



Paul deLima Reflects on a Year of Transition



ver the past year, under the leadership of Interim President Margery A. Pinet, Cazenovia College has been preparing to welcome its new president, Ronald Chesbrough, Ph.D. Prior to his official start on July 1, Dr. Chesbrough made many visits to campus for meetings and discussions with trustees, the leadership team, faculty, staff, students and alumni. Through these interactions with members of the campus community, he gained an understanding of our strengths and areas requiring improvement, which has prepared him to hit the ground running.

Like many colleges in our region, we face the challenge of a crowded higher education landscape combined with a declining population of high school graduates in our customary recruiting areas. These facts compel us to step back and consider how we can best position Cazenovia College for the future. This will likely include clarifying our academic strengths and

focusing our brand messaging to clearly define our value to future students and their families.

Cazenovia College is a special place with many great assets to build upon. However, similar to today's business world, higher education has become very competitive and change is necessary for survival and growth. With this in mind, the board is enthusiastically supportive of Dr. Chesbrough and his ability to lead the process of developing new strategies and opportunities for the College. Having worked with him for several months now, I appreciate his wealth of higher education experience and knowledge. He is a person of action and I have great confidence in his ability to move Cazenovia College forward.

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An Interview with Dr. Ron Chesbrough

The incoming President shares his thoughts on Cazenovia College.



Why were you drawn to Cazenovia College?

ith the exception of my most recent position as president of a large commuter college, my background has been in small residential colleges in smaller towns.

Cazenovia College drew my interest because it fits the mold of that type of institution. Then being able to come and visit during the interview process cemented my sense that this is the kind of teaching and learning environment that I'd really enjoy being a part of.

The other draw is that I'm a native of Upstate New York. I grew up about two hours north of here and I'm a SUNY Potsdam graduate. My family is still located in Northern New York including my parents and siblings, so it was an opportunity to be back in the area that I know and be near my family.

What are your initial impressions of Cazenovia College?

I have made a number of trips to the College and am able to draw a fairly deep impression of the College and the town. I've met a lot of folks in the town including community leaders in the mayor's office, the school system and the police chief. I've also had the opportunity to meet a number of times with faculty, staff and students.

My initial impressions are very positive. I think this is an institution that has a lot of pride. The people who teach and work here are clearly committed to their work and the mission of the College and to our students. That has been a really strong impression.

I have found Cazenovia, both the College and the town, incredibly warm and welcoming, beyond the norm even



for a small college and a small community. My wife has been here and felt equally welcomed. I sense people are excited for new leadership and I am looking forward to being here and getting started.

What impressed you the most?

This sounds cliché but it's true, in that I've been most impressed

by the people – of the town and of the College. I think there is a great passion by the faculty and staff here who believe in what they're doing, love what they do and are ready to embrace a new era and new leadership at the College.

What do you see as the challenges?

I think the College is at a point in its history where we would benefit from some time spent thinking about mission, thinking about who we are and what our strengths are as an institution. The fact is that Cazenovia College is located in the most densely populated higher education region in the country; there is a college or university wherever you look. Probably the biggest challenge the College faces is being known as a preferred destination in a very competitive market. Demographics are also going in the wrong direction in most of the recruiting areas in terms of the number of high school, college-bound graduating students. So I think the greatest challenge as an enrollment-driven institution is to capture a healthy share of the market.

What about opportunities?

I tend to think of challenges and opportunities in a very similar fashion in

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are to clearly define our strengths and who we are, and to be able to articulate this information to our constituents such as students and their families, potential donors and friends of the College. I think the College is poised and ready to do some of this important work.

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What will be your focus early on?

I see the early days of my presidency devoted to crafting a process whereby we collectively define our strengths and articulate those clearly and consistently in our messaging to all those constituents I mentioned, especially current and future students.

I am also looking forward to working with **David Bergh**, the incoming vice president for planning and institutional effectiveness with whom I have worked before, to establish a process for planning and having conversations about the future. The current strategic plan is in its last year. A new plan will help us to define success and then know where to allocate limited resources. That will be a very important first point of emphasis for us.

We also have a new vice president for enrollment, **Patrick Quinn**, joining the leadership team. I'll be working with Pat to develop our enrollment strategy as another priority.

What are the trends in higher education that are impacting Cazenovia College?

Certainly the paramount trend is the increasing competition for enrollment. Another trend in recent years has to do with an increased focus on value-added

and return on investment. The impact of the economic downturn in 2008 and 2009 still resounds for higher education institutions of all types. What that event did and its impact on people and their jobs and planning for the future was to make families and prospective students of all ages much more conscious of the utilitarian value of a college degree. Will it prepare me for graduate school? Will it prepare me for a career? Will it get me a job? I think that's a trend we need to pay close attention to. I think one of the strengths Cazenovia brings to bear in that regard is the emphasis on real-life learning. It is a fact that nearly every student has an internship opportunity here - so that's a big deal. That's the kind of thing that helps us compete in a marketplace where students and their families are much more focused on "what is this degree going to do for me." And it's not just contained to those more professional programs that Cazenovia offers - it is also the case that someone seeking a degree in a more traditional liberal arts field is still more focused on the finish line and what comes after than in previous years.

Where do you see Cazenovia College in three years?

Some things I anticipate will not change, and some things I predict will be different. What I will work to ensure does not change is the general feel of the campus and the energy of the folks who work here – I hope to see that flourish, if it changes at all.

One change that is important to accomplish within three years is to reach healthy and sustainable levels of enrollment, and I think that's very possible for us to do even in the competitive environment that I mentioned earlier. I would like to see Cazenovia College as a distinctive and an even more widely known and preferred destination throughout this region and beyond for students of all ages.



191st Commencement Ceremony

Keynote speaker Michelle Cooper '90 shares three inspirations for all Wildcats to remember.

"... never let the student inside you die ... College is an institution of learning, but so is life. Don't forget that as you move on from this accomplishment."

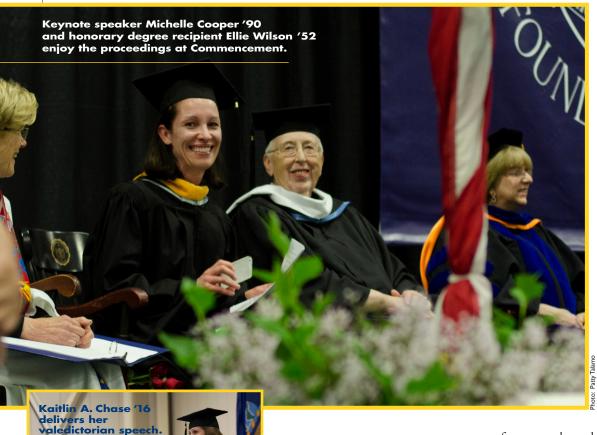
Keynote speaker **Michelle Cooper '90**, spoke about the three inspirations that she counts on each day: relationships,

learning, and the commitment to work. She shared, "Promise yourself you will keep thinking positively — very positively. Please remember that you have strong relationships, the gift of learning, and the commitment to work. Remember that you are smart ... and being smart will allow you to have fun in life ... graduates ... it's your time to go seize the moment."

The ceremony also included a special presentation of an honorary doctor of humane letters, honoris causa, to an exemplary graduate, Elinor "Ellie" Jane Wilson '52. Wilson is a beloved alumna,

former employee, loyal friend and volunteer for Cazenovia College, who served 41 years as a college bookstore leader on a local, state and national level. Her passion for Cazenovia College is recognized in the Ellie Wilson Award, which is awarded during Reunion Weekend to an alumna/ us specifically with gratitude for devotion, loyalty, and service to the College.

Additional details for the 2016 Commencement including a photo gallery and webcast, are available at www.cazenovia.edu/commencement.



n ominous forecast was no match for the bright futures of the Cazenovia College Class of 2016 at their Commencement ceremony on May 14, 2016. College faculty, staff, students, alumni, trustees and friends witnessed 229 graduating seniors turn their tassels toward the next chapters of their lives.

Valedictorian **Kaitlin A. Chase '16**noted how her classmates want to make a difference in the world, and encouraged them to keep their leadership, humor, empathy, and drive as they venture on to the next stage in their lives. She added,

College Receives Funding from Berkshire Bank

Award for Nonprofit Collaboration received as well



(L-R) Gary Levante, community engagement officer; Chris Papayanakos, commercial banking executive; Jennifer Hunt, commercial loan assistant; Jack Sessler, vice president of commercial lending; Mary Handley; Kim Vrigian '15; Ashley Isabella '17.

