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With the fall semester completed and spring semester underway, now is a good time to provide an update on a few key initiatives in progress.



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The process began with the establishment of a revised College governance structure in November, which included the newly formed Planning Council. The group meets regularly and has drafted a new mission statement along with overarching goals for the College. As a next step, the council will be holding a number of sessions with campus-based and external stakeholders to collect feedback and refine these critical elements of the strategic plan.

A key initiative that drives many aspects of the College is the enhancement of our student recruitment and enrollment program. Our admissions team has been working hard along with faculty and staff, including athletics, to improve our recruitment materials, revise prospective student events and introduce new ones. The efforts are paying off as we are currently trending ahead in the number of applications received for fall 2017.

It also pleases me to report that our level of engagement in the community, another initiative, is significant. Many of our students and staff are participating in events and volunteering in the community, as noted in the *Cazenovia College Student Volunteers in Action* article in this issue of the magazine. Of particular note was the recent announcement of an agreement that enables Cazenovia high school seniors to enroll in a course at the College for a modest fee. We've also seen terrific attendance by community members at events held at campus venues such as the Catherine Cummings Theatre.

I invite you to come visit to see our progress and renew your connection to the College. As my first months here have confirmed, Cazenovia College truly is a special place with remarkable faculty, staff, students and alumni.

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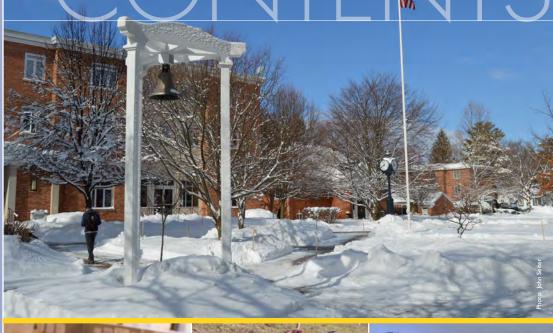


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A Career Built on Relationships

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Her group includes the AXA customer service call center which handles over 500,000 calls each year. Members of LaVallee's team serve as the relationship managers between the retirement plan sponsors, advisors and their customers. The business units they support account for over one million contracts and roughly \$30 billion in assets under management.

LaVallee graduated from Cazenovia

College with an associate degree in fashion merchandising, and began her career in the retail industry managing training programs for two regional retailers. She became interested in job opportunities at Mutual of New York (MONY) and at the suggestion of a friend, worked with the placement office at the College to arrange an interview with MONY. She was hired as a temp and worked her way into a full-time position. Five years into her career, La-Vallee was promoted to a management position in customer service. She continued to work hard and within ten years became an officer of the company.

Susan Canfield LaVallee '84 credits her time at Cazenovia College with having instilled in her the importance of developing relationships, a skill that has been instrumental to her building and leading an award-winning customer service operation.

As managing director of Retirement Plan Services at AXA Equitable Financial Services (AXA), LaVallee oversees a team of 365 employees who provide operations support to customers and advisors.

In 2004, MONY was bought by AXA and LaVallee was tapped to lead the merger of the two organizations' operations staff, which included relocating 200 AXA employees from New Jersey to Syracuse, transitioning Syracuse staff from MONY to AXA and hiring more than 100 additional employees. The staff merger took six months of planning followed by eight months of implementation to complete the transition. Again, LaVallee attributes her ability to build strong relationships as being critical to

the success of organizing a combined operations support team.

As an indication of her successful leadership, LaVallee's team has won the financial services industry's DALBAR Annuity Service Award a total of twelve times including the past six years in a row. Within the industry, the award symbolizes the achievement of the highest tier of call center service to customers. In 2014, LaVallee was also personally presented with the John Vita Partnership Award which is given annually to a home office employee for excellence in promoting and fostering collaboration with the AXA field sales force.

Originally from Leroy, New York, La-Vallee was drawn to Cazenovia College by the fashion merchandising program along with her love of the campus and surrounding area. "I came to Cazenovia and fell in love with the campus and the small-town feel. I spent the night in a dorm and I knew this was the place I needed to be." LaVallee continued, "I loved it so much that after I graduated I relocated to the Cazenovia area for about 20 years."

Attending a small school and being part of a close-knit community helped LaVallee learn to build relationships. She lived in Farber Hall and has fond memories of going back and forth to different rooms and socializing. LaVallee appreciated the guidance she received and found that she thrived in Caz's more personal setting.

Academically, LaVallee excelled at the College graduating *cum laude*, which was an extremely proud moment for her and her parents, who always stressed the value of education. Dr. **Bob Greene** was LaVallee's advisor and she credits him with having an impact on her leadership style. "He is very much a 'people person,' which is an important part of getting employees to follow you and work

toward a common goal. People want to be led by people they look up to."

Another lesson LaVallee learned while at Caz is the importance of attitude. "You can teach skills and techniques,

but attitude is really key." She sees the value of a positive attitude in her eleven-person leadership team, whom she encourages to voice their opinions, but also to respect a decision once it has been made. "We challenge each other, but once we come to an agreement, we're all in." LaVallee continued, "We all have to buy into it and lead the team, because if we're not in synch, the team is not going to be in synch."

LaVallee offers similar advice on attitude to current students.

"When you get in the real world and your boss asks you to do something, no matter how big or small it is, do it and do it well, and you'll go places." LaVallee says she has many people from her team who come to her for advice and she tells them "just excel and have a positive attitude." One of the most gratifying experiences for her is when a co-worker comes back and credits her coaching for where they are today. "As a leader, it is one of the most rewarding things to see people go on and achieve."

In addition to attitude, LaVallee cites courage and goal setting as important for current students. She encourages students not to let fear prevent them from doing something, "because if you approach it with courage, you will succeed." Being organized and setting goals is also important to success, according to LaVallee. Her first step

in setting goals is to visualize what she wants to achieve. She finds, "If you don't visualize goals, they are really hard to make happen, and once you visualize them, you can determine a path and do the things necessary to

attain your goals." She then looks at her goals for the year and breaks them down by quarter. She creates lists to keep organized and reviews progress weekly to see what is coming up and what she needs to achieve for the week.

In the end, success for LaVallee comes back to people and relationships. "I'm the person who needs to make sure things get done between the various operations, and if you don't have relationships, it is really hard." Because of the strong ties LaVallee has built,

her co-workers know she has integrity which makes it easier to work through challenging situations.

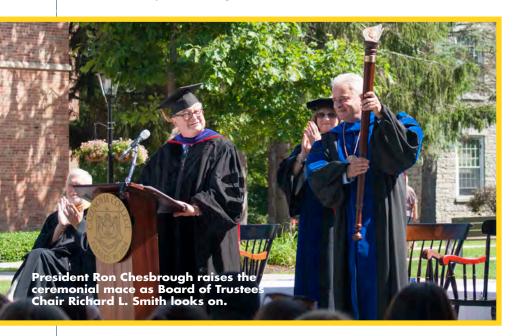
Currently LaVallee and her team are working on the challenges of transitioning to digital interactions with customers. She notes that while the ways people interact with companies has changed significantly, it's still all about relationships and making sure the customer service operation stays in tune with customer expectations. "We've done a great job, we just need to continue to stay ahead of the digital transformation." No small task, but one that LaVallee and her team are looking forward to accomplishing.

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Campus Community Welcomes Dr. Ron Chesbrough

Beginning of the new academic year marks official installation of the College's new president.



azenovia College's Convocation Ceremony to begin the 2016-17 academic year was held on a beautiful, sun-filled day on Friday, August 19. In addition to the customary event, the official installation of Dr. Ron Chesbrough, the College's new president, took place. As it was also Move-In Day for first-year students, the freshman class, parents and orientation leaders were on campus, increasing the crowd to over 1,000 attendees.

The dual ceremonies began with a procession of administrators and faculty members making their way to the packed Quad, led by a solitary bagpiper. After the traditional bell ringing, **Jesse Lott**, dean of the First Year Program, welcomed the

assembled crowd. The chairman of the board of trustees, **Richard L. Smith**, officiated the traditional occasion marking the installation of Dr. Ron Chesbrough as the 29th president of the College. President Chesbrough then addressed the students, sharing, "Today marks the beginning of your educational journey that will provide you with valuable knowledge and experiences."

