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Black History Month to Be Recognized with Lectures, Music and Events

SUNY Cortland will mark Black History Month throughout February with a series of free events including lectures, a panel discussion, musical performances and a Unity Celebration.

Panel Discussion: A student panel will address “Flexing Their Political Muscle: Empowerment and the Youth Vote in the 2008 Election Campaign” at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 4, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Seth Asumah, Africana studies, will moderate the discussion and lead a question-and-answer session. Panelists will include Anne Marie Rossi, Student Government Association; Elizabeth Cronan, New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG); Michael Lane, a philosophy major;

Trevor Curry, SUNY Cortland Debate Team; Calvin Louis-Juste, Men of Value and Excellence (MOVE); Deanna Morrison, Women of Color; and Andrea Villa, La Familia Latina.

Sandwich Seminar: Susan Rayl, kinesiology, will lecture on “Double Bogey: Black Women Golfers” at noon on Thursday, Feb. 5, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Sandwich Seminar: Rashad Shabazz, the George Washington Henderson Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Geography at the University of Vermont, will discuss “Carceral Landscapes and Black Masculinity in the Age of Mass Incarceration” at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Shabazz’ anti-prison activism has been a catalyst for his academic work. He is an editor for the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, a Canadian-based publication featuring the work of prisoners around the world, and is an organizer for Critical Resistance, an activist organization that seeks to redirect America’s failed policy on incarceration. Shabazz has also taught at San Quentin Prison.

Sandwich Seminar: Jerome Gray, political director of the Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign for the State of Alabama and executive assistant to the Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture, will speak on Thursday, Feb. 12. He will deliver his lecture, titled “Old Wine in New Bottles’ or ‘Real Change We Can Live With?’” at noon in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. (See related story on page 5.)

Sandwich Seminar: Noelle Paley, philosophy and Africana studies, will present “Examining Mixed Race Identity in the 21st Century.” Paley teaches Hip Hop Culture and Examining Mixed Raced Identity at SUNY Cortland and SUNY Binghamton. She is a

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College to Hold SUNY Financial Aid Day on Feb. 21

SUNY Cortland will serve as one of 38 host sites for SUNY Financial Aid Day on Saturday, Feb. 21. The event, which takes place from 9 a.m.-noon in Old Main, Room G-25, provides free financial advice to students, parents and community members. Help with the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application also will be available. This is also open to those planning to attend other colleges.

Pre-registration for the program is required. This can be done by calling (800) 342-3811, or at www.suny.edu/studentevents.

Now is the time for college-bound students to file their FAFSA form in order to be considered for the maximum amount of financial aid during the 2009-2010 academic year, advised Beth Langhans, senior advisor in the SUNY Cortland Financial Advisement Office. The deadline to file is March 1.

“We hope students will be reminded to quickly file their paperwork or seek help from their family or financial aid adviser as soon as

possible,” Langhans said. “Despite a growing need for financial aid, many SUNY Cortland students will miss their chance for financial aid because they don’t file a FAFSA form.”

At the beginning of each spring semester, the Financial Advisement Office conducts an early filing FAFSA campaign through posters, signs, Web and e-mail messages to help emphasize the importance of filing the FAFSA.

“One-on-one assistance with the Financial Advisement Office is a good idea,” said Langhans. “You can get to know the advisors, receive assistance in filing the FAFSA and be introduced to other forms of aid to help pay for college.”

Students who file their FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov have access to all the necessary information electronically in a step-by-step process. The Web site also offers the option of saving information and returning later. Electronic passwords and PIN numbers make the Web site secure and relatively easy to use.

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Timothy Rodriguez Named Community Outreach Coordinator

Timothy Rodriguez of Cortland has been named Main Street community outreach coordinator and will assist town-gown partnerships based at Main Street SUNY Cortland.

Rodriguez's responsibilities include developing, coordinating and implementing a number of the programs for the SUNY Cortland Institute for Civic Engagement and the Cortland Downtown Partnership. He will seek new ways to engage the College and the community in joint ventures.

Rodriguez, who started on Dec. 15, reports to Richard Kendrick, director of the College's Institute for Civic Engagement, and Adam Megivern, executive director of the Cortland Downtown Partnership.

"I am pleased that Tim has joined us," Kendrick said. "He is a recent graduate of SUNY Cortland and he knows the campus and the Cortland community well. As a student, he was extensively involved in a variety of volunteer, service and social change activities, so he brings important experience, leadership and dedication to this position. We are very excited to have Tim on our civic engagement team."

Rodriguez is one of 10 AmeriCorps volunteers currently working for agencies in the Cortland community, said Kendrick, who worked closely with the Research and Sponsored Programs Office to secure the \$199,900 in AmeriCorps funding and Educational Benefit Awards for the project.

