

President Mark Tierno Bids Farewell to Cazenovia College



"The College will always be a part of me."

s many of you know, June 30 marked the end of my presidential tenure at Cazenovia College. In reflecting on my 15 years with the institution, I am proud of the many accomplishments that I share with the Cazenovia Family – alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends who care about this special place.

Cazenovia is now a more highly regarded and competitive institution. Our facilities have been significantly improved. Our technologies are more up-to-date and efficient. Our intercollegiate athletics program has strengthened. Our curriculum has expanded and, with it, our enrollment of high quality students has expanded as well. Cazenovia College has weathered the recent economic downturn and has begun to bounce back. Our first-ever comprehensive capital campaign exceeded its goal of \$10 million nine months ahead of schedule.

There is no doubt that Cazenovia is a college gathering momentum. Shaped by its history, profoundly connected to its community, and energized by increasing academic and fiscal strength, the College has affirmed its role of providing students with a highly personalized education in the liberal arts and professional studies.

Cazenovia College's successes have been noticed by media such as *U.S. News & World Report* and *Colleges of Distinction* as well as by employers, foundations, and governmental funders. More importantly, potential students and parents are now eager to learn more about us.

These achievements would never have come to fruition without the generous support and tireless efforts of all of us. Thank you for allowing me to become a part of Cazenovia, and know that the College will always be a part of me.

Dr. Mark Tierno

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Michelle Cooper '90 Solves the Intricate Puzzles of Corporate Real Estate

ersistence comes naturally to Michelle Cooper '90. As a freshman in the drafting program, Cooper walked into the studio arts building looking for a work-study job. She remembers there were, "old drafting tables and lots of big desks and stools and T-squares ..." Initially told that there was no on-campus job for her, with a bit of tenacity and good timing, she was hired by Professor Lillian "Scotty" Ottaviano for the duration of her two years at the College. This persistence, combined with a strong intellect and tremendous work ethic, fuels Cooper's success in her current position as project & program manager at Columbia University Medical Center, a position she has held for five years.

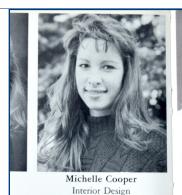
In her current role, Cooper must conceptualize and then oversee the construction of numerous projects that support the mission of this highly renowned medical center. Nowadays, that does not mean one structure or group of structures at one location; rather, Columbia's medical system is an extensive network of patient-care facilities including physician practices, teaching hospitals, and medical educational spaces stretching over a broad geographical area and serving one of the largest urban populations in the world.

To accomplish her work, Cooper must formulate solutions to questions like, "How do we get to the patients? How do we make it easier for patients to access our health-care facilities? How will the student spaces best support their wide array of activities?" Her solutions help hospital administrators and physicians determine how their real estate holdings will support the Medical Center's mission now and in the future. The next step is to pull together the architects, engineers, and technology experts to construct facilities for world-class medical education and patient care.

The effort described is no small feat; however, Cooper finds it very rewarding. A particularly satisfying initiative addressed the facility needs of Columbia Medical School's faculty and students. The resulting building exceeded their expectations. Cooper recalls, "They began to realize what the project could possibly be ... then (there was) excitement, passion, and surprise ... suddenly, it's not just a building. It's a place ... where they are going to work, study, and become physicians."

Before working for Columbia, Cooper worked for several financial institutions, including Bank of America and Lehman Brothers. During this time, she led the design and development of a new trading booth ("Super Booth") on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, as well as managed the inventory, and acquisition and installation of Lehman Brothers' extensive art holdings.

As with her current position, more often Cooper was determining the network of facilities to support a financial institu-







Christy Ullo, Michelle Cooper '90 and Kenne Shepherd - members of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW).

Michelle Cooper '90 at work at Columbia University Medical center, New York City.

tion's business model, such as Bank of America's branches in the retail market. Figuring out the real estate assets necessary for a business to serve its customers and meet profit margins is a common theme in all of her positions. "From role to role, I have found myself in the position of figuring out what all the pieces of the puzzle are, and then putting the puzzle together."

This particular talent for managing complex real estate development was nurtured at Cazenovia College. Cooper's interest was in interior design, which influenced her decision to attend Cazenovia. She found the interior design program to be very detail and process oriented. In addition, her professors made it clear that things had to be right. These three parameters are directly applicable to Cooper's career, which focuses on strategy (detail) and tactics (process)

every day. She muses, "It's got to be right based on the repercussions of time and money. (These are)... the spaces that people live in ... if that's not right, then it's a tremendous loss and missed opportunity."

Cooper uses her interior design training in her current role continually, and shares how current students should apply their training in this discipline, "Try to learn about engineering for key infrastructure systems, whether it's mechanical,

electrical, plumbing, structural, etc. key systems very much play into and can

have an impact on design. They'll inform each other." Understanding how integral the surrounding landscape is to a project is also important to her work as Cooper further reflects, "How we create environments for people ... it's not just the inside, it's the outside too. What does the whole package look like?"

A strong interior design program was not the only quality that attracted her to the College, from home in the Albany area. She enjoyed living in Watts Hall for two years, and some of the soccer players were very much mentors to her. She also remembers being a tutor in the drafting program for Professor **Joe Ritter**. "What led me to Cazenovia was the very

strong interior design program in a very

warm environment. It afforded me an opportunity to play soccer, be on a small campus yet be part of a very concentrated program, and to travel away from home, but still be close."

After receiving an A.A.S. in interior design from Cazenovia, Cooper attended Cornell University for a B.S. in facilities management. She then worked for a small design boutique in Hartford, Connecticut, and then moved to New York City. While in the

city, she earned an M.S. in construction administration from Columbia Univer-

sity, and obtained her LEED certification as well.

Cooper reflects, "I am proud to say that I went to a junior college that now has a baccalaureate program. Had I not had the experience of being in a smaller program, I could have been overwhelmed and maybe not given myself a chance to leap forward. I had such a good experience at Cazenovia, and it helped me to move on to many different places."

With her satisfying professional life, Cooper also has a wonderful family, including husband, Rich, and two daughters, Grace ,8, and Clare,1. By working hard and giving back, she aims to be a role model for her two young daughters.

Cooper's volunteer work includes serving as a board member and communications chair for two charitable organizations. The first is the Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) Board, which focuses on promoting women in the field of real estate. She also serves on the board of Rebuilding Together NYC, which helps people reconstruct their homes due to a disaster, handicap, or lack of means. She hopes to soon work with the New York Presbyterian Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), as a "cuddler" to hold preemies.

Just one more thing that Michelle Cooper '90 is getting right.

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- Michelle Cooper '90





College Celebrates 190th Commencement Ceremony

Keynote speaker Shane O'Dell'02 encourages all Wildcats to "Listen Up"



n ominous forecast was no match for the bright futures of the Cazenovia College Class of 2015 at their Commencement ceremony on May 16, 2015. College faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees, families and friends witnessed 220 graduating seniors turn their tassels toward the next chapters of their lives.

Valedictorian Anneliese Aliasso '15 noted the collective accolades of her classmates and shared a quote by Robert Collier: "Success is the sum of all efforts, repeated day in and day out." She reminded them that they all earned some sort of success throughout their college career, and they shouldn't let it stop after graduation. Aliasso remarked that whatever pathway they take in life, they should put in the effort that the College instilled in them, and "most importantly, don't forget that liberal arts college in Cazenovia, New York, that built you up to who you are today."

Keynote speaker **Shane O'Dell '02**, vice president, wealth management advisor and senior portfolio advisor for

The McGovern Group at Merrill Lynch, and member of the 2013 Wildcats Hall of Fame, added to Aliasso's praise of their alma mater. His "Listen Up" tagline echoed throughout the packed Quad as he offered pertinent advice, professional guidance and personal life lessons. One of the main points he made to the newest alumni was, "Everything you may or may not have done on this campus is behind you. You have the opportunity to do some special things from this day forward. Lead your life with integrity, character, honesty and most of all – remember to have fun."