The installation ceremony was followed by a student address given by sophomore **Olivia Sokolic**, president, Alpha Lambda Delta. Sokolic drew upon her first-year experiences to offer advice to incoming students on how to make their freshman year successful. Sokolic ended her comments saying, "Take care of yourself physically, mentally, and emotionally. Most importantly though, remember to smile, laugh, make memories, and enjoy your next four years."

Dean of the Faculty **Sharon Dettmer** then introduced the faculty speaker, **Karen Steen**, professor, fashion design, and 2016 Distinguished Faculty Member. Addressing the first-year students, Steen said, "You will soon be very busy settling into life in Cazenovia, but, I hope you will spend some time reflecting upon the changes you are experiencing, be confident to take on the challenges ahead, and consider how you can best take advantage of the opportunities in store for you."

Upon the close of the convocation and installation ceremonies, students said their farewells to parents and then reassembled on the Quad for the start of Orientation. The busy day of events for first-year students was capped off by candlelight with the traditional First Night Ceremony.

Campus "Makeover"



New signage promotes College brand: "Real life learning, Real life success."



Dr. Grazyna Kozaczka and guest speaker, Dr. Kristi Andersen.

Washburn Lecture Features "Women and the 2016 Elections"

Renowned political scientist, Kristi Andersen, presents at annual event sponsored by Professor Emerita & Trustee Margery A. Pinet

on September 14, it was standing room only in McDonald Lecture Hall during the 2016 Washburn Distinguished Lecture while **Kristi Andersen** spoke on "Women and the 2016 Elections." The event was attended by numerous students, faculty, staff and local residents as Dr. Andersen is a well-known, distinguished professor who has taught at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University for over thirty years and also serves as a member of Cazenovia's Town Board.

In her lecture, Dr. Andersen examined the lag in political positions held by women in the United States as compared to other countries and why this is so. She went on to discuss the difference it might make if more women held elected office.

The annual Washburn Distinguished Lecture Series, created by Professor Emerita & Trustee **Margery A. Pinet** to honor the memory of her parents, the Rev. Gordon H. and Mrs. Dorothy M. Washburn, highlights notable persons speaking on topics of broad interest. Dr. **Grazyna Kozaczka**, professor of English and honors program director, coordinated this year's presentation.

"Buying Local" Is a Priority of Dining Services

More locally grown and sourced products featured on the College's menu.



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Dining Services is making great strides to "Buy Local." Many menu items, ingredients and brands are produced, grown or manufactured locally. The College is striving to support the regional economy while reducing its carbon footprint.

Did you know ... the milk comes from Queensboro Farms in Canastota? The fresh fruit and vegetables are delivered by Sorbello's Produce of Chittenango, who carry products grown in the community. All cereal products are from General Mills in Buffalo. The pepperoni on the Late Night pizza and the sauce on the hot wings are also local products.

"The College is proud to say that 100% of our distributors are in the Central New York area," says **Teresa Seeley**, director of dining, conference and catering services. "The primary supplier, Sysco Syracuse, has been a strong supporter of this initiative and together we are making a positive impact," she adds.

Art and Design Division Holds Open House at Jephson Campus

Local secondary school teachers invited to "state-of-the-art" facility.

he Art and Design faculty celebrated the grand re-opening of Jephson Campus Building "A" by hosting a reception for teachers in the fall—an event organized by Professor Anita Welych. Art teachers from Central New York, the Mohawk Valley, Southern Tier and North Country were invited to tour the Art and Design facilities and learn about Cazenovia's A&D programs. Students worked in the studios, and participants mingled with faculty and administrators. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with more than 30 teachers attending, including several Studio Art alumni who are now art teachers.

"We want to make sure that talented high school students beginning their college search are made aware of Cazenovia's excellent art and design faculty and the fantastic facilities that we now have," says **Kim Waale**, professor of art and division chair. She adds, "The renovated building includes spaces dedicated to ceramics, kiln-formed glass, metalsmithing, painting, figure drawing and digital art."

Efforts to share news about the College's top-notch instruction and facilities are welcomed by Admissions staff. "We see secondary school teachers and guidance counselors as key communicators to students and their parents," says Patrick Quinn, vice president for enrollment management. "The efforts by faculty to 'educate the educator' about the value and excellence of a Cazenovia College degree are much appreciated," he adds.



Faculty Highlights

Sharing faculty and staff members' many accomplishments

his spring semester, Jo Buffalo, professor of art, is teaching a new course, Forensic Art (CJ/SA 164 ST), in collaboration with the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies program. The course focuses on drawing skills for recording crime scenes as well as to identify individuals involved in crimes.

AccessCNY, an agency that supports people with developmental disabilities, acquired brain injuries, and mental health issues, presented a special recognition award to Mary Handley, professor of human services. This award honors a person who has performed exceptional work in the community by creating a more inclusive environment.

Michael Holdren was promoted to full professor, psychology. His research interests include proposed differences among overt and covert narcissism subtypes, personality disorders and diagnoses, as well as psychotherapy effectiveness.

A mural of cartoon art was recently unveiled at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Scott Jensen, associate professor of visual communications, was one of 35 cartoonists whose work was included in the mural. The project was spearheaded by award-winning Pajama Diaries cartoonist Terri Libenson and her daughter, and features original drawings by a number of notable cartoonists, including Hilary Price, Stephen Pastis, Rick Kirkman and even Bill Watterson (Calvin & Hobbes).

Artist-in-Residence **David Lowenstein** appeared as 'Admiral Boom' and 'The Bank Chairman' in Syracuse Stage's presentation of *Mary Poppins* during the holiday season. He also directed the College's fall production of *Once Upon a Mattress*.

The artwork of **Joseph Murphy**, associate lecturer of illustration, was selected to appear in the exhibition *Drawn to the Music* at The Society of Illustrators in New York City. In addition, Murphy's illustrations were featured in *ImagineFX* magazine, 3x3 Magazine No.13, Creative Quarterly No.44, and Art Week online. 'Best in Show' honors were awarded to



Illustration titled "Hall of Languages" by Joseph Murphy, associate lecturer of illustration.

his work featured in the Tioga History Museum's *Water Views* exhibition. Additional images by Murphy can be seen at www.jmmurphyillustrator.com.

Sara Phillips, director of institutional research and assessment, has written a chapter with John W. Verano, professor of anthropology at Tulane University, titled "The Killing of Captives on the

North Coast of Peru in Pre-Hispanic Times: Iconographic and Bioarchaeological Evidence," in *Ritual Violence in the Ancient Andes: Reconstructing Sacrifice on the North Coast of Peru*, edited by Haagen D. Klaus and J. Marla Toyne. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2016.

Nancy Barno Reynolds, assistant professor of education, has been asked to write a chapter for *Case Studies for Inclusive Educators & Leaders*, edited by Darrin Griffiths and James Ryan.

Michael Sanders was promoted to full professor, philosophy. He joined the Cazenovia faculty in 2003 and teaches courses in ethics, aesthetics, and critical thinking.

Kim Waale, professor of art, was invited to create a new sculptural installation for the exhibition *A Journey for Jan Morris/Taith i Jan Morris* in Plas Glyn-Y-Weddw, Llanbedrog, Wales. The exhibition, which was on display October 15 through

December 24, 2016, celebrated the life and work of the author Jan Morris. Waale was among a small group of artists invited to make art in response to the more than 40 books ninety-year-old Morris has published about place, art, and history. In addition to the installation, Waale also participated in the exhibition and events, and spoke during the opening.

Thad Yorks, associate professor of biology/environmental biology, received a grant from the Hatch & Bradley Brook Lakes Association to study the fish communities in both Hatch Lake and Bradley

Brook Reservoir. He collected data for a week from each lake in October with students from three different classes including *Life in and on the Lake* (SM 101 FYS), *Environmental Science* (SM 140), and *Aquatic Biology* (SM 219/319). In addition, Yorks started a project in June for the Town of Cazenovia to estimate phosphorus entering Cazenovia Lake in surface waters including culverts and streams, which is ongoing.

College Employees Participate in the Polar Plunge

Fundraiser supports the Special Olympics.

In December, two Cazenovia College employees participated in the 10th annual Oneida Shores Polar Plunge in support of the Special Olympics. They were "Freezin' for a Reason" as they took a dive into the cold water.

