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Family Counseling Services Honors College with Locke Memorial Award

Family Counseling Services of Cortland County (FCS) presented its Charles Locke Memorial Award to SUNY Cortland during a Feb. 9 ceremony and reception held in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Approximately 30 members of the Cortland community and College attended the event. State Senator James L. Seward was among those present to offer congratulations.

"This award has been given to individuals in the past," said Bob Gardner, FCS executive director. "For the first time, the board decided to give the award to an organization, SUNY Cortland."

Gardner and Joseph Governali, health, and president of the FCS Board of Directors,

both presented the award to President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

"The best way to learn one's self-worth is to observe one's ability to improve the self-worth of others," Bitterbaum said as he accepted the award on behalf of the College. "These are students who for the rest of their lives will do volunteer service."

Founded in 1970, FCS is a private, not-for-profit professional counseling agency at 10 N. Main St. in Cortland. The FCS offers the most comprehensive treatment available in Cortland County for individuals, couples and families experiencing emotional, personal and alcohol or drug-related problems. The agency is funded partly by the New York

State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and the Cortland County Legislature. Family Counseling is also a United Way member agency.

The Charles Locke Award was created in 1983 to honor an individual or organization for outstanding and dedicated service to the agency. Charles "Charlie" Locke directed the Cortland County Probation Department and was a member of the group of community leaders who founded Family Counseling Services. As a charter member of its Board of Directors, he played an instrumental role in the early development of FCS and its services. Presented annually by the FCS Board of Directors, previous Locke Awards have honored the following members of the campus community: Selby Gratton, library director emeritus; Governali; and the following individuals who volunteered as students: Laureann Caporusso Candreva '85, Stephen Shaw '88, Jackie Messina Currier '89, Virginia Piekarski, Gerard Newell '96 and Heather VonBergen '96.

The College was honored for its many years of support and collaboration with the service, FCS officials noted.

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

SUNY Cortland Establishes Bachelor of Fine Arts Major

SUNY Cortland has created a bachelor of fine arts major for students preparing for a career as a professional artist or a graduate degree in studio art.

The College will become one of 13 SUNY campuses that offers a bachelor of fine arts when the program is launched next fall. The degree will offer specializations in painting, sculpture, ceramics, print media, fibers or new media design.

"It's an amazing opportunity for graduate school, coming in with a B.F.A., rather than a bachelor's degree," said Jessica Penny, a sophomore art major from Great Neck, N.Y., who plans to apply to the program. "We will have a lot more opportunity to specialize."

Approved by the College last year, the proposal for the new degree was forwarded to SUNY Systems Administration last summer. After it was accepted by SUNY, the State Education Department approved the proposal last month.

Students at SUNY Cortland can now earn a bachelor of arts degree with a major

in art or new media design. Students concentrating in studio art must take 42 credit hours in the art major but do not have to complete a senior thesis project.

The new bachelor of fine arts degree will require 75 credit hours in the major, including courses in core skills, studio specialization and art history as well as a senior thesis project.

Students will also have to submit a portfolio of their work to be accepted into the program.

"The B.F.A. has a little more cache," said Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Nancy Aumann. "There are more art courses and it's a more focused degree with a portfolio."

After many years of planning, the College decided to establish a bachelor of fine arts because of demand for the degree from students. Faculty members and students agreed that the bachelor of fine arts offered better preparation because it allowed students to build a more competitive portfolio for graduate admission.

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Peter M. Jeffers Wins Grant to Test Nuclear Pollution in Washington

When scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy were looking for a chemist to analyze groundwater contamination near a former plutonium production complex in Richland, Wash., they chose SUNY Cortland Professor Emeritus of Chemistry Peter M. Jeffers.

In his 39 years of teaching chemistry at the College, Jeffers had developed a national reputation for measuring the hydrolysis, or reaction with water, of chlorinated hydrocarbons like carbon tetrachloride, a solvent used in the processing of radioactive materials. So it was a natural fit for Jeffers to work on the project assessing the carbon tetrachloride contamination in Richland.

"We were well aware of his work just from looking at the literature," said Jim Amonette, a senior research scientist at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, which is part of the Department of Energy. "We figured we're green at this and it would be very good to team up with him."

Beginning in the 1940s, scientists at the Hanford Site, a 586-square-mile area in southeastern Washington state, processed nuclear fuel rods to make the plutonium for the second atomic bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan, on Aug. 9, 1945. As a byproduct of that process, one-and-a-half million pounds of carbon tetrachloride were disposed into the ground, contaminating the groundwater on the Hanford Site and threatening the Columbia River.

Last December, the Department of Energy awarded Jeffers a \$67,500 grant to study the rate of hydrolysis of carbon tetrachloride buried underground at the Hanford Site. This award follows an initial grant to Jeffers of \$41,799 last year to study the same contaminant.

Jeffers' role in the project is to determine the rates at which carbon tetrachloride and a second contaminant, chloroform, disintegrate when they encounter water and aquifer

minerals at various temperatures below ground. These calculations will verify similar experiments scientists at the Hanford Site are conducting to predict if the contamination will reach the Columbia River.

"All of these chemicals are found out there in the environment," Jeffers said. "The important question is, 'Are these things going to last forever?'"

