondage for a debt incurred years ago by their grandparents or great grandparents. Now, at the Rehabilitation Center where they were taken, they would begin their education and eventually return to their village.

Was this the moment when I made the decision to focus my teaching and research on international social justice and humanitarian issues? I am not sure.



Photo: Tasha Johnson

It may have happened when, at the impressive age of 18, I was fortunate enough to study and work with Aymaran Indians in a Bolivian tuberculosis clinic. Days after my arrival in Bolivia, General Pinochet overthrew Chilean President Salvadore Allende, which thrust me into the world of Latin American politics and human rights. I became involved with helping Chilean families clandestinely deliver names of loved ones who had disappeared during the coup. This was my first exposure to the fear and apprehension people suffer because of their political beliefs.

It may have happened during the four months Uruguayan urban guerrilla hijackers were welcomed into our home, after having been raped and tortured in prison while awaiting trial. I became involved in their lives and the lives of their families while attempting

to grasp what would motivate a mother to abandon her children and devote her life to a political cause. I knew I needed to learn more about Latin American politics and culture.

It may have happened when I roomed with Yung while in college at Ball State University. Yung, the sister of my friends Trung and Duong, escaped from communist-controlled Vietnam under cover of darkness. After enduring treacherous waters and pirate attacks in the South China Sea, she was rescued and sent to a refugee camp in the Philippines. I was fascinated to meet someone who had to learn to sleep in a bed (the first night with us, Yung slept on the throw rug next to the bed) and was overwhelmed by the number of possessions in our typical off-campus home. Our group of friends learned that there was a much larger community of newly arrived refugees in Muncie, Indiana, who also needed help, even if that help manifested itself only in the minuscule offerings of poor college students.

Or maybe it was the handshake with Mother Teresa at the opening of a homeless shelter in Rome, Italy, and having the opportunity to talk with other Missionaries of Charity about their work with the desperately poor of the world. Working at Mother Teresa's Nirmal Hriday Orphanage and Home for the Dying in Kolkata (Calcutta) was an experience that would forever influence my future.

Influencing present and future lives of Cazenovia College students is a goal of the social science and sociology curriculum. Becoming ethical and informed global citizens, no matter what a student's major, is emphasized in courses I teach, such as *Contemporary Ethnic Families*, *Human Rights and Genocide*, *The Holocaust*, and *Modern Day Slavery*. Students in *Contemporary Ethnic Families* have the opportunity to help refugee families newly arrived in Central New York.

Most students have no idea that a few miles down the road from Cazenovia Col-



Photos: Courtesy of Sharon Dettmer, Ph.D.

lege are families who have experienced trauma and displacement caused by war or political policies that target specific ethnic groups. Having had to flee their native countries, many of the families linger in refugee camps for years, if not generations, waiting for the chance to start life over. Listening to the stories of these incredible survivors created an opportunity to go beyond theory, to introduce students to these humanitarian issues of global importance that are easily found here in our neighborhood.

For some of these families from Bhutan, Myanmar, Sudan, and Somalia, Cazenovia College students have helped with setting up apartments, including raising money and buying needed household items. This past year students participated in the Refugee Academy in Syracuse, helping children from preschool to high school age prepare for entering American schools. They introduced children to American culture using games like Uno, and Candy Land, and children's books.

Many of my students were nervous about the initial visit and engaging with people who did not speak any English. Once they started playing games or going to the park with the children, their worries subsided. Even though this was a class project, a number of students returned to work with the families on their own time. This connection was a perfect way to help them overcome their

fear of "the other."

Interactions with families from other countries have not only contributed to discussions about the causes of and cures for oppression and poverty. It has directly led to creation of sustainable change by students, alumni, and others in the greater Cazenovia community. After meeting Gabriel Bol Deng, a Sudanese man who suffered incredible hardship when he lost his family after fleeing his village during an attack, the Human Rights Club, together with fellow students and staff, spent months helping to raise money to build wells that would save lives. Students raised over \$3,000 in April 2010 to help build a school in Ariang, South Sudan. Classroom lessons about poverty, health care, and community engagement came to life when the number of deaths from cholera and dysentery in the village dropped from 65 to zero directly because of the students' involvement.

I am not sure if the Sudanese children now able to attend school, the homeless in Kolkata, Yung and her fellow Vietnamese refugees, the tortured prisoners, or the freed child laborers in India, will ever realize the tremendous influence they have had on me and my students. We have learned about oppression while meeting with people who were oppressed. We have learned that volunteerism isn't charity; it is focusing on sustaining the lives of fellow human beings who have the right to be educated, receive decent health care, and drink clean water. And I have learned what a privilege it is to be able to teach and interact with committed students who are realizing their potential to change the world.

*"Becoming ethical and informed global citizens, no matter what a student's major, is emphasized in courses I teach..."*

- Sharon Dettmer, Ph.D.

## About the Author:



Sharon Dettmer, Ph.D., associate professor of social science, and chair of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, received her doctoral degree in social science at Syracuse University.

She also holds graduate certificates in international development and United Nations studies. She has taught at Cazenovia College since 1995.

Dettmer has spent considerable time overseas, including living and conducting research and interviews with traditional healers, indigenous women and child slaves, in Peru, Bolivia, Nepal, and India. She teaches courses related to international human rights, genocide, social stratification and multiculturalism in the United States. She is faculty advisor to Cazenovia College's Human Rights Club, and is a member of the American Sociological Association; American Anthropological Association; and the Southern Poverty Law Center. She is a founding board member of HOPE for Ariang, helping to bring education to Sudan.

She has also directed various social service programs in Syracuse, including working with at risk families, educationally neglected children and immigrants from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Dettmer received Cazenovia College's Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 2009.

# Learning the Ropes

*Cazenovia College Challenge Course promotes team-building for students and outside groups*



Photo: Monica Everlyke '07

**Katie O'Brien**, associate dean for student leadership and engagement, oversees use of the low ropes course, now called the Challenge Course. "The concept is to improve decision-making, problem-solving, and team-work skills, and to promote self esteem, cooperation and trust among new students," O'Brien says. "Many groups, in addition to ours, use the course. This past summer, we were double-booked with two groups of up to 150 each day."

**Courtney Brusco**, a senior majoring in equine business management, went through the course as a freshman, and has been a facilitator as well. As a student, she was excited to meet fellow freshmen, but found some of the course elements difficult. "The Wild-Woody involves lean-

ing on a teammate, while both walk on side-by-side wires that gradually separate," she says. "It's tough to rely on the person on the other wire to not let you fall."  
"Many students find the high wall intimidat-

ing," Brusco says. "I thought it might be difficult to lift some individuals over, especially the ones who were afraid. It was rewarding to see everyone finally collaborate as a team. Everyone in my group - big, small, weak, strong, brave or afraid - made it over."

This past summer Brusco worked at the Challenge Course instructing groups through the course elements. "One of the best parts of the summer was being on the other side of the ropes course as a facilitator," says Brusco, "seeing students grow and learn to work together through each of the different challenges."

Every year, the Challenge Course hosts groups from area high schools, colleges, companies and organizations for team building exercises. O'Brien notes that each session is tailored to the group, particularly, the number of participants, their age and how well they know each other. The first exercise is to learn lifting techniques, to be able to touch and be supported by others without discomfort.

At the conclusion of each exercise the facilitator holds a de-briefing session to discuss the obstacles to completing the challenge, and what could have been done differently. The discussions progress to comparing the difficulties of each element to real life situations.

O'Brien says that orientation students are initially hesitant about the Challenge Course, but the experience always receives the highest rank on the orientation survey. "They don't know what to expect, but after the experience there's a noticeable boost in confidence and camaraderie."

*"The concept is to improve decision-making... and to promote self esteem, cooperation and trust among new students."*

- Katie O'Brien

In the late nineties the Freshman Focus program was developed at Cazenovia College to help new students make the transition to college. One component of the program was a low ropes course, constructed at The Farm, the site of the College's Equine Education Center. Today, the course continues to be a major part of orientation for new students.

# Students Assist with New McDonald's Design

*Interior design students participate in design selection for renovated McDonald's in Caz*

In the spring of 2010, the Honorable Bernadette T. Clark and H. Thomas Clark, proprietors of the McDonald's restaurant in Cazenovia, approached our interior design students to offer them a unique learning experience – the opportunity to assist with the design of the recently rebuilt McDonald's restaurant in Cazenovia.

