



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cazenovia College

# Nod to the Past, Commitment to the Future





n September a storm blew down a large portion of the "Century Maple" tree onto the Witherill Library roof. We fixed the library; we could not fix the tree. It was removed in mid-October and

replaced by an American red oak, thereby affirming the College's respect for the Class of 1905, which planted the maple tree as its class gift more than 103 years ago. To preserve the history of the tree, salvageable wood from the maple will be milled into boards and used for a future campus project.

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In this issue of our magazine, as in Cazenovia College's history, the common theme is renewal. An 1893 graduate of Cazenovia Seminary, **Wallace E. Brown**, became a bishop and a missionary to China. Now his great-great granddaughter is a freshman preparing for a career in interior design.

Thanks to forward-thinking leadership and the work of a dedicated and knowledgeable grounds crew, the campus is becoming more beautiful each year. The prolific blooms of the peony walk celebrate alumni at Reunion, and the re-

landscaped Seminary Street will one day return to its former tree-shaded glory.

We are planning a renewal of the Morgan Center, thanks to a grant from a local bank, and plans are being prepared to transform Hubbard II into the Witherill Common Room. Thanks to an alumna who has dealt with physical challenges, an elevator installation project will make many more classrooms fully accessible, and current "green" initiatives will save energy and dollars.

One thing never changes: our staff and faculty members continue in their dedication to caring and teaching; their successes are indicated by alumni who have joined the staff and faculty ranks, who are serving on our board of trustees, and on the alumni association board of directors.

On our campus, in our classrooms, and in every community our alumni have touched, Cazenovia's promise is constantly renewed. We have spent 184 years helping students build successful futures, and we are well-positioned to continue to keep that promise far into the future.



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# A "Hands-On" Leader in Education

Alumna's career focused on positive change for students, teachers and administrators



fter a twenty-five-year career in the field of education as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent, **Carolyn Charles Deacon '66**, of Summit, N.J., proudly stands by the belief that it's not so much what you do, but the impact that what you do has on others, that really makes a difference.

Deacon, who recently retired as the superintendent of the Summit (N.J.)

School District, today looks back on a career that was devoted to professional development for teachers and administrators, providing leadership and vision for schools and districts that brought about significant change for students and teachers. "I believe that my 'hands-on' approach to leading has helped the districts in which I worked to accomplish many goals and objectives," she says.

Following her years at Cazenovia

College, Deacon worked as a retail manager, and over the next decade she married and had two children. She became very involved in her children's school activities, volunteering, participating in fundraising activities and then working with small instructional groups of students. Having developed a passion for education, she returned to college, earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and was hired by Syracuse University as a teaching assistant while completing her master's degree in reading education. From there Deacon set out to make a positive difference in the field of education.

She takes pride in the role she played in the recognition of Summit as one of the best functioning districts and high schools in New Jersey and the country. According to Deacon, "We have become a model for many districts in attaining benchmark status and receiving national recognition in *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top 500 high schools in the country."

She never wavered from her focus on benefitting the student, and some of her greatest accomplishments resulted in a better working and learning environment for staff and students. As a reading supervisor, she wrote a book that became the key component of a reading program for young students in her district and other districts in the area.

As a principal, she worked with teachers to change from lecture to cooperative learning instruction methods. As an assistant superintendent, she closed a growing achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and others; and worked with teachers and admin-

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istrators to develop a mentoring program that provided students with additional instruction and emotional and social opportunities.

As superintendent, she spearheaded efforts focused on improved student achievement and the integration of technology into all aspects of teaching and learning. She took the lead in the development and implementation of a plan for two primary centers that now allow teachers and parents to focus on early childhood education in an environment designed for young people. Deacon also provided the necessary leadership and support for improvement of all athletics fields in the district; creation of a district emergency management plan; and the coordination of emergency evacuations with local police and fire departments.

Deacon points to completing her doctorate in education administration at Seton Hall University, and becoming superintendent of the Summit School District, as her proudest professional moments. She says, "I have been very fortunate to work in a place where the board, city council, faculty, parents and students have supported my vision and have encouraged me to assert myself as a new type of leader in education."

On a more personal level of success, Deacon recalls becoming a mentor for an at-risk student at the same time she was developing a mentoring program for the Summit School District. "It helped me understand what an at-risk student needs to be able to succeed," says Deacon, who remains in contact with her mentee. "She is now a senior in college and I couldn't be prouder of the independent and successful woman she has become."

Deacon now looks back to her own college days and realizes how her leadership skills began to take shape on the small campus in Cazenovia. "I attribute much of my success to Cazenovia," she says. "Due to its small size and nurturing environment, I grew more self-confident, independent and developed many of the

leadership skills that have served me well throughout my career." She recalls **Dean Winifred Coleman** and **President Rhea Eckel** as wonderful role models who encouraged her to think "outside the box."

It is her forward thinking and leadership qualities that have the members of the Cazenovia College family thrilled about Deacon's new role as a member of the board of trustees. Deacon is equally excited about giving back to Cazenovia. "I feel that I owe so much to Cazenovia College for launching me into a very successful and rewarding life as a lifelong learner and contributing citizen," she says. "Now it's my turn to play a role in the institution's continued success."

Deacon plans a busy retirement. Traveling and spending time with her husband, Art, their children and five grandchildren are at the top of the list. In addition to serving on her alma mater's board of trustees, Deacon also wants to continue contributing to advances in education.

Most notable is her desire to work on a program that provides support for women who have demonstrated the po-

tential to be successful students, but lack the support and resources to transition successfully from education to the work world. Deacon also hopes to remain involved in media literacy. "The ability to create and intelligently consume media content is emerging as a critical 21st century life skill, with profound implications for the learning experience," says Deacon. "I would like to assist educators in providing opportunities for students to learn how to create, understand and evaluate information responsibly."

Deacon credits a book, Your Leadership Legacy by



Carolyn Deacon (right) with Jenna Vartan, president of the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School eighth grade class (2007-08). Deacon was invited by the students to join them on an recent class trip to Washington, D.C., and participate in placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Ken Blanchard, for having a profound impact on her career ascent. Deacon cites three leadership imperatives that she has carried with her since reading the book: "Dare to be a person, not a position;" "Dare to connect;" and "Dare to drive the dream." Those who know Carolyn Deacon can see that she has been successful in living by these imperatives, all the while focused unequivocally on the growth and development of her students and their education.



On a recent visit to campus, Deacon discussed the College's Education & Child Studies Program with Program Director Scott Vinciguerra



# Going GREEN on Campus

# College engages in numerous projects to protect the environment and save energy

ll across the country, efforts to go green dominate the land-scape. Cazenovia College is no exception as it joins many organizations in making sound business decisions that are both cost effective and environmentally friendly.

Environmentally conscious students are closely involved with the Cazenovia Conservation Corp - a club whose purpose is to further environmental awareness and develop conservation practices on campus and in the community. Its members have had a hand in several of our recent projects.

Dining and Catering services have made significant strides in the implementation of green initiatives. Take a close look and you'll see students and employees getting meals-to-go using biodegradable plates and containers made from sugar cane, grass, and reed plasma, and flatware and cups made from corn resin. A new state-of-the-art dish machine will improve dining room efficiency and traffic flow, and save water and energy. Even the detergent used for cleaning reusable products is a "green" product offered by EcoLab.

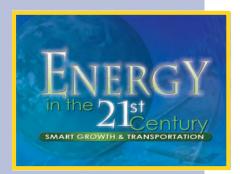
The Hubbard boiler was recently replaced with a more efficient system, and work has begun on a solar panel energy system sized to replace the demand that Eckel Hall (all electric) has on the power grid. The system, the first major

sustainable energy project on campus, will be installed on the roof of Watts Hall. State incentives and rebates will help fund the project, and students will be able to track the solar energy usage from a monitoring station in Eckel Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of John and Virginia Peterson Bourke '55, a new greenhouse is blooming on the roof of Eckel Hall. This state-of-the-art facility will provide more space, and automated temperature and ventilation controls. Thad Yorks, assistant professor of Environmental Studies, says, "This new and improved space will aid our students in conducting research and experiments on a wider variety of plant species."

The College Art & Design building, completed in 2004, makes use of environmentally sound building procedures and materials. The "slate" roof tiles are made predominantly from recycled tires. According to College Trustee Grace Chiang, "the building's "green design" incorporates materials from companies using sustainable manufacturing processes. The installation of low energy consumption mechanical equipment and lighting fixtures make the building energy efficient."

And there is more to come. Last spring the New York State Collaborative Working Group conducted an Opportunity Assessment on campus. Representatives of the New York State Energy Research and Development
Authority, and the
Dormitory Authority of the
State of New York made recommendations on "green" choices. Executive
Vice President **Sue Berger** says, "We now have some area-specific options that we weren't aware of before ... all focused on taking positive, proactive steps toward energy efficiency and other greening strategies."



