International Education Week Opens with ‘Dancing Across Borders’

“Dancing Across Borders,” a dance and song production by two groups of young, recent immigrants teamed with the Cortland Dance Company, will be offered on Monday, Nov. 12.

Opening the College’s celebration of International Education Week, the visiting performers who study at Syracuse-area high schools will offer dance and songs from their respective cultures beginning at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. Admission is free and the performance is open to the public.

One group includes Meskhetian Turks, a Muslim minority group who are refugees from the former Soviet Republic of Georgia.

Relay for Life Seeks Volunteers, Participants

Volunteers and participants are being sought for the second annual Relay for Life of SUNY Cortland, which will be held from 7 p.m.-7 a.m. Nov. 17-18 in Lusk Field House.

Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, unites a community in the fight against cancer. The campus community is encouraged to participate.

Volunteers can earn up to 12 community service hours. The event is sponsored by Colleges Against Cancer and funded by the Mandatory Activity Fee.

Last year, nearly 700 students, faculty and staff members and their families and friends raised $44,000 for the American Cancer Society.

To register, start a team, join a team or make a donation, visit the Web site at www.acsevents.org/relay/ny/cortlandstate. The online site is designed to allow participants to send e-mails to their family and friends asking for donations. Donations can be made online, handed in at the event or sent to the local American Cancer Society.

To volunteer or for more information, contact sunycortlandrfl@yahoo.com.

A second dance troupe is made of young Congolese who are refugees escaped from the violence and upheaval in the Democratic Republic of Congo, formerly Zaire.

Luba Sosna, the advisor for Meskhetian Turk students, and Cyprien Mihigo, the Congolese advisor, will provide commentary for each dance and musical number. The 15-member Cortland Dance Company will perform separately and with the two international groups. The collegiate dance company is led by Sara Guando.

The theme of the program will be that dance and music transcend the spoken language as each group performs,” said James Miller, history, who organized the visit and who observed the two international troupes performing both separately and spontaneously together last year in Syracuse. The groups won’t rehearse together before their joint performance. “Dance and music are clearly ‘across borders’ and the energy and spirit of the groups know no national boundaries.”

‘Earthly Matters’ Talk Looks at the Depletion of Oil

Paul Roberts, a journalist and author of the groundbreaking 2004 book The End of Oil: On the Edge of a Perilous New World, will speak on Thursday, Nov. 8.

His talk, titled “Peak Oil: Depletion and Denial,” begins at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. The lecture continues the College’s yearlong series on the theme of “Earthly Matters.” The series is free and open to the public. A reception and book signing will follow.

A long-time observer of energy issues and politics, Roberts’ discussion will explore the economic and political implications of a peak in oil production as well as the potential for alternatives to fill the gap left by the declining supply of oil.

“Despite growing evidence for a long-term depletion of global oil reserves, consumers, corporations and governments have shown little willingness to invest in oil alternatives,” Roberts said.

His first book, The End of Oil, brought to light the growing evidence for a long-term depletion of global oil reserves. A journalist since 1983, he writes and lectures frequently on the complex interplay of economics, technology and the natural world. Roberts appears regularly on national and international television and radio news shows and was a finalist for the National Magazine Library Helen Bernstein Book Award for Excellence in Journalism. He lives in the state of Washington.

“Earthly Matters” is the third yearlong series of lectures and cultural events organized around a single theme. Sponsored by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, the series is funded by the President’s and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office.

For more information, contact Lisi Krall, economics, at ext. 2438, or Kevin Sheets, history, at ext. 2060.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
College to Hold Second Fall Open House on Nov. 12

More than 600 prospective college students are expected to spend a day visiting academic departments, touring the campus and talking to faculty and students during SUNY Cortland’s second Fall Open House on Veterans Day, Monday, Nov. 12.

The College will show off its campus to interested individuals on a regular day of classes to potential students who missed the first Fall Open House, attended by approximately 800 students and their family members on Oct. 8, said Director of Admissions Mark Yacavone. Faculty, staff and students from academic departments and student service offices will be available to meet with visitors throughout the program. Additionally, guests may tour the campus and eat in the dining facilities.

The visitors have made prior reservations with the Admissions Office to be on campus that day. The program will begin at 10:15 a.m. in the Park Center. An academic fair and student services fair, featuring department faculty and student services, will take place in Park Center Corey Gymnasium from 10 a.m.-noon. At 12:30 p.m., students are encouraged to proceed to their chosen academic department offices for more information and a tour.

Guided tours of the campus and residence halls will run from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Participants will meet in the Corey Union Function Room.

Honors Program Coordinator Arnold Talentino will offer an overview of the Honors Program at 11:45 a.m. in Corey Union, Room 209. Special sessions on admissions, financial advisement, athletics, dining services and residential services also will be offered that day. For details, visit the Web site at cortland.edu/admissions.

Parking for the Open House visitors will be provided at Studio West and the Route 281 parking lot, which features a shuttle bus service to Park Center.

Yacavone noted that the fall format is different from the Spring Open House, where the majority of the visitors have already been admitted and are in the process of deciding to attend SUNY Cortland.