Under the guidance of **Professor Elizabeth Moore** and **Assistant Professor Grace Baker '04**, a group of students was assembled to participate in the process of selecting the most promising design proposal for the restaurant. The students – **Melissa Patten, Sarah Rosengrant, Christie Seeley, Amanda Thomas, and Kristine Teno** – attended the design presentations given by three



Photo: Carol Strickwell

**(L-R) Amanda Thomas, Christie Seeley, Bernadette Clark and Sarah Rosengrant review design proposals prepared by three professional design firms.**

professional interior design firms. After careful review of the designs presented, the students offered their detailed suggestions and feedback, which were ultimately incorporated by the Clarks into the final plans for the restaurant.

The new McDonald's opened in June 2010 and includes special features such as a fireplace, varied seating options, and new décor expressed in colors, upholstery patterns and lighting. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on June 28, at which the Clarks presented **President Mark J. Tierno** with a check for \$2,000 in thanks and support of the College.

The addition of display cases inside the restaurant proudly showcases Cazenovia College student artwork. "Cazenovia College is extremely grateful to the Clarks for including our students in such an extensive manner and providing a hands-on, real-life professional experience," said President Tierno.



Photo: Laura Benoit

**(L-R) Professor Elizabeth Moore; Assistant Professor Grace Baker; Honorable Bernadette T. Clark; Interior Design student Melissa Patten; President Mark J. Tierno; Al Doan and Brian Telesh from McDonald's; and H. Thomas Clark at the June 28th ribbon-cutting ceremony**

# College Radio Station Unveils Logo

*WITC logo signifies new era for Wildcat radio*



Photo: John Seiter

**Sophomore Josh Skibbe (left), a visual communications major who designed the new WITC logo, and Andrew O'Baoill (right) at the WITC logo unveiling event**



A new era was launched for the College radio station last semester, as students proudly unveiled the new logo for WITC-88.9 FM during a live remote radio broadcast from the Dining Hall.

"Our live broadcast was a first for the station, and showcased our ability to bring WITC to the students. We're already thinking of ways to cover other events, and provide broadcasts from all over campus," said station advisor and Assistant Professor of Communication Studies **Andrew O'Baoill**.

O'Baoill added that the station serves as a classroom resource, a live laboratory environment, a source of information and entertainment for its audience, and a forum for students to express themselves.

"I'm hoping that we can get more students involved with the station... as a hobby or a place to have fun, while building skills and providing a service to our listening community."



Watch your mailboxes for more information on 2010-11 outreach events in your area!

# Alumni Gatherings

*Gatherings held during summer and early fall welcomed alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of Cazenovia College to a variety of venues and activities.*



**HAMILTON, NEW YORK**  
August 2010

(L-R) Joan Brooks, director of development; Ellie Wilson '52, Shari Whitaker, director of alumni relations and Jeanne "Betty" Priest Putney '53 met for lunch at the Seven Oaks Golf Club.



**CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK**  
August 2010

Despite pouring rain, alumni and current soccer team members came together to scrimmage on a Sunday afternoon in August.



**PITTSFORD, NEW YORK**  
August 2010

Alumni, faculty, friends of the College and staff gathered for lunch at the Walnut Hill Driving Competition.

The Rochester Chapter of the Alumni Association welcomed alumni, guests and staff to a wine tasting tour at Arbor Hills Grapery and Winery. (Front Row, L-R) Carrie Perlet '08, Megan Rosenbauer '08, Terry Neff Thurley '77, Barbara Davis Halliley '49, Jo Ann Gifford Burns '68, Marilyn Adams Lewis '47, John Brahm III (Back Row, L-R) Tim Barth, Kenneth Adams, Judith Bond Clarke '59, Doris Eversfield Webster '46, Peter Way '03, director of the annual fund; Michele Marks-Hook '90, Daniel Hook, Mary "MJ" Kilian Walker '72, Mary Pfarrer Tilebein '72, Stephanie Macero, senior development associate; Bette Brown Carpenter '48, Karen Doyle Krenzer '77, Suzanne Ruisi, Catherine Hughes Andersen '77, John Andersen



**NAPLES, NEW YORK**  
September 2010

Alumni, staff and a current student enjoyed a brunch cruise on the Potomac. (Front Row, L-R) Carol Cooke Galusha '63, Leslie Sorg Ramsay '69, Dorion Germany '92, trustee; Robert Wallace (Back Row, L-R) Joan Brooks, director of development; Brittanie Chidsey, current student; Jason Llorenz '00, Kelly Bracy, Nancy Muhlitner Bracy '63, Stephanie Macero, senior development associate; Carolyn Cobb Wallace '63



**WASHINGTON, DC**  
September 2010



**CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK**  
October 2010

Alumni baseball players and members of the current team scrimmaged during Homecoming/Family Weekend.

## December 11, 2010

- Alumni Holiday Luncheon
- Buca di Beppo
- Colonie, NY
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

## January 13, 2011

- Alumni Gathering
- Union League Club
- New York City
- 6 - 8 p.m.

## February 2011

- Alumni Gathering
- Atlanta, GA
- Date and time TBD

## March 2011

- Alumni Gathering
- Philadelphia International Flower Show
- Philadelphia, PA
- Date and time TBD

## March 2011

- Alumni Gathering
- Orlando, FL
- Date and time TBD

## April 2011

- Studio Art/Photography Alumni Affinity Reunion
- Location and time TBD

## April 2011

- Alumni Gathering
- White Plains/Westchester, NY
- Date and time TBD

## June 10 - 12, 2011

- REUNION WEEKEND
- Cazenovia, NY

For further information please contact Director of Alumni Relations Shari Whitaker at 315.655.7332 or [sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu](mailto:sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu)





**HAMILTON, NEW YORK**  
October 2010

**Sally Rollins Meinweiser '49** represented Cazenovia College at the inauguration of the 16th president of Colgate University. Pictured with Sally is **Dr. Mark J. Tierno** (left), president of Cazenovia College, and her husband, **Hugh Meinweiser**, a member of Colgate's Class of 1949.

Photo: John Seiter



**SARATOGA SPRINGS, NEW YORK**  
October 2010

Photo: Shari Whitaker

The alumni gathering in Saratoga Springs, New York was hosted by **Mylea Bunney Aldrich '76** and her husband, **John R. Aldrich**. Alumni, parents, prospective students, college counselors and staff enjoyed a reception at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club. (L-R) **Darren Skotnes '05**, **Greg Stack '10**, **Peter Way '03**, director of the annual fund; **Linda Testa '81**, **Kim Gallup Ladd '82**, **Mylea Bunney Aldrich '76**, **Charlotte Fink Distel '53**, **Patty Smith Mansmith '85**, **Shelley Bullock '85**, **Andrea Maiello Jung '86**. (Not shown **Alice Berke '82**)



**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**  
October 2010

Alumni and friends of the College gathered for dinner in St. Louis, Missouri. (L-R) **Carrie Obsuth Wind '68**, **Nathaniel Bull '03**, **Larie Bauer '58**, **Suzanne Deming Hooker '58**, **Linda Gilmer Schmitz '60**, **Hugo Schmitz**, **Michi Muchisky**, **Thomas Muchisky**

Photo: Carol Sachwell

*In fond Memory*

Cazenovia College notes the deaths of the following alumni and friends:

- Edward Bernys '88
- Ellen Curry Chugg '73
- Laurie Crossman '76
- Martha Hulett Crownhart '56
- Wilma Conklin Fay '44
- Toby Friedland '72
- Harold Gears '37
- Margaret "Peggy" Annett Goodrich '63
- Catherine McFarland Hamberger '68
- Katharine Baird Hansen, former trustee
- Josephine DeDonato Maggio '40
- Sydney Teeter Miller '53
- Margaret Churchman Pritchard '29
- Martha P. Papworth O'Neill '00
- Mary Jones Quinn '38
- Janet Fearon Sinn, former trustee
- Ellen Mahar Spencer '68
- Nancy Weny Thauer '62
- Kathleen Urschel '84
- Arlene Walsh '62

Please continue to keep us informed by forwarding information to Shari Whitaker in the Office of Alumni Relations at 315.655.7332 or [sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu](mailto:sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu).

*Lost your yearbook or never received one?*

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# Finding His Niche in Sports

*Alumnus takes a chance and builds a successful career*



The part-time position wasn't even close to his dream job, but **Matthew J. Aldrich '04** took it anyway. Now, he's glad he took the chance. "I have a passion for baseball," he says. "I was a player (four years as a member of the Wildcats baseball team) and a fan. I knew I wanted to work in baseball so I sent my resume to the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum (Cooperstown, New York)." Shortly thereafter, Aldrich was offered the part-time membership associate position.