Adults with intellectual disabilities complete public school at age 18 or 21. Most students have some type of public-school inclusion experience. Once they turn 21 and graduate, however, they no longer have mandatory inclusion. Many of these adults participate in some type of day-habilitation program with other adults who have intellectual disabilities. Though the goal for all participants is to be included in the community, the opportunity to do so in Onondaga, Oneida, and Madison counties is very limited.

To meet this goal, Cazenovia College has been affiliated with The Arc of Madison Cortland for over 10 years through an initiative started by Mary Handley, Ph.D., CRC, a faculty member and program director of the human services program at the college. She has a strong background in inclusion, particularly

in developing new and innovative ways to give people opportunities in the community. Each semester, she coordinates an on-campus experience for adults with developmental disabilities.

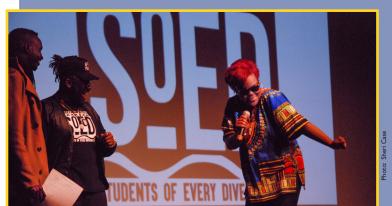
"The program has had a significant impact by truly changing the culture of the campus," says Mary Handley. She adds, "Students have come to expect participants with disabilities as part of a typical day on our campus."

Under Dr. Handley's leadership, students from Cazenovia College work with adults from the surrounding community with developmental disabilities. They provide therapeutic recreation such as bowling, and arts and crafts. More than just a class, students give people with disabilities the opportunity to experience academic life at a college. They walk across campus together, attend class together, sit together at the dining hall, and develop friendships. The college students, people with disabilities, and staff from both The Arc and the college gain a new perspective about people and their strengths and abilities.

In January, Human Services Professor Mary Handley received a \$5,000 check from local and corporate representatives of Berkshire Bank. This funding, along with a Common Grounds challenge grant, will allow for the expansion of the College's *Caz Inclusion Program*. With Handley to accept the check were the new inclusion program coordinator, **Kim Vrigian '15**, and human services major **Ashley Isabella '17**.

Later in March, Cazenovia College was honored by M&T Bank and the Business Journal News Network with the Collaboration Award, which celebrated its longtime partnership with The Arc of Madison Cortland, at the eighth annual Nonprofit Awards. This accolade recognizes how these nonprofits have created a successful collaboration that has resulted in greater outcomes and a higher level of sustainability.

Student Club Hosts First Cultural Showcase



uring the spring semester, Cazenovia College's student club Students of Every Diversity (SOED) and Campus Activity Board (CAB) hosted Kuumba Ujima, a cultural showcase, in the Catherine Cummings Theatre in Cazenovia. In Swahili, "kuumba" means creativity and "ujima" means working together. The Kuumba Ujima event presented traditions and experiences of black Americans. Performers varied from R&B singers to poets, along with a performance from the Cazenovia College Infinity Step Team. Other dancers performed and artwork was on display.

(L-R) Ibrahima Badji; Jaleel Campbell; Briana Goodwin



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Dr. Grazyna Kozaczka Received

Outstanding Pole of the Year Award

n June 10, Congressman John Katko presented Cazenovia College's Dr. Grazyna Kozaczka, distinguished professor of English and director of the All-College Honors Program, with the 2016 Outstanding Pole of the Year award given by the Polish Scholarship Fund. Congressman Katko also recognized Dr. Kozaczka as this year's recipient during the May 26, 2016, session of Congress, entering the honor into Congressional Record, which is reprinted here.

A native of Krakow, Poland, Dr. Kozaczka received her doctorate in American Literature from Jagiellonian University. She is the author of a monograph about realism in American literature and a popular book on traditional Polish needlework. She is currently working on a study devoted to Polish American literature published after World War II. Dr. Kozaczka has published scholarly essays, short fiction, and other popular articles in both Polish and English.

"The Outstanding Pole award is given every year by the Polish Scholarship Fund to honor individuals for their contribution to



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Polish American communities," commented Dr. Kozaczka.

Dr. Kozaczka's research interests include American ethnic literature, women's literature, literature of the Holocaust, as well as traditional Polish folk dress and adornment. She is the president of Polish American Historical Association, an organization devoted to the study of Polish American history and culture as a part of the grater Polish Diaspora. She is also a member of the Polish Institute of Arts and Science of America, The Jozef Pilsudski Institute of America and the Modern Language Association.

Every year the Polish Scholarship Fund awards scholarships to ten high school seniors of Polish descent. The Polish American Historical Association is devoted to the study of Polish American history and culture. The 600 members of this worldwide organization are affiliated with colleges and

universities that represent many disciplines in subjects such as history, literature, sociology, political sciences education, and musicology.

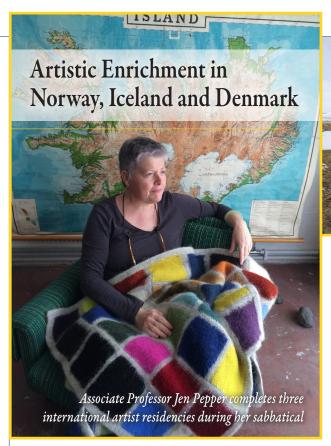
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Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Grazyna Kozaczka. Dr. Kozaczka is a native of Krakow, Poland, where she received her doctoral degree in American Literature from the Jagiellonian University. Dr. Kozaczka is a distinguished scholar and renowned Professor of English at Cazenovia College in Cazenovia, New York.

Dr. Kozaczka is also the Director of the Honors Programs at Cazenovia College. Dr. Kozaczka will be honored at the 2016 Syracuse, New York Polish Festival, receiving the "2016 Pole of the Year" Award. She will be recognized for her dedication to studying Polish American history and for all of her scholarly achievements.

Dr. Kozaczka has published scholarly essays, short fiction, as well as popular articles in both Polish and English. She is the President of the Polish American Historical Association, a member of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, and a member of The Jozef Pilsudski Institute of America and the Modern Language Association. I am honored to recognize Dr. Grazyna J. Kozaczka for her incredible scholarly accomplishments and for being named the "2016 Pole of the Year" by the Syracuse Polish Scholarship Fund, Inc.



Cazenovia College's Jen Pepper, associate professor of art and design and director of the Art Gallery, took advantage of three international artist residencies during her 2015 sabbatical.

During the month of March, Pepper lived and worked near the Hardangerfjord at Kunstnarhuset Messen in Ålvik, Norway. She used the shape of the Hardanger to design a 15-foot Norwegian knitting pattern. Working with three women from the community, Pepper developed the knit work using Norwegian wool.



In April, Pepper traveled to Iceland where she lived and worked at NES Artist Residency in Skagaströnd. She started a new knitting project using Icelandic wool to create a knit work of an illustrated color paint chart she found in an article published in TATE exhibition catalog. The

article was devoted to the development of color ranges through the ages, beginning with cave art through 20th century palettes, which sparked Pepper's interest in this new project. The performative project was worn by various Skagaströnd residents and even by an Icelandic horse. Her work, The Development of Color Ranges through the Ages, was later included in a Paris publication (The Skagaströnd Review, Vol. 1).

Also while in Iceland, Pepper initiated the possibility of having a Cazenovia College studio art student work as an intern at the NES. With this groundwork laid, Pepper helped photography senior **Andrea Kennedy** obtain a monthlong internship at the NES artist residency this summer.

In May, Pepper left Iceland to complete a third residency at Gæsteatelier Hollufgård located in Odense, Denmark. Here she continued her research and artistic practice through June. Similar to her work at prior residencies, and in collaboration with another artist, Pepper created a third performative work, Paintings Pictured Here, composed of a knitted piece using Shetland wool. The work is shaped after vernacular architecture, specifically the timberframed barns of Scandinavia. Once the piece was completed it was worn by individuals in Denmark.

An image of the final project was accepted into the Stone Canoe Journal #10, a Journal of Arts, Literature and Social Commentary, and featured as the issue's cover image.

Faculty Highlights

Karin Bump, professor of equine business management, has been appointed to the marketing and branding subcommittee for Governor Cuomo's NYS Certified High Quality Food Initiative, as part of the first phase of rebranding for the "Pride of NY" program.

