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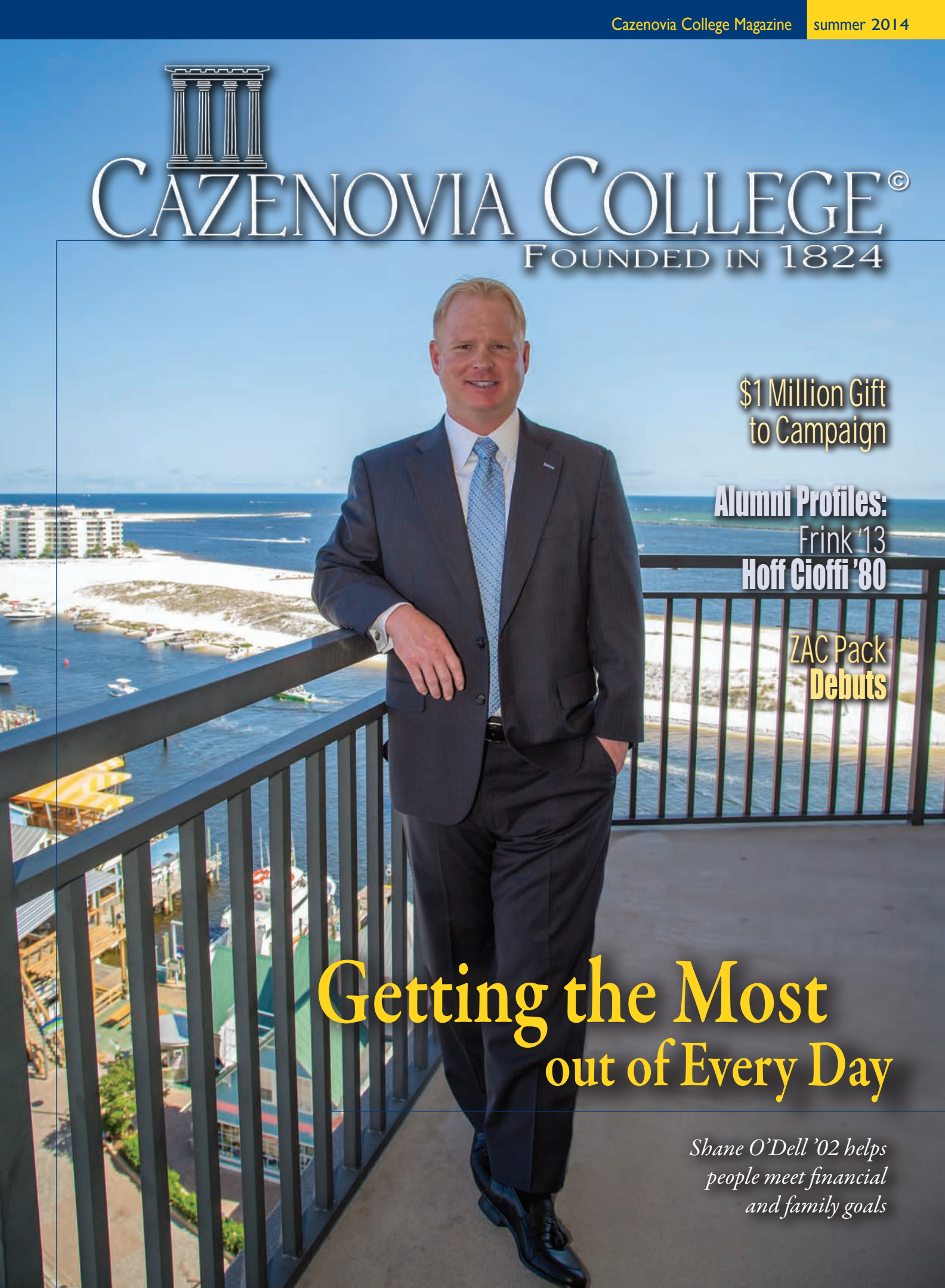
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## **Getting the Most out of Every Day**

*Shane O'Dell '02 helps  
people meet financial  
and family goals*





# Student Loans Represent Good Debt

*A college education is worth the financial investment*



Photo: Susan Kahn

Despite the rising cost of higher education and what many reports would have us believe, investing in a college education remains a solid, profitable investment. Students who take out loans to pay for college have debt to repay when they graduate, so their concerns about the cost of a college education are understandable. However, these students have still made a smart financial decision because not all debt is the same – there is good debt and bad debt.

## *Bad Debt vs. Good Debt*

An article published by Bankrate.com, *Good Debt vs. Bad Debt*, describes the difference between good and bad debt. In short, bad debt costs the investor money, while good debt results in a profit.

Bad debt, for example, is paying interest on credit card balances that are not paid in full, or borrowing money to pay for travel or new clothes – there is no financial gain for any of these expenses. “If it has no potential to increase in value, that’s bad debt,” explains David Bach, CEO of Finish Rich Inc., and author of “The Finish Rich Workbook.”

Taking out loans to pay for a college education falls on the opposite end of the investment spectrum. “Good debt is investment debt that creates value; for example, student loans, real estate loans, home mortgages and business loans,” says Eric Gelb, CEO of Gateway Financial Advisors and author of “Getting Started in Asset Allocation.” Investing in a college education is the perfect example of good debt, consistently proving to be one of the most profitable investments available.

A college degree improves the borrower’s long-term financial situation because the value of this education appreciates over time and, in the end, is worth more than the loan. On average, college graduates

earn more money and find jobs more quickly than those who only have a high school diploma, with the earning gap between high school and college graduates widening in the past few years. According to a Pew Research Center report, on average, today’s college graduates, ages 25-32, working full time earn nearly \$17,500 more per year than their peers who have only a high school diploma. Over the course of a lifetime, this adds up to a staggering difference in earning potential.

## *Return on Investment*

Return on investment in a college education outperforms most other investment options. A paper published by The Hamilton Project explains that the “average return on a four-year college degree is more than double the average return on stock market investments made since 1950 and more than five times the returns to corporate bonds, gold, long-term government bonds, or home ownership.”

## *Go to College; It’s Worth It!*

Going to college gives people a clear advantage in finding employment, staying employed and earning higher pay. A college education also provides students with the skills they need to learn quickly and adapt to new environments, which will benefit them throughout their careers as they change jobs and navigate their professional endeavors.

So, even with the intimidating cost of higher education, today’s college student is making one of the best investment decisions of his or her life by choosing to invest in a college education. Attending a *U.S. News & World Report* recognized “Best Value College” like Cazenovia College strengthens the impact of this investment, ensuring even greater success.

**Dr. Mark Tierno**  
President

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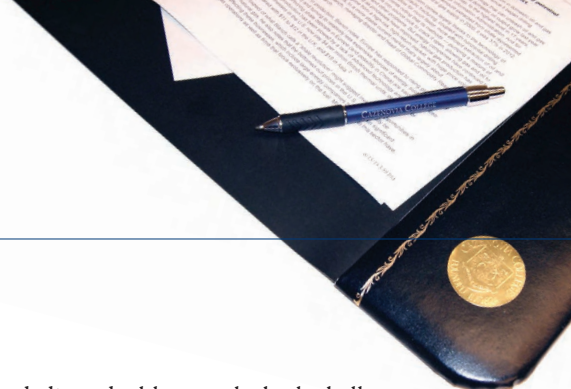
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# Getting the Most out of Every Day

*Shane O'Dell '02 excels in a career that helps people meet their financial and family goals*



dedicated athlete on the basketball and baseball teams. The relationship building skills required for team sports has proven critical today for helping clients save and pay for their children or grandchildren's education, prepare for retirement and create a personal legacy using wealth transfer and philanthropy. O'Dell commented, "Helping people reach their financial goals is very rewarding."

In addition, his classroom experience remains memorable, especially those classes taken with Dr. **Joseph Adamo**, professor, business and management. "Dr. Adamo was instrumental in my learning experience. What I learned the most from him did not come from a textbook, but from outside of a textbook. He taught me about accountability and responsibility." O'Dell admits that he was not prepared for his first course with Dr. Adamo; he had to work hard to be a good student who would be able to participate and contribute in class. In reference to this experience, O'Dell quoted his business partner, "Good things don't come easy."

Photo: Erin Warner-Ledbetter

**S**hane O'Dell '02, of Destin, Florida, did not always aspire to be a financial advisor. From his office in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, he describes his journey as "a progression of opportunities." The progression began when O'Dell was a student at Cazenovia College from 1999-2002. Recruited to play basketball at Cazenovia, O'Dell enrolled as a criminal justice major. Seeking a broader scope of career options, he later switched majors and graduated with a Bachelor of Professional Studies in Business Management. Many of the

experiences he had at Cazenovia and the skills he developed are used in his position today as vice president, wealth management advisor and portfolio advisor for The McGovern Group at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, where he delivers financial strategies and provides a broad spectrum of high-level financial services to a select group of clients.