As a student, Aldrich sometimes imagined himself working in the athletics department of a college or university. "I really had no idea what was out there while I was in school," he says. "But I always thought that was one place I could excel. I just knew I wanted to work in the sports field."

By the end of 2005, Aldrich was a full-time associate at the Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. In 2008, he was promoted to manager of membership, during which time he was working on his master's degree in sport management at SUNY Cortland.

The summer before he earned his degree he became aware of an opportunity at the new NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, North Carolina. Aldrich says that racing was a big part of his childhood. "My grandfather and uncle were drivers; I was at our



Photo: Courtesy of Matthew J. Aldrich

local race track every Saturday. It was a difficult decision, but my wife (**Brandy Toner Aldrich '03**) and I decided that the new position would allow me to expand my career and get in on the ground level of a new organization."

As the manager of membership sales, Aldrich oversees all aspects of the membership program, with the goal of gaining new active members, donors and Hall of Fame dignitaries. He says, "There was a lot of work leading up to our opening in May 2010, and two weeks later we inducted our first class of Hall of Famers. It has been both challenging and reward-

ing as I continue to see the membership program grow."

As successful as he has been with promoting memberships, Aldrich has not let go of his imagined role in higher education. "I'm just starting my career and would like to continue to learn and develop as a professional. Someday it would be nice to pass along what I have learned to college students, as a professor or adjunct at the college or university level."

Aldrich has not abandoned baseball by any means. He is a member of a league in Charlotte, and says, "Baseball has and always will be a big part of my life, as will racing. I see myself as being very fortunate - having the opportunity to work with two world-class organizations that honor the best of their sports."

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- Matthew J. Aldrich '04

## Class of 2010 Leaves its Mark

The Senior Class Gift is an opportunity for graduating seniors, Cazenovia College's newest alumni, to show their appreciation for the many wonderful experiences the College has provided

to members of their class. Led by the Senior Class Gift Committee – **Lauren Szczygiel '10**, **Shanna Bowman '10** and **Amanda Szymanski '10** – and with volunteers from the Class of 2010, students embraced the opportunity to create a legacy as distinct as the class itself. Members of the committee challenged their peers to participate in the 2010 Senior Class Gift Campaign, which started with a “200 Nights to Graduation” celebration hosted by the Caz Traditions Program. Held at the Brae Loch Inn, seniors were joined by owner and special guest **Valerie Frost Barr '91**.

After fifty-one of their classmates joined the Junior 1824 Society with leadership level gifts (\$18.24 or more) to

support the 2010 Senior Class Gift, the class decided on a project that would be special to them. As part of the Coleman Lounge refurbishment, the Class of 2010 purchased artwork from the collections of senior students **Sarah Manning '10** and **Megan King '10** to be displayed outside of the Coleman A, B and C classrooms. By celebrating their classmates' talents and the College's tradition of excellence in the area of art and design, the Class of 2010 is the first class to arrange for student art to be displayed permanently within Cazenovia's main campus.

Students who participate in their class gift effort are joining loyal alumni, families and friends who support Cazenovia College each year through a tradition of philanthropy. For many, it is the first step in a lifetime of giving to Cazenovia College, creating their own class tradition by ensuring opportunities and success for future students.



### Share Your News for Class Notes!

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. Include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and e-mail address. Please identify individuals in photographs. *Photographs will not be returned. Electronic photos must be in a high resolution jpg, PDF or tif format, no smaller than 300 dpi and 3 x 3 inches or larger in size. Class Notes will be edited for length and style. Notes are recommended to be 80 words or less in order to accommodate the growing number of alumni submissions.*

Send the information to Terry Billy, Alumni Relations, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035. Or, e-mail [tabilly@cazenovia.edu](mailto:tabilly@cazenovia.edu). Thank you!

## CLASS NOTES

**1946**

**Doris Webster '46** writes, “Don't forget our 1946 class reunion this next year, our 65th. Oh my, I never thought I would be talking about 65 years. I hope you can make plans to come. If it is not possible to come, send the Alumni Office or me a note about what you have been doing and we will share it with the class. Our 1946 scholarship has been awarded to two students each year and has been very much appreciated. I always receive a thank you note. It is a great gift to the College and the students. Hope to see you next year.”

**1952**

**Marilyn Lambek Leeds '52** and **Catherine Ottavio Nelli '52** write, “Dear Classmates and Friends,

Our picture is proof that we are still alive and kicking. We enjoy getting together and having many laughs. We are in the tri-state area - it would be nice to hear from any and all of you. Choppy and Kit.”



**Marilyn “Choppy” Lambek Leeds '52 and Catherine “Kit” Ottavio Nelli '52**

## Constables Receive Distinguished Service Award

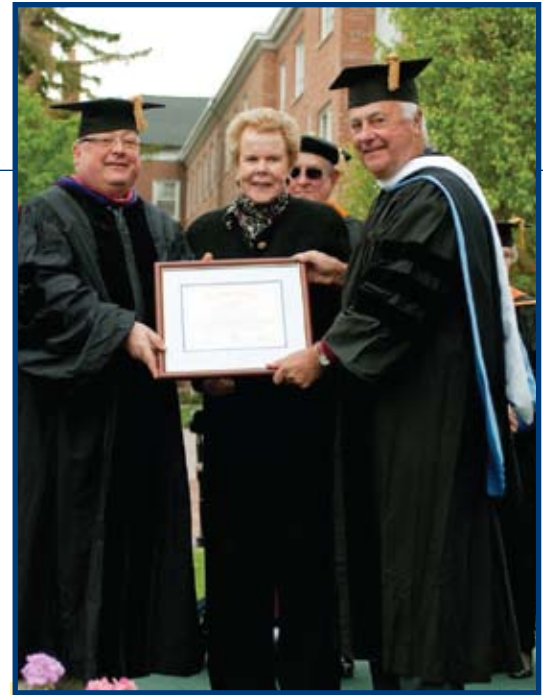
*Bob and Bobbie are recognized for “giving back” and improving the quality of life for others*

Presented by the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals whose generosity has improved the quality of life for others. At this year's Commencement ceremony, the 2010 Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Robert S. and Barbara “Bobbie” Constable**.

Bob and Bobbie's support has been invaluable over the years for numer-

ous College improvement projects, including a renovation project at the Catherine Cummings Theatre, a major gift in support of the construction of Reisman Hall, and a generous gift toward the College's recent elevator project. They also donated the house and property at 3 Sullivan Street, which bears the name Constable Hall, to serve as the College's Admissions Office.

“Bob and Bobbie are, fittingly, recognized by Cazenovia College's employees, students and alumni as a team whose commitment has made Cazenovia College a better, more beautiful and more successful higher education destination,” said **Richard Smith**, immediate



**(L-R) Richard Smith, immediate past chair of the Board; and 2010 Distinguished Service Award recipients: Bobbie and Bob Constable**

past chair of the Board. “I know of no individuals more deserving of this honor than Cazenovia's own Bob and Bobbie Constable, whose spirit of community and many acts of philanthropy are worthy of our collective praise.”

**1954**

**Barbara Faranda Schwartz '54** writes, “I had a spectacular summer on Cape Cod - lots of tomatoes on the vines! I am looking forward to the holidays at home. Then off to Sanibel to get out of the winter. Regards to all!”

**1957**

**Hind Rassam Culhane '57** writes, “I have been selected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Cazenovia College this coming academic year. What an honor - I cannot wait. I was awarded the Rockford College Distinguished Alumni award on October 15, 2010, in Rockford, IL, at my 50th class reunion. I will be presenting at a round table discussion at the International Fulbright in early November 2010 in Buenos Aries, Argentina.”

**1959**

**Sharon Bush Molten '59** writes “I just wanted to let everyone know that I vis-

ited Cazenovia not once, but twice in the past two years. I had planned for years to go to the 50th Reunion and I did. We had so much fun that I went again this year, with the main purpose of going to Glimmerglass Opera in Cooperstown for a wonderful opera by Aaron Copeland. Another highlight was visiting **Dean Winnie Coleman**, and exploring the restaurants and shops in Skaneateles, which are still as beautiful as ever. The adventure ended with a lovely boat ride around Cazenovia Lake at sunset. I felt as though I was home again! You really should see for yourselves how our beloved alma mater has grown and blossomed!”