Cazenovia College will host the 5th Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century on April 17, 2009.

This year's symposium will focus on Smart Growth & Transportation and will include presentations and discussion on solutions and options for energy conservation, as well as sustainability for small and large communities. Visit www.cazenovia.edu/energy for more information.

#### College Maintains U.S. News & World Report Ranking

Cazenovia is #21 of baccalaureate colleges in the north



Each year, US News & World Report surveys colleges and universities in the United States and ranks them based on a number of factors including average graduation and freshman retention rates, class sizes, student/faculty ratio, alumni giving, and peer institution assessment. In the 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges," Cazenovia College remains # 21 in the top tier of the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the North.

The magazine's ranking confirms Cazenovia College's standing as one of the nation's leading independent institutions. "Cazenovia College continues to place student success at the center of our mission," said **Robert Croot**, vice president for Enrollment Management at Cazenovia. "Our faculty and staff are dedicated to maintaining a supportive learning community with close faculty-student relationships and a wide variety of both liberal arts and professionally oriented courses of study."

#### M&T Bank Gives \$50,000 to Cazenovia College

Multi-year grant will assist with Morgan Center remodeling



(L-R) Carol Satchwell, Cazenovia College's vice president for Institutional Advancement; Mark J. Tierno, president of Cazenovia College; Joseph Pedrotti, M&T Bank vice president of commercial banking; and Carl W. Isley, M&T Bank vice president and group manager

Cazenovia College has received a \$50,000 grant from M&T Bank for the improvement of the Morgan Center, a multi-use room for large group meetings in Hubbard Hall. "This grant will help us meet the challenges of our changing campus and of the surrounding community," said President Mark J. Tierno.

The gift will enable the College to create conference space suitable for College and community events, seminars and presentations. The project will include a new wall to create a hallway running from the back door of Hubbard Hall to the stairwell and Harden Room lobby, which will enclose the new conference room. Removal of two walls will enlarge the room and new lighting, carpeting, wall and window treatments will make it attractive for all types of events. Air conditioning was installed last summer.

The Morgan Center, named in honor of former trustees **Charles B. and Elsbeth W. Morgan**, was for many years the College's student center. In 2005, the Chapman Gallery and Art Center buildings were renovated to house a new student center and student life offices, leaving the Morgan Center available for other uses.

In making the gift, Allen Naples, M&T Bank regional president, said, "This is an opportunity to assist Cazenovia, which has proven its worth to the community and continues to expand its reach. As a community, we are all in this together."



# Missing Cazenovia and the Classroom

Alumna comes back to teach at alma mater



Lindsey Wood, a freshman interior design student from Dundee, N.Y., recently talked with her adviser, Grace Baker, about a design assignment after an advisement regarding Wood's desire to graduate in three years.

fter graduation, I went to work as an interior designer and found that I missed the classroom environment," says **Grace** (**Fisher**) **Baker '04**. She returned to Cazenovia College in 2007, and will become an assistant professor of interior design upon completion of her master's degree in December.

While Baker was a student, Professor **Josef Ritter** suggested that she consider teaching. She landed her first job, assisted by the College's Career Services Office, at Stevens Office Interiors in Syracuse, N.Y. While she loved her work, she began to reconsider Ritter's suggestion.

She said, "With the goal of someday returning to Cazenovia, I found an online master of fine arts program that offered the flexibility I needed to continue working professionally, and prepare for the NCIDQ exam to become a NYS Certified Interior Designer. I accomplished seven or eight years of work in only four years."

Ritter says, "When Grace was my student she was already a natural teacher. The fact that she was able to gain credentials in the professional world and earn a master's degree at the same time speaks to the abilities for which she was hired: a gift for teaching and a love of the design field that simultaneously erases and uses to advantage the boundaries between student and professor."

Baker's new capacity has
highlighted the changes
brought to the program by the
Art and Design Building, which was completed during her senior year. She says, "I
believe the new building's design, and the
technology it houses have a profound impact on the students. Their creativity and
technical skills have soared because of it."

"I'm grateful to be back at my alma mater and to know that I can help my students become successful as well," Baker says. "My professors at Cazenovia helped me choose a career path that would lead me back. The people who were my teachers are now my colleagues; we encourage each other to continue learning and growing in our own professional development pursuits."

#### Grounds Crew Excels in Keeping Campus Beautiful

For those of you who have visited the campus recently, you've been fortunate to see the accomplishments of our grounds crew over the past several years. New flower beds, enhancements to our existing landscaping, and regular pruning and

maintenance of the trees have added to the quaint beauty of the College.

Under the leadership of Grounds Superintendent **Stefan Opalenick**, the current crew consists of five hard-working employees who tirelessly maintain the College's landscaping and grounds. Recently, the College partnered with the Village and added three flower beds on Seminary Street. Flower beds have also been added in front of Williams Hall, Eckel Hall and under the new Bell Tower, and a rose garden has been added to the sitting area by Park Hall. Next time you are on campus, take a close look at the beauty these dedicated employees have created.

#### "Difficult Can be Wonderful"

Caring is an important part of teaching

One of the hallmarks of a Cazenovia College education is the relationship faculty members maintain with students. There are few who understand this better than Assistant Professor Maureen Louis, whose essay on issues relating to care roles and academia was published in the "Journal of Women's Studies in Communication, Summer 2008." Louis wrote the essay, "Walking the Walk: My Autistic Son and the Scholarship of Empathy," because she realized that taking care of her autistic son, Sam, has enhanced her role as a teacher.

"Caring has been seen as a woman's issue," Louis says. "The effect of balancing family and professional life doesn't usually appear on academic resumes; but on our campus, we're a 'family,' and I think the same ethic we apply to caring for our children or aging parents is prevalent here."

Louis says, "Sam's well-being is dependent on daily structure; I don't travel frequently to present at conferences because it takes six weeks to prepare him for my absence for just one night. Does this hurt my teaching career?" She believes the opposite. "The skill-set I've developed in dealing with autism feeds my skill-set in the classroom. I teach in the area of Com-

According to Maureen Louis, J.D., who also serves as director of the Communication **Studies Program** and coach of the College **Debate Society,** "Traditional academic pursuit is not the only thing that shapes us or improves our ability to perform well as teachers and scholars."

munication every day and Sam helps me to do that with greater empathy."

Because she must manage her time efficiently, Louis wrote, "I have learned that difficult can be wonderful. My patience and flexibility have increased. I have learned the benefit of humor as a calming agent. I can more easily read and respond to distress; I am able to provide more perspective to my students and appreciate different types of talent. I consider this professional growth of the most important variety."

To view the article, visit www.cazenovia.edu/Louis-essay.

#### New Faculty Members Welcomed



Nine new full-time faculty members joined Cazenovia College at the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

They are (back row, left to right): **Bonnie Everhart**, assistant professor, director of the Sport Management Program; **April Yannarelli**, instructor, English; **Scott Jensen**, assistant professor of Visual Communications; **Kim Wieczorek**, associate professor of Education; (front row, left to right) **John Livermore**, instructor, Mathematics; **Mona Ivey-Soto**, instructor, Education; **Grace Baker**, instructor, Interior Design; **Christine Geyer**, assistant professor of English, director of the Academic Writing Program; **Matthew Hidek**, assistant professor of Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies



# The Search For Justice: John Doe's Story

By: Stewart L. Weisman

Gang violence. Warrantless searches. Serial killers. Terrorism. The death penalty. High-speed police chases. False arrest. During the course of their four years at Cazenovia College, students pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies are exposed to an infusion of scholarship and real world experience that includes all these situations, and more.



ne such tale is the false arrest and imprisonment of a Syracuse resident we'll call John Doe. I find that John's story serves as a vehicle to introduce students to the criminal justice system with all of its intertwined parts. As they say in the movies, the following is based on a true story.

John Doe, a thirty-two-year-old

African-American, was arrested for possessing a large amount of marijuana. He pleaded guilty to Criminal Possession in the First, which is a felony in New York, and was given an indeterminate sentence of two to seven years. The sentencing range is a mechanism that correction officials use to control inmates by granting release at the low end of the range for those who follow the rules; and the upper limit for those who violate prison rules or commit crimes while incarcerated

After sentencing was imposed, John was led away in handcuffs and leg cuffs and transported to the Elmira Correctional Facility. Elmira was once a federal prison where captured Confederate

soldiers were housed during the Civil War. Just as its infamous twin at Andersonville for Union prisoners, Elmira was a hellhole where more than one in four prisoners died from disease, starvation, violence, or exposure to harsh Upstate winters. The modern correctional facility is built at the same location, but doesn't share quite the same horrific reputation.

