Introductory Biology Class Recognized Among Nation’s Best Practices Courses

A SUNY Cortland biologist has won national recognition for teaching a course that has been designated as one of the top examples of a biology course in the country.

Principles of Biology, taught by Mary Beth Voltura, biological sciences, was selected an overall best practices course by a panel of national experts from among 149 courses nominated nationwide.

Voltura’s course was one of seven endorsed from among those reviewed as having specific elements of an exemplary biology course, including content, use of new technology, student expectations and assessment.

“In all my years at Cortland, this is very unusual,” said Biological Sciences Department Chair Louis A. Gatto, who has taught at the College for nearly 30 years.

“This is a once-in-a-lifetime event for a college professor.”

Working for the College Board, the non-profit group that runs the Advancement Placement (AP) program, the study attempted to identify best practices courses that would help a national redesign of AP courses in biology taught to high school students. The review of courses was conducted by the Center for Educational Policy Research (CEPR), affiliated with the University of Oregon in Eugene.

The goal of the project is to develop AP courses that closely reflect the best practices of college biology courses. The Advanced Placement program, administered by the College Board, allows high school students to take college-level courses and to earn

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American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Presents Prestigious Award to Regina Grantham

Associate Professor Regina Grantham, the chair of the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department, was named an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Fellow at the national organization’s annual convention on Nov. 17 in Miami Beach, Fla.

One of the highest honors that ASHA can bestow, the title of ASHA Fellow is retained for life. Honorees are members who have made outstanding contributions to the profession and who have distinguished themselves with their professional and/or scientific achievement.

Founded in 1925, ASHA is the professional, scientific and credentialing association for more than 123,000 members and affiliates who are speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech, language, and hearing scientists both in the United States and internationally.

Grantham was one of 30 ASHA Fellows from 19 states to be honored in 2006.

“I’m humbled by this honor,” said Grantham, who joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in 1993. “I am in very illustrious company and I’m moved to be there. However, no one gets there alone. I’m grateful to my very supportive department, faculty and administration, and to my husband, Robert.”

Within ASHA, Grantham has served on 16 committees, task forces and boards over 20 years. She chaired both the Political Action Committee and the Council on Professional Ethics and served on the Governmental Relations and Public Policy Board. She guided the organization

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Dorothea Fowler Named College Council Chair

Dorothea Kreig Fowler, a member of the SUNY Cortland College Council since 1996, has been named the College Council chair by Gov. George Pataki.

Fowler, who had been serving as the interim chair, succeeds Stephen J. Hunt, who had to vacate the position this summer after he was named to the State University of New York Board of Trustees.

The College Council consists of nine members, serving staggered seven-year terms, who are appointed by the governor, and one member who is the student-elected president of the Student Government Association.

Among its supervisory responsibilities, the College Council recommends candidates for the appointment of the SUNY Cortland presidency, reviews major plans for the operation of College properties, reviews proposed budget requests, fosters the development of advisory citizen committees, names buildings and grounds, and makes or approves regulations governing the conduct and behavior of students.

Fowler was the College Council vice chair from 1998 to 2005. She chaired the College-Community Appreciation Award Committee from 1998 to 2004 and has emceed the award banquet for the past decade. She served on the Naming of Facilities Committee for five years, was the

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ASC Caribbean Dinner Wins National Award From College Food Service Trade Group

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O’Heron Tournament Set for Nov. 24-25 in Corey Gym

Corey Gymnasium will be the site of the seventh annual O’Heron Invitational Tournament on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 24-25, featuring the varsity boys and girls basketball teams from five local high schools.

Cortland, Groton, Homer and Marathon High Schools will participate in the boys competition and Cortland, Groton, Homer and Newfield High Schools in the girls bracket. The SUNY Cortland O’Heron Newman Foundation organizes the event. Trophies will be presented to the respective team champions. All-tournament teams and an MVP will be selected and will receive plaques.

Tournament proceeds will be used to support the Rev. Edward J. O’Heron Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a deserving SUNY Cortland English major, and to support the Newman Hall student organization. Rev. O’Heron was the founder and chaplain of the College’s Newman Center for 38 years until his death in November 1999. He earned his master’s degree in English at SUNY Cortland.