College employees **Diane Budnar** of Dining Services and **Ryan Goldacker**, who works at the Equine Center, are multi-sport athletes who have participated in the Special Olympics since they were young children. Their involvement in the Polar Plunge is something they do in order to raise awareness for the athletes.

"I have fun doing the Polar Plunge ... I don't mind the cold," commented Goldacker. He added, "I just want to encourage people to donate to the Special Olympics."

About 1,000 participants took part in the eighteen statewide Polar Plunge events. The donations raised will support over 67,000 athletes, as they are not charged for competing.

This winter, Budnar and Goldacker head to Poughkeepsie, New York, to participate in downhill skiing. Budnar also competes in snowshoeing events for the Winter State Games.

When asked what she was most excited about, Budnar responded, "My favorite part of the Special Olympics is the opening ceremony." She shared, "I like it when they say 'Let the games begin!'"



Diane Budnar helps to raise funding for the Special Olympics at the Polar Plunge.

The Special Olympics plays a significant role in Budnar's and Goldacker's lives. They devote time to train for each sport in which they compete. Budnar has participated in sports such as volleyball, swimming, bocce, golf and bowling, while Goldacker competes in powerlifting and swimming.

These athletes recall special moments during their competitive experiences. Budnar remembers being chosen to compete in the Winter World Games in Alaska for downhill skiing in 2001. Goldacker recalls going to the National Games in New Jersey for powerlifting.

At the opening ceremony, athletes recite the Special Olympics oath that states, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Cazenovia's own athletes embrace these words as an important motto in their lives.

Rebecca Werbela Recognized for Agriculture Achievement

Equine Center staff member attends New York State Farm Bureau annual meeting. Rebecca Werbela, equine care manager at the Equine Education Center, was recognized as a "discussion meet" finalist this past December at the New York State Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Albany. This recognition follows her involvement in a highly competitive process in which participants must present, discuss, explain and defend policies and practices in the state's agriculture industry.





Essential to Fashion Pedagogy:

Keeping Current with the Global Fashion Industry

Megan Lawson-Clark M.A., M.B.A.

Program Director, Fashion Merchandising; Annual Fashion Show Faculty Director Interim Fashion Design Program Director, Spring 2017

he fashion industry represents two percent of the world's gross domestic product and is valued at three trillion dollars. This industry has a vast global impact with current production occurring mostly overseas, although with new technologies emerging, some categories of manufacturing are moving to the United States. Nationwide more than 1.9 million people are employed in the industry, at present primarily in design and product development.

Cazenovia
College offers
programs in *both* fashion
design, which includes clothing
construction, and fashion
merchandising. As indicated by the
statistics cited, it is no surprise that
over 92% of the program's graduates are
employed in the industry.

I began teaching in the fashion program over ten years ago, and have witnessed many changes in the industry and pedagogy of fashion studies. The latest trends

in the industry are deeply rooted in emerging technologies with 3D computer-aided design, digital fabric printing, and new methods of manufacturing.

This past fall, I was invited to participate in a faculty workshop on 3D computeraided design for manufacturing techniques at the headquarters of Under Armour® in Baltimore, Maryland. I was able to see firsthand what the future holds for the industry and how best to prepare our students for the significant changes ahead. While there I witnessed 2D and 3D patternmaking techniques, 3D

printing of footwear, digital fabric printing, and the 3D body scanner used for all athletes outfitted by the company. These examples are the current innovations trending in the apparel industry.



students create their garment patterns on the computer. These skills are vital for success in the current fashion industry, especially as technologies evolve and additional companies make the inevitable switch to digital design in product development. As a result, our students possess sought-after digital design capabilities.

At Cazenovia, the fashion programs integrate the design and merchandising functions of the fashion industry to provide our students real-world experiences in product development. No current designer works without the help of a merchandiser who does budgeting, planning, forecasting, and sourcing of materials. Recognizing this fact, we collaborate with our advisory board members in the industry to create projects that involve student designers and merchandisers working together as a product development team. We were fortunate to have Marc Jones, CEO of Dreissig Apparel, participate in a product development course last year, which allowed our students to research and create a line of clothing based on his women's athletic line, Dreissig Lady.

Jones took considerable time out of his busy schedule to meet with the class

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- Megan Lawson-Clark

working on team-based projects, our students develop a complete portfolio that highlights their understanding of all design and product development aspects of the industry, making them very successful in obtaining jobs in their field of study.

many times to review

their progress, which

included developing

financial worksheets,

samples, and sourcing

materials. By the end of

the course, students had

created technical pack-

ages, costing sheets, and

and presented final garments in the College's

time/action calendars

annual fashion show.

This year, the product

development course is

working with another

industry partner who

sits on the program's

advisory board. Her

company designs many

different lines for the

'Juniors' market. In

Every January, we visit many companies in New York City to give our students a behind-the-scenes look at various types of internship prospects and career opportunities. We also visit trade shows, attend networking events, and experience firsthand what it is like to live in New York City. Last year, the students experienced the product development structure at work when we visited Laura Hauser '10 at J.Crew[®] corporate headquarters in New York. A technical designer, she introduced them to the team she works on that creates the company's children's clothing line. In addition, J.Crew merchandisers, product developers, sales staff, and other designers spoke to the group about how they work together to create a line that meets a given budget and target market.

Key to the fashion programs' successes are our advisory board members and alumni in the industry. We are grateful to these individuals who share their time and valuable insights, thereby helping us to keep current with the latest tools, trends, and scope of the industry.

About the Author



A member of the College's faculty for over a decade, Megan Lawson-Clark is an assistant professor in the fashion studies programs, which include fashion design and

fashion merchandising. She is the director of the annual fashion show, a juried student presentation now in its 44th year. Lawson-Clark completed a Master of Business Administration with a management focus at the State University of New York at Oswego. She has also completed a Master of Arts in Fashion and Textile Design at Syracuse University. For her thesis, she researched the history of the wedding trousseau and completed six wedding ensembles with accessories. Lawson-Clark also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Merchandising and Design from Dominican University in Illinois. Prior to her career in academia, Lawson-Clark worked in retail management, gaining experience in visual merchandising management, showroom sales, and store management. She also began a small business in 2003, specializing in the design and creation of hand-painted silk scarves and floor cloths. Always intrigued by fabrics and current fashions, Lawson-Clark currently is interested in modernized pedagogy of computer-aided textile design and digital garment design for future applications in garment manufacturing.

Student Chooses the Field of Human Services

Fontilla Richardson is Fulfilling Her Dream of Helping Others.

azenovia College offers bachelor degree programs at three off-campus locations including Clinton Community College (CCC), Herkimer Community College, and Hudson Valley Community College. Administered through the College's Center for Adult and Continuing Education, these programs allow students to pursue their undergraduate degrees on a part-time basis and at a location closer to home.

It was these attributes that attracted Fontilla Richardson to the College's human

Fontilla Richardson studies at Clinton Community College through Cazenovia College's Center for Adult and Continuing Education.

services program at CCC. She shares, "I heard so many good things from various students who have completed the program and raved about it."

Richardson's love for learning and helping others ers started at a young age, and she has known since high school that she wanted to work in the field of human services. Richardson would volunteer at the Special Olympics, help mentor children coming into high school, and assist people in various areas of their lives.

Thus, completing an undergraduate degree in human services is a longtime goal for Richardson. She is pursuing her degree now that her children are grown and finished with school themselves. While the program at CCC provides Richardson with the work-life balance that she needs, managing all aspects of her busy schedule is not always an easy task. Richardson juggles two jobs with her class schedule, school work, and other obligations. She keeps herself moving forward by thinking of the brighter future waiting for her and her loved ones.

Her mentor, Professor Judy Feignbaum, is a member of CCC's Human Services Program Advisory Committee and has played an instrumental part in Richardson's educational journey. Feignbaum provides useful guidance, helping Richardson to advance her education and career. Richardson's accomplishments so far prove that she is on the right path.

"My experience through the continuing education program has been great," says Richardson. "I've met some really nice and encouraging teachers and have made new friends. Caz is helping me to reach one of my many life goals," she adds.

Richardson encourages others to continue their education, saying, "There are many programs out there that will help you get started so never be afraid to try something new and reach for your goals ... life is waiting for you!"