O'Dell credits Cazenovia College for helping him develop the confidence he needed to be successful in his career. While at Cazenovia College, he was a

O'Dell further reminisced about how proud he still is of his senior team project: a 100-plus-page report on a Fortune 500 company (Walt Disney) followed by a 45-minute oral presentation. This remains a memorable academic moment for O'Dell, who added, "We worked so hard on the project."

In 2003, at the urging of Shane's father to explore career options outside of Central New York, O'Dell and a friend set off to pursue their career futures.

Leaving town with only clothing packed in their cars, they ended up in Pensacola, Florida, where O'Dell's younger sister lived at the time. In 2006, O'Dell was recruited to join forces with Raymond J. McGovern – his mentor, now partner – to form The McGovern Group, located in Fort Walton Beach. O'Dell states that “the relationship I have built with Ray is one much like family. Having the ability to learn from one of the best in our industry (Barron's Top Ranked Advisor) is an opportunity that I recognize doesn't present itself often.”

Along the way, O'Dell continued to further his education and became a Certified Financial Planner™ (CFP®). He also holds the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor (CRPC®) designation as well as the Certified Special Needs Advisor designation. In addition, O'Dell was selected as the 2007 recipient of the Emerald Coast Emerging Leader of the Year Award in Northwest Florida.

O'Dell does not hesitate to credit his family with inspiring his determination and focus. He describes his father as “the hardest working individual he knows ... who has never called in sick a day of work in his life.” His father's work ethic motivates him both professionally and personally and he strives to have that same relationship with his immediate family the way he did with his own parents.

While discussing his parents, O'Dell shared that the most challenging moment in his life was when his mom passed away three years ago at the age of 52, after a brief



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**(Left) Shane O'Dell returned to campus last fall when the 2001-02 Men's Basketball Team was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame. (Right) Shane, his wife, Briane, and their son, Jax**

battle with cancer. This tragic loss was overwhelming for him and his family. Ultimately, they decided to establish a foundation in his mother's memory and honor. The Dianne L. O'Dell Scholarship Foundation provides scholarships for academic purposes to graduates of Paul V. Moore High School, Central Square, New York, where O'Dell's mother worked. In addition, the Foundation makes an annual contribution to a local non-profit organization that provides support for the kids in their community. Shane serves as president of the foundation and is proud to share that the Dianne L. O'Dell Memorial Classic golf tournament (which includes several Cazenovia College alumni as golfers and sponsors has generated approximately \$30,000 in scholarship support thus far.)

When reflecting on today's students, O'Dell advises them to “Take a holistic view of Cazenovia College.” He believes too many people “know the price of everything and the value of nothing.” Rather than focus solely on the tuition cost, they should focus on the overall “value” of Cazenovia College. He also suggests that business students take advantage of all the resources made available to them, especially the professors. O'Dell states, “They will prepare you for the next step in life.”

The value of Cazenovia College most certainly included athletics for O'Dell. One of his greatest honors was

returning to campus last fall for the 2013 Blue & Gold Dinner, when the 2001-02 Men's Basketball Team was inducted into the Cazenovia Athletics Hall of Fame and recognized for being the first Cazenovia College team to receive an at-large bid to an NCAA Tournament. O'Dell recalls being at the tournament and competing against Williams College. “It was an amazing experience.”

O'Dell keeps in touch with former coaches, teammates and classmates such as **Eric Johnson '01, Mike Brooks '01**, director of intercollegiate athletics; **Marc Covey '01, Chuck Cassidy '03** and others. While on campus for the ceremony, he commented on how pleasantly surprised he was with the many improvements that have taken place since his graduation. “The fitness center, bookstore and many other new buildings – these enhanced facilities all demonstrate that the College is growing in a positive direction.”

O'Dell looks forward to visiting Cazenovia College again in the near future. Until then, he envisions the next steps in his life to include growing their practice at Merrill Lynch and hopefully, expanding his family, which currently consists of his wife, Briane, and son, Jax.

After losing his mother, Shane offered these parting words as his life philosophy, “I try to learn something every day and get the most out of every day that I can.”

*“Take advantage of the resources made available to you. They will prepare you for the next step in life.”*

- Shane O'Dell '02



# Campaign Total Climbs Above \$9 Million

*\$1 million gift to establish the Jill Hebl St. Clair '62 Endowed Chair in Accounting & Finance*



*Jill Hebl St. Clair '62*

**E**xciting news continues to come from the ongoing comprehensive fundraising effort, *Building Futures One at a Time: The Campaign for Cazenovia College*. Due to a commendable response from

the College's many supporters alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, friends, trustees, foundations, and corporations we have exceeded \$9 million of our \$10 million goal.

Several large gifts to the campaign have contributed to this terrific achievement, including a \$1 million commitment from James "Jimmy" H. St. Clair for the establishment of the **Jill Hebl St. Clair '62** Endowed Chair in Accounting & Finance.

Jill Lucy Hebl was born in Alton, Illinois, and grew up in Freeport, Long Island. During her time at Cazenovia, she was an active member of The Newman Club, the College newspaper, *The Tower*, and the yearbook, *The Cazenovian*. She worked for Shell Oil for 39 years, finishing her career as a financial representative for Resins. Jill earned an

accounting degree at St. Thomas University in Houston. She was a very active community volunteer: working with her church, the YMCA, a garden club, alumni activities, and the Shell employees' club and was a loyal Red Cross blood donor. Jill married Jimmy St. Clair in 1994 (a first marriage for both of them). Sadly, Jill died in 2006 after a brief battle with cancer.

This \$1 million commitment is the second sizeable gift Mr. St. Clair has made to Cazenovia College in honor of his wife's memory, subsequent to his gift in 2007 to establish the *Jill Hebl St. Clair Endowed Scholarship*. It also represents the largest commitment made by an individual donor to the campaign to date.

According to Mr. St. Clair, "Jill always spoke fondly of Cazenovia, eagerly read its publications, and made small donations to fund drives. She convinced me to attend her 40th Reunion back in 2002, and I found the College enchanting. If Cazenovia can contribute to the development of young women with the wonderful personality of Jill, it is well worth supporting."

Other notable recent contributions include a \$325,000 grant from the Regional Economic Development Council for the Science Labs project; a \$200,000 bequest intention from a friend of the College toward the Science Labs project; a trustee commitment of \$25,000; a



\$15,000 bequest from the estate of **Julia Fox Huller '47** in support of the library; and \$10,500 from AmeriCU Credit Union for Jazz-N-Caz and the Annual Fashion Show.

At this time, three of the campaign's six priorities have exceeded their respective funding goals (Academic Excellence: 118.11%; Christakos Field: 102.43%; Endowed Scholarships: 125.54%). Furthermore, the renovation of the Science Labs began in May, as the threshold required has been exceeded with almost \$1.2 million contributed.

With 40% secured of the \$3 million goal for Jephson Campus (the campaign's largest capital project), there is now a concerted push to raise the remaining funds. The project recently was awarded to the Cazenovia firm of Teitsch, Kent, and Fay. Jephson Campus renderings and naming opportunities are available to interested potential donors.

To learn more about the *Building Futures One at a Time* campaign, please call the Division of Institutional Advancement at 315.655.7369, or visit [www.cazenovia.edu/campaign](http://www.cazenovia.edu/campaign).

## Fashion Show Rocked the Runway at The Landmark Theatre



Annual Student Fashion Show, “Urban Chic,” in late April. This year’s show portrayed the exhilarating styles featured in Fashion Weeks around the world, and the glamour of this new setting truly enhanced the elegance of the evening.



*“Urban Chic” featured 16 senior collections and special guest Thom Filicia*

The sophistication and charm of the historic Landmark Theatre in Syracuse, New York, provided the perfect backdrop for Cazenovia College’s 41st



Photos: John Seiter

All elements including staging, music, choreography, graphic design, and photography were created by students enrolled in the College’s Fashion Show Production class. Six fashion merchandising seniors coordinated to produce the show and 16 fashion design

seniors presented their capstone collections—all under the guidance of **Karen Steen**, professor and director, fashion studies, and **Megan Lawson-Clark**, assistant professor, fashion studies. From mermaids and astrology to Princess Diana and the “Roaring Twenties,” there was something for everyone in this year’s colorful themes.

Special guest **Thom Filicia**, interior designer, author, television personality and chief creative officer of the New York City-based design firm, Thom Filicia, Inc., offered remarks to a packed house.

To view photos and video footage of Urban Chic, visit the show’s official Facebook page, Cazenovia College: Annual Student Fashion Show, and check out @CazFashionShow on Twitter and Pinterest.

