New York Jets Select SUNY Cortland for 2009 Summer Training Camp

The New York Jets of the National Football League have selected SUNY Cortland as the site of their 2009 summer training camp from July 31 to Aug. 22.

Gov. David A. Paterson and New York Jets owner Woody Johnson made the formal announcement during a news conference in the Park Center Hall of Fame Room on Monday, April 20, along with President Erik J. Bitterbaum. Business leaders and state and local elected officials also spoke at the event.

“This is an incredible spot,” said Johnson, whose Jets held their training camp at Hofstra University on Long Island for the past 40 years. “Everything about Cortland was exactly what we were looking for.”

The Jets recently opened a $75 million state-of-the-art training facility in Florham Park, N.J., but the site does not have parking and bleachers for the thousands of visitors who attend summer training camps, nor does it have dormitories for its players.

New York Jets coach, Rex Ryan, in his first year with the team, wanted a remote training site experience to build “team chemistry” among his players. SUNY Cortland was selected over Cornell University.

Gov. Paterson announced $410,000 in state grants to SUNY Cortland to help defray the costs associated with hosting the training camp and for long-term campus improvements that will benefit the College community year round.

“Beginning this year, Upstate New York will become the capital of pro football during the summer months — with the Bills’ training camp at St. John Fisher in Rochester, the Giants’ training camp at SUNY Albany, and now the Jets’ training camp in Cortland,” said Gov. Paterson. “It is truly exciting that all three of New York’s professional football teams will train right here in New York state.

“We are thrilled to welcome the Jets to this town and campus — Central New York is one of the most beautiful parts of New York state and the New York Jets will draw thousands of New Yorkers to the area, where they will enjoy not only watching the team train for its upcoming season, but all that the surrounding area has to offer. Bringing the Jets to Cortland will also generate much needed revenue for Central New York at a time when our state faces an unprecedented fiscal crisis. More economic activity translates into more jobs and more opportunities for the people of this region.”

College to Honor Civic Works at April 30 Awards Reception

SUNY Cortland’s Institute for Civic Engagement (ICE) will recognize the accomplishments of 28 students, faculty and staff members and local community members during its fifth annual Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards Reception on Thursday, April 30.

The event, which begins at 4:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Since April 2005, the College has presented Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards to more than 140 students, faculty members, staff and community members, not including the newest honorees.

Award winners were selected by a committee formed by the ICE to review nominations. Participants included the ICE director, the institute’s service-learning coordinator, a past student award winner who is the Main Street SUNY Cortland community outreach coordinator, a community member and the coordinator of the College’s Student Volunteer and Internship Program.

Leadership in Civic Engagement Awards nominations are accepted from both within and outside the campus community. Individuals may be nominated in the categories of Leadership for Civic Engagement in Faculty/Staff Award; Leadership for Civic Engagement Community Award; and Leadership for Civic Engagement Student Award. Groups also may be nominated.

Candidates can be involved in service-learning classes, campus service groups, political groups, non-partisan groups working for social change, internships and volunteer activities.

This year’s 22 Leadership for Civic Engagement Student Award recipients include: Dan Anadio of Gloversville, N.Y.; Kristen Beyer of Copiague, N.Y.; Marie Bieber of Conklin, N.Y.; David Burnette of Kenmore, N.Y.; Elizabeth Cronan of...
News Media Professor Recounts Experience at Exiled Belarus University

Jon Rubin, an associate professor of film and new media at SUNY Purchase, will discuss his recent experiences with a university that was driven out of Belarus for political reasons, on Thursday, April 30.

Rubin has directed the SUNY Center for Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL), based at SUNY Purchase, since 2006. He will address “European Humanities University: The Strange Story of a University-in-Exile as Seen Through the Eyes and Videos of Students and a SUNY Faculty Member.”

Presented by the College’s Project on Eastern and Central Europe (PECE) with support by a grant from the Auxiliary Services Corporation, the lecture will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Sperry Center, Room 106. The talk is free and open to the public.

Rubin will offer his views on the problematic yet remarkable development of European Humanities University (EHU), formerly in Minsk, and will show videos made by Belarusian students often working in collaboration with SUNY students.

While at SUNY Cortland, Rubin also wishes to meet faculty interested in online international learning. With the participation of a number of SUNY Cortland colleagues, COIL has become a leading center for online teaching and learning along an international dimension. According to him, the mission of COIL is to develop more online courses with an international dimension throughout SUNY.

Since Belarus became an independent country in 1991 following the collapse of the Soviet Union, it has developed quite differently from many of the neighboring, post-Soviet states.

Rubin visited Belarus in 1993 seeking family roots. He was taken with the emotional warmth of the people and the sense of change in the air and made numerous visits over the following 12 years. He conducted a six-month Fulbright fellowship there in 1999.

For seven years, Rubin has been developing and teaching his Cross Cultural Video course in which SUNY students have co-produced videos with students in Turkey, Mexico, Belarus, Germany and Lithuania. He taught the course with EHU in Minsk until 2005, when that university was shut down by the government.

More recently, he has worked with EHU-in-Exile, based in Vilnius, Lithuania. He still strives to educate Belarusian university students and to bring them together, if only through online learning, with American students.