Maasai Educators to Speak, Sell Jewelry on Campus

Three Simba Maasai cultural performers from Kenya will share the practices of their community through song, dance, storytelling and lectures. As guests in residence of the College from Nov. 1-13, these members of a nomadic, pastoral people living in the Rift Valley of Eastern Africa will meet not only with the college students but also with groups of children at school districts in Cortland, Tompkins and Onondaga counties.

The Maasai will give a free, public lecture on their traditions and life at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

Through lectures, films and slides, the group will introduce the Maasai culture and way of life, including the traditions, education, special ceremonies, peace initiatives, governance, ecosystems as well as hardships and human rights abuses they encounter. The group also will present traditional songs, dances and delightful stories in Maa, their native language, and in English.

The three educators — John Ole Sakuda, Jane Kamuasi and Susan Nasarian — are from the Ngong Hills of Kenya and are members of the registered non-governmental organization called Simba Maasai Outreach Organization (SIMOO). The group, which has been coming to Cortland since 2001, seeks to improve living standards of the poorest Maasai community members and to celebrate and preserve the most valuable Maasai traditions.

The three Maasai visitors will sell authentic jewelry to fund various development and educational initiatives. Jewelry sales will take place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, in the Old Main Lobby; from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7, in the Old Main Lobby; and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, in the Old Main Lobby. The fundraiser also will be set up at schools and churches where the Maasai are giving presentations.

“SIMOO educators are here to raise money for the Maasai Cultural Exchange Project (MCEP) Education Fund and Well Fund,” explained organizer Sheila Cohen, literacy.

“Contributions to the SUNY Cortland Foundation TransAfrica Fund will help support tuition for a Maasai student to attend SUNY Cortland,” she continued. “The jewelry sales fund school tuition for girls and women.

More information about the SIMOO and MCEP initiatives can be found at www.quenchthehirst.org.

For more information about the visit, contact Cohen at ext. 5784 or ext. 2464.

Veterans Day Ceremony Planned for Nov. 12

The campus community is invited to attend a Veterans Day Ceremony set for 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 12, at the flagpole between Old Main and the Miller Building. A reception will follow in the Old Main Colloquium.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Thursday, Nov. 8, to Special Events Coordinator Darci Bacigalupi at ext. 5453 or by e-mail to condrid@cortland.edu.

Andy Graves’08, president of the SUNY Cortland Veterans Club, will be Master of Ceremony. Rev. Donald Wilcox will provide the invocation. John Gustafson, biological sciences emeritus, will be the guest speaker.

ROTC students, led by Michael Higgins’08, will be posting the colors.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news.
International Education Week Events Scheduled for Nov. 12-16

Sharon Matola, the founder and director of the Belize National Zoo, will deliver the keynote address during SUNY Cortland’s International Education Week 2007, which will take place on the campus from Monday, Nov. 12, through Friday, Nov. 16.

Matola will present “International Education and International Partnerships in Action: The Belize Zoo Project” at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. She will discuss the zoo in the context of the broader SUNY Cortland-Belize Project. (See story on page 5.)

Matola’s talk is free and open to the public, as are all events of International Education Week, unless noted otherwise. The week will feature lectures from a global perspective, musical and dance performances of the world, meals featuring the cuisine of different countries and more.

The International Education Week activities are sponsored by the James M. Clark Center for International Education, the International Studies Program, the International Programs Office and the Belize-SUNY Cortland Project.

“The College’s week-long celebration mirrors the national observance of the importance of an international perspective in America’s educational system at all levels,” said Henry Steck, political science, and the Clark Center.

A panel of international students will kick off International Education Week by presenting “Creating a Colorful World: Student Reflections on Study Abroad” from 4:30-5:45 p.m. on Monday in Speerry Center, Room 106.

The students include Wenjuan “Jessie” Zhang, Ting Ting Mei, Akira Menabe, Devin McGlade and Bailey Moltor. For more information, contact William Skipper, sociology/anthropology, at ext. 2471.

During the week, Neubig Hall will offer an international menu as a dining option from 4-8 p.m. The cost for walk-in dining at Neubig Hall is $8.50. The Colloquium, which is open from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., will feature the same national menu one day after Neubig’s at prices ranging up to $5.95. The Colloion Room will feature free samples of Chinese, Japanese and Turkish cuisine, prepared by international students working with the Auxiliary Services Corporation.

On Monday, Neubig will serve a complete Latin American dinner featuring pernil, a dish with roast pork and garlic, yellow rice and beans, and sweet plantains.

That evening, “Dancing Across Borders,” a dynamic song and dance performance by groups of recent young refugees who are studying at Syracuse-area high schools, will be offered at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room. (See story on page 1.)

Tuesday, Nov. 13, will launch a series called “Hey! Study Abroad Is the Way to Go.” A highlight of the four days of information about overseas study opportunities by International Programs Office staff will be the chance for a student to win a free air ticket for travel overseas. The first event is planned from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Studio West.