AmeriCorps members are treated as employees by the agencies for which they work. They are

paid a small stipend from a federal grant that was awarded to SUNY Cortland and the community in July from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

As one of his first duties, Rodriguez worked with the YWCA to plan a daylong series of events commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 19.

He is working with the Cortland Downtown Partnership on the 2nd Annual Chill-a-Bration, featuring a variety of community-friendly events set for March 6 in Courthouse Park. Rodriguez will coordinate the Power of 10 volunteer project this semester to promote Main Street and the economic development of this vital portion of the community.

A native of Poland, N.Y., Rodriguez earned a Bachelor of Science in Outdoor Recreation from the College in December.

Cabinet Selects Name for Newest Campus Building

The President's Cabinet agreed to "Education Building" as the accepted name for the newest campus structure during its Jan. 20 meeting.

"We were beginning to see different names and abbreviations being used by campus departments to describe the facility," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Raymond Franco.

"President Bitterbaum wanted to have some uniformity at the outset. The cabinet decided upon Education Building, which will be abbreviated EB or EDUC, in the case of the Registrar's Office where four letters are required."

"Of course, the name is a temporary one. We hope to honor someone and have their name attached to this beautiful building located in the heart of the SUNY Cortland campus."

Princeton Philosopher to Discuss Overcoming Global Inequality

Kwame Anthony Appiah, a professor of philosophy at Princeton University who has been called a post-modern Socrates, will speak about overcoming global inequality and injustice on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

His recent work, the prize-winning *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* (2006), will be the topic of his talk at 7:30 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

The lecture is part of the College's yearlong series on the theme of "Inequality," organized by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. The series is free and open to the public.

Appiah's career ranges across academic disciplines and engages contemporary issues. His work in African and African-American studies has been praised as path-breaking and insightful.

The Laurence S. Rockefeller University Professor of Philosophy at Princeton, Appiah explores some of the central ethical questions of our time. He offers answers that are grounded in a new system of ethics, cosmopolitanism, which celebrates common humanity while offering a practical way to manage differences.

"Elegantly provocative ... Appiah is so sure-footed and gracious in his explorations that one feels engaged, hopeful, advocating his

cosmopolitan ambitions," wrote Edward Rothstein of *The New York Times*.

In 2007, *Cosmopolitanism* won the Arthur Ross Book Award, the most significant prize given to a book on international affairs.

His earlier books include *The Ethics of Identity* and *Thinking it Through: An Introduction to Contemporary Philosophy* and *In My Father's House*.

Appiah collaborated on two works of African struggles for self-determination, *The Dictionary of Global Culture* and *Africana*, with Henry Louis Gates Jr., the Alphonse Fletcher University Professor at Harvard University. Gates directs Harvard's W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research.

Born in London to a Ghanaian father and a white mother, Appiah was raised in Ghana and educated in England at Cambridge University, where he received a doctorate in philosophy.

"Inequality" is the fourth yearlong series of lectures and cultural events organized around a single theme. Sponsored by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee, the series is funded by the President's Office and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs' Office.

For more information, contact Kevin Sheets, history, at (607) 753-2060.



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The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, Feb. 16. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

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.

Bees and Bats Topic of Feb. 5 Community Roundtable

A representative from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and two faculty members from the Biological Sciences Department will discuss the impact recent declines in bee and bat populations might have on everyone, on Thursday, Feb. 5.

Titled "What is All the Buzz About Bees and Bats?," the community roundtable takes place 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.

Steven Broyles and R. Lawrence Klotz, biological sciences, and Robyn Niver, endangered species biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's New York Field Office in Cortland, are the panelists. They will engage the audience in a discussion about how recent declines in bee and bat populations have raised concerns about the pollination of agricultural products and the health of the environment. They also will consider how these problems might impact the local community and how the audience can maintain healthy populations of pollinators and insect eaters in their backyards.

"The honeybee is a marvelous creature that has evolved an efficient social structure, and

well-adapted form and behaviors for providing generalized pollination service to agricultural crops," said Broyles, a member of the Biological Sciences Department since 1992. "Economists have estimated that U.S. agriculture receives between two and 10 billion dollars annually in pollination service from honeybees. Unfortunately, as we have learned from traditional monoculture agriculture, reliance on a single species for an ecological service brings about a wealth of problems that can lead to system collapse. Thus, while North American agriculture depends on honeybee pollination of economically important crops, it is time to look for alternative systems that utilize a diverse array of pollinators."

"To understand and remedy the processes leading to the declines in bee and bat populations, experts must consider the entire agricultural and natural ecosystems to which these organisms belong," added Klotz, a member of the department since 1979.

For more information on the Community Roundtable series, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at (607) 753-4214 or visit the Web site at www.cortland.edu/cee.

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

College Offers Spring 'Wellness' Series for Campus, Community

SUNY Cortland will host the Spring 2009 "Wellness Wednesday Series" featuring speakers, exhibits, self-help workshops and other programs intended to help students adjust to college life.