Competition opens on Friday at 1 p.m. with the Homer-Groton girls game, followed by the Cortland-Newfield girls contest at 2:45 p.m. Varsity boys competition starts at 6 p.m. with the Homer-Groton game, followed by the Cortland-Marathon contest at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, the girls consolation game is slated for 10 a.m. and the girls championship for 11:45 a.m. The boys consolation game takes place at 2 p.m. followed by the boys championship contest at 3:45 p.m.

Tickets are $3 for adults and $1 for students per each day of competition. A two-day pass for $5 may also be purchased. All tickets will be sold at the door.

For more information, contact Peter Koryzno, public relations, the O’Heron Invitational Tournament chair, at ext. 2232.

Nov. 28 Concert to Feature Music for the Advent Season

The Choral Union, under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, performing arts, will present a concert of "Music for the Advent Season" at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater.

The program will consist of two major selections, J. S. Bach’s Cantata #61, “Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland,” (Come Now, Saviour of Humankind) and Lloyd Pfautsch’s “A Day for Dancing.”

The Bach work will be sung in the original German. It features pianist Alan Giambattista and soloists tenor Connor Gates, baritone Stuart Gillim, and soprano Marion Giambattista.

The Pfautsch selection is an unusual setting of medieval English texts that celebrate the Advent season through the medium of dance music. Each of the nine movements is a contemporary telling of the Advent message of the anticipation of the birth of the Saviour following through to the arrival of the Three Kings. This cantata features soloists Jeannette Desingue, Aileen Morris, Stuart Gillim, Dominick Fantaccone, and Mahlon Pittman. The accompaniment consists exclusively of a woodwind trio (flute, oboe, bassoon) and percussion.

The Choral Union consists of SUNY Cortland faculty, staff, students and community members. There is no admission to this event, which is sponsored in part by the Mandatory Activity Fee.

For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615.

Two Performances of Nutcracker Ballet Planned

Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker” will be presented by the Performing Arts Department and The Performing Arts Institute. The ballet will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre.

The complete ballet will be performed using musical theatre students from the college and area children and teenagers who take dance classes with the Performing Arts Institute.

The production is choreographed by Kevin and Cindy Halpin, performing arts. Howard Lindh and Joel Pape, performing arts, are responsible for scenic design, and lighting and sound, respectively. Costumes are by Sandra Vest and the Halpins.

Featured in the large cast are Molly McSherry as Clara, Tim Fuchs as the Nutcracker who becomes the Prince, Josh Williams as the Mouse King, Dick Baker as Uncle Drosselmeyer, Audra Rizzo as the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Stephen Cottonaro as Mother Ginger.

Tickets for “The Nutcracker” are $12 for the general public, $10 for senior citizens and SUNY staff, and $7 for all students and children. Tickets are on sale at Jodi’s Hallmark Shop. Remaining tickets will be on sale at the door before each performance.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.
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College Council’s representative to the ACT Board of Directors from 1996 to 2000 and served as the representative on the Coalition for Cortland College.

A native of Valley Stream, N.Y., and a graduate of Valley Stream Central, Fowler earned both her bachelor’s degree and her master of education degree from SUNY Cortland in 1952 and 1974, respectively.

Her informal involvement at the College includes her longtime service on the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority Scholarship Committee, which annually selects outstanding seniors for scholarships from a fund created by the sorority when it disbanded. She is an honorary member of Phi Beta Delta, the international honorary society.

Fowler retired in 1985 after 21 years as a teacher in the Cortland City School District and Homer Central Schools. She was owner and chief executive officer of R. H. Fowler, Inc. of Cortland from 1983 to 1994, when she sold the business.

A prominent local Republican, Fowler has served on the Cortland County Republican Committee since 1980. She is a past chair of the Town of Cortlandville Republican Committee and a former state committeeperson.

An active community member, she is involved with the Cortland Repertory Theatre and the Cortland Breakfast Rotary, which honored her as the Paul Harris Fellow in 1995. She serves on the Salvation Army Advisory Board, the board of directors of the Cultural Council of Cortland County, and is president of the Cortland Area Retired Teachers Association.


Faculty and Staff Directory Changes Announced

Please note the following changes to the information printed in the 2006-2007 Faculty and Staff Directory.

