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## Ginsberg, Fine to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

Mark Ginsberg, the executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington, D.C., and Peter Fine, a humanitarian and one of the largest developers of affordable housing in New York City, will receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from the State University of New York during the Undergraduate Commencement exercises on Saturday, May 20.

### Mark Ginsberg '75

Since 1998, Ginsberg has directed the NAEYC, the world's largest organization with a focus on young children and their families. Now in its 80th year, the NAEYC, with more than 100,000 members, greatly influences how America interacts with its 13 million children between birth and the age of four.

### Graduate Commencement Set For May 19 in Park Center

The Commencement ceremony for students earning master's degrees and certificates of advanced study is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, May 19, in Park Center Alumni Arena.

The College will award 363 master's degrees and 112 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 Joseph Rayle, foundations and social advocacy, will be the mace bearer.

Faculty members will carry the four multi-colored gonfalons representing the 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 Pamela

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Working with a 17-member national board, Ginsberg oversees a staff of 125 persons, including the governmental relations personnel, who are housed in three buildings within the District of Columbia.

"I think we have had a hand in almost every piece of federal legislation that's positively affecting the lives of young children," said Ginsberg. "How much of a hand would vary depending upon the legislation. We spend a fair amount of time

working with members of Congress and their staffs."

NAEYC's national network encompasses 450 local, state and regional organizations. The national organization's annual, four-day conference attracts some 25,000 people to 1,100 workshops and seminars and 300,000 square feet of exhibits. For the past two decades, the NAEYC has been the nation's foremost accrediting agency for

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## SUNY Cortland to Hold Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies on May 20

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 20, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

An estimated 1,217 seniors will receive baccalaureate degrees during Commencement exercises, which will be presided over by President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

Peter Fine, a humanitarian and one of the largest developers of affordable housing in New York City, will address the graduates during the morning ceremony. Mark Ginsberg '75, the executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) in Washington, D.C., will address the graduates at the afternoon ceremony. The State University of New York will bestow upon both Fine and Ginsberg an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during Commencement. Each ceremony begins with an academic procession. A prelude, processional and recessional music will be provided by the Cortland Brass Ensemble.

President Bitterbaum will deliver the charge to graduates.

During the morning ceremony, Julio Fernandez, professor emeritus of political science, will carry the mace, a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of institutional

authority at the 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 Jerome O'Callaghan, arts and sciences; Thomas O. Mwanika, communication studies; Michelle Kelly, foundations and social advocacy; and Regina Grantham, speech pathology/audiology.

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## Partnership in Special Education Fund Launched To Honor Service of Professor William M. Hopkins

An endowment fund to support student scholarships, faculty and staff participation and other costs of the SUNY Cortland-Belize Partnership in Special Education has been established by the College.

The fund honors William M. Hopkins, who will retire on Aug. 31 as professor emeritus of psychology after 36 years of dedicated and exemplary service to the College. The Homer, N.Y., resident founded and will continue to operate the new Belize partnership project with his wife, Dorothy, a retired middle school teacher.

Raymond Collings and Leslie Eaton, Hopkins' colleagues in the Psychology Department, created the endowment fund. The Cortland College Foundation, represented by Jennifer Janes, director of The Cortland Fund, is organizing the fundraising project. The foundation is currently accepting donations from friends and colleagues of Hopkins, as well as others who wish to honor Hopkins or recognize the worth of the SUNY Cortland-Belize Partnership in Special Education.

Belize, formerly British Honduras, is a tiny country in Central America with approximately 270,000 citizens. It is politically stable with English as its first language. About the size of Massachusetts, Belize is sparsely populated compared to neighboring countries.

In Fall 2004, Hopkins met Sister Mercy Cervantes, the College's long-time contact for its educational initiatives in Belize, according to Eaton. The country needs educational

resources and Hopkins volunteered to help. He created the partnership in 2005 to assist educators in successfully working with Belizean students who have learning impediments. He continues to develop the project, and after his retirement, he and his wife will provide low- or no-cost materials and conduct periodic workshops for Belizean educators, starting with a two-week workshop in August.

"The partnership is focused on empowering teachers to increase their knowledge and skills for special education students in their classrooms," Hopkins said. He noted that to date the project has been supported by the International Programs Office, Migrant Education Outreach Program, United University Professions (UUP), the Foundations and Social Advocacy Department, the Dean of Arts and Sciences Office, and Sponsored Programs.

Hopkins has already written strategy manuals that will be used by 282 schools in Belize. The manuals will be produced in Belize by an office of the Minister of Education. He has almost completed an interactive Web site for teachers relating to standard impediments to student learning. Hopkins will be developing videotapes showing teachers how to implement his recommended strategies.

Besides involving a set of complex collaborations among educators in Belize and Cortland area schools called "Teachers Reaching Across Borders," the project entails the placement of interns and student teachers from the College and other SUNY institutions in Belizean schools. SUNY Cortland students and faculty are working together to improve special education services provided to school children in Belize.

"An important cornerstone of this fundraising effort is to secure the financial support necessary to offer scholarships to SUNY Cortland students for travel to Belize, so that they may capitalize on unique teaching and internship opportunities made available by this project, and by the schools in Belize," Eaton said.

Checks must be made payable to the Cortland College Foundation, noting the gift is made in honor of Bill Hopkins, and sent to the Cortland College Foundation, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045. For more information, contact Janes at ext. 5578.

## Reception Planned for Help Shown to Students Affected By Building Fire

SUNY Cortland will host an appreciation reception on May 11 to thank those who helped the 33 SUNY Cortland students displaced by the April 11 fire and subsequent demolition of the historic Squires Building at the corner of Main and Tompkins Streets.

The invitation-only reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. in Corey Union Caleion Room.

Sponsored by the President's Office, Residential Services and the Auxiliary Services Corporation, the event will give the College community an opportunity to thank the local firefighters, police officers, emergency personnel, administrators, faculty, students, and community residents and businesses who responded immediately and with great generosity to the needs of the affected SUNY Cortland students, said the event coordinator Sue Vleck, residential services.

For more information, contact Vleck at ext. 2095.

### College Council to Meet

The SUNY Cortland College Council will hold its next regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 1, in Miller Building, Room 405.

The agenda includes the introduction of Mel King, psychology, who will become the Faculty Senate chair at the end of the academic year, and also the introduction of Kaitlyn Boyes, president-elect of the Student Government Association.

The College Council will also discuss revisions to its bylaws and to the Code of Student Conduct. Council members will hear reports by Council Chair Stephen Hunt, President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Rayle and Student Government Association President Mary Kate Boland.

For more information, contact the President's Office at ext. 2201.



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Articles of more than 50 words should be submitted in Microsoft Word format by e-mail to [bulletin@cortland.edu](mailto:bulletin@cortland.edu).

## Faculty Senate Endorses GE Committee Proposal, Then Requests Campus-wide Faculty Referendum

The Faculty Senate voted 19-3 to endorse a General Education (GE) Committee's proposal for a restructured GE program "that both maintains the essential elements of the existing Cortland program while encompassing all aspects of the SUNY General Education Requirement."

The vote, taken during the Senate's April 25 meeting in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room, was quickly followed by a second vote, this one unanimous, to conduct a campus-wide referendum on this issue by "all voting faculty members."

When asked by a senator when the referendum would take place, Faculty Senate Chair Joseph Rayle, foundations and social advocacy, responded, "ASAP."

A lengthy discussion preceded the initial vote. Chair Rayle cautioned senators that they would be "voting on what the GE boxes are and not on what goes in the boxes." But Senator David Berger, psychology, said that contrary to the Provost's charge, the criteria had changed for two categories, #2 (natural sciences) and #12 (science, technology, values and society).