Once Upon a Mattress

College's fall production directed by Artist-in-Residence David Lowenstein

azenovia College's fall production, *Once Upon a Mattress*, ran in October at the Catherine Cummings Theatre. This comic and modern take on Hans Christian Andersen's iconic fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*, has featured both Carol Burnett and Sarah Jessica Parker in the leading role.

In the College's production directed by Artist-in-Residence **David Lowenstein**, Princess Winifred was played by **Ruth Bender**, a junior. Other members of the cast included individuals from the local community as well as Cazenovia College students and faculty.





Canterbury Students Wrap Up Their Study Abroad Program by Creating Visual Mosaics

Professor Elizabeth Moore's teaching tool preserves memories of a living-learning experience.

Twenty-three Cazenovia College students spent the fall semester studying abroad in Canterbury, England. Before returning home, study-abroad director, Professor Elizabeth Moore, assigned a project which entailed incorporating collected ephemera—reminiscent of each student's abroad experience—into a mosaic. The resulting collages were presented by the students to Professor Moore, their peers, and Michelle Cooper '90, who lives in the United Kingdom.

"Tickets, photos, and stickers are made into small pieces of art representative of a lifetime experience instead of being stuffed in a box or thrown away," says Professor Moore.

During the presentations of completed mosaics, students explained why their respective experiences were personally meaningful. Students talked about their travels including the food they tried, the pubs they visited, the household supplies they purchased, and the friends they made.

Special guest Cooper reflects on the time she spent with the students, saying, "What will resonate most with me is seeing the sparkle in students' eyes and the animated presentations about their travels and experiences. They are clearly grateful for the opportunity to study abroad."

Students shared their accomplishments, aspirations, and the apprehension they had during the months spent in Canterbury—some being overseas for the first time, and others learning the ropes on how to travel alone.

Throughout the semester, students shared their experiences in posts to the "Canterbury Tales, Canterbury Tells" blog. **Emily Evans**, a senior, reassured fellow students, telling them not to be scared of new experiences. She shares, "I have learned so much about myself being here, including that I want to go to graduate school internationally and that I am capable of traveling alone."

"This whole experience helped me find myself," says **Kathleen Cotton**, a sophomore. She adds, "I learned how to budget, how to navigate on my own, and how to be a safe traveler. The people I met will always be my friends — I feel like we have formed a family away from family."

To learn more about the group's experiences, visit: www.cazenovia.edu/blogs/academics/canterbury

Student Volunteers in Action

Serving the Community at the Friendship Inn

ver the last three years, many Cazenovia College students have volunteered their Monday evenings to serve food to community members at the local Methodist Church through a program titled the Friendship Inn. This year, members of **Alpha Phi Omega** (APO) took the lead in organizing this service project.

"The Friendship Inn meal program provides a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the problems faced by members of the community with whom they otherwise may have little or no direct contact," comments **Katie O'Brien**, dean of student life. "The Friendship Inn program helps us to develop young adults who become not only volunteers, but community citizens educated about social issues and committed to making positive community change," she adds

The Department of Dining Services, Conference and Catering donates food to the Friendship Inn program, making the College's overall participation even more significant. When food is available, the kitchen will contact the Inn for pick up. "We never feel that we do enough, but every little bit helps," says **Aladdin Burks**, dining services supervisor.

Student volunteer Shelby Grilo shares, "The Friendship Inn is a great place to earn community service hours. Everyone who steps foot through the door is happy to see a smiling face, and that makes everything worthwhile."

Please go to a short highlight clip of Cazenovia students serving a meal at the Friendship Inn.
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Positively Impacting Central New York's Economy

Jo Hennington Stephenson '12 revives a farm and starts a business in 'Equine Alley.'



passion for "the noble steed" starts at a young age for most horse enthusiasts. The love Jo Hennington Stephenson '12 has for these animals holds true to this statement. This enthusiasm initially brought her to Central New York to study equine business management at Cazenovia College. It continues to inspire Stephenson as she builds her equine business in the local Cazenovia community.

Stephenson's working life began at the early age of eight, when she would walk by herself to her "Aunt" Sheila's barn in Yaphank, New York. Her neighbor, Sheila Rodgers, is an accomplished horsewoman and the owner of Good Shepherd Farm for over twentyfive years. At fourteen, Stephenson began her first "real" job at the farm, where she also learned how to be a skilled rider in the "hunter/ jumper" class.

Yaphank, New York—on Long Island—is quite a distance from the College. Stephenson discovered Cazenovia at a college fair hosted by Suffolk County Community College. Stephenson shares, "I was interested in the business program and the riding team." She adds, "Cazenovia gave me a fantastic scholarship, and I made the varsity riding team."

Stephenson found the equine business management program well suited to her career goals, thriving in her classes with faculty members who share their students' keen interest in horses. Specifically, she recalls a freshman seminar with **Professor Karin Bump**, where she learned about how to lobby the state government on behalf of the horse industry. Classes with Professor Carol Buckhout focused on anatomy and physiology, as well as breeding and foaling. With Professor Barb Lindberg, Stephenson learned the essentials of disease and injury.

In an upper-level equine business management class with Professor Amy Sherrick-von Schiller, Stephenson was required to complete a formal business plan, touching upon business ethics, taxes, liability, insurance, sales, budgeting, and customer relations as they relate to small businesses in the horse industry. Stephenson shares, "I took everything in that the program had to offer me."

With regard to life outside of the classroom, Stephenson participated on the riding team. She also made some good friends, including Christine Petrone '13, Chris Strucker '14, and Alyssa Warawka '12.

After graduating in May 2012, Stephenson did not have definitive career plans. Initially, she worked at the Cazenovia Sports Bowl. "I was ready, however, to move on to the next step in my life and find my path," shares Stephenson. Fate brought Beezie and John Madden into Stephenson's life, as one of their employees was a customer where she was working.



In December 2012, Stephenson went to work for the Maddens as a groom. She stepped into a perfect first job; traveling to horse shows throughout Europe including the Netherlands, Slovakia, and France. This side of the Atlantic took her to events in Calgary, Canada, and Wellington, Florida. Four people, including Stephenson, would travel with the horses on a cargo plane – two other grooms and a veterinarian. The grooms were responsible for everything the horses required for day-to-day care as well as competitions including saddles, bridles, and boots among numerous other items.

After two years with the Maddens,

Stephenson had developed the broad range of skills and knowledge to continue on her path: she had ridden competitively, graduated from a vigorous equine business management program, and worked for an internationally competitive rider.

She was ready to take a risk. Just outside the village of Cazenovia there was a once fine house with a barn and paddocks on a large tract of land. It had become derelict, sadly

falling apart. Stephenson asked her sister Gina, a 2015 graduate of SUNY Morrisville, to be her partner and work together to create their shared vision for an equine business.

They struck a "rent-to-own" deal with

the owners and have never looked back, opening in February 2015. The farm's name is Whispering Hill Equestrian Center, and the transformation has taken hard work and considerable funding; the rehabilitation of a piece of local equine history one stall, one board at a time. To date, there is all new fencing; the barn has a new roof, new siding and viewing rooms; and there is now new footing in the indoor arena. Stephenson's mother has come into the partnership and takes care of all the business-related paperwork and accounting.

The result is a professional, well-run equestrian business, offering full horse

boarding, riding lessons, and training. Currently, twenty horses are on the property including lesson horses, sale (in training) horses, and several boarders from Cazenovia College.

Not only does Whispering Hill Equestrian Center provide a return on investment to the Hennington/Stephenson family, it also has a significant effect on the local economy. Funds are spent on the traditional

equine-related businesses like veterinary and farrier services, feed supply, bedding, footing, and sport/entertainment endeavors. The farm also uses fields as diverse as insurance, financial services, energy supply, construction, and hospitality (restaurants and hotels). Stephenson comments, "We try to keep our business with local vendors, our insurance is through a local firm, as well as our banking." She adds, "Local quarries have provided fill and stone, and our vet and farrier are close by."

The economic multiplier impact of the equine industry has not gone unnoticed by numerous stakeholders, including New York state officials, with Central New York now known as "Equine Alley." Studies show that more workers are now employed in the equine industry in New York than are employed in the automotive industry.