The ceremony also included a special presentation of an honorary doctor of humane letters, honoris causa, to a familiar face at the College, **Margery A. Pinet**. For more



oto: John S

than 30 years, Pinet has served the College as a professor of English, 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. Pinet, a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame, was also appointed chair of the campus committee for the College's first-ever comprehensive capital campaign.



hoto: Gene Giss

The Cazenovia College Board of Trustees, bestowed the College's Distinguished Service Award to members of the Christakos family of Cazenovia, New York. This prestigious recognition highlights individuals whose contributions to the College and greater community have helped to improve the quality of life for others.

Additional details for the 2015 Commencement including a photo gallery, webcast, speeches in their entirety, and order details for photography and videography are available at www.cazenovia.edu/commencement.





Science Labs Dedication

Campus celebrates \$1.5 million renovation

n May 13, Carolyn Charles Deacon '66, chair of the board of trustees and co-chair of the national campaign; Sharon Dettmer, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty; and Mark Tierno, president of the College, dedicated the renovated science labs on the third floor of Eckel Hall.

The science labs project has been an initiative to update facilities which were originally constructed in the late 1960s with

very few modifications since. **Sue Berger**, executive vice president; **Chris Heberle**, facility engineer/facility management officer; and **Grace Chiang**, principal for Chiang/O'Brien Architects, worked together to save some of the original elements of the labs including the magnificent wood cabinetry as the spaces were updated with new instrumentation and technology.

Over 50 students, alumni, faculty, staff, and trustees enjoyed the celebration, which was attended by some beloved retired faculty, including **Harwant Dosanjh**, **Sandy Palmer** and **Connie Roy**.

The science labs renovation is one of three capital projects of the five-year comprehensive campaign, *Building Futures One at a Time*. Through the significant



(L-R) President Mark Tierno, Board Chair Carolyn Charles Deacon '66, VP for Academic Affairs Sharon Dettmer, Associate Professor Thad Yorks, Assistant Professor Venera Jouraeva

generosity of over 95 individuals, businesses and foundations, this \$1.5 million upgrade has been completed.

"Regardless of their career choice, math and science literacy is critical not only to our students' personal achievements, but also to being productive and responsible global citizens. These labs now measure up to the intellect and drive of our students and commitment of our faculty," said Dettmer.

Business and Management Division is Granted Accreditation by the IACBE

Cazenovia College was recently granted reaffirmation of accreditation of the business and management programs offered through its Division of Business and Management by the Board of Commissioners of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).



According to the IACBE, the Division of Business and Management at Cazenovia College has undertaken a rigorous self-evaluation; has undergone a comprehensive, independent peer review; and has demonstrated compliance with nine Accreditation Principles of the IACBE. In addition, the division has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement, excellence in business education, and advancing academic quality in its business programs and operations. For further details, please visit: www.cazenovia.edu/media-release/iacbe-accreditation.



Professor Travels Back to Africa for Research Tour

Karen Steen, fashion design and fashion merchandise professor, awarded with Fulbright Grant for research in Zanzibar, Africa



hroughout the past 25 years, **Karen Steen**, program director for the fashion design and fashion merchandising programs, has impacted the Cazenovia College community in many ways, whether it coincides with the Annual Fashion Show, teaching courses to students, or collaborating with colleagues.

In March 2015, the Fulbright Scholar Program presented Steen with the Fulbright Africa Regional Research Program Award. Established in 1946, the Fulbright Scholar Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The program awards approximately 8,000 grants annually for students, foreign students, U.S. scholars, and visiting scholars.

Steen was awarded the Flex Grant, which enables her to complete her research in several steps. Steen's research tour will take place between December 2015 and January 2017, during the college's breaks. Her project consists of a three-phase plan of qualitative research assessing the clothing and

textile industry in Zanzibar, Tanzania, which will result in development of fashion training curriculum at the University of Zanzibar.

In the past 25 years, Steen has visited over 30 different countries. She pursues traveling as a way to develop and enrich her understanding of the fashion industry, bringing her newfound knowledge back to Caz each time to share with her students.

"Each trip provides me with a deeper appreciation for fashion and a better understanding of the industry in other cultures," Steen said. "I arrive back on campus with inspiration and increased passion for teaching."

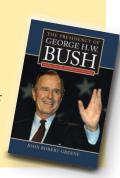
These overseas experiences help Steen improve the fashion programs offered at Cazenovia College so students have the skills needed to go into the industry after graduation. She enjoys watching the local artisans in each country she visits create their own unique clothing.

Steen chose Zanzibar as the location for her research for the Fulbright Africa Regional Research Program after visiting the island for the first annual Zanzibar Fashion Week in October 2013. She saw potential in the small island, where most clothing is still hand-made.

She previously completed six international study tours in Asia, East Africa, and Europe over the past 25 years. In addition, she also completed a domestic study tour in North Carolina in 1991.

Presidential Scholar

Program, and college archivist, released a new book, *The Presidency of George H. W. Bush* (Second Edition, Revised and Expanded), in early spring 2015. The book's description, as noted by University Press of Kansas, notes that Greene takes "full advantage of newly released documents to revisit Bush's term, to consider his post-presidency accomplishments, and to enhance and clarify our understanding of his place in history." He devoted "ample attention to Bush's post-presidency relationship with his son, President George W. Bush, and the development of his close friendship with Bill Clinton." To order, visit: www.kansaspress.ku.edu.





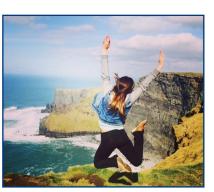
42 Students Travel to Dublin, Ireland

Student-designed website "Caz to Dublin" documents the whole adventure



n March 6, 2015, 42 students and two professors traveled to Dublin, Ireland, during spring break as part of a three-credit course, Peat, Potatoes and Pubs: The Culture of Ireland. Students shared over 250 pictures on social media using #CazToDublin along with blog entries on the website, www.caztodublin.com.

Students attended class once a week with Professor and Program Director of Visual Communications **Laurie Selleck** and Professor of Equine Business Studies **Carol Buckhout**. They learned about the culture and history of Ireland, pubs and more. At the end of the semester, students turned in a journal and a final project based on their trip experiences.



Students Naomi Mekeel and Paul Roberts created the Caz To Dublin website as their final project. The site includes an interactive map including all of the destinations they visited, a blog titled "Adventure Chronicles," and more!

"The website and blog gave students a chance to share about their experience with others, and since the website was a student project, it also contributed to the overall positive experience of this course," said Buckhout.

Students and faculty stayed in Dublin's Brooks Hotel. Every morning they enjoyed a complimentary Irish breakfast and then set off to complete their itinerary. Aside from their personal schedules, students took special day trips including Belfast, Cork, Giants Causeway, Galway, the Cliffs of Moher, and the Blarney Castle.

While in Ireland, senior **Ryan Hanehan** met a few distant relatives and based his final project on his family experience. "I had the opportunity to explore a lot of really interesting places and there were a lot of things I might not ever be able to do again. It was an experience that I will never forget," said Hanehan.

In spring 2016, students will have the opportunity to travel to London and Paris as part of the coursework for European Exploration: London and Paris.











Is the Value of a College Education Worth the Price?

Professor Joseph Adamo shares his opinion on this debated topic.



s an educator, I am often asked by family members, "Is attending college worth the investment"? I am usually somewhat bewildered by the question, as in my opinion, college has always been worth the investment in time and resources. I don't think one can place a price tag on intellectual growth and development, although some critics attempt to do so. Recently, the cost of attending college has received a great deal of attention in the national media and has caused families to second guess higher education. From my perspective, it's a question with only one answer, and that has to be a resounding "yes."