## Minor in Criminal Justice to be Offered at Cazenovia College

*New minor will be available to students in fall 2014 semester*

The Cazenovia College Board of Trustees approved in February the addition of a criminal justice minor to the College’s overall curriculum. This minor will provide students the opportunity to develop an understanding and knowledge base of the criminal justice field in addition to studies within their majors. The minor will be available to students beginning in the fall of 2014.

This new minor bolsters the already popular major in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies that is offered at Cazenovia College, which provides students with the tools they need to enter into a career in the expanding field of law enforcement, the emerging area of homeland security, or to pursue a graduate degree or attend law school.



To view the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies Program in its entirety, visit: [www.cazenovia.edu/majors](http://www.cazenovia.edu/majors).



# John Livermore Honored by Student Life

*Associate Professor of Mathematics receives the Making the Difference Award*

whether it is traveling with students to an anime conference, or hosting ALD students at his house for a pizza party – Livermore has been there with a smile on his face. He was additionally honored for countless hours of service, for his work and dedication to Student Life, and for sharing his skills and insights as a valued member of the campus community.

*Congratulations, John!*



“A positive campus environment is made possible by significant contributions from faculty and staff,” says **Tiffany Varlaro**, assistant dean for residence life. “Those contributions often come in the way of shaping and providing positive out-of-classroom experiences for our students – whether it’s through attending lectures off-campus, helping those in need in our community, advising one of our over 60 student clubs and organizations, or advocating for our student athletes.”

Varlaro is speaking about the work of Associate Professor of Mathematics **John Livermore**. She shared these sentiments in February at the 2014 Student Leaders Ceremony. Livermore, advisor to Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD) and the Visual Rebellion Club, was recognized for his significant contributions made to enhancing the quality of student life at Cazenovia College and for truly “Making the Difference” at Cazenovia College.

Varlaro further stated that, “Over his tenure at Cazenovia College, he has proven himself to be a valuable asset and partner to the Office of Student Life (in many ways) and has always the best interest of students in mind – both in the classroom and out of the classroom.” She noted that

Photo: John Selter

## In Memory: Garry Grethel

*Dec. 21, 1961 – Feb. 16, 2014*

The Cazenovia College community said goodbye to dear colleague and beloved friend, **Garry Grethel**, in late February after he fought a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Garry, a proud 5-year member of the College’s Dining Services staff, will fondly be remembered as the “go to guy.” His compassion, personality and extraordinary special bonds with students will forever be remembered. Garry is survived by his wife, Kathy, and daughters **Kim ’13**, Rebecca and Stephanie.





## Faculty and Staff... IN ACTION!

*A close-up look at Cazenovia College student outreach*

The faculty and staff at Cazenovia College strive to soar above the ever-present student-centered campus mission. Their commitment to providing hands-on, worthwhile experiences stretches far beyond the classroom walls. Whether it's advising major-specific clubs, volunteering in the community alongside students, traveling abroad or anything in between – these individuals are focused on delivering valuable opportunities to suit the needs of our diverse student body. Here are some examples of Cazenovia College *student outreach* at its finest!



Dr. **Heather Ferrara** advised Lambda Pi Eta students as they hosted an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of the Cazenovia College campus community on April 12. Activities took place in the Library and on the Quad. Here are some students pictured with the guest of honor.



As part of "Stress Free Day" on April 30, students in the Psychology Club (advised by Dr. **Rachel Dinero**) hosted another "Pie Your Professor" event. Students raised funds for Hospice of CNY by placing \$1 votes to "pie" one of nine possible candidates. Associate Professor **Scott Jensen** was the lucky winner!



Professor **Karen Steen**, left, and Assistant Professor **Megan Lawson-Clark**, right, advised the 41st Annual Student Fashion Show, "Urban Chic," on April 26. Here they are with special guest Thom Filicia at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse,

NY. Check out more photos and footage of the big night by visiting the show's official Facebook page: Cazenovia College: Annual Student Fashion Show.



Professor **Maureen Louis** advised the Debate Team at the 14th Annual Great Debate, "Hydraulic Fracturing should be a legal method of natural gas extraction in New York State, on April 30. The Opposition Team proved victorious.



**Dr. Bob Greene** traveled with a group of students in the Social Science Club to Washington, D.C. Some trip highlights included exploring Arlington, visiting the Lincoln Memorial, having dinner at the Kennedy Center, stopping by the Capitol building and enjoying a VIP tour of The White House!



# A Passion for Activism

*Dr. Miller instills socially just educational practices in all her students*

by Erica V. Miller, Ed.D.



Photo: Wayne Westervelt

Jet-lagged, feet swollen and blistered, my body covered in a thin layer of perspiration and all I could do is smile. Yes, smile. I had a grin from ear to ear. Having traveled 4,285 miles by air, 204 miles by motor coach, 31 miles by train, and one mile by taxi, I was about to check item # 5 off my bucket list by entering the Uffizi Gallery or, as the Italians refer to it, the Galleria degli Uffizi in Florence, Italy. I was so overwhelmed with a sense of giddiness that my physical discomfort did not register. Walking through the hallowed halls of arguably one of the most important museums in the world, if not the most important museum for Renaissance art, I was awestruck as I absorbed the beautiful artwork produced by famed artists Michelangelo, Botticelli, Raphael and, my reason for placing the museum on my bucket list, Leonardo da Vinci.

I became a fangirl of the original *Renaissance Man* in an unlikely place. My infatuation with Leonardo da Vinci began in the *Inclusive Schooling* course that I took while attending William Smith College. Dr. Cindy Sutton, former Cazenovia College instructor and longtime Cazenovia resident, was the professor of the course. An established

teacher, scholar, and advocate for inclusion, Dr. Sutton used the *Inclusive Schooling* course to educate us about the educational needs of students with disabilities and encourage us to promote socially just educational practices for all students. She stressed the importance of using people first language, advocating for disability rights, and speaking out against discriminatory educational practices. Dr. Sutton concluded the course with a powerful lecture outlining the contributions that we could make at the local, state, and national levels to promote the adoption of inclusive educational practices. She ended the lecture by sharing a selection of inspirational quotes. One quote in particular, a quote by Leonardo da Vinci, struck a chord with me. His quote, "I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough; we must do," tapped into my inner activist spirit.

*"Knowledge alone does not have the power to improve the human condition; it is only when knowledge is coupled with action that such power exists."*

- Dr. Erica V. Miller

Over the years, I have often thought of my *Inclusive Schooling* course and reflected upon the da Vinci quote that Dr. Sutton shared with us. The quote has become the mantra that I go to when I need to stoke the fire of motivation or need words of inspiration to prompt action. It has become the reminder that knowledge alone does not have the power to improve the human condition; it is only when knowledge is coupled with action that such power exists.

I am fortunate to have gained a wealth of knowledge from inspirational teachers and mentors like Dr. Sutton. The lessons that they taught me and the passion for activism that they instilled in me has served as the founda-



tion for which I have built a rewarding professional career in teaching, leadership and advocacy upon. I feel honored to have the opportunity to offer the same guidance to my students. In my capacity as an instructor, mentor, advisor, and program director, I have the privilege of helping students find what it is that they are passionate about and giving them the skill set necessary for them to apply their knowledge to their passions.

Courses such as ED 111- *Child Development and Observation* and ED 325- *Multicultural Literacy*, help my students become better aware of societal issues facing disenfranchised populations and motivates them to take action against injustice through their participation in professional conferences, clubs and advocacy groups. Both of these courses are taught from a multicultural perspective and foster an environment where racism, sexism, homophobia, classism, ableism, and religious intolerance are openly discussed. Students in these classes are challenged to critically examine their own belief systems and biases. Real life examples of prejudice and discrimination from the students' personal experiences serve as case studies for analysis and problem solving.

Experiential hands-on learning activities give students the opportunity to try out culturally responsive teaching practices. Our partnerships with the Westside Learning Center, Pompey After School Program, Cazenovia Central School District, and the Cazenovia Community Preschool give students opportunities to apply what they have learned to real world situations. A 2014 Phi Kappa Phi Literacy Grant, which I have secured for the College, will further support our efforts to strengthen the existing partnership between our early childhood/ elementary education programs and the Cazenovia Community Preschool. The grant funded project, *Multicultural*

*Books in Early Childhood Students Hands* will give future ED 325-*Multicultural Literacy* students additional real world curriculum design and implementation experiences.

My first-year seminar titled, *I Am Woman: Hear Me Roar*, takes the idea of social activism a step further. In this course, the historical and contemporary experiences of women in private and public spaces are explored through a review of historical events and pop culture. Students in this course examine the social, political, and economic issues that influence women's lives and learn strategies for how to promote women's empowerment on the personal, institutional, societal, and global levels. The final project for this course requires students to develop action plans for how they will apply their newly acquired knowledge to further women's empowerment initiatives. An exciting outgrowth of *I Am Woman: Hear Me Roar* has been the creation of the Women's Empowerment Group, a student club devoted to educating the College community about female centric topics and supporting women's empowerment on campus. In its inaugural year (2013-2014), the Women's Empowerment Group cosponsored *Feminism 101*; a campus lecture presented by Katie Halper, editor of [www.feministing.com](http://www.feministing.com) as well as planned and hosted the 1st Annual Women's Research Symposium.