While in B Block at Elmira, John was brutally attacked and raped by another inmate. His pleas for help went unheeded, except perhaps by ghosts of the Southern prisoners of war. After the assault, his prison-issued trousers ripped from his body, John lay motionless in a heap of blood, agony and shame. As a result of the sexual assault, he was not able to eat or sleep for several days. He lived in dread of the next attack. Like many inmates, John did not report the attack to prison officials out of embarrassment, and fear of retaliation from the rapist or from other inmates who did not take kindly to informants.

Some might say that John got what he deserved, ("the dirty drug dealer"). But who among us would say that possession of marijuana, or a similar non-violent offense, can ever justify brutality and rape as a consequence?

Fortunately, John was moved to A Block at Elmira, where he made friends with other inmates from the Syracuse area. With their assistance he was able to steer clear of the rapist, but as time passed, his anxiety grew. He wondered whether he had any purpose in life. He began to question his own sexual orientation. He had nightmares from which he awoke

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in cold sweat with the sheet drenched. He thought of suicide.

Despite the unholy initiation, John was a model prisoner. He served the minimum sentence and was released into parole supervision. During the next two years, he overcame his debilitating thoughts and resumed the beat of normal life. But, through no fault of his own, his life soon became far from normal.

During John's parole, the New York Stare legislature adopted The Drug Law Reform Act, "following years of criticism that the prior mandatory prison terms under the Rockefeller drug laws were onerous and ineffective." 1 One of the changes enacted limited parole supervision to two years with respect to certain marijuana offenses.<sup>2</sup>

More than six months after John completed the legal maximum of two years on parole, the Division of Parole accused him of violating parole by not reporting to his supervising officer. As a result of the false accusation, John was arrested and brought before a judicial magistrate. So began the odyssey of John Doe's false arrest.

Having little means, John was assigned an attorney, but for some reason, neither the Division of Parole nor John's assigned counsel was aware of the change in the parole law. Perhaps the Division failed to update the data base, perhaps his case just fell through the cracks, or perhaps there remained a vestige of the racism that was once endemic to the criminal justice system.

John had no way of being aware, but had the court or his court-appointed attorney showed any interest, John would have been set free immediately. Instead, the magistrate found that he had violated parole. For the second time in his life, John was handcuffed and leg cuffed, and transported back to Elmira. This triggered flashbacks of the brutal attack that he had worked so hard to suppress.

Months dragged by. Eventually, John was lucky enough to meet a jail-house lawyeran inmate knowledgeable about the lawwho suggested that he submit to the court a petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, based on the change to the parole law that apparently had eluded everyone else. John prepared and filed a handwritten petition.

At the hearing on the petition, the Division of Parole was represented by a lawyer from the Attorney General's office who concluded that John was right and consented to his release. After 105 days, John was set free.

Not long after his release John retained me as his lawyer; we sued New York State for mental and emotional harm he suffered from the 105-day ordeal. The presiding judge granted our motion for summary judgment on the issue of liability against the state, and we await a hearing on the amount of damages.

Dr. Martin Luther King noted in his April, 1963, Letter from Birmingham *[ail, "injustice anywhere is a threat to jus*tice everywhere." This is why I teach. I share John Doe's story, and others like it, with my students, hoping to instill in them a sense of compassion, a desire to seek truth, and a passion to ensure that justice ultimately prevails.

1. Ordonez v. Rikers Island Correctional Facility, et al., 10 Misc. 3d 241, 242 (Sup. Ct. Bronx 2005), aff'd. (1st Dept 2007). 2. NY Executive Law § 259-j(3-a).

#### About the Author:

Stewart L. Weisman, assistant professor and director of the

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies Program, received his bachelor of arts degree from Brooklyn College, and his juris doctoral degree from Syracuse University College of Law. In addition

to teaching, he maintains an active practice in Syracuse.

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies, one of the newer programs at Cazenovia College, offers a wide range of courses, including Constitutional Law, Terrorism and Homeland Security, Crime Scene Investigation ("CSI"), Forensic Psychology, and Criminology, where students learn about criminal profiling. The program hosts students who are interested in pursuing careers in law enforcement or the emerging area of homeland security, and those who desire to work with at-risk juveniles, attend law school or work in corrections

# She Walks Where her Great-Great-Grandfather Walked

First year student, Madison Beck, follows great-great-grandfather to Cazenovia



adison J. Beck, of Buf-

falo, N.Y., is a freshman in

Cazenovia College's Interior

Design Program. She was born in 1990,

almost 100 years after her ancestor,

Wallace E. Brown, graduated from

Cazenovia Seminary in 1893, with an

eye toward serving in the Methodist

On a recent visit to the Frederic and lean Williams Archives and **Wason Family** Reading Room, **Madison Beck** discovers several pictures of her great-greatgrandfather, Rev. Wallace E. Brown, who graduated from Cazenovia Seminary in

When she and her mother planned her college visits, Beck had no idea her great-great-grandfather was a graduate of one of the schools on her list. Her grand-mother showed her a scrapbook with newspaper articles and photos of the Reverend Brown, who served parishes in Syracuse and Ithaca, N.Y., and after his ordination as bishop served as a missionary in China.

Beck's first love is art, but her Cazenovia Col-

lege visit made her realize that she was more interested in interior design and architecture than in the graphic design program that brought her to Cazenovia. "I used to play on the computer with my father's "3-D Architect" program instead of video games," she laughs. She comes by her interest honestly; one grandfather was

It wasn't family history, but rather Cazenovia's present that informed her choice of college, Beck says. "I was looking for a small

an architect in Manlius, N.Y., and her father

designs and builds houses in the Buffalo area.

school, and Cazenovia was the last one I visited. The minute I set foot on campus, I knew this school was perfect. It's quiet and homey, and there's so much technology focused on art."

However, now that she's here she realizes that the historic connection makes her feel more connected to Cazenovia College and its history. "It feels a little weird to be in the same place he was, and knowing that he walked in the same places I walk."

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#### History and Government Class Makes Trip to Washington, D.C.

Trip includes attending a play (funded by alumni) at the Kennedy Center

Professor Bob Greene's annual History and Government class trip exposes students to the professional fields of history and government. On the most recent trip in May were (left to right) Rebecca Dickerson '08, Dr. Greene, Saranda Behrami '08 (kneeling), Shannon Torgersen, Nicole Paluck, Nina Serrianne, Allyson Hoffmann and Melissa DeLeon.

They visited the sites of Washington, D.C., and saw a production of "Sheer Madness" at the Kennedy Center, which was funded by alumni **Jason Llorenz**, **Esq. '00**, of Llorenz and Associates,

LLC, and the Law Offices of Jason A. Llorenz, Esq.;

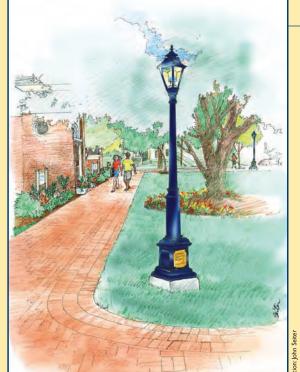
Janelle Abbass O'Neill '95, an interior designer with BeeryRio Architects and Interiors, in Springfield, Va.; and Jeremy Baird '97, manager of membership and subscription services

at the American Diabetes Association in Washington, D.C. **Michael Brooks '01**, athletics director at St. James School, a boarding school near Hagerstown, Md., played host at the production because Llorenz was unable to attend.

Dr. Greene also arranged a working



breakfast as part of the trip where the alumni spent several hours discussing their work and life in the D.C. area with the students. The next student trip, scheduled for January 2009, will take students to the American History Association's national convention in New York City.



#### Getting a Head Start on the 2012 Class Gift

Freshmen Select Giving Goal

At Freshman Orientation this fall, new students attended a special Class Gift Presentation given by alumni Eric Brown '97, Jessica Hanley '07 and Pete Way '03, to choose their senior class gift, which will be the focus of their fundraising goal over the next four years.

Pete Way, director of the Annual Fund, said, "This is a new initiative that will identify leaders from the class of 2012 who will work with their classmates toward a common goal, creating a memorable and positive experience that will benefit their College."

The students voted to fund the Campus Lighting Project; their goal is to upgrade the lights on the Quad - a popular meeting place on campus since the College's early days. "More than 90% of the freshman class voted on three class gift options. Ninety-five percent of those votes were for the lighting project," Way noted.

"Although this gift presents an exciting challenge, I think such a large percentage of the class voted for the project because they know the president, trustees, alumni, and the Student Life and Institutional Advancement administrators are behind them all the way."

Episcopal Church.





# Alumni Gatherings

Alumni, trustees and friends of the College gathered in Guilford, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa., and Montclair, N.J., in April 2008 to reconnect and reminisce.