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

Comanche Special Forces Veteran Will Compare White and Indigenous Soldiers at Nov. 6 Talk

Tasiwoopa api, a Comanche/Mohawk and 24-year veteran with U.S. Special Forces who has worked as a writer, reviewer and human services specialist, will speak on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

His talk, “Psychology of Culture and Its Impact on Soldiers and Their Families: Cultural Differences Between Indigenous and White Soldiers and How Their Respective Societies Herald Their Departure and Return from Armed Combat,” will begin at 7 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Presented by the Psychology Department, the lecture is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Tasiwoopa api, who previously has spoken at the College, served in U.S. Army Special Forces as an occupational safety and health specialist, a combat medic, a diplomatic military liaison posted to embassies and an instructor of indigenous populations. He earned the Bronze Star, Silver Star and Purple Heart.

Upon retiring from the armed forces, he entered the field of human services, working with veterans and sufferers of post-traumatic stress disorder. He has a master’s degree in human relations from the University of Oklahoma.

Tasiwoopa api has remained close to his traditional elders and knowledge, working as master apprentice with the Comanche Language Education Project. A regular contributor to WWII Magazine, he interviewed, in Comanche, the last surviving Comanche Codetalker,culminating in a co-authored article for the magazine.

A documentary filmmaker and producer, Tasiwoopa api has captured on film a record of the concerns of the 133rd Engineering Company preparing for deployment as members of the 9th Infantry Division of the Wyoming National Guard. He has worked on this project with Sierra Adare-Tasiwoopa api, his spouse and co-founder of their not-for-profit organization, Educational Fundamentals. He plans to interview and film members of the same military unit as they return home from Iraq.

The lecture is supported by a Campus Artist and Lecture Series grant. For more information, call the Psychology Department at ext. 4218.

College Council to Meet Nov. 9 in Miller Building

The SUNY Cortland College Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, in Miller Building, Room 405.

Council members will hear reports by College Council Vice Chair Robert Isaf, President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Faculty Senate Chair Karla Alwes and Student Government Association President Aaron Marsh. The group also will vote on its 2006-07 annual report and discuss the Association of Council Members and College Trustees of the State University of New York conference.

Associate Provost of Enrollment Management and Marketing Director Gradin Avery will report on the College’s marketing initiatives at 3:15 p.m. prior to the meeting.
College Singers to Return With New Look and Sound

The College Singers, under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts, will perform at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 11, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater. The concert is free and open to the public.

The ensemble had for many years been a group that explored a wide range of choral repertoire, from renaissance motets and madrigals to jazz, from masses and anthems to Broadway. Last year, under the direction of guest conductor Mary Sugar, the group altered its focus to perform music written exclusively for the Broadway stage. Wilson has continued that emphasis with this semester’s program.

The concert will be called “The Music and Lyrics of (Mostly) Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim.” Included will be music from the former composer’s West Side Story and Candide. The concert will open with Wilson’s choral arrangement of “Something’s Coming.” Later in the program the men in the group will perform “Gee, Officer Krupke.” The final selection of the concert will be “Make Our Garden Grow” from Candide.

Stephen Sondheim will be represented by selections from his musicals Company, Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd, Sunday in the Park With George, and Evening Primrose, with many students soloists “performing” the principal roles from those works.

Three pieces from the Monty Python spoof Spamalot also will be presented. These will be “He Is Not Dead Yet,” with a special appearance by a recently defrocked monk, “His Name Is Lancelot,” and “The Song That Goes Like This.”

The concert is sponsored in part by the Mandatory Activity Fee. For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615.

Speaker Will Compare Relationship Between Humans and the Geological Environment

Bruce Wilkinson, a research professor in the Department of Earth Sciences at Syracuse University, will speak on Tuesday Nov. 13. His talk, “Humans as Geological Agents,” will begin at 7 p.m. in Bowers Hall, Room 109. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Presented by the Geology Department, the lecture is supported by a grant from the Campus Artist and Lecture Series.

His lecture will address the impact humans have made on weathering and erosion rates on continental and global scales using a deep-time perspective.

With advanced degrees from the University of Wyoming and the University of Texas, Wilkinson began his career as a research scientist for Esso and Gulf Oil. He was a professor at the University of Michigan for nearly 20 years until relocating to Syracuse University in 2006.

Wilkinson has a distinguished and extensive publication record in sedimentary geology and ancient climates and is a pioneer on the depositional controls of carbonate sediments. His current research focuses on the impact of humans on continental sedimentation and erosion, the climatic controls of continental physiography, and potential tectonic and topographic controls on political divisions.

For more information, contact Christopher McRoberts, geology, at ext. 2925.

Exhibition to Feature Paintings by Chinese Artist Xiaoze Xie

An exhibition of a recent series of paintings by the Chinese-born artist Xiaoze Xie, titled “On Time,” will be shown at the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery from Tuesday, Nov. 6, through Saturday, Dec. 15.

Xie will discuss his work during an opening reception and artist’s gallery talk at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7.

The gallery exhibition, opening reception and artist’s talk are all free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at the opening reception.

Xie’s large, lushly painted canvases depict stacks of newspaper where fragments of the pictorial and verbal elements evoke the tenuous nature of historical memory, yet remain disjointed so that there is no “full sense of the story.”

