SUNY Cortland to Hold Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies on May 17

SUNY Cortland will conduct two undergraduate Commencement ceremonies — one at 9:30 a.m. and the other at 2:30 p.m. — on Saturday, May 17, in Park Center Alumni Arena.

An estimated 1,325 seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees during Commencement exercises, which will be presided over by President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

Thomas Goodale ’61, a SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumnus and renowned expert in the field of recreation and leisure studies, will address the graduates at both ceremonies. The State University of New York will bestow upon Goodale an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters during Commencement.

Each ceremony begins with an academic procession. A prelude, processional and recessional music will be provided by the Cortland Brass Ensemble.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum will deliver the charge to graduates.

During the morning ceremony, Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, will carry the mace, a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of institutional authority at Commencement and academic convocations. Four multi-colored gonfalons, representing the All College, the School of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Professional Studies, will be carried, respectively, by Robert Rhodes, Anglo-Irish literature emeritus; Barry Batzing, biological sciences; Emilie Kudela, childhood/early childhood education; and Joy Hendrick, kinesiology.

Senior musical theatre major Audra Rizzo will sing the national anthem and senior musical theatre major Jennifer Vadella will sing the Alma Mater.

Richard Wheeler, physics, will carry the mace during the afternoon Commencement. The gonfaloniers will be: Dale Anderson, recreation and leisure studies; Sanford Gutman, history; Sheila Cohen, literacy; and K. Michael Kniffen, physical education.

Graduate Commencement Set for May 16 in Park Center

The SUNY Cortland Commencement ceremony for students earning master’s degrees and certificates of advanced study is scheduled for Friday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in Park Center Alumni Arena.

The College will award 307 master’s degrees and 38 certificates of advanced study. After the ceremony, a reception for the graduates and their guests will take place in the Corey Gymnasium.

An academic procession will open the Commencement. Faculty Senate Chair Karla Alwes, English, will be the mace bearer. Faculty members will carry the four multi-colored gonfalons representing the

Prus Named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Mark Prus, the dean of the School of Arts and Sciences since July 2002, will become the provost and vice president for academic affairs on July 1.

Prus, who was hired following a national search, will replace Elizabeth Davis-Russell, who will retire on June 30.

As provost and vice president for academic affairs, Prus will be the chief academic officer and will provide leadership and vision to the schools of Arts and Sciences, Education and Professional Studies. He also will oversee athletics, enrollment management, graduate studies, information resources, institutional research and assessment, international programs, intercultural and gender studies, outdoor and environmental education and research and sponsored programs.

A native of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Prus grew up in North Canton, Ohio. He graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame and earned a doctorate in economics from the University of Utah. He studied for his Ph.D. on a University of Utah Teaching Fellowship and a Marriner S. Eccles Fellowship in Political Economy.

Prus joined the Economics Department faculty in 1990 as a visiting assistant professor after having taught at SUNY Potsdam for five years. Two years later, he was promoted to associate professor. He attained the rank of professor in 2001.

From January-July 2002, Prus served as interim associate dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He served as interim dean from July 2002 until March 2004, when he was permanently appointed to the position.

As dean, he has been responsible for overseeing a $14 million budget for 18 academic departments and one interdisciplinary center. His responsibilities include curriculum development and planning, and faculty recruitment, development and evaluation.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
Five SUNY Cortland faculty and staff members will receive the prestigious State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence during the 2008 Undergraduate Commencement on Saturday, May 17, in the Park Center.

The honorees are:

- David J. Barclay, geology – Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching;
- Michael D. Berzonsky, psychology – Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities;
- Ellen S. Jampole, literacy – Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service;
- Ellen T. McCabe, library – Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship; and
- Nanette M. Pasquarello, judicial affairs – Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

The Chancellor's Award process begins at each of the 64 SUNY campuses with nominations submitted by the respective presidents. The SUNY Committee on Awards then reviews the nominations and makes its recommendations.