Sponsored by the Health Promotion Office and the Student Development Center, the series will take place at 7 p.m. in Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, unless otherwise noted. The events are free and open to the public.

Kellie Swartwout, financial advisement, will present, "40 Money Management Tips Every College Student Should Know" on Feb. 4. The session will look at real financial issues facing Cortland students, including a crash course in money management to help students become financially independent and self-reliant as they continue their education.

Stop by and view the "AIDS Memorial Quilt" all day on Feb. 11. Quilt panels were made by College and community members to remember loved ones lost to the disease.

On Feb. 18, Judge Mitch Crane, chair of the current issues committee of the Association of

Fraternity Advisors, will give a talk titled "Stop Hazing, Build Lifelong Friendships." Crane has spoken at more than 500 campuses across the nation on important issues like hazing, sexual assault, negligence, alcohol abuse, risk management and other issues that threaten the survival and image of fraternity communities. He encourages both men and women to educate and set an example for their new members, their campuses and their communities. This event is coordinated by Campus Activities and Greek Affairs.

Doris and Tom Smeltzer will present "Andrea's Voice" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Corey Union Function Room. After a one-year struggle with bulimia, Andrea died in her sleep when an electrolyte imbalance caused her heart to stop. Andrea's parents will share her compelling story as well as vital information on eating disorders.

See the complete story online at www.cortland.edu/news. Wellness programs scheduled for March and April will be listed in the March 2 issue of The Bulletin.

National Teach-In on Global Warming Set for Feb. 5

As part of a nationwide initiative, the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) at SUNY Cortland will hold a Global Warming Teach-In on Thursday, Feb. 5.

The event will be held from 6-8 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 204. It is free and open to the public.

The teach-in begins with a 30-minute webcast describing actions that individuals can take during the first 100 days of the new U.S. presidential administration. Six faculty members will then present a multi-disciplinary look at global warming. The event concludes with a question and answer session.

Topics and faculty speakers include:

- "Introduction to Global Warming," by Brice Smith, physics.
- "Global Climate Change: Effects on the Poor," by John Suarez, service-learning
- "The Psychology of Consumerism," by Linda Lavine, psychology
- "International Politics," by William Skipper, sociology/anthropology
- "Market Solutions and Creating Social Movements," by Kathryn Russell, philosophy
- "Changes in Personal Values," by Jamie Dangler, sociology/anthropology

For more information, contact Alicia Eimer at the NYPIRG Office located in Corey Union, Room 215, or by calling (607) 753-4815.

Guest Pianist to Perform Classical Recital at Dowd

The Performing Arts Department will present guest pianist Albert Mühlböck in a recital of classical pieces at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Austrian-born artist, currently at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, will perform music by Franz Schubert, W. A. Mozart, Johann Strauss Jr. and Franz Liszt.

Mühlböck studied at the Bruckner Conservatory in Linz and the University of Vienna, as well as with such instructors as Andrei Jasinsky, Paul Badura Skoda, Ludwig Hoffman and Luiz Carlos de Moura Castro. He has performed as soloist with orchestras in China, Japan and Europe.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at (607) 753-2811.

Phi Kappa Phi Scholars of the Year Announced; Induction Ceremony Set for April 18

Six students have been named SUNY Cortland's Phi Kappa Phi Scholars of the Year, and two are being recognized with honorable mentions.

The SUNY Cortland chapter of the national honor society recognized the students based on their academic accomplishments and their leadership and volunteer involvement at the College. The six scholars will receive \$50 and all of the students will be honored at Phi Kappa Phi's induction ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, in the Corey Union Function Room. The event is free and open to the public.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation's oldest and largest honor society for all academic disciplines. Each year, about 30,000 members are initiated into the society on nearly 300 campuses in the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

SUNY Cortland's Phi Kappa Phi Scholars of the Year are:

Matthew Beattie

A graduate student in adolescence education: physics from Endicott, N.Y., Beattie has maintained a 4.06 grade point average. He has been active with Cortland Students Advocating for a Valuable Environment (CSAVE), the Education Club and SUNY Cortland Residential Services. He works as a hardware technician for Academic Computing Services.

Currently, Beattie is completing an independent study project with Brice Smith, physics, that involves constructing a photovoltaic cell display for Bowers Hall. The cell will take sunlight and convert it into electricity, which will power part of the building.

Ashley Chapple

Ashley Chapple, a senior physical education major from Albany, N.Y., has been recognized for being in the top 10 percent of her junior class. Chapple has maintained a 3.71 grade point average and has made the Dean's List and President's List.

She has volunteered with several organizations at SUNY Cortland, including serving as a member of Multicultural Life: Black Student Union (BSU), Caribbean Student Association, La Familia Latina, Men of Values and Excellence, and Women of Color. She also was an orientation assistant, residential assistant, student justice for Judicial Affairs, a student panel presenter for the Cortland College Foundation and an intramural basketball participant.

