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College Honored for Distinguished Community Service

For a second year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has named SUNY Cortland to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

The CNCS is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. The corporation administers Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America, a program that supports service-learning in schools, institutions of higher education and community-based organizations.

SUNY Cortland was numbered among 391 schools to be recognized as Honor Roll members at the American Council on Education's Annual Meeting in San Diego on Feb. 11. A full list is available at www.nationalservice.gov/honorroll.

"Americans rely on our higher education system to prepare students for citizenship and the workforce," said U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, during the presentation ceremony. "We look to institutions like these to provide leadership in partnering with local schools to shape the civic, democratic and economic future of our country."

"SUNY Cortland is deeply honored to have achieved the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the second consecutive year," remarked President Erik J. Bitterbaum. "This accomplishment recognizes the strong commitment our institution places on student service. This is very much in keeping with the SUNY Cortland mission to 'make a difference' in the lives of others."

*See the complete story online
at www.cortland.edu/news.*

'The Big Read' Encourages Reading Throughout County

SUNY Cortland will launch "The Big Read," a national effort to encourage children and adults to become more literate and informed citizens, with a community kickoff on Saturday, March 1, and a campus kick off on Thursday, March 6.

Supported by a \$7,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Arts Midwest and the National Institute for Libraries and Museum Services, "The Big Read" will feature 32 separate events during March and April both on campus and at other Cortland County locations.

"'The Big Read' brings together partners across the country to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment," said Karen Stearns, English, who organized the local series of events with her colleague, Sheila Cohen, literacy.

"Over the years, Cortland County has had a very high dropout rate and the level of illiteracy has been a very big issue for businesses

in the community," Cohen added. "To thrive, businesses need an educated workforce. And, to foster a healthy democracy, communities need a literate population."

Priscilla Berggren-Thomas, head librarian with the Phillips Free Library in Homer, N.Y., is also organizing a number of the events, including book discussions, a "Readathon" at the Homer Center for the Arts, and a series of "Random Acts of Reading" events at locations on the campus and in the community.

The organizers will kick off "The Big Read" to the Cortland community on Saturday, March 1, with four separate events at various locations.

Three "Dr. Seuss Birthday Parties" geared for young children will take place that day. The first will be from 10 a.m.-noon at Phillips Free Library on South Main Street in Homer, N.Y. The second will run from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the

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SUNY Cortland Raises \$47,587 for SEFA

SUNY Cortland's 2007-08 State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) campaign raised \$47,587 this year, an all-time high for the College.

The total amount of gifts pledged increased by \$1,993, reported SEFA Campaign Chair Michelle Congdon, human resources, and Vice Chair Melinda Ferguson, physical plant.

"I was proud to be a part of the continuing generosity of the SUNY Cortland community," Congdon said. "The SEFA campaign not only helps those in need across the globe but also helps those who are right here in our community — our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. I believe the dedication of our campus volunteers year after year has a large impact on the success of this campaign as well."

The campaign, which relies upon state employee volunteers to canvas co-workers for donations, kicked off on Oct. 18 and continued until Nov. 1. The only authorized fundraising campaign among state workers, SEFA is directed by United Way of Cortland County and unites fundraising efforts for a group of agencies under a common umbrella.

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The logo for SUNY Cortland, featuring the word "Cortland" in a large, stylized serif font, with "SUNY" in a smaller, sans-serif font above it.

Community Roundtable Will Focus on Healthful Living

A Cortland county environmental health representative, a local organic farmer and a SUNY Cortland safety specialist will discuss the importance of health and the environment at a Community Roundtable on Thursday, March 6.

Titled "Healthful Living in Today's Environment," the roundtable takes place between 8-9 a.m. at Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St. in downtown Cortland. Sponsored by the President's Office and the Center for Educational Exchange, the event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

Panelists for the discussion include Audrey Lewis, director of environmental health in Cortland County; Robert Perry, a local organic

farmer and organic farm inspector who operates Maple Slope Farm on Route 41 in Homer, N.Y., and Amy Twiss, environmental health and safety.

The speakers will engage the audience in a discussion about what's happening in our community to maintain a healthful environment. Participants will learn how SUNY Cortland is generating less waste, putting fewer and less toxic chemicals down the drain and recycling more materials. The roundtable also will address organic foods as part of a sustainable, regional food system that is ecologically sound and economically viable. The panelists will relate how to prevent foodborne and waterborne illnesses, maintain adequate septic systems and reduce radon exposure.

"I will discuss the inspection process and how food becomes certified organic," Perry said. "Food safety is a very timely topic, so I will also talk about the consumer end of the industry, for example, why people are looking toward local and regional markets. Consumers want to know where their food is coming from."

Perry, who received an associate's degree in horticulture from SUNY Delhi, is a lifelong resident of Cortland County. An organic farmer for 25 years, he is a founding member of the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) in New York, and has served the organization as a certified organic farm inspector for 11 years. Perry also educates farmers transitioning into organic farming.

Lewis, a 1980 SUNY Cortland graduate, will focus her talk on environmental problems in Cortland County and how that environment can affect health.

"Environmental health is not rocket science," said Lewis, who has served as director of environmental health in the county since 2000. "There are simple things people can do that will help them live a more healthy life."

For more information on the Community Roundtable series, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214 or visit the Web site at www.cortland.edu/cee.