Ursula Pappalardo Lombardi '55, Sarah Lehmann Skubas '66 and Vicki Gilmour Bush '64



Front Row:
College Trustee Carolyn
Charles Deacon '66,
Judith Wolk Klein '60 and
Arden Sclar Epstein '69

Back Row:
Host and Trustee
Emeritus Bob Constable,
Paula Eppinger '91,
Linda Lee Potter '70,
Adrienne Hill '97 and
Carol White Deem '60



Front Row: Stephanie Macero, Richard Scuderi, Dolores Bush Scuderi '57 and Ellen Brown

Back Row:
Hosts Brian and
Lisa Rohall Bamberger '80,
Bethany Lalonde '06,
Michele Reese '85,
Kate Brown '07 and
Sara Groff '06

#### Upcoming Alumni Events

Watch your mailboxes for more information on 2009 outreach events in your area.

- February North Carolina
- March/April Hartford,
   Conn./Springfield, Mass.
- March/April Rochester, N.Y.
- April 25 Cazenovia, N.Y.,
   Young Alumni Gathering before the Easter Ball, 6 - 8 p.m.
- April Cape Cod, Mass., and Washington, D.C.
- For further information please contact Director of Alumni Relations Shari Whitaker at 315.655.7332 or sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu

# \_In fond Memory\_

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

Elizabeth "Betty" Law Eufinger '40
Ruth "Chub" Bryant Woodbury '48
Susan Sloan Becker '51
Bernice "Bobbi" Brudie Slomski '58
Edith Tochner Fagot '64
Laura Gerry '69

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.

# At the Service of Alumni and Parents

Keeping the lines of communication open

wo faces familiar on the Cazenovia College campus have become a team in the Offices of Alumni and Parent Relations. **Shari Whitaker,** formerly the alumni and parent relations associate, is now director of alumni relations. **Laura Benoit**, formerly assistant director of communications, has been appointed director of parent relations.



Shari Whitaker

Whitaker, employed by the College since 2003, attended Cazenovia College in 1979 and is currently enrolled in the business management program. She also served as assistant to the director of Library Services at Cazenovia College before joining the Institutional Advancement Division. Whitaker will oversee alumni-related events such as the annual alumni reunion, and affinity and regional reunions, and work with other College constituencies to plan, develop and implement programs and activities for alumni. She said, "I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to work more closely with alumni and future alumni. I'm now able to build on recent accomplishments and take them to a new level. This is not just

a job to me - my commitment and enthusiasm are focused on making Cazenovia College the best it can be. "

Benoit, in the newly created position of director of parent relations, will oversee parent-related services and outreach. She will also be responsible for coordinating volunteer leadership, including working with the Parents Council. "I look forward to connecting with Cazenovia College parents and developing programs that encourage their participation," said Benoit, who has been employed by the College since 1994. "It is important to keep the lines of communications open between parents and the College community."



Laura Benoit

# Major Gifts Give Wings to Campus Accessibility Project

arlier this year Cathy McFarland Hamberger '68 made a significant gift to Cazenovia College to help improve accessibility on campus. With her gift of \$246,000, Hamberger has established the Cazenovia College Elevator Fund.

"Cathy is responsible for moving this campus priority from the capital 'needs' list to the capital 'planning' list," said Development Director Joan Brooks. "Gifts to the fund will help make our classroom buildings in the Hubbard/ Eddy and Coleman/Williams building complexes more accessible for people of all abilities," Brooks continued. "With Cathy's gift, and the additional commitment of \$100,000 from Trustee Emeritus Bob Constable and Bobbie Constable, this major project, estimated to cost \$590,000, is now under way."

Several members of the Class of 1968, who were on campus in June to celebrate their 40th Reunion, learned about Hamberger's generosity and decided they should share her story with the rest of their classmates (see Class notes, 1968). Hamberger was last on campus in 1998 for her 30th reunion, and was unable to attend Reunion this year because of her medical condition.

Class Agent Jo Ann Gifford Burns '68 said, "As we talked about

how we could honor Cathy for what she has contributed to Caz, it became clear that following her lead and supporting her wish to improve accessibility on campus could be our way of telling Cathy 'Mac,' 'your friends are with you."

According to **Sue Berger**, executive vice president and chief operations officer, the project to install elevators in the Williams/Coleman/Eddy/Hubbard complex has been awarded to Teitsch-Kent-Fay Architects of Cazenovia. The firm is preparing the engineering plans and permit documents and a preliminary schedule. The installation of the elevators will begin toward the end of the 2008-09 academic year, and a dedication ceremony to recognize donors will be planned in 2009.



#### **CLASS NOTES**

**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 and include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and e-mail address. Please identify individuals in photographs. Photographs will not be returned. Send the information to: Shari Whitaker, Alumni Relations. 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia NY 13035. Or e-mail to sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu. Thank you!

#### 70th Honored Year

Edith Rich Ettinger '39 writes. "Our 70th honored year Reunion will be held June 12-14, 2009. It would be wonderful if any of our class could make it to the Reunion. I will be there in spirit!"

#### 60th Honored Year

Sally Rollin Meinweiser '49 writes, "I trust you received my letter in the spring about our 60th Reunion and that you have already marked your calendar to attend June 12-14, 2009. As I mentioned, it would be wonderful to see as many classmates as possible for our big celebration. I am also hoping that you have given some thought to your Reunion gift, so that we can once again be honored as the most that gave as a class! Please remember, it is your participation that matters and every gift benefits our alma mater. I will be in

until then, I wish you the

#### 55th Honored Year

very best."

Barbara Faranda Schwartz '54 writes, "Red Alert! Our 55th class Reunion is coming up June 12-14, 2009. Hope everyone will plan to come back to campus. I found this photo from our 10th Reunion in 1964. Besides me, it includes Carol Feol O'Neill '54. Christine Wagner Ost '54, Marion Rudd Whaley '54 and Melba Coates Meyer '54. Hope to see you in June!!"

#### 50th Honored Year

ludith Bond Clarke '59 and Mary Burton Thompson '59 write, "Attention, Attention!! Coming soon to the Cazenovia College campus, the Class of 1959's 50th Reunion!! Start making your plans to return to Cazenovia the weekend of June 12-14, 2009. We would like to get everyone back on campus. The Class of 1958 had 40% of their class back this past June. Let's do better than that! Lodging will be available in the new Shove Suites and a special 50th honored year reception will be held at the President's House. Be looking for a letter from us with additional details. We hope to see you there!"

#### Katherine Lee Kearney Vink '59

writes, "I'm the 'townie' that lived on Lincklaen Street! Walt and I are enjoying my retirement and his semi-retirement having made a 6,000+ mile trip in lune-luly 2008. We left N.J. for Madison, Wis. where Walt taught a short course at the University. Then on to the Black Hills of S.D. for Mt. Rushmore and Chief Crazy Horse. Then we traveled to Wyoming for Devil's Tower and a fantastic week at Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons. Looking forward to seeing you at our 50th college Reunion June 12-14, 2009."

Susan Wagner Reis '59 writes," was widowed last summer after 45 years of marriage to a Colgate man that I met two years after graduation. A blind date on April Fool's Day! We have three girls and a boy. Two of the girls are married and each has three children. My son was married but no children. My third daughter, Debbie, is a 36-year-old Down Syndrome woman. She volunteers 15 hours a week at a Pre-K Special Ed. program in a local elementary school and has 4,500 hours under her belt! I speak occasionally to Barbara Jonas Johnson '59 and Marilyn Muller Oestreich '59. Also have found Pricilla Abbott Searcy '58 who didn't know she was lost. We speak and e-mail on a regular basis. Pris introduced me to my husband."

#### 45th Honored Year

Lauri Dannick Taylor '78 writes, "Cousin Edie Tochner Fagot '64 passed away in March 2008 after a brief time with cancer. She spent the last 8 1/2 years very happily married to JoJo. They enjoyed their life and love together in West Palm Beach, Fla., and spent a lot of time traveling around the country. Edie always had fond memories of her time and friends at Cazenovia College. To express condolences, please visit: PalmBeachPost. com/obituaries."

Jo Ann "Nonie" Gifford Burns '68 writes, "The Reunion was great!! For all of you who wanted to make it but couldn't, we'll be looking for you in the future. Pack the Depends because an awful lot of heavy laughing happens at random moments. The campus was beautiful, the town is definitely updated from 1968 and all the people we met were great. For those of you who were lucky enough to have Fred Williams as a professor (I actually went to his classes), you'll be pleased to know he looks wonderful and spent time with us reminiscing. By now you have received a letter regarding a project for the Class of 1968. We are trying to complete what Cathy McFarland Hamberger '68 began, which is improving access on campus for students and faculty who might not be able to use stairs, with the installation of two elevators in the classroom buildings. If you have not returned a contribution for this project, I encourage you to do so. This is the type of project that will truly make a difference, and we can all be a part of it. Please contact me with any questions at kelseypoint@yahoo.com. Hope this finds all of you living life to the fullest, but in a safe and dignified manner."