A film and new media artist based in Brooklyn, N.Y., Rubin created the Floating Cinema in 1980 and has presented it at many sites in the U.S. and Europe, including New York, Rotterdam, San Diego, Houston and New Orleans. He has received grants for his film and multimedia work from the Guggenheim, Ford and Jerome Foundations, the National Endowment for the Arts and the New York State Council on the Arts. His films have been shown at the Whitney Museum and the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and at more than 50 other museums, galleries and media centers. He is a graduate of Yale University.

For more information about COIL and Rubin’s visit, contact Craig Little, sociology/anthropology, at (607) 753-2726. For more information about the PECE and the program, contact Henry Steck, political science, at (607) 753-4807 or henry.steck@cortland.edu.

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North Massapequa, N.Y.; Trevor Curry of Spring Valley, N.Y.; Jeanna Dippel of Du Bois, Pa.; Sarah Hahn of Barnegat, N.J.; William Harklerode of Clinton Corners, N.Y.; Sherry Hicks of McGraw, N.Y.; Michelle Housworth of Owego, N.Y.; Patricia Kelly of West Islip, N.Y.; Kindra Lansburg of Malta, N.Y.; Caitlin Mooney of Delmar, N.Y.; Mark Morrell of Farmington, N.Y.; Brittany Pata of Rochester, N.Y.; Daniel Pitcher of Apalachin, N.Y.; Emily Schmidt of Cortland, N.Y.; Jennifer Traxel of Clark Mills, N.Y.; Angela Johnson Wilde of Cortland, N.Y.; and Lauren Zuber of Smithtown, N.Y.

The Leadership for Civic Engagement in Faculty/Staff Award recipients are: Mark Dodds, sport management; Karen Hempson, childhood/early childhood education; and Christopher Latimer, political science.

The Leadership for Civic Engagement Community Award winners are: Matt Belknap, Bonnie Calzolaio and Christine Gregory. Belknap, the owner and operator of Action Sports on Main Street in Cortland, is the sponsor of the Community Bike Project at SUNY Cortland. Calzolaio, an employee of the Cortland County Teacher Center, started the Nearly New Clothing Shop at BOCES. She is involved in YWCA and Zonta civic projects, works with the Women’s Coalition and is a member of the Family Reading Partnership.

Christine Gregory teaches U.S. history at Cortland Junior-Senior High School. She serves on the YMCA Board of Directors and its Community Service Board.

The volunteer efforts of members of the Sport Management Club also will be acknowledged. Additionally, the ICE will recognize the participants in its “Power of 10” community engagement program.

The institute will announce the recipients of scholarships related to community service, including the Institute for Civic Engagement Scholarship, the Judson H. Taylor Presidential Scholarship, the Community Scholarship for Student Volunteers and Interns, the Donald Wilcox Civic Engagement Award, and the Cortland Area Chapter of the Alumni Association’s Community Service Award.

The event is sponsored by the Institute for Civic Engagement, the Division of Student Affairs, the Division of Institutional Advancement, The Cortland Fund and the Cortland College Foundation.

For more information, contact Shelly VanDusen at shelly.vandusen@cortland.edu or (607) 753-4270.
Football Team to Host Bone Marrow Testing Drive

Head football coach Dan MacNeill and the Red Dragons football team will hold a bone marrow registry on Saturday, May 2, at Park Center Alumni Arena in hopes of finding potential donors.

This is the College’s first year hosting the testing drive. Modeled after Villanova University’s 17th annual event led by head football coach Andy Talley, it will run from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

“The success of this event is going to be based solely on walkups,” said Michael Discenza, athletics. “We want to encourage as many people to come as possible.”

The registration process is easy and pain-free. Volunteers only need to swab the inside of their cheek for about 30 seconds and then they join the 20 million people worldwide listed as potential bone marrow donors. Although this seems like a large number, only about 250 matches are found each year, making it a one-in-80,000 chance that a registered donor will be a match.

All members of the football team will be working the event, said senior football player Dan Pitcher, of Cortland, who plans on registering himself.

“In preparation for the event, each member of the football team has been asked to invite 10 people,” said Pitcher. “I believe that we will get a good turnout. Our goal is to get 500 people registered.”

The College is one of 11 schools that have followed in Villanova University’s footsteps with holding a bone marrow registry event. According to Discenza, the combined goal of all schools participating is to test 5,000 people across the country to become potential bone marrow donors, a substantial increase from the 2,600 people who joined last year.

“I’m not sure if this will be an annual event, but I don’t see why it couldn’t be,” Pitcher said. “Hopefully the event this year will be a success and we can build on that and make it a tradition for years to come.”

For more information, contact MacNeill at (607) 753-5711 or dan.macneill@cortland.edu.

Community Roundtable to Look at Laws Promoting Democracy

Girish Bhat, history, will offer his thoughts about whether democracy has stood the test of time in the modern political climate at a community roundtable on Thursday, May 7.

Titled “The Uncertainty of Democracy: The 21st Century and the Beginning of History,” the 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.

Bhat will be the sole roundtable panelist. He will engage the audience in a discussion about the crucial role of law in promoting and sustaining democracy. The audience will learn how an understanding of law and its history should keep the west, and especially Americans, from assuming that any way of life is a given.