“News is constant but partial, information shifting, truth elusive, and time relegates all of it, even epic tales of sound and fury, to an archive if not to dust,” Xie commented on the theme of the painting series.

The artist leaves his work in the “On Time” exhibition open to viewer interpretation but finds interest in “the temporary nature of this mundane everyday object loaded with the all-encompassing information of changing daily life.”

Born in Guangdong, China, Xie received a bachelor of architecture degree from Tsinghua University in Beijing and a master of arts degree from Central Academy of Arts and Design. Arriving in the U.S. in 1992, Xie earned a second M.F.A. from the University of North Texas in Denton.

Currently an associate professor of art at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., Xie also works in printmaking, photography and installation.

The exhibition and associated programs are supported by the J. M. McDonald Foundation, the Cortland College Foundation, the Campus Artist and Lecture Series and the Auxiliary Services Corp.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery is closed on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, contact Bryan Thomas, interim gallery director, at ext. 4216.

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Zoo Director to Discuss SUNY Cortland-Belize Project

Sharon Matola, director of the Belize Zoo and Tropical Education Center and an internationally renowned conservation biologist, will discuss the zoo in the context of the broader SUNY Cortland-Belize Project on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Matola’s talk, titled “International Education and International Partnerships in Action: The Belize Zoo Project,” begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Brockway Hall Jacobs Lounge.

Presented as the keynote lecture during International Education Week events from Nov. 12-16, the talk is free and open to the public.

The presentation will be followed by a performance of SUNY Cortland’s Rock and Blues Ensemble under the direction of Steven Barnes, with donations accepted to benefit the Belize Zoo.

One of the premier conservation organizations operating in Belize, the Belize Zoo receives no government funding. Created under the auspices of the existing Cortland-Belize Partnership, the Belize Zoo Project was founded on the SUNY Cortland campus to help further develop the zoo.

Supported by students, faculty and friends in the community, the project provides SUNY Cortland students and community members with opportunities to complete internships and do other kinds of meaningful volunteer work at the zoo.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Matola grew up having little direct experience with nature but an early interest in animals. After serving in the U.S. Air Force and performing as a lion tamer in a Mexican circus, she came to Belize, the former British Honduras in Central America, in 1982. She took a temporary job as a film assistant to documentary filmmaker Richard Foster, who needed someone to manage the small collection of wild animals he used for his wildlife films.

When filmmaking ended, there were no funds to support the animals while Foster went to Borneo to complete another documentary there. Left in charge but with instructions from the United Kingdom parent film company to “get rid of the animals,”

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Best-Selling Author Maggie Shayne on Campus Nov. 6

The international best-selling suspense, romantic and paranormal novelist Maggie Shayne will give a talk and book signing on Tuesday, Nov. 6, in Memorial Library.

Presented by the Friends of the Library, the event features the prolific New York Times best-selling author of the Twilight series of books and, more recently, Wild Thing and the upcoming Moon Fever. The talk begins at 2:30 p.m. on the library’s second floor. Refreshments will be served at the presentation, which is free and open to the public.

Copies of Shayne’s latest books will be available for purchase, courtesy of the College Store.

“She’s a vivacious and charming person who likes to help other writers,” observed Director of Libraries Gail Wood, who organized the presentation with help from two other members of the Friends of the Library Committee, Dan Harms and Gretchen Gogan.

During the visit, Shayne also will speak to one of Assistant Professor of English Cynthia Sarver’s advanced writing workshop classes.

Shayne is the author of more than 40 novels ranging from stories about witches, vampires, psychics and ghosts, to bone chilling, edge-of-your-seat romantic suspense and beyond. The genres she has mastered include women's fiction, category romance, romantic suspense, and paranormal fiction.

She has honed her lyrical prose and made a name for herself on the bestseller lists of the New York Times, USA Today, Amazon.com, B. Dalton, Booksense, Ingram’s, Barnes and Noble, and Waldenbooks.

Shayne has won numerous awards including two Romantic Times Bookclub Career Achievement Awards, the National Readers Choice Award and the coveted RITA Award, for which she was nominated 12 times before finally winning.

She has written for CBS daytime dramas “Guiding Light” and “As the World Turns.” One of Shayne’s novels, Eternity, was optioned for film.

Shayne’s daughter is Jena Benson O’Connor, who earned a master’s degree in English from SUNY Cortland in 2003.

For more information, contact Wood at ext. 2221 or woodg@cortland.edu.

Regional High School Students Will Attend Leadership Conference

Approximately 175 students from 15 area high schools who are interested in honing their leadership skills are expected to attend the 12th annual High School Leadership Day on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Sponsored by the Center for Educational Exchange, the event on the theme of “Mapping the Future” will take place from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Corey Union.

The conference, which is sold out, is geared for students in grades 9-12, school counselors, club advisors and coaches. The students and their advisors can attend leadership skills workshops and meet students and advisors from other schools and inspirational leaders from a variety of career backgrounds.

The workshop topics include civic engagement, team building, time management, leadership styles, risk taking, self-assessment, inclusion and the Cortland Junior/Senior High School’s Link Crew mentoring program. Another workshop will address the interests of high school advisors.