#### 40th Honored Year

Laurie Clute '69 writes, "Laura Gerry '69, class agent, classmate and friend died August 16, 2008 in Omaha, Neb. Last fall some of the Park East family members came to Cazenovia for our own small Reunion. The weekend was filled with stories and laughter of our days together. We were planning another Caz reunion for the fall of 2008, and we're still going to have it in honor of Laura and Linda Polchlopek '69, wingmates and big pieces of our life at Caz."

Nancy LeValley Farley '69 writes, "We have created a Web page for the Class of 1969. Check out www. cazenovia.edu/1969 for updates and information about our 40th Reunion."

Wanda Burlingham Edgcomb '70 writes, "Hello to 3rd floor Shove! I looked Leslie Welty '70 up in Seattle a few years ago - she's great, and a yoga teacher! I stay in touch with **DeeDee** Galas McGuire '70 and Nancy Harris Magenheimer '70. Also, caught up with Caren Conroy '70 in California a couple of times. My two sons, Jon, 27 (San Diego, Calif.), and Chris, 22 (Boca Raton, Fla.), keep Lee and me traveling. Lee is a financial planner and I volunteer and am on

the board of directors of the University of Rochester Golisano Children's Hospital."

Jo Schlacta Allsopp '71 writes," was surprised to see that Andi Sadoff Cush '71 and I are working in the equestrian field. She's doing great work with horse rescue and I'm teaching riding. It's the best retirement job, plus it supports my horse habit. My students range in age from eight to 61 years young! I just love sharing the joys that horses can bring to your life. This past winter my husband and I spent time with Ali Fletcher Rixmann '71 and her husband, lim. We always have a wonderful time catching up on each other's lives. I can be reached at crazyhorselady@stx.rr.com."

> Cazenovia College has received gifts from alumni and friends:

#### In Honor of:

The Class of 1948 The Class of 1958 The Class of 1968 Linda Frazer Latimer (1966-1968)

Akram Niroomand-Rad (1969-1970)

Azam Niroomand-Rad (1966-1968)

Reunion 2008

Dolores "Dolly" Weiss

#### *In Memory of:*

Marge B. Cole 1946-1995 Lynn Reynolds '04 Peg Rickett **Harry Thomas** Alice Thompson **Dorothy Crouse Witherill** Ruth Bryant Woodbury '48

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

# "I Learned to Stand Up for Myself and Others"

#### Alumna serves as Albany attorney

lice K. Berke P.C. '82 is a successful lawyer, real estate investor, educator, advocate, and parent. She received an associate's degree in merchandising at Cazenovia College, and says, "The nurturing environment prepared me for the large schools I attended later; I would never again, though, know the feeling of an intimate college where the chef knew my name and prepared a cake on my birthday."

Berke earned her law degree at St. John's University School of Law, Queens, N.Y., and began her career at the New York City Department of Investigation. She is a member of the New York State Bar and the United States District Court South-

ern, Eastern and Northern Districts of New York, and is the owner of the Law Offices of Alice K. Berke, P.C., in Albany, N.Y. "Hiring is one of the scariest parts of my work," she says. "Responsibility for the livelihoods of my

employees and their families is more pressure than any legal case I've ever handled; it keeps me working on days when I want to throw my hands up and feel sorry for myself!"

Berke serves on the board of the Capital District Association of Rental Property

Owners, as well as the boards of a number of health, criminal rehabilitation and real estate organizations. She teaches law to practicing attorneys at Lorman Education Services and Sterling Educational Services, and has taught a variety of legal subjects elsewhere. Her column, "Alice in Legaland," answers general legal questions. Among Berke's numerous awards

is the 2002 Capital District Business Review "40 Under Forty" Award for making a difference in business and the community.

In her free time, Berke enjoys spending time with her two children and writing poetry.
As a licensed Albany County Foster and Adoptive Parent,
Berke has also experienced

family court as a litigant. She says, "At Cazenovia I learned to stand up for myself and others - and for the things in which I really believe. This is what makes me a successful attorney. Most recently, I successfully fought to adopt my foster child."





Winners of the 7th Annual Cazenovia College Golf Open are (I-r) Rob Scolaro, John Bertrand, Mike Johnson and College Trustee Eric Brown '97

The Seventh Annual Cazenovia College Golf Open was held on August 11, 2008, at the Cazenovia Country Club. Despite cloudy skies and threats of rain showers, nineteen foursomes teed off for a great day of golf. The tournament raised more than \$12,000 to benefit Cazenovia College students.

Golf committee members included tournament Chair Eric Brown '97, Bette Brown Carpenter '48, Sandy Diefendorf '82, Nancy LeValley Farley '69, Rob Kenna, John Lehmann, Kendra Reichert, Carol Satchwell, Pat Stacy '62, Mary Burton Thompson '59, and Shari Whitaker.



Dominic Smith '94 (right) and Professor of Philosophy Bruce Roig. Smith credits Dr. Roig for helping him raise his intellectual acumen to a higher level.

# Dominic Smith '94 urges first year students to "find their voices"

azenovia College's Convocation Ceremony, which annually serves to launch the official start of the academic year, this year featured an inspirational address by alumnus **Dominic Smith '94**.

His speech centered on the advantages his education has given him. "I was just a kid from the Bronx," he said, "not a great student." With help from the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), Smith excelled. "I found my voice at Cazenovia," he said.

Smith received a bachelor of arts degree from Cazenovia College in 1994 before going on to Syracuse University's College of Law. He is currently a litigation manager for Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc., overseeing litigation for owned and managed hotels.

An avid traveler, Smith's love of music has taken him to some of the most remote regions in the world, including China and the Tibetan Plateau, and most recently to the Sahara Desert where he slept under the stars with the Taureg, a nomadic Saharan tribe. Smith has an interest in holistic health and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in naturopathy.

He urged students to take advantage of all the opportunities at Cazenovia. "It's not just about going on to get a job," he said. "Use this opportunity to find your voice, to be the best person you can be."

#### **CLASS NOTES**

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#### 1977

**Robyn Berger Perry '72** and her husband have relocated to Lake Worth, Fla., to help take care of her mother. Robyn has started a new career helping people with debt settlement.

#### 1072

**Carol Zygo '73** was appointed superintendent of schools for the Herkimer Central School District in February 2006.

Terry Petranchuk Drake '73 writes, "Just beginning my 35th year of teaching and still enjoy it as much, if not more, than the first year I taught - so many new and innovative strategies to teach. My husband, Allen, retired in June 2007 so there is lots of time for him to do the things in and around the house that I used to attempt to get done when working, including the cooking! He and I are grandparents to two beautiful boys, Jared and Jordan. They keep us young and energetic. We enjoy yearly trips to Myrtle Beach and Reno and the Lake Tahoe area. The older I get, the more I think of Cazenovia friends from Watts. I hope all are doing well."

#### 107

**Ann Lass Woodfield '78**, and her husband, Dan, recently moved from New York to Trinity, Fla.

Mary Pat Spellman Rhodes '78 writes, "Thirty years seems so long ago. I live in South Florida with daughter Katie Ashlyn who is nine years old. Currently I am in college studying computer science and expect to graduate in December 2008. For work I substitute teach and am a full-time Disney Vacation Planner. I love the Disney job as I have been there 67 times to date and can't wait to go for 68! I have shared a few dinners, memories and laughs with Michele Donnell Romano '77. She hasn't changed and her great humor is still intact. Hey Girls of Classes 1977, 1978 and 1979 - drop a line once in a while!!"

#### 1981

Denise Hoinski Flint '81 writes, "Our kids are young adults now, marrying off our oldest, Holly, last year, with two sons in college and a daughter in high school. Home schooling done too. Happily married for 25 years to Michael. I'm now a PT Psych Nurse in a local community mental health center. Also just began my own business selling Mary Kay! Hello

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to Marge, Annie, Deb, Cindy, Leanne, Dolly Weiss and Sandy Palmer!"

Pam Turner '81 would enjoy hearing from everyone she's lost touch with over the years. Pam writes, "I can be reached via my work e-mail at pturner@brockport.edu., but please keep it short and not too personal."



**Mary Beth Meehan** Mullen '82 writes,"We had our annual summer Caz girls get-together, spending a weekend at a camp on Skaneateles Lake. One of our girls (Kim Hoyle Kohler '82) couldn't make it this year so we sent her a message. Those in attendance from the Class of 1982 included Robin Seeber My-

ers, Joan Van Kampen Lemme, Helen Kozlowski Purcell, JoAnn **Zulkiewicz Purcell, and Colleen** Clancy Kavanaugh.