Outside a very busy career, Stephenson has a thriving family life. She met her husband Tyler through a mutual friend, Tylor Cota, who attended the College. They were married on October 3, 2015, beside Cazenovia Lake, with wedding pictures taken on the College campus. Tyler works for Burdick Porsche in Syracuse, and they share similar professional interests jokes Stephenson. She says, "My husband is into horsepower, and I'm into horses." More exciting news has recently followed, with a baby boy added to their family in 2016. Skyler is a joyful addition to the Hennington/Stephenson family.

What's next on Stephenson's path? She looks forward to hosting horse shows and clinics at Whispering Hill. With grit and determination she has built a successful business in the heart of Central New York's "Equine Alley"—in the midst of the land she loves, and among the people and horses she loves.

"We try to keep our business with local vendors, our insurance is through a local firm, as well as our banking."

- Jo Hennington Stephenson '12



Understanding Life's Journeys

A lifelong learner teaches others.





Laura Kibby '84 and Rachel Kibby '17 in the biology lab in Eckel Hall.

n a sunny fall day last
October, Laura Crolick
Kibby '84 stood in front of
a classroom filled with members of the
Cazenovia community, all listening
intently as she spoke about the current
state of healthcare in the United States.
She was one of seven panelists participating in the 15th Annual Wheler
Family Conference on World Affairs.
With over 30 years of professional experience as an active and engaged nurse
and healthcare custodian, Kibby could

speak with authority about the Affordable Care Act in her talk titled, "The Politics of Obamacare."

Standing in the wings was **Dr. Bob Greene**, the faculty organizer of the event, and a longtime friend of Kibby's.

Moderating the discussion was her daughter, **Rachel Kibby** '17, a senior at the College. This confluence of college, career, friends and family speaks to the profound influence Cazenovia College has had on Kibby's life.

Kibby knew that she wanted to be a nurse since fifth grade. While in high school at East Syracuse-Minoa, she worked as a nurse's aide. Her keen interest in the profession led to Kibby's application to several schools. "I was accepted into the nursing programs at Morrisville, Crouse, St. Elizabeth's, and a new program at Cazenovia College," says Kibby.

The College's nursing curriculum was a two-year course of study, resulting in an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN). Kibby shares, "There were nursing classes

and labs, followed by the clinical portion and other core classes." She remembers taking anatomy and physiology classes with former **Professor Don Roy**, and calculus with **Dr. Harwant Dosanjh**.

Kibby also distinctly recalls a class outside her major, "Effective Speaking" with Dr. Bob Greene, who was completing his doctorate at the time. She reminisces, "It was Bob Greene who convinced me to join the radio station as a DJ."

Her involvement with extracurricular activities did not end with the radio station "gig." Kibby also served on student council, the judicial board, and with Campus Keys. She offers the following advice to current students, "Be involved in at least one club – and study – the decisions you make in college are important; it's your future."

There were other opportunities to socialize on campus as well. Kibby still keeps in touch with many of the close friends she made at Cazenovia including her roommate Wendee Schwarting Wilson '84 along with Bonnie Boczulak '84, Susan Jack-Irwin, Jill Tatro Moroch '84, Amy Metcalf Pizoli '84 and Christine Fuller Ellis '85.

And while current Cazenovia students – and more recent graduates—might be incredulous, these alumnae had access to an on-campus pub in the Morgan Room of Hubbard Hall!

The most unique fact about Kibby's time at Cazenovia is that she was married in December of 1983, midway through her sophomore year and continued to live on campus, in the dorms. Her husband's career in the U.S. Air Force relocated them to San Angelo, Texas.

There Kibby's nursing career began at St. John's Hospital, where she worked in medical and orthopedics. Her husband's transfer to Hanscom A.F.B. took them as a family – now with daughter Megan – to the suburban Boston area where Kibby worked at Emerson Hospital, and again focused on orthopedics. Another move relocated them to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Her managerial experience steadily grew:
Kibby became a shift
manager at Doctors Hospital
Dallas, then an assistant director of
nursing at University Nursing Center.
All the while, she gained knowledge of
different areas of medicine including
renal, diabetes, and pulmonary care.

Because of her expertise, Kibby was recruited to an administrative position doing utilization management with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, a division of Health Care Service Corporation, ultimately as an accreditation consultant.

Simultaneous to her career and divorce, Kibby is a mom not only to Megan and Rachel, but also to younger sons Nathaniel and Benjamin – and grandmother to Gavin. In addition, she continued her education, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2013 from South University in Savannah, Georgia, through online study. Kibby has been working toward a Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Educator, online through Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, with plans to teach the next generation of nurses.

There was one component of nursing that was lost to Kibby as her responsibilities grew—her one-on-one connection with people requiring hands-on care and attention. "I always wanted to return to patient care," says Kibby emphatically.

"Be involved in at least one club – and study – the decisions you make in college are important; it's your future."

- Laura kibby '84

It is most fitting then that Kibby's next career step while completing her Master's was a return to hospice care, joining Allstar Hospice in Arlington, Texas, this past October – the same month that she gave her presentation at Cazenovia College. Her work now focuses on individuals facing the end of their journey. The mission of hospice resonates with Kibby. She shares, "Hospice provides compassionate

care at the end of life, allowing people to die with dignity," She adds, "We also see that their families receive the support they need during this time of loss."

In addition to her work and family life in Texas, Kibby has maintained strong connections with Central New York, to include Cazenovia College. She has served as a class agent and on the Parents Council. Kibby's volunteer time on the Parents Council is especially meaningful as it reflects her commitment to making a Cazenovia College education a part of her family tradition.

Dr. Greene shares, "There is something affirming about teaching the child of a former student. It shows a continuity that appeals to any professor." He adds, "It also shows a love and respect for Cazenovia College, and a parent's faith in what we do for our students – when Rachel talked to me about attending Caz, I could but smile and remember her mom in my classroom."

And what about Rachel's plans as her life journey begins? Not surprisingly Rachel is a biology major, and her advisor is Dr. Bob Greene. Her plans after graduation in May? She hopes to attend Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas, for a Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program.

44th Annual Cazenovia College Fashion Show Preview Modern Masquerade

Saturday, April 29, 2017, 6 p.m. The Landmark Theatre Syracuse, NY



Alyson Carosello '10

Students in the College's Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising programs will present the 44th Annual Fashion Show, Modern Masquerade, on Saturday, April 29, at the Landmark Theatre in Syracuse.

This year's special guest is **Alyson Carosello '10**, who majored in fashion design at the College. She is the design director at ROMA Industries, a leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of watch attachments, leather belts, and fashion accessories for women. Alyson also has her own business, Alyson Nicole, where she creates custom, madeto-order accessories. These include bridal veils, leather bags, jewelry, and belts.



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Golf Tournament

The 15th Annual Cazenovia College Golf Open was held on Monday, August 8, 2016. Seventeen teams of golfers teed off on a beautiful summer day for 18 holes of golf at the Cazenovia Country Club. Proceeds raised from the tournament directly benefit Cazenovia College students through campus initiatives.

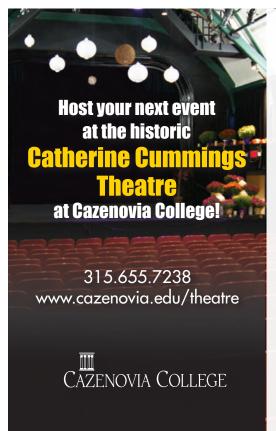
Olf committee members include Matt Karoglanian '88, tournament chair; Shelley Bullock '85; and Dan Riordan '06.

The members of the Cazenovia College Alumni Association extend their thanks to everyone who helped to make this annual event a great success.

SAVE THE DATE!! 2017 GOLF OPEN
Monday, August 7 at the Cazenovia Country Club



L-R: Ken Lanphear, Alan Rainbow, David Massett and Michael Sattler



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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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Alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends of the College gathered at outreach events during the fall and winter months.

Homecoming/Family Weekend Alumni Reception



L-R: Pete Way '03, director of athletics and recreation, and Michael Nichiporuk '03



Members of the Cazenovia College Men's Baseball and Basketball Teams

(L-R): David Bergh,
vice president for
planning and institutional
effectiveness;
Carol Satchwell, vice
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advancement;
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Alumni Gathering at Empire Brewing Co.