SUNY Cortland faculty and staff will participate, including Mary Kate Boland, leadership and community development; Mariangela Chandler, Academic Support and Achievement Program; Tim Davis, physical education; Robyn Forster, Counseling Center; Thomas Fuchs, physical education; Kathy Gallagher, Community Outreach Partnership Center; Louis Larson, career services; Catherine Smith, health promotion; and John Suarez, Institute for Civic Engagement.

SUNY Cortland students also will participate, including Aaron Marsh, Student Government Association president; Brittany Sage, club liaison with the Student Government Association; and 17 students enrolled in EDU 470: Foundations in Education.

For more information, contact Karen Siebert, Center for Educational Exchange, at ext. 5660.
President’s Office Announces 2006-07 Faculty and Professional Staff DSI Recipients

The following faculty and librarians recently received performance-based discretionary salary increases (DSI) for 2006-07:

Jalal Alemzadeh
Karla Alves
Scott Anderson
Lynn Anderson
Seth Asunah
David Barclay
Timothy Baroni
Barry Batzing
Jeff Bauer
Cindy Benton
David Berger
Michael Berzonsky
Sarah Beshers
Judith Best
Girish Bhat
Victoria Boynton
Colleen Buchanan
Philip Buckenmeyer
Kathleen Burke
Anne Burns Thomas
Mark Ceresaletti
Christopher Cirmo
Kate Coffey
Raymond Collings
John Cottone
Jena Curtis
Robert Darling
Jeremiah Donovan
Peter Dacey
Ralph Dudgeon
Janet Duncan
Leslie Eaton
Lori Ellis
Theodore Fay
Terrence Fitzgerald
Andrew Fritz-Gibbon
John Foley
Janet Ford
Joshua Frank
Christopher Gascon
Louis Gatta
Alexander Gonzalez
Michelle Gonzalez
Regina Grantham
Eileen Gravani
Alan Haight
Stephen Halebsky
Daniel Harms
Charles Heasley
Norma Helser
Joy Hendrick
Gretchen Herrmann
Thomas Hischak
Bonni Hodges
Amanda Hollister
Wendy Hurley
Ellen Jampole
Rena Janke
Ibibo Johnston-Anunmonwo
Isa Jubran
Caroline Kaltefeleiter
Colleen Kattau
Michelle Kelly
Richard Kendrick
Mary L. Kennedy
Mary Beth Kinsella
Beth Kline
R. Lawrence Klotz
Denise Knight
Kimberly Kraebel
Lisi Krall
Kathryn Kramer
Emilie Kudela
Andrea Lachance
Christopher Latimer
Yomee Lee
Jean LeLoup
Lin Lin
Craig Little
John Lombardo
Norayn Masselink
Bruce Mattingly
Ellen McCabe
Peter McGinnis
Mary McGuire
Jennifer McNamara
Christopher McRoberts
Nancy Meagher
David Miller
Scott Moranda
Jill Murphy
Mechthild Nagel
David Neal
Angela Pagano
Thomas Pasquarel
Timothy Phillips
Robert Ponterio
Paulo Quaglio
James Reese
Alex Reid
Rachel Reinhard
Kimberly Rombach
Frank Rossi
Kathy Russell
Amy Schutt
Kevin Sheets
William Skipper
Brice Smith
David Snyder
Robert Spitzer
Sharon Steadman
Henry Steck
Randi Storch
Bryan Thomas
Michael Toglia
Brett Toman
Judith Van Buskirk
Paul van der Veur
Mary Beth Volutra
Barbara Wisch
Mark Worrell
Luo Xu
Anderson Young
German Zarate
Tiantian Zheng
Karen Zimmerman

The following professional staff received performance-based DSI for 2006-07:

Laurie Klotz
Peter Koryznio
Juanita Larrabee
Loren Leonard
Paul Leonardo
Howard Lindh
Dan MacNeill
Irene Mafelitore
Louise Mahar
Donna Margine
Virginia Marty
Esa Merson
Eunice Miller
Yvonne Murnane
Eamon O’Shea
Nanette Pasquarrello
Ben Patrick
Joshua Peluso
Bruce Perine
Chris Poole
Kevin Pristash
Tracy Rammacher
Jeanine Rose
Hailey Ruoff
Calvin Ruthven
Lori Schlicht
Karen Seibert
John Shirley
Joan Sitterly
Catherine Smith
Stephen Smith
Brad Snyder
John Suarez
Daniel Surdam
Abby Thomas
Scott Thomas
Mike Urza
Dawn VanHall
George VerDow
Cynthia Wetmore
Michael Whitlock
Jennifer Wilson
Sandra Wohilleber
Julian Wright
Mark Yacavone
Jeanette Yeoman
Mike Yonta

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“As with the international focus of SUNY Cortland and the dire need of our nation for global awareness and empathy, it is fitting to introduce two little-known refugee groups to the Cortland campus, bringing a message of musical harmony and peace in the global community,” said Gigi Peterson, history, who also helped set up the performance.