Many individuals perceive a college education today only in terms of dollars and cents, and coming from a former accountant, that may be the wrong perception. Attending college is a sacrifice many families make and is something everyone should consider. Many individuals today are underemployed and are not able to make those sacrifices they once did in a bustling economy. There are individuals who should not be in college for a number of reasons but the majority of those who attend college cannot deny their lives in some way have been altered and hopefully, for the best.

Students from all across the country eventually confront the issue of what to do after graduation from high school. Those are difficult questions for both student and family members. Sometimes high school students are influenced by their friends and family members. In many cases, under the wrong influence, these young adults make decisions they

may regret later in life. The process of growth from late adolescence to early adulthood is often a confusing time in one's life. Young adults are confronted with a myriad of questions many of which deal with their future. However, we all make mistakes. If I were to recount the errors I have made in my life at that age you would be reading a short novel. That is not the purpose of this article though. Selecting a college, and a college career path is a daunting task. Let me present the reasons as to why individuals who are best suited for college should attend. The critical thinking and problem solving skills that one acquires in a college setting cannot be duplicated elsewhere. It is impossible to measure these skills in dollars and cents.

First, let me examine the human side of attending college. College is a period of growth and exploration, a life's journey that begins away from home for the first time. To deny young adults that opportunity might not adequately prepare them for living on their own once they graduate college or even marriage. I am sure most mothers and fathers today want to see their children "move on" after graduating college, not "moving back in." Most students who attend college make lifelong friends or some will even meet their spouses while attending college. Also, as a result of course work students are able to communicate better not only with each other but with perspective employers, family and friends. The social benefits alone outweigh any cost that can be associated with attending college. The intellectual growth and stimulation can far exceed what any other social institution may have to offer. One of the main purposes of attending college is to advance one's lifelong outlook on life, make intelligent and informed decisions, and contribute to society in a meaningful way.

One of the most significant reasons for attending college is that of developing a nonbiased perspective on politics, one aspect that may alter one's life choices. Students' political views often change as a result of a college education. The academy

"The college experience is a period of growth, development, and exploration."

- Joseph Adamo



provides students with the opportunity to challenge and debate current political viewpoints. This is the first real opportunity a student may have to express his/her own opinion about politics which may be in opposition to family beliefs. Students learn effective citizenship and are generally more cognizant of what the political climate is like not only in their country but around the world. This perspective is something that cannot be gained by reading a local newspaper or surfing the web. Generally, individuals begin to align their political thinking with a recognized party.

Another reason as to why students should attend college is the preparation for career building skills, an opportunity one might not have if they did not attend a college. The college experience is a career exploration period for many. Some students may be self-directed; in that case it is a less difficult transition once a student defines an area of interest. For many students, though, college is an avenue in which the exposure to various careers and career paths begins. One would only be fooling themselves if they think in 2015 and beyond, a college education would not be needed even for careers that once only required a high school diploma. Many domestic and foreign organizations today will only hire individuals who have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree.

As an educator for more than 30 years I always tell my students to investigate the facts, including the costs of college. There is a belief that the cost of attending college today has become unattainable for many due to overly high inflation. According to the National Association of Home Builders, it cost \$89,300 in 1985 to construct an average home on .26 acres in America. In 1995 that cost

soared to \$131,000, in 2005 \$219,000 and it is estimated in 2015 \$246,753...a 35% increase from 1985. Let's compare this to the cost of attending a private four- year institution. According to the National Center for Educational Statistics, in 1981 it cost approximately \$15,306 for a student to attend a private, four year institution. Twenty years later that cost was approximately \$29,240 and in 2015 it is estimated the cost to be approximately \$42,415. This represents a 36% increase in the cost of attending a private college. Let's look at another example from the United States Department of Transportation. The average price of a new car in 1985 was \$9,005. Today the average cost of a new car is \$28,500, an increase of 32%. These points of comparison are that college tuition, room and board has maintained the same inflationary rate in constant dollars and in present value dollars as building a home or buying a car.

What does that mean in every day terms? After taking inflation into account, the cost of attaining a four year degree at a private four year college in 1981 is the same cost in 2015. College tuition, like any other service, has inflated over the past 30 years exactly at the same rate as durable products, homes, and services. Why do I recount this? To show that even though the cost of college to some may seem out of line, it has maintained its inflationary rate as most everything else in the American economy. And the fact that four year college graduates make on average \$24,000 more dollars per year than high school graduates or approximately 1.2 million dollars over a life time (Bureau of Labor Statistics May 2014) is even more of a reason to attend college.

In summary, is attaining a baccalaureate degree worth it? When one looks at the social, political, economic, and intelligence gained over the four years, one cannot deny a college education today is certainly worth the investment. Not only are college graduates more desirable in the workforce, but they are likely to

have an advantage over those who do not attend. The college experience is a period of growth, development, and exploration. It is difficult to place a dollar value on attending college. Attending college has intangible outcomes and gives a competitive edge in future employment.

About the Author

r. Joseph Adamo has been with Cazenovia College since 1979 in Business and Accounting. A certified associate business manager, he is also the advisor of the College's Business Club. In addition to his roles at Cazenovia, Adamo serves as an adjunct professor at Onondaga Community College and University College (Syracuse). Adamo served at Community General Hospital as a general accountant in 1978 and 1979, and prior to that was a Cost Accountant at White Motor Corporation for two years.

Adamo earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the State University of New York at Oswego, a master's degree in management development from Chapman University and a doctorate in educational psychology from Syracuse University. He was named the Syracuse Police Outstanding Scholar in 1999 and the United Technology Professor of the Year in 2000.

His publications include: How to Build a Retirement Portfolio, Generation X and Millenium Generation, Accounting for Non Financial Personnel, HIV students and the College Experience, and The Diversity Initiative at Fortune 500 Companies. He is a member of American Association of Management Accountants, Society of Trainers and Development, National Accountants Association, American Management Association, American Association of University Professors, International Managerial Accountants, Central New York Association of Accountants, American Association of Trainers, National Association of Accountants and Institute of Certified Management Assistants.

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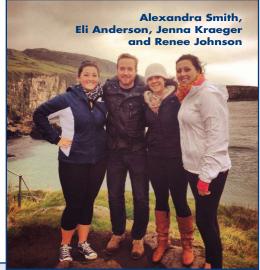
39 Students Sign up for Canterbury!

In Fall 2015, 39 Cazenovia College students will travel to Canterbury, England, for an unforgettable study abroad experience. This year, the largest group of students will participate in the Canterbury program.



Alexandra Smith '15, Jenna Kraeger '15 and Sarah Ferguson '15; Twitter Takeover "Study Abroad Edition" featuring Eli Anderson '15, and ended with the Canterbury Information Session. Both information sessions had the highest attendance to date.

Along with the Study Abroad Week, Canterbury blog entries were shared on social media at www.cazenovia. edu/blogs/academics/canterbury. Professor of Art **Jen Pepper** and 15 students contributed to the blog, writing 88 entries over the fall 2014 semester. We are thrilled to see what adventures will ensue this coming fall!



o help promote this unique opportunity, a "Study Abroad Week" was held in mid- October on the College's social media platforms, using the hashtag #CazAbroad. The week included, "Study Abroad to Canterbury" Google+ Hangout with Jenna Kraeger '15, Marlo Colletto '12 and Alyssa Poinan '12; photos and testimonials from Renee Johnson '15,

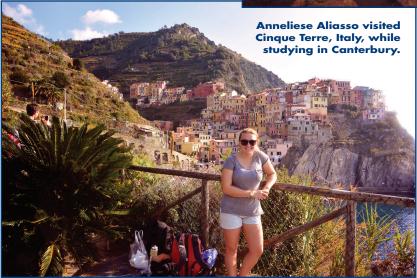




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Students in Cazenovia College's Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising programs presented the College's 42nd Annual Fashion Show, *Fashion: The Fifth Element*, on Saturday, April 18, at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse, New York.