Heather Ferrara, assistant professor of communication studies, was recognized by her peers with the Neil Postman Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentorship at the annual New York State Communication Association (NYSCA) conference in October 2015. She will be presented the award in October later this year.

Scott Jensen, associate professor of visual communications, has been elected chair of the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Cartoonists Society (NCS). Formed in 1946, the NCS is the world's largest and most prestigious organization of professional cartoonists. Jensen has been a member since 2010.





Required Political Reading

by John Robert Greene, Ph.D.

Paul J. Schupf Professor of History and Humanities Director, Social Science Program College Archivist



y summer reading list is rarely light. Like most of my colleagues, I spend my vacation reading to prepare for fall classes, as well as reading to further my own research. In that vein, I have just recently finished Stephen Breyer's The Court and the World: American Law and the New Global Realities. Published earlier this year, the prolific Breyer, a justice of the United States Supreme Court, argues that American law must adjust, particularly in a post-9/11 world, to the fact that it no longer exists in a vacuum. Using the Guantanamo cases decided during the presidency of George W. Bush, Breyer shows how the court carefully applied both international law and English precedents—particularly the Magna Carta—to questions like whether or not a captured enemy regardless of whether or not they are an American citizen—should be afforded the right of habeas corpus, one of America's most treasured

constitutional guarantees that places the burden of proof on those detaining the person to justify the detention. Breyer not only points out that the court did confirm this right, but also argues that its decisions were both legally defensible and morally correct.

Mr. Justice Breyer's book brings a significant political debate into sharp relief. It is a debate that is as old as the republic itself, seen perhaps for the first time when Presidents Washington, Adams, and Iefferson were forced to decide whether to involve the new American nation in the bloody and unpredictable affairs of Napoleonic Europe. Indeed, the opposing sides' viewpoints of the debate today are close to the same as they were in the early national period. One side favors an isolationist approach to world affairs, where we close our borders and avert our eyes from the rest of the world in a concerted effort to strengthen ourselves at home. Another group, represented by Breyer, argues that in a world shrunken by technology and evaporating borders, Americans must learn to adapt and embrace a new role—that of global partner, rather than world superpower.

This is a serious question. It is being debated both in the media and in serious literature by serious people. Like most such questions, there is no easy answer. Nor will there be a resolution to this question in the near future. As important to me as a teacher and a writer, however, is the fact that the question is an interesting one—one that pits sharp minds, in and out of the classroom, against each other in thoughtful debate.

The problem is, such important issues aren't being discussed in the quadrennial lunacy that we call our presidential election.

This article is being written in the immediate days before the convening of the Republican and Democratic conventions. There is one thing that has stood out as a truism in the last twelve months









of active campaigning: both presumptive nominees of the two major political parties have demonstrated by their actions that they believe a serious discussion of the issues would actually hurt their electoral chances. Since he began his campaign in 2011 with his co-option of the "Birther" issue, financier and television personality Donald Trump has taken a fundamental page out of Richard Nixon's campaign book. Termed the "denigrative method of politics" by historian Garry Wills, Nixon's most prescient biographer, the strategy calls for a campaign based on constant, almost daily attacks against one's opponent. The attacks are neither irrational nor impulsive, and the reason for or the accuracy of the assault does not matter. What matters is that the attack forces the adversary to decide whether or not to respond; if they do, they risk watering down their own campaign by placing themselves on the

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defensive. Without exception, every one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for the presidency allowed themselves to waste time responding to Trump's attacks. Before they knew what hit them, they were buried in the news cycle, and Trump was on to his next attack.

It would seem that former Secretary of State and Senator from New York Hillary Rodham Clinton would benefit by doing

something the Republican field could not bring themselves to do—ignore Trump's attacks and focus on the issues. But the senator's prodigious electoral baggage-e-mail servers, Benghazi, foundation irregularities, and her

husband's mixed legacy—has forced her to mute her articulation of the issues. Indeed, at this writing, Clinton seems to be taking a new idea out for a ride—running a Nixonian campaign of her own that attacks Trump's character and competence. It seems that Clinton is counting on Trump to take the bait, just as Trump's Republican opponents stumbled onto the defensive this past spring.

Occasionally—rarely, if you look at the historical record—our elections do not revolve around issues but around personalities. This is hardly good for the country. But we must deal with realities—it is the election we have. Country music legend Dolly Parton put it best in an interview for the New York Times, when she said that the election would revolve around "PMS: Presidential Mood Swings." This ultimately

> leads to a critical question: What should we do about this? My answer is the same that it has been for decades to my students—read. And voracious, regular reading, in whatever technological format, print or electronic you enjoy, is more important in this election cycle than in any other in recent memory. We must tune out the tube and the net, ignore the advertisements, and investigate—research, if you will—what the candidates truly advocate. It will be difficult to find this time—both the Trump and the Clinton strategies for success hinge on their hope that the electorate will ignore the due diligence of

their reading, concentrate on personalities, shrug their shoulders, and vote for the least offensive of the offenders. But that is not what a truly engaged citizen can afford to do.

For as long as I can remember, I have begun every class I teach with a few moments of unstructured reading in the New York Times. Then we talk about what we have read. As we start thinking about the choice we all will make in the polling booth this November, we must do the same. Every day.

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Archivist, the director of the Washburn Teaching and Research Fellowship Program, and the director of the annual Wheler Conference on World Affairs. Dr. Greene's teaching and writing specialty lies in American Political History, particularly the American presidency. He has written or edited eighteen books, many of which have utilized Cazenovia College students as research assistants, and several of which have featured the published writings of those students. In 1993 he was named Distinguished Faculty Member, and in 2000 he was awarded Cazenovia College's first endowed chair. His newest book, on the presidential election of 1952, is due out in the spring 2017; he is presently writing a history of the presidency of George W. Bush.



Three Students Attended the National Political Conventions

Emily Kotnik '17 and Justin Schmidt '18 attended the Republican National Convention. Nicholas Stagnitti '18 attended the Democratic National Convention.

azenovia College students interested in attending the national political conventions submitted a letter of interest last fall to former Interim President Margery A. Pinet with a recommendation from a faculty or staff member. Interim President Pinet, who personally funded the students' participation, interviewed the three students before submitting her final nominations to TWC. Schmidt was nominated by Professor Roxy Spano and Fitness and Wellness Director William Houser, and Kotnik and Stagnitti were nominated by Professor John Livermore.

(L-R) Emily Kotnik '17, former interim president Marge A. Pinet, Justin Schmidt '18 and Nicholas Stagnitti '18

the students all demonstrated an interest in politics and policy. "I stay up with current events and try to be as knowledgeable as I can about what is going on around the world and the country," said Schmidt, a criminal justice and homeland security studies junior. "Being involved with the different discussions and panels throughout the two weeks gave me more knowledge about various issues – immigration, global warming, and even terrorism."

Attendance at each national political convention was complemented with an academic program through The Washington Center (TWC), which provides

"I was proud to sponsor three Cazenovia College students for this memorable experience," commented Pinet. "I know they have gained important knowledge of the U.S. political system, which may influence their decisions to become politically involved in

Though enrolled in different majors,

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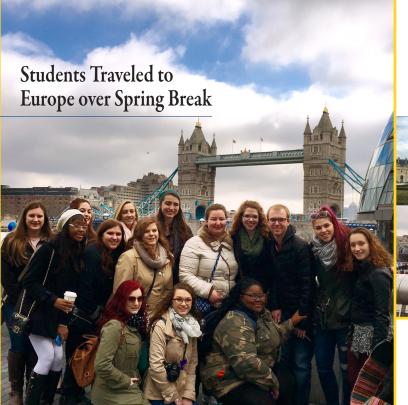
students with an environment for learning. Thus, during the first week in each city, students experienced the excitement of the convention preparations and became acquainted with the host city and key venues. Students learned how a convention comes together and how events throughout the city play a role in the main event.

The second week was spent experiencing the convention by engaging as participant observers, reflecting on the daily events and analyzing what took place. Discussion topics included the keynote address, platform, party factions, selection of the presidential and vice presidential nominees, campaign issues and strategies and relevant races occurring during the election cycle.

Given the variety of activities that take place, the students were busy from the moment they arrived. Professor Livermore knew Kotnik was ready for the challenge. "Emily has taken every opportunity to gain the maximum benefit from her time at Cazenovia," said Livermore. "Attending the Republican National Convention was another amazing opportunity for this high-achieving student."