Working at Cazenovia College has given me the opportunity to not only meet da Vinci's call to action through my own advocacy work, but to transcend it by instilling a passion for activism in my students. Seeing students like the WEG members apply their knowledge to causes, which they are passionate about, is proof that here at Cazenovia College, we are *building futures* one student activist at a time!

## About the Author



Photo: Gene Gissin

**D**r. Erica V. Miller started teaching at Cazenovia College in 2011. Before coming to Cazenovia, she held various teaching and school leadership positions in North Carolina and New York. She has experience serving as a special education teacher, an early childhood teacher, and school administrator.

Her research primarily focuses on teacher resiliency, multicultural literacy, female intellectual downplaying, and nontraditional family structures. Dr. Miller currently serves as the program director for the Inclusive Early Childhood Education, and Inclusive Elementary Education programs, as well as the advisor for both the Cazenovia College Education Club and the Women's Empowerment Group.

She has authored and co-authored numerous articles and presented at various education conferences and workshops. Dr. Miller is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Association for Education of Young Children, the New York State Association of Teacher Educators, Phi Kappa Phi, and Phi Delta Kappa. In 2014, Dr. Miller was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award by the Cazenovia College Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success.

Dr. Miller received her Ed.D., in Educational Leadership, and MSA in School Administration from UNC- Chapel Hill; MA in Education (Special Education) from California State University, Sacramento; and BA in Arts in Education from William Smith College.



# ZAC Pack: A Tradition Begins

*New student-only group celebrates school spirit in grand style*



What happened when 300-plus Cazenovia College students adorned in bright gold t-shirts join together to pack the bleachers for a Friday night men's basketball game against Penn State Berks? The answer is: **ZAC Pack** began!

Officially launched on Feb. 7, this exclusive Cazenovia College student-only group is a fan base like no other. Established through collaborative efforts between the Student Government Association, Cazenovia Activities Board, and the Offices of Alumni, Athletics, Communications and Parent Relations, ZAC Pack's main purpose is to raise the bar on school spirit and ignite a new level of enthusiasm for "all things" Caz College.

ZAC the Wildcat serves as a symbol of



College spirit, so it seemed fitting to the ZAC committee members to name this special group after him. High-fives, special chants and excitement abounded when this inaugural event took place, and plans to continue this new school tradition at the College's diverse range of campus activities are already in the works.



For a look at this special celebration, visit: <http://storify.com/CazCollege/getting-started>. Keep an eye on ZAC's official Twitter page, @WildcatZAC for the latest #ZACPack news and event listings.

## Members of Alternative Breaks Program @ Caz Serve in Ecuador

*Nine students volunteered at the Working Boys' Center during Spring Break 2014*

In January 2014, nine Cazenovia College students journeyed with **Shannon Dobrovolny**, director of residence life, for a weeklong Alternative Breaks project in Quito, Ecuador. The group spent their time at the Working Boys' Center addressing educational needs in an effort to reduce poverty. Students volunteered in the classroom in addition to working on several painting and building projects.

For Cazenovia College participants, being completely immersed in diverse environments enabled them to experi-



Photos: Courtesy of Shannon Dobrovolny

**ABC volunteers helped Head Chef Maria prepare over 500 empanadas. She typically makes over 1000 a day plus meals for families at the Working Boys' Center.**

ence, discuss, and understand social issues in a more significant way. One of 67 student clubs and organizations on campus, the Alternative Breaks Program @ Caz (ABC) places teams of students in communities to engage in service and experiential learning during their summer, fall, winter and/or spring breaks. This year's lucky participants included **Cheryl Chapman, Alex Hazard, Valarie Mudrie, Jessica Muller, Kathleen Murray, Steven Ochoa, Rachel Palmer, Lara Sibi, and Sam Young.**

ABC members chosen for international trips have either volunteered for a U.S.-based Alternative Breaks program in the past, or have been selected from a pool of applicants. Ensuring the success of these international programs requires student commitment to planning, which starts a year in advance and includes fundraising. Student-run fundraising campaigns and contributions from the Student Government Association provide the financial support needed to make these trips possible.

## Cazenovia Sport Management Majors Invited to Super Bowl XLVIII

*Eight students volunteered at the NFL Experience in New York City*

Cazenovia College sport management majors prepared for the "big game" for months. In late January 2014, eight students from the program traveled to New York City to volunteer for numerous events and activities associated with Super Bowl Week. Students worked the NFL Experience events and concerts on

Super Bowl Boulevard by checking IDs, providing information and directions to attendees, and playing a key role in ensuring a positive fan experience.

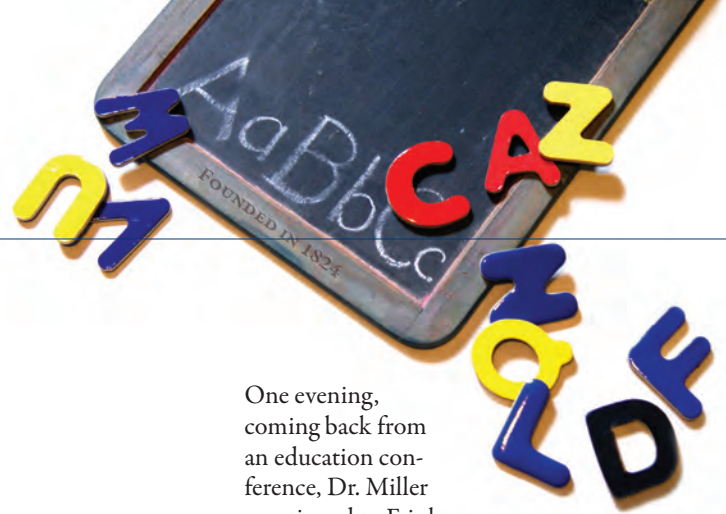
Dr. **Michelle Brimecombe**, assistant professor, sport management, encouraged students at the beginning of the fall

2013 semester to apply for this once in a lifetime opportunity. The lucky candidates included **Mike Bruno, Jake Bryant, Will Hadersbeck, Casey MacClaren, Devin Purcell, Don Radell, Jon Waiksnoris, and Kayla Warner.**

Brimecombe notes that, "They took advantage of an opportunity presented to them. They applied, gave up a weekend in November to attend the orientation/training session in New York, and ultimately earned this chance to add to their sport management experience base."



Photos: Courtesy of Michelle Brimecombe



# Making a Difference in the Life of a Child

*Deanna Frink '13 is at her happiest when teaching children things they never knew*

One evening, coming back from an education conference, Dr. Miller mentioned to Frink that she knew of a place that would be a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable teaching experience while getting her master's paid for in full. "I was very interested but when she said it was in Boston, I became increasingly scared of being five hours away from everyone and truly on my own." Her family encouraged her to seek more information and her boyfriend, **Zachary Gerald '12**, gave her the push she needed to realize the opportunity before her.

Frink remembers when the interview with the New England Center for Children (NECC) was set, Dr. Miller suggested and arranged a tour of Melmark NE – a similar educational facility right outside of Boston that provides residential, educational, therapeutic and recreational services for children and adults with a broad range of intellectual disabilities. "I am so thankful that Erica helped arrange this visit to Melmark," shared Frink, who did not get a good vibe during her interview at NECC.

Conversely, when Frink, her parents and boyfriend arrived at Melmark NE later that afternoon, they immediately felt welcome. "The place was absolutely amazing and when they saw how interested I was,

they arranged an informal interview right then and there!" It was at that moment when Frink realized how accomplished and prepared she was, and how Cazenovia College had made her ready to seize the day.

A few weeks later, a formal Skype interview was arranged but later postponed as



Photo: John Seiter

If you asked Cazenovia College assistant professor of Education, Dr. **Erica Miller**, how often **Deanna Frink '13** was in her office talking about her future, you'd think Frink was the only (education) student preparing to graduate. "Dr. Miller was an amazing support system for me; I asked her every question in the book but still had no idea where I wanted to go or if teaching was really what I wanted to do with the rest of my life."



**Frink was active during her time at Caz. She was a member of the Education Club, Dance Club, Student Government Association, Education Professor Search Committee, NYS Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Sigma Alpha Pi Honor Society, and a Middle States Commission on Higher Education student representative. She was also a member of the women’s volleyball team and worked at the fitness center all four years.**

it was scheduled to happen a few days after the Boston Marathon bombings. Yet, any apprehension that might have set in for Frink was put to rest when she received a second phone call from Melmark’s senior director of school service, calling to “solidify my position” as an Applied Behavioral Analysis Counselor (ABAC). Frink exclaimed, “I couldn’t believe what I was hearing. It was the most amazing feeling in the world knowing I had been offered the position and I still had three more months of college.” Frink updated her Facebook status that evening, simply stating, “I’m shipping off to Boston.”