“Dancing Across Borders” is a service-learning project for Miller’s and Peterson’s students, consisting of special social studies sections of a course in adolescent education, Miller explained. Sponsored and managed by the students, the project focuses on serving those in the global community, whether in Syracuse, Africa, Turkey or Burma. The students enrolled in these classes are working with young immigrant students this year.

As in past years, the students also are sponsoring support for the Nobel Prize-winning organization, Doctors Across Borders. They coordinated the College’s most recent participation of more than 125 students in the local Cortland Crop Walk for Hunger.

“Dancing Across Borders” is supported by the class AED 391: Introduction to Adolescence Education, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies, Educational Opportunity Program, Student Affairs, TransAfrica Project, Africana Studies, School of Arts and Sciences, history and James M. Clark Center for International Education.

For more information, contact Miller at ext. 4818 or Peterson at ext. 2723 or Henry Steck, political science, at ext. 4807.
Nominations Sought by Teaching Awards Committee

The Teaching Awards Committee is seeking nominee suggestions for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and for Distinguished Teaching Professor.

Names of potential candidates may be suggested by colleagues or students. Self-nominations cannot be accepted. The following conditions must be met:

**Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching**

Nominees must regularly carry a full-time teaching load. Prior to the year of nomination, the candidate must have completed at least three academic years of full-time teaching on the campus making the recommendation.

**Distinguished Teaching Professor**

Nominees must have regularly carried a full-time teaching load, both in terms of the number of credit hours taught and the number of students served. A candidate must have held the rank of full professor for five years and must have completed at least three years full-time teaching on the campus that recommends the appointment and 10 years of full-time teaching within the SUNY system. Note also that this award places a greater emphasis on scholarly accomplishment than the Chancellor's Award.

Department chairs are eligible for either award as long as they carry a full-time teaching load as defined for department chairs at SUNY Cortland.

The committee will evaluate candidates for both awards with regard to the criteria set forth in statewide guidelines. These criteria include the specification that the candidates must:

- Perform superbly in the classroom
- Be teachers/scholars who keep abreast of their field and use information from that field in their teaching
- Demonstrate a continual concern for the intellectual growth of individual students
- Set high standards for students and help them achieve academic excellence

Visit www.suny.edu/provost/about.cfm for more specific information.

Names of nominees should be forwarded in writing by Dec. 3 to Committee Chair Bonni C. Hodges, health, Moffett Center, Room 105. Other committee members include Denise Knight, English, Cynthia Benton, childhood/early childhood education, Virginia Levine, president's office (ex officio).

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**Classified Staff to Be Recognized for Service on Dec. 7**

The 38th annual Service Awards Luncheon will be held on Friday, Dec. 7, in the Corey Union Function Room.

The following employees are slated to receive awards. For more information, contact the Human Resources Office at ext. 2302.

**10 Years**

- Sila Argyle
- Paula Lundberg
- Tamara Magee

**15 Years**

- Joann Bacon
- K. Sue Bishop
- Ellen Brown
- Christopher Carey

**20 Years**

- Rhonda Moulton
- Patri White

**25 Years**

- Marie Blanden
- Donna Lewis
- Darleen Lieber

**30 Years**

- Timothy Crispell
- Marianne Evangelista
- Dale Parker

**35 Years**

- Gilda Votra

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**Accrual Achievement Award Recipients Announced**

The Human Resources Office announced the recipients of its Annual Accrual Achievement Awards for Classified Service. These employees have used one day or less of sick leave during the 006-07 fiscal year.

The employees received a letter of commendation from President Erik J. Bitterbaum, a certificate of recognition and a gift certificate to the Cortland Downtown Partnership.

The program was created to recognize classified employees who use minimal amounts of sick leave and to encourage other employees to build up sick leave balances. Those employees who received the award this year are:

**20 Years**

- Wayne Carroll
- Donald Chisholm
- Domenica Cimini
- Vicki Clark
- George Cole
- Lucinda Compagni
- Barbara Conrad
- Julie Crandall
- Lori Crandall
- George Cramnell
- Timothy Crispell
- Deborah Dintino
- Janice Eaton
- Patricia Edwards
- John Evans
- Wendy Fairchild
- Barbara Field
- Elaine Galaska
- Brenda Gorman
- Carol Gridley
- David Haggerty
- Catherine Haight
- Brenda Hammond
- Sandra Harzinski
- Terry Hollembek
- Martha Howlett
- Carol Kanellis
- Faith Kushuba
- Sandra Kline
- Nancy Kuklis
- Gary Landsdowne
- Deborah Lawrence
- Naida Leet
- Alfonso Leopardi
- Donna Lewis
- Joann MacLean
- Ann Marshall
- Valerie McConnell
- Kathy McCracken
- Bonnie Merchant
- Tamara Mikitiuk
- Kerry Mincher
- Denise Morse
- Rhonda Moulton
- Rosemary Ortenschot
- Michael Partigianoni

**25 Years**

- Daniel Narasian
- Connie O'Shea
- Melony Warwick
- Donna Young

**30 Years**

- Connie Piech
- Susan Stout
- Melinda VanEtten

**35 Years**

- Deborah Williams
- Teri Wood

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**20 Years**

- Richard Zurell
- Gary Withers
- Joyce Willis
- Lynn Wiers
- Melinda VanEtten
- Paul Van Valkenberg
- Susan Vleck
- Gilda Votra
- Melony Warwick
- Richard Zurell
**News Briefs**

**Biology Conference Highlights New Research Technologies**

Noted biologist and science educator Nancy E. Stamp will give the keynote address at a conference on “Applying New Research Technologies to Science Education” on Thursday, Nov. 8.