David J. Barclay

Barclay of Groton, N.Y., who joined the Geology Department in 1999, becomes the 49th SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Promoted to associate professor in 2005, Barclay has developed and taught courses that fulfill the College's General Education requirements as well as others that support the geology major or degrees in graduate-level teacher education. He has received a number of fellowships and grants, including a National Science Foundation award for his research since 1993 on Holocene climate change and glacier dynamics in southern Alaska.

Michael D. Berzonsky

Berzonsky of Homer, N.Y., who joined the College's Psychology Department in 1971, becomes the seventh SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

His social-cognitive theoretical model of identity has been widely studied and tested and has fostered its own impressive body of research among other scholars in the field. International colleagues universally recognize his scientific rigor, keen vision, wisdom and magnanimity. Some have called Berzonsky "one of the five most productive identity researchers of his generation."

Ellen S. Jampole

Jampole of Cortland, who joined the College in 1990, becomes the fifth SUNY Cortland faculty member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

Currently a professor and graduate coordinator of literacy, she has provided outstanding leadership and service to the College Reading Association (CRA), an international organization founded by and for literacy experts in 1958.

Ellen T. McCabe

McCabe of Binghamton, N.Y., a senior assistant librarian in Memorial Library since 2004, becomes the fifth SUNY Cortland librarian to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

As the College's humanities bibliographer and cataloger, she provides instructional services, research assistance and materials selection assistance to more than 30 undergraduate and graduate-level programs. McCabe has offered dozens of instructional sessions for these programs on using the library effectively, using online databases, finding primary documents online and using digital images in research. She teaches courses on computer information retrieval and participates in the Composition Library Instruction Program.

Nanette M. Pasquarello

Pasquarello of Cortlandville, N.Y., a professional staff member at SUNY Cortland since 1991, becomes the 20th SUNY Cortland staff member to receive the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

She joined SUNY Cortland in 1991 as a transfer credit coordinator and senior admissions counselor. She also previously held positions as associate director of alumni affairs, career counselor and technical support specialist and interim director of judicial affairs. Her extraordinary performance and passion for helping students led her to apply for the permanent director of judicial affairs position to which she was appointed in 2003.

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

Fall Opening Meeting Set

President Erik J. Bitterbaum has announced that the opening meeting of the Fall 2008 semester is scheduled on Thursday, Aug. 21. The meeting will begin with light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. Detailed information including an agenda and response form will be sent via e-mail by July 24.

All classified, UUP and M/C campus community members are invited to attend. For more information, refer to the e-mail or call the President's Office at ext. 2201.

Summer Bulletin 2008 Schedule

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Faculty Senate Sets Meeting to Consider GE Assessment Plan

The Faculty Senate voted to hold a special meeting on May 13 specifically to consider the General Education Assessment Plan.

Senators, in what would have been their last meeting of the spring semester on May 6 in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room, had started their voting on approving the GE assessment plan. But Senator Howard Botwinick, economics, pointed out that the vote violated Senate policy. He noted that the document had not been shared with the Senate at its previous meeting and, therefore, could not be approved at the current meeting.

Senator David Ritchie, library, asked Senate Chair Karla Alwes, English, if the proposed plan could be shared electronically as soon as possible with all the faculty.

Alwes assured Ritchie that the document would be disseminated by e-mail. Senators voted to hold the special meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room beginning at 1:10 p.m.

In other action, the Senate discussed the concept of creating an ad hoc committee to study the composition and purpose of a Professional Affairs Committee, a standing committee that would be the functional equivalent of the Faculty Affairs Committee on the Senate.

The idea emerged from the recent Review of Governance Committee's recommendations. Surveys conducted by the committee revealed strong support for the concept. The committee offered one possible composition of the proposed Professional Affairs Committee with a chair elected from all professional staff and one representative each from enrollment management, student affairs, information resources, academic affairs and finance and management/institutional advancement.

Botwinick, who chaired the committee, emphasized that this was only a suggestion and that it would be entirely up to the professionals to decide for themselves the final composition.

Senator Amy Dahlman, EOP, said that she would like to see two representatives added; one each for coaches and for directors.