This year's show was sponsored by JES Apparel, a clothing manufacturing company in Manlius, New York. George Brescia, top-tier NYC-based stylist and image consultant, offered remarks to a packed house.

All elements including staging, music, choreography, graphic design, and photography were produced by students enrolled in the College's Fashion Show Production class. Twelve fashion design seniors presented their capstone collections, and eleven fashion merchandising seniors collaborated to produce the show under the direction of **Jaclyn Torbitt** '15.

View live stream show footage at www.cazenovia.edu/fashionshow, and visit the show's official Facebook page, Cazenovia College: Annual Student Fashion Show, for additional details.

Into the Woods

azenovia College's spring production, "Into the Woods," ran late April-early May at The Catherine Cummings Theatre. Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award winning contemporary musical is loosely based on some of Grimms' Fairy Tales with an original tale mixed in.

David Lowenstein, Cazenovia College's artist in residence, directed the cast made up of Cazenovia College students, members from the Cazenovia community, and the Syracuse theater community.



to: Tasha Johnsor

Show Off Your #DormDigs Contest

azenovia College hosted its first dorm-inspired Instagram contest on Feb. 2, 2015.

Current students were asked to enter photos of their dorm rooms into three original categories. Once submitted, the campus community was invited to vote for their favorite photo on Instagram. Among the 24 entries, three reigned supreme and took home Target gift cards.









In Loving Memory of

Winifred E. Coleman



t is impossible to tell the history of Cazenovia College without talking about Winifred E. "Winnie" Coleman, who passed away June 19, 2015. A beloved member of the Cazenovia College family since 1957, Winnie first served as dean of students with President Rhea Eckel. Her dedication to Cazenovia College, combined with her experiences as a leader in American higher education for more than five decades, are roles worth recognizing and celebrating.

A graduate of Le Moyne College and Marquette University, Coleman was dean of students at two colleges -Cazenovia College and Trinity College in Washington, D.C. She also served as director of the National Council of Catholic Women, and was founder and past president of Cashel House, a flourishing Irish import business in Syracuse. After retiring from the presidency of St. Joseph College in West Hartford, Connecticut, where she served for 13 years, Winnie became a trustee at Cazenovia College in 2004, and in 2007, Winifred E. Coleman was voted Trustee Emerita by the College's trustees, one of only six trustees to ever be so honored.

Cazenovia College is a better place because of Winnie's support and involvement. Many alumni who studied here during her years as dean of students have specifically referenced Dean Coleman for having the most profound effect on their lives and for influencing the people they have become. Alumni spanning three decades, from 1957 to 1971, continue to share stories about 'their dean' to this day. In 2004 a formal portrait was unveiled in Coleman Union in honor of Winnie, made possible by the Class of 1958, and the Winifred E. Coleman Endowed Scholarship was established in 2006 with gifts made in her honor by 200 alumni and friends.

Winnie Coleman will forever be associated with Cazenovia College, highly regarded on our campus, in the Central New York community and throughout American higher education. She was worthy of our admiration and praise, and was so recognized in 2014 when she was awarded a doctor of humane letters honorary degree at Cazenovia College's 189th Commencement ceremony.

Winnie's obituary reads in part: "Winnie's passing marks the end of an era for both her family and friends. Her influence will be honored and valued by all who knew her." Cazenovia College alumni, faculty, staff and trustees join all who had the good fortune to know Winnie Coleman as we mourn the loss of a truly remarkable woman.

If you would like to honor Winnie's legacy at Cazenovia College with a gift to the Winifred E. Coleman Endowed Scholarship, or to the Cazenovia Fund, please give online at www.cazenovia.edu/support-cazenovia or send a check (payable to Cazenovia College) to the Office of Institutional Advancement, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035.

To view a special photo gallery of Winnie Coleman at cazenovia, please visit our web site at www.cazenovia.edu/winifred-coleman.

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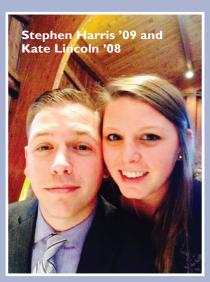
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1999

Teedgra Ellis Blackstock '99 recently opened Art Time Studio and Art Gallery in Eden, N.C.

2005

Darren Skotnes '05 celebrated his 10th Honored Year Reunion from Cazenovia College. He still keeps in touch with many of his friends from College and spends time with them by attending events such as the Saratoga Racetrack



Albany Chapter event, the Syracuse Basketball Game, Reunion, and area luncheons. He said, "I graduated from Cazenovia College with an Associate's Degree of Applied Science in Studio Art. I am using my degree in photography by taking pictures of people, places, and things."

2007

Courtney Jacobs '07 has been accepted into the doctoral program in English at the University of Oklahoma with a Rader Fellowship beginning in the fall of 2015. Courtney received her master's degree from the University of Vermont in 2009.



2008

Kate Lincoln '08 and Stephen Harris '09 were engaged on February 13, 2015. A summer 2016 wedding is planned. Steve recently completed his MBA from LeMoyne College. Kate is an assistant director of admissions at Cazenovia College, and Steve works at National Grid as a senior analyst.

In fond **M**emory

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

Anna Jordan Poindexter '36 Barbara Berry Williamsen '39 Hilda Holdredge Young '39 Jeanne Keyser Staffield '44 Joyce McAdam Mann '45 Louise Stork Fraser '46 Jane Gilbert Crooks '47 Helen Davey York '48 Mary Dutton Smythe '49 Elizabeth Leighton Kent '51 Nancy Miller Collins '52 Joyce Boquist Mills '54 Shirlee Smith McCabe '55 Rose Kikosicki Rabovsky '58 Paulette Chassen Rickard '58 Patricia Pelnik '61 Carol Cooke Galusha '63 Joan Halperin Rabin '72 Wanda Cutrie Oakes '73 Cheryl Burdick '83 Brian Yaniszewski '98 Heather Semans '00 Winifred E. Coleman

*In the Winter 2015 magazine the last name of deceased alumna, Paulette Chassen Rickard, was misspelled. We regret the error.

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

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Alumna Leads Offices of Admissions and Registrar

Chris Mandel '82 named interim dean of enrollment management and registrar



ormer Associate Dean of Financial Aid and Registrar, Christine Mandel '82, is a jack of all trades. From the Assessment Committee to Employee Welfare Council and everything in between, she has yet to stop there. Recently, Mandel accepted an additional position at Cazenovia College. She is now serving as the Interim Dean of ₫ Enrollment Management and Registrar.

Mandel graduated

from Cazenovia College in 1982 with an associate's degree in human services. Upon graduation, she moved to the west coast where she earned a bachelor's degree and later married.

On Jan. 9 of this year, Mandel accepted this new position with hopes to efficiently and effectively run the admissions operations, and to maintain a positive work environment for employees, all while recruiting new students for the College. "I've known the people in admissions for a long time," she said. "I thought it would be more effective to have someone already at the College take the position, instead of hiring someone new during this time of change due to searching for a new president."

She notes, "This new position allows me to interact at a higher level with the management of the institution that I wasn't able to do before," Mandel said. "I attend meetings as a representative for the entire enrollment division. It's not just financial aid anymore, so it's given me a different perspective of the College."