*“I feel a great sense of appreciation and self-worth every day... because I know I truly impacted their lives in some way.”*

- Deanna Frink '13

With a full year as an ABAC under her belt, Frink is putting her Bachelor of Science degree in Inclusive Elementary Education to the test. She goes to work each day prepared to teach children many different skills that can range from tooth brushing, to putting together a puzzle, to how to recycle.

Frink and the lead teacher with whom she works start preparing for the day at 7:30 a.m., making materials and reviewing lesson plans. Throughout the day, Frink is working with the students in her classroom and coordinating their participation in a variety of ‘specials’ including gym, library, art and playground. After the children have left, Frink and

the other ABACs shift their attention to entering the data taken for the day. This data collection is designed to analyze each child’s development and is intended to show progress on certain skills each time a program is run. Frink is extremely proud of her role as a case manager for a particular child in her class and is growing increasingly confident in her abilities and knowledge of applied behavioral analysis. “I am assigned to enter this child’s data every day but, more importantly, I am responsible for all that he completes each day, how he develops, and what he will be learning in the near future.”

Frink always thought she would land an elementary school teacher job in some rural area, just like where she grew up. However, after completing her student teaching placements at Cazenovia College, she knew she wanted more. “I wanted to make more of a difference and go beyond just teaching what the states require. At Melmark NE, I feel a great sense of appreciation and self-worth every day when the kids leave because I know I truly impacted their lives in some way.”

She has high praise for the education she received at Caz and the professors and professional staff who were so instrumental in her development. “Almost all that I learned in my education courses have been utilized in some way,

shape or form since I began working at Melmark NE. From reading lesson plans to understanding the development of children with disabilities, I can truthfully say if didn’t attend Cazenovia College, I would not have known the first thing about what to do or how to approach the situations I have,” added Frink, who is looking forward to beginning work on her master’s degree this fall.

Her great grandma would always say to Frink, “There’s my little teacher.” Frink smiles at the thought ... quick to point out that she never once replied, “Oh grandma, don’t call me that.” To Frink, it always felt right and made her aspire to become just that ... a teacher. Teaching is exactly what Frink is doing and she is doing it well. “I am at my happiest when I’m working with children, teaching them things they never knew, and being the one who is helping them achieve knowledge.”



Photo: Wayne Westervelt



# Engineering a Path to Success

*Deborah Hoff Cioffi '80 is a top authority on steam turbine performance*

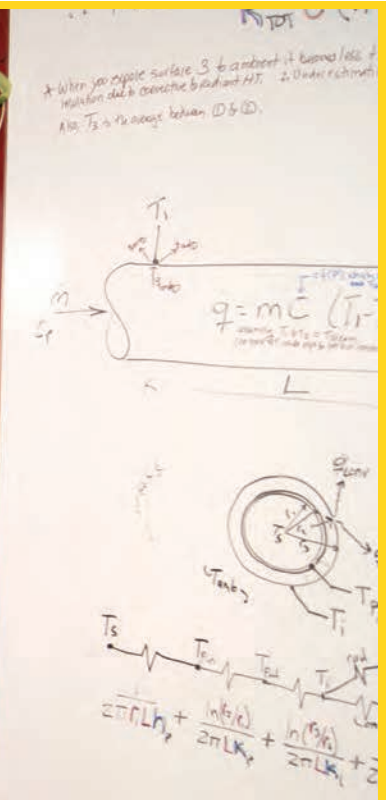


Photo: Wayne Weistervelt

**D**eborah Hoff Cioffi '80 is proud of the work she does at a company where she possesses autonomy, mastery and purpose. "I allow steam turbines to run more efficiently, which decreases both power generation costs and greenhouse gases."

A consulting engineer at Mechanical Dynamics & Analysis, Ltd. (MD&A), Cioffi provides fossil, industrial and nuclear engineers with consultation on power plant performance, steam path audits, steam turbine performance analyses, power plant testing, and heat balance analysis.

For Cioffi, the deadlines are constant and the work is intense. She is working on five projects right now, while tending to 12 turbines from proposal phase, to thermo-dynamic analysis, to inspections and testing, to follow-up.

Recognized as one of the top authorities on the subject of steam turbine performance and testing, a published author of numerous technical papers, and a notable seminar presenter to the industry's top professionals, Cioffi's path to success made its first stop at Cazenovia College.

She didn't always aspire to be an engi-

neer but the profession ran in the family. Her dad is a chemical engineer; her uncle was an engineer as well. "I was always an analytical person and my parents always told me that I could be anything I wanted to be," shared Cioffi, who added that she grew up during an era when Gloria Steinem was leading the women's liberation movement and seeking to make women's voices heard.

Originally from the Rochester, New York area, Cioffi came to Cazenovia with the goal of becoming a fashion designer but soon discovered that this field was not for her. "I actually found out what



I did not want to do and switched my major to Liberal Arts.” She still fondly looks back on those who impacted her learning during those early days. “I adored **Dolly Weiss**; she was so smart. And of course, there were **Fred Williams, Connie Roy** and **John Aistars** – they all played a role in the person I’ve become.”

Cioffi says she wouldn’t have done anything differently. “Cazenovia allowed me to have the freedom and independence I wanted, with the safety net I needed.” After earning her associate’s degree in Liberal Arts, she took a year off and headed out west. She had a developing interest in engineering and wanted to apply to a college in the California University system as a California resident.

Cioffi’s path, however, soon led her back to New York, where she first enrolled at Morrisville State College and then Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy. With her interest in engineering growing, she began to analyze what branch of engineering she would pursue as a career. The natural fit was mechanical engineering.

After earning her bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from RPI, Cioffi chose to stay in the Albany area to pursue her master’s degree at RPI. She met her future husband, Mike, and landed a summer engineering job at an engineering firm in Schenectady. Cioffi immediately began to showcase her talents. The company noticed and offered Cioffi a full-time position as project engineer, while also

agreeing to pay her master’s tuition at RPI. Cioffi went on to work for this company for 15 years and advanced to technical director of power plant performance before joining MD&A in 1999.

Today, she is a registered professional engineer in New York State, and a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. She is also proud of the work she did with Ken C. Cotton, industry expert and author of the book, *Evaluating and Improving Steam Turbine Performance*. Cioffi, who was mentioned in the book’s foreword, explains, “Ken was a role model; I am grateful for the time we worked together and the technical knowledge he shared with me.” Now Cioffi can be found from time to time presenting this seminar, which is based on the book, to fellow engineers. “I want to repay what Ken did for me by sharing my expertise with others.”

Cioffi also looks back on how Cazenovia prepared her to be the complete, balanced person she is today. “I appreciate the liberal arts background that Cazenovia instilled in me. Because of my time there, I have an appreciation for the arts and literature. I am creative and possess the ability to solve problems in my chosen field.”

She is often encouraging tomorrow’s leaders, especially her two sons, Evan and Elliott, to figure out what you really want to do and then do it with passion. As for words of wisdom for future engineers, Cioffi stresses that one must

first have a firm grasp of the fundamentals, but then “strive to not only know the answers but know why they are the answers.”

The answer or rule to live by for Deborah H. Cioffi, a highly reputable engineer and industry leading professional, is quite simple: “Be productive and do good work – in your job and in life.”

*“I appreciate the liberal arts background that Cazenovia instilled in me. Because of my time there...I am creative and possess the ability to solve problems in my chosen field.”*

- Deborah Hoff Cioffi '80



## SPOT CAZ!

**Valerie Dunn '12 stands by the eternal flame next to President John F. Kennedy's grave site in Arlington National Cemetery on May 1, 2014. She brought along a piece of Cazenovia College with her to the memorial.**

*Going on vacation?  
Heading to a sporting event?  
Running in a race?*

In whatever interesting location you find yourself, show us your CAZ PRIDE! Wear your alma mater’s colors...or even pose with an issue of the magazine...and we’ll proudly include you in this hub for school spirit.

Please send your photo(s), a caption, and any photo credit to [communications@cazenovia.edu](mailto:communications@cazenovia.edu) or Office of Communications, 22 Sullivan St., Cazenovia, NY 13035. Let’s see where you’ve been!



# Reunion 2014 Weekend

There is nothing like Reunion at Cazenovia College! Alumni from the 1940s to the Class of 2013 came from all over the country to celebrate their alma mater. From an afternoon of golf and visiting residence halls to a Western Hoedown dinner and dance party – more than 175 alumni returned to campus to hug old friends, make new ones and share treasured memories.