Stamp, a professor of biological sciences at Binghamton University who is currently vice provost and dean of the graduate school, will discuss “The Right Stuff: Optimizing Use of Research Technologies in the Classroom” during the conference from 4 p.m.–7:20 p.m. in Corey Union.

Hosted by the Biological Sciences Department, the event is geared for junior high and high school teachers and curriculum coordinators.

The deadline for the dinner reservations has closed, but those interested in attending the conference sessions are welcome. For more information, contact Larry Klotz, biological sciences, at ext. 2709 or klotz@cortland.edu.

**Non-Traditional Students and Faculty Will Serve on Panel**

“Who Are Our Non-Trads?” will be answered by faculty and non-traditional student panelists at a Sandwich Seminar being held Wednesday, Nov. 7. The seminar will begin at 12:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. It is free and open to the campus community.

The panelists will discuss the positive experiences this group has brought to campus along with the challenges they have faced along the way. Faculty panelists are Kathleen Lawrence, communication studies, Donna Videto, health, and Susan Stratton, childhood/early childhood education. The student panelists are kinesiology majors Katherine Clancy and Alicia Dermady, and communication studies major Jennifer Miller.

The seminar is sponsored by Advisement and Transition. For more information, contact Academic Advisor and Coordinator of Non-Traditional Student Support Cheryl Hines, at ext. 4726.

**Vintage Broadway Playbills Displayed in Library**

Currently on display on the first floor of the Memorial Library is an exhibit of playbill programs, the official theatre programs used on Broadway since 1934.

The exhibit features 35 playbills from Broadway plays and musicals between 1944 and 2007, including the original productions of such classics as “My Fair Lady,” “The Sound of Music,” “Toys in the Attic,” “Oliver!” and “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.”

The playbills, which are on display through November, are from the collection of Thomas Hischak, performing arts.

For more information, contact Hischak at ext. 4206.

**Sports Schedule**

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**

**Field Hockey** — NCAA Div. III First Round, TBA

**Thursday, Nov. 8**

Women’s Volleyball — NCAA Div. III First Round, TBA

**Friday, Nov. 9**

WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Elmira, 7 p.m.

Men’s Ice Hockey at Brockport, 7 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball — NCAA Div. III Second Round, TBA

**Saturday, Nov. 10**

MEN’S/WOMEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING, 1 p.m.

WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Elmira, 2 p.m.

WRESTLING vs. RIT, 7 p.m.

Football at Ithaca, noon

Men’s Ice Hockey at Geneseo, 7 p.m.

Men’s/Women’s Cross Country — NCAA Div. III Atlantic Regionals, TBA

Field Hockey — NCAA Div. III Second Round, TBA

**Sunday, Nov. 11**

Field Hockey — NCAA Div. III Quarterfinals, TBA

Men’s Soccer — NCAA Div. III Second Round, TBA

Women’s Soccer — NCAA Div. III Second Round, TBA

**Thursday, Nov. 15**

Women’s Volleyball — NCAA Div. III Quarterfinals, TBA

**Friday, Nov. 16**

Field Hockey — NCAA Div. III Semis/Finals, TBA

Men’s Ice Hockey at Oswego, 7 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball — NCAA Div. III Quarterfinals, TBA

**Saturday, Nov. 17**

MEN’S BASKETBALL vs. CCNY, 4 p.m.

Women’s Basketball at Dickinson (Pa.) Tournament, TBA

Men’s/Women’s Cross Country — NCAA Div. III Championships, TBA

Field Hockey — NCAA Div. III Semis/Finals, TBA

Football — NCAA Div. III First Round, TBA

Women’s Ice Hockey at Oswego, 5 p.m.

Men’s Soccer — NCAA Div. III Sectionals, TBA

Women’s Soccer — NCAA Div. III Sectionals, TBA

Women’s Volleyball — NCAA Div. III Quarterfinals, TBA

Wrestling at Oneonta Invitational, 9 a.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 18**

Women’s Basketball at Dickinson (Pa.) Tournament, TBA

Men’s Soccer — NCAA Div. III Sectionals, TBA

Women’s Soccer — NCAA Div. III Sectionals, TBA
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Matola decided to use the creatures to start Belize's first zoo.

The zoo was an immediate hit because most residents of Belize knew very little about the country's flora and fauna. Myths about wildlife abounded. Over the past two decades, the zoo has become world-famous, in particular, for its focus on the restoration of the Harpy eagle species, the Central American Scarlet macaw, and jaguar habitat preservation. Matola is known for her work with the Scarlet macaw and tapirs.