Human Rights Discussion is Part of 'The Big Read' Program

Jill Schaeffer, a Presbyterian pastor in Cincinnati, N.Y., will discuss human dignity during a Sandwich Seminar on Wednesday, March 19.

Schaeffer, who currently teaches part time for the New York Theological Seminary in the Masters of Professional Studies program at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, N.Y., will present "Rites and/or Rights: Cultural Practice and Human Dignity" from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is part of "The Big Read" at SUNY Cortland. "The Big Read" is a national effort to encourage children and adults to become literate and more informed citizens. Supported by a \$7,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), "The Big Read" is sponsoring 32 separate events during March and April, both on campus and in other locations around Cortland County. (See related story on page 1.)

Schaeffer, who holds a doctorate in philosophical theology, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she was raised Roman Catholic in a family of reformed Jews and Protestants. Because of her family's diversity and to advocate a celebration of differences, she became a pastor involved in human rights and women's issues. Beginning in Fall 1985, Schaeffer spent 15 years overseas with the World Alliance of Reformed Churches and Reformed Church of France. She worked on multicultural issues involving women's rights as human rights. She also worked with churches that were either aligning themselves with nationalist tendencies or withdrawing entirely from public life.

Schaeffer returned to New York City in 2000. Following the events of Sept. 11, 2001, she became the director of the New York Disaster Relief Interfaith Task Force.

For more information about Schaeffer or "The Big Read," contact Sheila G. Cohen, literacy, at ext. 2464.

College Plans Corey Memorial Celebration for March 22

The College is planning a memorial celebration of the lives of Whitney T. "Pete" and Lillian Birdsall Corey, both Class of 1943 Cortland graduates, on Saturday, March 22, at the Alumni House at 29 Tompkins St.

The event will take place from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Those planning to participate must R.S.V.P. to the SUNY Cortland Alumni Affairs Office at 753-2516 no later than March 14.



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The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, March 17. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

All articles must be typewritten. Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.

Student Teachers to Attend March 14 Conference

The College's Center for Educational Exchange (CEE) will sponsor the biannual Educators in Training (EIT) Conference on Friday, March 14.

Organizers anticipate that 113 education majors who have completed the first of two student teaching experiences will attend this professional conference from 7:45 a.m. to 2:50 p.m., in Corey Union.

There is no fee and faculty are welcome to attend. Those planning to participate are asked to R.S.V.P. to the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum will welcome the student teachers to the conference and to the teaching profession.

The EIT will offer a keynote presentation, "Surviving Your First Year of Teaching," and three interactive workshop sessions presented by College faculty and professionals and local educators. Workshop choices include: "Integrated Literacy Workstations," "Discipline Strategies that Work," "The Nuts and Bolts of Classroom

Management," "Creating Teaching Materials," "Responsive Classroom," "Adapting and Differentiating Instruction: A Universal Design for Learning," "Enhancing Math Instruction," and "Job Search Strategies."

Students also will meet in focus groups with their student teaching supervisors to discuss their past quarter of student teaching.

SUNY Cortland professionals and faculty making presentations include Lisa Allen, Michelina Gibbons and Louie Larson from career services; Thomas Lickona, Center for the 4th and 5th Rs; and Judy Bentley, foundations and social advocacy.

Area educators who will present include Cindy Christopher, Tully Central School District; Larry King and Tom Turck, Homer Central School District; Judi Haskins and Lynn New, Cortland City School District; Jamie Foster, retired from Cortland City School District; and Bonnie Calzolaio, Bobbi Krout, George Lohmann, Pat Rice and Gail Szeliga, representing area New York State Teacher Centers.

Author Diana Muir Will Address New England's Natural History

Diana Muir, the author of the 2001 Vermont Publishing Professionals Book of the Year, will speak about "The Historical Quest for an Ecologically Sustainable Economy" on Tuesday, March 18.

Muir, an award-winning author and historian, will begin her talk at 7:30 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 105.

The lecture is part of the yearlong series on the theme of "Earthly Matters," organized by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. The series is free and open to the public.

Muir's book, *Reflections in Bullough's Pond: Economy and Ecosystem in New England*, presents an intriguing interpretation of New England's natural history and the people who have lived there since pre-Columbian times.

In this book, Muir, who lives in New York City, writes from the vantage point of a nearby pond in Newton, Mass. It is described as history on a grand scale drawing on scholarship in fields ranging from archaeology and zoology. Muir offers a tour of the population crisis faced by New England natives in the pre-Columbian period, the introduction of indoor plumbing and the invention of the shoe-peg.

In 2001, the book also won the Massachusetts Book Award and was the Boston Author's Club Honor Book.

Muir has written two books that study human celebration, *The Glorious Fourth: An American Holiday* (1989) and *Thanksgiving: An American Holiday, An American History* (1984). Besides writing books on social history, Muir is the author of two award-winning children's books, one on the Maine Woods and the other on the ice trade. *Cocoa Ice*, published in 1997, was named the Lupine Award Honor Book. Muir's first children's book, *Giants in the Land* (1993), won numerous awards and was called "one of the 40 greatest children's books of all time" by *Yankee* magazine.

"Earthly Matters" is the third yearlong series of lectures and cultural events organized around a single theme at SUNY Cortland. Sponsored by the College's Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, the series is funded by the President's Office and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office.

For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at ext. 2060.