Brian Rivest, biological sciences, and David Miller, geography, attended the meeting to voice their concerns. Rivest praised the work of the GE Committee, but added that the restructured program is not the same as the present one.

"There are at least two significant differences of which I am aware," he said. "One is with the new Category 12: Science, Technology, Values and Society. This used to be called Science, Technology and Human Affairs and now has been expanded. It is the direction in which it has been expanded that is troubling."

Rivest recounted how he worked on the GE program in the 1980s. He said the rationale for this category was to better develop scientific literacy in our students, to better understand what science can and cannot do and the impact that science has on society.

"The courses in this category were not strictly science courses, but were supposed to have a significant science component," he added.

Rivest also bemoaned the proposed changes to the GE's Natural Science category, where

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## Community Roundtable Will Discuss 'An American Tragedy'

Chester Gillette's long-ago trial for the murder of fellow Cortland resident Grace Brown, a gripping story that captures the public's interest almost 100 years later, will be discussed during a community roundtable on Thursday, May 4.

A local attorney and two college professors will take a fresh look at the historical research, literary works, and legal scrutiny dealing with the case during the roundtable, titled "Perspectives on *An American Tragedy*," between 8-9 a.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

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.

Robert Rhodes, professor emeritus of Anglo-Irish Literature, will moderate the discussion. Other panelists are: Joseph Brownell, professor emeritus of geography and co-author of a book about the famous local story and John Folmer, a local attorney.

A question-and-answer period will follow the presentation.

July 11, 2006 marks the 100-year anniversary of the death of Cortland corset factory worker Grace Brown in Big Moose Lake and the sensational murder trial of her lover, the poor but well-connected Chester Gillette.

Fact, fiction and folklore are all part of this memorable local saga about a tragedy involving a young woman and man who had both worked at the old Gillette Skirt Factory, now the Werninck's building at 32 Miller St. Author Theodore Dreiser immortalized the tale in his 1925 book, *An American Tragedy*. The book was first made into a movie in 1931 by Josef Von Sternberg. A Hollywood-style adaptation, "A Place in the Sun," was released in 1951, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Montgomery Clift.

"Brownell will look at the cause of Grace Brown's death, I'll look at the event itself, and Folmer will examine some of the consequences of the event," Rhodes said.

Brownell will talk about what resources a young, unmarried woman who found herself pregnant in 1906 would have to get out of

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## Celebration of Teaching Planned for May 3

Area teachers, teaching assistants, school administrators, and College faculty will entertain their colleagues and celebrate teaching with a variety show featuring music, storytelling, comedy and skits on Wednesday, May 3.

The 17th annual "Celebration of Teaching: An Evening of Humor, Reflection and Song" will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert buffet and social gathering in Corey Union Function Room. The variety show follows at 7 p.m. and features area educators as entertainers celebrating the joys of teaching and learning.

Interested persons should contact the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214 or [cee@cortland.edu](mailto:cee@cortland.edu).

## Memorial Library Opens Learning Commons

A new futuristically designed center in Memorial Library will open next fall to offer one-stop shopping for assistance in researching projects, writing essays and using computer technology.

The Learning Commons, located on the first floor off the main entrance, will merge several initiatives that were scattered throughout the library and across campus in one location. The \$250,000 center includes two new production studios where students can work on high-end graphical computers and scanners funded by a \$100,000 state grant.

"The idea is to provide integrated learning so that faculty and students can come together to discuss things," said Gail Wood, the library's director who spearheaded the project. "It gets faculty and students together in one place."

An open house of the Learning Commons will take place at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, in the library, featuring speakers and refreshments. Jill Hurst-Walsh, a senior instructor at the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University, will discuss "Social Networking, the Web and Us," and Josh Peluso, administrative computing services, will speak on "Information Security: From Office to Classroom."

Services available in the Learning Commons will include: the library reference desk, which relocated from the second floor; the College Writing Center, which provides writing assistance to faculty and students; Learning

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## Gospel Choir's 20th Anniversary Concert Set for May 7 in Old Main

Internationally recognized gospel singer J. Christine Johnson Sinclair, a Cortland native and 1989 SUNY Cortland graduate, will be the featured solo artist for the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir's 20th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, May 7.

Sinclair will serve as the soloist on several selections during the concert, which begins at 4 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the concert.

The choir, comprised of local College, high school and community members, will sing a selection of contemporary and traditional gospel songs and spirituals under the direction

of Robert Brown. ASUNY Cortland adjunct instructor in African American Studies, Brown also teaches music at Blodgett Elementary School in Syracuse, N.Y., and directs music at the New Life Community Church in Syracuse.

The program will include the favorites "God Be Praised," by T. D. Jakes; "Total Praise," by Richard Smallwood; and "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord," by O'Landa Draper. The spirituals "Ride on King Jesus" and "Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning" will be performed, as well as ever-popular "Perfect Praise." Additional planned selections are "Looking for You," by Kirk Franklin; and "Till We Meet Again."

Sinclair, a Stamford, Ct., resident who earned a Bachelor of Arts in Music from SUNY Cortland in 1989, will be the soloist for "Order My Steps," the lead soloist for "Total Praise," and will deliver a very popular rendition of "The Lord's Prayer." Dorothy Thomas '77 will serve as the pianist for Sinclair's performance.

An international gospel music performer, Sinclair has sung at Madison Square Garden in a show that headlined Aretha Franklin, performed at the famed Apollo Theatre in Harlem and appeared on global radio and television broadcasts. She was recently selected to receive an award at the 2006 Caribbean Gospel Music Awards in New York City on June 4. She has released two albums through Tower Records and is currently in the process of making her third. "Music penetrates the heart and really reaches people," Sinclair said. "The listener is vulnerable to what's being said and can hear the message."

Sinclair first appeared with the Gospel Choir in 2004 when it was the invited guest at her performance at the Center for the Arts in Homer, N.Y.

Her passion and appreciation for music came from her father, the late Ellis A. Johnson, a jazz musician and professor emeritus of history SUNY Cortland. After hearing her sing the "Sesame Street" song when she was three, he began entering her in competitions and encouraged her to develop her skill.

"We're really excited to have her back," said Samuel Kelley, communication studies and African American studies, noting that Sinclair is one of three former members of the Gospel Choir who have gone on to sing professionally.

The Gospel Choir has been recognized for its outstanding performances at the National Collegiate Gospel Competition held in New York City, having won in the past in categories of best male vocalist for bass and best student director; placed second in the best choir category; and won occasional honorable mentions. It has performed on the "CBS Morning News" and represented SUNY Cortland in the SUNY Performing Arts Series. Off-campus concerts in the last two years were performed at the Convent Baptist Church in Harlem, N.Y., Blodgett Elementary School in Syracuse, N.Y., and the New Life Temple of Praise in Syracuse.

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## Applications Due May 12 for Service-Learning Stipends

The Institute for Civic Engagement is offering \$500 stipends for faculty to develop service-learning courses from existing offerings or from new ideas. Applications are due on Friday, May 12.

The Institute's Service-Learning Office provides assistance in developing proposals, syllabi, assignments and lessons.

"Service-learning is a methodology that integrates community service with course content to expand and deepen student learning. It maintains the course's academic rigor while providing opportunities for students to apply course concepts in real-life situations," says Service-Learning Coordinator John Suarez, English.