Ashley Hudson

Maintaining a 3.92 grade point average, Ashley Hudson, a senior childhood education major from Victor, N.Y., received five scholarships or awards in 2008. Hudson has made the Dean's List and the President's List.

The founder and president of the national residence hall honorary at SUNY Cortland, Hudson is a senior resident assistant, a member of Cortland Students Advocating for a Valuable Environment (CSAVE), and served as a teaching assistant for COR 101 and as an orientation assistant in 2007-08.

Janel Kierecki

A senior inclusive special education major from Spencerport, N.Y., Janel Kierecki is a member of the National Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi. She has been in the top 5 percent of her class from her freshman to junior year. Kierecki has kept a 3.94 grade point average and made the Dean's List and President's List.

Kierecki is a member of the Special Education Club, Field Hockey Club, Relay for Life and intramural sports. She also participates in therapeutic horseback riding and the Wyomoco 4-H Horsemanship Camp.

Theresa Pellecchia

Theresa Pellecchia, a senior childhood education major with a concentration in environmental science from Brewster, N.Y., has maintained a 4.0 grade point average and has made the Dean's List and President's List. She is a member of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society.

Pellecchia has volunteered with several organizations at SUNY Cortland, including the Relay for Life and the Education Club. She is a member of Habitat for Humanity and a broom-ball intramural team.

Shirley Tyler

A senior sport management major from Cooperstown, N.Y., Shirley Tyler has maintained a 3.56 grade point average and has made the Dean's List. She received the Clark Foundation Scholarship in Fall 2005 and earned five awards in 2008, including Sport Management Junior of the Year.

She is a member of Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life, the Sport Management Club, the Team Handball Club, Club Field Hockey and has served as an academic peer mentor, resident assistant, teacher's assistant and as a lab assistant.

The two students who received Honorable Mentions in SUNY Cortland's Phi Kappa Phi Scholars of the Year program are:

Korin Edwards

Korin Edwards, a senior adolescence education: social studies major from Binghamton, N.Y., has kept a 3.7 grade point average and made the Dean's List and President's List. She is a member of Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society in History and Tau Sigma National Honor Society for transfer students.

Edwards served as a resident assistant from 2007-08 and is a member of the AIDS Prevention and Awareness Club.

Michael Scala

A senior physical education major from East Yaphank, N.Y., Michael Scala has received numerous academic awards. He has maintained a 3.83 grade point average and is active in both the campus and the community.

He is the founder and former president of Alpha Phi Omega, a co-ed service fraternity, co-founder of the Parker School Mentoring Program for Youth, vice president of the Student Government Association and is a volunteer for the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity.

For more information on the awards, contact Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology, and the Scholar of the Month Committee chair for Phi Kappa Phi at (607) 753-2308.

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2008 Racial Voting Patterns Outlined in Feb. 12 Lecture

Jerome Gray, political director of the Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign for the State of Alabama, will discuss the implications of changes he observed in the state's racial voting patterns in the 2008 presidential elections, on Thursday, Feb. 12.

Gray, who is also executive assistant to the Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture, will present "Old Wine in New Bottles" or "Real Change We Can Live With?" at noon in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, is part of the College's commemoration of Black History Month throughout February.

Gray's lecture will address white and black voting patterns in the 2008 election among Alabama voters and their implications for dynamic political change in America.

Known as an effective mediator, creative demographer and expert commentator on grassroots politics in settling redistricting cases, Gray has been a representative for many African Americans and their quest for political equality in America.

In the 1980s and 1990s, he played a major role in organizing and mobilizing black citizens at the county and municipal levels to successfully challenge discriminatory elections systems locally.

James J. Starzec Retires After 33 Years of Service

James J. Starzec, who served the College for more than 33 years, retired on Jan. 7. He has earned the designation of professor emeritus of psychology.

Starzec attended Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., on an Illinois State Scholarship and received bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology. While studying for those degrees and his doctorate, he served as a teaching assistant in Introduction to Psychology courses and as a research assistant in developmental psychology projects. His scholarship was published on such topics as maternal responses to infant vocalizations and cues in rats and mice.

He began his career with the College in 1974 as an assistant professor and soon earned his doctorate in psychology from Northern Illinois University. His dissertation was on perceptual development in children. He was promoted to professor in 1988.

Starzec taught Experiential Psychology, Sensory and Perceptual Processes, Experimental and Sensory, Child Psychology and the Senior Seminar, among other classes. Over the years, Starzec involved many students in laboratory

For more than 20 years, he participated as a member of the Alabama Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, which investigated such harsh realities as police brutality, church burnings and community relations throughout the state of Alabama.