“After the fall of the Berlin wall and the subsequent collapse of the Soviet Union from 1989-91, it appeared that the west had triumphed at last,” explained Bhat, who joined the College in 1992.

“Yet two decades later, the debate about the absolute, timeless superiority of democracy and capitalism continues and has only been sharpened by the current global economic slide.”

Benefit Concert Set for April 28

Popular recording artist Matt Nathanson will perform during the Student Activities Board’s fifth annual “Rock for a Cause” on Tuesday, April 28.

The performance, which begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Corey Union Function Room, benefits the V-Day UNICEF joint campaign, called “Stop Raping Our Greatest Resource: Power to Women and Girls of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” V-Day is a global movement to stop violence against women and girls. The 37 Project, a SUNY Cortland student band, and David Smallen, will open for Nathanson.

Concert tickets are $5 for students and $10 for the general public. Tickets may be purchased at the Corey Union Information Desk from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Monday and are available from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Tuesday in Corey Union, Room 405.

V-Day generates broader attention for the fight to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation and sexual slavery.

A San Francisco-based singer and songwriter, Nathanson has released six albums including his latest, “Some Mad Hope” (2007).

For more information, contact Student Activities Board Music Coordinator Lauren Zuber at (607) 753-2826 or lauren.zuber@cortland.edu.
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President Bitterbaum, who thanked area legislators for their support for the training site relocation to Cortland, singled out Gov. Paterson and Marty Mack, a Cortland native and the governor’s deputy secretary for intergovernmental affairs, for making the move a reality through the added state funds.

“SUNY Cortland is honored to be the summer home of the New York Jets for several reasons,” noted Bitterbaum. “The partnership will augment our already nationally respected academic majors in sport management, athletic training, physical education and kinesiology. We look forward to the internship opportunities for students in other majors as well. Many of our exceptional graduates work in the professional sports field, so the Jets organization can rest assured that their experience at SUNY Cortland will be an outstanding one as Coach Ryan prepares his squad for the 2009 season.

“From an economic and tourism standpoint, Cortland County and all of Central New York are eager to roll out the welcome mat to Jets fans from across the nation. We encourage them to visit this beautiful part of New York state. On behalf of SUNY Cortland and the region, I thank Gov. Paterson for his vision and his support in making Upstate New York the number one destination in the United States for fan friendly NFL summer training camps.”

Johnson was appreciative of the intense efforts to make the Cortland training site a reality.

“I want to thank Gov. Paterson, Senator Schumer and SUNY Cortland for putting together a plan quickly that met all of our criteria,” he said. “The Jets have made a decision they will not regret,” said U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer. “They will be able to take advantage of Cortland’s top notch facilities and location far away from distractions, all the while delivering some hard-hitting economic development for the region. The only concern I’d have if I ran the Jets is that some of the players may not want to leave at the end of August.”

For more information on the New York Jets, visit www.newyorkjets.com.

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**Gospel Choir to Perform Songs from Recent European Tour**

The SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir, under the direction of Robert Brown, will perform contemporary and traditional gospel selections and spirituals during its 23rd annual Spring Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 3, in Old Main Brown Auditorium.

Tickets for the event are $2 for students; $4 for faculty, staff and senior citizens; and $5 for general admission. Children under 12 are admitted free and complimentary tickets are available on a need basis. Proceeds support the Gospel Choir Scholarship and Programming Fund.

Comprised of college, high school and community members, the Gospel Choir has been recognized for its outstanding performances at the National Collegiate Gospel Competition. Earlier this month, the group toured Germany and presented concerts in Aachen, Dusseldorf and Frankfurt. Recent Gospel Choir tours have included Toronto, Canada and Niagara Falls, N.Y., in 2008 and England in 2007.

Selections from the 2009 European Tour to Germany will be offered by the choir. The concert also will feature music by the Gospel Choir Ensemble, student performances, a piano piece by Dorothy Thomas ’77 and a saxophone piece by Jamie Yaman, of Cortland.

A Germany Tour selection will include the Edwin Hawkins gospel classic, “Oh Happy Day,” which is highly popular in Germany and considered by many to have helped bring gospel music to the international stage. Also new to the choir’s lineup will be “More Like Him,” by Eric McDaniel.

Yaman, who also traveled with the choir to Germany, will present a saxophone rendition of Kirk Franklin’s “Silver and Gold,” backed by the Gospel Choir Ensemble. The audience favorite, “Perfect Praise,” by Richard Smallwood, will have new soloists, Danielle Borkowski and Yazman McZorn-Hines. Additional selections will include “Faithful Is Our God,” by Hezekiah Walker, and “Order My Steps,” by Glenn Burleigh. Dorothy Thomas will do a piano rendition of “He Looked Beyond My Faults — We Shall Behold Him,” by Dottie Rambo. The Gospel Choir Jazz Ensemble will perform “Spring Afternoon,” composed by Robert Brown.

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**International Students Take Advantage of Quality Education**

SUNY Cortland’s rural location does not detract from its high reputation as an excellent place for international students to sample American higher education. Just ask Australian exchange student Lachlan Cahir of Geelong, Australia.