While the contaminants are now present in the groundwater, scientists at Hanford want to be able to estimate whether the chemicals will seep into the Columbia River, from which the city of Richland draws its drinking water. Amonette estimates that the contamination is still about 25 miles from the city of Richland.

"Sometime in the next 50 or 100 years it may start to affect the groundwater," Amonette said. "One of the biggest questions is, 'Will it degrade away on its own?'"

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

SUNY Cortland Alumnus Creates New Scholarship Honoring Peter M. Jeffers

A SUNY Cortland alumnus who now owns a cleaning chemical company in Texas has created a scholarship for students at his alma mater in honor of his former chemistry professor.

Thomas Kiec, a graduate of the class of 1970, has endowed a scholarship that will provide at least \$1,000 a year to an outstanding student majoring in chemistry. The scholarship is named after Peter M. Jeffers,

professor emeritus of chemistry, who first met Kiec when he was applying for admission to the College as a high school senior from Cheektowaga, N.Y.

During his four years at SUNY Cortland, Kiec developed a close relationship with Jeffers, who served as his advisor, taught him the fine art of glass blowing and inspired him to become a chemist after graduating.

"He really cared about the students," said Kiec, whose company recorded \$6 million in sales last year. "That's why I'm doing what I'm doing. He just was a real caring, compassionate teacher."

The Dr. Peter Jeffers Scholarship, which will be given to a student for the first time next fall, will be awarded by a committee headed by Jeffers and the Chemistry Department chair.

"I think Tom has just been a very clever fellow in the work that he's doing," said Jeffers, who retired in 2005 after 39 years at the College. "He attributes some of his success to the things he learned here so this is his way of giving back. I think it's wonderful."

Kiec was the first member of his family to attend college and worked his way through school, doing odd jobs on campus and bartending and waiting on tables in Cortland.

What impressed him the most about SUNY Cortland were the relationships he developed with his professors in the Chemistry Department.

"I had a better experience because we knew everyone," Kiec said. "I knew the whole Chemistry Department. It was a good feeling that you could go and see anyone you wanted if you had a question."

Kiec eventually earned a master's degree in business administration from Rice University in Houston. But before moving to Texas, he worked at three companies: Pittsburgh Plate and Glass (PPG), National Starch in Princeton, N.J., and Celanese in Louisville, Ky.

In Texas, he plunged into the oil industry, working as a national marketing manager for ARCO and then as general manager for the specialty chemical group at Baker Hughes. He worked for the two companies for 16 years.

He founded his first company, Advanced Temperature Devices (ATD), in 1995. The company made resistance temperature devices that were sold to firefighters to detect temperatures around them. His second company, Rubber Recovery Technologies, manufactured products from rubber, such as rubber lumber.

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The Bulletin may be viewed online at www.cortland.edu/images/bulletin.pdf. Information for *The Bulletin* should be sent to Wendy Brooks, editor, Publications and Electronic Media Office, Brockway Hall, Room 207-F, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045.

The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, March 5. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

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

Student Art Exhibited in Downtown Gallery

SUNY Cortland students for the first time will formally display their artistic talent downtown with an exhibition in the Main Street SUNY Cortland Beard Building Gallery, located at 9 Main St.

The "AEA Student Exhibition," featuring works produced by student members of the Art and Art History Department's Art Exhibition Association (AEA), will hold a formal opening from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 19. The event runs through March 20 and is free and open to the public.

"This will be the inaugural exhibition of student work at the gallery," said Kathryn Kramer, art and art history, who will coordinate the student art exhibitions at the College's downtown location.

Kramer chairs the Art and Art History Department's Visual Arts Outreach Committee and serves on the Beard Building Gallery Committee, a group composed of College and community members.

"The future plan is to mount a roster of student exhibitions throughout the school year, September through May," said Kramer, who teaches modern and contemporary art in the Art and Art History Department. "An exhibition of student weaving will follow in March, and next year we plan to organize a show in conjunction with the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee's lecture series on the theme of the environment."

Planning is under way for future group and individual student shows.

Kramer expressed gratitude to the Cortland Downtown Partnership, housed in the Main Street SUNY Cortland building. The agency is working in cooperation with Main

Business Office Will Close For Assembly on Feb. 28

The Business Office, which includes accounting, accounts payable, budgeting, bursar/student accounts, payroll, purchasing and research foundation fiscal, will be closed from 11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28, for an assembly. The office will reopen on Thursday, March 1.

For more information, contact the Business Office at ext. 2303.

Street SUNY Cortland to give students the opportunity to professionally exhibit their art at this location.

"This will encourage interaction between SUNY Cortland art students and the large and productive community of local artists in Cortland County and beyond," she said. "We jumped at the chance, since space for student exhibitions on campus always has been scarce. A juried student exhibition is held in the Dowd Fine Arts Gallery briefly at the end of every school year, but that is really all that is guaranteed for the exposure of student work."

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

African American Cultural Celebration Planned

SUNY Cortland's African American Studies Department will present "A Cultural Celebration," featuring performances by the College's Gospel Choir and the Africana Dance Ensemble, at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

The program, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a dessert reception in the Old Main Mezzanine. Families with children are welcome.

The SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir, under the direction of Robert Brown, African American studies, will open and close the program with a number of their most popular selections, including "The Best is Yet to Come," "Keep Your Lamps," "My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord" and "Total Praise."

The Africana Dance Ensemble, under the direction of Yomee Lee, exercise science and sports studies, will present two African selections, "Kuku" and "Soli."

Cortland High School staff member Dorothy Thomas will present a piano performance of "Colors of the Wind" from "Pocahontas." Thomas will also accompany Sam Kelley, a professor of communication studies, during his performance of an excerpt from Martin Luther King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

Also performing will be SUNY Cortland students Jamell Myers and Steven Rice, whose poetry frequently appears in the *Dragon Chronicle*.

The Gospel Choir and the Black Student Union are sponsoring the program, which is

College, Community Input Sought to Build Closer Ties

SUNY Cortland will hold a College-Community Forum on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Main Street SUNY Cortland building, 9 Main St., to identify strategies to foster positive relationships between College students and their community neighbors.

The event at 7 p.m. is open to the public. Richard Peagler, interim vice president for student affairs, invites members of the campus community and the public to come share their ideas on building a closer relationship between the campus and city.

For more information, contact the Vice President for Student Affairs Office at ext. 4721.

also supported by a grant from the Auxiliary Services Corporation and the mandatory student activity fee.

Donations to the Gospel Choir 2007 England Tour will be accepted at the event. The Gospel Choir is performing in London and the nearby city of Brixton on April 7 and 8.

For more information, contact Sam Kelley at ext. 4104 or kelleys@cortland.edu, or Seth Asumah, chair of the African American Studies Department, at ext. 2064 or asumahs@cortland.edu.

Jeffers Scholarship

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Kiec started Scottish Pride Chemicals with his wife, Euphemia, in 2003. The company produces cleaning chemicals for businesses and supplies the home of the Texas Rangers, Amerquest Field, in Arlington, Texas, and several McDonald's restaurants in the region.

Before the scholarship is awarded, Kiec would like to give other alumni the opportunity to contribute so that the awards to students in Jeffers' name may increase each year. This month, the Cortland College Foundation mailed a solicitation to all chemistry graduates.

"I have the opportunity to pay it forward and that's what I want to do – give somebody the opportunity," Kiec said. "I look back and my education at Cortland was extremely influential in terms of my career. In all the positions I held, that chemistry degree always kept me competitive."

Bush Administration's Final Two Years Topic of March 1 Community Roundtable

Robert Spitzer, political science, will explore whether President George W. Bush is serving his final two years in office as a "lame duck" or a "mover-and-shaker" during a community roundtable on Thursday, March 1.

Spitzer, promoted by SUNY in 1997 to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor, will give his presentation titled "The Twilight of the Bush Presidency: Governing Without a Mandate" from 8-9 a.m. in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room.

Celtic Cultural Association Announces Student Winners

Seven SUNY Cortland students were recently named winners in the Cortland Celtic Cultural Association's newsletter competition.

All are students in Tim Emerson's professional writing course. They developed the newsletters through the Service-Learning program, a division of SUNY Cortland's Institute for Civic Engagement.

The winners are: Zachary Guca, a physical education major from Utica, N.Y.; Gayle Hibbard, a speech pathology major from Whitney Point, N.Y.; Michele Ryan, a business economics/finance major from Cortland, N.Y.; Jennifer Murphy, a physical education major from Niagara Falls; Alexis Davis, an athletic training major from Oneonta, N.Y.; Brenden Hendrickson, a professional writing major from Roscoe, N.Y.; and Jamie Derzanovich, an early childhood/childhood education major from Binghamton, N.Y.

The newsletters chosen by the association will be used throughout the year to promote the Cortland Celtic Festival and other association events.

The newsletter project is one of several service-learning projects currently under way throughout the county.

For more information concerning the Service-Learning program, contact John Suarez at ext. 4391 or by e-mail to suarez@cortland.edu.

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.

A question-and-answer period will follow Spitzer's presentation.

"Republican losses in the 2006 elections, the political unpopularity of the war in Iraq, President Bush's low public standing, and his lame duck status all suggest a presidency that has come to the end of its rope," Spitzer said.

"Yet Bush, and the office he occupies, continue to exercise great power — far more than most Americans realize. This talk will explain this apparent contradiction, and the ways in which the Bush administration uses these powers to great advantage."

A nationally recognized authority on political subjects including the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. presidency, and the politics of gun control, Spitzer earned his bachelor's degree from SUNY Fredonia and his master's and doctoral degrees from Cornell University.

He is a regular panelist on the weekly public affairs program, "The Ivory Tower Half Hour," broadcast on WCNY-TV, Syracuse.

Spitzer has appeared on NBC's "Today Show," ABC's "Good Morning America" and "Network Nightly News," PBS's "News Hour With Jim Lehrer," CNN, CNBC, NHK

Television (Japan), the PBS documentary film "Guns and Mothers," and has been quoted by the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Time Magazine*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Christian Science Monitor*, among others.

His op-ed articles on gun control and other subjects have appeared in many newspapers around the country.