- On page 19 under Latin American Studies, the room number should be Old Main, Room 226-D, and the phone extension should be 2439.
- On page 24 under Residential Services, the phone extension for Jean Brown should be 5796.
- On page 34, Robert Babcock’s room number should be 23.
- On page 50, Nancy Hartford’s building location should be Hendricks Hall and phone extension should be 2229.
- On page 54, David Kilpatrick’s room number should be Old Main, Room 133-C, and phone extension should be 2041.
- On page 63, Roy H. Olsson Jr. room number should be Studio West, Room B-1.
- On page 66, Lori Porter’s room number should be Studio West, Room B-1.
- On page 68, Teresa Ripley’s room number should be Studio West, Room B-1.

Regina Grantham Receives Prestigious ASHA Award

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through the creation of its Resource for Professional Preparation and Practice.

Graham is a former chair of the State Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, the licensing board for New York State.

A native of Philadelphia, Grantham lived for many years in Buffalo, N.Y. She earned both a Bachelor of Science in Speech Pathology, Audiology and Elementary Education and a Master of Education in Speech Pathology and Audiology from Pennsylvania State University. She holds a certificate of clinical competence in speech-language pathology and a New York State license in speech-language pathology.

Before coming to SUNY Cortland, Grantham worked as a speech-language pathologist at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, and at the

Belleville (N.J.) Cerebral Palsy Center. In Buffalo, she worked at the Children’s Hospital as chief of clinical services and, subsequently, as the associate director of speech and language services at the Speech, Hearing and Learning Clinic.

“Regina has devoted countless hours to ensuring excellence on the SUNY Cortland campus,” noted President Erik J. Bitterbaum. In 2004, she received an inaugural SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

“She has been especially active and effective in her efforts to help SUNY Cortland achieve its goal of becoming more ethnically diverse, working with our Cortland Urban Recruitment of Educators (CURE) program to attract and retain ethnic minority students,” he added.
Announcements Can Be Viewed on WebMail Site

Since the start of the Fall 2006 semester, event and program announcements posted on the SUNY Cortland WebMail page are automatically displayed when a message is sent to one of the various campus e-mail distribution lists. Announcements are derived from the e-mails and posted chronologically on a daily basis as they are sent. Announcements are also archived and can be viewed from a link located on the WebMail page.

Individuals and groups wishing to post campus events, programs and announcements will need access to a distribution list.

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credit for introductory college courses if they pass AP exams.

The AP program, however, has recently come under fire with many colleges deciding not to grant credit for the courses because they were not considered on par with introductory college classes, said Odile Stout, the research team leader for the project at the CEPR.

“In AP, you’ve got students who thought they had earned college credit and then when they got to college, they weren’t getting As,” Stout said. “This is AP’s response to that.”

Voltura, who specializes in the physiological ecology of small mammals, said her course is designed for non-biological science majors at the College. For some students, she said, Principles of Biology may be the only biology course that they take in college.

“For that reason, I think it’s pretty critical to get them the right information and to show them how biology intersects with their everyday lives,” Voltura said. “Whatever aspect of biology that we’re talking about, I try to relate it to their lives in ways that are not familiar to them.”

This semester, for example, when she taught a unit on viruses, the students wrote a paper about the bird flu. In her classes, she also discusses controversial issues that relate to biology, including cloning, stem cell research and endangered species.

Although each of her three sections of the course has an enrollment of about 110 students, Voltura often stops her lecture to ask students a question and encourage them to become engaged in the discussion. Using a Power Point presentation, Voltura projects images of animals and plants on a large screen in front of the large lecture hall throughout the 75-minute class. Occasionally, the students use clickers, handheld electronic devices, to answer questions projected on the screen.

Voltura, who lives in Cortland, has taught at the College for the past six years. She previously was a post-doctoral fellow at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C., and a post-doctoral research associate at the U.S. Geological Survey in Maryland. She earned her bachelor’s degree at the University of Notre Dame, and her master’s and doctoral degrees at Colorado State University.

Voltura has written or co-authored seven journal articles and recently wrote a chapter for the book, Ecological and Behavioral Methods for the Study of Bats, 2nd edition, which will be published next year by Smithsonian Institution Press.