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1. Current and former faculty and staff gathered at the Reunion Awards Luncheon to honor Dolly Weiss, professor emerita. (Front row, L-R) Margery Pinet, professor emerita, vice chair, board of trustees; Dolly Weiss, professor emerita; Harwant Dosanjh, professor emerita (Back row, L-R) Carmela Peters '73, Fred Williams, professor emeritus; Ginny Felleman, Karin Bump, professor, equine business management; Sandy Palmer, professor emerita; Robin Kramme, Allen Kramme  
2. Alumni Association Award Winners (L-R) *The Ellie Wilson Award* – Peter Way '03,

senior associate director of athletics; *The Distinguished Alumni Award* – Carla DeShaw '84; *The Young Alumni Award* – Phil Sheehan '11; *The Volunteer of the Year Award* – Marjorie Dobin Miller '69, trustee  
3. Class of 1949 (L-R) Jayne Yates, Sally Rollins Meinweiser, Nancy Howard Howland, Carol Raymond Jennings  
4. Class of 1959 (L-R) Anita Gozan Siegel, Judith Bond Clarke, Brenda Glickman Jaffe, Mary Burton Thompson, Sharon Bush Molthen  
5. Class of 1964 (L-R) Diane Hanafin-Cappellett, Linda Heineman

Keil, Stephanie Kravec, Anita Stover Ransco, Joan Larsen Richey, Elizabeth Vitti Spillane  
6. (L-R) Shari Whitaker, director of alumni relations, and Sally Peck Kline '64  
7. (L-R) Katie Windheim Westfall '64 and Sharon Marturano Bendtzen '64  
8. Class of 1969 (L-R) Anne Gold Gleason, Nancy LeValley Farley, Laurie Clute, Kathleen Carroll Clarke, Karen O'Neil Engratt, Nancy Danskin Russell, Marjorie Dobin Miller, trustee; Kristin Wivagg, Sally Lyons Wassell  
9. Class of 1974 (Seated) Jane "Kit" Wright Spohn

Photos: John Seiter, Wayne Westerweil, Shari Whitaker

# SHARE YOUR NEWS FOR CLASS NOTES!



(Standing, L-R) Mildred Musler Corneau, Magda Szathmary, Sandra Wittmer Stewart, Susan Brown Smith, Judy Williams Fraser, Peggy Roach Gayle

**10.** Class of 1976

(L-R) Gladys Salazar Ramos, Mary Moore-Smith, Jocelyn Ford

**11.** Class of 1984

(Front row, L-R) Bonnie Boczulak, Wendee Schwarting Wilson, Laura Crolick Kibby, Barbara Meehan Fischer (Back row, L-R) Beverly Len Stark, Lisa Hansen Higgins, Amy Metcalf Pizoli, Jill Tatro Moroch

**12.** Class of 1984

(L-R) Michele Austin Oakley, Lisa Giovanini

Kurtz, Carmela Zelko MacKenzie, Brenda Bolliver Flanders, Tobi Flanagan

**13.** (Seated, L-R) Charles Coler '88, Steve Grover '89, David Rowe '88, Kimberly Hitchcock Rowe '89, Christine Canal '88, Jonathan Arrindell '87, Melynda Silvashy '88, Matt Karoglanian '88, Matt Evans '88, Jim Chrimes '89

(Standing, L-R) Raquel Aponte '89, Peter Cohen '89, Andy Koba '89, Julie Mott Greenberg '88, Brian Gallagher '89, Shawn Berberick '91, Mark Tacea '87, Terry Vestal '88, Kenny Ashe '88, Janet Kodash '88, Kathleen Blodgett '89, Crystal Wright Farrell '88

**14.** (L-R) Leslie Lamb '02, Jocelyn Williams '02, Amanda Klish '04, Becky Catroppa '04

**15.** (L-R) Lisa Spadafore '09, Vicky Sokolowski '09, campus program coordinator; Savannah Chinski, senior Social Sciences major; Sarah Miller '10

**16.** (L-R) MJ Kilian Walker '72, trustee and Alumni Association president; and Wendy Dibble Smith '72

Please help keep our office and friends up-to-date by sharing recent information.

**Have you moved? Changed jobs? Been promoted? Received an award? Said, "I do"? Welcomed a new baby?**

If so, please send us the details and include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and email address. Please identify individuals in photographs.

**Photographs will not be returned. Electronic photos must be in 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. Class Notes does not publish information relative to promoting your business.**

Send the information to Shari Whitaker, Alumni Relations, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035. Or email [sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu](mailto:sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu). Thank you!

## CLASS NOTES

### 1946

#### Doris Eversfield Webster '46

reports that the class scholarship is really working. Doris received a thank you letter from a senior that studied social sciences, travelled abroad last year to Canterbury, England, was involved in student government, was the class president and member of the Honor Society. The student wrote, "Thank you for making these amazing opportunities possible for me." The class scholarship welcomes your contributions at any level to continue to help deserving students. Thanks.

### 1958

**Lucy Johnson Hogarth '58** writes, "I was not able to attend our 55th Reunion a year ago, as we had a family Reunion in the Lake Tahoe area where our son and



## ZAC – Silver Knights Game

ZAC the Wildcat made his indoor soccer debut at the Syracuse Silver Knights game on Sunday, March 2, at the OnCenter War Memorial Arena. He and several local mascots played a fun soccer game of their own during halftime. Here's our favorite Wildcat – front and center!



Photo: Courtesy of Syracuse Silver Knights

## CLASS NOTES

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family live. A small but faithful following did go as indicated in an alumni magazine photo. We really rallied our 50th in numbers and financial giving. I was there to relive the old and create a new feeling of loyalty.

### 1964

**Susan Canders Carter '64** writes, "How on Earth could it be 50 years since we graduated? Big congratulations to **Barbie Fox Dier '64** and husband, Bud, who have now been married that long and have oodles of grandchildren. Steve and I have two little ones."

### 1965

**Barrie Foote Newman '65** writes, "Here we are a few months closer to our 50th class reunion June 12-14, 2015! Please try to start

making your plans to return to Caz. For many of us this will be the first time back, and I am so excited to see all my old college friends. I recently saw two friends that I hadn't seen in 48 years and what a great time we had catching up. Let me know what dorm(s) you were in. Email me at [Barriefootecaz65@gmail.com](mailto:Barriefootecaz65@gmail.com). See you then!"

### 1970

**Margot Cheney Jacoby '70** writes, "Looking forward to next year's Reunion – our 45th honored year! Please save the date: June 12 – 14, 2015, and consider making a class gift!"

### 1976

**Kittie "Kit" Graham Hollander '76** writes, "The years since attending Caz have blessed me with a 30- year relationship with my husband, Joe; two wonderful kids, Daniel, 23, and Rachel, 17; and a career I love. I'm currently the child care program coordinator for the Newfield School District in the beautiful hills just south of Ithaca, New

York. Pre-graduation and college plans for my daughter, Rachel, will postpone Caz Reunion plans until 2015, when I hope to reconnect with **Claudia, Liz, Tracy, Kathy, Janice** and **Terry.**"

### 1977

**Terry Neff Thurley '77** writes, "For the next chapter of my life, I'm moving to Charlotte, North Carolina! I started a new job in January with The Coding Institute out of Durham, North Carolina, working from my home in Webster, New York. I'm a writer/editor of two monthly newsletters that cater to medical coders. A challenge for sure, but that's what I needed. The job also allows me to move wherever I want. I'm picking the city where my son and his girlfriend live. I'm starting over with a new job, new state, and being a part of a family again! Change is good!"

**Dianna Warner '77** writes, "On July 21, 2012, my partner of 12 years, Cat Flagg, and I were married at the Butterfly Garden on Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool, New York. We honeymooned in the Poconos.

**In memory:  
Dr. Carolyn Bogardus Ware, Ph.D.**



**D**r. **Carolyn Bogardus Ware** passed away on December 25, 2013. Dr. Ware was vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Cazenovia College from 1983-92, serving under President Stephen M. Schneeweiss. During Dr. Ware's first fall term, she focused on the priority of introducing the first male class to campus. Soon after, Dr. Ware was instrumental in helping the College achieve baccalaureate status.

Dr. Sandy Palmer shared, "I remember Carolyn Ware's contributions well. She was very supportive of my teaching efforts in the sciences." President Schneeweiss recalls, "Carolyn was a true leader with an ability to speak truth to authority. Her colleagues held her in the highest regard. She cared deeply for the faculty and students of Cazenovia College."

Contributions in Dr. Carolyn Ware's memory may be made to The CNY Alzheimer's Association ([www.alzcn.org](http://www.alzcn.org)) or Cazenovia College ([www.cazenovia.edu/support-cazenovia](http://www.cazenovia.edu/support-cazenovia)).