Alumni Employee Luncheon

(L-R front row/kneeling):
Kimberly Norton '12, Lisa Folsom '07
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(L-R standing): Shari Whitaker,
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Taylor Kubber '13 and
Matt Phillips '13

Albany Holiday Luncheon



Photo: Shari W

Legacy Family Photos taken during Homecoming/Family Weekend



L-R: Bruce Streeter '93 and son, freshman Brandon Streeter



L-R: Crystal Wright Farrell '88 with son, senior Hunter Farrell



L-R: Freshman Erin Hankins and grandmother, Loretta Lienau Kratz '58

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Fashion Design and Merchandising students along with faculty members Megan Lawson-Clark and Lee Beals visited Factory PR in New York City in January, hosted by Jessica Manno '14 (fourth from left).

SHARE YOUR NEVVS FOR CLASS NOTES!

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

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1950

Beverly Schurmann Kessler '50 applied her education to being a legal secretary and later an administrative assistant in New York City. In December 1953, Bev married Richie Kessler, then in the Army Signal Corps. After a year



Beverly Schurmann Kessler '50 and husband, Richard Kessler in 1983

in Seattle, Washington, they returned to Westchester County, New York. In June 1958, son Robert was born, three Junes, later daughter Diane. Both are married with two children. In 1986 Bev and Richie moved to Newtown, Connecticut, and in 2014 to Morristown, Vermont, where their daughter's family, including two great-grandchildren, live.

1962 55th Honored Year

Leslie McCutcheon Dorr '62 writes, "My husband, Doug and I have been married 51 years. We have three children and five grandchildren. I am still working as office administrator of the planning board in Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and Doug is still an adjunct at Bridgewater State University. I recently accepted the presidency of the Bridgewater Ousamequin Woman's Club that has been in existence for 118 years. The object of the club is to broaden and strengthen the moral,

social, and cultural life of its members; to awaken in clubwomen the realization of their responsibilities and opportunities in the fields of education, legislation, and volunteer service; and last but not least, to develop an awareness of their heritage and responsibility as American citizens. I am also a member of the Bridgewater Academy Lions Club. I would love to hear from any of my classmates – email is hotrodgran@aol.com."

1964

Marra Casserino Giuliano '64

writes, "Hi to all my buddies from Centennial and Hubbard Hall. Share something in our class notes so we can all know what you've been up to. It's been fifty-two years since we walked the halls of Caz wearing beanies and yellow blazers. Remember eating at the Golden Pheasant, enjoying a drink at the Seven Stone Steps at the Lincklaen House, and studying for exams down at the lake? How about that 'mixer' at Colgate our freshman year? How about Father-Daughter weekend in 1962 when our classmate Cookie Cole's dad, Nat King Cole, attended and sang his new smash hit 'Ramblin Rose'? And the quiet hours from 7 p.m. on, no ironing in our rooms, smoking only in the lounges, and signing in and out when we left our dorms? I hope I jogged your memory a bit. Looking forward to reading what you remember in the next issue! Here's hoping all are well and enjoying life to its fullest and dancing like no one is watching!"

1965

Yung Kuo Yang Harbison '65 and Lola Schmidt Stanton '65 reunited in Lola's birth country, Nicaragua, in February 2016. They spent a wonderful time together in Granada and Massaya. The classmates had hardly seen each other in 50+ years so the reunion was particularly special for them.

1967 50th Honored Year

Jody Franklin Burrows '67 writes,
"Not too much to report. Family is well.
My husband will retire this year so who
knows what is next! I continue to volunteer,
sing with a choral group, and dig in my

garden. I also am really looking forward to our ... gulp ... 50th Reunion! Also hoping that many graduates show in celebration of this iconic occasion. Reunion 2017 will be held June 9-11."



L-R: Class of 1967: Pam Van Eseltine Testone, Libby Noonan White, Ginny Charles Coldwell and Joan Carpenter Armstrong

Joan Carpenter Armstrong '67 writes, "Pam Van Eseltine
Testone '67, Libby Noonan
White '67, Ginny Charles
Coldwell '67, and I were such great friends when we were at Cazenovia and started to get together for one weekend a year after our 45th Reunion. Last year we decided to spend a week together so we booked a cruise on Royal Caribbean's 'Allure of the Seas' and spent a week in the Western Caribbean together. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion June 9-11.
Wondering where Libby Carlen '67 and Donna Conklin '67 are?"

1970

Christine Tait Arren '70 writes, "**Karin Sorenson Daley '71** and I spent a beautiful September day together



Row 1, Left Tammy Scott '81, Lori Mathien '82, Nancy Elrod '82, Laura McKinnon '81, Sandy Smith '81, Ginny Kittler '81, Cee Cee Wilmanns '81 Row 2, Left Jen Smith '81, Mary Beth Christy '81, Mary Foley '81, Amy Brotzman '81, Diane Araki, Donna Focardi '82, Roxy Paquin '82, Sarah Ayer '82, Tracy Tatham '82 Row 3, Left Peggy Bilodeau '81, Becky Kirchner, Mary Hormel '82, Jacquie Miller '82, Donna Heyn '82, Angie Ashworth '82, Lisa Troc '82, Dedi Gilheany '82 Row 4, Left Michelle Montgomery '82, Debbie Waddell '82, Wendy Sturtevant '82, Sheri Johnson '82 Row 5, Left Susan Kilburn '81, Leslie Proulx '82, Tanya Ashley '82, Laura Askins '82, Brooke Bundeff '81 Kim Cole '81, Ellen Johannessen '82, Sharron Aabye '81, Michele Miers

with husbands, Frank Arren and Ed Daley, in Marblehead, Massachusetts. My husband and I moved to Marblehead in November 2015. It was fun to show Karin and Ed our new home and give them an express tour of historic Marblehead with its splendid views of the water."

1071

Debora Weisbacher '71 recently moved from Baltimore, Maryland, where she had lived for over 30 years, to gorgeous St. George, Utah.

1972 45th Honored Year

Deborah Barnes Dougherty '72 writes, "Hello fellow alumni! As your new class agent, I look forward to seeing you at our 45th Reunion this June 9-11. We have so much to be excited about.

The campus looks beautiful, we have a wonderful new college president, and a thriving community. You'll be hearing from me soon. So all you ladies from Watts, Shove, etc. start packing!!!"

1973

Sue O'Brien '73 writes,
"Chi Prumo Majka '73, Bonnie
Schlegal Foster '73, Sue Metz
Lopez '73, Cindy Majka '73 and
I all met for lunch at Owera Winery on
October 7 to catch up, and then went
shopping in Cazenovia. It was so much
fun seeing everyone again!"

1981

Kim Cole Wethington '81 writes, "Looking for the 1981-1982 English Riding Team! If you know of anyone in the photo above, please have them

contact Cazenovia College
Athletic Director, **Pete Way '03**,
at pmway@cazenovia.edu or call
315.655.7142. They want to put
the team in the Hall of Fame next
September 2017. We have a year
to gather as many team members
as possible. Our coach was

Naomi Blumenthal.

Please help get the word out!!"



L-R: Christine Tait Arren '70 and Karin Sorenson Daley '71



L-R: Chi Prumo Majka '73, Bonnie Schlegal Foster '73, Sue Metz Lopez '73, Sue O'Brien '73, Cindy Majka '73



CLASS NOTES

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- continued 1982 35th Honored Year

Kim Gallup Ladd '82 writes, "I'm looking forward to an outstanding turnout for our 35th Reunion this June 9-11. If you haven't been to Reunion in a while (or never), you need to get back to Caz. The campus looks stunning. While many changes and improvements have taken place over the past several years, it still feels the same from the moment you step on campus. This year's Reunion activities include a 'Roaring Twenties' themed dinner, so get your Gatsby on and hoof it to alumni weekend! Join the Class of 1982 Facebook group at www.facebook.com/ groups/cazclass1982 to connect with classmates and keep up with Reunion weekend events."

1987 30th Honored Year

Jonathan Arrindell
'87 writes, "Class
of 1987 – SAVE THE
DATE!! It's our 30th honored year Reunion June
9-11!! Start making plans
to join us on campus for
what will undoubtedly be
the best Reunion weekend ever!"