His books include *The Presidency and Public Policy* (1983), *The Right to Life Movement and Third Party Politics* (1987), *The Presidential Veto* (1988), *The Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution* (1990), *President and Congress* (1993), *Media and Public Policy* (1993), *The Politics of Gun Control* (1995; 4th ed. 2007), *Politics and Constitutionalism* (2000), *The Right to Bear Arms* (2001), *Essentials of American Politics* (co-authored, 2002; 2nd ed. 2006), and *The Presidency and the Constitution* (co-authored, 2005).

He is also series editor for the book series *American Constitutionalism* for SUNY Press. Spitzer has written nearly 300 articles and papers appearing in many journals and books on a variety of American political subjects.

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

Cast Announced for Musical 'A Little Night Music'

The Performing Arts Department has announced the cast for its spring production of "A Little Night Music," the waltzing Broadway musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim to be presented March 23 to April 1 in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

The cast of 28 students and one community member will be directed by Kevin Halpin with musical direction by David Neal, both of performing arts.

Eric Wolff plays the lawyer Fredrik Egerman, Jessica McAnaney is his young wife Ann, and Natalie Bain portrays his mistress Desiree. Community member Barbara Jo Williams play's Desiree's mother, Madame Armfelt, Audra Rizzo is Desiree's daughter Fredrika, and Joshua Williams portrays Desiree's lover Count Carl-Magnus.

Also featured are Megan Bianchi as the Countess Charlotte, Dick Baker as Fredrik's son Henrik, and Christina Laschuk as the servant Petra. The lieder singers and servants will be played by Nicole Alvarez, Elizabeth Appleton, Stephen Calkins, Steve Cottonaro, John Deem, Anthony Festa, Jennifer Fritsche, Helaina Goldstein, Colin Havener, Kara Howard, Colleen Johnson, Amanda Liter, John McAvaney, Anita Pena, Melani Richman, Becca Rozzoni, Jason Schulof, Nicolina Sciascia, Jen Vadella, Jeffrey Van Damme, Skylar Winter.

Tickets for "A Little Night Music" go on sale at Jodi's Hallmark Shop on Thursday, March 1.

SUNY Cortland to Hold March 7 Conference on Teaching of English

After an eight-year hiatus, the English Department will hold its Discussions about the Teaching of English (D.A.T.E.) Conference on Wednesday, March 7, in Corey Union.

The conference, featuring presentations and workshops by College faculty as well as visiting teachers and authors, was founded at SUNY Cortland in the late 1970s. The last year the conference was held on campus was 1999.

The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and ends at 4 p.m. SUNY Cortland faculty and students may attend for free but must register with the Center for Educational Exchange (CEE) at ext. 4606, or by contacting CEE Director Ginny Marty at martyv@cortland.edu.

Workshops on teaching creative writing, incorporating computer technology in literature classes and using video games to help students develop critical literacy will be offered throughout the day.

The keynote speakers will be Jennifer

Donnelly, the author of three novels, and Robert P. Yagelski, co-director of the Capital City Writing Project who has written or edited five books on teaching and writing.

Yagelski, an associate professor of English education at the State University of New York at Albany, will discuss "The Writing Project as Subversive Activity: Building a Community of Transformative Intellectuals One Teacher at a Time." Yagelski's research has focused on understanding literacy as a social activity and writing as a technology. He is the author of *Literacy Matters: Writing and Reading the Social Self* and numerous articles and essays about teaching writing. He has also edited several readers, including *Literacies and Technologies: A Reader for Contemporary Writers* and *The Thomson Reader*.

Jennifer Donnelly will speak on "The Presence of the Past: Writing A Northern Light." She is the author of *A Northern Light*, *The Tea Rose*, and *The Winter Rose*, as well as

Humble Pie, a picture book for children. *A Northern Light* is set in the Adirondacks in 1906, against the backdrop of the famous Chester Gillette murder of Grace Brown. The novel was the winner of the Carnegie Medal, the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize, the Borders Original Voices Award and was also a Printz Honor Book. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Tivoli, N.Y.

David Franke and Karen Stearns, English, are co-directors of the conference which is being supported by the Center for Advancement of Technology in Education (CATE), CEE, the English Department, the Cortland-Homer-McGraw Teacher Center, the Teacher Center of Broome County, the Central New York Teaching Center and the Syracuse City Schools Teacher Center.

For more information and a full listing of conference sessions, visit the conference Web site at <http://web.cortland.edu/CNYT2T>.

Nominations Accepted Until Feb. 23 for Excellence in Professional Service Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the College's Excellence in Professional Service Awards. Letters of nomination will be accepted from SUNY Cortland students, colleagues or supervisors. Any professional who has completed at least two years of service at SUNY Cortland is eligible for an award.

Nomination materials must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, to Chair, Professional Service Awards Committee, Bursar's Office, Miller Building, Room 323. Nominees will be notified by the Awards committee of their candidacy after Feb. 23.