CSEA Offers Workshop for Classified Union Staff

Frank Pastizzo, CEO and founder of the educational, interactive program "Warm Up the Workplace," will present a workshop on Tuesday, March 11, to help Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) members reflect the values of respect and kindness in the workplace.

The program, which offers team building and leadership coaching to companies, organizations and associations nationwide, will be held in two sessions from 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Vice President for Finance and Management Office and the CSEA Local 605. Invitation is open to only the approximately 350 CSEA classified staff employees. Participants must R.S.V.P. to the CSEA Office in Old Main, Room B-15A by Monday, March 10.

Pastizzo uses comedy, theater, music, story telling and group exercises in his presentations. The programs are tailored to helping individuals and work teams appreciate each other's skills and points of view to promote cooperation and productivity. The outcome is a more tolerant, supportive, goal-oriented organization and environment.

Organizations have called on Pastizzo to alleviate friction between departments and ranks, leaving people mindful that they have common goals, the most important being that each person realizes his or her own value as a contributor to the whole.

For more information, contact Gilda Votra, Registrar's Office, at ext. 2957. To learn more about the program, visit Pastizzo's Web site at www.warmuptheworkplace.com.

Spring 2008 Bulletin Schedule

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#14	Monday, March 31	Tuesday, March 25
#15	Monday, April 14	Tuesday, April 8
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Judicial Review Board Seeks Volunteers

Judicial Affairs is looking for student, faculty and staff justices to serve on the Judicial Review Board (JRB) and College Hearing Panel (CHP) for the 2008-09 academic year.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 3, and can be found at www.cortland.edu/judaffairs by clicking on the leadership opportunities link.

For more information, contact Judicial Affairs at ext. 4725 or visit the office in Corey Union, Room 409-B.

As justices, members of the panel listen to respondent and witness testimony, review evidence provided to the hearing board and ultimately decide whether or not a student is in violation of school policy. Justices hear cases dealing with all aspects of the *Code of Student Conduct*, from alcohol and drug policy to physical assault. If a student is found in violation, the justices decide what educational sanctions will be imposed to ensure the safety of the campus community.

In addition to gaining valuable experience and understanding of how the College judicial system works, student justices have the opportunity to receive one credit for each semester of their involvement. Student justices attend monthly training sessions and participate in three-to-four hearings a semester involving alleged violations of the *Code of Student Conduct*.

As members on the panel, faculty and staff are provided an opportunity to positively interact with student justices and also have a role in educating students outside the classroom or office. This voluntary participation is vital to the judicial process and it also provides faculty and staff members with a great opportunity to become more involved with campus and student life.

Current student justices participate because they have an interest in the judicial system and want to ensure a fair process for all respondents. Student justices earn resume credentials. T and the communication skills attained in the group setting are an asset to future employment. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply.

Nationally Acclaimed Musician to Perform on March 5

Chris Cauley, a nationally acclaimed singer and performer, will present an "Acoustic Coffeehouse with Chris Cauley" on Wednesday, March 5.

The 23-year-old singer, guitarist and songwriter from Atlanta, Ga., will perform at 8 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. Sponsored by the Student Activities Board, the Health Promotion Office, Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) and the Student Development Center as part of the "Wellness Wednesday Series," this event is free and open to the public.

Cauley has been described as having passion, soul and easy charm that captivates his audience.

In his first year on the college circuit in 2005, Cauley was the number one music act of all three showcases he was selected for and was voted Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APAC) Coffeehouse Artist of the Year.

In 2008, he was nominated as the Best Male and Small Venue Performance artist.

He began writing songs at the age of 16 and in 2004, signed a deal with Red Drum Records of Augusta, Ga., at age 19.

Today Cauley, a live duo act with his saxophone player, creates a blend of rock and rhythm and blues. In 2003, he released his first solo album, titled "Wishing Well."

The semester-long "Wellness Wednesday Series" features speakers, exhibits, self-help workshops and other programs intended to help students adjust to college life.

For more information, contact Cathy Smith, Health Promotion Office, Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-1, or at ext. 2066 or smithc@cortland.edu.

Five Students Named Phi Kappa Phi Scholars of the Year

The SUNY Cortland chapter of the national honor society Phi Kappa Phi recognized five students based on their academic accomplishments and their leadership and volunteer involvement at the College.

Each student will receive a \$50 check and will be honored at Phi Kappa Phi's induction ceremony on April 12 in the Corey Union Function Room.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for all academic disciplines. Each year, about 30,000 members are initiated into the society on nearly 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

SUNY Cortland's Phi Kappa Phi Scholars of the Year are:

Kaitlyn Boyes

A senior sport management major from Tonawanda, N.Y., Boyes received nine awards during the 2007-08 school year for her work in the sport management program, extracurricular activities and community service. Besides being an active participant in campus life at SUNY Cortland, Boyes has maintained a 3.91 grade point average and has made the Dean's List and the President's List.

Taryn Donovan

A junior sport management and Spanish major from Utica, N.Y., Donovan received the 2007 Sophomore of the Year award from the Sport Management Department. Recognized for being in the top five percent of her class since

her freshman year in 2005, Donovan has maintained a 3.97 grade point average and has made the Dean's List and President's List.