<mark>2007</mark> 10th Honored Year

Kaleb Wilson '07 writes, "Attention fellow Class of 2007 alums! Can you believe ten years has already flown by? This coming Reunion



Kate Lincoln Harris '08 and Stephen Harris '09 with alumni bridal party members



Meghan Dauler Palombo '07 and Mark Palombo



L-R: Melissa Lare '11, Bill Main '11, Rachael Bowman '11, Mike MacHugh '11, Cory Schad '09, Chris Schad '18, Ashlea Osborne Schad '12 and Pete Way '03

Weekend (June 9-11) will be our 10th honored year Reunion. It would be great if we could get as many of us as possible to come back to Caz for the weekend and take over Shove Suites. Check out our class page on Facebook and be sure to check your mail and email for event details. I hope to catch up with all of you soon!"

Meghan Dauler Palombo '07 was married on September 4, 2016, to Mark Palombo in Saratoga Springs, New York.

2008

Kate Lincoln '08 and Stephen
Harris '09 were married on the Quad
at Cazenovia College on July 2, 2016.
The wedding party included seven
fellow Cazenovia College alumni:
Ashley Agresta Haglund '06,
Heather Nearpass Pallone '08,
Erin Clinton Sauer '09, Jen
Seymour Calkins '05, Pablo
Delgado '09, Matt Mignone '09

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and Erik Sauer '09.

Cory Schad '09 and Ashlea
Osborne Schad '12 were married
in Gilbertsville, New York, on Saturday,
September 17, 2016. "The wedding
was the best day of our lives, filled with
love from our closest family and friends.
We recently purchased a home in East
Syracuse and are looking forward to
all of the memories we will make and
laughs we will share," reports Cory.

2012 5th Honored Year

Kimmy Norton '12 and Ashlea Osborne Schad '12 write, "Attention alumni Class of 2012! Can you believe this year will mark our 5th honored year Reunion? Yes, five years ago we graduated from Caz and this June 9-11, we are asking you to join us at Reunion! The weekend is always filled with good food, drinks, activities, and memories. The campus has been updated, new paint and lockers in the athletic center,

and a renovated 'south campus' now known as Jephson Campus. Bring a group of your friends back for a weekend filled with reminiscing, food, and drinks (yes, drinks on the Quad without getting written up!)."

2013

Carley Carson '13 has switched jobs and now works for the Oswego County District Attorney and for the third year in a row is president of the Oswego City Softball League. Carley also works for a new jewelry company, Keep Collective. Carley writes, "We are celebrating our son Colin's second birthday soon and looking forward to bringing him to more events at Caz!"

Joshua Skibbee '13 and Faith Toomey Skibbee '13 were married on December 10, 2016 at the Old Daley Inn on Crooked Lake in Averill Park, N.Y.

2014

Chelsea Sloper '14

writes, "I'm happy to announce that I've started a position at Annsville Elementary in the Camden School District as a first-grade early intervention teacher. I graduated from Caz in 2014 from the Inclusive Elementary Education Program."

2015

Alix Pfisterer '15 has joined the Office of Communications & Marketing as the graphic designer at Cazenovia College.



L-R: Carley Carson '13, Renee Johnson '15, Angelica Clark '16 and Hilary Hext '13



L-R: Joshua Skibbee '13, Faith Toomey Skibbee '13 and Noelle Sippel '13

2016

Mike Gill '16 works for AmeriCorps addressing the needs of people affected by natural disasters as well as building and renovation work on behalf of individuals in need. He writes, "[My] days have been a whirlwind of work, planning, and travel ... [for example] my team was called to respond to the flooding in Louisiana. He adds, "My days going forward will likely be 12+ hour work days, with plenty of paperwork and team activities to fill in the rest ... please reach out to me—even if I may not get back to you for a bit.?"

Trustees Welcome Two New Members

O'Dell and Wells join Board



Shane A. O'Dell '02



Steve Wells

Shane A. O'Dell '02, a Partner and Wealth Management Advisor with McGovern, O'Dell & Associates at Merrill Lynch Wealth Management, has joined the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees. He will serve on the Investment and Enrollment Management committee.

With the firm since 2006, O'Dell's primary focus at McGovern, O'Dell & Associates is strengthening existing client relationships, acquiring new clients, corporate retirement income strategies and investment selection.

Shane is a Certified Financial Planner, a designation awarded by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. and he also holds the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselors designation. He completed his course

work for the CFP° at Boston University Institute of Finance.

O'Dell graduated from Cazenovia College in 2002 with a Bachelor of Professional Studies degree in Business Management and served as the commencement speaker for the 2015 graduation ceremony. He was inducted into the Cazenovia College Wildcats Hall of Fame in 2013 along with his teammates from the 2001-02 men's basketball team, which received an at-large bid to the 2002 NCAA Tournament. O'Dell proudly serves as the president of the Dianne L. O'Dell Scholarship Foundation and is very active with many other civic organizations in his community. He resides in Destin, Florida, with his wife, Briane, and their two children, Jax and Avalyn. Steve Wells, a founding partner in American Food and Vending Corporation, has also joined the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees and will serve on the Institutional Advancement and Finance committees.

American Food and Vending, headquartered in Syracuse, New York, is one of the largest privately held on-site culinary and refreshment service providers in the United States, operating in thirty-five cities across fifteen states serving tens of thousands of guests every day. Wells' responsibilities include managing American International Foodservice Corporation, a recent acquisition and wholly owned subsidiary involved in the international export distribution of food and beverages to the hospitality industry.

Wells received his Bachelor of Science from Cornell University School of Hotel Administration and Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University School of Law. Upon graduation, Steve was employed for several years in Dallas, Texas in the Real Estate section at Fulbright & Jaworski, and then served as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Wells' community and alumni involvement include The American Israel Public Affairs Committee; National Council and Congressional Club Member; The Century Club of Syracuse, President and Board of Governors; Friends of the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Board Member; United Way of Central New York Success by Six, Board Member; Jewish Community Foundation of Central New York, Board Member; Vanderbilt University Law School, Admissions Interview Program and Young Presidents Organization, Member and Forum Moderator.

He resides in Cazenovia with his wife Pamela, founder of a video production company, Small Screen Productions, L.L.C., and their two children.

In Remembrance of Trustee Roberta Lee August, Class of 1958

Last summer we lost a very dear friend of the College when Trustee Roberta Lee August passed away. Roberta Lee August, Class of 1958, will always be a part of the fabric of our 193-year-old institution. In 1998, Roberta was voted "Most Enthusiastic Class Agent" at Reunion Weekend. That nearly sums up her dedication, but not quite.

As a student, Roberta was a member of the International Relations Club, taught Sunday school at the Episcopal Church, served as president of the Inter-Faith Council, and was a member of the Student Council. College administrators relied upon her input.



Class of 1958

Roberta began her service as a trustee in 2005, completing three consecutive three-year terms. She was a very active member of the board, participating on numerous committees and attending many meetings in person, despite her four-hour commute. A classmate said Roberta's participation was, "driven by a desire to keep Cazenovia's traditions alive while striving to maintain empathetic civility and high academic standards."

A true philanthropist, Roberta generously supported a multitude of different projects and initiatives over the years, and was clearly passionate about the Class of 1958 Scholarship as well as the Winnie Coleman Scholarship established in honor of her beloved former dean.

In recognition of her remarkable service, Roberta was presented with an honorary degree in 2011 by former president, **Mark Tierno**, at Commencement. This act was a true testament to her life of service on behalf of others.

Roberta referred to Cazenovia College as her family many times. She was right. The College remains her family and her positive spirit will continue to be a profound influence on our students.

Women's Field Hockey Added to Athletics Offerings

As a member of NEAC, Wildcats will officially offer conference competition in the fall of 2018.



azenovia College
Athletics is pleased to
announce the addition
of women's field hockey as the
College's 15th intercollegiate
athletic offering. Actively
recruiting to launch in the fall
of 2017, the Wildcats will officially offer conference competition as a member of the North
Eastern Athletic Conference
(NEAC) in the fall of 2018.

Leading the Wildcats field hockey program will be **Adair**

Milmoe, also the College's head women's lacrosse coach. "There are so many quality programs at Cazenovia College and to be given the privilege to lead both field hockey and lacrosse is remarkable," said Milmoe. "Having the ability to impact the lives of 40 to 50 young women at Cazenovia in a positive manner via the sport of field hockey or lacrosse is not only humbling, but inspiring," she added.