Awards will be given for excellence in three categories:

Institutional Service Award

Nominees should be individuals who serve as role models within their area of responsibility, their profession or department. Characteristics such as leadership, organization, problem-solving or decision-making skills should serve as examples of professionalism of the highest caliber. These characteristics may be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

- Outstanding performance within the job description

- Participation in committees or activities that support the College's Long Range Planning Goals

- Participation in professional development and training

Innovation Within Profession Award

Nominees should be individuals who have demonstrated creativity in the development or application of ideas or concepts within a professional operation. Characteristics of innovation may be demonstrated in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

- Application of technology within one's field
- Redesign of a process or program to improve effectiveness
- Maximization of campus resources in operations (e.g. fiscal efficiency)

Service to Students Award

Nominees should be those who have demonstrated leadership in the development or enhancement of programs and services that respond to student needs. Characteristics of excellence in service may include, but will not be limited to:

- Demonstration of "going the extra mile" in order to serve students
- Development of creative student programming or services

- Implementation of programs or processes designed to improve services to students

Typed letters of nomination must be submitted in the following format:

1. Name, title, department of nominee
2. Name of nominator, relationship to nominee (e.g. colleague, supervisor, student)
3. Award category that captures the achievement of the nominee.
4. Specific information that pertains to the award category
5. Up to two letters of support (optional).

The awards committee reserves the right to request additional supporting information as necessary.

Recipients will have announcements of the honor sent to *The Bulletin*, *Cortland Standard*, WKRT-AM, WXHC-FM, the alumni publication of the recipient's alma mater, and the hometown newspaper if different from *Cortland Standard*. They will also receive a plaque, be honored at a luncheon, and featured in a brochure highlighting excellence at SUNY Cortland.

For more information, contact Professional Service Awards Committee Chair Colleen DeGouff, bursar/student accounts, at ext. 2412.



IDA Program Applications Due Feb. 26 in UUP Office

SUNY Cortland faculty and full- and part-time professional staff who are covered by the agreement between the State of New York and United University Professions (UUP) are eligible for the Individual Development Award Program (IDA).

Completed applications with required attachments will be accepted until the end of business on Monday, Feb. 26, to the UUP Chapter Office, Old Main, Room B-18A, attn: Professional Development Committee. The application can be downloaded from www.uup.lmc.state.ny.us/forms/app.html.

The State of New York/United University Professions Joint Labor-Management Committee has allocated \$22,191 to SUNY Cortland under the IDA Program for July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The funds for the program are awarded pursuant to Article 42, Professional Development Committee, of the 2003-2007 State/UUP Agreement.

The IDA program is intended to assist eligible employees in developing their full professional potential and in preparing for advancement. Funding may be provided for enhancing teaching, research capabilities, and improving professional knowledge and skills. All expenses and/or encumbrances must be

incurred by June 30. The maximum award under this program is \$1,000.

Further details about the program, including a list of required application attachments, can be found online at www.uup.lmc.state.ny.us/development/individual.html or in the Research and Sponsored Programs Office, Miller Building, Room 402, or in the UUP Chapter Office.

As noted in the program description, IDA applications are reviewed on campus by the Campus Professional Development Committee (PDC), which makes all award decisions. In accordance with the agreement, the PDC has initially dedicated 15 percent of SUNY Cortland's allocation to part-time employees, who are particularly encouraged to apply.

The PDC may request additional information. The committee will review applications and send notice of awards by the end of March 2007.

For more information about the program, contact Glen Clarke, research and sponsored programs, at glencl@cortland.edu or at ext. 2511, or Gretchen Herrmann, library, at gretchenh@cortland.edu or at ext. 2899.

Apply for Research Travel Grants Program by March 2

Applications for the Cortland College Foundation 2006-07 Research Travel Grants Program are due in the Research and Sponsored Programs Office, Miller Building, Room 402, by Friday, March 2.

Applications will be accepted only from full-time, untenured, tenure-track faculty and professionals.

The program, established by the Cortland College Foundation and administered by the College Research Committee, is designed to support faculty research and travel.

Top priority will be given to applicants who travel to present a paper at a professional conference, to serve as a participant in a professional conference, or to engage in research.

Lesser priority will be given to applicants who travel to attend a conference to develop new skills and/or remain current in their field. The Cortland College Foundation has allocated \$7,500 for this year's program.

Application and guidelines are available from the Research and Sponsored Programs Office, ext. 2511, or online at www.cortland.edu/osp/igssummary.htm#RTG.

For more information, contact Glen Clarke at glencl@cortland.edu, or ext. 2511, or any member of the College Research Committee.

Student Group Meetings

The following meetings are held weekly throughout the semester:

Sunday

Delta Chi Fraternity

Corey Union Exhibition Room, 6 p.m.

Student Alumni Association (SAA)

Corey Union, Room 209, 7 p.m.

Monday

Rainbow Alliance

Corey Union, Room 304, 5 p.m.

History Club

Corey Union, Room 209, 6 p.m.

SGA Senate

Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Special Education Club

Corey Union, Room 209, 8 p.m.

Tuesday

College Republicans

Corey Union, Room 209, 6:30 p.m.

Spanish Club

Corey Union, Rooms 301-303, 7:30 p.m.

Hillel

Corey Union Voice Office, 8 p.m.

CAAR

Corey Union, Room 411, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Chiropractic Club

Corey Union, Rooms 204-206, 5 p.m.

Model UN

Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 6 p.m.