Tara Winn Arensdorf '82 says "Hi" to all 1st floor Farber and 3rd floor Watts girls. She would love to hear from you. Tara says that all is great at the Jersey Shore!

Jennifer Douglas Elgrim '82 writes, "Greetings Cazenovia graduates! All

is well here on the Jersey Shore. Gary and I celebrated our 21st anniversary.

Matthew, 15, is going to be in 10th grade

and is very involved in football. Sarah, 9,

is going into 4th grade and is quite the

little gymnast and softball player. I am

still teaching in Long Branch at the high

school. I have been with the district for

20 years and still love every minute of

it! Would love to hear from any of my

Shove buddies! E-mail me at teacher-

Lady Kayla-Elan Sarju, age 3 and Master Isaiah Sarju, age 5

hearing from you!"

proud!"

25th Honored Year

and has been working in the Landscape

Architecture Department at SUNY ESF

for the past two years. Brenda writes,

"I had a nice visit this past winter

with Pamela Ventre Frutiger

for at least 10 years. We picked up

'84 after having not seen each other

right where we left off and had a great

time. I'll be getting married in May 2009

to David Flanders. Our eight cats are very

Karen Chrismer Hogan '84 and hus-

band, Tim, have been married for 20 years

and have two boys: ages 10 and 7, and an

I I-year-old Chocolate Lab named Hershey.

Karen works for an office supply dealer as

but she does find time to do some horse-

Kim Pakkala Trabucco '85 has been

promoted to accounting supervisor at

the USA Today's Nashville Payment and

Collections Center in Franklin, Tenn, Four

years ago she moved to Tennessee so that

her husband, Tom, could pursue his song-

been wonderful for everyone. My children

is doing. Yes Michael, even you. It's hard to

I still keep in touch with Shelly and Lynn

believe it's been over 20 years since l've

been at Caz."

anyone at khogan03@twcny.rr.com.

Cheryl Suntop Furstoss '85 writes, "I have been in the Chicago area for nearly Julie Gates '91 and college sweetheart, 13 years and have a 15-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. Time flies way too fast; however Shove 2nd Hall girls are always in my heart. To Laura, Sue, Dawn or any Shove 2nd floor girls, if you read this

with2kids@yahoo.com. Looking forward to **Brenda Bolliver '84** lives in Syracuse

Lisa Mergler Santoro '86, Andrea Maiello Jung '86, Justine Adair Sciera '86 and Tricia Winstead '86

contact me. I'd love to hear from you at sunfurst@sbcglobal.net."

Lisa Mergler Santoro '86, Andrea Maiello lung '86. **Justine Adair Sciera '86** and their furniture manager. This keeps her busy Tricia Winstead '86 had an excellent time at Reunion 2008. They missed **Sara** back riding. Karen would love to hear from **Drown Ercolani '86**.

#### 20th Honored Year

Alison Payette Lovely '89 writes, "Hello Class of 1989. Next year is our 20th class Reunion. It would be nice if a bunch of us attended. We would have a blast! I have attended several Reunions every five years or so and it's a great chance to hangout in Caz again. I hope to writers' dream. Kim writes, "The move has see a lot of you, especially my Hubbard Hall roomies Suzanne, Christine and Amy. really love being so close to the music city. I know Susan, from my second year, is already planning on attending. Take care but would love to hear what everyone else everyone and I hope to see you back in Cazenovia June 12-14, 2009!"

Suzette Evans-Sarju '90 moved to Georgia in 2005 for an opportunity to work as the assistant CFO in Hank Aaron's Automotive Management Company. In January 2007, Hank Aaron sold his dealerships. Suzette is currently the CFO of the company and continues to work on a contractual basis for his company, wrapping up details associated with the sale.

**Deb Jones-Buckley '91** is married and lives in Louisville, Ky., with their whippet, Striker.

Mark Sandburg, just celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. They live in Arcade, N.Y., where Julie will start her 15th year as a 4th grade teacher at Arcade Elementary. Julie writes, "I love my job and love

having my own two children be able to be a part of my school and district. Our oldest daughter, Lauren, just turned 12 and our youngest daughter, Claire, will be 9 this fall. I'd love to hear from my Farber friends: Sue, Annie B., Jen, Janet, Chris, Nick, Mike and Brian. Let's get back in touch!"

Melissa Frydlo '91 is living in Northampton, Mass, and continues to work as a clerk of the works on public construction projects. She is currently closing out her signature Studio Art Building construction project at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she earned a B.S. in landscape architecture in 1995. Melissa is the first woman this year to play in the Vintage Baseball League. There are over 300 clubs in the United States. Melissa writes, "My Cazenovia College academics and athletics experience are correlated with this exciting phase of my life."

Michelle Bieber Staton '93 writes. "Hello to my fellow Classmates from 1993. I am sorry I missed everyone at our 15th Reunion this past June. Some news from my home front: I said good-bye to my husband, SSG Lawrence V. Staton, on June 27, 2008, for the next 10 months. He is now in the Middle East. I am still working in a local school with special education students and the local kennel. I would like to say hello to my classmates Teresa, Colleen, Amy, Stef, April, Debbie, Kristen Y., Jennifer D., Karen M., Katie, Watts Hall 2nd floor 1992-1993, Joyce M., Janice (my roomie sophomore year), Dave Brown '93 and crew! Hope all is well with you and life is great! Keep in touch. My e-mail is mzkittie9@yahoo.com."

# Christine Walsh Hudson '93 and family

**Christine Walsh** 

Hudson '93 writes,"We recently celebrated our son Chad's graduation from Air Force Basic Training. He is cur-

#### Alumni gather for Syracuse Invitational



n Saturday, Nov. 1, more than 30 equine alumni, members of the equine faculty and staff of the College gathered for a reception prior to the 2008 Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament. It was a wonderful chance for equine faculty, friends and former classmates to meet and re-connect before the Grand Prix competition. Cazenovia College was a sponsor of this year's tournament, which featured the 125th National Horse Show.

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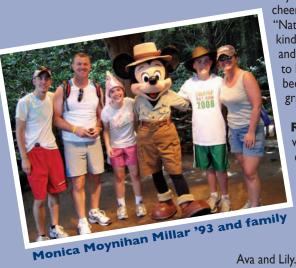


# We're Mixing Up a Cookbook!

**▼**he Cazenovia College Alumni Association is compiling recipes for a cookbook. We hope you will take the time to share your favorite recipes with us! Send as many recipes as you like to AlumniRelations@ cazenovia.edu or Cazenovia College, Alumni Relations Office, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia, N.Y. 13035. Please include your class year and phone number. Any questions, please contact Shari Whitaker at 315.655.7332 or sswhitaker@ cazenovia.edu. We look forward to hearing from you.

rently stationed overseas in Germany. He is 21, amazingly funny and a proud U.S. soldier. Our daughter, Shelly, is a beautiful, independent 15-year-old teenager. She is a sophomore and cheers for her school's varsity squad at Greece Athena. I work in Pittsford, N.Y., at an independent financial advisory firm. My husband, John, is a realtor who specializes in town homes and condo sales. I have very fond memories of Cazenovia and hope all from Park Hall are doing well. I've attended a few Reunions and always enjoy being back on campus. A special 'I miss you' to my old roomy affectionately known as JennyWinnyPennyKenny and a big shout out to Shani!"

Ronald Telford '93 and wife, Christine, announce the birth of their second son. Thomas Magnum Telford, born on August 12, 2008. Oldest son, Samson Vonnegut, will be three in November. For pictures and contact info, visit telfordfamily.blogspot.com. Ron is making Chinese food and recording an upcoming musical CD with friend and collaborator Dylan Margerum titled "Be Good, Be Careful &



#### **Monica Moynihan**

Millar '93 writes, "I live in Manlius, N.Y., with my family. Bruce and I have been together for 12 years and our son, Bryce, is going into 6th grade. I have two stepchildren, Ryan and Chelci. I have worked at Kemper, a Unitrin Business, for the past 10 years as an administrative assistant."

Colleen Mills Dailey '93 writes, "I'd just like to wish a safe and timely return of all the men and women serving overseas. There are a few alumni I speak with who have loved ones in the service that they are missing, and I'm sure many more have similar situations. My thoughts are with them all as they endure multiple deployments. I hope others wish them well and support them (no matter how they feel about war itself) as it does them so much good to know everyone back home loves them. Also wondering if anyone has heard from Stacy Rideout '93? Where did that wild woman go? Hello to April, Michelle, Theresa, Dacia, Molly, Andrea, Liz, Julie, Denise, Debbie, Kim and all the others that made Camp Caz so much fun to be a part of!"