“I wanted the American experience,” said Cahir, a physical education major who is pursuing a minor in math. “Cortland had the best physical education program that matched up with the subjects I needed at my home institution, The University of Ballarat. Also, a main reason for coming to America to study was to snowboard, and this university offers that unique experience by partnering with Greek Peak Mountain Resort.”

Cahir is one of about 70-75 international students enrolled in the College each semester.

SUNY Cortland has partnerships with universities in Australia, Belize, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Ireland, Kenya, Spain, The United Kingdom and Venezuela. According to Gonda Gebhardt, The Clark Center for International Education, these international students mainly enroll in the following programs: sport management, teaching English as second language, economics, athletic training, physical education and international studies.

The James M. Clark Center for International Education provides students and faculty with information about current opportunities abroad, international student services at the College, and cross-cultural events on campus. The staff provides support to students as they transition to college life at an overseas campus and also to international students here on campus.

“The nice thing about the College is that it is pretty diverse in its programs,” said Gebhardt, who joined the College two years ago. “Each university brings students with a variety of concentrations and yet we can fill all their needs here."

For more information, contact Gebhardt at (607) 753-4770 or at gonda.gebhardt@cortland.edu or visit the College Web site at www2.cortland.edu/studyabroad/.

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German Anti-War Play Begins April 30 in Lab Theatre

The Performing Arts Department will present the Bertolt Brecht drama “Mother Courage and Her Children” for four performances in the Dowd Fine Arts Center Lab Theatre starting on April 30.

Shows are at 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, May 3. Tickets are $12 for the general public, $10 for senior citizens and SUNY staff and $6 for students and children. Tickets will be on sale at the door only.

The acclaimed anti-war play was first produced in Switzerland in 1941 but did not become well known until after World War II. After a famous production directed by Brecht in Germany at the Berliner Ensemble, the drama received hundreds of productions around the world and has become a classic of the powerful style of theatre known as Epic Theatre.

The episodic story is set during the Thirty Years War and follows the misfortunes of Anna Fierling, played by Barbara Jo Williams, nicknamed Mother Courage, and her three illegitimate children, featuring Jeff Van Damme, Angel Golden and Douglas Robbins. While Mother Courage makes her living as a black marketeer during the war, she and her children are methodically destroyed by the war itself.

The SUNY production, directed by Howard Lindh, uses a recent translation by British playwright David Hare.

The cast includes students Colin Havener, Kara Howard, Sara Laursen, Elizabeth Milana, Aileen Morris, Jason Schulof, Mitch Thurman, Gregg Weatherby, Paul Yaman and Allison Zack. Faculty members in the cast are Karla Alwes, English, and Kevin Mayer, art and art history.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at (607) 753-2811 or visit the department Web site at www.cortland.edu/performingarts.

Psychology Honor Society Announces New Members

Forty-four students were inducted on April 13 into Psi Chi, the national honorary in psychology.

The initiates include:

William Ahern  Jamie Griffin
Christina Benz  Sarah Hahn
Marie Bieber  Kayla Hauck
Dayna Brent  Elizabeth Heenan
Grace Burvée  MaryKate Hill
Charissa Campanaro  Ryan Hiller
Megan Colwell  Kolnae Jones
Caitlin Coumatos  Brandi Kelley
Melinda Dellert  Jada Klein
Stephanie Diffendorf  Brandy Lawrence
Carrie Eaton  Kerry Linden
Colleen Eble  Robin Mooney
Amanda Eisenbach  Sarah Nelson
Keith Emery  Tara Petersen
Megan Eppolito  Kyra Pinn
Abigail Felter  Kristina Roach
Alyssa Fraser  Elana Shoykhet
Michelle Gaufman  Keri Urban
Jennifer Gioia  Erica Vallance
Deborah Gomes  Jennifer Walker
Nicole Granger  Christine Whittam
Katherine Greene  Rebecca Zurek

The banquet and ceremony were conducted by the Psi Chi officers President Kristin White and Vice President Harlee Pratt, both psychology majors. President Erik J. Bitterbaum and Department Chair Melvyn King provided welcoming remarks.

Jennica Schuster-Liberatore ’08 was the guest speaker. David Berger provided closing remarks. Faculty members Margaret Anderson, Michael Berzonsky, David Kilpatrick, Kimberly Krabel and Paul Luyben attended the event.

Luyben, psychology, is the faculty advisor to the local chapter. In addition to Luyben, Claire Payne and Teri Wood from the Psychology Department were involved in planning the induction events. Rhonda Moulton, arts and sciences, provided music during the reception.

Composers with Local Ties To Be Highlighted

The Performing Arts Department will present a concert by the College-Community Orchestra, under the direction of Ubaldo Valli, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 28, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre. The theme of the spring concert is music written by composers with local connections. It is free and open to the public.

The program will begin with the premiere of “Concerto Overture in A Major” written for the occasion by Cortland native Emmanuel Sikora. This will be followed by “Chesapeake Suite,” a composition in four movements by Malcolm Lewis who has written a new version for this concert. Lewis was born in 1925 in Cuba, N.Y., and taught at Ithaca College for many years. He lives in Dryden, N.Y., and his wife, Carol, has played with Cortland College-Community Orchestra for many years.