Some discussion centered on whether an ad hoc committee could officially conduct work during the summer when the Faculty Senate is not in session. Ultimately, the Senate agreed that there was not enough time left in the semester to form an ad hoc committee and to have it approved by the full Senate.

Campus Rejects Proposed Faculty Senate Makeover

A College-wide referendum on a proposed restructuring of the Faculty Senate failed to garner the necessary two-thirds vote to make the change, the Senate Committee on Committees reported via campus e-mail on May 1.

The committee received 235 ballots, with 118 voters favoring the new model and 117 voting against the plan.

In other balloting, the Faculty Senate officers for the 2008-09 academic year were chosen.

Kathleen Lawrence, communication studies, received 130 of the 136 ballots cast for vice chair, while Janet Duncan, foundations and social advocacy, received 141 of 142 votes for secretary and John Shedd, history, tallied 138 of 142 ballots for treasurer.

Current Vice Chair William Buxton, literacy, will be the Faculty Senate chair.

Lynn Couturier Joins College as Physical Education Chair

Lynn Couturier, head of the Health and Physical Education Department at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, will join SUNY Cortland on Monday, Aug. 4, as professor and chair of the Physical Education Department.

Couturier of Griswold, Conn., will replace Jerome Casciani, who has overseen the department almost continuously since 1990 and who will retire on Aug. 30.

Reporting to the dean of professional studies, Couturier will direct one of the largest undergraduate physical education teacher education programs in the country. The Physical Education Department is the largest department on campus in terms of the number of majors served, including roughly 950 undergraduate and graduate students.

Couturier is charged with managing and advocating for a complex program with a growing and evolving graduate curriculum as well as working to enhance diversity on the campus. She will serve as department chair to 16 full-time and 20 part-time faculty members, as well as student teacher supervisors. She is responsible for the teaching supervision of the 18 coaches in the Athletics Department, whose duties include teaching part time in the Physical Education Department.

At the New London, Conn.-based Coast Guard Academy since 2003, Couturier leads a program where students must meet Coast Guard

SGA Officers Elected

Casey Hahl, a junior majoring in adolescence education, social studies, has been elected the Student Government Association (SGA) president at SUNY Cortland for the 2008-09 academic year.

She is from Lynbrook, N.Y.

Also chosen during the online voting during late April were:

- Margaret Rainsford, a junior geographic information systems major from Brooklyn, N.Y., as vice president; and,
- Melissa Dwyer, a freshman childhood education major from Bellmore, N.Y., as treasurer.

In addition, six different student referenda were passed. They include changes to the SGA constitution as well as funding allocations totaling $327,000 to support activities of several student clubs, future campus-wide special events, student club transportation needs, and to create an endowment fund for campus leadership activities and programs.
Retirements

Jerome Casciani

Jerome Casciani, who during his 38 years of service at SUNY Cortland has fulfilled the roles of teacher, coach, department chair and College administrator, will retire on Aug. 30. He has earned the designation of associate professor emeritus of physical education.

Casciani has chaired the Physical Education Department for a total of 16 years since 1990. During the 1997-98 academic year, he served as interim dean of the School of Professional Studies.

A native of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Casciani earned a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Springfield College. He obtained a Master of Education in Physical Education from The Pennsylvania State University and a doctorate from West Virginia University, where he focused his physical education studies on motor development.

Before joining SUNY Cortland, Casciani was chairman of health and physical education for the Northeastern School District in York County, Pa.

Dale Anderson

Dale Anderson, who served as a lecturer on the SUNY Cortland Recreation and Leisure Studies faculty since 1998, will retire on Aug. 31. He has been designated lecturer emeritus of recreation and leisure studies.

He joined the College as a full-time visiting assistant professor and has served as a full-time lecturer since 2000.

Anderson has made national, regional, state and local professional presentations. He was a member of the Raquette Lake Outdoor Education Committee, a coordinator for the SUNY Cortland Outdoor Opportunities Program and a core committee member for the SUNY Cortland Community Bikes Project.

Since 2004, Anderson has been a snowboard instructor for Greek Peak Mountain Resort in Virgil, N.Y., where he specializes in working with persons with disabilities.