Milmoe, a former college athlete, played both field hockey and women's lacrosse at perennial NCAA Division III powerhouse, William Smith College. She also brings over 15 years of coaching experience to Cazenovia College and is no stranger to building a program. As a head coach, Milmoe grew the field hockey team at SUNY Oswego into a reputable program in the SUNYAC from 2001-2005 and transi-

tioned Morrisville State field hockey from NJCAA to NCAA status during her tenure with the Mustangs from 2006-2011. In her first season as Cazenovia's women's lacrosse coach, Milmoe led the Wildcats to an 11-6, 8-1 NEAC record, and the program's first-ever regular season championship.

Director of Athletics and Recreation **Pete Way '03** believes field hockey is a natural addition to the College's athletics program because it is a popular scholastic sport, especially in upstate New York. "Upstate New York consistently produces some of the top high-school field hockey teams and talent in the state," shared Way. "We welcome the opportunity to showcase what Cazenovia College has to offer these potential student-athletes both academically and athletically," he added.

The Wildcats will compete on Christakos Field, the College's turf athletic field, which is home to Cazenovia's soccer, lacrosse and softball programs. The turf allows for a fast-paced, fun-to-watch playing environment, making it an ideal venue for collegiate field hockey.

"We are well located for the sport and offer solid academic programs and competitive financial assistance," said Milmoe. She added, "I am confident in our ability to grow the field hockey program in a short period of time."



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- Adair Milmoe

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National Recognition for Wildcats Goalkeeper

Gee Named NSCAA Player of the Week

azenovia College junior Lauren Gee of Seneca Falls, New York, was awarded the NCAA Division III National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Player of the Week last semester. Gee was recognized nationally as the top NCAA Division III performer for her on-field performance during the week of October 4 through October 9. Gee helped lead the Wildcats to a pair of shutout wins, holding strong in goal for 270 minutes and recording 29 saves for the week. Initially, the junior goalkeeper kept the Wildcats in the game with 20 saves before falling to SUNY ESF in a heartbreaking 1-0 loss. She then went on to record two saves in Cazenovia's 3-0 blanking of Bryn Athyn College before going on to stop seven shots in a 1-0 win over Penn State Abington.

This honor marks the first time in program history that a Cazenovia College women's soccer player has received this kind of recognition as an NSCAA Player of the Week.

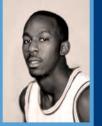


Athletics Hall of Fame Welcomes Three New Inductees

hree inductees joined the Cazenovia College Athletics Hall of Fame on Saturday, September 24, during Homecoming and Family Weekend's Blue and Gold Dinner. The 2016 Class includes Lamar Hollman '99 (Men's Basketball), Mike Nichiporuk '03 (Baseball) and Jen Seymour '05 (Women's Basketball). The Blue and Gold Induction Dinner seeks to remember the past, recognize the present, and look forward to a bright future for Cazenovia and its athletics programs.











Lamar Hollman '99

Two-Time Most Valuable Player ('96-97 and '98-99)

2nd - Career Steals (167)

6th - Career FG Made (434)

7th - Career Points Scored (1,005)

7th - Career Free Throws Made (192)

9th - Career Assists (180)

Mike Nichiporuk '03

Record for career hits (172)

Record for career walks (92)

Record for defensive assists (240)

Record for games played (136)

2nd – Career Games Started (103) and

Career Total Bases (238)

4th – Career RBI (107) and Doubles (33)

9th - Career Batting Average (.378)

Jen Seymour '05

('04-05) Co-Most Valuable Player

Over 1,000 Career Points

Record for Career Blocks

2nd – Career Blocks Per Game

5th - Career Points Scored

Top 10 – Career Scoring Average, FG Made, 3PT Made, 3PT PCT, Rebounds & Steals

Growing Enrollment at the College

Ways for our alumni to engage in the admissions process.

he college experience extends before and after our students are on campus. It begins in high school with the college-search process and continues after their four years at the College, as alumni embark on their chosen career path. Connecting college students with graduates has become a standard practice for internships and career-networking opportunities; however, a new purpose for alumni is to link them with college-bound students and parents as they navigate the college search and selection process.

Prospective students and parents look for a college that will provide the best educational and campus experience with a solid return on investment. Some of the most common questions they ask concern the job market for a particular degree, career services offered by the institution, and whether alumni are succeeding in the workforce. Linking the students and parents with an alumni volunteer can help to provide insight about the desired result: a successful and rewarding career.

Alumni volunteers support the efforts of admissions personnel by actively engaging prospective students and parents. These volunteers can share why they selected the college, their experiences as a student, and how they presently use their skills and experiences. Historically,

admissions offices have utilized alumni volunteers as representatives for the institution at regional college fairs and speaking at on-campus events. New ways to involve alumni include hosting receptions for ac-

cepted students and parents in a particular region as well as conducting admissions interviews in person or via telephone, Skype, FaceTime or GoToMeeting.

The goal of Cazenovia College's alumni admissions program is to create meaningful contact between our alumni, prospective students and their parents as well as secondary school guidance counselors and teachers. A volunteer's efforts may lead to increased interest among high school students by broadening Cazenovia College's outreach efforts while maintaining the individual attention for which the College is known.

Volunteer opportunities may include:

- representing Cazenovia College at a regional college fair or career day;
- serving as the keynote or a panel presentation speaker for on-campus events;
- allowing a student to participate in "job shadowing" in the workplace;
- hosting a regional reception for accepted students and parents;
- interviewing prospective students through phone or video chat; and,
- writing a personal note or sending an email to a prospective student.

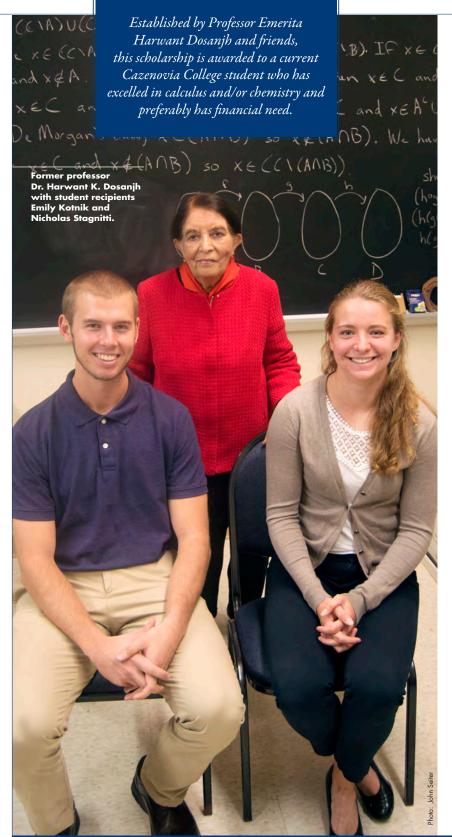
An alumni admissions program provides graduates with opportunities to remain engaged with their alma mater in gratifying ways, helping to inform potential students about college life. As institutions build upon their existing alumni relations, the connections between prospective students and graduates will continue to help strengthen the admissions process.

To learn more about the volunteer opportunities available, please visit the alumni admissions ambassador program page at www.cazenovia.edu/alumni/admissions-ambassador-program, or call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 1.315.655.7332.

"... A new purpose for alumni is to link them with college-bound students and parents as they navigate the college search and selection process."

Patrick Quinn, vice president for

Harwant K. Dosanjh Endowed Scholarship for Chemistry/Calculus



Generous donations and scholarships such as Dr. Dosanjh's have allowed me to take full advantage of every opportunity that has been opened to me during my time here. Her scholarship has allowed me to participate in activities that would otherwise be difficult for me to fund."

- Emily M. Kotnik, Class of 2017

Scholarships personally remind me that my hard work and dedication to academics has truly paid off. I am grateful to receive awards that allow me to pursue my education and career goals in and beyond Cazenovia College."

- Nicholas R. Stagnitti, Class of 2017

Endowed Scholarships, Named Term Scholarships and gifts to the General Scholarship Fund allow more students to experience a Cazenovia College education.

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The Tradition of Reunion Continues

Join fellow alumni and friends for a memorable, fun-filled weekend back on campus. Plans are under way to make Reunion 2017 the best yet! Make YOUR Reunion special. Call your friends or drop them an e-mail. Need contact information? Please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, we are always happy to help you reconnect with former classmates.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN JUNE!

Visit www.cazenovia.edu/reunion to view the Reunion Weekend schedule of events.

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