Michelle Housworth

A senior triple major in English, international studies and Spanish, the Owego, N.Y., native has received the renewable SUNY Cortland Merit Scholarship annually since 2005. Recognized for being in the top five percent of her class since 2005, she is currently ranked fifth in the class. Housworth has maintained a 4.15 grade point average and made the Dean's List and the President's List.

Jason Page

A senior history major from Little York, N.Y., Page received the Academic Achievement Award for being among the top five students in the School of Arts and Sciences in 2006. He has kept a 4.09 grade point average and made the President's List.

Kimberly Swan

A senior speech and hearing science major from Scarsdale, N.Y., Swan has maintained a 4.07 grade point average and has made the Dean's List and President's List. Swan has volunteered with several organizations at SUNY Cortland, including the SUNY Cortland Blood Drive and the Relay for Life. She is serving a term as the president of the Speech and Hearing Club.

For more information on the awards, contact Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology, and Scholar of the Month committee chair for Phi Kappa Phi, at ext. 2308.

Faculty from Six Countries Plan Visits During Spring

The SUNY Cortland campus community is playing host to faculty delegations from Azerbaijan, China, New Zealand, Sweden, Thailand and Turkey during the spring semester.

The 17 visitors will travel to Cortland for many different purposes ranging from developing exchange programs in connection with the College to opening art exhibitions on campus. Faculty are encouraged to arrange opportunities for themselves and their students to interact with the guests while they are here, said Distinguished Service Professor Henry Steck, the interim director of the James M. Clark Center for International Education.

"We are having an astonishing cadre of visitors this spring, and that does not include our regular International Programs/Study Abroad partners who are not yet scheduled," Steck said.

Anyone interested in meeting with members of a particular international contingent or arranging a classroom visit by a guest on campus is

encouraged to contact those colleagues who are sponsoring the specific visit.

Faculty who plan to sponsor on-campus academic guests from other countries are asked to notify Steck, who is coordinating information on these efforts on behalf of the campus community. He can be reached at ext. 4807 or steckh@cortland.edu.

Lian Xu, an English literature professor at Capital Normal University, Beijing, China, is on campus the whole semester to engage in faculty exchanges on the subjects of American literature, communications and other disciplines. Lian has an excellent command of the English language.

For more information, contact Lien at ext. 5551, or one of her sponsors: Lara Atkins, international programs, at ext. 2209; Robert Ponterio, international communications and culture, at ext. 2027; Vicki Boynton, English, at ext. 2082; or Hongli Fan, international communications and culture, at ext. 2017.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

Educators, Students Sought for Belize Summer Teacher Institute

In the wake of four successful Summer Teacher Institutes in Belize, SUNY Cortland is planning another program that will run from June 27-July 5.

Since 2004, SUNY Cortland's International Programs Office has arranged visits by groups of American teachers, administrators, college faculty members and students to the tiny Central American country of Belize for a two-week Summer Institute in Environmental Studies and Culture.

This year's summer institute, hosted by the Chaa Creek Nature Preserve, is a three-credit graduate course. The application deadline is Monday, March 17, and scholarships are available. Participants are limited to 10 and acceptance will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The institute will offer those currently in teaching and administrative positions, as well as those working toward their master's degree in education or a related field, a unique professional development opportunity to work with their Belizean counterparts. Participants are involved in a variety of hands-on experiences, active involvement in field research and ongoing collaboration with individuals in the educational field.

"I had never been out of the United States, and the institute gave me the opportunity to do that and work with teachers from another country," said Jacqui Getman, a SUNY Cortland

graduate student who attended last year's institute. "The teachers in Belize taught me more about teaching than I could ever imagine. The way the teachers used what limited resources they have makes you think how simplifying your lessons in the classroom can make teaching and learning easier. The Summer Teaching Institute in Belize is an amazing experience that I hope people take advantage of. I learned so much."

Belize, formerly British Honduras, is politically stable and has English as its first language. About the size of Massachusetts, Belize is sparsely populated compared to neighboring countries.

The institute is directed by Gail Tooker, childhood/early childhood education. The program focuses on ancient Mayan civilization, archaeology, eco-tourism, conservation and the rain forest. Participants take related excursions and view presentations by local experts in the environmental field and engage cultural experiences and events. Though most of the program takes place at Chaa Creek, located near the Guatemalan border, the group also makes trips to smaller neighboring towns.

For more information or to register for this summer's institute, contact Ann Marshall, International Programs Office, at ext. 2209.

March 4 Workshops Focus on Learning to Be Stress Free

Recreation therapist, registered yoga teacher, certified meditation teacher and personal trainer Tina Ramsden will present two workshops showing participants ways they can reduce stress in their lives on Tuesday, March 4.

Ramsden, who currently works as a personal trainer and yoga instructor for Carrier Wellness Center in Syracuse, N.Y., will present "Got Stress?" in the Corey Union Exhibition Lounge from 1:15-2:30 p.m. and 2:50-4 p.m.

Sponsored by a Campus Artist and Lecture Series grant, a Teacher Leader Quality Partnership Grant and the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department, these events are free and open to the public.

Ramsden, a 1986 SUNY Cortland graduate who lives in Marcellus, N.Y., will outline how to become conscious of stress symptoms and how to respond to these symptoms. She will demonstrate simple breathing techniques to calm nerves and sharpen the mind, easy stretches and movements to implement into daily life and the classroom, and a simple brain gym exercise to improve memory.