Previous winners include:

- Caroline Kaltefleiter (COM 301, Mass Media and Society) – Collaborating with the YWCA, students incorporate analysis of grassroots media campaigns into the development of their own innovative media campaign for the Cortland YWCA.
- Elizabeth Fraser (GEO 250, Urban Geography) – Students contribute to the quality of life in the City of Cortland through projects dealing with, for example, neighborhood safety.
- Linda Rosekrans (ENG 256) – Students participate in service-learning activities that draws on American Indian Literature.
- Kevin Sheets (HIS 290, Historical Methods) – Students apply historians' skills by developing educational materials from the museums' collections to be used in exhibits and with classroom outreach activities.

Students can also assist museums in setting up and organizing public programs.

- Mecke Nagel (Values 140, Prejudice, Discrimination, and Morality) – Students volunteer with local organizations – i.e., Loaves and Fishes and Planet of Women for Equality and Respect (POWER) – to link conditions and situations with those discussed in course readings.

- Jim Miller (AED 391, Introduction to Adolescent Education) – Students develop "skills to teach global awareness within the NYSED Social Studies framework" by developing materials and presenting lessons that promote SUNY Cortland's Cortland Area International Resource Network (CAIRN). Specific projects include the development of a Doctors Without Borders fundraising effort; and the collection of publishers' globally-oriented classroom texts and materials, which are being catalogued for Memorial Library's Teaching Materials Center.

- Gail Tooker (EDU 374) – Students design and conduct educational programs for organizations such as Lime Hollow Nature Center and Cortland Children's Museum.

A Reflections on Service-Learning discussion will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, in Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. The discussion will focus on what has worked and what has not during the Spring 2006 semester.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Suarez at ext. 2320 or at [suarezj@cortland.edu](mailto:suarezj@cortland.edu).

## SUNY Cortland Clubs Sent 58 Student Volunteers To Build, Rehab Homes in North Carolina, Mississippi

SUNY Cortland students Cliff Piraino and Regina Salig don't remember the hard work of putting up sheetrock, pounding together window and doorframes or hoisting massive house trusses in North Carolina during their spring break in mid-March.

The students, who were among 41 who participated in the annual Habitat for Humanity spring break field trip March 10-18, just remember the fun.

"This was my first spring trip and there was never a dull moment," said Piraino, an adolescence education: social studies major from Centerreach, N.Y. "Me and (French foreign exchange student) Emmanuelle Le Guillou built a deck in three days. It was one of the proudest moments in my life."

About a half dozen international students from France, Japan and Australia participated.

"I wanted to do something other than the stereotypical spring break in a place like Cancun," said Salig, a junior sociology major from East Meadow, N.Y. "I'd heard how much fun it was and how you met new friends."

The record-number large group separated into three units to work and stay in Kannapolis, Rocky Mount or Statesville, N.C.

"I know all three groups enjoyed the trip," said Rev. Donald Wilcox, Protestant campus minister and advisor to the Cortland Chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

In all, about 210 students have logged approximately 6,300 work hours on the spring break projects for the SUNY Cortland Habitat Chapter during the past four official years and two formative years before that.

During the rest of the academic year, students take part in Cortland, Syracuse and Binghamton area weekend homebuilding and improvement projects.

"Providing an opportunity to make a difference in people's lives is certainly what the club is all about," Wilcox said. "But spring break is the whole package: You work hard all week and work in close quarters, so you get to know each other very well. That can be a positive experience."

With 41 participants, the group was the largest contingent ever to head south by six, Wilcox said. This year, as always, many

students were on a waiting list to make the trip and perform volunteer work in southern communities suffering the effects of long-term economic decline. The club is only limited by the number of vans it can obtain to transport all the students.

During the trip, the students also enjoyed a day in Washington, D.C., Wilcox said. To offset the overall trip expenses, the Habitat for Humanity students paid \$100 and raised about \$10,000 in funds. Habitat has benefited from the Student Government Association as well as the Carl Metzler Memorial Fund, named after a graduate who was a founding member. To save on the costs, during the trip, students roomed together in church buildings and ate meals prepared by local North Carolina Habitat volunteers.

"The folks down there are always extremely appreciative of the students who would give up their spring break in order to help their community," Wilcox said. "One of the volunteers, a retiree, went out of the way the last day to gather everyone together to say 'Thank you.' That's ironic because he was a volunteer and it was his time, too."

During spring break, 17 students affiliated with Agape, the year-old campus religious-oriented group, traveled to Pascagoula, Miss., to help residents whose homes were flooded by Hurricane Katrina.

"It was such a life-changing experience," said Allison Lee, Agape's president, whose organization is named for the Greek word meaning "unconditional love."

"Our purpose in going down there is to show God's love, but we found that every single person we met there is willing to give the shirt off his or her back to someone else," said Lee, a junior early childhood/childhood education major from Middletown, N.Y. "They were willing to offer help and to receive it."

Her group, which completed rehab work on drywall, painting, landscaping and debris removal, was part of 53 students in similar groups from SUNY Oswego and Syracuse University. The bus trip took 24 hours each way.

Her group will focus their next spring break trip on a different community development activity, perhaps in Puerto Rico.

## SGA Officers Elected

Kaitlyn Boyes of Tonawanda, N.Y., a sophomore majoring in sport management, has been elected the Student Government Association president for the 2006-07 academic year.

Two other SGA officers were chosen during voting conducted online during April 24-25. Michael Scala of Shirley, N.Y., a sophomore performing arts major, was elected vice president, while Christine Schacht of Levittown, N.Y., a sophomore majoring in new communication media, was chosen treasurer.

Three different student referenda — for the Caribbean Student Association, WSUC-FM and the Student Activity Board — were all defeated.

## College Store Asks Campus To Participate in Surveys

The College Store is administering two online customized surveys — one for all customers and one specifically for faculty and staff — to measure the level of satisfaction with its products and services. The surveys will run through Saturday, May 20.

This is the third time the College Store has administered these surveys, and the first time the surveys have been available online only. Every participant who completes a survey will receive a coupon for 20 percent off at the College Store, although certain exclusions apply. In addition, participants in the customer satisfaction survey will be entered to win an Apple iPod.

The links for the surveys are as follows:

Customer Satisfaction: [www.collegiatere-search.org/suny-cortland/survey.asp](http://www.collegiatere-search.org/suny-cortland/survey.asp)

Faculty Satisfaction: [www.collegiatere-search.org/suny-cortland/faculty/survey.asp](http://www.collegiatere-search.org/suny-cortland/faculty/survey.asp)

To ensure objectivity with the results, all surveys will be compiled, tabulated and analyzed by the research staff of the National Association of College Stores (NACS).

For more information on the results of the surveys, contact Emily Gray at ext. 4620, or by e-mail at [graye@cortland.edu](mailto:graye@cortland.edu).



## Freshman Honor Society Announces New Members

Seventy students were inducted into the local chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honorary, on April 22. Students qualify by compiling at least a 3.5 grade point average either during their first semester of college or over the complete freshman year.