**1961 50th Year**

**Joan Evens Sabloff Schuls '61** writes, “Hi alumni friends! My husband, Phil, and I sell real estate. We are affiliated with Realty USA in Manlius, NY. We love our business! By the way, we have three beautiful grandchildren.”

**1962**

**Karen Rossiter Baumis '62** has started a new career in sales with Macy's in Guilderland, NY.

**1965**

**Barbara Menera Ryner '65** writes, “In 2000, we retired to St. Simon Island, GA. For the past six years, I have been working as the assistant director of a Montessori school, a second ‘career’ for me. We continue to spend our summers on Cape Cod. Our grandson is nine and our granddaughter is six. **Jan Van Antwerp Ancker '65** has visited several times. Life is good! My e-mail is [bmryner@gmail.com](mailto:bmryner@gmail.com). It's hard to believe it has been 45 years since graduation.”

**1967**

**Cheryl Harter Creekmore '67** writes, “Rick and I just purchased another condo adjacent to our other condo at the beach in Port Aransas. We needed more room for the family and friends. We are both

# Still an Athlete, After All These Years

*C. Erwin Rice is an Empire State Games medalist in age 85 - 89 category*



“I suppose, like many people my age, I have not very much of interest to tell,” says **C. Erwin Rice**, an alumnus of Cazenovia Seminary. He mentions that he and his wife, Glenn, have four grandchildren from ages 10 to 20. “They, of course, are all smart, pretty and talented,” he laughs.

On the contrary, there is more to Erwin Rice than stories about his grandchildren. His most recent accomplishment is winning gold medals in the Empire State Senior Games track and field division in 2009 and 2010.

He says, “When I was 65, I received an invitation from my income tax man to sign up for the senior division of the Empire State Games. He was 70 at the time and was once qualified to take part in the Olympics in discus and shot put events. He offered to coach me, and with that kind of an instructor who could say no!”

*A recent return to campus for an alumni reunion sparked memories for Rice of his introduction to athletics when he came to Cazenovia Seminary in 1938.*

A recent return to campus for an alumni reunion sparked memories for Rice of his introduction to athletics when he came to Cazenovia Seminary in 1938. “All I wanted to do was go to college,” he says, but he was recruited for the football team. “The first football game I’d ever seen was that fall, sitting on the bench,” he says. He joined the track team the following spring, and in his second year at the Seminary he joined the baseball team, “and I earned a letter for three semesters of sports,” he remembers.

He left the Seminary for a stint as an aviator in the United States Navy, and then earned a bachelor of science degree in forest management from the State University of Environmental Science and Forestry in 1949. He worked in the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program for 30 years and ran a small Christmas tree farm for nearly that long.

“Now,” he says, “all I do is take care of the house, yard, garden, camp and help around the Marcellus First Presbyterian Church. In my early seventies, I did renew my pilot’s license but stopped flying soon after because rentals were too expensive.”

He also puts in a few hours a week sorting photos at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office. In 2009, Rice was honored by the United States Department of Agriculture as one of the two soil scientists from New York State who had surveyed one million acres or more in the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program. And, of course, he is keeping in shape for next year’s Empire State Senior Games.

## CLASS NOTES

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doing fine...just older. My mother passed away in March...I miss her very much. Hope everyone is doing okay. I think of our times at Caz often. Cheri.”

**Leslie Stoutenburg Lowell '67** writes, “I have three children and seven grandchildren. I’ve lived in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, IL for 33 years. I have coordinated a Pregnancy and Postpartum Mood and Anxiety Disorder Program since 1991. I speak nationally and internationally about pregnancy and postpartum mood disorders and my multidisciplinary program. I would love to hear from some of the people from my class especially **Carol Luedtke Martin '67**.”

**1968**  
**Meredith Guilford Sturges '68** writes, “I am happily retired from BlueCross/Anthem of CT/Wellpoint after 22 years of service. I enjoy reading, Pilates, cooking, golf, and keeping up with Cazenovia College friends **Robin Ray Kasprzak '68** in Connecticut, **Paulette Davis Hopkins '68** in Georgia, and **Erica Bowers Perez '68** in Oregon. I enjoy visiting with my daughter and her family, two granddaughters, a grandson and two grand dogs in Charlotte, NC, as well as my son and his girl and two grand dogs that live in Concord, NC. John and I have been married for 17 years. I am proud to be a Caz alumna! Best to all in the class of '68!”

**Betsie Wallace Taber '68** writes, “I have a new grandson, John Wallace Marshall, from my son, David, who lives in Buffalo, NY. This is my second grandchild, joining 3-year-old Emma. I am a real estate agent in Sarasota, FL, and doing well!”

**1969**  
**Liza Morton Gossett '69** writes, “My thrilling news in summer 2009 - I won a first place award in a county-wide gardening competition. While renovating my garden, I had a vision of a home and garden type of a garden filled with color. All my hard work paid off.”

**Anne Gold Gleason '69** writes, “So sorry I missed our 40th reunion last June.



**Karen Lekander Pieper '69, John Morton, Barbara Miller Morton '69, Bill Kerekes, Margaret Messenger '69**

I am looking forward to our 45th and beyond. My husband, Larry, and I are both retired and keeping much busier than when we were working our regular jobs! We sit on the board and are active singing members of a community chorus named Majestic Voice. Check out [www.majesticvoice.org](http://www.majesticvoice.org). I enjoy water aerobics, reading and spending time with family, which includes two grandchildren. We plan to spend a night in Caz visiting **Nancy LeValley Farley '69** very soon. I am on Facebook. My new e-mail address is: [gleason7269@yahoo.com](mailto:gleason7269@yahoo.com). I'd love to hear from Caz classmates!”

**Margaret Messenger '69** met with “**Bobbie**” **Barbara Miller Morton '69** and **Karen Lekander Pieper '69** for a get together reunion this past summer in New Jersey.

**1971 40th Year**  
**Deborah Greeley Paul '71** writes, “I went to Haiti in April and helped to set up a hand therapy clinic at the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. The mission is 30 years old without having any occupational therapy. I presented at the International Hand Therapists Conference in Orlando. We are trying desperately to continue the services that we started. In 1977, I lived in Haiti with my husband, so my love of the Haitian people has deep roots. The people we treated were very grateful for anything that we did. The Haitian people are very gentle and kind. I wrote a story and took many beautiful photos.”

**Scottie O'Toole '71** writes, “Greetings from Hotlanta! I am now a business/leadership coach in addition to my role as a human resources manager for a company here in Atlanta. I am in the process of obtaining my certification through Coaches Training Institute (CTI). Coaching refers to helping people in business get to the next level, find the work they were meant to do, design retirements, etc. Even those

who do not need a coach can use one to achieve results. I can be reached at [scootole@bellsouth.net](mailto:scootole@bellsouth.net).”

**Laura Dillingham-Mailman '71** writes, “Hello to everyone! I have been the director for

the Merrimac Council on Aging and Senior Center (Massachusetts) for over 17 years now. I have built a new senior center, was awarded Director of the Year in 2002 by the state association of Mas-

### CAZENOVIA COLLEGE HAS RECEIVED GIFTS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS:

#### *In Honor of:*

- Lila Speers Beauchamp '55
- Julie Occhino '11
- Kari O'Mara '10
- Joseph Nichols '11
- Jeanne “Betty” Priest Putney '53
- Shannon Sanford '11
- Stephen A. Simone '10
- Mary Pfarrer Tillebein & Mom Lucille '72
- Class of 1990
- Class of 2011

#### *In Memory of:*

- Christopher Ferrimani
- Margaret (Peggy) B. Annett Goodrich '63
- Martha Papworth O'Neill '00
- Lynn Reynolds '04
- Mary Sheldon
- Gertrude Simpson
- Nancy Weny Thauer '62

For information on making gifts in honor or in memory of a classmate, professor or a loved one, please contact Joan Brooks at 315.655.7108 or [jbrooks@cazenovia.edu](mailto:jbrooks@cazenovia.edu).

## Century Maple Returns to Campus

*Tree damaged in wind storm is transformed into coffee table*



Photo: Tasha Johnson

A portion of the Century Maple tree is back on our historic campus. Damaged in the fall of 2008 by a wind storm, salvageable wood from the trunk of the

Century Maple has been transformed into a coffee table that was delivered and placed in the Witherill Library this past September.