Global Ambassadors

Corey Union, Rooms 207-208, 7 p.m.

Habitat for Humanity

Corey Union, Rooms 305-306, 7 p.m.

MOVE

Corey Union Voice Office, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Recreation Association

Park Center, Room E-304, 3:30 p.m.

APAC

Corey Union, Room 209, 7 p.m.

Women of Color

Corey Union Voice Office, 6 p.m.

POWER

Corey Union, Room 407-B, 6:30 p.m.

AGAPE

Corey Union, Rooms 204-206, 8 p.m.

Caribbean Student Association

Corey Union Voice Office, 7 p.m.

Student Activities Board

Corey Union, Room 209, 7 p.m.

WSUC

Corey Union, Rooms 301-303, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Otaku-Otaku

Corey Union Fireplace Lounge, 4 p.m.

Civic Engagement Planning Fair Set for Feb. 20-21

The 2007 Civic Engagement Planning Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Feb. 20, and on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., Cortland. The fair is designed to help faculty and community agency supervisors develop service learning projects for Fall 2007 and Spring 2008. It is free and open to the public.

Community agencies are ready to develop 20 projects across the following categories: cultural, economic, educational, environmental, health and safety, and promotional. Those projects include the "Mental Health Stigma Workshop," sponsored by Cortland County Department of Mental Health, the "Faces, Facades, and Festivals" Downtown Partnership project, and the "Small Claims

Court Action Center," sponsored by the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG).

At the fair, each agency will have a table at which faculty and the agency supervisor can refine their service learning projects. Kathy Gallagher, coordinator of SUNY Cortland's Community Outreach and Partnership Center, and John Suarez, service-learning coordinator, will be available to discuss ways in which their offices can help projects succeed.

A review of agencies' project plans are available on the Service-Learning Web site at www.cortland.edu/servicelearning/.

To register for the fair or for more information, contact John Suarez at ext. 4391 or by e-mail at suarezj@cortland.edu.

Teaching Innovation Grant Opportunities Announced

The Faculty Development Committee is accepting applications for Teaching Innovation Grants.

The purpose of these grants is to encourage the development and sharing of new instructional strategies among faculty. Proposals may be submitted for projects that focus on any type of course enhancement in an applicant's area of specialization.

Applications are due on Wednesday, Feb. 28, in the Faculty Development Center located in Memorial Library, Room B-303. Up to five grants of \$500 each will be awarded. Any full-or part-time faculty member with at least one semester of service at SUNY Cortland is eligible. Applicants must also be scheduled to teach during one of the following semesters: Summer 2007, Fall 2007 or Spring 2008.

Guidelines are available at the Faculty Development Web site, www.cortland.edu/fdc/.

To receive a hard copy of the guidelines, or for more information, call ext. 2088 or e-mail Faculty Development Center Director Laura Gathagan at gathaganl@cortland.edu.

Awardees are expected to implement their innovation throughout a full semester, and to share their results with the campus community at either a Sandwich Seminar or during Scholars' Day.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Men's Basketball, SUNYAC Quarterfinals, TBA
Women's Basketball, SUNYAC Quarterfinals, TBA
Men's Ice Hockey, SUNYAC Quarterfinals, TBA

Friday, Feb. 23

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 7 p.m.
Men's/Women's Indoor Track and Field, NYSCTC Championships, TBA at St. Lawrence
Men's Basketball, SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA
Women's Basketball, SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 24

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 2 p.m.
Baseball at Hampden-Sydney (Va.), 11 a.m.
Baseball vs. Richard Stockton (N.J.), 2:30 p.m. at Hampden-Sydney
Women's Gymnastics at Brockport, 1 p.m.
Men's Lacrosse at Villa Julie (Md.), 2 p.m.
Men's/Women's Indoor Track and Field, NYSCTC Championships, TBA
Men's Basketball, SUNYAC Finals, TBA
Women's Basketball, SUNYAC Finals, TBA
Men's Ice Hockey, SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA

Sunday, Feb. 25

Baseball at Mary Washington (Va.), 1 p.m.

Friday, March 2

Men's/Women's Indoor Track and Field, ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at Wesleyan (Conn.) University
Wrestling, NCAA Div. III Championships, TBA, at Dubuque, Iowa
Men's Basketball, NCAA Div. III First Round, TBA
Women's Basketball, NCAA Div. III First Round, TBA

Saturday, March 3

MEN'S LACROSSE vs. Gordon (Mass.), 1 p.m.
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS vs. Ithaca, 6:30 p.m.
Men's/Women's Indoor Track and Field, ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at Wesleyan (Conn.) University
Wrestling, NCAA Div. III Championships, TBA at Dubuque, Iowa
Men's Basketball, NCAA Div. III Second Round, TBA
Women's Basketball, NCAA Div. III Second Round, TBA
Men's Ice Hockey, SUNYAC Finals, TBA

Alumni Ice Arena

Admission is \$1 and skate rental is \$2, unless otherwise noted. For more information, call ext. 4961.

Lunch Time Skate

Mondays-Fridays through March 2
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Free admission

Recreational Skate

Sunday, Feb. 24, 1-3 p.m.