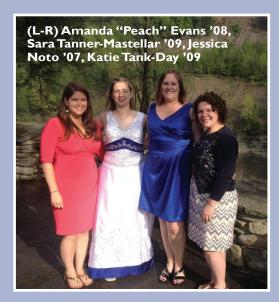


Adion and Aneo Gurabardhi

Arsen Gurabardhi '08 writes, "Albana and I welcomed two handsome boys, Adion and Aneo. I moved to the New Jersey suburbs after living in NYC for several years, but I still commute to Manhattan for work. You get the best of two worlds - fast past life and backyard BBQ on the weekends. I work at CDM New York as a vice president art supervisor where I lead a small team of art directors and designers. I still think of Caz College and the Art & Design building where everything started and where I spent most of my time learning and creating visual solutions."

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Sara Tanner-Mastellar '09 writes, "2014 was a busy year. I married my



fiancé of three years, Cody Mastellar, finished my Ph.D. in Equine Nutrition at the University of Kentucky, and we moved to start my new job as an instructor at South Dakota State University. Former Farber Suite roommates, Amanda "Peach" Evans '08, Jessica Noto '07, and Katie Tank-Day '09 were at our wedding. Also in attendance were Kim Waldron '09 and Professor Carol Buckhout.

Noelle Shapiro Wiswesser '09 writes, "I graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design. On Oct. 3, 2014, I married Michael Wiswesser in Point Pleasant, N.J. Several of my closest friends from Cazenovia, who I have stayed very close with since we met freshman year, were in attendance."



(L-R, front row) Lisa Pena '09, Noelle Shapiro Wiswesser '09, Alyssa Tidd '09 (L-R, back row) William Conklin '09, Aubree Fox '09, Hannah Tauroney '09, Lauren Paul '09



Felicia Onori Rocker '10 and Derrick Rocker '11 with Kyle Boeltz '10, Elizabeth Christofaro '10, Jessica Hurley DeCamillo '10, Maryanna Sharlow Estornes '10, Kyle Anne Grimes Legemaat '10, Carolyn McClellan '11, Ben McDonald '10, Michael Moolenschot '10, Zach Quinn '11, Pat Sauers '11, Marcia Searles '10, Stephen Simone '10, Logan Spaulding '11, Amanda Thomas '10, Matthew Vescio '11, Hannah Judd Watson '11, Kevin Watson '11, Katie Phillips Wissick '09

2010

Felicia Onori Rocker '10 and Derrick Rocker '11 write, "We were married on September 27, 2014, in Auburn, N.Y. Several Caz alumni attended our wedding, and many were part of the wedding party."

2012

Jessica Converse '12 married Charles Matt on July 4, 2015, at the Ramada Geneva Lakefront in Geneva, N.Y. Three of Jessica's bridesmaids are Cazenovia College alumnae, including her sister, Samantha Converse '10, Christy Leos '12, and Maid of Honor Vicki Dufort '12."



(L-R) Christy Leos '12, Jessica Converse '12, Samantha Converse '10, Vicki Dufort '12



On The Right Track

Alumnus Dustin Gonzalez '13 begins career with New York Racing Association



hen alumnus **Dustin** Gonzalez '13 was asked if he had imagined himself to be in the career he is in today, he replied, "not always." Growing up in Schoharie, New York, Gonzalez had always had a massive interest in sports, excelling in both soccer and tennis in high school. "In high school I was exposed to the business side of sports and became extremely excited at the prospect of potentially working for my favorite sports teams."

He knew that upon choosing a college he would need to consider options that would allow him to continue to compete at the collegiate level. At the time, Head Soccer Coach Eric Bonnier scouted Gonzalez and invited him to

lez smiled, "I immediately felt like I was at home. Nearly all of the recruits that

Caz Family, and five years later, we're still family!"

While attending Cazenovia, Gonzalez made it his priority to immerse himself in College activities beyond his already packed student-athlete schedule. A member of three athletic teams, soccer, cross-country and tennis, Gonzalez filled the remainder of his time participating in the Student Government

make multiple visits to campus. Gonza-

year became part of the

"Cazenovia College provided the necessary tools I needed for success. It was up to me to figure out how to use them."

- Dustin Gonzalez '13

Association, Sports Management Club and Paintball Club. He also served as a resident advisor.

Upon graduating from Cazenovia, Gonzalez applied to several sports properties across the United States. "I was well prepared, and just waited for the right

> opportunity to arise; one that had promise of promotion, success, and personal development." And, that's just what he found in the most unlikely of places.

Gonzalez always dreamed of working with a professional soccer team; however, when the opportunity presented itself, he landed a job with the New York Racing Association (NYRA). As a strategic partnerships associate, his main responsibilities are to provide sales support for various sponsoring accounts, acquiring signage approved, requesting hospitality, preparing on-site or digital activations, and seeking creative advertising among other assignments. "I am tasked with creating new business and opening new sponsor categories for NYRA," he said. "A great feature about working in sponsorships is that I get to sell for three uniquely distinct tracks,

including, Aqueduct, Belmont Park, and Saratoga.'

Gonzalez says he far surpassed the aspira-

tions he had set for his first career. Within a month of his employment at NYRA, he helped execute the largest single-day event in the New York designed market area in 2014, the Belmont Stakes. The Belmont Stakes is the third and final leg of the Triple Crown, and in 2014 it saw 102,000 people in attendance with over 20.6 million viewers on NBC. Gonzalez said enthusiastically, "In some respects we were bigger than the 2014

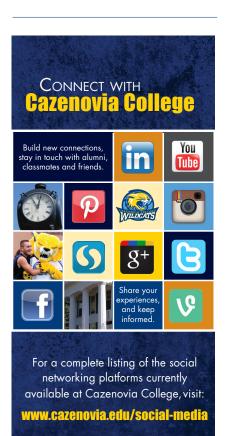


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Superbowl held at Metlife Stadium, which has a capacity of only 82,000!" Recently Dustin sold the presenting rights to the Belmont Stakes, which will now be referred to as, The 2015 Belmont Stakes Presented by DraftKings. This is the first time these rights have ever been sold which is a milestone for NYRA and a true testament to Dustin's work.

He credits his College classes and three internships for some of his accomplishments. "The classes gave me the foundation and basic knowledge that I needed to obtain work experience and internships, which is the currency of the working world," says Gonzalez. "It was not the quantity of the internships I had, but rather the quality of work completed in these internships that really set me apart from other candidates. Cazenovia College provided the necessary tools I needed for success... it was up to me to figure out how to use them."





2018

Matt Carson '13 shares photos from Japan. He is working on a marine base as a Talent Acquisition Specialist near Hiroshima. He shares, "The food is amazing, the traveling is easy and there are many things to see and do!"







Rebecca Bossin '13, Gina Magnone '13, Ashley Paquin '13, Sonni Pank '13, Kerry MacHugh '13, Claire Hayes '13, and Abigail Thorpe '13. Alumni from the Class of 2013 celebrate Memorial Day at Barnegat Light in Long Beach Island, N.J.

Joshua Skibbee '13 writes, "Since graduation, I now have no need to continue the search for my ideal 'dream' job. At the start of the New Year, I moved to upstate New York and began my career with Hemmings Motor News in Bennington, Vt. It doesn't get much better then to be able to use my degree in graphic design and look at classic cars all day, right? Except for the freezing temperatures and never-ending winter; I still haven't gotten used to that, even after attending Cazenovia College."



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Washburn Junior Teaching Fellow Becomes Author

Nina Esperanza Serrianne '09 pens "America in the Nineties"



s a young girl, Nina Esperanza Serrianne '09, always knew she'd someday write a book. She didn't know the exact content, but she always held that hope close to her heart. After graduating from Cazenovia College and following a discussion with her former professor (turned lifelong mentor), Dr. John Robert Greene, Paul J. Schupf professor, history and humanities; director, social sciences program; and College archivist, the surprising subject matter became crystal clear – the 1990s.