Livermore also nominated Stagnitti, both for his achievements at Cazenovia

> College and for his future career plans. "I chose to nominate Nick because of his serious approach to learning, and he intends to study law after graduating from Cazenovia. The national convention was a great opportunity for Nick to see how politics operate on a grand scale," said Livermore.







Photos: Coutesy of Grazyna Kozaczk

(L-R) Front: Veronica Page '17, Jessica Goddard '17, Amber Bacchus '17 Back: Kayla Torain '19, Makenna Reilly '19, Rachel Choolagian '19, Brittany Londos '17, Sarah Colasanti '19, Jessica Prible '17, Hannah Fitzgerald '17, Julia Puttre '17, Emily Rahrle '16, Elliott Kelley '16, Ezmira Neshawait '18, Jessica Russo '17

A group of Cazenovia College students spent spring break traveling around Europe to learn about cultural differences, diversity awareness and the impact of globalization.

After seven weeks of preparing for their European Exploration trip, fifteen students embarked on an eight-day journey through the cities of London and Paris. Accompanied by **Dr. Grazyna Kozaczka**, Professor **Karen Steen** and Professor **Megan Lawson-Clark**, the group toured famous landmarks and other public spaces.

The group flew overnight to England and explored London for the first three days. Students were able to take guided walking tours of the city and famous places, including the Strand, Trafalgar Square, Leicester Square, Covent Garden, Big Ben and Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, St. Paul's Cathedral,

the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, St. George's Chapel and Queen Mary's Dolls' House.

On day five, the group traveled to Paris to tour the city and its many beautiful landmarks. Among the sites on the guided tours were places such as Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, the Latin Quarter, Place du Tertre, Sacré Coeur and many more. The group was also able to visit the Louvre and Notre Dame Cathedral.

The tour was organized through the College Study Tours organization and provided students with a vast array of sightseeing opportunities. As part of the students' coursework, they were asked to view these sites as more than from the casual tourist perspective. The class utilized an interdisciplinary approach to "read" urban spaces as someone may read a book. They were asked to use the public spaces – streets, rivers, museums, stores, pubs and cafes, outdoor markets, buildings and parks – as text in order to apply theories of space, place and identity.

This international study opportunity is part of the semester-long course titled "European Exploration: London and Paris," which introduces students to two exciting European capitals and allows them to gain an understanding of diverse cultures. The class is one of many international study opportunities provided to Cazenovia College students.

For more information visit: www.cazenovia.edu/study-abroad



Cazenovia College's spring production,
Sweet Charity, ran in mid-April at The Catherine
Cummings Theatre. Originally directed and
choreographed on Broadway by Bob Fosse, the
show is a bright and sophisticated comedy set in
1960s New York. David Lowenstein, the College's
artist in residence, directed the cast made up of
Cazenovia College students and members of
the local community.

Ed. Note: The write-up of the College's fall production, Picasso at the Lapin Agile, neglected to mention students Phillip Kilian and Patrick Taylor. We regret the omission.



Making it all Work

Robin Ryan Flaherty '86 balances business ownership and family.



obin Ryan Flaherty '86, began the most rewarding and challenging part of her life after she became a mother and decided that if she was to have the flexibility that raising children required, she would need control over her work schedule. This conclusion meant that going back to work for someone else was not part of her balance equation. As a result, Robin started consulting in the employee benefits space in 1998 and then established her company, Benefit Link, LLC in 1999. Over the next four years, Robin was blessed with three more children, all the while growing her newly formed business.

Robin is also committed to lifelong learning. After graduating from Cazenovia College with an associate degree in accounting, Robin went on to Clarkson University to earn a bachelor's degree. She then worked in a national "big six" accounting firm in Rochester, New York, for several years before making the change to the employee benefits and human resources industry. Robin credits Professor Joe Adamo, with whom she stays in touch, with teaching her "debits and credits." "Accounting was a good place to start, it provided me with a good business background," says Flaherty.

Robin made the decision to attend Cazenovia College after finding out a childhood friend, Lisa Beebe Ansbro '86, was also

"I finished growing up at Caz. It was a safe extension of home for me."

considering Cazenovia. Robin and Lisa (or Lisa B² as Robin fondly calls her) both came to Caz and were roommates in Farber Hall during their second year, and have actually stayed in the same dorm room while attending their reunion. Robin was an RA and played basketball as a walk-on her freshman year. She recalls loving spring on the Quad playing Frisbee and laying in the sun. However, her favorite memories are of the many "outlandish" practical jokes among her friends, "we had a lot of fun." Robin went on to say, "I finished growing up at Caz. It was a safe extension of home for me."

Robin has continued her pursuit of learning over the years, most recently having completed Seth Godin's altMBA online leadership and management workshop. Her advice to students is to "take time to learn something complicated," which she refers to as "deep work." According to Robin, "Anything meaningful gets done with deep work." She continues, "focus on not letting social media program you for shallow work, unplug and learn something complicated that will set you apart." Robin's goal is obtain an MBA and then develop a consumer healthcare platform that shifts power from "the classes to the masses." She says good information regarding healthcare is still hard to find and she'd like to offer a solution that provides easier access.

Today, Robin continues to raise her

family and lead Benefit Link as its president. The Affordable Care Act has only increased the demand for her company's services, which makes her balancing act with family "an ongoing challenge." Robin is committed to doing the work that needs to be done to keep the business running, but for her, "nothing will ever be more important than raising children." And so the ongoing process of "making it all work" continues.

- Robin Flaherty '86



Please help keep our office and friends up-to-date by sharing recent information. Have you moved? Changed jobs? Been promoted? Received an award? Said, "I do"? Welcomed a new baby? If so, please send us the details and include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and email address. Please identify individuals in photographs.

Photographs will not be returned. Electronic photos must be in high resolution jpg, PDF or tif format, no smaller than 300 dpi and 3 \times 3 inches or larger in size. Class Notes will be edited for length and style. Notes are recommended to be 80 words or less. Class Notes does not publish information relative to promoting your business.

Send the information to Shari Whitaker, Alumni Relations, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035. Or email sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu. *Thank you!*



Barbara Stec McClain '60

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Barbara Stec McClain '60 was elected president of the New Mexico Federation of Republican Women at the November 2015 Biennial Convention at the Inn of the Mountain Gods in Mescalero, New Mexico. The term of office is two years and during that time Barbara hopes to visit all 18 clubs in the state of New Mexico and promote the election of Republican candidates state-wide.

1964

Marra Casserino Giuliano '64 writes, "Hi to the Class of '64, especially my roomie Mary, Beth, Paula, Nancy, Sue, Joan and all the rest of the gang of Centennial Hall. Been an awfully long time since we were together. Here we all are in front of Hubbard Hall. Probably was on a Wednesday, the

day we were all required to wear our yellow blazers, attend mandatory chapel, and a sit-down meal in the dining room. **Dawn Spickler '64** and I had collaborated on a class song and we competed against the Class of '63 as I remember it. And we WON! Found the picture as I was cleaning. Still miss our old friend **Pindy Mastin Brister '64**."

1969

Kristin Wivagg '69 directed and produced a successful production of Arsenic and Old Lace at Lasell College this spring. Lasell College initiated a performing arts minor that Kristi is helping to promote.

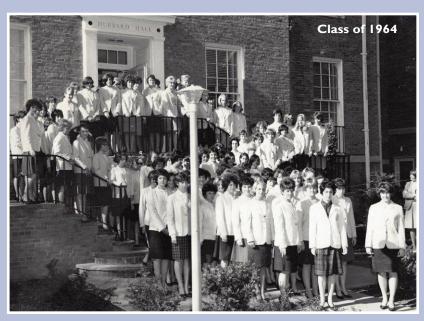
1971

Susan Heath Mincher '71 is married with one child and retired but working part-time as an artist. She and family love tennis, golf, skiing, photography, painting, and traveling.