*In fond Memory*

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

- Ann Bisnett Graf '49**
- Sue Marie Bazinet '62**
- Cynthia Palmer Davis '77**
- Linda Steer Ryan '77**
- Nancy Fraser Confer '78**
- Nancy Brienza McClymonds '84**
- Jessica Chaney Fuller '97**
- Walter H. Nowey '00**
- Dr. Carolyn Bogardus Ware, Ph.D.**

Please continue to keep us informed by forwarding information to Shari Whitaker, director of alumni relations, at 315.655.7332 or [sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu](mailto:sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu).

We live in Clay, New York, in a home we had built in 2008. Cat has two children: Angela and Eddie. We have three "furba-bies" - Angel, Einstein and Lulu."

**1980**  
**Debra Davis Sturdevant '80** writes, "I have reopened my natural soap and botanical shop, The



**Debra Davis Sturdevant '80**

Country Artist, here in Canastota, New York. I closed for a three-year job as full time caregiver to my mother with Alzheimer's. I am happy to be back formulating all natural, herbal bath, body and aromatherapy products. It is truly my passion, and I love working with clients who appreciate products without harsh chemicals. I use everything I studied while at Caz— from artwork on my labels to the business class I took. Life is good!"

**1981**  
**Lorinda Young O'Brien '81** has worked as an educator for 30 years in the Syracuse City School District. Lorinda is married to Patrick O'Brien, and they have four children – Liam 21, Hanna 19, Eimile 16, and Meghan 14.

**1983**  
**Lynne Hemmes Browne '83** graduated in May from SUNYIT with her Master's Degree in Information Design

and Technology. Lynne extends a warm hello to her classmates and Shove Hall residents.

**1989**  
**Lisa Terwilliger '89** was working as a receptionist for the Division of Financial Affairs at Cornell University, but as of January 2014, she works as an image services representative for the Tompkins Trust Company.

**1997**  
**Bryan Mitton '97** and **Gladys Garcia Mitton '97** are happy to announce the adoption of their two boys: Shawn Michael Bruce Mitton and Andrew Nelson Ray Mitton.



**The Mitton Family**

# ALUMNI NEWS CLASS NOTES

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(L-R) Vincent and Gina Bonaventura Stolicker '99

1999

**Gina Bonaventura Stolicker '99** is a paraprofessional aid at Ramstein Intermediate School in Germany.

2004

**Abigail Andrew '04 and Matthew Day '06** welcomed their first child, Henry James, in December 2013.



(L-R) Eric Dosch '05 and Misty Shores Dosch '06

sports, teens and family. Misty is working for Shaw Contract Croup as a sales representative. Eric and Misty are also happy to be living in Buffalo to enjoy their Buffalo Bills season tickets!



(L-R) Ashley Stoddard '07 and Anthony Murphy

2007

**Ashley Stoddard '07** was engaged to Anthony Murphy in 2013. Ashley is a graduate of the Communications Studies Program. The couple will say "I do" on June 6, 2015, in Syracuse, New York.



Riley Paige Einhorn

2005

**Eric Dosch '05 and Misty Shores Dosch '06** moved to Buffalo, New York, last year to be closer to Eric's family and for a new job opportunity for Eric at the YMCA in Williamsville as a program director for youth

together covering 13 states in three weeks and making memories that will last a lifetime! Hannah writes, "After graduating from Caz with our studio art degrees, we parted ways, but continued to keep in touch by mailing postcards back and forth from Maine to New York. Although we are separated we continue to do the same things at ironically the same times, becoming certified art teachers a few years back and landing art teacher positions. This trip sparked a love of travel in us and motivated us to bring our creative minds together more often."

2009

**Brandi Moyer Einhorn '09** and husband, Dan, welcomed a daughter, Riley Paige, on December 24, 2013.

**BreAnne Dale '09 and Hannah Tauroney '09**

reunited to take a long awaited "Thelma and Louise" inspired trip

SAVE THE DATE!

REUNION 2015:  
JUNE 12-14



(L-R) BreAnne Dale '09 and Hannah Tauroney '09



(L-R) Amanda Taranto '11, Nina Serrienne '09, Tim Bartlett '10, Katie Krebs Bartlett '10, Samantha Williams, Blake Edwards '11, Caitlin Klammer '11, Vicky Sokolowski '09, campus program coordinator; and Ashley Kelley '10

## 2010

**Tim Bartlett '10** and **Katie Krebs Bartlett '10** were married in December 2013 at The Appel Inn in Altamont, New York. Many alumni from Cazenovia College were in attendance.

**Kate Mausteller '10** moved from Phoenix, Arizona, to Columbia, Virginia, and is now working as a veterinary technical at Fork Union Animal Hospital.

**Jennifer Keefe '10** writes, "**Annie Fox, Allison Hughes, Kate Mausteller, Christina Perreta, Erin Edsell, Laura Stoker** and I – all 2010 alumni – gathered together for a reunion because Kate was visiting the east coast after two years of being in Arizona. It was like we were never separated the past two

years! We were all in the Equine Program and on the Equestrian Team. It was the best four years of our lives, and we want to keep this amazing friendship going!"

**Amanda Szymanski Wilson '10** writes, "Class of 2010, can you believe it has almost been five years since graduation? For one weekend why not relive your college days with some of your closest friends and classmates? Save the date for our 5th Honored Year Reunion June 12-14, 2015. Join the Cazenovia College Alumni page on Facebook for regular updates on campus and alumni gatherings. Hope to see you back on campus next June!"

## 2013

**Carley Carson '13** moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, after graduation and is a supervisor at a brand new Planet Fitness in Fort Mill, South Carolina. In addition to that, she is working for a local magazine called Carolina Town as the advertising and sales manager. Carley writes, "Miss Caz everyday and wish everyone the very best!"



(L-R) Annie Fox '10, Kate Mausteller '10, Allison Hughes '10, Jennifer Keefe '10, Christina Perreta '10, Erin Edsell '10 and Laura Korthas '10



### Keep it Open...

Cazenovia Country Club  
Monday, August 11, 2014

The Cazenovia College Alumni Association  
and Department of Athletics  
invite you  
to join us for the  
**13th Annual Golf Open.**

Proceeds raised from the tournament directly benefit  
Cazenovia College students through campus initiatives.

#### Questions?

Contact: Shari Whitaker,  
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**Register Online at:**  
[www.cazenovia.edu/golf](http://www.cazenovia.edu/golf)



# Summer 2014 – Events

*Winter and spring 2014 were busy with alumni outreach gatherings in Florida, New York and North Carolina. Events brought together alumni, current students, faculty and friends of the College.*

The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a reception for the Fashion Studies Program at Cazenovia College. The gathering brought together current fashion students, faculty, prospective students interested in the Fashion Program and alumni working in the fashion industry in New York City.



Photo: Shari Whitaker

**(L-R) Anna MacLellan '12, Shirley Ware, associate lecturer, fashion design; Andrea Courtwright '13**



Photo: Shari Whitaker

**Seated: Danielle Washington Fotopoulos '98 (L-R) Anellys Olivo-Figueroa, Noelle Pigott, Tatiana Fowler, Laprea Bussie**



Photo: Carol Satchwell

Trustee **Marjorie Dobin Miller '69** hosted a luncheon for alumni living in Southern Florida.

**(L-R) Sandra Witz Hirsh '59, Catherine Smith Lagala '69, Renee Werner Weiss '61, Susan Glaser Zipper '58, Nancy Nation Paton '70, Marjorie Dobin Miller '69, trustee; Ann Alexander '64.**



## Syracuse, New York

MARCH 2014



Photo: Corey Foster

Young Alumni gathered on a chilly Saturday evening for a Syracuse Crunch Hockey Game.

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## Upcoming Alumni Events

*Following a successful Reunion 2014 weekend, the Office of Alumni Relations is busy co-ordinating outreach events for the summer and fall that will welcome alumni and friends of Cazenovia College to a variety of venues and activities.*

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## Durham, North Carolina

APRIL 2014



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**Robert and Joyce Gleason MacCloy '48**

The MacCloys, pictured at Reunion 2014, were co-sponsors of a reception held in Durham, North Carolina. Guests enjoyed visiting with fellow alumni and hearing an update on *Building Futures One at a Time – The Campaign for Cazenovia College*.



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**Dr. Karin D. Bump**, Professor, Equine Business Management, Division Chair, Business Management was the special guest at a reception hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations.

**(L-R) Jacie Cupertino '11, Joanne Hennington '12, Dr. Karin Bump, Barbara Lanigan '09**

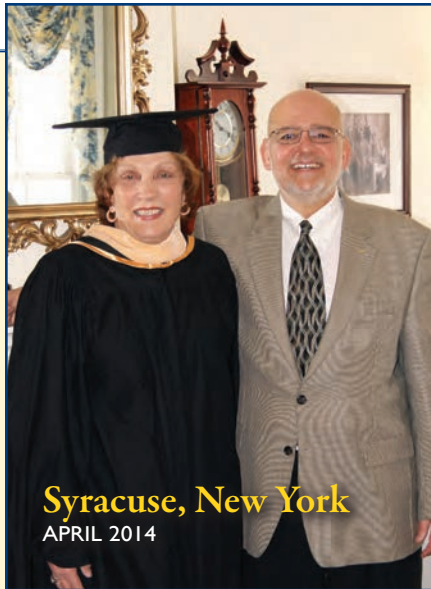


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The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a VIP reception at the Landmark Theatre prior to the 41st Annual Cazenovia College Student Fashion Show, "Urban Chic." Student volunteers at the reception had the opportunity to meet special guest, **Thom Filicia**, interior Designer, author and television personality.