Flashback to Serrianne's senior year of high school, and we'll find her in another chance meeting. This time, it was with a guidance counselor who encouraged her to explore Cazenovia College's offerings at an upcoming college fair. Serrianne soon found herself eager to visit campus after speaking with the College's dean of admission at the event, and the rest is history. Literally! She became a social sciences major, and quickly discovered an even deeper love for that particular field.

Serrianne dove right in to the college experience and found a great balance between academics and extracurricular activities. Throughout her undergraduate journey, she served as Human Rights Club president for three years and a member of the Cazenovia Activities Board, among other clubs and organizations. She notes that her

study abroad experience in Canterbury, England, was so incredible, that "If it had been an option to stay over there, I wouldn't have come home!"

In addition to taking full advantage of all of these worthwhile opportunities, Serrianne was selected as a Washburn Junior Teaching Fellow during her senior year. Established in 2001 by Professor Emerita and Vice Chair of the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees Margery Pinet, and named in honor of her parents, the Rev. Gordon H. and Mrs. Dorothy M. Washburn, the program provided Serrianne with a year-long opportunity to significantly expand upon her focus of study. She was invited to shadow Greene's History I and History II classes to extensively observe his teaching style, build relationships with the students and ultimately implement lesson plans she crafted with Greene's guidance.

After graduation, Serrianne went on to earn a Master's in History and Political Science at The College of Saint Rose; completing her master's thesis while working at the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Her dreams

of writing still shined bright, and they were made a reality after Greene mentioned that the "America in the Twentieth Century" series was seeking an author to complete the final decade. Serrianne didn't think twice! She submitted a

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- Nina EsperanzaSerrianne '09

proposal and three weeks later, she began tackling, "America in the Nineties." This new area of research was especially exciting for her, because it helped her discover a new passion – foreign policy. Her previous focus was very domestic-focused, so the push outside of her comfort zone was quite thrilling.

Cazenovia College has received:

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Lila Speers Beauchamp '55 Joanne G. Blumin '63 Walter & Beatrice Upton Buchanan '38 Bette Brown Carpenter '48 Rhea Eckel Former Classmates Jillian C. Gillespie '12 Catherine McFarland Hamberger '68 Neil F. and Beverly Orton Harden '49 Eleanore L. Howard Elizabeth Leighton Kent '51 Pamela Rosenfield Levin '65 Robert and Marjorie Brown McKiernan '41 Martha Papworth O'Neill '00 Ellen Ormsbee '73 Rose V. Kikosicki Rabovsky '58 Lynn Reynolds '04 Paulette Chassen Rickard '58 Margaret A. Rickett Professor Donald G. Roy Bill Severance Margaret "Peg" Stafford Adam Vaillancourt '66 **Dolores and James Tierno Walsh** Lisa A. Watson '95 Robert C. Webster

Les ('36) and Jane Yury

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When it came time to kick-off her book tour, she thought the first stop had to be Cazenovia. "A part of me will always see Caz as a home, and return made this process feel full circle," she says. In May 2015, Serrianne served as the keynote speaker for the 13th Annual Paul J. Schupf Lecture Series*. The visit to her alma mater included individual meetings with students, teaching a portion of US History II (in which, her book is a required text), and hosting a book signing courtesy of the Bookstore and the Office of Alumni Relations. "It was a pleasure to see one of the most remarkable students I have ever taught in 35 years of teaching assume this esteemed role," says Greene.

Serrianne's next stop was the Smithsonian in June 2015, and she is now setting her sights on additional venues across the nation. As she travels throughout the country, all while pursuing a Ph.D. in public policy at George Mason University, one chapter of her life will always remain special. "Caz provided me with a truly formative education," she says. "It's hard to put my appreciation into words. I'm just sincerely grateful."

*To view Serrianne's Schupf Lecture address, visit: new.livestream.com/ cazenoviacollege/PaulJSchupf2015.

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Kristin Lajeunesse '05 **Debuts first Memoir**

A young alumna's quest to eat, learn and love takes her to 48 states

fter living in Boston for a year and earning her master's degree in integrated marketing communication, Kristin Lajeunesse '05



felt that something was missing in her life, and started to research people who were 'designing' their lives to embrace the things they love most. "One day at work, the words 'Will Travel for Vegan Food' appeared before me," said Lajeunesse. In that moment, she knew

exactly what to do; embark on a twoyear long journey around the United States in search of vegan restaurants.

Before her new adventure began, Lajeunesse landed a job right out of graduate school with an animal welfare organization. She had been 'living' vegan for about four years and grew to love food after she immersed herself in the vegan culture. After leaving her job, she sold most of her belongings, started a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for travel expenses, and looked for a van that could double as living quarters.

She found a G20 Chevy Sports Van on Craigslist, fell in love with it and named her Gerty. Aside from the occasional hotels and flights, she traveled in Gerty for most of her trip. "Once I got over my fear of traveling alone and thought of my journey as my lifestyle vs. a short

term trip, it made the entire experience a lot more enjoyable. I found it incredibly difficult to leave Gerty once the trip was

Lajeunesse created a blog and website to document her travels and share her thoughts about each restaurant she visited. She even designed "Will Travel for Vegan Food Was Here" stickers to leave behind for restaurant owners.

While traveling, a small publishing company approached Lajeunesse with a book deal. "The crazy thing about it is I never thought I had plans to write a book, but when I was thumbing through an old journal, I landed on a page that listed things I wanted to accomplish in my life. Number 7 read: Get Published."

"Will Travel for Vegan Food" took about 14 months to complete, and Lajeunesse notes, "I wouldn't change a thing!" She included her thoughts on the 547 restaurants she dined at, and also highlights personal experiences that happened during her 48-state trek. "It's about the people I met, personal growth experiences, the highs, the lows and a few things in between. It's about the things I never gave myself permission to share publicly, until now."

Lajeunesse hopes her chronicles will remind you to go after the things you love most. Find her book on www.Amazon.com and visit her website, willtravelforveganfood.com.



 $^{lpha}\!\!A$ s a designer for TKF Architects in Cazenovia, I am fortunate to be involved in some of the College's building projects. Being at the ground level allows me to see how important it is to donate.

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- Courtney Stewart '09

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REUNION 2015 WEEKEND

Alumni from 1949 to the newest Class of 2015 gathered on campus to rekindle old friendships and form new ones. From the Welcome Back Dinner to the "Paint and Sip" activity to a Beach Bash Buffet Dinner and Dance party, alumni of Cazenovia College celebrated their alma mater and shared their Caz memories.



(L-R) The Young Alumni Award – Ashlea Osborne '12, director of the cazenovia fund; The Ellie Wilson Award – Nancy LeValley Farley '69; The Volunteer of the Year Award – Margot Cheney Jacoby '70



(L-R) Nancy Church, Debra Wood Nadler, Melissa Stevens Thompson, Darlene Price Pulkinen, Martha Herzstock Fulgham, Marcia Mock Collins



(L-R) Patricia Lewis DeBottis '65 and Barrie Foote Newman '65



(L-R) Kittie Graham Hollander '76, Tracy Nieman '76, Claudia MacNeill Caretti '75







(L-R) Lance Poust, Michele Olin Lynch, Lisa DiCerbo Foland, Don Geisendorfer, Bill Heitz, Rodney Lowe, Gina DeScisciolo Prout, Barbara Lent Scheeler, Joyce McGovern-Miller, Michele Reese, Cheryl Hallet Borski



(L-R, front row) Charlotte Fink Distel '53, Elaine Ruggiero Altamuro '65, Wendy Boyer Beale '90, Mary Dieffenbacher Holmes '90, Jeanine Perez '90, Jayne Yates '49 (L-R, standing) Nancy Howard Howland '49, Dr. Mark Tierno, John Bourke, Sandra Jaros Voss '55, Jacqueline June Brown '55



ALUMNI NEWS

Winter/ Spring 2015 Outreach Events

Alumni, parents, current students, faculty and friends of the College gathered at outreach events in New York City and Central New York during the winter and spring months.