Open Hockey

Sundays through March 4
6:30-8 p.m., \$5 admission



News Briefs

Workshops Scheduled for Pre-Major Students

Advisement and Transition and Career Services will host two sessions of a workshop titled "Major Decisions" for pre-major students.

The workshops will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21, and at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 22. Both sessions will be held in the Career Services Library, Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-5.

Faculty advisors are encouraged to invite their pre-major students or any student interested in changing majors.

The following topics will be addressed: helping students discover their interests and future goals; knowing about all the resources available; making a connection between student interests and a major; and understanding the change of major process.

Students should R.S.V.P. to Advisement and Transition at ext. 4726.

Community Appreciation Award Nominees Sought

The College Council is currently seeking nominations for its 2007 College-Community Appreciation Award, which will be presented in Fall 2007.

Established in 1985, the College-Community Appreciation Award formally recognizes local residents who have significantly assisted SUNY Cortland. The previous 23 winners have included educators, merchants, elected officials, public servants, longtime volunteers, clergy and media representatives who were chosen for making a positive difference in the life of the College.

Nominations must be received by Friday, March 30. To nominate a worthy candidate, submit a letter of recommendation to Kim Ireland, College-Community Appreciation Award Committee chair, c/o President's Office, Miller Building, Room 408.

March 6 Graduate Fair Planned

Students considering graduate school are encouraged to attend the SUNY Cortland Graduate Fair from 4-6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Graduate coordinators and faculty representatives from SUNY Cortland will be on hand to talk about programs and career opportunities. Representatives from the Graduate Studies Office will explain the application process and various SUNY Cortland graduate assistantships.

Program materials and applications will be distributed and refreshments will be served.

For more information, call the Graduate Studies Office at ext. 4800.

Service-Learning Discussions Planned for Spring Semester

Service-Learning will sponsor a series of informal discussions that explore topics raised by participants, including faculty, agency supervisors and students.

The discussions are designed for those already involved in a service-learning course and for those who are considering collaborating in one.

The discussions will be held from 4-5 p.m. in Corey Union, Room 209, as follows during the spring semester:

February: Monday, Feb. 19, and Tuesday, Feb. 20

March: Monday, March 19, and Tuesday, March 20

April: Monday, April 2, and Tuesday, April 3

Reservations are not required. For more information, contact Service-Learning Coordinator John Suarez at ext. 4391 or at suarezj@cortland.edu.

Peter Rabbit and Friends On Display in the Library

Memorial Library will provide a glimpse of Peter Rabbit and friends in an exhibit to run through March in the Teaching Materials Center.

Represented in some form will be Benjamin Bunny, Mrs. Tiggy-Winkle, Jemima Puddle Duck and Tom Kitten. Visitors can view Beatrix Potter's books in the variety of sizes, illustrations and formats in which they have appeared. Some of the memorabilia that have grown up around Potter's books and characters will be on display as well as history on Potter's exploits into publishing.

Materials in the exhibit are from the collections of Ellen McCabe and Ellen Paterson, library. The exhibit will be at the Teaching Materials Center through March, whenever the Library is open.

ASC Program Grant Applications Due Feb. 23

Applications are now being accepted for Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) Program Grants for the 2007-08 academic year.

Application packets are available at the ASC Office in Neubig Hall or via e-mail by calling Annette O'Hara at ext. 4325.

Completed applications are due by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, in the ASC Office.

Each year the ASC Board of Directors allocates funds to support grants for a wide range of purposes and projects that enhance the life of the College community.

Although ASC is willing to consider a wide range of ideas, it seeks to avoid duplicating other funding sources or funding projects more properly supported by state funds. Therefore, applicants should first seek funding from primary funding sources. Other grant guidelines are described in the application package.

For more information, contact O'Hara, at ext. 4325.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Judy K. C. Bentley, foundations and social advocacy, will present a paper titled "Can She Pinch Me Goodbye?: Symbolic Inclusion and Exclusion of a Fifth Grade Girl With Rett Syndrome," at the annual conference of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interactionism to be held Aug. 11-14 in New York City.

Girish Bhat, history, will have his article, "Recovering the Historical Rechtsstaat," published in the *Review of Central and East European Law*. The article will appear in the Spring 2007 issue.

Denise D. Knight, English, has had her short article, "Assessing Class Participation: One Useful Strategy," accepted for publication in the March 2007 issue of *The Teaching Professor*.

Talat Okby, international communications and culture, who is a lecturer in Arabic and Managing Member of Lingua Levant, L.L.C., will soon launch his new DVD/ Audio CD package to teach beginning Arabic. The DVD is titled "Your First Arabic Words in the Egyptian Dialect" and it offers six modules to cover the following areas: animals and birds, food and drink, objects and places, the Arabic alphabet, basic numerals, and an all-module vocabulary review. The audio CD contains the audio files from the DVD for playing on CD players anywhere. The program boasts state-of-the art graphics, music from the Middle East, (courtesy of Pyramedia of Egypt) and native speaker pronunciation. The package will be available online at www.lingualevant.com.

Robert Spitzer, political science, is co-author of an article that has just been published in *American Literary History*. The article, titled "Tactics, Turnout, and Timing in the Elections of 2004," co-authored with Glenn Altschuler, Cornell University, examines the factors that contributed to the outcome of the 2004 presidential election.