Ramsden also is a professional yoga and fitness instructor for Mirbeau Inn and Spa in Skaneateles, N.Y., and is a yoga and fitness instructor and personal trainer for Ja Spa in Marcellus.

Previously, Ramsden taught yoga as an adjunct instructor for Empire State College in Auburn, N.Y., and was an adjunct instructor in recreation therapy at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. Certified by the American Council on Exercise, Ramsden has 25 years of teaching experience.

For more information, contact Judith Schillo, childhood/early childhood education, at ext. 2454.

2007-08 Affirmative Action Grants Awarded

The 2007-08 Affirmative Action Grants, used to support campus organizations, offices or individuals engaged in activities or programs that advance the spirit of Affirmative Action, were recently awarded to the following individuals:

- Tanya Abilock, Caribbean Student Association, received \$500 for "CaribExpo."
- Aram deKoven, foundations and social advocacy, was awarded \$150 for "What is Affirmative Action and Who Does it Help?"
- Seth Asumah, Africana studies, received \$500 for "Black History Month."
- Anne Burns Thomas, foundations and social advocacy, was the recipient of \$200 for "C.U.R.E. Scholarship Partnership."
- Ellis McDowell-Loudan, sociology/anthropology, received \$200 for "An Archaeological Study of the Miller Prehistoric Native American Site."
- Colleen Kattau, international communications and culture, received \$200 for "The Afro-Colombian Experience."
- Erwei Dong, recreation and leisure studies, was awarded \$250 for "Women and Leisure in Muslim Society."

For more information about the Affirmative Action Grant Program, contact Wendy McAllister, human resources, at ext. 2302, or Pamela F. Summers, literacy, by e-mail at summersp@cortland.edu.

Student Leadership Award Nominations Sought

Nominations for the 2008 Student Leadership Awards are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 7, in the Campus Activities Office in Corey Union, Room 406.

There are three award categories: Outstanding Student Leader, Excellence in Leadership and Outstanding Senior. Nomination forms will be sent out via e-mail and also may be picked up in the Campus Activities Office. Students may be nominated by students, faculty or staff. Self-nomination is also appropriate.

Award recipients will be honored at the 2008 Leadership Recognition Banquet to be held on April 17 in the Corey Union Function Room.

For more information, contact Interim Assistant Director of Leadership and Community Development Mary Kate Boland at ext. 2034 or via e-mail at bolandm@cortland.edu.

Bolton Develops Writing Skills During London Internship

For SUNY Cortland professional writing major Philip Bolton Jr., the College's Study Abroad Internship Program helped the aspiring journalist hone his writing skills with a fast-paced, high-tech business incubator in London, England.

Bolton, a junior from Middleville, N.Y., interned with London Metropolitan University's Accelerator from September to December.

At Accelerator, located in Shoreditch in the heart of London's new media industry, Bolton worked for the marketing manager, writing press releases and case studies about the small, new businesses Accelerator assists by providing technical support, researching grants and, in some cases, office space.

"It was a great opportunity to gain better writing skills, a better understanding of the work atmosphere, networking experience and to get an idea of what kind of writing I want to do," Bolton said.

Along with practicing professional writing at Accelerator, Bolton took three classes at London Metropolitan University as part of SUNY Cortland's Study Abroad Internship Program.

For more information on study abroad internship opportunities, contact the International Programs Office at ext. 2209.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

Senior Receives National Scholarship for Transfer Students

Senior Domenica McKeon was named one of 13 recipients of the 2008 Tau Sigma National Scholarship by Tau Sigma, the national honor society for transfer students.

Tau Sigma awarded McKeon, a childhood/early childhood education major from Endicott, N.Y., a \$500 scholarship.

To be eligible for the national scholarship, a student must be a member of the honor society. Induction into Tau Sigma is offered to students who transfer at least 24 credits, complete at least 12 credits at their new institution and achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average in their first semester of transfer.

In 1999 Tau Sigma, which stands for transition and scholarship, was incorporated nationally to "recognize and promote the academic excellence and involvement of transfer students." Fifty-six universities currently have or are establishing Tau Sigma chapters to improve services they provide to the transfer student population.

"I honestly didn't think that my application for the scholarship would go to the national level, said McKeon, who expects to graduate in December. "It is a really great honor to be recognized."

The SUNY Cortland chapter of Tau Sigma not only recognizes achievement, but also offers

leadership and mentoring opportunities to transfer students to become involved in their new campus. Cortland's chapter was founded in 2004 and currently has 286 student members.

McKeon, who is secretary of the Cortland chapter of Tau Sigma, first heard about the scholarship from Carol Costell, advisement and transition.

"I am excited to see one of our transfer students and SUNY Cortland be recognized at the national level," said Costell. "This scholarship not only awards Domenica's hard work but also highlights the approximately 840 new transfer students that come to campus each year."

McKeon transferred to SUNY Cortland in Fall 2006 from Broome Community College, where she studied early childhood education. Outside the classroom, McKeon works two part-time jobs and is a member of the Education Club.

"SUNY Cortland's education program has a great reputation," McKeon said. "I knew early childhood education was the best career choice for me and SUNY Cortland is in a great location."

After graduation, McKeon hopes to find a job teaching in a Binghamton-area public school.

For more information on the SUNY Cortland chapter of Tau Sigma, contact Costell at ext. 4726.