1972

Mary "MJ" Kilian Walker '72

writes, "Hello All! Hope you're getting excited about our 45th Reunion in June 2017! Please plan on joining us for this special event. Good news – we have a very healthy scholarship fund and we give a scholarship out to a Caz student just about every year. Thanks to all of you who give an annual donation for it truly makes a difference! Our 44th Reunion this year was wonderful with several making it a mini-vacation. It was good to





In Hyndsight, Always Looking Forward

Melissa Stevens Thompson '75

owing is a sport for the competitive overachiever, requiring focus, balance and an almost obstinate endurance. It is not surprising that **Melissa Stevens Thompson** '75 has been captivated by rowing, as it demands the same qualities—focus, balance and endurance—that she has dedicated to a meteoric career and meaningful family life.

Since graduating from Cazenovia College, Thompson's career started as a cytotechnologist (laboratory professionals who study cells and cellular anomalies) and went on to include working in medical sales at Baxter Healthcare, starting and selling two successful companies, working with contract manufacturers, 'Big Pharma' and medical device companies as well as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Her current position is with a multi-national firm, Quotient Biodiagnostics, based in Edinburgh, Scotland. As the vice president for regulatory affairs, she works closely with the FDA and European authorities on product development and registration for the company, which is focused on transfusion diagnostic instrumentation.

These accomplishments are grounded in Thompson's education at the College. "I went to Cazenovia

to study art," says Thompson. "I was not a good artist, so I decided on liberal studies and took every biology class available," she adds. Favorite professors included **Dr. Harwant Dosanjh** and **Dr. Sandy Palmer. Dr. Sari Knopp Biklen**, who taught a women's studies class, "was someone who really made me think," adds Thompson.

Campus life was exciting and dramatic from the fall of 1973 through the spring of 1975, punctuated with the possibility of the College's closing. Thompson was her freshman class's vice president and she recalls rallying with fellow students to 'save the school' and refusing to transfer. Close friends from that time include Lisa Hamlin Brotsch '75, Melissa "Missy" Swartz Carlisle '75, Nancy Church '75, Martha Herzstock Fulgham '75, Martha Waldron Lupe '75, Debra Wood Nadler '75, Lorraine "Lorrie"

Ryan '75, and Donna Molesky Taratin '75.

Continuing her education after receiving an associate degree provided the undergirding for Thompson's business success, and she earned a Bachelor of Science from SUNY Upstate Medical University, a Master of Business Administration from Temple University, as well as a Ph.D. from Concordia University. Her initial opportunities were in academic medicine at the Medical College of Ohio and then Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Her career with healthcare suppliers and





A little over ten years ago, Thompson decided to explore a new interest: rowing. She joined the Lake Sunapee Rowing Club and soon became enamored with the sport as well as the camaraderie with fellow participants. While driving the safety launch at the 'Head of the Charles' in Boston, she discerned the need for a wireless camera and monitor

captain. Together, they raised three sons

including Conor, Dylan and Ryder,

who are now young adults.

system to ensure better safety for the rowers. This need

was the inspiration for her latest start-up company, Hyndsight Vision Systems, which manufactures wireless collision avoidance systems. Thompson says, "I developed the camera for rowing, but it is now used for waterskiing and even in farming, towing, and equestrian applications. Its uses are only limited by the end

"I was not a good artist, so I decided on liberal studies and took every biology class available..."

- Melissa Stevens Thompson '75

A full life defined by focus, balance and endurance describes Thompson. Her advice to Cazenovia College students to achieve the same is simple, "Get yourselves out there, and don't settle for mediocrity."

user's imagination."

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see Mary T., Sue R., Sue E., Linda H. and Rosemary A. Next year I know Wendy D.C.S. and Sue W. are joining us for sure. Best wishes to all in our class!"

Marianna Lucia-Black '78 was married at 10:11 a.m. on 12/13/14. Marianna writes, "Working for New York state for 15 years! That is a miracle. Hi to all my classmates from 1978."

JoAnn Zulkiewicz Purcell '82, Joan Van Kampen Lemme '82, Kim Hoyle Kohler '82, Robin Seeber Myers '82, Mary Ricci Marriott '82, Helen Kozlowski Purcell '82 and Mary Beth Meehan Mullen '82 got together for a Caz girls week of fun in the sun in beautiful Sedona, Arizona, in February 2016. Mary Beth Meehan Mullen writes, "We made a bond at Caz College 35 years ago, when we were just 18-yearold girls, and we haven't stopped laughing since. Whenever we see each other it's like we're still all back in Hubbard Hall. Shout out to Colleen Clancy Kavanaugh '82 who couldn't join us this time."



Jessica Powers Chenier-Bulman '96 and family

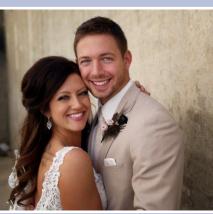
ing homes and additions, I was able to design my own home. It is very exciting to see your design take shape. To top the year off, I got married in July of 2015. We spent our honeymoon with our three children in Hawaii."

Michael Smith '07 writes, "In February I started a new job working for Wegmans in the Prepared Foods Department as a chef. In May I became an uncle again. Still playing baseball for the Akron Merchants in the 25 and older Men's Senior Baseball League. I'm divorced after being married for a year and a half. Class of 2007 don't forget that next year will be our 10th year Reunion. Everyone please attend-it will be a great time."

Ashley Kirchbaum '09, fashion design major, married Jake Sutherland of Omaha, Nebraska. Ashley writes, "Jake was a senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University majoring in aerospace engineering when we met. We moved to lowa in 2011. Our favorite Midwest hobbies are kayaking, trap shooting, fishing, and bird hunting. We bought a house last September and are excited to see what the future holds."



Jessica Powers Chenier-Bulman '96 writes,"2015 was a very eventful year. After spending nine years design-



Ashley Kirchbaum Sutherland '09 and husband Jake Sutherland

Pounding the Rock

Jonathan Rodak '09 shares formula for success

Almost ten years
after graduating,
Rodak still
looks back at the
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Adamo,
which have
helped him every
step of the way
toward success.

became the brothers Rodak had never had, and are lifelong friends.

Professor **Joe Adamo** pushed him to grow and wouldn't accept mediocrity, emphasizing that Rodak would become bigger than what he was in college. Almost ten years after graduating,

Rodak still looks back at the lessons provided by Adamo, which have helped him every step of the way toward success. An internship opportunity with the Syracuse Crunch hockey team rounded out his Cazenovia education, providing a sound professional experience. Rodak credits the College with being a spring board to his professional successes, and encourages current students to learn the art of networking while at Cazenovia.

Ionathan Rodak '09 and Sara Manello Rodak '08

uring the summer months in academia, the hectic schedule found during the school year slows down. The University of Notre Dame's Director of Men's Lacrosse Operations Jonathan Rodak '09 can be found running nationally renowned lacrosse camps and aligning his focus for the upcoming year. There is more time to spend with his wife, fellow alumna Sara Manello Rodak '08.

In late August the pace picks up, Rodak's preferred speed. His drive and focus have landed him at a Division I school's storied lacrosse program. At Notre Dame, Rodak's responsibilities include the overall day-to-day management of the program. On top of handling travel logistics, he works on all marketing and ticketing initiatives to improve fan engagement and retention, collaborates with the vast alumni network to develop networking and internship opportunities for lacrosse student-athletes and serves as director for all camps, clinics and community-service initiatives. Says Rodak, "My job requires me to interact with many different departments and people, so being able to talk with others is very important. Relationships are key for me to be successful in this position."

The 'Cazenovia Experience' provided Rodak with some very important relationships. He liked the small campus because it felt like home, and also appreciated the opportunity to play varsity lacrosse. Rodak was able to connect easily with professors, friends and teammates. Fellow alumni **Daniel Burkey'09** and **Joe Hernon'09**



Rodak and parents at Commencement

Also essential is perseverance. Nineteenth-century photo-journalist and social reformer Jacob Riis wrote, "... I go look at a stonecutter hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundredand-first blow it will split in two, and I know it was not that blow that did it, but all that had gone before." Says Rodak, "I take Riis's philosophy to heart. What you do every day has an effect, and you must rely on yourself for success."

Rodak graduated with a degree in sport management, enrolled in a master's program at Manhattanville College, and became employed with Trilogy Lacrosse, a company that provides lacrosse educational programming and event management for middle-school- and high-school-aged boys. He then balanced Trilogy and



Rodaks at Notre Dame

his post-grad studies with coaching jobs at Wagner College and Montclair High School. Relationships and perseverance paid off. After returning to Trilogy in a full-time role, Rodak was offered the position at Notre Dame in 2013.