The tree-to-coffee table transformation

process took two years. Tim Hughes and his team at Cazenovia Cut Block were commissioned by the College and given full artistic license to create whatever would make the wood look the most beautiful while preserving its history. Cazenovia Cut Block had to leave the cross-section of the trunk outside – covered with a tarp – to air-dry for a year and a half. It was then kiln dried for one month during which time a steel band was wrapped around the wood to prevent cracking. A special frame was built to plane three inches off the top in order to create a flat surface. This process took a full week to complete as only a quarter

of an inch was taken off at a time – that's more than 10,000 passes with the router! Once the top was level, a spray finish was applied more than five times to fill in all of the natural cracks. Hand turned cherry legs were crafted as the finishing touch to the one-of-a-kind coffee table that now resides in our Witherill Library.

“Continuing to pay tribute to the Century Maple – in the form of this coffee table – affirms the College’s respect for the Class of 1905, which planted the maple tree as its class gift more than 105 years ago,” said **President Mark J. Tierno**. “I hope all members of the Cazenovia College community will enjoy this new addition to our campus while the young American red oak, planted by the Class of 2009 to replace the Century Maple, grows and thrives into the next century.”

## CLASS NOTES

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sachusetts COA’s (MCOA), and served as the president of MCOA ('04-'06), and I continue to serve on the executive board as secretary. I completed director certification through MCOA. I have been married for 32 years and we have three wonderful girls.”

**Mary Anne Purdy Duso '71** writes, “I am looking forward to our reunion in June 2011. I live in Malone, NY, in the summer and spend the winter in Florida. My four children are all married and I have the four best grandchildren with another one arriving in November. My husband, Wayne, and I recently bought our retirement

home, located across the street from my partner in crime, **Molly Murphy McKee '71**. I am a Hospice volunteer, board member, and a clown named Twinkle. You cannot imagine how fulfilling it is to make a terminally ill person or their loved one smile. Hello to all the gals from the class of 1971; see you next June.”

**Sharon Gillick Sands '71** welcomed her first grandchild, Campbell Elliot Caleo, on 9/9/09! Sharon spends winters in Florida and summers in the Syracuse area.

**1973 Carmela Peters '73** writes, “After living in North Carolina for almost 10 years, where I took care of my parents, I returned to Upstate New York. In January 2010, I happily returned to college at SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry (ESF) to work on my bachelor’s degree in construction manage-

ment with a concentration in sustainable building. I bought a very small home in Fayetteville last year. I call it my class science project as I work to make it as green and sustainable as possible, sometimes employing strategies learned at ESF. Juggling work and college again is a challenge but I’m loving every minute of it. It has also been great to renew acquaintances with former Caz faculty and friends I missed while living down south.”

**Terry Petranchuk Drake '73** writes, “I have taught third grade in the Indian River Central School District since 1975. Although retirement draws near, I continue to feel as though I share a positive contribution to the children. My husband, Allen, retired in 2007, and is a stay at home Grandpa for our two grandsons, Jared and Jordan. He is also very involved with county politics as a Jefferson County legislator. I love attending musical, athletic,

and drama events within the district. Hello to all of my Caz friends from the early 70s; I hope you are all successful, happy and healthy.”

**1974 Beth Weber Morgan '74** writes, “Prior to the health care reform, I was known as a ‘Medical Bill Detective.’ I find errors and overcharges on medical / hospital bills often saving you and/ or your insurance company money. I am looking forward to assist-



**Ali and Jane Richards-Hyde '74**

ing students, graduates, and their families as they navigate their way through the medical maze.”

**Marion Mizel Goss '74** has recently been promoted to director of Institutional Research at Ulster County Community College. Marion has worked at the college for the past 10 years in the capacity of coordinator of enrollment management and registrar. Her new title is in conjunction with her registrar position.”

**Jane Richards-Hyde '74** writes, “I continue to work for the Penfield Central Schools in Rochester, NY, as a school social worker at Bay Trail Middle School. My daughter, Ali Hyde, was just married to Maxime Herve from France. The couple met a few years ago while they both were studying abroad in Wales. They were married at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, NY, on August 8, 2010.”



**Laurie DaCosta Cunningham '83 and husband Michael**

## 1976 35th Year

**Jennifer Holt Morsch '76** is a holistic esthetician at MIND-BODY-SOUL Day Spa in Avon, NY. The small, intimate day spa uses only “good for your skin products.”

**Claudia Clark '76** writes, “It’s been a great year! I retired from Babson Capital in June '09. I enjoy the freedom to travel, visit friends and be more involved with charitable organizations. The summer has been great for kayaking, hiking and staying at the lake. I go to antique shows all around New England searching out fun things to collect. I’ve kept in touch with classmates through e-mail and Facebook. There’s a new page on Facebook started by **Lorie Niebank Riedl '76** called Cazenovia College Class of 1976. Sign up and let everyone know what you’re doing. Hope to see you at the 35th Reunion in June 2011!”

## 1977

**Mary Alice Jackson Westerlund '77** writes, “In 2008, my husband, Earl, and I moved to Binghamton, NY, where I became the evening chaplain at Lourdes Hospital. This past June, I was promoted to director of spiritual care at Lourdes. Earl and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in June.”

## 1978

**Beverly Daily McChesney '78** is currently living in Morgantown, WV, with her husband, Jason, and their two children, Ben and Sarah. Beverly would love to hear from **Nancy Frasier, Barb Moll** and **Cindy Vasta** whenever possible to find out what they have been up to since graduation.

## 1983

**Laurie DaCosta Cunningham '83** writes, “I live on Long Island, NY. I have worked as a medical secretary for a



**Tia Powell Albrecht '88 and husband Tom with sons Evan, Cory and Nathan**

general/vascular surgeons group for six years. On September 21, my husband and I celebrated our 15-year anniversary. I have one daughter, who just turned 22, and a beautiful granddaughter, who was two in October. I am a big advocate for breast cancer research and awareness. My life is great. If anyone from my class wants to contact me they can e-mail me at lcgbsa@hotmail.com or find me on Facebook.”

## 1988

**Tia Powell Albrecht '88** writes, “In June 2007, I moved from Pleasant Valley, NY, to Bradenton, FL. My husband Tom, a captain in the Air Force, transferred to Tampa, FL, and the timing was perfect. I just finished several years as Pleasant Valley Ladies Auxiliary president, and needed a new challenge. After settling down in Florida, I was elected PTO president at my son’s elementary school. Now that my 2-year term is up, I’m going to focus more time on my three children.”

## 1989

**Michelle Linney LaBounty '89** writes, “I came back to Cazenovia this past summer for the Cazenovia Olympic Distance Triathlon. It was fun to see the campus and town again after all these years. My husband, two sons, and I stayed at the Brae Loch Inn. My husband and I build modular homes in upstate New York, where we live with sons, Josh, 15, and Jacob, 10. I hope that my old friends can find me on Facebook and we can re-connect!”

## 1991 20th Year

**Melissa Caves Mullin '91** writes, “**Christine Guerra Durant '91, Shelly Gotham Palleschi '91**, and I enjoyed a wonderful vacation this winter in Mexico with our husbands. Warm weather and great friends



**Michelle Linney LaBounty '89 poses in Boston with her sons Jacob and Josh**

# Two and Two Equals a Budding Fashion Career

*Ashley Kirchbaum '09 says, "Eventually, everyone will know my work."*



Jet-setter Ashley Kirchbaum shows the Isle Apparel line across the country

Photo: Courtesy of Ashley Kirchbaum

*"I spent a summer working alongside Betsey Johnson and ... at Lillie Bean in Cazenovia. Both internships made me a stronger designer – a fashionista, even!"*

- Ashley Kirchbaum '09

Ashley Kirchbaum '09 learned to sew early in life and by the time she got to high school she was wearing her own creations and making clothing for her friends. "I put two and two together and decided that fashion design would be a fun major," she says.

"My older sister was best friends with Amanda Jensen (a 2006 alumna who now teaches fashion design at Cazenovia), and during my senior year in high school I went to the fashion show at Caz.

40 minutes from home."

"I loved how hands-on my major was," says Kirchbaum. "I was always creating new outfits. I told my friends that while they were sitting in a science class, I was sewing; and that was so neat to me ... and it excited me that someday my career would be so different from all of my friends' careers."

Kirchbaum says her greatest regret, and the thing she would change if she could,

is that she didn't join the lacrosse team until her sophomore year. "I had never picked up a stick until the beginning of my sophomore year. I wouldn't have

traded my time on that lacrosse team for anything in the world."