For more information, contact Voltura at ext. 2713.
News Briefs

Symposium Will Showcase Work of Teaching Assistants

The Advisement and Transition Office will host the sixth annual COR 101 Symposium from noon-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The COR 101 Symposium is an end of the semester event that showcases the work of the COR 101 teaching assistants.

For more information, contact the Advisement and Transition Office at ext. 4726.

Submit Scholars’ Day Forms by Dec. 15

Scholars’ Day 2007 Call for Participation and Call for Abstracts forms are now available at the Scholars’ Day Web page located at www.cortland.edu/scholars/.

Those interested in participating should submit completed forms by Friday, Dec. 15, to Mark Prus, dean of arts and sciences, by e-mail at prus@cortland.edu.

Scholars’ Day, a daylong event highlighting faculty, staff and student scholarship and research, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18.

For more information, contact Prus at ext. 4312.

Tenure Track Excellence in Teaching Awards Due Dec. 1

The Faculty Development Center has announced that Friday, Dec. 1, is the deadline for the 2006-07 tenure track Excellence in Teaching Award nominations.

The award includes a monetary prize of $1,000. Tenure-track faculty teaching at the graduate or undergraduate level who carry a tenure-track teaching load as defined by SUNY Cortland and have completed at least four semesters of teaching at SUNY Cortland prior to the year of nomination are eligible for the award.

Nominations can be submitted by faculty colleagues, students or members of the administration. Nominations may be mailed to the Faculty Development Center, Memorial Library, or submitted via e-mail to fdc@cortland.edu.

Candidates are required to submit supporting materials and undergo classroom observations in the spring semester. A complete description of the requirements is available at the FDC Web site at www.cortland.edu/fdc/awards_grants.asp.

For more information, contact the FDC Office at ext. 2088.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**

Women’s Basketball at William Smith, 6 p.m.
Men’s Basketball at Elmira, 7 p.m.
Women’s Ice Hockey at Utica, 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 25**

Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Nichols (Mass.), 7 p.m., at Skidmore College Tournament.

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Nichols (Mass.), 7 p.m., at Skidmore College Tournament.

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**

Women’s Basketball at Oneonta, 6 p.m.
Men’s Basketball at Oneonta, 8 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 1**

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL vs. SUNYIT, 6 p.m.
WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Neumann (Pa.), 7 p.m.
MEN’S BASKETBALL vs. SUNYIT, 8 p.m.
Men’s Ice Hockey at Plattsburgh, 7 p.m.
Men’s/Women’s Swimming and Diving — ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at East Meadow, N.Y.

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL vs. Clarkson, 2 p.m.
WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY vs. Neumann (Pa.), 2 p.m.
MEN’S BASKETBALL vs. Alfred, 4 p.m.
Wrestling at RIT Invitational, 9 a.m.
Men’s Ice Hockey at Potsdam, 7 p.m.
Men’s/Women’s Swimming and Diving — ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at East Meadow, N.Y.
Men’s/Women’s Indoor Track and Field at Cornell Relays, TBA

**Sunday, Dec. 3**

Men’s/Women’s Swimming and Diving — ECAC Div. III Championships, TBA at East Meadow, N.Y.
Faculty-Staff Activities

Mariangela Chandler, Academic Support and Achievement Program, received an advanced-level certificate of achievement for dedication and commitment to the success of students as evidenced by meritorious participation in the On Course II Workshop conducted by Skip Downing. At this intensive four-day professional development workshop for college and university educators, Chandler worked with a team of higher education professionals across the country to design and facilitate learner-centered experiences. Each design team’s unit was photographed and will be sent to their prospective colleges via e-mail. She found this experience to be particularly applicable for academic faculty and professional staff who teach courses or provide services for freshmen.

Ted Fay, sport management, co-presented two peer-reviewed papers and co-presented over two peer-reviewed panel presentations at the annual conference of the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport held Nov. 1-4 in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The papers were titled “Rights from Wrongs: Applying Dershowitz in Sport” and “Disability in Sport: Analyzing the Opportunity Spectrum.” The panel presentations were titled “Sport and Human Rights I” and “Athletes with Disabilities in Sport.” Fay also presented “Classification Systems – The Epicenter of Fields of Play” at the 2006 International Paralympic Committee VISTA Research Conference in Bonn, Germany, in May.