Rodak will continue to apply his formula for success to achieve his long-term goal of becoming an athletic director.

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Lyndsey Nortz '12 celebrated her upcoming wedding with a bridal shower on April 9th at Tug Hill Vineyards in Lowville, New York. Six Cazenovia alumni were in attendance including Judith Morgan Anderson '12, Kayla Edelman '12, Dana Peterson '12, Megan Sitarek '13, Rebecca Williams '13, and Lindsey Wood '12. Lyndsey married Mickel Pompeii on May 21st at Traditions at the Links at Erie Village in East Syracuse, N.Y.



Jonathan Portney '15

Jonathan Portney '15 writes, "Cazenovia College has prepared me to be a force in life, academics and in the work environment. I am deeply grateful for the academic instruction professors

> and staff provided. Currently, I am a graduate student at Loma Linda University studying global public health and president of the Loma Linda University Student Association. I conduct research on youth populations in Palm Springs, California, and work for the Students for International Missions Services coordinating and managing international longand short-term mission trips. I



Lyndsey Nortz '12 (seated on right) and fellow Cazenovia College Alumni

Bobby Dufort '12 and Katie **Buckley 'II** started dating in 2010

while attending Cazenovia. They became engaged August 16, 2015, and will be getting married on August 21, 2016, in Washingtonville, N.Y. Bobby and Katie reside in a house they bought in Pennsylvania in the winter of 2015.



travel internationally collecting data in an attempt to improve the quality of life in Brazil, Belize, Peru, Mexico, Honduras,

and the Philippines. Cazenovia provided the foundation for my current success and I will be forever grateful for the instruction, patience, guidance, support, and enthusiasm Cazenovia's finest displayed."

Bobby Dufort '12 and Katie Buckley 'I I

Recent Graduate Accepted to Peace Corps



Recent graduate Catherine Jordan '16 has accepted a position with the Peace Corps in Cameroon starting in September. Jordan will be volunteering for 30 months as an agriculture extension agent. These volunteers promote improved agricultural production practices for crops, small animals, and gardening practices.

"This opportunity means a lot," says Jordan. "I am looking forward to this once-in-a-lifetime experience. It is going to be a new challenge, changing the way I see the world and the way I see people."

The Peace Corps allows volunteers to work at the grassroots level to develop sustainable solutions that address challenges in agriculture, community economic development, education, environment, health and youth development. Volunteers gain a unique cultural understanding and a life-long commitment to service.

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SPOT CAZ



Class of 1958 mini-reunion in Annapolis, MD. Nancy Michaelsen Maiss, Linda Holler Huber, and Sheila Ehlinger. Naval Academy Chapel in background, Caz Alumni Magazine in foreground.

Cazenovia pride can be found everywhere

- and we invite all students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni to show us exactly where! From vacations and weddings to offices and around the community, you never know where a SpotCaz opportunity might appear.

For the next issue of the magazine, snap and send us a Caz-related picture by **December 1**, **2016**. Include your name, class year (if applicable) and a photo description.

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"I attended a leadership conference hosted by the Institute of Internal Auditors at Disney's Yacht Club Resort in Orlando, FL. I took my Caz College magazine along to read on the flight down. This is a picture of me next to the globe in the hotel lobby.'

- Megan (Cowen) Bushneck, Class of 2005

Uncoming Alumni Events

Following a successful Reunion 2016 weekend, 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 Massachusetts New Jersev New York

Watch your mailboxes, visit the Web site and join the Cazenovia College Alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cazalumni for more information on upcoming 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



Reunion 2016 Weekend

Reunion 2016 was a memorable weekend on campus! More than 180 alumni from across the country returned to Cazenovia College to honor the past, embrace the present and look to the future.



L-R: Linda Testa '81, Kim Gallup Ladd '82, Ella Steinbrecher Stickney '81, Sue Rotz Wilber '82, Cherie DeLapp Brandhorst '81, Beverly Tulett '81

rom celebrating the life of former Dean of Students Winnie Coleman and welcoming President Ronald Chesbrough to the awards luncheon to tours of the newly renovated Jephson Campus and a 'Stars and Stripes' dinner and dance party—alumni had the opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new ones and share special memories.



L-R: Joan Brooks, director of gift planning and advancement systems, Lorie Niebank Riedl '76 and Bonnie Brindis Gilsenan '76





L-R: Ellen Flasterstein Reohr, Molly Murphy McKee, Sheila Smith Marsh, Melanie Smith Golding, Mary Anne Purdy Duso





Dr. John Robert Greene speaking at celebration of the life of Winifred E. Coleman, former dean of students.

L-R: Bethany LaLonde '06, Dr. Sharon Dettmer, dean of the faculty, vice president for academic affairs, and Donna Longsworth '06



(L-R) Winifred E. Coleman Award – Sheila Smith Marsh '71, Associate Director, Arthur O. Eve, Higher Education Opportunity Program; Young Alumni Award – Daniel Riordan '06; Volunteer of the Year Award – Crystal Wright Farrell '88; Ellie Wilson Award – Dr. John Robert Greene, Paul J. Schupf Professor of History and Humanities





Front row L-R:
Denise Caputo
McCowan '86,
Melissa Hoegler
Furco '87,
Andrea Maiello Jung '86,
Anne Blenn Dudash '86
Back row L-R:
David Umlauf '86 and
Jeffrey Renner '86



L-R: Penny Howley Donahue, Shelley Gotham Palleschi and Melissa Caves Mullin



Front row, L-R: Allyson Fellows Collins, Linda Elwell Cowles, Joan Van Sinderen Mudrick, Judith Tuthill Barkee. Back row L-R: Judith Hutchings Caspar, Carol McClive Forden, Lynne Claver Shanebrook, Patricia Williamson St. Clair, Robin Moore Baker, Darla Longhenry Christiano, Julie Smith, Lynne Harrison



L-R: Katharine Robbins '13, Sean Benedict, Kasey Sikorsky '13, Kristina Brousseau '13, Kayla Pisciotta '13, Tom Cox

Cazenovia College has received:

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:

Winifred E. Coleman
Lucinda Bangs Cooper '52
Rhea Eckel
Laura Gerry '69
Catherine McFarland
Hamberger '68
Richard H. Hawks
Pamela Rosenfield Levin '65
Marie Lesuer Loven '71
Robert & Marjorie Brown
McKiernan '41

L. Richard Oliker

Martha Papworth O'Neill '00

Ellen Ormsbee

Margaret A. Rickett Donald G. Roy Margaret Stafford Nancy Weny Thauer '62 Lisa A. Watson '95 Robert C. Webster

GIFTS IN HONOR OF:

Sue Berger
Kelly Anne Breitung '16
Lauren Calarco '16
Class of 1946
Class of 1949
Class of 1958
Class of 1959
Class of 1962
Class of 1964
Class of 1969
Class of 1972
Class of 1976
Class of 1986

Tyler P. Cullen '16 Hannah J. Delaware '16 Sierra Detrick '16 Molly Diaz'16 Travis Duffy '15 Kacy Gardiner '16 Ryan Gavin '16 Molly Gildea '16 Mary Rose Greene Catherine Jordan '16 Dorian Kemp '16 Matthew R. Kenyon '16 Casey Joseph MacClaren '16 Kendra McDonald Sally Rollins Meinweiser '49 Ashlea Osborne '12 Gregory Rizzo '16 Tayler Rohling '16 Colin Spencer'16



Spring/Summer 2016 Outreach Events

Alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the College gathered at outreach events across New York state during the winter and spring months.



L-R (seated): Kate Davis '12, Fallon Brannigan '15 and guest, Daniel Graugnard

L-R (standing): Kimberly Cornelius '97, Alina Brazzil '12, Alicia Benben '11 and Professor Karin Bump

Dr. Karin Bump, professor, equine business management, hosted an alumni gathering in Lexington, KY.



L-R: Former interim-president, Margery Pinet, Marc Jones (Dreissig Apparel, Inc), Jackie Wilson (American Fashion Network/Jes Apparel) and President Ron Chesbrough

Alumni, current parents, faculty, staff, prospective students and guests gathered for a VIP Reception at the Landmark Theatre prior to the 43rd Annual Cazenovia College Fashion Show.





