In 2005, Anderson received a Leadership for Civic Engagement Award for his involvement in the community bike program from the Civic Engagement Student Development Committee.

Born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., Anderson received his bachelor's degree in physical education and biology from Minnesota State University at Mankato and a master's degree in physical education from the University of North Dakota.

From 1975-98, he was an assistant professor in the health, physical education and recreation department at the University of North Dakota.

Anderson is certified by the American Association of Snowboard Instructors, the American Canoe Association, Wilderness Medical Associates and the National Alliance for Youth Sports.

In the community, Anderson serves as a Team Challenge Program facilitator with the Cayuga Nature Center in Ithaca, N.Y., and a cross-country ski instructor for the Cornell Outdoor Education Program.

Anderson resides in Cortland, N.Y., with his wife, Lynn Anderson, chair of the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department. They have a son, Cory, in his junior year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and a daughter, Kelly, who recently entered the banking business and lives in Lincoln, N.H.

Upon retirement he plans to become a recreational pilot, to compete in windsurfing events and to pursue snowboarding.

He also taught at Baltimore Junior College, Manhasset High School, York (Pa.) Junior College, and in the public school system of Manhasset and York County. He was an assistant football coach at Manhasset High School.

Casciani joined the College in 1970 as an instructor and was promoted to the rank of assistant professor three years later. He was named associate professor in 1981.

In 1990, he became chair of a reorganized Physical Education Department, one of the largest undergraduate programs of its kind in the U.S. He was interim dean of professional studies during 1997-98, at the time the school was newly reorganized for improved coordination and efficiency in its curriculum and intercollegiate athletic program. He has chaired his department since 2001.

At SUNY Cortland, he has taught Research Methods, Graduate Readings, and Readings in Physical Education. He has made professional presentations in his field at the local, state and national level. His research has focused on high-performance learning teams in the college classroom.

Casciani was SUNY Cortland's head lacrosse coach from 1984-90, during which time his Red Dragons posted a 60-44 win-loss record, made six National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) appearances and never lost a league contest while capturing four State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) titles. He also has been an assistant coach in lacrosse, football and wrestling at the College.

He served his department, school and College on numerous committees. His department committee work included the Provost Work Group to Restructure the Physical Education Department. He also was active in evaluations of his department in the areas of curriculum, teacher certification program selection, department personnel advisory and the sports camp.

Casciani represented his school as a member and chair of the Division/School Personnel Committee and on numerous other committees. His all-college service included participation as a justice on the Judicial Review Board and on the College Writing Committee for many years. He was a member of the Search Committee for President (1994), the President's Task Force on Restructuring the College (1992), the Center for Wellness Advisory Committee, the Francis J. Woods Fitness Facility Development Committee, the Search Committee for Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Director, the Cortland Intercollegiate Athletic Board and the C-Club Advisory Committee.

He served on the Applied Sciences Laboratories Planning Subcommittee of the Multi-disciplinary Sports Medicine Center at SUNY Upstate Medical Center at Syracuse.

Casciani also has represented the College in professional groups including the Council of Administrators, New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

He will continue to teach part time at the College and resides in Cortland, N.Y., with his wife, Judith Lee. They have two grown children, Christopher and Jennifer, and four grandchildren.
Fraternity/Sorority Honorees Recognized for Academics

Members of SUNY Cortland’s Greek community were recently honored for their academic achievements at the Greek Honors Ceremony and the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet.

The following individuals were recognized for having achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 or higher:

**Alpha Phi:** Kristin Lisit, Nenagh Lowery, Jessica Woyner
**Delta Phi Epsilon:** Mallory Anger, Jennifer Bakala, Monica Dayboch, Natalie Dent, Kaitlyn Gerke, Katelyn Grant, Erin Grosso, Nicole LoCascio, Jennifer Nastri, Lisa Nulty, Sonya Possemato, Robyn Shapiro, Amy Weingartner
**Nu Sigma Chi:** Amanda Berger, Brittney Brenyo, Kendra Jenkins
**Sigma Delta Tau:** Sheresha Christopher, Courtney Hammond, Jessica Iovino, Shayna Pirkl, Nicole Stam
**Delta Chi:** Andrew Carnright, Anthony Ferretti, Matthew Muzza, Scott Tompkins, Michael Zitelli
**Alpha Phi Omega:** Beth Crego, Kathleen Downes, Lisa Hlebic, Alexis Kawalick, Amanda Korr, Kristine Laustrup, Caitlin Mooney, Holly Pierce, Michael Scala, Momodou Sey, Andrea Wissink, Michelle Wolinsky