Also on the program is “Poem for Solo Flute and Orchestra” by Elmina, N.Y., native Charles Tomlinson Griffes (1884-1920) and features Syracuse Symphony Orchestra flutist Cynthia Decker. Ending the concert is “Dance Rhythms” by Wallingford Riegger (1885-1961) who taught at the Pat Conway Band School, a precursor of Ithaca College, in the 1920s. Riegger was a member of the group of American modernist composers known as the “American Five.”

The program is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Grant Program, a state agency, and the Cultural Resources Council, a regional arts council. This program is supported by the Cortland College Foundation and by Auxiliary Services Corporation.

Choral Union Spring Concert Set for May 5 in Dowd

The Choral Union will perform its spring concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5, in the Dowd Fine Arts Center Theatre.

The program will include selections from operas and one musical play. Among the opera composers represented in the program are Verdi, Rossini, Toch and Wagner. Ensemble Director Stephen Wilson, performing arts, wrote a new choral arrangement of music from Sondheim’s theatre piece “A Little Night Music.”

Admission is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Wilson at stephen.wilson@cortland.edu.
Retirements Announced

Vaughn A. Copey

Vaughn A. Copey of Camillus, N.Y., who has taught at SUNY Cortland since 1980, will retire on Aug. 31. He has been designated lecturer emeritus of English.

Copey grew up in Auburn, N.Y. He obtained an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from Cayuga County Community College in Auburn before earning a Bachelor of Arts in Writing and Literature and a Master of Arts in Language and Literature from SUNY Oswego.

He began his career in 1974 teaching part time at Cayuga County Community College. Since 1980, he has been employed as an adjunct instructor of English by Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, N.Y. He also has served as an adjunct instructor of English at Syracuse University, LeMoyne College, Cazenovia College and Mohawk Valley Community College. During the 1990s, he operated Professional Image, a small business specializing in resume writing, desktop publishing, Web design, writing and editing.

At SUNY Cortland, Copey taught basic, intermediate and advanced-level writing courses. He was among the first educators in SUNY Cortland's English Department to experiment with and use technology-assisted instruction. From the early 1980s to the present, he has used course management systems as vehicles for implementing and teaching his courses.

He served as the official faculty trainer for WebCT instruction at Cortland for two years. In 1997, the English Department appointed him as coordinator for computer-mediated instruction. That position evolved into the department's technology coordinator around the early 1990s, a role that encompassed serving as department Web master, scheduling the computer lab, maintaining department distribution lists, producing the annual department newsletter, and creating or assisting in departmental handbooks and manuals. Copey provided technology support to staff, served as the liaison between the English Department and Academic Computing Services and conducted research and development for current trends in technology-assisted instruction.

Within the past two semesters, he piloted two new courses that are prototypes for the English Department's newly reconstituted Composition Program, to be implemented in 2010. These courses place greater emphasis on multi-modal writing over a cross-section of inter-disciplinary themes and modes.

Copey also served on the English Department's Blue Ribbon Committee, which was instrumental in bringing about the program changes.

Dianne M. Galutz

Dianne M. Galutz of Cortland, who has served the College for 21 years, will retire on May 27. She has earned the designation of senior programmer/analyst emerita.

A native of Cortland, she received an Associate of Sciences from Tompkins Cortland Community College (TC3) in Dryden, N.Y., and a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland.

From 1975-88, Galutz served in the Computer Center at TC3, where she assisted in the design and implementation of the College's first student records system. She was responsible for the proper operation of the College's computer center and for all modifications and enhancements to all programs. Galutz developed application programs, trained users and hired and trained student workers. She rose to the title of software and operations administrator.

Upon joining SUNY Cortland's Administrative Computing Services in 1988, she provided continuing technical support of the College's legacy system called TRITON. In 1998, when the College began the conversion of TRITON to the Banner Student Information System, she focused her work on the specific area of student accounts and finance. She provided Banner training and technical support to the College business personnel and continued to support these areas in their daily processes, collection of tuition and fees, and local and state reporting.

A member of United University Professions (UUP) Executive Board since 1991, Galutz served as the UUP local vice president for professionals from 1991-95 and 2002-07, formed and chaired its Professionals Issues Committee, and organized the annual UUP Professional Staff Recognition Luncheon in 1995.

Galutz served on College committees relating to the Provost's Professional Service Award, the Mandatory Student Health Insurance, the Faculty Senate Ad-Hoc DSI Evaluation, the President's Committee on Professional DSI Review Task Force, and Affirmative Action.

She taught WordPerfect courses for the Center for Educational Exchange (then Lifelong Learning) from 1996-2000.

For the past six years, she has been the State Employees Federated Appeal representative for Administrative Computing Services.

In the community, she is a longtime member and current co-president of the Cortland Repertory Guild. She was a volunteer with the 2002 Empire State Games.

Upon retirement, she plans to travel in Alaska, play golf, expand her garden, enjoy the family summer home on Owasco Lake, and see more of her many siblings across the United States.
Retirements Announced

Paula N. Warnken

Paula N. Warnken of Cortland, who served the College for 16 years, will retire on Aug. 27. She has been designated associate provost for information resources emerita.

Since joining SUNY Cortland in 1993, she has been responsible for providing leadership and strategic direction for all technology and library services, developing policies, setting priorities and providing resources to fulfill the institution's instructional and administrative goals.