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Children's Museum. The third will take place from 1-3 p.m. at Main Street SUNY Cortland, located at 9 Main St. The parties are organized by students in the College's Education Club.

The day's activities will culminate in a community kick off reception at Main Street SUNY Cortland starting at 4 p.m. Event sponsors will distribute materials and describe other planned "The Big Read" events.

Cortland's "The Big Read" will also include book discussions on campus and in the community and a visit to campus by Chris Crutcher, a popular author of books for young adults whose work has been censored.

"Crutcher's sensitive and fast-paced writing, popular with teens, is influenced by his work as a therapist and child protection advocate," Stearns said. "He has received dozens of awards and honors

including the National Council of Teachers of English's 1998 National Intellectual Freedom Award."

"What book would you save?" is the slogan for the upcoming celebration of Ray Bradbury's classic dystopian fiction, *Fahrenheit 451*, which is the focus of the two-month program, Berggren-Thomas explained.

"*Fahrenheit 451* is one of 16 titles featured in several hundred participating communities across the country," added Stearns. "In one of literature's most haunting denunciations of censorship, Ray Bradbury uses the materials of science fiction to tell the story of Guy Montag, a fireman forced to burn books."

Films will be shown on themes relating to *Fahrenheit 451*, such as censorship, civil liberties and individual rights to read and engage in critical thinking.

Buttons will be distributed that depict the *Fahrenheit 451* book and query, "Which book would you save?"

"Random Acts of Reading" will provide the public with opportunities to read a section of one of those books in a public forum, Cohen noted. The Blue Frog coffeehouse will be among the venues for these planned readings.

Those who attend "The Big Read" events are encouraged to look for drop boxes where they can donate new or slightly used children's books for the Family Reading Partnership Red Bookshelves.

The events will continue with dates, event titles and descriptions, times and locations posted online.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Friday, March 7

Women's Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Indoor Championships, (Mass.), TBA

Men's Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Indoor Championships, (Mass.), TBA

Wrestling at NCAA Div. III Championships, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, TBA

Saturday, March 8

Wrestling at NCAA Div. III Championships, (Iowa), TBA

Men's Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Indoor Championships, (Mass.), TBA

Women's Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Indoor Championships, (Mass.), TBA

MEN'S LACROSSE vs. St. Lawrence, 1 p.m.

Women's Gymnastics at Ithaca, 1 p.m.

Women's Lacrosse at Randolph-Macon (Va.), 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 9

Baseball vs. Wheaton (Mass.) in Tempe, Ariz., noon

Softball vs. Transylvania in Kissimmee, Fla., 1 p.m.

Softball vs. Ramapo in Kissimmee, Fla., 5 p.m.

Monday, March 10

Women's Golf at Methodist Tournament, (N.C.), 9 a.m.

Baseball vs. College of New Jersey in Chandler, Ariz., 1:30 p.m.

Softball vs. Benedictine in Kissimmee, Fla., 3 p.m.

Softball vs. Coe in Kissimmee, Fla., 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 11

Softball vs. Washington (Md.) in Kissimmee, Fla., 9 a.m.

Baseball vs. Wheaton (Mass.) in Chandler, Ariz., 10 a.m.

Softball vs. Coast Guard in Kissimmee, Fla., 11 a.m.

MEN'S LACROSSE vs. Western New England, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

Baseball vs. College of New Jersey in Chandler, Ariz., 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 13

Baseball vs. Bowdoin in Chandler, Ariz., 2 p.m.

Softball vs. Marietta in Kissimmee, Fla., 3 p.m.

Softball vs. Coe in Kissimmee, Fla., 5 p.m.

Women's Swimming and Diving at NCAA Div. III Championships (Ohio), TBA

Friday, March 14

Softball vs. Fontbonne in Kissimmee, Fla. 9 a.m.

Baseball vs. Dickinson in Scottsdale, Ariz., noon

Softball vs. Mount Union in Kissimmee, Fla., 1 p.m.

Women's Swimming and Diving at NCAA Div. III Championships (Ohio), TBA

Men's Track and Field at NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships (Ohio), TBA

Women's Track and Field at NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships (Ohio), TBA

Saturday, March 15

Women's Lacrosse at Salisbury (Md.), 11:30 a.m.

Women's Gymnastics at ECAC Div. III Championships (Mass.), 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Johns Hopkins in Chandler, Ariz., 1:30 p.m.

Men's Lacrosse vs. Clarkson in Sanford, Fla., 2 p.m.

Women's Track and Field at NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships (Ohio), TBA

Men's Track and Field at NCAA Div. III Indoor Championships (Ohio), TBA

Women's Swimming and Diving at NCAA Div. III Championships (Ohio), TBA

Sunday, March 16

Baseball vs. William Paterson in Mesa, Ariz., noon

News Briefs

Timely Return of Summer Session Contracts Requested

Summer Session contracts were distributed on Feb. 28 to faculty either by campus mail or directly to their home addresses. One signed copy of the contract should be returned to Mary Cervoni, Brockway Hall, Room 216-B, within 10 days of the contract date.

The office must receive a signed contract before a class will be listed in the course schedule on the Web. Any course that does not have a signed contract returned by the time the schedule is posted on the Web, approximately March 10, will be made inactive and not available for registration until the contract is received.

Those with questions or concerns about contracts, or those not receiving a contract but expecting one, should contact Cervoni at ext. 4207.