**Outstanding Chapter Leader Awards:** Meghan Idia of Delta Phi Epsilon, Sadhbb Lavery of Nu Sigma Chi, Andrew Trager of Delta Chi, Stuart Levinson of Kappa Sigma and Isidro De La Rosa of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda.

**Outstanding Fraternity Member of the Year:** Isidro De La Rosa
**Outstanding Community Service and/or Fundraising Award:** Nu Sigma Chi Sorority
**Outstanding Greek Chapter of the Year:** Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority

The following fraternity/sorority members were acknowledged at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet:

**Outstanding Student Leader:** Isidro De La Rosa
**Outstanding Student Leader, Excellence in Leadership, Vice President for Student Affairs Merit Award, and Outstanding Student Senator:** James Lehman of both Delta Chi and Alpha Phi Omega

For more information, contact Sandra Wohleber, Campus Activities and Greek Affairs, at ext. 5769, or by e-mail to wohlebers@cornell.edu.

Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society Inductees Named

Thirty-two students have been elected to membership in Alpha Sigma Lambda, a national honor society honoring the academic achievement of undergraduate students age 24 and older.

Alpha Sigma Lambda national standards indicate that students elected to membership are in the top 10 percent of all full-time students at SUNY Cortland age 24 or older.

To be elected, students must have completed 24 credit hours at SUNY Cortland with a grade point average of 3.2 or better. The GPA range for this group of students inducted was 3.7 to 4.2.

This is the ninth year the SUNY Cortland chapter, Lambda Omicron, has elected members.

Recreation and Parks Honor Society Inducts Seven

Seven students were inducted on May 2 into Rho Phi Lambda, the national honor society for parks, recreation and leisure services.

To become a member as an undergraduate, students must have an overall GPA of 3.2 and substantial evidence of outstanding leadership and service. Graduate students must have a GPA of 3.5 and the same criteria for leadership and service.

The following students were inducted:

**Undergraduate**
- Tim Rodriguez
- Orion Roeder
- Katie Sutliff

**Graduate**
- Michael Anderson
- Jacqueline Johnston
- Richard “Ben” Rowell
- Lin Zhang

Political Science Honorary Announces New Members

The Cortland Zeta Delta chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society formed to recognize outstanding achievement in political science, formally inducted seven students at its May 8 ceremony.

The inductees include:
- Michael E. Blake
- Caflin E. Blazak
- Tracy L. Keener
- Samantha R. Knight
- Halie J. Meyers
- Deanna E. Robertson
- Michelle D. Santoro

Robert Spitzer, political science, is the chapter advisor. The induction was supported in part by a grant from Pi Sigma Alpha national.

The induction ceremony was held April 23 in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Virginia Levine, president’s office, offered remarks to the new members. Guest speaker Karla Alwes, English, presented her speech “When Sweet 16 is Not,” which was about her experiences and choices she made as a non-traditional undergraduate student and offered inspiring words to the new members. Students Jennifer Miller, a senior communication major and president of the Non-Traditional Students’ Organization, and Linda Eastman, a junior professional writing major and treasurer of the Non-Traditional Students’ Organization, assisted with the pledge for membership and explained the ideals of the honor society.

“Non-traditional students continue to amaze me,” said National Councilor for the Alpha Sigma Lambda Omicron Chapter Cheryl Hines, adviser and transition. “They have earned the highest GPAs while balancing family responsibilities, jobs and long commutes. For some adult students, the adjustment attending a typically traditional-aged college can be overwhelming and intimidating. I am proud of them and glad that we have a chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda on campus to honor these extraordinary students.”