Matola also has been a vocal advocate for species and habitat preservation.

The lecture and concert are sponsored by the Political Science Department, the James M. Clark Center for International Education, the Political Science Association, the International Programs Office and the Biology Club.

For more information about the lecture or benefit concert, contact Thomas Pasquarello, political science, at ext. 5772 or pasquarello@ cortland.edu.

For more information about International Education Week events, which will include lectures from a global perspective, musical performances of the world and meals featuring the cuisine of different countries, contact Henry Steck, political science, at ext. 4807 or by e-mail to steckh@cortland.edu.

Using the Web: Resources for Real-life Language Learning” and “The 3 Ps in your LPs” at the United States Air Force Academy (USafa) this fall. LeLoup is currently Distinguished Visiting Professor of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages at USafa.

Robert Ponterio and Jean LeLoup, international communications and culture, along with Willard Heller from the Perry (N.Y.) School District, presented a pre-conference workshop, “Getting at Cultural Perspectives,” at the annual meeting of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers held Oct. 12 in Rochester, N.Y.

James Reese, sport management, wrote an article for the Sept. 10-16 issue of the SportsBusiness Journal, a national sports publication. The article, “Program Convinces Students That Attendance Has Its Rewards,” describes the impact of rewards-based ticketing systems in a collegiate sports setting.

Robert Spitzer, political science, presented a paper titled “Saul Cornell’s Second Amendment: Why History Matters” at a conference titled “Firearms, the Militia, and Safe Cities: Merging History, Constitutional Law, and Public Policy,” held Oct. 18-19 at Albany Law School. The conference brought together more than a dozen specialists from around the country including historians, lawyers and public policy specialists, to examine issues related to gun control and gun rights.

Michael Toglia, psychology, recently served as reviewer of symposia and paper submissions for the March 2008 meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society to be held in Jacksonville, Fla. He also gave an invited colloquium Oct. 15 at Rider University titled “Suggestive Influences on Memory and Lineup Identification.”
**Coming Events**

**Monday, Nov. 5**
*$ Recreational Skate:* Park Center Alumni Arena, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 6**
*Lecture:* Novelist Maggie Shayne, Memorial Library, second floor, 2:30 p.m. A book signing will follow.
*Lecture:* “Psychology of Culture and Its Impact on Soldiers and Their Families: Cultural Differences Between Indigenous and White Soldiers and How Their Respective Societies Herald Their Departure and Return From Armed Combat,” Tasiwoopa api, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7 p.m.
*Disney Recruitment:* Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 6 p.m.
*Native American Film Festival:* “Trudell,” Sperry Center, Room 104, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 7**
*Sandwich Seminar:* “Who Are Our Non-Trads?” Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.
*Gallery Talk:* “On Time” exhibition, Xiaoze Xie, Dowd Fine Arts Gallery, 6 p.m.
*Presentation:* Maasai educators, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 8**
*Professional Women's Brown Bag Lunch:* Sponsored by the Women's Initiatives Committee, Corey Union, Room 209, noon.
*Sandwich Seminar:* “New York State Travel Guidelines and Procedures,” Bruce Perine, accounts payable, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.
*Conference:* “Applying New Research Technologies to Science Education,” Corey Union, 4 p.m.
*Earthly Matters Lecture Series:* “Peak Oil: Depletion and Denial,” author Paul Roberts, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Nov. 9**
*Meeting:* SUNY Cortland College Council, Miller Building, Room 405, 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 10**
*$ Glow N' Dark Skate:* Park Center Alumni Arena, 8-10 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 11**
*$ Recreational Skate:* Park Center Alumni Arena, 1-3 p.m.

**Monday, Nov. 12**
*Admissions Open House:* Park Center, 10:15 a.m.

**Veterans Day Ceremony:** Being held at the flag pole between Old Main and the Miller Building, 3 p.m. A reception will follow in the Old Main Colloquium. If raining, the ceremony will be held in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

**International Education Week Event:** “Dancing Across Borders,” Corey Union Function Room, 7 p.m.
*$ Recreational Skate:* Park Center Alumni Arena, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**
*Faculty Senate Meeting:* Brockway Hall Jacobs Lounge, 1:10 p.m.
*Lecture:* “Humans as Geological Agents,” Bruce Wilkinson, Syracuse University, Bowers Hall, Room 109, 7 p.m.
*Native American Film Festival:* “The Trail of Tears: Cherokee Legacy,” Sperry Center, Room 104, 7 p.m.
*Lecture:* “International Education and International Partnerships in Action: The Belize Zoo Project,” Zoo Director Sharon Matola, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**
*High School Leadership Day:* For area high school students, Corey Union, 9 a.m.

**Saturday Nov. 17**
*Fundraiser:* Relay for Life of SUNY Cortland, Lusk Field House, 7 p.m. through 7 a.m. Nov. 18
*Children's Museum Workshop:* “Insect Circus,” Children’s Museum, O’Herin Newman Hall, 8 Calvert St., Cortland, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 18**
*$ Thanksgiving Skate:* Park Center Alumni Arena, 1-3 p.m.