In fond Memory

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

Edith Rich Ettinger '39 Carl Hackbarth '42 Beverly Nichols Canales '44 Marilyn Adams Lewis '47 Sandra Klein Brenner '49 Anita Hutwelker Krisher '51 Diane Garifalon Vlahakis '52 Judith Jenness Skeen '55 Dorothy Miller Bice '57 Nancy Gurock Tartikoff'57 Roberta Lee August '58 Susan Shultz Sonneman '64 Marie Lesuer Loven '71 Pamela Sperling Short '71 Susan Nair Faber '73 Teresa Muserilli Brunza '81 Brenda Biedekapp Thurston '81 Laticia Parker Mullin '84 Jeffrey Whitaker '96

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









Seniors, families, alumni, faculty, staff and special guests gathered to celebrate the Class of 2016 at the annual graduates reception held the evening prior to Commencement.



















Congratulations Class of 2016!

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 2016.



Nicholas Shinnosuke Allen, BPS Paige Christine Altman, BA Iselda Alvarez, BS Turner James Antonakos, BPS Cayla Marie Austin, BS Kristopher James Bain, BPS Christian Michael Bard, BS Courtney E. Barnard, BS Jacob Matthew Barnes, BS Kimberlyn Taylor Beaudoin, BPS Haley Morgan Bell, BPS Emily Marie Bennett, BPS Jessica Hope Berman, BPS Angelika J. Bertuccelli, BFA Jorge Luis Blass Matos, BFA Janeen Franicine Bligen, BS John Robert Bowers, BS Heather M. Branigan, BS Kelly Anne Breitung, BFA Hope Danielle Brennan, BS Michael J. Bruno, BPS Jessica Mary Bushey-Miller, BS Conor Cahalan, BPS Peter Thomas Cahill, BFA

Keith Andrew Caiello II, BS Lauren Jeannine Calarco, BS Stephanie Louise Caputo, BFA Matthew C. Cater, BS Kaitlin A. Chase, BA Amanda Catherine Childs, BPS Nicole Elizabeth Ciampa, BS Angelica Marie Clark, BFA Sabrina Lee Clark, BPS Sarah E. Clark, BFA Christina Marie Clemente, BFA Daniel J. Colburn, BPS Jessica P. Collins, AS Alyssa Erin Connor, BPS Brandon Louis Cook, BFA Breonna D. Cook, BS Christeen A. Crisafi, BS Elena Marie Crowley, BPS Nicole E. Csenge, BPS, BS Tyler Patrick Cullen, BPS Brandon Cody Cummings, BS Leah Danielle Custer, BS Dorothy M. Danyew, AS Kali Ann Davis, BPS

Tara Deeb, BS Stacey Del Fuoco, BPS Hannah Judith Delaware, BFA Marcos Anthony Delgado, BS Joseph DeSantis, BS Sierra Christine Detrick, BFA Molly Harmon Diaz, BPS Evelyn Lauren DiCaro, BFA Meghan Rose Dillon, BA Jennifer DiSanto, BS Dylan Vincent Dombrowski, BPS Travis G. Duffy, BFA Kierstyn Ann Duggleby, BPS Jenna Nicole Dunn, BS Kelsey Michaela Eaton, BFA Lilliemae J. Ervin, BPS Jessica A. Evans, BS Meagan Elizabeth Fandrich, BFA Alec Felitte, BPS Courtney Ann Fennell, BPS Ashley Jessie Marie Fikes, BFA Jennifer Fiske, BS Kristin Leigh Fitchette, BS Kevin Kelleher Fitzgerald, BS Kirslyn Ekika Foster-Yee, BPS Troy Lamont Francis, BS Kerstin Elizabeth Franklin, BFA Michele J. Frye, BS Stephanie Laura Fuchs, BFA Gabriella Fuco-Domenico, BPS Courtney Lee Funk, BFA Shelby Keolani Gage, BS Carlos Manuel Garcia Soto, BA Kacy Lee Gardiner, BA Ryan David Gavin, BPS Scott M. Gazzillo, BS Courtney Anne Geers, BFA Molly Erin Gildea, BPS Michael William Gill, BFA Taylor Lee Goodell, BA Michelle Elizabeth Gorry, BFA Kayla L. Grady, BFA Hannah Rosenthal Graether, BS Emily Irene Graham, BS Victoria Mary Graham, BPS Alexandria Hall, BPS Mara Raye Halstead, BPS Bobbi Jo Rosemary Hannan, BS Joseph Brooks Harrison, BS Sarah M. Hart, BS Jessica A. Hofmeister, BS Tabitha Leigh Holdeen, BFA





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Trustees Welcome Two New Members

Freyer and Gardiner join Board



Insurance Executive James D. Freyer, Jr. CIC, of Syracuse, N.Y., has joined Cazenovia College's Board of Trustees. Freyer will serve on three committees, including the Audit and Investment committees as well as the Committee on Trustees.

Freyer, CEO at Haylor, Freyer & Coon, Inc., has worked in the insurance industry for over 30 years. He oversees the overall operation of the agency and also holds a position as a representative for its international partnership with Assurex Global. A graduate of SUNY Geneseo, Freyer became a certified insurance counselor in 1996 and holds a broker license in all 50 states. Freyer has also been a member of the Hanover Insurance Company National Agents Council, president of the New York Housing Association, and New York delegate to the Manufactured Housing Institute in Washington, D.C.



Kenneth C. Gardiner, CPA, CCIFP, CDA of Syracuse, N.Y., an accounting firm executive, has joined Cazenovia College's Board of Trustees. Gardiner will serve on three committees, including the Investment, Finance, and Audit committees.

Gardiner, partner at Dannible & McKee, LLP, has worked in accounting for over three decades. He is the partner-in-charge for assurance services, quality control, technology, and services to construction contractors at the firm. A graduate of Le Moyne College, he has numerous professional and community organization affiliations, including chairman and president of the Greater Syracuse Business Development Corporation, chairman of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Construction Contractors Committee, and treasurer of the board of directors for the Onondaga County Water Authority.

Trustees Express Appreciation to Interim President Margery A. Pinet

As the College prepares to welcome its 29th president, members of the Board of Trustees would like to express their sincere appreciation to Interim President Margery A. Pinet, a recipient of an honorary degree from Cazenovia College, for her exceptional leadership over the past year. Pinet has served the College for more than 30 years in such roles as a professor of English, adjunct writing instructor, director of the Academic Learning Center, academic dean, executive vice president, vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees, and now interim president. Thank you Marge Pinet for your never-ending devotion to Cazenovia College.

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Interim Board Chair, Paul deLima recognizes Interim President Margery A. Pinet at recent 191st Commencement





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The CAZPYS

Inaugural Award Show Hoinors Wildcats Success in 2015-16



azenovia College Athletics partnered with the College's Office of Communications to create the inaugural CAZPYS award show honoring Wildcats student-athletes, coaches, teams, and supporters. The show, which took place on May 1, 2016, at 2:00 pm in the Upper Gym, emulated traditional awards shows by creating a positive and

interactive environment to honor individual achievement and team success for the 2015-2016 season.

The CAZPYS award show is a collaborative campus effort that aims to honor accomplishments while providing an enhanced platform for Cazenovia College student-athletes, coaches and teams to celebrate their successes. The show included a red-carpet event, online voting ballots, student-athlete presenters and several new award categories. The CAZPYS logos were created by former Office of Communications intern and recent graduate **Michelle Gorry '16**.