The initiates for this year are:

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| Josh Azer                 | Taryn N. Lippert      |
| Lisa M. Barbara           | Caitlin E. Mahoney    |
| James Philip Barracca     | Sara Matthews         |
| Dennis Belser             | Tamdan McCrory        |
| Robert C.P. Birdsall      | Jennifer Lynn Medwick |
| Nicholas G. Boffoli       | Julia Menard          |
| Jessica Lynne Cabrera     | Danielle L. Moran     |
| Carmen Caceres            | Jaclyn L. Murphy      |
| Nina Camacho              | Ryan Natichioni       |
| Tyler R. Cevasco          | Dylan Obernesser      |
| Ashley Chapple            | Maura O'Connell       |
| Nicole M. Corcoran        | Kaitlin Marie Porter  |
| Erin Coyne                | Kelly A. Randall      |
| Rachel Lee Crofut         | Elizabeth A. Reardon  |
| Christopher Dethwick, Jr. | Jack Ruggirello       |
| Taryn Donovan             | Sabria D. Santos      |
| Connor Duffy              | Erica Sanderson       |
| Elisha Ann Dunn           | Jeremy Schlick        |
| Christine Anne Finnegan   | Jamie Seminar         |
| Zachary C. Fluster        | Lee Steven Shapiro    |
| Sarah L. Gajewski         | Erin M. Shappell      |
| Martin Galley             | Katelyn Shute         |
| Jack Graham               | Tyler Skinner         |
| Caitlin A. Gruschow       | Kaitlin M. Smith      |
| Melinda A. Hankins        | Trey T. Smutz         |
| Krystina L. Hardter       | Lacy Stanton          |
| Sherry Hicks              | Kevin T. Stimson      |
| Drew K. Hill              | Mark A. Stull         |
| Janeen Jesse Hulbert      | Trista Lee Thorn      |
| Erica L. Jenkins          | Marcie Lynn Van Auken |
| Kelly J. Jones            | Kylin R. Vogel        |
| Janel M. Kierecki         | Kathleen Walsh        |
| Katelyn Kosakowski        | Robert S. Webb        |
| Kindra L. Lansburg        | Elise Yawney          |
| Gregory D. Leder          | Stacey Lee Zimmerman  |

Members of the Phi Eta Sigma Advisory Committee who planned the ceremony are: Michael Toglia, psychology, and faculty advisor to the local chapter, Sarah Beshers, health; George Feissner, mathematics; Mary McGuire, political science; Lori Schlicht, advisement and transition; and Abby Thomas, advisement and transition.

Chapter President Kelly Letarte and Vice President Becky Quivey helped conduct the initiation. Terri Pebbles, mathematics, also played a significant role in organizing the event. Closing remarks were delivered by President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

## Alpha Sigma Lambda Inductees Named

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

To be elected, students must have completed 24 credit hours at SUNY Cortland with a grade point average of 3.5 or better. For the inductees to be in the top 10 percent of students at SUNY Cortland they needed to have a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

This is the seventh year the SUNY Cortland chapter, Lambda Omicron, has elected members. The induction ceremony was held April 10 in the Caleion Room.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum offered remarks to the new members. The guest speaker was Leslie Eaton, psychology. She presented a short slide show of humorous moments in her life as a non-traditional student titled "If at First You Don't Succeed, Then Skydiving Definitely Isn't for You (That's Why I'm a Pilot)." Students Sherry Hicks and Deanna Hojnowski assisted with the pledge for membership and explained the ideals of the honor society.

"The achievement of these students is inspiring," said Meg Nowak, advisement and transition, and the National Councilor for the Lambda Omicron Chapter. "These men and women have earned the highest averages while balancing family, work and long commutes. For non-traditional students

## Library Hours

### Extended Hours Through May 11

Monday-Thursday	7:45 a.m.-3 a.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.-midnight
Saturday	11 a.m.--midnight
Sunday	10 a.m.-3 a.m.

### Finals Week May 12-18

Friday, May 12	7:30 a.m.-3 a.m.
Saturday, May 13- Sunday, May 14	8 a.m.-3 a.m.
Monday, May 15- Wednesday, May 17	7:30 a.m.-3 a.m.
Thursday, May 18	7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

who have often had a long break in their formal education, becoming acclimated to college is difficult, but excelling in academics is extraordinary. Because of that, we are especially proud to have a chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda on campus to allow us to honor these special students."

Students who have been elected to membership are:

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| Ann Marie Abbey  | Adam Kalman          |
| Sharon Andrus    | Liliana Kinback      |
| James Best       | Penelope Lupo        |
| Nicholas Bova    | Robert MacLean       |
| Robert Broddus   | Sharon Mannix        |
| Ryan Caban       | Kristina Maricle     |
| Mikka Cain       | Michael Music        |
| Joseph Cooper    | James Newton         |
| James Davern     | Jennifer Page        |
| Georgia Dear     | Jeffrey Perreault    |
| Kathleen Delucia | Dawn Platt           |
| Robyn Eaton      | Meredith Romans      |
| Michael Fisher   | Michael Rozonkiewicz |
| Jennifer Gow     | Melissa Ryan         |
| Zizwe Grandison  | Adriel Shea          |
| Norma Gutierrez  | Mary Sinicropi       |
| Lisa Halpin      | Darlene Smith        |
| David Hamilton   | Laurie Smith         |
| Sherry Hicks     | Kevin Wall           |
| Deanna Hojnowski | Christine Wheat      |
| Karin Howe       | April Wilkins        |
| April Huyck      | Adam Zoltowski       |
| Dawn Ibbs        |                      |



## Recipients of Program Funding Announced

The Sponsored Programs Office has announced recent award recipients:

**Amy Henderson-Harr** and **Glen Clarke**, sponsored programs, and **Laura Gathagan**, Faculty Development Center, received \$4,042 from the United University Professions Campus Grant Program for their project titled "Scholarly/Writing/Proposal Development," for the period May 15-31, 2006.

**Bonni Hodges** and **Jill Murphy**, health, received \$5,670 from the Cortland County Health Department for their project titled "Barriers to Obesity Prevention in Schools," for the period Feb. 1, 2006- March 31, 2007.

**Peter Jeffers**, chemistry, received \$41,799 from Pacific Northwest National Laboratory for his project titled "Carbon Tetrachloride Hydrolysis Experiments," for the period Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 2006.

**Joan Sitterly**, athletics, received \$44,220 from National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) for her project titled "NCAA Ethnic Minority Women's Internship," for the period July 1, 2006-June 30, 2008.

**Sharon Steadman**, sociology/anthropology, received \$10,000 from Dumbarton Oaks Foundation her project titled "The Early Byzantine Period at Cadir Hoyuk: Riches to Rags on the Northern Terrace," for the period July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007.

**Barbara Wisch**, art and art history, received a \$5,000 Summer Stipend from National Endowment for the Humanities for her project titled "In the Public Eye: The Church of Santa Lucia Nuova, Rome," for the period July 1-Aug. 31, 2006.

## Psi Chi Initiates Listed

Forty-one students were inducted into Psi Chi, the national honorary in psychology, on April 20. The initiates for this year are:

Stacey Atkins	Brenda Ludwig
Aaron Baier	Sharon Mannix
Ryan Baker	Kelly Marcoux
Alicia Brown	Russell Marino
Alexandra Butterfield	Kathryn Merrihew
Trudy Cedar	Melissa Morales
Jessica Convertino	Anthony Nelson
Kimberly Cormier	Merlann Pena
Whitney Creager	Andrea Perkins
Caroline D'Agati	Kellea Randolph
Christine Dance	Kathryn Rathbun
James Davern	Kendra Ryerson
Jamie Drake	Michelle Satriano
Krysti Frey	Jacquelyn Schneider
Adrienne Fuller	Jane Spampinato
Sadie Garrett	Jenna Trotta
Laura Greaney	Nicole Wheelock
Miranda Hendrickson	Rebekah Widrick
Melody Hoffman	Brooke Wielenga
Emily Kennavane	Bryant Withers
Sarah Luchansky	

Paul Luyben, psychology, is the faculty advisor to the local chapter. In addition to Luyben, Leslie Eaton, Mike Toggia, Claire Payne and Teri Wood, all members of the Psychology Department, were involved in planning the induction events. William Hopkins, psychology, delivered the annual research talk.