In 2001, Gray was one of eight selected Americans to monitor the presidential election in The Gambia, West Africa. In 2005, he testified before the House of Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C., to support the renewal of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Gray served as state field director for the Alabama Democratic Conference, the state's black political caucus, for 27 years, before retiring in 2006.

Presently, he plays a critical role in the Alabama Restore the Vote Coalition that seeks to help eligible ex-felons restore their voting rights.

Gray holds undergraduate degrees in biology and English. He attended graduate school at Stanford University, studying creative writing on a Ford Foundation Fellowship.

For more information about Black History Month, contact Samuel L. Kelley, communication studies, at (607) 753-4104 or at sam.kelley@cortland.edu.

research projects, co-authored many research papers with them, and served on numerous masters' thesis committees. He also advised the Psychology Club and obtained funding for them to attend a national conference.

Starzec's research focus was the effects of aging, stress during pregnancy or during infancy, animal models of cardiovascular disease processes, hypertension and hyperglycemia.

In the early 1980s, he participated with colleagues in the Psychology Department and the Biological Sciences Department on three national studies relating to stress on blood cholesterol levels. Results of his work for the American Heart Association, the National Institute of Mental Health Laboratory of Clinical Services and the National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke were published in professional journals.

He served on many departmental and college committees.

Starzec and his wife, Betsy Wisner, a former lecturer in psychology at SUNY Cortland, now reside in Killeen, Texas.

Samite to Showcase Ugandan Music on Feb. 3 in Corey Union

Samite, a musician and composer from Uganda, Africa, will present a merging of contemporary and traditional music on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

Presented by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALs), Samite will perform at 7 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Tickets are \$3 for SUNY Cortland students, \$5 for general admission and free for children 10 and younger. Tickets may be obtained through the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office, Corey Union, Room 406, or at the door one hour prior to the performance.

Samite, who was born and raised in Uganda, celebrates Ugandan culture through his music. He sings in his native tongue of Luganda and performs on African instruments such as the kalimba, marimba, litunga and flutes.

For more information, contact the Campus Activities and Corey Union Office at (607) 753-2321.

Office Relocations Announced

The following departments and offices have announced new locations:

The Sociology/Anthropology Department has moved to Moffett Center, Room 2120. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and the phone remains the same at (607) 753-2726.

The Dean's Office for the School of Education has moved to the Education Building, Room 1239 (second floor). All e-mail addresses and telephone numbers remain the same. For more information, call (607) 753-5430.

The Educational Leadership Department and Foundations and Social Advocacy Department have moved to a temporary location in Van Hoesen Hall, Room B-134 (B Wing). All e-mail addresses and telephone numbers remain the same. For more information, contact these offices at (607) 753-2444/2447.

The Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department has moved to the Education Building, Room 1241 (second floor). All e-mail addresses and telephone numbers remain the same. For more information, call the office at (607) 753-2706.

The Field Placement Office has moved to the Education Building, Room 1105 (first floor). All e-mail addresses and telephone numbers remain the same. For more information, contact the office at (607) 753-2824.

Nominations Being Accepted 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. 20, 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. 20.

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 in support of the nomination that answers why the individual's service/innovation/achievement in that category should be recognized
5. Up to two letters of support (recommended)

The awards committee reserves the right to request additional supporting information as necessary. Nominees must have completed at least two years of service as a professional staff

Children's Museum Saturday Series Events Planned

Children's educational programs, Valentine's Day crafts, nature and family pets will be spotlighted during the Spring 2009 Children's Museum season.

The Children's Museum offers interactive, hands-on educational experiences in an environment where Cortland community parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, college students, youth and young children can be inspired to play and learn together.

Presented by faculty and students in the Childhood/Early Childhood Education Department, the programs run on selected Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and are open to community families and their children. All programs will take place at the Children's Museum, located on the ground floor of O'Heron Newman Hall at 8 Calvert St. in Cortland. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted.

Students from the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega will present "Valentine's Day Crafts" on Feb. 7. With Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, this program will allow participants to honor family and friends with decorations.

Join the Cortland Dance Company from 11 a.m.-noon on Feb. 28 for "Dancing for All." Members of the dance company will teach attendees new

member and must not have been a recipient of an award within the same category within the previous three years. Nominations should be for current service/innovation/achievements and for activities that would either not be considered to be within the normal scope of activities included in the nominee's performance program or should be documented to show how the service/innovation/achievement far exceeded normal expectations.

Recipients will have announcements of the honor sent to the local media., the alumni publication of the recipient's alma mater, and the hometown newspaper if outside Cortland.

Campus community members are asked to nominate colleagues for their exemplary service.

For more information, contact Professional Service Awards Committee Chair Colleen DeGouff, student accounts, at (607) 753-2412.

dances along with old favorites like the Cha Cha, Slide and the Macarena.

On March 21, Susan Stratton will present "Our Natural World." Those attending will welcome spring through nature activities.