Internships played a large role in determining the direction Kirchbaum's career has taken. "I spent a summer working alongside Betsey Johnson and her design team. I also interned at Lillie Bean in Cazenovia. Both internships made me a stronger designer – a fashionista, even!"

Her plan to move to Florida and take a vacation after graduation was circumvented by a recommendation from an internship supervisor. Kirchbaum says, "Lillie Bean was selling the Isle Apparel line when I was interning there my senior year. After telling the owner, Laurie Hunt '79, that I was planning on moving to Florida after graduation, Laurie contacted the owners of Isle – which is based in Daytona Beach, and told them all about me."

After moving to Daytona, Kirchbaum had lunch with Isle Apparel's owners and showed them her portfolio. "They hired me on the spot," she says. "Not a month later, I was jetting all over the country selling the line. Now, I am learning all I can about the business, as quickly as I can."

Kirchbaum's dream is to become a wedding planner and dress designer. She plans to become a certified bridal consultant in the near future. "I can use my creative personality to pull off some extraordinary weddings, as well as create all of the apparel."

It may seem like a tall order, but, Kirchbaum says, "In the end, I want to have made an impact on the fashion world, big or small – but I'm pretty confident that eventually, everyone will know my work."

## CLASS NOTES

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nothing more I could ask for. Thanks Chris & Shelly; I love you ladies!"

### 1994

Teresa Iacovangelo Ciejek '94 writes, "I am looking forward to the 2010-11 school year as Natalie enters the 2nd grade and Audrey enters kindergarten. I am a parent volunteer, literacy volunteer, cookie mom for the Brownie and Daisy Troops, and offer countless hours to the PTO. We enjoyed two vacations to Orlando to finally see the magical wonders of Walt Disney World, and the Outerbanks, NC, to celebrate my parents' 45th wedding anniversary. Feel free to contact me at treesgrn@aol.com."

### 1996 15th Year

Melanie Hungerbuhler Bartow '96 and her husband, Michael, of Middletown, NY, have opened their new business, Miss Swiss, Inc., this year. The company does embroidery, screen printing and promotional advertising products.

### 1998

Elizabeth Lantry-Dow '96 & '98 writes, "Hello to all my Caz friends. I recently have reconnected with lots of you on Facebook. I love seeing all the new additions to everyone's lives, lots of little babies. We all have to get together sometime soon to talk about old times; it has been way too long. Please contact me at elizabethlantry@hotmail.com to make some plans."

### 2000

Jason Llorenz '00 writes, "I am now the executive director of the Hispanic

Technology and Telecommunications Partnership (HTTP). HTTP was founded in 1996, with the mission of advancing access to technology for under-served and unserved communities. Its members are a coalition of over 20 national organizations. HTTP is the leading Latino voice on telecommunications and technology policy in Washington, DC. This opportunity comes at an exciting time in tech and telecom, necessitating strong advocacy for the interests of the Latino community."

### 2001

Jennifer Williams Martinez '01 and her husband, Mark, welcomed their first child, Lucas Benjamin John Martinez, into the world on Feb. 9, 2010. Luke weighed 9 lbs., 13 oz., and was 20 inches long. Everyone is doing well and Jennifer is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom with her son until September.

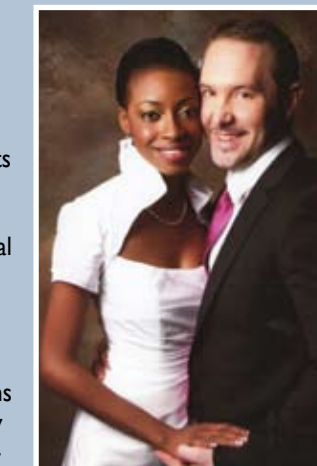
Valorie Titus Smith '01 writes, "Much has happened in the past year. I am finishing up a doctorate at Binghamton University (I should graduate in the fall or next spring); I was married to Andrew Smith of Skaneateles, NY, on July 10 in Cooperstown; and we moved from Binghamton to Yonkers on July 12, so I could begin a Curatorial Science Fellowship at the Bronx Zoo."

### 2003

Terianne Gough Utely '03 and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, a girl, on May 17 at 8:18 p.m. Ryan Nicole Utely weighed 8 lbs., and was 21 1/4 inches long. Terianne is currently a therapist working with children with mental illnesses and is the artistic director for Diamond Dance Company. Terianne received her



Lucas Benjamin John Martinez



Naomi Edwards Vater '03 and husband, Jan



Valorie Titus Smith '01 and husband Andrew



Ryan Nicole Utely

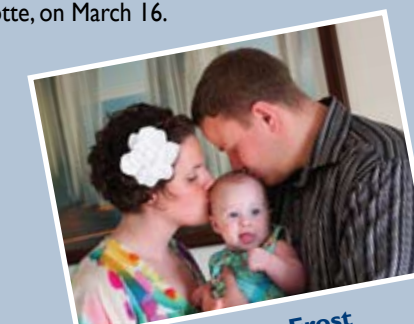
master's degree in counseling in 2009, and is a licensed counselor as a LPCMH.

Naomi Edwards Vater '03 and her husband, Jan, were married April 2, 2010. The couple lives in Bremen, Germany.

### 2004

Lindsay Jasmin Lariviere '04 writes, "I graduated from Caz in 2004 with an interior design degree. I have been living in Myrtle Beach, SC, for the past four years and was married this past July at the Hotel Northampton in Massachusetts. Some of my bridesmaids were Cazenovia College roomies/friends. E-mail me at linz014@hotmail.com."

Katie Frost Combs '04 and her husband, Derek, welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte, on March 16.



Derek and Katie Frost Combs '04 pose with their daughter Charlotte



Lindsay Jasmin Lariviere '04 and husband Justin

## Alumnus Returns Home to Welcome Class of 2014

*Michael Brooks '01 delivers Convocation address*

Cazenovia College alumnus **Michael Brooks '01** returned to campus in September to help Cazenovia College formally welcome first-year and transfer students into the academic community. A graduate of the Human Services Program, Brooks points to his time at Cazenovia as one in which he strengthened his time management and goal-setting skills, and a place where he learned to be indepen-



shared several messages with Cazenovia's newest students.

"I know now that it was my commitment to work hard, not my statistics, that ensured my legacy. It is that same work ethic I learned here at Cazenovia that I have implemented into my everyday life since. It has allowed me to be a successful student, athletics director, coach, husband, and father," shared Brooks. "Today, I empower you to embrace the complete power of the freedom that is now in your hands. I implore you to enjoy your mistakes, but more importantly, to exercise your freedom, your right, to be great."

dent and accountable. A member of the men's basketball team during his four years at Cazenovia, Brooks was the first 1,000-point scorer in the College's Division-III era. His accomplishments were recognized in the fall of 2009, when he was inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame.

Currently serving as the director of athletics at his high school alma mater – St. James School in Maryland – Michael

## CLASS NOTES

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### 2005

**Sara Rusk '05** writes, "I am excited to announce that I have packed my bags, sold my car, and moved to Chicago to start my doctorate in clinical psychology. After graduating from Cazenovia in 2005, I completed my M.S. degree in counseling in December 2006, and have spent the last couple of years in clinical practice. I will be specializing in child and adolescent psychology. E-mail me at: smrusk@gmail.com."

### 2006 5th Year

**Joni Koegel '06** has been teaching at Cazenovia College full-time for the past year.

### 2007

**Lisa Folsom '07** writes, "Cazenovia College friends from the class of 2007, **Lindsey Urbanski Rimaldi '07**, **Alyssa Piccoli '07**, and **Jessica Hanley Johnson '07**, attended the wedding of **Kacie Moore Johnson '07** and **Randy Johnson Jr.** on May 8, 2010, in Utica, NY."

**Jessica Hanley Johnson '07** writes, "**Brendt Johnson '06** and I are very excited to announce that we were married on June 5, 2010, surrounded by our many Cazenovia College friends. We were married at my mom's B & B. They say that rain on your wedding day is a good sign; well we had a tornado warning on ours, so needless to say we think we have good luck for the next 100 years! Brendt and I own a house in Central New York. Brendt owns his own insurance agency and I work at a government relations/PR firm in Syracuse. We are sorry we missed Reunion this past June; we were honeymooning in

Jamaica, but heard it was a good time!"