Antlers at Raquette Lake Open To Faculty and Staff June 23-28

The Antlers facility at the Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake will be available for use by faculty, staff and their guests, including spouses, children and significant others, from Monday, June 23, through Saturday, June 28.

Reservation information is available on the Web site located at www.cortland.edu/outdoor or at the Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education Office, Miller Building, Room 230. A \$50 deposit is required with registration.

Room and board for six days and five nights is \$189 per person for adults and \$155 per person for children age 12 and under. There is no charge for children under one year of age.

Visitors arrive between 2-4 p.m. on Monday, June 23. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. that evening. Visitors will depart Saturday, June 28, following breakfast.

Participants will be acknowledged on a first-come, first-served basis following receipt of both the reservation and deposit.

For more information, call the center at ext. 5488.

College-Community Appreciation Award Nominees Sought

The College Council is seeking nominations for its 2008 College-Community Appreciation Award, which will be presented in Fall 2008.

The College-Community Appreciation Award formally recognizes local residents who have significantly assisted SUNY Cortland. Previous winners have included educators, merchants, elected officials, public servants, longtime volunteers, clergy and media representatives who were chosen for making a positive difference in the life of the College.

Nominations must be received by Friday, March 28. To nominate a worthy candidate, submit a letter of recommendation to Kim Ireland, College-Community Appreciation Award Committee, in care of President's Office, Miller Building, Room 408.

Open House Set for April 5

SUNY Cortland's 26th annual Open House for accepted students and their families is scheduled for Saturday, April 5. Prospective applicants also will be invited to attend the event, which begins at 9 a.m. in Park Center.

"Faculty, professional staff and students will be contacted for assistance with the Open House program, which last year brought 2,000 visitors to campus," said Betsy Cheetham, admissions, who chairs the Open House.

An honors reception at the Alumni House will be held for the most academically gifted students as part of the day's events.

Awards Nominations Extended

The College's Leadership in Civic Engagement Award Committee is extending the due date for the Leadership in Civic Engagement Award nominations to midnight on Monday, March 3.

SUNY Cortland is committed to excellence in service to the community. Since April 2004, the College has presented Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards to recognize individuals' significant contributions to the community's quality of life through their civic engagement activities.

One can nominate a student, staff, faculty or community member who has contributed to the quality of life in Cortland County by contacting John Suarez, coordinator of service-learning and member of the Civic Engagement Leadership Awards Committee, at suarezj@cortland.edu.

Include a brief description of the person's accomplishments. The committee will only consider nominees who have not been given this award previously.

Previous winners have been honored for their outstanding organization of community service projects, effectiveness in collecting money or supplies for the needy, impact on the life of a child or senior citizen, or the creation of a community service effort or organization.

For more information, call Suarez at ext. 4391.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Ralph Dudgeon, performing arts, served as a judge of wind entrants in the preliminary round of the CMM/SSO Youth Concerto Competition, held on Jan. 19 in the W. Carroll Coyne Performing Arts Center of Le Moyne College. The finalists will appear as soloists with the Syracuse Symphony.

Dudgeon will join the Artist Faculty and serve as honorary chair of the Historic Division of the National Trumpet Competition. He will perform with Artist Faculty ensembles, appear in soloist recital and as a soloist with the Federal City Brass Band. The event will take place March 13-16 at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Dudgeon will appear as a recitalist with the Italian pianist, Amedeo Francesco Aurilio, in a program of Music for Trumpet and Piano by American Composers that will be presented at Sala Napolitano in Salerno and at the Conservatorio di Avellino in early June. Dudgeon also will be playing this program at Capital Normal University, Beijing with Sun Xiao Xue in October 2008.

T. D. Fitzgerald, biological sciences, is the author of a paper titled: "Larvae of the fall webworm, *Hyphantria cunea*, inhibit cyanogenesis in *Prunus serotina*," appearing in the March 1 issue of the *Journal of Experimental Biology*. The paper appears as a featured article and is accompanied by an editorial overview and an artist-rendered illustration depicting webworms consuming cyanide-laden leaves of the cherry tree. The paper reports that the caterpillars inhibit cyanogenesis by maintaining a foregut pH of 12, approximately that of oven cleaner. This is among the highest values ever reported from any biological system. **Peter Jeffers**, chemistry emeritus, provided invaluable aid in the quantitative analysis of cyanide. Former biology students, Ashley McCarthy, Mikka Cain, Gary Issacs, William Mauck and Mark Stevens assisted in preparing and analyzing samples.

Thomas Hischak, performing arts, had his essay "'Company' and the Concept Musical" published on the Web site for WNET-TV New York's "Great Performances" in connection with the Feb. 20 broadcast of the Stephen Sondheim musical, "Company."

Joseph Rayle, foundations and social advocacy, will present his paper at the second annual Equity and Social Justice in Education Conference on April 26 at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Pomona, N.J. His paper, titled "What's at Stake for You: Connecting White Students' Education with Social Justice," describes the use of a system theory perspective to help teacher education candidates learn about what they have to gain by becoming committed to the project of social justice education. Both theory and examples of classroom practice are presented. More information is available at equitysocialjustice.org.