Heather Bridge will offer "Family Pets" on March 28. Children and families are invited to bring photographs and other objects related to looking after and caring for their pets. Bridge will provide a range of pet-related activities for all families to enjoy.

Shufang Shi will present "Chinese Dumplings and Technology" on April 4. She will share her skills in making Chinese dumplings and creating family Web sites. Dumpling making and tasting is a means for enjoying time and conversation with family members and friends, she explains. The use of family Web sites is a way to connect with others. Shi will guide participants in making sites instantly using open sources.

On April 18, the "Week of the Young Child" will open with the annual Children's Free Fair in the gymnasium of the Cortland County Office Building. Participants will join the early care and education community with activities that celebrate this week.

For more information, call Emilie Kudela, childhood/early childhood education, at (607) 753-5525.

Cortland Athletics Leads National Directors' Cup Standings After Fall Season

The SUNY Cortland men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program ranks first in the nation out of approximately 430 NCAA Division III schools after the fall season in the 2008-09 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup standings. The competition, which continues through the winter and spring seasons, is organized by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics

(NACDA) to annually recognize the top collegiate athletic programs for overall excellence.

Cortland leads the Division III standings with 353 points. Williams College (Mass.), which has won the last 10 Directors' Cups, is second with 326 points and Messiah College (Pa.) ranks third with 294 points. The standings are compiled based on schools' national finishes in different

sports. Teams earn points by qualifying for the NCAA postseason and additional points for advancing in the playoffs. The national champion in each sport receives 100 points.

Cortland scored points in five of the seven NCAA championships conducted during the fall. The Red Dragons' men's cross country team won the Division III national title, the football and field hockey teams each tied for fifth place, the women's cross country team finished ninth and the men's soccer squad tied for 17th.

Cortland is one of only six schools nationwide, and the only New York institution, to place in the top 20 each of the 13 years the standings have been compiled on a Division III level. The Red Dragons finished ninth last season — its third straight top 10 showing and seventh overall. Cortland's best finish is a tie for second place in 1997-98.

2008-09 NACDA/Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Division III Standings - End of Fall Season (Top 20)

- 1) CORTLAND - 353
- 2) Williams (Mass.) - 326
- 3) Messiah (Pa.) - 294
- 4) Emory (Ga.) - 278
- 5) Calvin (Mich.) - 265
- 6) Middlebury (Vt.) - 243
- 7) Wheaton (Ill.) - 222
- 8) Ohio Northern - 213
- 9) Johns Hopkins (Md.) - 204
- 10) Amherst (Mass.) - 200
Hobart/William Smith - 200
- 12) Trinity (Texas) - 195
- 13) Stevens Inst. (N.J.) - 193
- 14) Eastern (Pa.) - 190
- 15) Wisconsin-La Crosse - 188
- 16) Washington (Mo.) - 182
- 17) Christopher Newport (Va.) - 176
- 18) Wartburg (Iowa) - 175
Wisconsin-Eau Claire - 175
- 20) Wisconsin-Oshkosh - 174

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Tuesday, Feb. 3

Women's Basketball at New Paltz, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball at New Paltz, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Wrestling at RIT, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6

Women's Basketball at Oswego, 6 p.m.
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Oswego, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Wrestling at York College (Pa.), 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. Plattsburgh, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Plattsburgh, 4 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Plattsburgh, 6 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey at Morrisville, 7 p.m.
Men's Track and Field at Syracuse Invitational, TBA
Women's Track and Field at Syracuse Invit., TBA

Sunday, Feb. 8

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS vs. Springfield, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Oneonta, 6 p.m.
MEN'S BASKETBALL vs. Oneonta, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships, (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
WRESTLING vs. Ithaca, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
Women's Basketball at Buffalo State, 6 p.m.
WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS vs. Rutgers, 6 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey at Geneseo, 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. RIT, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball at Buffalo State, 8 p.m.
Men's Track and Field at Boston University Valentine Invitational, TBA
Women's Track and Field at Boston University Valentine Invitational, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 14

Men's Track and Field at Boston University Valentine Invitational, TBA
Women's Track and Field at Boston University Valentine Invitational, TBA
Women's Track and Field at Cornell Kane Invitational, 10 a.m.
Men's Track and Field at Cornell Kane Invitational, 10 a.m.
Women's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
Men's Swimming and Diving at SUNYAC Championships (Erie Community College), 10 a.m.
WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY vs. RIT, 3 p.m.
Men's Ice Hockey at Brockport, 7 p.m.

Black History Month to Be Recognized on Campus

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doctoral student in philosophy at SUNY Binghamton. Her talk is from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Sandwich Seminar: Brian Barrett, foundations and social advocacy, will address "The 'Invisible Institution' and a Disappearing Achievement Gap? Religious Involvement and Educational Outcomes Among Urban Students" on Thursday, Feb. 19. The presentation takes place at noon in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge.