**Alyssa Piccoli '07** and **Devin Roban '07** became engaged this past summer!

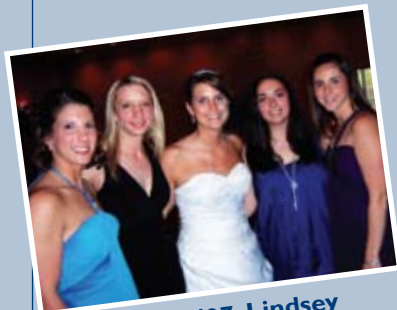
### 2009

**Erik P. Tice '09** writes, "I have moved to Phoenix, AZ, and I am attending Grand Canyon University online in pursuit of my MBA in leadership. I also work for Grand Canyon University as a finance counselor. I work closely with students concerning their financial aid. I also volunteer as an assistant coach for the men's soccer team."

**Erik Sauer '09** writes, "I miss you Cazenovia!"

### 2010

**Amanda Szymanski '10** writes, "On May 3, 2010, while the sun was setting over Cazenovia Lake, **Kaleb Wilson '07** got down on one knee and proposed to me. Our wedding will evolve around our love of the campus, having the ceremony on the quad and the reception in the College Dining Hall. A June 2012 wedding is planned."



**Lisa Folsom '07, Lindsey Urbanski Rimaldi '07, Kaycie Moore Johnson '07, Alyssa Piccoli '07, Jessica Hanley Johnson '07**



**Brendt Johnson '06 and Jessica Hanley Johnson '07**



**Kaleb Wilson '07 and Amanda Szymanski '10**

## REUNION 2010

*More than 170 alumni from 11 states and spanning seven decades were welcomed to campus to celebrate Cazenovia College's annual Reunion Weekend. Old friendships were rekindled, new ones were formed and all alumni enjoyed reminiscing about their time spent at Cazenovia College.*



**(L-R) Carol White Deem and Wendy Clark Dubois**



**(L-R) Joan Kirsch Spicer '55, Ilene Richter Sidoran '55, Louise Lathrop Estus '45**



**(L-R) Judith Rose Tocker and Dee Lewis**



# REUNION 2010

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Class of 1970

(L-R) Cathy Erb Boothby, Tina Fonda-Casper, Brynn Raab, Jill McNamee Nielsen



Class of 1989

(L-R) Jim Chrimes, Shari Whitaker, director, alumni relations; Steve Grover, Andy Koba, Shawn Berberick



Classes from the 2000s

(L-R) Dan Riordan '06, Darren Skotnes '05, Kaleb Wilson '07, Pete Way '03, director of the annual fund; Brett Carguello, assistant director of admissions



Class of 1985

(L-R seated) Leane Sayer Somers, Penny Radley Davis, Michele Reese, Patricia Smith Mansmith  
(L-R standing) Eric Hentz, William Heitz, Don Geisendorfer, Barbara Lent Scheeler, Joe Stevenson, Rodney DeLee, Joyce McGovern Miller



Class of 2007

(L-R) Elisa Colon Cassidy and Amy Mason



Classes of 2002 and 2003

Monica Everdyke '02, Kristie DeMarco, Brenda Kitchen '03



Classes from 1983 and 1995

(L-R) Wendy Jaquish Ball '83, Deborah Nellis Yacobucci '83, Carolyn Wallace '95, Suzannah Eaton '95



Classes of 1990 and 1994

(L-R) Jeanine Marycella Perez '90, Wendy Boyer Beale '94, Mary Dieffenbacher Holmes '90

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# A Board Member Reunion

*Special reception is held in honor of former trustees*



Photo: Wayne Weistervelt

**Former Trustee Committee members: Jack Koerner, Nancy LeValley Farley '69, Bob Constable (chair), Deana Boone Stringer '64 and Elaine Small Hortsmeyer '55**

On Friday, Sept. 24, former trustees of Cazenovia College gathered in the Art Gallery in Reisman Hall for a special reception in their honor. The evening's program included an update on enrollment from **Bob Croot**, vice president for enrollment management, and a current report on the College from **President Mark J. Tierno**. The former trustees, who collectively represent service to the College spanning more than three decades, were also greeted by College faculty and staff as well as a student representative of the College's Student Legacy Council **Shantell Irving**. The group was joined by past president of Cazenovia College, **Adelaide Van Titus**.

Members of the College's former trustee committee, who organized the event, include: **Robert S. Constable, chair, Mary Burton Thompson '59, Margaret Walker Harris '67, Nancy LeValley Farley '69, Doris Eversfield Webster '46, Deana Boone Stringer '64, John H. Koerner, Elaine Small Horstmyer '55 and Charles B. Morgan.**

## Alumna Joins Board of Trustees



Photo: Courtesy of Margie Dobin Sivin Miller '69

**Margie Dobin Sivin Miller '69** is the newest member of the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees. She was seated for her first Board meeting in October 2010, and serves on the Audit, Institutional Advancement, and Student Life committees.

Miller, of Baldwin, New York, was an administrator and teacher at the Congregation B'nai Israel Hebrew School, a licensed real estate broker, and program coordinator for the Family Outreach and Adult Program at the World Trade Center Family Center following the events of 9/11.

She is a member of the board of directors for the Women's League of Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), a non-profit religious organization, and sits on the board's executive committee. She is also the lead trainer for leadership seminars throughout North America for WLCJ.

Miller received an associate in arts degree in liberal arts from Cazenovia College and a bachelor of arts degree from Hofstra University, majoring in sociology and psychology.

## Board Recognizes Outgoing Trustees' Service to the College

*Dick Alberding, Dick Scolaro and Dick Smith served three three-year terms together*

They were all elected to the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees in 2001. Nine years later, this past May, **Richard Alberding, Richard Scolaro and Richard Smith** stepped down from the Board having completed the maximum three three-year terms as trustees.

"These three gentlemen have made immeasurable contributions to Cazenovia College and played a significant part in the success of the institution over the past nine years," said **President Mark J. Tierno**, who points out that during their time on the Board the College has constructed the Art & Design building (Reisman Hall), transformed the former art gallery into the J.M. McDonald Student Center, renovated the Dining Hall, built Shove Suites, and opened a new admissions house (Constable Hall) at 3 Sullivan Street.

Tierno added that Cazenovia College has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of "America's Best Colleges" for the past seven consecutive years - during the same time Alberding, Scolaro and Smith served as trustees. "Cazenovia College has prospered in countless ways thanks to the governance of dedicated trustees like Dick Alberding, Dick Scolaro and Dick Smith," said Tierno.

Alberding, of Cazenovia, New York, retired from Hewlett Packard in 1991 after a 33-year career. He continues to be active in the business world as director of several



**Dick Alberding**



**Dick Scolaro**



**Dick Smith**

Cazenovia College file photos

technology firms. He served as chair of the following Cazenovia College committees: Audit, Committee on Trustees, Academic Affairs, Executive, and Governance. Alberding was also elected secretary of the Board (2005) and vice chair (2008).

Scolaro is a founding shareholder of Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, Fetter and Burstein P.C. His practice areas focus on trust law, estate planning, business successions, federal taxation, state taxation, corporate law, partnership law, limited liability company law, mergers and acquisitions. He served as chair of the College's Audit, Finance and Strategic Planning Committees, and was elected treasurer of the board (2003).

*"These three gentlemen have made immeasurable contributions to Cazenovia College..."*

-President Mark J. Tierno

member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC - served as chair of the Board of Trustees from May 2008 - May 2010. He was chair of the following committees during his nine years on the Board: Committee on Trustees, Enrollment Management, Executive, and Presidential Compensation. Smith was elected vice chair of the board (2005) prior to being named chair of the Board of Trustees.

As outgoing chair, Smith commented on how much he has enjoyed playing a role in helping students prepare for life by ensuring they get a quality education. He also stressed the importance of continued leadership and support from the Board of Trustees. Smith said, "The stewardship of Cazenovia College deserves more attention now than ever, to ensure that the College continues to be financially strong and an educational destination of increasing quality."

Smith - a practicing lawyer for 40 years, and a senior





# For the Love of the Game

*NCAA Division III athletics programs designed to complement academics and student life*



Photo: Rob Kenna

Cazenovia College has about 290 student athletes, with 30 percent of the student body on Varsity athletics teams. Thirty-four students received NEAC academic honors last year, and last spring the women's volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for their achievements over the 2009-10 academic year.

**C. Joseph Behan**, vice president for student development and dean for student life, notes that 11 of Cazenovia College's 18 NCAA Division III teams maintained a grade point average greater than 3.0 during the 2010-11 academic year. Behan says, "I am very proud of the statement these numbers convey as they relate to the priorities of our athletics program."