Bonnie Wood Prince '93 is looking to get in touch with all of her former Farber friends. She can be contacted by e-mail at bonnie prince@urmc.rochester.edu. Bonnie writes, "I was married in 1999 to Troy Prince. Former roommates, Heather Hansen '93 and Susan Lohret '93 were in attendance. We now live in Rochester where I am a compliance administrator in the Graduate Medical Education Office at the University of Rochester. We have two boys: Preston, age 4 and Payden, age 16 months."

#### 15th Honored Year

Teresa lacovangelo Ciejek '94 enjoyed the summer with her girls and kept

busy with swimming, tap, ballet and cheerleading classes. Teresa writes, "Natalie will be six and has started kindergarten. Audrey will be three and is in preschool. I would love to hear what everyone else has been up to. E-mail me at Treesrgrn@aol.com."

> **Ruth Farrell Ceretto '94** was married to Joseph Ceretto in April 2008. They are expecting their first child.

Nicholas Barkley '94 has been married to Catherine for five years. They have 2-year-old twin girls,

Ava and Lily. The family currently lives in Boston. Two-and-a-half years ago, Nik was



Lily and Ava Barkley

promoted from art director to creative director at DiBona, Bornstein & Random.

Melissa Horine Rizvi '94 writes," wanted to pass along that we had our second little boy, Sami, in May 2008. He joins his big brother Ahmed (10 years

Rebecca Denman Creighton '94 lives in Raleigh, N.C., with husband Josh and two daughters, Abbey (4 yrs.) and Caitlin (3 yrs.). Prior to being a stayat-home mom, Rebecca worked in the medical field. Josh is the deputy director for Wake County Emergency



**Courtney** 

Coogan '95

had a baby girl

on November

Patti Eick '96 had a great time at Reunion 2008 but

missed some folks. She writes, "Believe it or not we're engaged! Steve and I are looking to plan a fall 2009 wedding in Indianapolis. Feel free to contact us at pattieick@aol.com.'

Ahmed and

Sami Rizvi

Niles Bell '97 graduated in May of 1997 with an A.A.S. in humanities, retired in 2004 from Chrysler Corp. after a 32year career in manufacturing, and is now employed on a part-time basis as a vehicle driver for the Sisters of St. Francis in

Syracuse, N.Y. Niles writes, "The teachers at Cazenovia College exhibited much patience and understanding. I would like to thank them all for their

perseverance with assisting me to obtain my degree."

**Aaron Jones '97** was promoted from captain to major in the United States Army. A promotion ceremony was held in July 2008. Aaron and wife, Berenice, have a 10-year-old daughter named Kiana Alexis.

#### 10th Honored Year

Kristin D'Angelo Clark '99 is currently living in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband, Dan, and their 15-month-old daughter, Allison Sophia. Kristin loves being a wife, mommy and teacher. Kristin has been a special education teacher for children diagnosed with autism for six years at Stepping Stones Learning Center. Kristin hopes to attend Reunion 2009 in June. It has been 10 years since she's been back to Cazenovia. She hopes to see lots of old faces. If anyone would like to get in touch with Kristin e-mail her at kmdangelo@yahoo.com.

Laura Rizzo Goldswer '99 and Jason Goldswer '99 have a four-yearold named Dominic and a 3-month-old named Gabriel. Jason is a LMSW for Livingston Co. Department of Mental Health. Laura is six months away from her master's degree in strategic leadership and is currently the director of Family Daycare Registration for Monroe-West and Livingston Counties. Jason and Laura would love to hear from anyone. Their email address is: larson711@hotmail.com.

Michael Brooks '01 has been named the director of athletics at Saint James School in Hagerstown, Md.

Jennifer Street Vescio '01 is currently working at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino. She has been married to husband Dan for three years. The couple just celebrated son Anthony's first birthday. Jennifer writes, "Miss everyone from

Caz. Been trying to find Laura...where are you? If you are out there, please contact me at mrvesh I 4@yahoo.com."

Kristin Diehl '03 worked for a few years with Onondaga ARC. In 2005 she went back to school and earned an associate's degree in medical administrative assisting. Kristin is currently working for POMCO as a claims processor.

Richard Beckstrand '03 is currently living in Utah and working at Citibank. In October 2006 he married Deena and gained stepchildren Brandi, Chelsey and Alex. Richard and Deena's first son, Gabriel Martin, was born in August 2007. Richard still remembers the special poeple from Cazenovia: Matthew, Gregory, John, Justin and teachers Kim Waale and Laurie Selleck.

Nathaniel Bull '03 was married to Erica Newman in June 2008. Among the attendees at the wedding were fellow Cazenovia alumni Erin Boyle '03 and Tom Lincoln '03. The couple currently resides in St. Louis, Mo. Nathaniel is an art director for DDB's Rodgers Townsend where he works on various national and regional accounts. His work has been reviewed and featured in PDN Magazine, Adweek and most recently in Communi-

Ashley Stoddard '07 writes, "I'm working very hard toward my goals. I have Cazenovia College and Maureen Louis to thank."

Kari Cadrette Edick '07 and Scott **Edick '07** were married in April 2008 in Lee Center, N.Y.

Clancie McCormick '07 is the marketing coordinator at Times Square Lighting in Stony Point, N.Y.



Berenice, Kiana Alexis and Aaron Jones '97







## **REUNION 2008**

Once again alumni were celebrated during Cazenovia College's annual Reunion Weekend. This year's event welcomed more than 175 alumni and guests back to campus.

Please mark your calendar now for next year's Reunion Weekend: June 12 - 14, 2009.

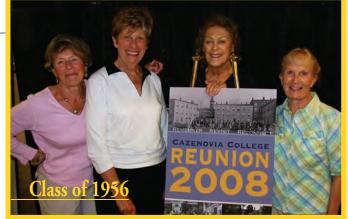


Standing: Carol Satchwell, VP for Institutional **Advancement** Seated: Waltermier Mausert '33



Seated: Jacqueline Shields LaPenna and Joan **Christman Daily** Standing: Marge Kramer Burch, Joyce Gleason MacCloy, Suzanne Agnew Elliott, Marion Lewis Merrill, **Bette Brown Carpenter and William Evans** 





Left to right: Marlise Fornos Hammond, Gwenyth Caccamise Conners, **Margay Davies** Armstrong, **Carol Safford** Norton

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# Setting the Course

Twelve alumni currently serve on the College Board of Trustees



Front row (L-R) Betty Ogletree Roberts '70, Susan Glaser Zipper '58, Carolyn Charles Deacon '66, Betsy Rosenfield Samet, Catherine D'Onofrio Reeves '69; Back row (L-R) Paula Stec Fenger '75, Dacia Banks '94, Dorion S. Germany '92, H.J. Refici '96, Eric M. Brown '97, Roberta Lee August '58; Not pictured: Michael D. Flannery '86

iving back; committed to the enhancement of the College and its students; making a difference; proud of the direction in which their alma mater is moving; ensuring that Cazenovia College continues to be a very healthful, vital institution" – these are just some of the comments of the alumni who currently serve on the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees. Representing five decades, these 12 graduates from the 1950s to the 1990s are now key members of the institution's governing body.

According to President Mark J. Tierno, "It is important to have alumni serving on the board of trustees. As former students they have a strong understanding of the institution; as successful professionals they bring their own areas of expertise to the functions of the board."

Every member of the board of directors serves on several committees, depending on his or her knowledge of that committee's area of oversight. The expertise these 12 alumni bring to the board includes law; business development; financial aid;

fundraising; banking, finance, and investment; venture capital; as well as several areas of education and education administration.

President Tierno believes that the assistance of alumni who are willing to serve their alma mater is vital to the success of Cazenovia College, and he notes that the increasing number of alumni serving on the board may have a direct correlation to the College's increasing stature in the educational community.

All the members of the board of trustees share a commitment to higher education

and to Cazenovia College in particular, but alumni have a vested interest in the College's success. "The value of a Cazenovia College degree increases as the College positions itself as one of the nation's leading independent colleges," said Tierno, "and alumni are well-suited to help set the course for the future success of our College."

The 1824 Society



he 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. This highly successful initiative is invaluable to the College; the generosity of caring alumni and friends greatly enhances our students' educational experience.

Gratitude from the entire College community is extended to the members of The 1824 Society for their leadership commitment to Cazenovia College. Gifts and pledges received since the fiscal year began July 1, 2008 are indicated with an asterisk.\*

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# Baseball Team Wins NEAC Regular Season Championship

🗸 ust a few months after the men's basketball team captured the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) regular season title, the Cazenovia College Wildcats baseball team found themselves sharing that same distinction. A nearly unblemished record in the conference catapulted the Wildcats to the top of the league making them the NEAC baseball regular season champs for the first time since 2004.