Gospel Concert: The SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir will host "A Cultural Celebration" at 4 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium on Sunday, Feb. 22. Joining the Gospel Choir will be the SUNY Cortland Africana Dance Ensemble, pianist Dorothy Thomas, saxophonist Jamie Yaman and soloist Samuel L. Kelley. There also will be jazz performances by the Gospel Choir Music Ensemble featuring Gospel Choir director Robert Brown, bass guitarist Reggie Seigler, keyboardist Andy Rudy, and percussionist Benjamin Terri. The event is open to the public. Admission is \$2 for students, \$4 for faculty, staff and senior citizens, and \$5 for general admission. Funds will partially support the Gospel Choir 2009 European tour to Germany and Belgium.

Concert: Edward Moore, performing arts, will accompany soprano Anne Shelly on piano in a performance of "Music of African American Composers for Piano and Voice," on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The event runs from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Shelly is soprano soloist at St. David's Episcopal Church in Dewitt, N.Y., where last spring the New York premiere of Will Todd's "Mass in Blue" was featured. Moore has performed as a soloist with the Cortland College Community Orchestra, in solo and as a collaborative pianist in several recitals.

Sandwich Seminar: Members of Women of Color, a SUNY Cortland student organization, will share their experiences and advice in "Survival Guide for Women of Color at SUNY Cortland" at noon on Thursday, Feb. 26, in Brockway Hall

Jacobus Lounge. Organization members will discuss the issues facing ethnic women as undergraduates at a predominantly white university.

Reception: The 11th annual Unity Celebration, commemorating the cultural diversity on campus, is set for Thursday, Feb. 26. The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge and is open to the public.

Carlos Medina, a 1978 SUNY Cortland graduate who is assistant provost in the SUNY Office of Diversity and Educational Opportunity, will speak. Medina has served 25 years in New York state government at increasingly higher levels of responsibility and previously managed the Bridge Program, SUNY's flagship welfare-to-work initiative.

A Puerto Rican native, Medina grew up in a poor Brooklyn neighborhood and enrolled in SUNY Cortland's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from the College and Master in Professional Services degree in human services from Cornell University. In 1990, he was honored with SUNY Cortland EOP's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

The event is open to the campus community. For more information, contact Ann Cutler in the Multicultural Life Office at (607) 753-2336 or ann.cutler@cortland.edu.

Black History Month is co-sponsored by the President's and Provost' and Vice President of Academic Affairs Offices, the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies, the Vice President for Student Affairs Office, the Multicultural Life Office, the Dean of Arts and Sciences Office, the Political Science Department, the Campus Artists and Lecture Series (CALS), the Africana Studies Department, the Communication Studies Department, the Black Student Union and the Caribbean Student Association.

For more information about Black History Month, contact Samuel L. Kelley, communication studies, at (607) 753-4104 or at sam.kelley@cortland.edu.

News Briefs

College-Community Appreciation Award Nominees Sought

The College Council is seeking nominations for its 2009 College-Community Appreciation Award, which will be presented in Fall 2009.

The College-Community Appreciation Award formally recognizes local residents who have significantly assisted SUNY Cortland. Previous 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 27. To nominate a worthy candidate, submit a letter of recommendation to Kim Ireland, College-Community Appreciation Award Committee, in care of the President's Office, Miller Building, Room 408.

ASC Accepting Program Grant Applications for 2009-10

Auxiliary Services Corporation (ASC) is now accepting Program Grant applications for the 2009-10 academic year. Application packages may be downloaded at www.cortlandasc.com/general/forms.cfm, may be picked up at the Auxiliary Services Office in Winchell Hall, or may be sent via e-mail by contacting Annette O'Hara at (607) 753-4325.

Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20, at 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 SUNY Cortland College community.

Although ASC is willing to consider all 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 regarding the application process, contact Jeffrey Johnson at (607) 753-5668.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Stephen Halebsky, sociology/anthropology, recently had his book, *Small Towns and Big Business: Challenging Wal-Mart Superstores*, published by Lexington Books (2008).

Thomas Hischak, performing arts, has been informed that his play, "Christie," will be published by Brooklyn Publishing Company. The drama is a stage adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's novel, *Work*.

Kathryn Kramer, art and art history, will publish the essay, "Flanerie Re-Enfleshed," in the catalogue that will accompany the exhibition

Contemporary Flanerie: Reconfiguring Cities, which will be held March 7-April 12 at the Oakland University Gallery, Oakland University, Rochester, Mich. She also will present the essay as a lecture at the exhibition's opening reception on March 7.

Robert Spitzer, political science, is co-author of the just-published seventh edition of *We the People, Essentials Edition*, a survey of American government book published by W.W. Norton. Spitzer's co-authors are: Benjamin Ginsberg, Johns Hopkins University; Theodore Lowi, Cornell University; and Margaret Weir, University of California, Berkeley.