Students who have been elected to membership are:
- Rita Atkinson
- Alexandria Baldwin
- Mary Balfour
- Adam Berenstain
- Joy Bolton
- David Byron
- Marina Carlstein
- Katherine Clancy
- Jaime Denny
- Victor Garcia
- Bradley Gillian
- Kevin Greenough
- Jeanne Jensch
- Aleesa King
- Jennifer Labuz
- Holly Leary

Karla Alwes was also inducted into the honor society as an honorary member.
Auxiliary Services Corporation Lists 2008-09 Grant Recipients

Each year, the Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Board of Directors allocates funds to support grants for a wide range of purposes and projects that enhance the life of the SUNY Cortland community.

On April 29, the ASC Board of Directors approved the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Program Grant allocations. Following is a list of grants funded by ASC that includes the project name, organization and amount received:

- **Brooks Museum Lecture Series**, Brooks Museum, $2,850
- **Scholars’ Day, Scholars’ Day Committee**, $3,200
- **President’s Purpose of Charter, President Erik J. Bitterbaum**, $50,000
- **Early Childhood Program Training Series**, SUNY Cortland Child Care Center, $600
- **World First Learning Community: Exploring International Culture**, Girish Bhat, $500
- **Admissions Recruitment Programs, Admissions Office**, $27,960

ASC End of Semester Hours Announced

Extended Hours

**Monday, May 12**
- Dunkin’ Donuts, Hilltop and Neubig will open early at 7:15 a.m.
- The Bookmark will have extended evening hours until midnight.

**Dining Closing Schedule**

Most dining units closed the week of May 5. The remaining units will close at their normal times as follows:

**Tuesday, May 13**
The Bookmark, Campus Corner (Subway), Friendly’s, Hilltop and Raquette Pizza

**Wednesday, May 14**
Dunkin’ Donuts and Neubig

**Thursday, May 15, and Friday, May 16**
Dragon’s Den will close early at 1:30 p.m.

**Dining Summer Hours**

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Transfer Student Welcome and Transition Outreach, Carol Costell Corbin, Coordinator of Transfer Student Support, $1,000
Alternative Spring Break, Cortland Student Volunteer Project, $1,700
Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Counseling Center, $1,750
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies-Asia Events, Hongli Fan, $1,500
Educators in Training Conferences, Center for Educational Exchange, $400
Campus Artist and Lecture Series-Broadway Trips, CALS Committee, $3,000
Campus Artist and Lecture Series-Lecture Grant Program, Campus Artist and Lecture Series Committee, $13,000
Celebration of Inclusive Teaching and Learning, Inclusive Special Education Program, Foundations and Social Advocacy, $200
Community Bike Program-Bicycle Rental Program, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department, $1,500
New Student Orientation, Orientation, Advisement and Transition, $5,000
Native American Film Festival and Events, Dawn Van Hall, $600
Student Government Association’s Festivus, Student Government Association, $1,000
Student Government Association Winter Formal, Student Government Association, $1,000
Cortland College Community Orchestra Receptions, Lois Pfister, $390
SUNY Cortland: Relationships with Eastern and Central Europe, Project on Eastern and Central Europe (PECE), $900
Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner, Career Services, $900
Cortland Nites, Campus Activities, $2,500
Homecoming Weekend, Campus Activities, $3,000
Welcome Week, Campus Activities, $2,500
Family Weekend, Campus Activities, $2,000
Campus Artist and Lecture Series-Performing Arts Series, Camp Artis and Lecture Series Committee, $13,000
Siblings Weekend, Student Activities Board, $1,000
Spring Fling, Student Activities Board, $3,750
“Let’s Be Tobacco-Free Campaign,” Health Promotion Office, $500
Concerned Philosophers for Peace 21st Annual Conference, Center for Ethics, Peace, and Social Justice (Philosophy Department), $1,000
Alcohol-Free “Connections” Coffeehouse, Health Promotion Office, $7,000
Midnight Breakfast, Student Affairs Connection Committee, $500
Raquette Lake Field Trip, Our Storied Land Learning Community, $750
Educational Opportunity Program Summer Institute, Educational Opportunity Program, $5,000
Educational Opportunity Program Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) Induction, Educational Opportunity Program, $500
Educational Opportunity Program Annual Awards Dinner, Educational Opportunity Program, $2,000
Leadership Development Program, Campus Activities, $650
Community Outreach Partnership Center, Institute for Civic Engagement, $500
Teachers in Training: Second Language Educator’s Conference, International Communications and Culture Department, $800
The Multicultural Life Leadership Retreat, Multicultural Life Office, $2,500
Promoting Personal Growth and Global Awareness for SUNY Cortland Students, International Programs Office, $800