**(L-R): Hannah Delaware, Katlyn Kleist, Alyssa Pagliei, Katie Welch, Thom Filicia, Brittany Arnold, Berly Estevez, Steven Ochoa**





**Syracuse, New York**  
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**Stephanie Kravec '64** represented Cazenovia College at the Inauguration of the 12th Chancellor and President of Syracuse University. Pictured with Stephanie is Dr. **Mark Tierno**, president of Cazenovia College.

The Cazenovia College "Chapter of the Carolinas" hosted an event at a Charlotte Knights Baseball Game for North and South Carolina alumni, family and friends.

**(L-R): Nick Sustache '09, Ashley Willumitis '10, Carley Carson '13, Robert Rohrig '13, David McDonald '13 and current student, John Butlak**



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# Wildcats Year in Review

*Broken records, All-Conference selections and postseason appearances...*

“Cazenovia College Athletics has taken great strides this year,” said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics **Michael Brooks '01**. “We will continue to push forward in our efforts to make Cazenovia College athletics an elite program in the North Eastern Athletic Conference.”

This year alone, Wildcats student-athletes broke or tied 18 Cazenovia College records including career three-pointers made, single season blocks and assists, and set new record paces in both swimming and diving and cross country. Men’s lacrosse set a program high for wins in a season with eight; women’s soccer scored the most goals in a single game with 13; and the baseball team turned a program record 27 double-plays this season.

Several student-athletes ranked nationally in individual statistics as sophomore **Joe Delia** (Baldwinsville, NY) of the men’s lacrosse team finished 4th in the country with 3.25 assists per game. Junior **Ryan Hanehan** (Waterford, NY) of the men’s soccer team averaged just under one goal scored per game, ranking 12th nationally, while freshman **Mary Salo** (Westerlo, NY), of the women’s basketball team, ranked 18th in the country in blocked shots per game, finishing the season with 68 in-total.

Individual accomplishments did not stop there as senior **Kory Parsons** (Holland Patent, NY), of the men’s swimming and diving team, earned the

North Eastern Athletic Conference’s (NEAC) top honor as the Male Swimmer of the Year. As a whole, Cazenovia College student-athletes earned 42 All-Conference selections, with a majority placing on either the first or second team.

These individual accolades and achievements led to exceptional team success as six different teams qualified for postseason play in 2013-14. Those teams included men’s soccer, women’s soccer, cross country, swimming and diving, women’s basketball and women’s lacrosse, which made its fourth consecutive NEAC playoff appearance.

The equestrian team continued their dominance as well sending three hunter seat riders to the International Collegiate Horse Association (IHSA) National Horse Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in early May. Sophomores **Jessica Berman** (Rumney, NH), **Kierstyn Duggleby** (Cleveland, NY), and **Taylor Rohling** (Saratoga Springs, NY), represented the Wildcats at Nationals as Berman took fourth, while Rohling finished as Reserve National Champion in Individual Walk-Trot Canter.

“The pursuit of athletic excellence continues here at Cazenovia College every day,” said Brooks. “We must continue to strengthen our pride in Wildcats athletics as we look to build off a record-breaking year.”





## Wildcats Pride on Full Display

*Student-athletes honored while athletics unveils new video...*

Cazenovia College concluded the 2013-14 season on May 4 as players, parents, coaches and administrators gathered in the upper gym of the Schneeweiss Athletic Complex to recognize the accomplishments of our student-athletes both on and off the field. The ceremony, which had previously been separated into three

individual events honoring fall, winter and spring sports, took new shape this year under the direction of Associate Athletics Director **Lauren Pacelli**.

Wildcats pride was on full display at this year's award ceremony as

**President Tierno** unveiled the new Cazenovia College athletics video, produced by the Office of Communications and Athletics Marketing Specialist **Cory Schad '09**. "The video represents all that Cazenovia College has to offer potential Wildcats student-athletes," said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics **Michael Brooks '01**. "It showcases



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**(L-R) Joe Delia, Don Radell, Kimberly Vrigian, Haley Zambito, Taylor MacFarland**

our student-athletes, coaches, teams and facilities – but more importantly our PRIDE in Wildcats athletics."

### Male Athlete of the Year

**Joe Delia** (Baldwinsville, NY) – Sophomore: Delia was a member of the men's lacrosse team, which won a program record eight games this season. He set the all-time men's lacrosse record for assists in a season with 39, finishing fourth in the country in assists per game.

### Female Athlete of the Year

**Kimberly Vrigian** (Clifton Park, NY) – Senior: Vrigian led both the women's basketball and women's lacrosse team to the NEAC playoffs in her senior season.

### Male Wildcat of the Year

**Don Radell** (Baldwinsville, NY) – Junior: Radell led the men's volleyball

team to its first win in program history this season. He also worked as a Wildcats Ambassador for the athletics department this year.

### Female Wildcat of the Year

**Haley Zambito** (West Bloomfield, NY) – Junior: Zambito broke the all-time Cazenovia College women's basketball record for three-pointers made in a career with 180 total. She will look to add to those numbers next season as a senior.

### Scholar-Athlete of the Year

**Taylor MacFarland** (Broadalbin, NY) – Senior: MacFarland, a member of the women's cross country and women's swimming and diving team was honored for the highest grade point average among all Wildcats student-athletes this year.



## Hall of Fame Class Announced

*Class of 2014...*

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# Writing Instructor to Professor to College Trustee

*It has always been about the students for Margery Pinet*



Photo: Tasha Johnson

For more than three decades, **Margery Pinet** has served the College as an adjunct writing instructor, director of the Academic Learning Center, academic dean, executive vice president, highly respected member of the faculty, trustee, and most recently as vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees.

For Marge, it has all centered on one common thread – the Cazenovia College student. “I have always bought into *building futures one at a time*,” stressed Pinet, who added that her journey at Cazenovia to teach young people and approach each of them as individuals began in 1979.

It is second nature for Pinet to rattle off names of current and former students with whom she has developed special bonds. She recalls stories of guiding students along when they thought they didn't belong or couldn't cut it, who then went on to become the class salutatorian or returned to campus to deliver the Commencement address. It is no surprise that while sharing these stories in the Dining Hall, a current student (who just graduated this past May) came over to give Professor Pinet a farewell hug.

“Students give me great joy,” stated Pinet. “Seeing them grow ... finding their way as students and scholars, and watching them become leaders right before our very eyes – that's why I'm here.”

Pinet is well-respected and a recognizable fixture on campus. She received the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 1988, was honored with the Presidential Medallion in 2000, and in 2006 the board of trustees unanimously

granted her the highly esteemed status of professor emerita. She retired from her full-time position in August 2006, but has continued to teach at the College. In October 2010, Pinet was inducted into the Cazenovia College Athletics Hall of Fame, recognized for her role as a faculty/athletics representative but more importantly for her support and admiration of student-athletes at Cazenovia.

Pinet established the Washburn Distinguished Lectures, a series of talks about current issues confronting society. She also endowed the Washburn Junior Fellowship, a year-long opportunity for students to expand their academic and research opportunities. Both were created in honor of her parents. Pinet stressed, “My parents valued education and were instrumental in my formation as a teacher; it is important to me to leave a piece of me and my parents behind at Cazenovia College.”

Impacted most by her father– a pastor who loved words and stressed the importance of reading–Pinet also credits **Fred Williams**, **Peg Stafford** and **Jesse Lott** – all College employees and dear friends who were instrumental to her development at Cazenovia College.

Appointed to the Board of Trustees in 2008, Pinet was elected vice chair in 2013. “Serving as a trustee is the culmination of my more than three decades at the College,” said Pinet. “It provides me with the opportunity to have a voice and bring history and perspective to College decisions and governance.”

Pinet, who has also served as chair of the campus committee (for the College's capital campaign), added how proud she is to be a part of an institution that does really well in supporting and nurturing each individual student and watching them succeed. Regardless of the role or title, Pinet has been and continues to be a part of the nurturing experience at Caz and is often heard advising students to “remember who you are and all the things that you can be.”

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*“I loved my time at Cazenovia College and have so many wonderful relationships and memories from my time there. The College does such a great job connecting me with alumni, and the local Albany Alumni Chapter has provided me with even more friendships and business relationships. Cazenovia College and its Alumni Office really get it. It was important to me to give back.”*

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