Michael Togliola, psychology, and co-authors including Jeffrey Neuschatz '94 of the University of Alabama-Huntsville, wrote an article titled "The Mitigating Effects of Suspicion on Post-Identification Feedback and on Retrospective Eyewitness Memory" that has just been published in *Law and Human Behavior*.

SUNY Cortland Establishes Bachelor of Fine Arts Major

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"The bachelor of fine arts is considered the best degree to prepare students for a master of fine arts," said Lori Ellis, chair of the Art and Art History Department. "For the sake of graduate admission, it's considered the more recognized degree."

SUNY Cortland has 72 students now majoring in art and art history but Ellis believes that the new degree will attract more students to the discipline.

"We've been told for years by high schools all over the area that we have an excellent reputation and they would love to send their top students to us," said Ellis, who has a master of fine arts from Louisiana State University and teaches painting. "But over the last 10 years they have backed away from doing that because we didn't have the B.F.A."

SUNY Faculty and Staff Attend SCBA Workshops

Forty SUNY faculty and staff participated in a workshop to learn about the three SUNY-wide rubrics to assess general education for Strengthened Campus-Based Assessment.

The workshop, held on campus Feb. 13, was organized by SUNY System Administration and the General Education Assessment Review (GEAR) Group, and was conducted to address the administration and scoring of the rubrics and standards developed by the SUNY discipline-based panels for the General Education outcomes for Mathematics, Critical Thinking (Reasoning), and Basic Communication (Written).

The SUNY Cortland workshop was one of eight one-day regional events held across the state during February.

According to Patty Francis, assistant provost for University Assessment and Academic Initiatives, the workshops consisted of three concurrent sessions, each centering on one of the student learning outcome areas. Sessions were planned and delivered by SUNY faculty, with most being either GEAR members or members of the panel that developed the rubrics.

Shir Filler from North Country Community College facilitated the critical thinking session, Margaret Murphy from Monroe Community College facilitated the writing session, and Ralph Bertelle from Columbia-Greene Community College facilitated the session on mathematics. Twelve faculty and staff from SUNY Cortland, including seven members of the General Education Committee, attended the workshop.

Information regarding the rubrics along with the student learning outcomes can be found at the GEAR Web site at www.cortland.edu/gear/news.html. As SUNY Cortland implements its SCBA plan, which was endorsed by the Faculty Senate and submitted to SUNY, these rubrics will be used to assess these student learning outcomes.

The SCBA plan can be found at the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment Web site at <http://oira.cortland.edu/assessments/ge.aspx>.

Spring 2007 Bulletin Schedule

Issue	Date	Deadline
#12	Monday, March 5	Tuesday, Feb. 27
#13	Monday, March 19	Tuesday, March 13
#14	Monday, April 2	Tuesday, March 27
#15	Monday, April 16	Tuesday, April 10
#16	Monday, April 30	Tuesday, April 24
#17	Monday, May 14	Tuesday, May 8

Coming Events

Monday, Feb. 19

Discussion: Explore service-learning topics raised by faculty, agency supervisors and students, Corey Union, Room 209, 4-5 p.m.

Reception: Inaugural student art exhibition at the Main Street SUNY Cortland Beard Building Gallery, 9 Main St., Cortland, 4-7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Civic Engagement Planning Fair: Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., Cortland, 9 a.m.-noon

Discussion: Explore service-learning topics raised by faculty, agency supervisors and students, Corey Union, Room 209, 4-5 p.m.

Diversity Film Forum: "The Shadow of Hate: A History of Intolerance in America," Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Civic Engagement Planning Fair: Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., Cortland, 9 a.m.-noon

Sandwich Seminar: "Men in the Making: Richard Wright, William Faulkner, and the Prospects for Black Modernity," Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, Matthew Lessig, English, 12:30 p.m.

Workshop: "Major Decisions," for pre-major students, Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-5, 1 p.m.

Lecture: "Traffic in Fingers: A Medieval Queen's Relic Collection," Laura Gathagan, Faculty Development Center, as part of Brooks Museum Lecture Series: Europe through the Ages; Cornish Hall, Room D-304, 4:30 p.m. Reception to begin at 4 p.m. in Cornish Hall, Room D-312.

Wellness Wednesday: "Sleep... Is It Really Necessary?" College Physician Nancy Sternfeld, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Sandwich Seminar: "Music of African American Composers for Piano and Trumpet," Ralph Dudgeon and Edward Moore, performing arts, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, noon.

Workshop: "Major Decisions," for pre-major students, Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-5, 6 p.m.

College-Community Forum: Main Street SUNY Cortland, 9 Main St., 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Concert: SUNY Cortland's Gospel Choir, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 27

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

Alumni Speaker Series: Corey Union, Rooms 301-303, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

Sandwich Seminar: "Namibia: A Film Screening," Paul van der Veur, communication studies, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday: "Muscle-Bound," a multimedia, 90-minute one-man show by Michael Feldman, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

Community Roundtable: "The Twilight of the Bush Presidency: Governing Without a Mandate," Robert Spitzer, political science, Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.



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