Educators, Students Sought for Belize Summer Teacher Institute

In light of five successful Summer Teacher Institutes in Belize, SUNY Cortland is planning another program July 3-12 that will bring teachers back to that Central American country for a unique learning experience that will run from.

Since 2004, the International Programs Office has arranged for 53 American teachers, administrators, college faculty members and college students to visit Belize for a two-week Summer Institute in Environmental Studies and Culture.

The summer institute, hosted by the Chaa Creek Eco Resort, is a three-credit graduate course. The application deadline is Monday, March 16, and scholarships are available. Participation is limited to 10 participants and acceptance will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

The institute, a unique professional development opportunity to work together with Belizean counterparts, is open to individuals currently in teaching and administrative positions as well as those working toward their master's degree in education or a related field. Participants

are involved in a variety of hands-on experiences, field research and ongoing collaboration with individuals in the educational field.

The program focuses on ancient Mayan civilization, archaeology, eco-tourism, conservation and the rainforest. Participants take related excursions and view presentations by local experts in the environmental field and take in cultural events. Though most of the program takes place at Chaa Creek, located near the Guatemalan border, the group also makes trips to smaller neighboring towns, including a visit to the Belize Zoo.

Belize, formerly British Honduras, is a small country in Central America that is politically stable and has English as its first language. About the size of Massachusetts, Belize, with approximately 273,000 citizens, is sparsely populated compared to neighboring countries.

For more information or to register for this summer's institute, contact Ann Marshall, International Programs Office, at (607) 753-2209.

Political Science Honorary Inducts New Members

The Cortland chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society formed to recognize outstanding achievement in political science, formally inducted 16 students in a ceremony held on Dec. 4. The Zeta Delta chapter faculty advisors, Robert Spitzer and Adrian Hull, presided over the ceremony.

The Pi Sigma Alpha Fall 2008 inductees were: Kimberly Barbour, Marisa Burkett, Matthew Caniglia, Matthew Fanelli, Christopher Garitee, Kathryn Greene, Ashley Jones, Warren Kaufman, Elizabeth Kellman, Peter Knutsen, Jubel Miah, Amanda Mullan, Oliver Mushtare, Dylan Obernesser, Michael Schoeneberger II and Momodou Sey.

Membership in Pi Sigma Alpha is open to juniors, seniors and graduate students enrolled in programs of political science at institutions where chapters are located. Undergraduates must be at least juniors who have completed a minimum of 10 credit hours in political science, including at least one upper-division course, with B or higher average grade. They also must have achieved an overall GPA placing them in the top one-third of their junior or senior class. They need not be political science majors to qualify for membership.

SUNY Financial Aid Day

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Filing the FAFSA is a first step in determining most forms of aid eligibility, including government-supported loans, according to Langhans. Students who fail to file the FAFSA may be passing up aid opportunities. Likewise, students who submit a FAFSA late may be reducing their eligibility for aid simply because the amount of available funds runs out.

Binghamton University and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry are the nearest alternate sites offering SUNY Financial Aid Day.

Coming Events

Tuesday, Feb. 3

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

\$ Performance: Samite, a musician and composer from Uganda, Africa, Corey Union Function Room, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

Black History Month Student Panel Discussion: "Flexing Their Political Muscle: Empowerment and the Youth Vote in the 2008 Election Campaign," Moderator Seth Asumah, Africana studies; Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Wellness Wednesday Series: "40 Money Management Tips Every College Student Should Know," Kellie Swartwout, financial advisement, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

Inequality Series Speaker: Author and Princeton University Philosophy Professor Kwame Anthony Appiah, overcoming global inequality and injustice, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 5

Community Roundtable: "What is All the Buzz About Bees and Bats?" Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

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Seminar: "Double Bogey: Black Women Golfers" Susan Rayl, kinesiology, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

National Teach-In on Global Warming:

Sponsored by New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), Sperry Center, Room 204, 6-8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

Children's Museum Series: "Valentine's Day Crafts," Children's Museum, O'Heron Newman Hall, 8 Calvert St., Cortland, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

Working Parent's Brown Bag Lunch: Corey Union, Room 209, noon.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

AIDS Memorial Quilt: On display throughout the day, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge.

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Seminar: "Carceral Landscapes and Black Masculinity in the Age of Mass Incarceration," Rashad Shabazz, University of Vermont, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 12

Black History Month Sandwich

Seminar: "'Old Wine in New Bottles' or 'Real Change We Can Live With?'" Jerome Gray, Barack Obama 2008 Presidential Campaign for the State of Alabama and executive assistant to the Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

Friday, Feb. 13

Piano Recital: Austrian-born pianist Albert Mühlböck from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, presented by the Performing Arts Department, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.



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