Sports Schedule

**Wednesday, May 14**
Baseball at the NCAA Div. III Regionals; Falcon Park, Auburn, N.Y., TBA. Continues through Sunday, May 18.

**Thursday, May 15**
Men’s Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Outdoor Championships, Springfield, Mass., TBA
Women’s Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Outdoor Championships, Springfield, Mass., TBA

**Friday, May 16**
Men’s Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Outdoor Championships, Springfield, Mass., TBA
Women’s Track and Field at ECAC Div. III Outdoor Championships, Springfield, Mass., TBA
Cortland Faculty and Professionals Honored by UUP

SUNY Cortland faculty and staff members were recognized at the United University Professions (UUP) Spring Delegate Assembly, held May 1-3 in Albany, N.Y.

In the newsletter competition, held among all the SUNY campuses, The Cortland Cause won either first or second place in all five categories of competition, reported Lawrence Ashley, philosophy, Cortland UUP president. Karla Alwes, English, is the editor.

The newsletter competition awards included:
- General Excellence: Best in Class – The Cortland Cause
- Best Feature Story: Best in Class – Karla Alwes, English, for “The Scholar Rhodes,” The Cortland Cause

Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies Set for May 17

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The national anthem and Alma Mater will be sung by senior musical theatre major Anita Peña.

President Bitterbaum will welcome the graduates at both ceremonies. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell will recognize the honors graduates.

Student Government Association President Aaron Marsh, a junior adolescence education: mathematics major, will deliver remarks. Joining President Bitterbaum in conferring the degrees will be Mark Prus, arts and sciences; Gerald Porter, education; and Roy H. Olsson Jr., professional studies.

A total of 93 students are scheduled to graduate summa cum laude — the highest academic honor — with grade point averages of 3.75 and above on a scale of 4.00.

The largest number of majors set to graduate in each of the three schools are: 179 physical education majors in the School of Professional Studies, 123 childhood education majors in the School of Education, and 84 communication studies majors in the School of Arts and Sciences.

The Undergraduate Commencement Committee is co-chaired by Virginia Levine, president’s office, and Marley Barduhn ’76, education.

Other committee members include: Seth Asumah, political science; Darci Bacigalupi, president’s office; Laurie Barton, president’s office; Terence Cahill, College Store; Mark DePaull, university police; Ralph Dudgeon, performing arts; Mariah Gerty, Student Government Association representative; David Horrocks, physical plant; Ji-Ryun Kim, foundations and social advocacy; Emilie Kudela, childhood/early childhood education; Kathleen Lawrence, communication studies; Michael MacLean, structural maintenance; Eric Malmberg, physical education; Megan Munson, Auxiliary Services Corporation; Mary Murphy, university police; Charlotte Plunkett, physical plant; Tracy Rammacher, publications and electronic media; Susan Rayl, kinesiology; Hailey Ruoff ’98, classroom media services; Christine Schacht, senior class representative; Timothy Slack, physical plant; and George VerDow, classroom media services.

Both undergraduate Commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live on the Time Warner Cable access Channel 17 to viewers in the City of Cortland vicinity. The ceremonies also can be viewed on campus in any classroom equipped with a television.

Under a tradition inaugurated at the 2004 ceremony by President Bitterbaum, undergraduates may honor a special person who has helped achieve their academic pursuit or goals. The respective name of the honoree will be read along with each graduate.