For many years Wildcats athletics has honored its student-athletes with three individual team awards: *Most Valuable Player, Newcomer of the Year*, and the *Coaches Award*. In addition to recognizing traditional team award winners during the CAZPYS, this year's show introduced several new award opportunities. The list includes:

Male Athlete of the Year Dylan Dombrowski (Williston Park, NY) – Equestrian

Female Athlete of the Year Briana Hall (Bridgeville, DE) – Women's Swimming

Male Newcomer of the Year Joe Timm (Denver, CO) – Men's Lacrosse

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Most Outstanding Team Women's Lacrosse (11-6, 8-1 NEAC) 2016 NEAC Regular Season Champions

Most Outstanding Coach Bill Houser - Women's Swimming and Diving

Most Outstanding Moment Women's

Lacrosse, Triple-Overtime win over Route 20 rival Morrisville State

Male Performance of the Year Collin

Stewart (Lowville, NY) - Men's Swimming

Female Performance of the Year

Nichole Secor (Fairport, NY) – Women's Swimming

Male Breakthrough Athlete Will

Thompson (Bushkill, PA) – Men's Basketball

Female Breakthrough Athlete Emily

Kotnik (Sagamore Hills, OH) – Women's Cross Country

Most Outstanding Team Performance

Women's Swimming – Set NEAC record with 730 team points at Championships

Scholar Athlete Award Nicole Ciampa (Vernon, CT) – Equestrian

In addition, the CAZPYs introduced their "Golden Series" of awards, given to an outstanding student-athlete, male or female, in their respective sport. A list of this year's winners include:

Golden Glove

Kelsey Morgan (Central Square, NY) Softball

Golden Toe

Conor Cahalan (Cohoes, NY) Men's Soccer

Golden Spikes

Emily Kotnik (Sagamore Hills, OH) Women's Cross Country

Golden Goggles

Nichole Secor (Fairport, NY) Women's Swimming

Golden Horseshoe

Colin Spencer (Marcellus, NY)Equestrian

Golden Stick

Hannah Delaware (Haverhill, MA) Women's Lacrosse

Golden Hoop

Skylar Girard (Glens Falls, NY) Women's Basketball

Golden Ace

Sam McCarthy (Canastota, NY) Women's Volleyball



Wildcats Equestrian Competes at IHSA Nationals

Dombrowski invited to world championships



he Cazenovia College Equestrian team returned to campus on Monday, May 9, following a weeklong competition in Lexington, Kentucky, at the 2016 IHSA Nationals hosted at the Kentucky Horse Park. Three individual riders, Shannon Walsh (Hunter Seat), Erica Ferreira (Hunter Seat) and Dylan Dombrowski (Western) represented the Wildcats in their respective classes.

HUNTER SEAT Sophomore **Erica Ferreira** finished as Reserve Champion in Individual Intermediate over Fences, while freshman Shannon Walsh received an honorable mention in Individual Walk Trot Canter. Each year only 16 individuals from each division compete at IHSA Nationals. Both Walsh and Ferreira beat out several riders throughout Regionals and Zones to advance to the National competition.

WESTERN Senior **Dylan Dombrowski** placed in the following classes:

INDIVIDUAL OPEN HORSEMANSHIP: 4TH PLACE

This placing qualifies Dombrowski to compete in the AQHA World Show Intercollegiate Cup in Oklahoma in November. There he will compete against seven other IHSA riders and eight NCEA (NCAA) riders for a chance to be the Intercollegiate AQHA World Champion! The AQHA World Show Intercollegiate Cup is the largest event in the Western Horsemanship industry.

INDIVIDUAL OPEN REINING: 3RD PLACE

This placing qualifies Dylan to compete in the NRHA Derby Collegiate Competition on June 30 in Oklahoma City. He will be joined by three IHSA reining riders, four NCEA (NCAA) riders and four NRHA young riders to compete for a Derby win. In the reining industry, this is one of the largest events of its kind in the world.

AQHA HIGH POINT RIDER: HONORABLE MENTION (10th out of 27 in the Horsemanship Phase)

In addition, Dombrowski also received the 2016 IHSA Nationals Western Student Rider Sportsmanship Award for his incredible team spirit, dedication to helping others and his amazing sportsmanship with his fellow competitors.

Also, Cazenovia College horses received several ribbons again this year with "General Collins" tying for High Point Hunt Seat Horse of the Horse Show based on a total number of points earned. Congratulations to the Wildcats coaches and student-athletes on an outstanding showing at the 2016 IHSA Nationals

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Wildcats Spotlight

Highlights from the 2015-2016 season:

- 102 Cazenovia College studentathletes achieved scholar-athlete status in 2015-2016, maintaining a 3.4 or higher cumulative GPA during the full academic year.
- Wildcats student-athletes earned 27 NEAC All-Conference selections and 12 NEAC Player of the Week honors in 2015-2016.
- Women's Swimming and Diving set 15 new Cazenovia College records in 2016 en route to capturing their 2nd consecutive NEAC Championship scoring 730 team points, also a new conference record.
- Head Coach Bill Houser was named the NEAC Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year. Additionally Collin Stewart (Lowville, NY) and Nichole Secor (Fairport, NY) were named the NEAC Men's and Women's Swimmer of the Year respectively.
- Women's basketball sophomore Skylar Girard finished 1st in the nation (NCAA Division III) in three-point field goal percentage (49.5%).
- Head Dressage Coach Ann Fowler was presented with the Intercollegiate Dressage Association Coach of the **Year Award** marking the first time in Cazenovia College Equestrian history that a Cazenovia coach has won this award.
- Equestrian Junior Alex Belton won the First Level and had the highest score overall at the 2016 USDF Quiz Challenge at IDA Nationals in Long Valley, New Jersey, earning a monthlong internship at Hilltop Farm, one of the most prestigious breeding and training operations in the country.
- Women's Lacrosse captured their 2nd **NEAC Regular Season Championship** in program history finishing the season with an 8-1 conference record.

Alumni Engagement

Keeping in touch with your Caz family

The Alumni Relations Office is focused on growing and strengthening alumni engagement programming to better serve the College's graduates, and in some cases assisting current students at the same time. As students, Cazenovia College alumni enjoyed a small-college experience that provided individualized attention, support and guidance, therefore the post-graduation experience should also be personalized and helpful.

Alumni Association Mini-Grant Program



Graduate Jorge Blass '16 and family on Commencement Day

The Alumni Association Board of **Directors**, composed of fourteen alumni representing six decades, assists with this programming. This past year, the alumni board launched a minigrant program to provide funding to support projects, programs and basic needs so that current students can succeed. Overall three grants were awarded totaling \$4,000. The projects ranged from supporting an Art & Design Alumni Speaker Series and Entrepreneurial and Global Business Lecture Series to providing financial assistance to the families of Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) students to help with travel to campus for Homecoming/Family Weekend and Commencement. The mini-grant program allows students to learn about the alumni board as they benefit from its philanthropy.

Alumni Career Network Program



Alumni on campus for Professional Networking

Another service introduced this year is the Alumni Career Network Program. This initiative offers professional networking opportunities for alumni as well as the opportunity to assist current students with their career searches. There is a need for alumni volunteers to attend professional networking events and serve as a career advisors for students. Graduates may also seek jobsearch support.

For more information about the Alumni Career Network Program, visit: www.cazenovia.edu/career-network-program

Cazenovia College Legacy Program

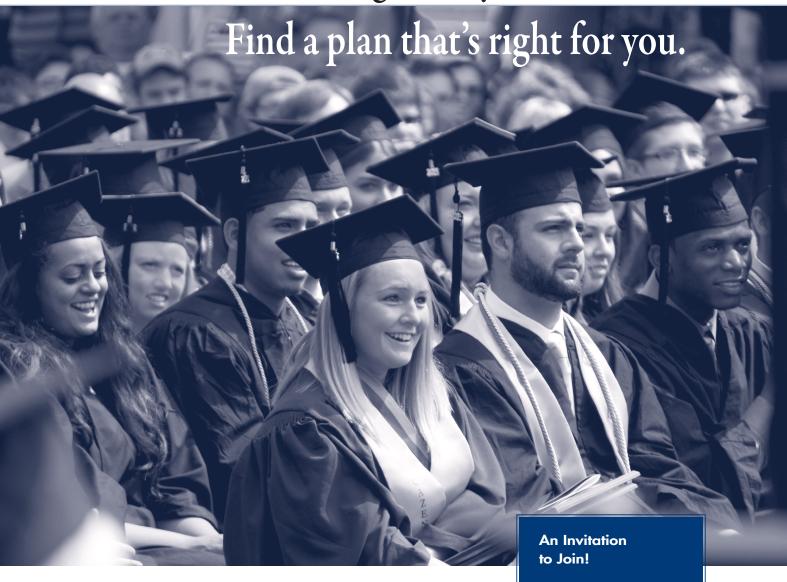


Crystall Wright Farrell '88 and son, Hunter

The College is also proud to offer The Cazenovia College Legacy Program. This effort recognizes the commitment and support of alumni who make the College's education a part of their family tradition. A "legacy" is a student or alumna/us whose parent, grandparent or sibling also attended the College. The program helps legacy families stay connected through networking opportunities, special programs and events. Legacy scholarships are also available.

For more information on the Legacy Program, visit: www.cazenovia.edu/legacy-program

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