The ceremony was conducted primarily by the student officers, Jennifer Cahill, president, and Jennifer Gaeta, vice-president. President Erik J. Bitterbaum provided welcoming remarks, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell provided closing remarks. Mark Prus, arts and sciences, presented at the reception.

## Graduate Commencement Set For May 19 in Park Center

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Summers, literacy; Michele Gonzalez, literacy; Joy Hendrick, exercise science and sport studies; and Daniel Driscoll, mathematics.

Stephen Wilson, performing arts, with the Cortland Brass Ensemble, will perform the processional and recessional music. Gina Gammage-Sikora, a former Spanish lecturer in the International Communications and Culture Department and currently a lecturer in Spanish at Tompkins County Community College, will sing the national anthem and the Alma Mater.

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell will offer a welcome, while Lydia Montgomery of Cortland, a candidate for Master of Science in Education in Literacy Education, 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 Edward Caffarella and Dean of Professional Studies Roy H. Olsson Jr.

Joseph Eppolito '74, M.S.Ed. '76, a past president and current board member of

the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association, will welcome these newest graduates into the ranks of the College's 56,000 alumni. Commencement marshals will be William Buxton, literacy; Susan Stratton, childhood/early childhood education; and Judy Van Buskirk, history.

The Graduate Commencement Committee is co-chaired by Marley S. Barduhn, international programs; Michele Irvin Gonzalez, literacy; Louis Larson, career services; and Virginia B. Levine, President's Office.

Committee members include: Darci Contri, President's Office; Mark DePaull, University Police; Emily Gray, College Store; Jean LeLoup, international communications and culture; Katherine McDowell from Williston Park, N.Y., graduate student representative; Peter McGinnis, graduate studies; Yvonne Murnane, graduate studies; Mary Murphy, University Police; Charlotte Plunkett, physical plant; Hailey Ruoff '98, classroom media services; Lisa Scherer '86, sport management; Arnold Talentino, Honors Program; and George VerDow, classroom media services.



## Gospel Choir Concert

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This year's 20th anniversary tour has so far included concerts in Niagara Falls, N.Y., Batavia, N.Y., and on campus.

Choir musicians will be Andy Rudy of Syracuse, on keyboard, Reginald Siegler of Syracuse on bass guitar and sophomore Drew Hill of Freeville, N.Y., on drums.

Gospel Choir officers are president Marcos Abad of Bronx, N.Y.; vice president Nicole Felitto of Sauquoit, N.Y.; treasurer Cassandra Peters of Horseheads, N.Y.; secretary and tour manager Rose Graham of Central Islip, N.Y.; tour manager Rosetta Graham of Central Islip; and alumni officer Dorothy Thomas of Cortland.

The 20th Anniversary Spring Concert is sponsored by the SUNY Cortland African American Studies Program, President's Office, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office, Student Affairs Office, the Multicultural Life Office and the Student Activity Fee.

For more information, contact Kelley at [kelleys@cortland.edu](mailto:kelleys@cortland.edu) or ext. 4104 or Seth Asumah at [asumahs@cortland.edu](mailto:asumahs@cortland.edu).

## Faculty Senate Endorses GE Committee Proposal

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although SUNY Cortland would maintain its rigorous two-course requisite, the three outcomes for both courses would be trimmed to three outcomes for the first course but only one outcome for the second course.

"This would open the door to very different types of courses that seriously undermine the principles on which this category was based," argued Rivest.

However, other senators countered that the restructured GE program reflected the thoughtful input of faculty from across the disciplines. Senator Joy Hendrick, exercise science and sport studies, added that the restructured categories were carefully worded to meet the SUNY learning outcomes and tampering with them at this stage could negate that intent.

Senator Joseph Governali, health, said the restructured proposal reflected two years of work by the GE Task Force and that the Senate was voting on a structure with which the campus could work. A catalyst behind some of the changes was the ability to accommodate transfer students who form a significant population on the Cortland campus, added Governali.

In its written justification of the revised program, the GE Committee noted, "This restructured program will be easier for students and advisors to understand, and will facilitate transfer articulation. Although some categories have been broadened to allow inclusion of more courses, no requirements have been added nor any removed and so the restructured program is essentially the same as the program completed by students at present."

"The retention of distinctive category titles, goals, learning outcomes and requirements from the current program shows that this is still the Cortland GE program and not simply the SUNY-GER categories 1 through 10 with additional Cortland categories. The transfer waiver formula is virtually the same as the existing policy and clarifies that the waivers can only be applied to the Cortland-specific requirements."

Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, told the Senate, "The need for courses should not be driving the debate. It was never a part of the charge I gave. The focus should be on the intellectual integrity of what we do."

## Memorial Library Opens Learning Commons; Open House on May 4

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Communities, which enroll groups of students in common sets of courses; and Service-Learning, which combines academic studies with volunteer service in the community. A new office of the Faculty Development Center has also moved to the area in the library's south wing.

Visitors entering the Learning Commons stop by the relocated reference desk, which sits in front of a bank of new computers. To the left is a collection of tables and chairs, enclosed by moveable cream-colored partitions and overhanging sound barriers, all designed in shades of gray, green and red.

"This whole concept, like the furniture, is flexible — it's mobile," said Nancy J. Aumann, academic affairs. "It's supposed to be a dynamic concept. Students change and we need to change with them."

The Learning Commons grew out of two separate initiatives at SUNY Cortland aimed

at merging services for students and faculty in one location. In 2004, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Elizabeth Davis-Russell proposed a Teaching Learning Center to bring together the Service-Learning Office, the Writing Center and the Faculty Development Center. At the same time, Wood wanted to create a commons in the library for providing research and technical help to students.

The two proposals dovetailed into a partnership that resulted in the Learning Commons, which began construction last November.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum said he was grateful for the state funding provided by State Senator James L. Seward, R-51st District, to construct the project, which involved relocating 10,000 books, installing new carpeting and repairing a wall. Bitterbaum noted Seward has been invited

to a dedication of the Learning Commons next fall.

"The real test of time will be how students react to the opportunities we present to them," Bitterbaum said. "Already we've had some preliminary feedback that they really like having everything in one location."

SUNY Cortland's Learning Commons is part of a nationwide trend over the past decade to provide centralized services in college and university libraries. By offering a range of services in one location, Wood said the Commons will draw more students to the library.

Visits to the Memorial Library last year went up 11 percent to an attendance level of 291,813, from 262,695 in 2003-2004. Wood attributed the increase to an influx of students seeking help on research projects and papers from faculty and staff in the library.



## Athletics Department Receives NCAA Minority and Women's Internship Grant

The Athletics Department recently received one of only 15 Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship Grants awarded by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) in 2006.

The two-year grant provides SUNY Cortland with \$22,110 per year to hire an intern to assist in any of a number of capacities within its Athletics Department.

"Our proposal was for the intern to work with event management, corporate sponsorships and to serve as an assistant coach for one of our sports," explained Joan Sitterly, the athletics. "It will be a great addition to the Athletics Department and assist us with promotion of diversity."

Sitterly said the SUNY Cortland grant application specifically aimed at hiring an ethnic minority woman.

"My intentions in pursuing this grant were motivated by the lack of both ethnic

minorities and women on the Cortland athletics staff," Sitterly continued. "The diverse nature of this internship follows the eclectic nature of NCAA Division III athletic positions. Rarely as an administrator in Division III athletics do you have one specific duty but almost always a combination of duties. This type of internship will provide a variety of experiences and increase the marketability of the NCAA intern."