Young alumni gathered for dinner in New York City. (L-R, seated) Wesley Posson 'II, Blair Wiser Posson 'II, Marlo Colletto 'II, Arsen Gurabardhi '08, Shauna Dack '07. (L-R, standing) Ashley Warner Moench '07, Alyssa Piccoli Roban '07, John Ramsey '07

The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a reception in New York City for the Fashion Studies Program at Cazenovia College. The reception brought together current fashion students, faculty, prospective fashion studies students, fashion industry professionals and alumni working in the fashion field in New York City. Senior students had the opportunity to discuss their collections with fashion alumni mentors.



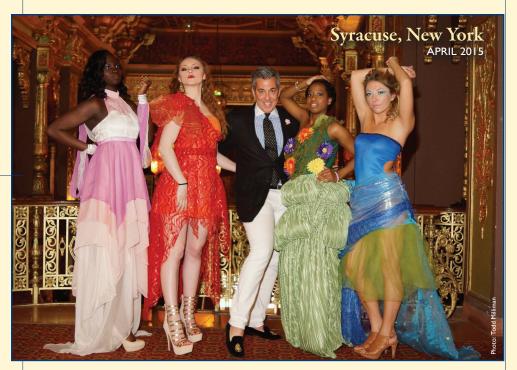
(L-R) Danielle Washington Fotopolous '98, Alyssa Heath, Ellen Boone, Stacey Del Fuoco, Ezmira Neshawait and Julia Puttre



(L-R) Darwin Gordon'14, Alicia Soluri, Kelsey Barrett



(L-R) Justine Harrington, Cleveland Robinson, Jazmine Daniel, Chyna Harrison, Lashawna Westmoreland and Daniel Watson '05 The Office of Alumni Relations held a reception prior to the 42nd Annual Cazenovia College Fashion Show, Fashion: The Fifth Element. Special guest, George Bescia, NYC-based stylist, image consultant and television personality, attended the reception and held a book signing.



Student models representing the elements: Earth, Fire, Air and Water pose with George Bescia.





Professor Karen Steen and guest John Burke.

Upcoming Alumni Events

SUMMER/FALL 2015

The Office of Alumni Relations is busy coordinating outreach events for the summer and fall that will welcome alumni and friends of Cazenovia College to a variety of venues and activities.

Possible locations include:

Florida New Hampshire New York North Carolina Pennsylvania Vermont

Watch your mailboxes, visit the web site and join the Cazenovia College Alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cazalumni for more information on events in your area!

For more information regarding upcoming events, please contact: Shari Whitaker, director of alumni and parent relations, at 315.655.7332 or sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu



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The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations hosted a campus wide BBQ luncheon following the annual senior/staff softball game.



Photo: Shari Whitaker



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Seniors, families, alumni and special guests gathered to celebrate the Class of 2015 at the Annual Graduates Reception held the evening prior to Commencement.













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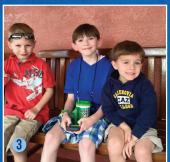




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SPOT CAZ





CAZENOVIA COLLEGE*

CONGRATULATIONS to all participants!



First Place

With 126 votes, **Breanna Haner**, who will join the College's fall 2015 freshman class, showed off her Caz gear in front of Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

Second Place
Kristin Spranger snapped a pic of
the Caz softball team in Myrtle Beach,
South Carolina.

3 Third Place

CTL Administrative Assistant Melissa Snyder's grandson, Jackson, far right, sported some Wildcats pride while enjoying Disney World with his cousins.

Honorable Mentions

Sophomore **Casey Dailey's** mom and dad enjoying the sun in Mexico, sporting Caz pride!

Gabriell Struble shows off her Caz pride on stage with the cast, crew and orchestra of *Honk!* musical.

Kristin Spranger snapped a photo of Kat Kehlenbeck at a basketball game on Pride Night!

Alumni Kaleb Wilson '07 and Amanda (Szymanski) Wilson '10, assistant director of the Cazenovia Fund, sport their Caz gear while having fun in the sun at Clearwater Beach, Florida!









Stay tuned on the College's social media outlets for more Spot Caz contests and show us how YOU show your love for blue and gold. Send your photos to: communications@cazenovia.edu and you could soon see yourself in a future issue of Cazenovia College Magazine!





The Office of Alumni Relations and the thousands of proud Cazenovia College alumni extend a warm welcome to the newest members of the alumni family – the Class of 2015.



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Committed to the College's Status as One of the Best

Andrew Church's 30+ year business career has been focused on helping improve the profitability of global businesses through acquisitions, process improvements and operational turnarounds.



hurch was born and raised in Central New Jersey. He attended Lehigh and Cornell Universities where he earned degrees in accounting and MBA. In 1981, he joined the international accounting and consulting firm Ernst & Young (E&Y) accounting firm in New York City (NYC) for six years. As a certified public accountant, his clients included a number of Fortune 500 companies engaged in a variety of industries. He left E&Y in 1987 to study international business and general management for two years at Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management.

After Cornell, Church worked for a string of global corporations over the past two-plus decades which included relocation assignments in Belgium, Boston, Toronto, Puerto Rico, San Juan, Montreal, Central New York, and NYC. Over the years, he acquired experience in finance, business development and general management roles in the life science, commercial printing, Internet services, consumer products and healthcare industries, and traveled extensively on business throughout North and South America, Europe and Asia.

He moved to Cazenovia, New York, in 2007 after being hired as the chief operating and financial officer of Oneida, Ltd., the global, market-leading tabletop supplier, where he managed the company's operational turnaround and financial restructuring. His first exposure to Cazenovia College was with its students, when he and his wife hired Caz students to babysit their children when his family moved to town. Church

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left Oneida Ltd. in 2012 after the company's sale to a NYC-based private equity

- Andrew Church

firm, but his family has remained in Cazenovia as their primary residence. He currently serves as vice president and chief financial officer of Genova Diagnostics, Inc., a global clinical laboratory testing company, located in Ashville, North Carolina.

Church joined the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees in February 2013. He believes that "Cazenovia College is special because it not only provides an excellent academic experience, but also a closely knit community in which students are encouraged to actively participate in a variety of aspects of campus life. Cazenovia College produces well-rounded graduates who are prepared to successfully pursue their life's work while serving as a positive force in their communities."

Church has served on corporate boards previously, however this is his first experience on a college board. "Like all boards, college boards have a fiduciary obligation to be caretakers of the organization and look after the interests of all its stakeholders, but in the higher education sector, this role is layered with more complexity than most corporate entities. After all, the college is shaping the minds of future generations and it is the last opportunity to do that in a collective setting before a class of future scientists and teachers, artists and designers, entrepreneurs and journalists spreads out into the real world."

Church says that his work with the College's faculty, administration and Board of Trustees has been particularly rewarding. "They are a highly-accomplished, dedicated, and lively group of people who share an uncommon loyalty for, and commitment to, Cazenovia College and its status as one of the best liberal arts colleges of its kind."





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Wildcats Year in Review

Caz Athletics continues to set new standards of excellence both on and off the field.



n the heels of a concentrated effort to increase school pride in 13-14, the Cazenovia College Department of Athletics continued to set new standards of excellence both on and off the field this season. The Wildcats turned in 81 all-conference selections in 2014-15 while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for both the fall and spring semesters. Cazenovia College student-athletes were named "North Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Week" 15 times, with three individuals (Shelby McIntyre, Nichole Secor and Logan Marshall) earning the conferences "Player of the Year" honor in their respective sport.