Warnken has had administrative oversight of the Center for Advancement of Technology in Education (CATE), Memorial Library including its traditional library services as well as its Learning Commons, information and computer literacy instruction, media production, faculty technology training and instructional design support; Academic Computing Services including distributed technologies, computer labs, technology help center and database development; Classroom Media Services including media system development and services, Web and video conferencing; Administrative Computing Services including ERP systems and networking including the IP Phone System and information security. She has overseen a staff of 75 and an annual budget of $6 million.

Warnken’s tenure has encompassed an era where the slide projector and traditional teaching equipment were replaced in the classroom with successive generations of ever-more sophisticated digital equipment. A faculty training and resource center was opened in Sperry Center in 1994 to help professors make the transition to using computer technology in the classroom. She oversaw a major funding initiative that in 1995, for the first time, provided a desktop computer to all faculty members. In 1995, the first technology (SMART) classrooms were built, one each in Sperry Center, Bowers Hall and Park Center along with eight computer carts for classrooms. That year, two interactive video distance learning classrooms were completed. Today, there are 63 technology classrooms and 18 teaching labs on campus.

In recent years, Memorial Library reclaimed its role as a campus hub through the development of expanded late-night study hours in 2001; the 2004 opening of The Bookmark as a place for students to relax and collaborate on projects without leaving the building; and the 2006 completion of the Learning Commons, offering students personal assistance with eLearning, Web 2.0 and Social Media, and other academic projects. Warnken was especially pleased with the 2007 reopening of Sperry Center, the primary classroom facility, featuring cutting-edge technology.

At SUNY Cortland, Warnken serves on the President’s Council, the Provost’s Cabinet, the Academic Affairs Council and the Facilities and Master Plan Oversight Committee. She chaired the Academic Reorganization Committee in 1996 and the Education Building Steering Committee in 2005. Among other committees, she was on the Alterations Projects Committee, the Art Collection and Exhibit Committee, the Title III Steering Committee, the Emergency Preparedness Committee, the Auxiliary Services Corporation Board of Directors, the Auxiliary Services Executive Board and the Auxiliary Services Operations Committee.

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Patricia Wright

Patricia Wright, who served SUNY Cortland for 30 years, retired on Jan. 22. She has been designated senior staff assistant emerita.

Born and raised in Cortland, she joined the College in 1978 as a data entry operator in the Computer Center for four years while attending computer-programming classes at the College. Wright was promoted to computer programmer for the next five years. A billing manager in telecommunications, Wright worked for eight years until the position was eliminated and she became a classroom computer support technician.

Wright assisted in building and supporting the College’s first Smart Classroom and its first Distance Learning Classroom.

She attended computer-programming classes at SUNY Cortland and Tompkins Cortland Community College. She received many certificates for her completion of specialized training classes in the PC support field from New Horizons Training Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Wright served on numerous campus and statewide committees. In the community, she spent the last 15 years as an officer on the Cortlandville (N.Y.) Town Zoning Board.

Wright resides in Pahrump, Nev., with her husband, Chris.

Alpha Sigma Lambda Inductees Named

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

This is the 10th year the SUNY Cortland chapter, Lambda Omicron, has elected members. The induction ceremony was held on April 23 in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Alpha Sigma Lambda national standards indicate that students elected to membership are in the top 10 percent of all full-time students at SUNY Cortland age 24 or older.

To be elected, students must have completed 24 credit hours of work at SUNY Cortland with a GPA of 3.2 or better. The GPA range for this group of students inducted was 3.7 to 4.18.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum offered welcoming remarks to the new members. Cynthia Benton, childhood/early childhood education, was the guest speaker. Students Sherry Hicks, a senior childhood education major and president of the Non-Traditional Students’ Organization, and Linda Eastman, a junior professional writing major and treasurer of the Non-Traditional Students’ Organization, assisted with the pledge for membership and explaining the ideals of the honor society.

Students who have been elected to membership are:

Rachel Alexander
Nicole Anjeski
Jane Arold
Diana Brewer
David Campbell Jr.
Robert Castle
Jennifer Cobb
Jacob S. Colwell
Marleiah Denka
Robert Eaves
Christopher Euler
Leila Farley
Jennifer Garcias
Caitlin Goodwin
Troy Killian
Julie McChesney
Krista Merry
Jason Newton
Andrea Oddo
Patricia Owens
Andrea Phelps
Todd Plourde
Jennifer Rea
Theresa Rickles
Tracy Roach
Katharine Shumaker
Erica Smith
Chea Snyder
Jeremy Snyder
Lindsey Sternberg
Gary Towner
Joseph Tutko
Matthew Vendryes
Ammie Vermilyea
Mary Vincent
Leland Wear
Jessica Willson
Graduate Students to Present At Literacy Mini-Workshops

The Cortland Regional Professional Development School Initiative is sponsoring a program of Literacy Mini-Workshops from 5-7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, at Main Street SUNY Cortland. Graduate students taking Master’s Project in Literacy will make presentations to 35 area teachers and school administrators. This event provides an opportunity for authentic assessment through collegial discussions following the presentations. Topics include “Guided Reading: Play and Learning Centers that Promote Reading and Writing,” “Techniques for Effective Interactive Read Alouds,” “Conducting Reading Conferences,” “Literature Circles for Grades 3 and 4,” “Using Graphic Novels in the Content Classroom” and “Reading the ‘Write’ Way.”