SUNY Cortland, one of the six most perennially successful NCAA Division III combined men's and women's intercollegiate programs in the U.S. during the past decade, competes in 25 sports — 14 women's and 11 men's teams. SUNY Cortland boasts outstanding facilities for its 700-plus student-athletes, who are supported by faculty and students in nationally accredited athletic training and sport management curricula.

The NCAA internship originated with an NCAA Minority Opportunities and Interests

Committee finding that Division III has the lowest percentage of ethnic minority and female coaches and administrators among the three NCAA divisions. Subsequently, the NCAA Division III Presidents and Management Councils addressed the concern with the creation of a task force to help Division III institutions and conferences better meet the NCAA goals of diversity.

The grant stipend covers the intern's salary and provides travel money for the individual to attend NCAA-sponsored professional development conferences and seminars. The intern's duties must include a substantial percentage of administrative assignments and the scope of work to be done must be realistic.

Sitterly said that SUNY Cortland would begin advertising for the internship immediately and plans on hiring someone by the start of June. For more information, contact Sitterly at ext. 4963.

## Sports Schedule

### *Capital Letters Denote Home Games*

#### **Monday, May 1**

Men's/Women's Outdoor Track and Field  
— NYSCTC Multi-Event Championship,  
noon at Ithaca

#### **Tuesday, May 2**

BASEBALL vs. Cazenovia, 4 p.m.  
SOFTBALL vs. Rochester (2), 4 p.m.

#### **Wednesday, May 3**

Men's Lacrosse — SUNYAC Semifinals,  
TBA at highest two seeds

#### **Thursday, May 4**

Softball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion

#### **Friday, May 5**

Baseball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion  
Softball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion  
Women's Lacrosse — SUNYAC Semifinals,  
TBA at regular season champion  
Men's/Women's Outdoor Track and Field  
— NYSCTC Championships, 10 a.m.,  
at St. Lawrence

#### **Saturday, May 6**

Baseball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion  
Softball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion  
Men's Lacrosse — SUNYAC Finals, TBA at  
highest remaining seed  
Women's Lacrosse — SUNYAC Finals, TBA  
at regular season champion  
Men's/Women's Outdoor Track and Field  
— NYSCTC Championships, 10 a.m.  
at St. Lawrence

#### **Sunday, May 7**

Baseball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion  
Softball — SUNYAC Tournament, TBA at  
regular season champion  
Women's Golf at Williams (Mass.)  
Invitational, TBA

#### **Wednesday, May 10**

Men's Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III First  
Round, TBA  
Women's Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III First  
Round, TBA

#### **Thursday, May 11**

Softball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA

#### **Friday, May 12**

Softball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA

#### **Saturday, May 13**

Men's Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III Second  
Round, TBA  
Women's Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III Second  
Round, TBA  
Softball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA

#### **Sunday, May 14**

Women's Lacrosse — NCAA Div. III  
Quarterfinals, TBA  
Softball — NCAA Div. III Regionals, TBA



## Ginsberg, Fine to Receive Honorary Degrees at Commencement

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childcare centers. The NAEYC is also one of the world's largest publishers of educational materials for young children.

Raised in New City, N.Y., Ginsberg earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1975 from SUNY Cortland, where he was active as one of the first residence advisors in the then-newly built Towers halls, as director of the WSUC-AM campus radio station and as a rugby player.

Desiring to do something with children and families, Ginsberg attended Pennsylvania State University, where he earned a Ph.D. in human development and family studies. He interned at the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Conn., and then joined the psychology faculty at the University of Rochester.

Ginsberg moved to Maryland and worked as a staff member with the American Psychological Association for six years before becoming the CEO for the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT), where he doubled the size of the organization during his tenure.

"I wanted to get back to my roots at an academic institution," he said. "I had the opportunity to join Johns Hopkins as the director of the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, which is really the mental health and human services program for the university. Hopkins is the largest private employer in Maryland."

While at Johns Hopkins, Ginsberg began teaching in the Counseling Department and then served as its chair for two years. He still remains a part-time faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, but reluctantly chose to leave the classroom for the opportunity to guide the prestigious and influential NAEYC.

"Our work is so fundamentally important to the future of our nation, the challenge is to be sure we have the resources, the ability to continue to be creative and inventive, and to help move this forward," he said.

Ginsberg's own dream is to realize a national goal to fully fund an early childhood educational system that provides universal access for all children.

"To me, one of the great ironies is that Americans are viewed internationally as the thought leaders when it comes to information about education, but tragically we're not found anywhere near the top of the list of people who are practitioners," he said. "We just don't practice what we preach. The lesson in that is that we know how to do this, we just don't have the funds to do it."

Two other challenges facing the early childhood field today are insufficient numbers of educators with solid training in early childhood education and a tremendous educator turnover rate, said Ginsberg, whose organization lobbies for adequate teacher funding.

"Economic studies that have been done suggest that for every dollar spent in an early childhood environment, there's a seven dollar return in terms of economic benefit to a community over time," he explained. "That's a pretty good rate of return. Studies show that children who are in high-quality environments when they are three are more likely to succeed when they're six. But more than that, there are studies now that are showing that throughout their lives, children who had a good foundation earlier in their life are more likely to succeed."

Ginsberg and his wife, Elaine, have two sons, Andrew and Robert.

### **Peter Fine**

Peter Fine is a humanitarian and one of the largest developers of affordable housing in New York City.

In 1996, Fine created Atlantic Development Group to build, own and manage apartment houses in metropolitan New York. During the past decade, his company has completed more than 3,500 assisted living, luxury and affordable housing units in 30 different buildings.

Currently, Fine's company is constructing more than 1,800 housing units which will be phased in between now and 2007 with an additional 1,000-plus housing units slated to begin this year. Beyond the housing market, Atlantic Development Group will start construction this year on Boricua College, a 120,000 square-foot building located at 161st St. and 3rd Avenue in the Bronx.

The son of a Manhattan and Brooklyn cab driver, Fine grew up in a public housing project in Queens and was educated in New York City's public schools.

"Education was very, very important to my father because he didn't have one," said Fine, who was the first in his family to attend college. "But he was a tremendously inquisitive guy. Reading *The New York Times* for him every day was a very important thing. Cab drivers in those days were the ambassadors in the city. I think he took that role seriously. In many respects, I consider what I do in real estate to be a continuation of my father's work."

Fine began his college education at SUNY Cortland as a biology major, but soon discovered his exceptional aptitude for the social sciences while earning excellent grades in sociology, cultural anthropology and cultural geography.

"Having access to the language of social science enabled to me have some perspective on the way I grew up," Fine explained. "A liberal arts education should be about gaining self-knowledge and opening up the world. Without sounding corny, that was the initial effect of taking humanities, literature, social science and economics courses. I was so thirsty for the knowledge."

Longing to return to New York City, Fine transferred to New York University, where he earned both a bachelor's degree and a Ph.D. in sociology.

From 1986-91, Fine worked for a social service agency on New York's Lower East Side called the Educational Alliance, which was an old settlement house that was part of the original settlement house movement in the 1880s. Also, for two years, he helped to settle Russian refugees for the Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty.

"In my resettlement work and with the Alliance, I had gotten involved in developing some housing as an executive of these non-profit institutions," noted Fine, who left the Alliance in 1991 to form his own firm, Fine Consulting and Development. His clients included not-for-profit organizations and social service institutions that wanted to build service-enriched housing, such as residential

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treatment facilities for mentally ill persons and homeless shelters. In all, he served as a consultant on 12 different treatment facilities.

“It was during this period that I realized how essential decent and affordable housing was to the stability of the clients I was working with, as well as for the health of the city and the state,” said Fine, who then formed Atlantic Development Group which has emerged as one of the largest housing developers in New York City.