During the fall semester the women's soccer team tied the best finish in program history after defeating conference rival Keuka College in the first round of the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) Championship earning them a berth into the conference semi-finals. In women's cross country, the Wildcats once again established themselves after finishing a close second at the NEAC

Championships with sophomore **Shelby McIntyre** (Illion, NY) earning NEAC Women's Cross Country Runner of the Year after taking first place in the championship race.

The winter season proved just as prosperous for Cazenovia as the men's basketball team tied the program record for NEAC victories (10) and earned a berth in the NEAC Championship Tournament for the first time since 2008. The women's basketball team

continued their recent success as they also secured a spot in the NEAC Championship Tournament. Cazenovia College was the only institution in the NEAC Northern Division to have both men's and women's basketball teams qualify for the conference tournament. The highlight of the winter season was the men's and

women's swimming and diving teams. While the men's team earned a strong second place finish at the NEAC Championships, the women's team captured the NEAC Women's Swimming and Diving Championship. The teams were led by junior Logan Marshall and freshman Nichole Secor respectively, who were each named NEAC Swimmer of the Year.

The Wildcats equestrian team had a total of 25 riders qualify for Regional Championships this season, with both **Jennifer Ehle** and **Dylan Dombrowski** advancing to represent Cazenovia College at Nationals. Ehle placed fifth overall



while earning recognition as the Zone II Region II High Point Rider. Dombrowski, a junior from Williston Park, New York, placed 8th in the Open Reigning division.

The success continued into the spring semester as both the men's and women's lacrosse teams earned a postseason berth into the NEAC tournament. The men's lacrosse team once again tied a program record for wins in 2015 with eight, as junior **Joe Delia** finished second in the country in assists per game.

Collectively the Wildcats set or tied 24 Cazenovia College Athletics records in 2014-2015 while also adding its newest member, senior **Erin O'Malley**, to the women's basketball 1000 point club. "Wildcats athletics continues to take strides forward in our pursuit of excellence," said Director of Intercollegiate Athletics **Michael Brooks '01**.



Photo: John

"Our mission remains the same; to prepare our student-athletes for success both on and off the field, while providing them with the best student-athlete experience possible."



Women's Swimming and Diving Awarded Team of the Year Honors

Wildcats honored as Cazenovia College's top team in 2014-15.



The Cazenovia College women's swimming and diving team capped off their record-breaking season on Sunday, May 3, after earning the Wildcats Team of the Year award at the 2014-15 Athletics Awards Ceremony. The award is given annually to the team with the best overall performance on the field, court, pool or arena.

The women's swimming team earned a come from behind first place finish at the 2014-15 North Eastern Athletic



Conference Championships, the programs first since the 2009-10 season. Individually, freshman swimmer **Nichole Secor** earned the conference's Swimmer of the Year honor after an incredible performance for the Wildcats. This season alone the Wildcats set 13 new Cazenovia College women's swimming records, earned the conference's swimmer of the year honor and recorded a first place finish at the 2014-15 NEAC Championships.

Also leading the Wildcats this season was senior **Laura Krasniqi** and junior **Paige Altman**. The duo combined to break eight Cazenovia College women's swimming records in 2014-15 including several first place finishes at this year's NEAC Championships.

"I can honestly say we have never had a more talented, committed or dedicated group of swimmers," said head coach **Bill Houser**. "I am extremely proud of this group and it has been an absolute pleasure coaching them this season."

Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Announced

Jessica Custer McNabney' 05

- Women's Volleyball

Brian Krux '03

- Men's Soccer

Aaron Vaber '02

- Baseball



ZAC Pack:

The Tradition Continues



ildcats fans cheered on the men's and women's basketball teams as they took on the Morrisville Mustangs during ZAC Pack Night on Feb. 20. A rally towel giveaway added to the spirit and a special ceremony was held to honor the seniors.

Working Wildcats Blog Highlights Internships

San Diego Chargers and Jay-Z's Rocawear among partner companies

he Working Wildcats blog on Cazenovia College's website highlights students' internship experiences and applauds their achievements. Students from a variety of majors answer questions about where they interned, what they learned throughout their journey and more.

Internships are an important learning experience for college students, giving them real-life exposure to work environments in addition to their lessons in the classroom. Students have landed internships in many areas, networking with such entities as NFL teams, fashion designers and merchandiser companies, non-profit companies, equine businesses, government agencies, and much more. Here are two blog samplings:



Lucas Veltrie, a

sport management major, completed a fall internship with the San Diego Chargers in San Diego, Calif., as a community relations intern. Through hard work and dedication, he was one of three people out of 300 to receive the position. Veltrie managed 40 "Play 60"

camps across San Diego County, a camp hosted by the National Football League to encourage children to be active for 60 minutes each day. Veltrie worked every Chargers home game, processed donations, setup the team's first annual yard sale, administered a sustainability project, and completed the official year end invoice.

Jazmine Daniels, a fashion merchandising major, interned for Jay-Z's companies, RocNation and Rocawear, in New York City as a fashion merchandising intern and assistant to the rapper's sister, Michele Carter.



She also held the role of receptionist for four companies: Rocawear, RocNation, Billionaire Boys Club, and Ice Cream. Aside from answering phones and greeting clients, Daniels earned the respect of her peers and had the privilege to style Jay Z's closet. She also assisted with apparel photo shoots, handled lookbook orders, setup the sample sales, updated and merchandised showroom, ran occasional errands, attended album listening sessions, and merchandised 1800 units of apparel for Jay Z's tour truck. Having a hands-on internship has helped Jazmine to decide what she wants to do in the future.



View all 20 Working Wildcats spotlights by visiting: www.cazenovia.edu/blogs/path-success/working-wildcats

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as a study abroad participant, and excel in academics at Cazenovia. Without scholarships such as this, my college career and that of many others would not have been as rich in experience. Opening my eyes to the meaning of these experiences proves that the unexamined life is not worth living. For this, I am truly grateful."

- Anneliese Aliasso 'I

Anneliese Rae Aliasso Lake Orion, Michigan

- Class of 2015 Valedictorian; International Studies Major; Pre-Law and Philosophy Minor
- Future Plans: Albany Law School, Pursuing Joint J.D./M.P.A. at the University at Albany

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To learn more about Cazenovia College's scholarship program, please contact Joan Brooks, director of development, at 315.655.7108 or jbrooks@cazenovia.edu.

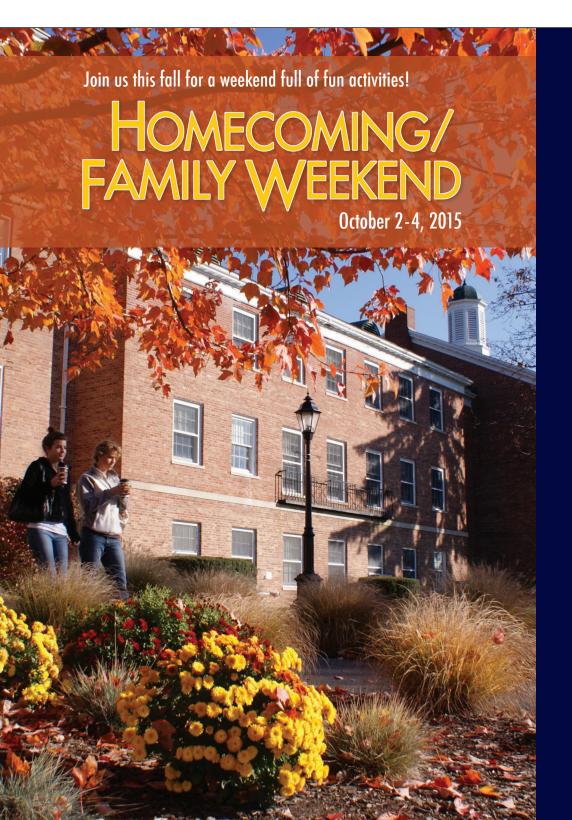
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