For more information, contact the Center for Educational Exchange at (607) 753-4214 or at cee@cortland.edu.

Make a Difference Day Planned

Make a Difference Day will be held from 8-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5.

The Physical Plant invites students, faculty, staff and alumni to join them in planting flowers and trees, mulching, raking, sweeping and general spring cleanup. The grounds crew staff will prepare the work sites and provide tools and assistance in all areas.

Those interested in participating are asked to register by Friday, May 1, by calling (607) 753-2101.

Volunteers are asked to meet at the front entrance of Moffett Center at 8 a.m. to receive their work assignments. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Additional Dates Added Antlers at Raquette Lake

Due to a cancellation, a long weekend has been added at Antlers, Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake.

The facility will be available for use by faculty, staff and their guests including spouses, children and significant others, from Thursday, July 23, through Sunday, July 26.

Reservation information is available online at www.cortland.edu/outdoor/raquette/upcomingevents.html or at the Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education Office, Miller Building, Room 230. A $50 deposit is required with registration.

Room and board for four days and three nights is $123 per person for adults and $101 for children age 12 and under. There is no charge for children under one year of age.

Visitors arrive between 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, July 23. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. that evening. Visitors will depart Sunday, July 26, following breakfast.

Reservations are still being accepted for the full week of June 22-27. For more information, call the center at (607) 753-5488.

Celebration of Teaching Registration Due by April 28

Area teachers, teaching assistants, school administrators and College faculty will entertain their colleagues and celebrate teaching with a variety show featuring music, humor and reflections on Wednesday, May 6.

Educators may attend the celebration for free but must register by Tuesday, April 28. Interested persons should contact the Center for Educational Exchange (CEE) at (607) 753-4214 or at cee@cortland.edu.

The 20th annual “Celebration of Teaching: A Cabaret Evening of Entertainment” will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a dessert buffet and social gathering in Corey Union Function Room. The variety show follows at 7 p.m. and features area educators as entertainers celebrating the joys of teaching and learning.

The event, coinciding with National Teacher Appreciation Week, is hosted by the CEE with support from the President’s Office.

Three SGA Officers Elected

The following students were elected officers of the Student Government Association (SGA) for the 2009-10 academic year. Online voting was held during late April.

President: Jesse Campanaro, a sophomore health science major with a concentration in international health from Monticello, N.Y.;

Vice President: Aaron Batchelder, a senior health science major with a concentration in international health from Rouses Point, N.Y.; and

Treasurer: Gabrielle Magnanti, a junior psychology major from Rome, N.Y.
Faculty-Staff Activities

**Timothy J. Baroni**, biological sciences, with two colleagues from Puerto Rico and one from the Dominican Republic, recently published a manuscript titled “New species of Pouzarella (Entolomataceae, Agaricales) from the Dominican Republic and Jamaica” in the online journal *North American Fungi* 3(7):241-260, which included color illustrations of these new mushrooms in addition to the descriptive data. The three co-authors are: Sharon A. Cantrell, a professor at Universidad del Turabo, Puerto Rico, D. Jean Lodge, a research scientist working for the USDA-Forest Service in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, and Omar Paino Perdomo-Sánchez, who is finishing his Ph. D. at the J.W. Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt, Germany. These three researchers were part of a larger team that combed the islands of the Greater Antilles working on macrofungal biodiversity from 1996-2006, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation to SUNY Cortland.

**Steven Canals**, residence hall director for Shea Hall, was recently appointed to the Standing Committee for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Awareness (SCLGBTA) with the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), an international organization. Canals will serve as the network coordinator for the committee.

**Mariangela Chandler**, Academic Support and Achievement Program, was honored with the Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Association of Developmental Education, presented at the New York College Learning Skills Association conference March 29-31 in Corning, N.Y.

**John Hartsock**, communication studies, has announced that the inaugural issue of *Literary Journalism Studies*, the official journal of the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies (IALJS), has been released. Edited by Hartsock, the journal is the first dedicated to the scholarship of literary journalism, which is also known as narrative journalism, literary reportage, literary nonfiction and creative nonfiction, among other names. Published twice a year, the journal is international in focus. The first issue includes articles not only on American literary journalism, but also Portuguese, Australian, German and Canadian versions of the genre. The centerpiece is an exclusive excerpt from publisher Farrar, Straus and Giroux’s soon-to-be released *Tears in the Darkness: The Story of the Bataan Death March and Its Aftermath* by Michael and Elizabeth M. Norman, who are on the faculty of New York University. *Literary Journalism Studies* is available through membership in the IALJS and eventually will be available online.

In related news, Hartsock gave a paper, “Resistance and Reification in American Literary Journalism and European Literary Reportage,” at the annual conference of the American Compara- tive Literature Association on March 28 at Harvard University.


**Tracy Rammacher**, publications and electronic media, recently learned that the office won a SUNY Council for University Advancement (SUNYCUAD) Best of Category Award for the undergraduate and graduate Commencement program covers and a Judges’ Citation for the campus visitor’s guide. The winning publications were designed by **Tony DeRado** with creative direction by Rammacher. The awards will be presented at the annual conference set for June 10-12 in Lake Placid, N.Y.