James Reese, sport management, was a secondary author of a peer-reviewed article published in the current issue of the *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*. The article, titled "Travelers on the Title IX Compliance Highway: How are Ohio Colleges and Universities Faring?" studied the distribution of resources throughout the state of Ohio to men's and women's inter-collegiate athletic programs.

David Snyder, sport management, was invited to be a featured speaker of the Bar Association of the City of New York – Asian Affairs Committee. The presentation titled "Legal Issues in Japanese Baseball" will take place in May in New York City.

Robert Spitzer, political science, is author of an article that appeared on the op-ed page of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* on Feb. 15, titled, "Democrats Can Prevent Catastrophe and Hillary Should Help." The article, co-authored with Glenn Altschuler, Cornell University, argues that the political logjam between presidential candidates Obama and Clinton can be resolved if they agree now to abide by the preferences of a majority of primary voters at the conclusion of the primary process on June 7.

Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, has been appointed chair of the National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) Subcommittee by the American Chemical Society's Committee on Education. The NCO program has existed since 1984, when the United States first sent a team to compete in the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). The four-person IChO team is chosen from a group of 20 selected yearly to attend a two-week study camp at the Air Force Academy. The 20 individuals are identified through a series of competitive examinations written and graded by the NCO Task Force, a group with which Zipp has worked since 1985 and chaired since 1993. The subcommittee is responsible for making the policy decisions concerning the NCO and is currently discussing the possibility of the United States hosting the IChO in 2010.

Faculty Encouraged to Reserve Main Street Classrooms

Celebrating its second year of operation, the Main Street SUNY Cortland facility, at 9 Main St. in downtown Cortland, has more than doubled the number of classes offered in its high-tech classrooms. Next semester more than a dozen classes are scheduled there.

Classes include service-learning courses, that benefit from a close proximity to community organizations, graduate courses with access to parking, shops and restaurants, and undergraduate classes that offer a close proximity to student housing and downtown restaurants.

The facility includes two smart classrooms, with seating for up to 40 students at desks or tables, and wireless Internet. The classrooms are available for undergraduate and graduate courses. The walk from the main campus is about five-to-10 minutes. Public parking lots across the street from the building are open and free for up to three hours. Currently, there is no bus service from campus.

The schedule for Fall 2008 has room openings in all morning time slots as well as openings all day Thursday, most of Friday and Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

For more information or to schedule a class, faculty can call SUNY Cortland Main Street at 753-4270, or stop in.



The Bulletin contains official College announcements, news reports and notices of campus events. Information for the The Bulletin should be sent to the Publications and Electronic Media Office, Brockway Hall, Room 207-F, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045, or by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu.

Coming Events

Monday, March 3

Book Chat: Focusing on *Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Responsible Political Engagement*, led by Richard Kendrick, sociology/anthropology, Memorial Library Learning Commons, 12:30 p.m.

\$ Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Corey Union Caleion Room, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4

Faculty Senate Meeting: Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 1:10 p.m.

Workshops: "Got Stress?" Tina Ramsden '86, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge; two sessions, 1:15-2:30 p.m. and 2:50-4 p.m.

Leadership Series – Taking the Modern Road to Leadership Success: "Webutation – Your Leadership Reputation Reflected Online," Nan Pasquarello, judicial affairs, and Sarah Gingrich, residential services, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

Women's Initiatives' Annual Luncheon: Keynote speaker is Sharon Todd, recreation, parks and leisure studies, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 11:30 p.m.

Book Chat: Focusing on *Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Responsible Political Engagement*, led by Randi Storch, history, Memorial Library Learning Commons, 2 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series: Acoustic coffeehouse featuring Chris Cauley, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 8 p.m.

Thursday, March 6

Community Roundtable: "Healthful Living in Today's Environment," Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., Cortland, 8-9 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

Sandwich Seminar: "Building a Social Justice Community," Rachel Reinhard, history, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Big Read Panel Discussion: "Teachers and Author Chris Crutcher on Censorship," Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4:20 p.m.

Book Chat: Focusing on *Educating for Democracy: Preparing Undergraduates for Responsible Political Engagement*, led by Joy Mosher, childhood/early childhood education, Memorial Library Learning Commons, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 7

Spring Recess Begins: 6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11

Interactive Program: "Warm Up the Workplace" for CSEA employees, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge; two sessions, 9-11 a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Friday, March 14

Conference: Educators in Training, Corey Union, 7:45 a.m.- 2:50 p.m.

Monday, March 17

Spring Recess ends/Fourth-Quarter Classes Begin: 8 a.m.

ASC Dining Hours Posted For Spring Recess

Following are special hours for the Spring Recess. All dining facilities resume normal business hours on Monday, March 17.

The Bookmark

Thursday, March 6 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Caleion Room

Thursday, March 6 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Campus Corner

Thursday, March 6 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Colloquium

Thursday, March 6 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Dunkin' Donuts

Thursday, March 6 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Friday, March 7 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Dragon's Den

Thursday, March 6 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, March 7 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Monday, March 10-
Friday, March 14 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dragon's Court

Thursday, March 6 11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Friendly's

Thursday, March 6 6 p.m.-11 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Hilltop

Thursday, March 6 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Friday, March 7 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Neubig

Thursday, March 6 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
4 p.m.-8 p.m.
Friday, March 7 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday, March 16 2-10 p.m.

Poolside

Thursday, March 6 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

Raquette Pizza

Thursday, March 6 5-11 p.m.
Friday, March 7 Closed

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