By compiling a 13-1 conference record in 2008, the Wildcats hosted the NEAC post-season tournament as the No. 1 seed. The team shut out Keuka College in the tournament's opening game, but faltered in their next two contests, and was knocked out of the double elimination tournament. Although falling short of their goal to win the post-season tournament and earn the automatic qualification for the NCAA tournament, the Wildcats overall record of 21-12 was one of the best in the history of the program.

The team's success did not rest on one aspect of the game, but rather a combination of all of its facets. The Wildcats set new team single-season records with a .340 batting average and .424

on-base percentage and shattered the single-season mark for stolen bases with 108. Cazenovia also turned in a .935 team fielding percentage, the second highest since the program began.

Team success often comes with individual success, and that was the case for the Wildcats in 2008. Five players received All-Conference honors along with three All-Region selections, one ECAC All-Star and one d3baseball.com All-American, giving this year's squad the most individual post-season honors of any team to date.





Junior shortstop receives All-American distinction

Chad Salls posted a .924 fielding percentage in 2008

unior **Chad Salls** (Little Falls, N.Y./Herkimer CCC) put together a season on the diamond that will not soon be forgotten at Cazenovia College. The Herkimer County Community College transfer was the team's most productive offensive player, leading the Wildcats in batting average (.522), hits (60), runs (42), RBIs (40), homeruns (6), triples (4), slugging percentage (.817) and total bases (94). His .522 average was second in NCAA Division III and his slugging percentage, on-base percentage (.556) and stolen bases per game were ranked in the top 15.

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His 27 stolen bases out of 28 attempts, were tied for the team lead, and he registered at least one hit in 30-of-32 games in 2008, including 27 straight at one point during the season. Salls broke Cazenovia single-season records for batting average, hits, total bases and stolen bases.

Salls was voted NEAC Honorable Mention, ABCA First Team All-Region, d3baseball.com All-American Honorable Mention and ECAC First Team All-Star. His selection as an All-American Honorable Mention by d3baseball.com makes him the first student-athlete at Cazenovia College to receive All-American distinction.

#### Second Class Inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

The Cazenovia College Department of Athletics proudly inducted the members of the Class of 2008 into the Wildcats Hall of Fame at the second annual Blue and Gold Dinner on Saturday, September 27, during the College's Homecoming/Family Weekend.



**Marc Covey '00** (left) and . Terri Mancinelli Borer '83 join Melissa "Missy" Starr '04 (not pictured) as the latest members of the Wildcats **Hall of Fame** 

Former student-athletes Marc Covey '00, Terri Mancinelli '83 and Melissa "Missy" Starr '04 were all honored for their commitment and excellence as Cazenovia College student-athletes.

Covey attended Cazenovia from 1996-2000 and was a member of the Wildcats baseball program in its infancy, helping to lay the foundation for what the program has become. Sitting at fifth all-time in games played with 127, Covey appears in the top five in over 20 statistical categories and is the career leader in runs (137) doubles (43) and total bases (282). He owns a .400 career batting average and has the second most career hits, RBIs and homeruns in the history of the program. Covey also shares the school record for most home runs in a season with nine, and was the team MVP in 2000 as well as an All-Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) selection.

Mancinelli was a student at Cazenovia from 1981-1983, competing in both softball and basketball when the institution was a junior college. She was a star

for the softball team, earning the team MVP award in each of her seasons with the Wildcats. Most of Terri's contributions came from the mound where she had a career record of 16-3, including a 7-0 record with a 1.13 ERA in 1982, which landed her on the All-Region team. She co-captained the 1983 team and led the Wildcats in batting average, hits, and RBIs along with a 1.31 ERA. Cazenovia ranked fifth in the NJCAA that year with a 14-3 record. Mancinelli was also the leading rebounder for the women's basketball team for the 1982-83 season.

Starr is perhaps the most accomplished equestrian rider at Cazenovia since the turn of the century. A hunt seat rider from 2000-2004, Starr was the program's top rider throughout her career. In 2002, Starr was part of the Cazenovia hunt seat team that qualified for Nationals and was the national champion in individual open over fences. She was the high point (Cacchione) rider for zone 2, region 2 in 2001, 2002 and 2004 and earned fourth place in the Cacchione Cup at the IHSA Nationals in 2001.

#### Spring Happenings

unior Chris Lamb (Ottawa, Ont./Trinity Catholic) broke his own single-season face-off percentage record with a .566 (82-145) percentage in 2008, in a 2-10 campaign for the men's lacrosse team.



Freshman Nicole Kimmel (Rome, N.Y. RFA) had a teamhigh 51 points on 34 goals and 17 assists and also gathered a team-high 39 ground balls in a 3-9 year for the women's lacrosse team. She also set single-season records for points, assists and ground balls.



Two four-person boats from the crew team traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., in early May to compete in the Dad Vail Regatta, the largest collegiate regatta in the United States.

The equestrian



western riding team's Perry Diciccio (Wethersfield, Conn.) placed sixth overall in the collegiate reining championships at the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby in Oklahoma City, Okla., on June 28.



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# Student-Athlete Witnesses 2008 Olympics First Hand

Women's basketball player and sport management major Emilie Welch traveled to Beijing over the summer as part of an internship. We recently sat down with Emilie and asked her to share her experiences with us.



#### **Q:** What was the purpose of traveling to Beijing for the

A: I was given this opportunity by Tiffin University to join a group of students from all over the country to travel to Beijing, China to study the cultural and event management aspects of the Olympic Games. I used this as one of my required internship credits at Cazenovia College.

#### Q: Could you describe the trip to China? What was it like?

A: The flight was very long; it was a 14-hour, non-stop flight from Toronto to Beijing. I think that the trip there seemed to go by somewhat fast because of all of the excitement. There were

Olympic athletes from Cuba and Brazil sitting in my section of the plane, along with members of the American Olympic Committee and family members of Olympians. After watching about four or five movies and maybe getting a total of one hour of sleep, we made it.

#### Q: What activities did you do while in Beijing?

A: My group was fortunate enough to be given tickets by the American Olympic Committee for events such as beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, boxing, basketball and handball. I also could not go to China without climbing the Great Wall, along with seeing the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and the Panda Bears at the zoo. I found plenty of time to do some shopping at the traditional Chinese markets and malls.

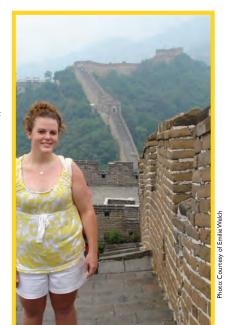
#### Q: What can you tell us about the people and culture of China?

A: I think that the Chinese culture is amazing; they live so differently than we do in the United

States. I didn't really know what to expect in terms of the people accepting us in their country, but they were more than hospitable. The Chinese citizens were so friendly and excited to see Americans. Many came up and asked to take pictures with me and others in my group. It was unreal to see how much patriotism and excitement was going on in Beijing during the Olympics. I also noticed that the Chinese seemed to be very content with a simple lifestyle and many wanted to keep with the traditional Chinese culture.

#### Q: What was the most memorable experience or moment while in Beijing?

A: It's hard to pick out one memorable experience, but I would have to say going with 18 complete strangers halfway around the world and coming home with many great friendships.



Eight from Baseball and Softball Named All-NEAC

A total of eight players from the Cazenovia baseball and softball teams were named to All-Conference teams in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) for 2008.

Seb Fratto '08 (Geneva, N.Y./ Geneva) was selected to the All-NEAC Second Team after batting .366 with 37 hits and 31 RBIs. Jake Daily '08 (Black River, N.Y./Indian River) and juniors Chad Salls (Little Falls, N.Y./Little Falls), Steve Sellin (Durhamville, N.Y./Oneida) and Adam Coglitore (N. Syracuse, N.Y./CNS) were all named Honorable Mention.

Sophomore Joanna Gilford (Taneytown, Md./Francis Scott Key) and freshman Maureen Brosan (Duanesberg, N.Y./ Duanesburg) were both selected as All-NEAC Second Team members. Gilford recorded Cazenovia single-season records with a .449 batting average and .679 slugging percentage, and also led the team with 35 hits and 20 RBIs. Brosan registered a team-high 11 doubles and hit .309 with 25 hits and 18 RBIs as a freshman. Junior Kaila Buffis (Pittsfield, Mass./ St. Joseph) was named Honorable Mention after leading the Wildcats with four homeruns.



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Seven members of the Hawks family have attended Cazenovia College. In 1997, they created this scholarship to honor the memory of their father and grandfather, for his support of their education at Cazenovia College.



Sally Hawks Braun '68, Laurie Schneider Wright '86; Back row: Laura Hawks Leinen '73, Richard

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