The civic-minded Fine has been deeply involved in philanthropic and charitable work. He serves on the board of directors for the UJA/Federation of New York, the Hispanic Federation, the Jewish Community Center of New York and The Rodeph Shalom School.

In February 2003 during the Campaign for Cortland, Fine committed \$100,000 to SUNY Cortland to create the Robert Fine Faculty Endowment Fund in memory of his late father.

“It’s an American story,” he explained. “One generation kind of picks up where the other leaves off. I think he certainly saw it that way.”

The Robert Fine Faculty and Endowment Fund benefits junior, untenured SUNY Cortland faculty in need of financial support to improve teaching techniques, enhance their classroom experience, support research and publication efforts and provide faculty-student interactions beyond the classroom.

“I wanted the money to ultimately help the College, faculty and the students and to just open up opportunities for them,” said Fine. “That’s really the key and that’s the role that Cortland played for me. College is like a gateway. That’s the way I see it.”

Fine and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Manhattan with their three children, Sarah, Robby and Katie.

## Undergraduate Commencement Ceremonies

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Senior musical theatre major Mabyn Ludke of Cuyler, N.Y., will sing the national anthem and Alma Mater.

Dorothy Troike, literacy emerita, will carry the mace during the afternoon Commencement. The gonfaloniers will be: Jerry Casciani, physical education; Karen Zimmerman, performing arts; Joy Mosher, childhood/early childhood education; and Joseph Governali, health.

The national anthem and Alma Mater will be sung by senior musical theatre major Jessica Lawrence of Utica, N.Y.

President Bitterbaum will welcome the graduates at both ceremonies. Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and vice president for academic affairs, will recognize the honor graduates. Student Government Association President Mary Kate Boland, a senior biological sciences major from Niagara Falls, N.Y., will deliver remarks. Joining President Bitterbaum in conferring the degrees will be Mark Prus, arts and sciences; Ed Caffarella, education; and Roy H. Olsson Jr., professional studies.

A total of 96 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: 212 physical education majors in the School of Professional Studies, 249 early childhood and childhood education majors in the School of Education, and 85 communication studies majors in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Gordon Valentine ’68, Alumni Association vice president, will officially welcome the graduates into the ranks of the College’s 55,000 alumni.

The Undergraduate Commencement Committee is co-chaired by Virginia B. Levine, President’s Office, and Marley Sweet Barduhn ’76, international programs.

Other committee members include: Seth Asumah, political science; Timothy Baroni, biological sciences; Laurie Barton, President’s Office; Mary Kate Boland, senior class representative and SGA president; Alicia Brown, senior class representative; Darci Contri,

President’s Office; Mark DePaull, University Police; Ralph Dudgeon, performing arts; Mariah Gerty, senior class representative; Emily Gray, College Store; David Horrocks, grounds and building services; Ji-Ryun Kim, foundations and social advocacy; Kathleen Lawrence, communication studies; Michael MacLean, structural maintenance; Mary Murphy, University Police; Stephanie Pastrick, senior class representative; Charlotte Plunkett, physical plant; Tracy Rammacher, publications and electronic media; Susan Rayl, exercise science and sport studies; Hailey Ruoff ’98, classroom media services; Lisa Scherer ’86, sport management; Timothy Slack, physical plant; and George VerDow, classroom media services.

This year, both undergraduate Commencement ceremonies will be broadcast live on the Time Warner Cable access Channel 6 to viewers in the City of Cortland vicinity. The ceremonies can also 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 them achieve their academic pursuit or goals. The respective name will be read along with each graduate.

### Spring 2006 Bulletin Schedule

Issue Date	Deadline
#17 Monday, May 15	Tuesday, May 9

### Summer Bulletin 2006 Schedule

Issue Date	Deadline
#1 Monday, May 22	Tuesday, May 16
#2 Monday, June 12	Tuesday, June 6
#3 Monday, July 3	Tuesday, June 27
#4 Monday, July 17	Tuesday, July 11





# News Briefs

## May 11 Meeting Will Address Service-Learning Projects

The Institute for Civic Engagement's Service-Learning Office will hold its second end-of-semester Reflections on Service-Learning meeting from 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, in Corey Union Fireplace Lounge. It is free and open to the campus community.

"The number of service-learning participants and projects in Cortland continues to grow," says Service-Learning Coordinator John Suarez, English. "That growth has given us additional successes and new challenges. Faculty, agency supervisors and students will have an opportunity to examine what's working and what's not in Cortland's service-learning projects."

To register or for more information, contact Suarez at [suarezj@cortland.edu](mailto:suarezj@cortland.edu), or at ext. 2320.

## Faculty Women's Association Plans Brunch for July 20

The Faculty Women's Association will hold its 39th annual summer brunch from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 20. It will be held at Bess Koval's house, 11 Levydale Park, which is located off Tompkins Street at the Red Dragon.

All current or retired SUNY Cortland women faculty are invited, as well as spouses or widows of current or retired male faculty. New members are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Marilyn DeLorenzo, education emerita, at [delorenzo@cortland.edu](mailto:delorenzo@cortland.edu) or 753-7372, or Bess Koval, [bkoval@twcny.rr.com](mailto:bkoval@twcny.rr.com) or 753-8413.

## Student Dance Recital Set For May 5 in Dowd Theatre

An informal dance demonstration, presenting the work of the students in the Performing Arts Department dance classes, will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 5, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

The recital will include exercises from classes, as well as some student-choreographed work. Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

## One-Act Plays to Be Presented May 4-7 in Dowd Theatre

The Performing Arts Department will present its annual One-Act Play Festival May 4-7 in the Lab Theatre of the Dowd Fine Arts Center. It is free and open to the public, although some of the plays are recommended for mature audiences only.

Five American contemporary plays directed by Performing Arts Department students will be presented as follows:

At 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, and Saturday, May 6, the program will include Tennessee Williams' "Hello From Bertha," directed by Jessica Lawrence, and Neil Simon's "Visitor From Forest Hills," directed by Joshua Williams.

At 8 p.m. on Friday, May 5, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, the lineup will include Cheri Vogelstein's "A Date With a Stranger," directed by Susie Carr, Romulus Linney's "Can Can," directed by Mabyn Ludke, and Christopher Durang's "The Actor's Nightmare," directed by Raylynn Jones.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

## Choral Union Concert Planned

The Choral Union, under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts, will present its spring concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

Among the selections to be sung will be a choral arrangement of Beethoven's song cycle "To the Distant Beloved" (An die ferne Geliebte), and Mozart's "Vesperae Solennes," K. 339.

Guest conductor for the last piece is Emanuel Medeiros, former music teacher at SUNY Cortland and in the Cortland City School District. The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

## Commencement Marshals Needed for Ceremonies

The Undergraduate and Graduate Commencement Ceremonies are in need of marshals for this year.

The Undergraduate Ceremonies will be held at 9:30 a.m. (Ceremony A) and 2:30 p.m. (Ceremony B) on Saturday, May 20, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

Graduate Commencement will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 19, in the Alumni Arena.

To volunteer, contact Virginia Levine, President's Office, by Tuesday, May 2, at [virginial@em.cortland.edu](mailto:virginial@em.cortland.edu). Please indicate those ceremonies for which you are available.