The academic standing of Cazenovia's student athletes speaks to the effectiveness of a philosophy called RACE<sup>2</sup> (RACE squared), designed by the Athletics Department to ensure that the needs of student-athletes are being met by their coaches and professors.

"Adherence to RACE<sup>2</sup>," says **Rob Kenna**, director of athletics, "assures that we will see our student-athletes

through to graduation; that alumni involvement assures support for future athletics programs; and that coaches will guide student-athletes in becoming invested in all aspects of the Cazenovia College community."

With the goal of a transformational college experience culminating in a baccalaureate degree, the members of the award-winning women's volleyball team and all Cazenovia College's student-athletes participate in Division III sports, not for financial gain, not for personal honors, but for teamwork and the love of the game.



**The women's volleyball team earned the 2009-10 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award, which was initiated by the AVCA in 1992 to honor collegiate and high school volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom.**

### *Team GPAs for Academic Year '09-'10.*

1. **Women's Cross Country - 3.521**
2. **Women's Swimming & Diving - 3.486**
3. **Cheerleading - 3.403**
4. **Men's Swimming & Diving - 3.398**
5. **Women's Volleyball - 3.373**
6. **Equestrian Teams - 3.205**
7. **Men's Cross Country - 3.258**
8. **Women's Soccer - 3.200**
9. **Women's Lacrosse - 3.180**
10. **Women's Crew - 3.115**
11. **Women's Basketball - 3.018**
12. **Men's Lacrosse - 2.928**
13. **Softball - 2.895**
14. **Men's Golf - 2.844**
15. **Men's Basketball - 2.797**
16. **Men's Soccer - 2.774**
17. **Men's Crew - 2.545**
18. **Baseball - 2.438**

Cazenovia College's Athletics Program, focused on leadership and teamwork, is designed to complement Cazenovia's academic and leadership programs. In concert with NCAA Division III guidelines, student-athletes are encouraged to "follow their passions and discover their potential."

Athletics programs at Division III institutions are designed to complement academics, rather than generate revenue. Without the obligation of athletic scholarships, student-athletes are able to focus on academics and the many other co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities provided by college life.

## The 1824 Society



The 1824 Society was created by the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees to encourage leadership giving that helps to advance curriculum offerings, diversify campus life and create partnerships between the College and the community. Cazenovia College is proud to acknowledge the support and commitment of caring alumni and friends whose generosity enhances our students' educational experience.

*Thank you to members of The 1824 Society for their leadership commitment to Cazenovia College. Gifts and pledges received since the new fiscal year began July 1, 2010, are indicated with an asterisk.\**

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# Nine Hundred Kids and Counting...

*The mail room job is a family affair for Mailroom Mary*

She's known on campus as Mailroom Mary, and she takes care of more than 900 students, as well as every faculty and staff member at Cazenovia College. **Mary Hess**, mailroom manager, grew up in Cazenovia. After working on the cleaning staff for 15 years, she accepted the mailroom

position when the previous mailroom manager moved on to manage the College bookstore.

"I mostly taught myself how to run a mailroom," says Hess, "but, in those days the bookstore was right across the hall so it was easy to get questions answered. I

also helped with bookstore tasks – marking textbooks and supplies, and doing paperwork."

Then, as now, the mail room was a busy place - hundreds of letters and packages pass through every day. Hess has dealt with some strange packages over the years. "Recently someone sent a pineapple, with the postage stapled on. I remember a painted coconut, with stamps taped on. We've received car parts - not in boxes, mind you! There was even a blown up beach ball with postage, sent from a mom to a senior with a message attached that read "have a ball with your last year!"

*...by the end of each semester she no longer needs the list that matches names with box numbers.*

"When I started, there were typewriting and shorthand classes," she remembers." Now we have computers. It's much quieter. For many years there was a dance studio directly below the mail room; in those days we danced to the music while we sorted the mail."

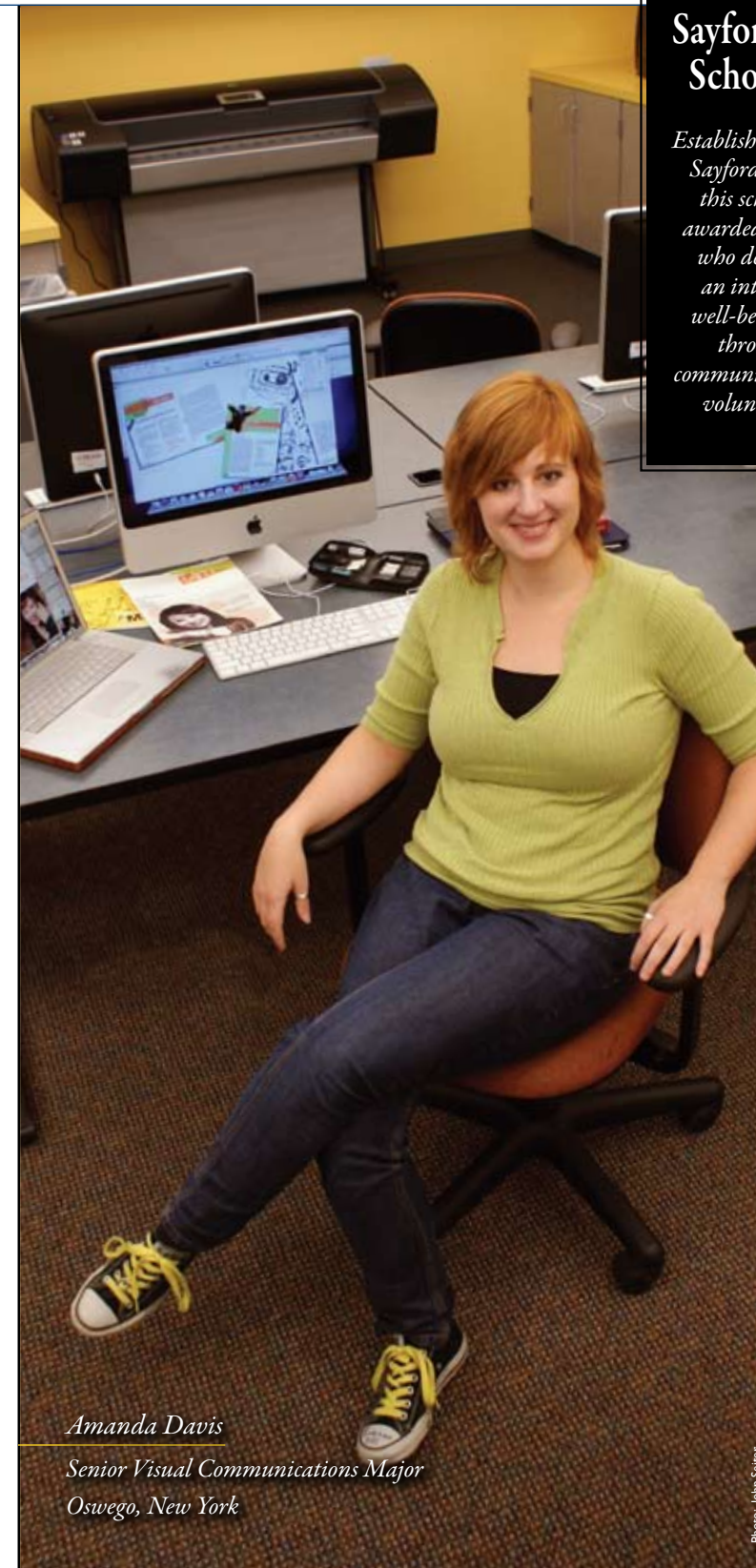
Hess says that generally by the end of each semester she no longer needs the list that matches names with box numbers. Since students keep the same mailbox for all their years at Cazenovia, she need only remember the names of incoming students each year.

She has several work study students each semester to assist with sorting and delivering mail. "I love working with the students," she says. "I hear about their boyfriends, girlfriends, roommates, their families. Some students I've worked with still keep in touch, and a number of former faculty members too," she says.

Working at Cazenovia College has been a family affair for Hess. Her husband, his brother and aunt worked at Caz; Hess's mother was a housekeeper and her brothers worked in the kitchen. She doesn't have children of her own, so when a student asked how many children she has, Hess told her "I have about 900 or so - you guys are all my children."



Photo: Courtesy of Mary Hess



*Amanda Davis*  
Senior Visual Communications Major  
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