Graduating seniors wishing to acknowledge their multicultural heritage will also participate in a Kente Graduation Ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16, in the Corey Union Function Room.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Ellen T. McCabe, library, received an American Library Association “Let’s Talk About It” grant for Jewish literature. This grant will be used to present a series of five book talks to be conducted by Nicola Morris, English, during the fall semester. This is the second such grant received by McCabe; her previous one was awarded in 2006.

Gail Tooker, childhood/early childhood education, Christopher Cirmo, geology, and Janet Duncan, foundations and social advocacy, presented a program titled “Science and Environmental Education in Beijing: A Snapshot of Two Examples,” for the Iroquois Group of the Atlantic Chapter of the Sierra Club on April 30 in Syracuse, N.Y. Tooker also will give this presentation at the Twelfth Consultation of the International Consortium for Research in Science and Mathematics Education, being held May 13-16 in Quito, Ecuador. Tooker, Cirmo and Duncan were all participants in the June 2007 SUNY Cortland Academic Study Tour to Capital Normal University in Beijing, China.

Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, recently led a team of six teachers in the marking of the National Chemistry Olympiad (NCO) exam at the American Chemical Society’s Examinations Institute in Milwaukee, Wis. The exam consisted of a 60-item multiple choice paper, an eight question free response exam, and a laboratory exercise consisting of two activities. The grading team narrowed the field of almost 900 high school chemistry students who took the exam to a group of 20 who will attend a two-week study camp at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. These students will receive intensive instruction in advanced chemistry topics in both classroom and laboratory settings and will take a series of exams to identify four individuals to represent the United States in the International Chemistry Olympiad that will be held in mid-July in Budapest, Hungary.
**Coming Events**

**Friday, May 16**  
**Graduate Commencement:** Park Center Alumni Arena, 7 p.m.

**Kente Graduation Ceremony:** Corey Union Function Room, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, May 17**  
**Undergraduate Commencement:**  
Park Center Alumni Arena,  
Ceremony A, 9:30 a.m.;  
Ceremony B, 2:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 21**  
**Luncheon:** United University Professions (UUP) Recognition Luncheon for Professionals, Corey Union Caleion Room, 11:30 a.m.

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**Graduate Commencement Set for May 16**  
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College, the School of Education, the School of Professional Studies, and the School of Arts and Sciences, respectively. The gonfaloniers are: Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Chair Jeffrey Walkuski, physical education; Marley Barduhn ’76, education; Eileen Gravani, professional studies; and Jerome O’Callaghan, arts and sciences.

Stephen Wilson, performing arts, will perform the processional and recessional music. Rebecca Rozzoni, a sophomore musical theatre major, will sing the national anthem and the Alma Mater.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell will offer a welcome, while Ted Hardenstine Jr., of Newark Valley, N.Y., a candidate for Master of Arts in Teaching in adolescence education: mathematics, will provide remarks on behalf of the graduates.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum will deliver the charge to the graduates. Presenting the degrees and certificates to the graduates will be Dean of Arts and Sciences Mark Prus, Dean of Education Gerald Porter and Dean of Professional Studies Roy H. Olsson Jr.

Carl Gambitta ’63, a past president and current member of the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association Board of Directors, will welcome these newest graduates into the ranks of the College’s 58,000 alumni.

Commencement marshals will be Ted Fay, sport management; Michele Gonzalez, literacy; Susan Rayl, kinesiology; Kimberly Rombach, childhood/early childhood education; and Hailey Ruoff ’98, classroom media services.

The Graduate Commencement Committee is co-chaired by Gonzalez; Louis Larson, career services; Virginia B. Levine, president’s office; and Ruoff.

Committee members include: Darci Bacigalupi, president’s office; Marley Barduhn ’76, education; Terence Cahill, College Store; Mark DePaul, university police; Mariah Gerty ’06, student representative; Rena Janke, biological sciences; Peter McGinnis, graduate studies; Yvonne Murnane, graduate studies; Mary Murphy, university police; Charlotte Plunkett, physical plant; Arnold Talentino, Honors Program; and George VerDow, classroom media services.