Alexander G. Gonzalez, English, has been informed that his scholarly article “Eavan Boland’s ‘The Glass King’ and R. G. Collingwood’s Theory of Art” has been accepted for publication in the journal Studies in Contemporary Irish Writing. Partial funding for the article’s research came from the Faculty Research Program.

Bonni C. Hodges and Donna M. Videto, health, discussed the application, importance and evaluation of service learning in the pre-professional training of school and community health educators at the recent annual conference of the Society for Public Health Education held in Boston, Mass. The theme of the conference was “Health as a Human Right: Health Education, Equality and Social Justice for All.” Their presentation “Beyond the Comfort Zone: Internalizing the Existence of Health Disparities Through Service Learning,” was part of a session on Teaching Social Justice.

Jim Reese, sport management, was co-presenter of a peer reviewed panel at the annual conference of the Sport Marketing Association in Denver, Colo. The panel took place on Nov. 3 and was titled “How to Better Prepare Sport Management Students for Careers in Sport Sales.” Participating on the panel were representatives from the Denver Broncos, Colorado Rockies and Kroenke Sports.

David Snyder and Jim Reese, sport management, were co-presenters of two peer-reviewed papers at the Asian Association for Sport Management conference held Aug. 31, in Tokyo, Japan. The presentations were titled “The Japanese Who Can Say No: An Analysis of the First Professional Baseball Strike in Japan” and “A Comparative Analysis of Salary Arbitration in Major League Baseball and the Nippon Professional Baseball.”

Robert Spitzer, political science, is the author of an article titled “The Commander in Chief Power and Constitutional Invention in the Bush Administration.” The article appears in the just-published book, The Presidency and the Challenge of Democracy. The chapter examines the Bush administration’s expansive and tendentious view of the constitutional commander in chief power, arguing that it is predicated on a distortion of constitutional history and law. The book has just been published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Memorial Library Hours

Extended late Night Hours Through Dec. 10

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Exception:

Tuesday, Nov. 21 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 22-27

Wednesday, Nov. 22 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 23 Closed
Saturday, Nov. 25 Closed
Sunday, Nov. 26 4 p.m.-3 a.m.

Study Days

Dec. 9-10

Saturday, Dec. 9 8 a.m.-midnight
Sunday, Dec. 10 8 a.m.-3 a.m.

Finals Week

Dec. 11-15

Monday, Dec. 11
Thursday, Dec. 14 7:30 a.m.-3 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 15 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

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Coming Events

**Monday, Nov. 20**
**Presentation:** “Last Call – A Sobering Look at Alcohol Abuse,” Corey Union Function Room, 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 21**
**Coffeehouse:** Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 22**
**Thanksgiving Recess begins:** 8 a.m.

**Friday, Nov. 24**
$O'Heron Invitational Basketball Tournament:** Park Center, 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 25**
$O'Heron Invitational Basketball Tournament:** Park Center, 10 a.m.

**Monday, Nov. 27**
**Classes resume:** 8 a.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**
**Sandwich Seminar:** “Salary Inequity – 2006,” Mark J. Prus, arts and sciences, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

**Faculty Senate Meeting:** Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 1:10 p.m.

**Speaker:** “Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities: Public Health Policies and Procedures,” Robert E. Fullilove, Columbia University, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 5:30 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. lecture.

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

**Comedy:** “Fast Rising Comedy Tour,” Corey Union Function Room, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**
**Sandwich Seminar:** “Bringing the Americas to America: Ways to Incorporate Latin America into the Cortland Curriculum,” Adrian Hull, political science, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 30**
**Sandwich Seminar:** “Teaching the 1960s Multi-Media, Team Taught, Interdisciplinary Rag,” Frank Burdick, history, and Bruce Atkins, English, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 1**
**Service Awards Luncheon:** Honoring classified staff, Corey Union Function Room, 11:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 2**
$Ballet:** “Nutcracker,” Dowd Fine Arts Center, 7 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 3**
$Ballet:** “Nutcracker,” Dowd Fine Arts Center, 2 p.m.