## Special Hours for Textbook Buy Back Announced

Textbook buy back hours will take place at the College Store and at Smith and Casey Towers as follows:

### The College Store:

Friday, May 12 . . . . . 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Saturday, May 13 . . . . . 10 a.m.- 5 pm

### Neubig Hall Basement

Tuesday, May 9 –  
Wednesday, May 10 . . . . . 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Thursday, May 11 . . . . . 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Friday, May 12 . . . . . 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, May 13 . . . . . 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Monday, May 15 . . . . . 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 16 –  
Wednesday, May 17 . . . . . 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Thursday, May 18 . . . . . 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Smith and Casey Towers Lounge

Wednesday, May 10-  
Friday, May 12 . . . . . 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Monday, May 15-  
Wednesday, May 17 . . . . . 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Special College Store hours for Commencement Weekend

Friday, May 19 . . . . . :8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturday, May 20 . . . . . 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Faculty-Staff Activities

**Seth Asumah**, political science and African American studies, **Ibipo Johnston-Anumonwo**, geography, **Mechthild Nagel**, philosophy, **Betty Wambui**, philosophy, and **Ben Wodi**, health, presented papers at the annual conference of the New York African Studies Association, held April 7-8 at SUNY New Paltz. Asumah was also reelected as treasurer. The presenters' topics included: critical directions in African studies; teaching about Africa in a balanced, non-ethnocentric manner; reconciliation practices in the new South Africa; blending theories of leadership and citizenship; and productive national policies to curb HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa.

**T. D. Fitzgerald**, biological sciences, is co-author of a paper titled "Mare Reproductive Loss Syndrome," appearing in the current issue of the *Compendium on Continuing Education for the Practicing Veterinarian*. The paper discusses the role of the eastern tent caterpillar in the syndrome, which result in the death of unborn foals.

**Charles Heasley**, art and art history, has had prints selected to be part of the upcoming exhibition titled "Print Matters: Works by Artists from the Ithaca Ink Shop," at the Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University. The exhibition, curated by Nancy E. Green, opens July 14. Heasley's print titled "S.A.C. Outpost," a multicolored collotype displayed in the national exhibition Color Print USA, has been included in the permanent collection of the Museum of Texas Tech University.

**Lori Hepner**, art and art history, has had her video piece, "am i really a woman?," accepted into the 5to Festival Internacional de la Imagen from April 18-22 in Manizales, Colombia. The work was exhibited in the II Muestra Monográfica de Media Art at the Museum of Art of Caldas. Hepner is one of four artists representing the United States in this exhibition of international digital

artists. As described by the festival's Web site, "The event focuses on the role of digital visual creation in the society of information, and it sets out, not only as a space of analysis, but also as the place for the exchange of experiences around the creation of images by using new means." Her work has also been accepted into the *IMAGOTECA* Collection of the Department of Visual Design of the University of Caldas in conjunction with the exhibition.

**Gretchen Herrmann**, library, presented a paper titled "Magic Money: Garage Sale Money and Ithaca Barter Currency as Special Money" at the meetings for the Society for Applied Anthropology held March 27-April 2 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The paper treats themes related to the use of money in these two venues of the alternative economy.

**Denise D. Knight**, English, has contributed a biographical headnote on author Charlotte Perkins Gilman to the *Thomson Anthology of American Literature*, forthcoming from Thomson Gale.

**Joseph Onello**, physics, has been informed that the proposal "OH Observations of the Envelope of MBM 40," written with colleagues from the University of Georgia, Athens, and the University of California, Berkeley, has been accepted. Observations using the newly-built 100m Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia will survey the outer transition region between atomic and molecular gas in the high latitude translucent cloud, MBM 40. The research will use the 1665 and 1667 MHz main line, hyperfine, ground state transitions of the hydroxyl radical OH ( ${}^2\Pi_{3/2}$ ,  $J=3/2$ ) as probes in an attempt to detect low column density molecular gas not traceable by the carbon monoxide CO (1-0) transition. Such undetected molecular hydrogen gas could significantly contribute to the missing mass in our galaxy.

**Shufang Shi**, childhood/early childhood education, and **Cynthia Sarver**, English, have been awarded the Faculty Development Center's 2006-07 Teaching Innovation Grant for their proposal to integrate technology into preservice teaching courses. They plan to pilot their courses in Fall 2006 and present their findings in Spring 2007.

**Robert Spitzer**, political science, was the keynote speaker at SUNY Oswego's Scholars' Day, called "Quest '06," held on April 19. The title of Spitzer's midday talk was, "The Bush Presidency and the Unitary Theory of Executive Power."

**Michael Togli**, psychology, has been informed that his paper, "The Mitigating Effects of Suspicion on Post-Identification Feedback on Retrospective Eyewitness Memory," has been accepted for publication in *Law and Human Behavior*. Among the co-authors on the article are Jeffrey Neuschatz '94, University of Alabama-Huntsville.

**Anne Vittoria** and **Jamie Dangler**, sociology/anthropology, will present their paper, "Negotiating the Labor of Care: Linking the Public and Private" at the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction conference at the American Sociological Association annual meeting being held Aug. 11-14 in Montreal, Quebec. The paper focuses on the authors' analytic accounts of their care work experience as they speak to larger themes that link the realms of public and private life: the cultural devaluation of dependency, the gendered nature of care work and its social consequences, and the forging of identity work and dignity in the face of institutional power and the medical model of care.

## Coming Events

### Monday, May 1

**College Council Meeting:** Miller Building, Room 405, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 2

**Bloodmobile:** Corey Union Exhibition Lounge and Room 209, noon-6 p.m.

**Speaker:** "An Evening with David Horowitz," conservative writer and social activist, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, May 3

**Celebration of Teaching:** "An Evening of Humor, Reflection and Song," dessert buffet and social gathering, Corey Union Function Room, 6:30 p.m.; A variety show follows at 7 p.m.

### Thursday, May 4

**Community Roundtable:** "Perspectives on *An American Tragedy*," Park Center, Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

**Open House:** Learning Commons, Memorial Library, 3 p.m.

**One-Act Play Festival:** Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

### Friday, May 5

**One-Act Play Festival:** Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

### Saturday, May 6

**One-Act Play Festival:** Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

### Sunday, May 7

**One-Act Play Festival:** Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 2 p.m.

**Concert:** Gospel Choir's 20th Anniversary Concert, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 9

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

**Concert:** Choral Union, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

### Thursday, May 11

**Meeting:** Reflections on Service-Learning, Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 3 p.m.

### Friday, May 12

**Final examination period begins, through Thursday, May 18**

## Community Roundtable

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her dilemma. He will speculate why she met Gillette in the boat on Big Moose Lake on the fateful day in 1906.

In 1986, Brownell co-authored *Adirondack Tragedy*, now in its third edition, which attempts to describe the real people and events of 1906. Only vaguely aware of the story as a boy in Lewis County, 40 miles from where Grace Brown drowned, Brownell learned about the principals of the Chester Gillette case and their story when he joined the College and lived in Cortland. He also learned that Cortland's 'folklore' blended actual people and events with those Dreiser had altered and invented two decades later. While teaching geography, he traveled widely to find and organize the elements of the case and write his book. Brownell, who retired in 1991, is still working to restructure Grace Brown's early years in South Otselic, N.Y.

Folmer, an attorney in private practice in Cortland since 1966, will offer legal observations on the nature of the evidence, what would or wouldn't happen if the events or trial happened today, and the particulars of the trial itself.

Rhodes will give four different literary treatments of the story.

"I'll ask, 'Just what did happen in that boat on that day?'" Rhodes said. "No one knows with absolute certainty, and I'll comment on four literary versions of what happened: Theodore Dreiser's 1925 novel, *An American Tragedy*, the 1931 film version of the same title, the 1951 film version, "A Place in the Sun," and the libretto of the 2005 opera, "An American Tragedy."

Rhodes saw the opera in December on the second night of its run at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

For more information on the Community Roundtable series, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at ext. 4214.



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