**Claus Schubert**, mathematics, gave an invited talk titled “Field Invariants Under Real and Nonreal Extensions” at the Southeastern Section Meeting of the American Mathematical Society held April 4-5 at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C. The talk was part of a special session on Brauer groups, quadratic forms, algebraic groups and Lie algebras.

**Charles Spink**, chemistry emeritus, has an article accepted for publication in *Biophysical Journal* titled “Thermodynamics of Forming a Parallel DNA Crossover.” The work is based on collaboration with Nadrian Seeman of New York University. Seeman has developed methods for the synthesis of DNA motifs resembling suspected crossover structures that are thought to be important in transferring genetic information between DNA chains. Using calorimetry and spectroscopic methods, Spink determined the stability and formation energetics of the crossover structures.

**Henry Steck**, Adrian Hull and Chris Xenakis, political science, participated with students taking the Model European Union class in the SUNY Model European Union simulation (SUNYM EU) held April 2-5 at SUNY New Paltz. The simulation included student delegations from seven SUNY institutions and eight European countries including Turkey, Germany, Bulgaria, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The project simulated the European Council and debated such topics as the economic crisis, the European-Russia energy question, the Lisbon Treaty and EU enlargement. The 2010 simulation will be held in Limerick, Ireland. The simulation also was linked to a SUNY Conversation in the Discipline. Hull delivered a paper on EU Enlargement to the Baltics: A Regional Economic Integration Perspective. Steck participated in a panel on Fulbrights and other fellowships for SUNY students. His talk was titled “The World of International Fellowships: How to Help Your Students and Your Institution.”

**Henry Steck**, political science, participated in a conference on the history of SUNY titled “SUNY and the Promise of Public Higher Education,” held April 3-5 at SUNY Albany. The conference was held to mark SUNY ’s 60th anniversary. Steck delivered a paper titled “Three Historical Moments: Hamilton’s Inaugural, the Independent Commission and Rethinking SUNY.” He also was a commentator on a panel titled “Politics, Policy and Education: SUNY in the State and the Nation.”


**Sarah Zipp**, sport management, presented on “Working Women in the Sports Industry” at the Sport, Sexuality and Culture Conference held March 18-20 at Ithaca College. Undergraduate student **Deana Lykos** also presented at the conference. Her talk, based on her honors thesis, was titled “Major League Cheating: A Theoretical Analysis of Adultery Statistics Within Major League Baseball.” Zipp served as her faculty advisor for the thesis and presentation.
Coming Events

**Monday, April 27**

**Literacy Mini-Workshops:** The Cortland Regional Professional Development School Initiative, Main Street SUNY Cortland 5-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 28**

$ **Benefit Concert:** “Rock for a Cause,” featuring recording artist Matt Nathanson, Corey Union Function Room, 7:30 p.m.

**Concert:** College-Community Orchestra, Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 29**

**Lecture:** “Race and Relationships,” Jena Curtis, health, Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, April 30**

**Sandwich Seminar:** “From Birthplace to Toxic Space: The Legacy of Contamination in Endicott, NY.,” Craig Little, sociology/anthropology, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, noon.

**Award Ceremony:** Leadership for Civic Engagement, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 4:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** “European Humanities University: The Strange Story of a University-in-Exile as Seen Through the Eyes and Videos of Students and a SUNY Faculty Member,” Jon Rubin, SUNY Purchase, Sperry Center, Room 106, 4:30 p.m.

$ **Performance:** “Mother Courage and Her Children,” Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m.

**Friday, May 1**

$ **Performance:** “Mother Courage and Her Children,” Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m.

**Saturday, May 2**

$ **Benefit Concert:** Hosted by head football coach Dan MacNeill and the Red Dragon football team, Park Center Alumni Arena, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

$ **Performance:** “Mother Courage and Her Children,” Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m.

**Sunday, May 3**

$ **Performance:** “Mother Courage and Her Children,” Dowd Fine Arts Center, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, May 7**

**Community Roundtable:** “The Uncertainty of Democracy: The 21st Century and the ‘Beginning of History,’” Girish Bhat, history, Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

**Faculty and Professional Staff Awards Ceremony:** Corey Union Function Room, 9 a.m. Invitation only.

**Sports Schedule**

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

**Monday, April 27**

Women’s Golf at Elmira Invitational, 10 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 28**

WOMEN’S LACROSSE vs. Potsdam, 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 29**

Men’s Lacrosse at SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA

**Thursday, April 30**

Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

**Friday, May 1**

Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Baseball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Women’s Lacrosse at SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA

Women’s Track and Field at SUNYAC Outdoor Championships, Oneonta, N.Y., TBA

Men’s Track and Field at SUNYAC Outdoor Championships, Oneonta, N.Y., TBA

**Saturday, May 2**

Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Baseball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Women’s Track and Field at SUNYAC Outdoor Championships, Oneonta, N.Y., TBA

Men’s Track and Field at SUNYAC Outdoor Championships, Oneonta, N.Y., TBA

Women’s Lacrosse at SUNYAC Finals, TBA

Men’s Lacrosse at SUNYAC Finals, TBA

**Sunday, May 3**

Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Baseball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA