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SUNY Cortland to Begin New Year with Academic Convocation Aug. 30

SUNY Cortland will open its 2009-10 academic year with an Academic Convocation on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 30, in the Park Center Alumni Arena.

All first-year and new transfer students, along with the SUNY Cortland faculty, librarians and professional staff, are invited to participate in this hour-long event, which will begin at 4 p.m.

"SUNY Cortland has a longstanding reputation of being a friendly institution," said President Erik J. Bitterbaum. "It is most fitting, then, that from the moment our students set foot on campus, we formally welcome them into the College community through our Academic Convocation ceremony. I am proud that it has become an integral part of the SUNY Cortland academic experience."

The processional begins with the all-college gonfalonier, who leads in the faculty, followed by the Schools of Arts and Sciences, Professional Studies and Education

gonfaloniers. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus will carry the all-college gonfalon, while the gonfalons representing the College's three schools will be carried by the Associate Dean Marley Barduhn, education; Dean R. Bruce Mattingly, arts and sciences; and Dean John Cottone, professional studies.

The processional concludes when the mace bearer leads in the platform party, which consists of members of the administration and faculty leadership, the College Council, visiting dignitaries and honorees. Jack Sheltmire, Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education and a 1973 graduate of SUNY Cortland with an M.S.Ed., will carry the mace, a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of authority.

Timothy Davis, physical education, will offer a welcome. Sharon Steadman, sociology/anthropology, will deliver the Academic Convocation address. Speakers will include Bitterbaum; Prus; junior Jesse Campanaro,

president of the Student Government Association; junior Nicole Chodkowski, student researcher; senior Daniel Pitcher, a student-athlete; and Robert Howe, representing the Cortland College Foundation.

The SUNY Cortland Rock, Jazz and Blues Ensemble will perform the pre-ceremony music, followed by a photographic and video montage of SUNY Cortland created by Rebecca Job, a 2009 graduate in communication studies. Stephen Wilson, performing arts, will provide the processional and recessional music. Senior musical theatre major Rebecca Rozzoni will sing the National Anthem and the Alma Mater. Several returning students have volunteered to serve as student marshals.

Coordinated through the President's Office, the Academic Convocation Committee members include: Darci Bacigalupi, President's Office; Sheila Cohen, literacy; Cottone; Davis; John Foley, physical education; Regina Grantham, communication disorders and sciences; James Hendrick, residence life and housing; Michael

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'The Bulletin' Moves to Online Format Aug. 31

The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published in a completely Web-based format on Monday, Aug. 31. The deadline for submissions to this first issue of the Fall 2009 semester is noon on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Responsibility for *The Bulletin* will be relocated from the Publications and Electronic Media Office to the Public Relations Office effective Aug. 17. The e-newsletter will be produced by Newsletter Editor Wendy Brooks, who will now report to Director of Public Relations Pete Koryzno.

The Bulletin, which will stay in its biweekly format, may be obtained on the Web at

www.cortland.edu/bulletin. The e-newsletter will be e-mailed every other Monday during the academic year. The College's new content management system will be used to produce *The Bulletin*, allowing for expanded campus coverage, innovative Web linking and the inclusion of photos.

The Bulletin staff will welcome news by e-mail to bulletin@cortland.edu. Questions about the new format and feedback about the e-newsletter should be directed to the Public Relations Office at (607) 753-2232 or by e-mail at barb.toomey@cortland.edu.

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Amy Berg to Direct Information Resources

Amy Berg, director of information technology operations at Plymouth State University in New Hampshire, has been appointed associate provost for information resources, effective on Aug. 10.

Reporting to Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus, Berg replaces Paula Warnken, who will retire on Aug. 27 after 16 years of service to SUNY Cortland.

In the new position, Berg will provide leadership and set strategic direction for all technology and library services at SUNY Cortland. She will work collaboratively to plan, set priorities, develop policies and provide resources to carry out the instructional and administrative goals of the College.

Berg, of Concord, N.H., has 24 years of diversified experience in higher education technology support, architecture, information management, telecommunications, project management, personnel management and recruiting, strategic planning, and fiscal management. During her career, she has collaborated with academic, administrative and technology partners to achieve strategic institutional goals.

She joined Plymouth State in 2007 and has served as interim chief information officer since December 2008. In that capacity, she has provided strategic planning and leadership for all information technology units of the college.

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



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

The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be an online publication posted on Monday, Aug. 31. The deadline for copy for that issue is noon on Thursday, Aug. 27.

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

SUNY Cortland Makes ‘Great Colleges’ List; Recognized Among Peers as Outstanding Workplace

The Chronicle of Higher Education has recognized SUNY Cortland among its “2009 Great Colleges to Work For.”

The College was listed in an academic supplement to the *Chronicle's* July 10 issue. Among the 247 colleges, universities and community colleges surveyed by the *Chronicle*, SUNY Cortland was acknowledged for its strength in the category of post-retirement benefits.

The *Chronicle*, which provides the higher education community with news, information and job listings, and ModernThink LLC, a human resources consulting firm that specializes in assessing workplace quality, created “The Great Colleges to Work For” program to recognize higher education institutions that have created exceptional work environments. The survey is now in its second year.

“Your employees rated your institution highly enough to be recognized in one or more categories,” wrote Rebecca Kruer, who represents Modernthink.com’s Great Colleges Team, in a letter to Joanne Barry, human resources. “Given how competitive the ‘Great Colleges’ program was this year, this accolade is a remarkable accomplishment.”

“I am pleased that SUNY Cortland has been recognized in the category of post-retirement benefits,” said Barry. “While all SUNY institutions offer paid health insurance in retirement for eligible employees, Cortland’s retirement transition program is unique to our campus. Through this program, faculty and professional staff have the opportunity to enjoy a phased approach to retirement.”

For more information, visit the *Chronicle's* Web site at chroniclegreatcolleges.com.

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Three SUNY Schools Share Diversity Training Model

With the goal of preparing college students for an increasingly multiracial, multiethnic and multilingual world, three State University of New York colleges recently began a three-year program to train faculty leaders, update academic curricula and plan to create an intercultural institute on each campus.

SUNY Cortland’s Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies (CGIS) has spearheaded the Diversity Leadership Train the Trainer Institute (DLTI) project, which was launched on July 8 with a three-day intensive workshop in Cortland to set leadership goals.

The DLTI project is supported by grants totaling a little more than \$40,000 from both the New York State/United University Professions (UUP) Joint Labor-Management Campus Grants Committee and the SUNY Office of Diversity and Educational Equity (ODEE). UUP is supporting about 60 percent of the project cost while SUNY ODEE is underwriting the remainder.

Sixteen faculty members from SUNY Cortland, SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Oneonta participated in the first set of workshops. Attendees were addressed by representatives from the SUNY Office of Diversity and Educational Equity, Assistant Provost Carlos Medina ’78 and Vice Provost Pedro Caban, SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum, Provost and Vice

President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus and UUP Cortland Chapter President Jamie Dangler, sociology.

The DLTI is co-directed by Mechthild Nagel, philosophy and chair of the CGIS, and Seth Asumah, political science and chair of the Africana Studies Department. Since 2004, Nagel and Asumah have delivered five well-attended and well-received summer seminars on effectively teaching diversity and multiculturalism to SUNY Cortland faculty.

For more information, contact Nagel at (607) 753-2013 or mecke.nagel@cortland.edu or Asumah at (607) 753-2064 or seth.asumah@cortland.edu.

Fall 2009 Bulletin Schedule

Issue	Deadline	Posted
#1	Thursday, Aug. 27	Monday, Aug. 31
#2	Thursday, Sept. 10	Monday, Sept. 14
#3	Thursday, Sept. 24	Monday, Sept. 28
#4	Thursday, Oct. 8	Monday, Oct. 12
#5	Thursday, Oct. 22	Monday, Oct. 26
#6	Thursday, Nov. 5	Monday, Nov. 9
#7	Thursday, Nov. 19	Monday, Nov. 23
#8	Thursday, Dec. 3	Monday, Dec. 7

Students Return Aug. 27; Classes Commence Aug. 31

Students begin returning to SUNY Cortland on Thursday, Aug. 27, when the campus will open its 16 residence halls and the West Campus Apartments to approximately 100 new residential students who did not attend the summer orientation program.

The remaining new residential students are set to arrive on Friday, Aug. 28. Returning residential students will move in Saturday, Aug. 29, through Sunday, Aug. 30. In all, College officials expect 7,143 students to be enrolled for the fall semester. Classes begin on Monday, Aug. 31.

Between Friday and Sunday, access will be limited on Prospect Terrace and from Graham Avenue to Neubig Road, which winds past the SUNY Cortland residence halls to the Broadway intersection. Traffic will proceed one-way, in a westerly, downhill direction from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. during this time. On Friday, university police will limit traffic solely to freshman or transfer

students moving into the residences. Neubig Road will be closed to traffic from 5 a.m.-8:30 a.m. during all three move-in days.

Parents or guardians who are helping their new or returning student move into a residence hall should approach from Graham Avenue, quickly unload their vehicle, and proceed immediately to the Park Center and Studio West parking lots. Bus service will be available between the parking lots, Corey Union and the residence halls. Faculty, staff and others with business on the campus are encouraged to park at Park Center and Studio West and use the bus service.

Faculty and staff are invited to join the welcome teams that help new students move into the residence halls from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday.

President Erik J. Bitterbaum will provide his annual opening address to the faculty and staff at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, in the Corey Union

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Recipients of Professional Salary Increases Announced

Human resources has announced the latest round of professional salary increases effective in July. Recipients include:

Kevin Puukila, administrative computing services

John Winters, administrative computing services

For more information, contact the Human Resources Office at (607) 753-2302.

Fall Opening Meeting Set

President Erik J. Bitterbaum has announced that the opening meeting of the Fall 2009 semester is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 27. The meeting will begin with light refreshments at 8:30 a.m. in the Corey Union Function Room.

Information including an agenda and response form will be sent via e-mail by July 28. All classified, UUP and M/C members of the campus community are invited to attend.

For more information, refer to the e-mail or call the President's Office at (607) 753-2201.

John Cottone to Serve as Interim Dean of Two Schools

John Cottone, interim dean of the School of Professional Studies, will also serve as interim dean of the School of Education, effective Aug. 1.

He replaces Gerald Porter, who served as dean of education since July 2007. Porter resigned to return to the SUNY Oswego faculty.

As interim dean of the School of Education, Cottone will oversee four academic departments offering degrees at both the baccalaureate and master's levels: educational leadership, foundations and social advocacy, childhood/early childhood education, and literacy.

The school was formed in 2003 from a group of academic departments that split from the School of Professional Studies. Since Fall 2008, the school has occupied a newly constructed, three-story building attached to the existing Cornish Hall and Van Hoesen Hall on Neubig Road. SUNY Cortland, originally the Cortland Normal School, was founded in 1868 for the purpose of teacher education.

Cottone, a member of the SUNY Cortland faculty since 1985, has served as interim dean of the School of Professional Studies since July 2008. He previously chaired the Kinesiology Department since its inception in 2001. Cottone also directed

the Athletic Training Program for 22 years. He was the interim director of the Physical Education Department — when it also included sport management, athletic training and kinesiology — in both 1997-98 and in Spring 2000.

A 2007 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service, Cottone has served on more than 30 committees, many of which address critical components of the College's mission. His leadership led to his appointment as chair of the Educational Policy Committee and of the Curriculum Task Force. He also shared his expertise in health and safety as a member of the Emergency Squad Advisory Board and the Automated External Defibrillator Task Force.

Cottone has more than 30 years of experience as a faculty member, department chair and administrator in higher education. He began his professional career as an assistant professor of physical education and the athletic trainer at Castleton State College. In 1985, he joined SUNY Cortland as an assistant professor of physical education and the head athletic trainer. He was promoted to associate professor in 2000.

He resides in Virgil, N.Y., with his wife Brenda, and their two children, Nicole and Caitlin.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Thomas Hischak, performing arts, was honored at the Best of Reference ceremony at the main branch of the New York Public Library on May 7. His book, *The Oxford Companion to the American Musical: Theatre, Film and Television*, was selected as one of the best 25 reference books of 2008 by the Reference Division of the New York Library system.



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Function Room. New faculty and staff will be introduced and division updates reported.

This year's opening theme will be "Strategic Planning." The president will report on the June 2009 President's Administrative Retreat, which was dedicated exclusively to strategic planning. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Mark Prus, along with members of the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, will provide updates on the institutional strategic planning initiative and inform the

campus of plans for the 2009-10 academic year. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in group discussions related to strategic planning.

Marking the start of another academic year, the Fall 2009 Academic Convocation begins at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 30, in the Park Center Alumni Ice Arena. The hour-long ceremony is designed for all first-year and new transfer students along with the SUNY Cortland faculty and professional staff. *(See related story on page 1).*

Academic Convocation Set for Aug. 30

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Holland, student affairs; Virginia Levine, President's Office; Mattingly; William McNamara, dining services; Charlotte Plunkett, physical plant; Lori Schlicht, advisement and transition; Arnold Talentino, Honors Program; Abby Thomas, advisement and transition; George Verdow, classroom media services; and Jeffrey Walkuski, physical education.

The concept for an opening academic convocation, modeled after a ceremony of the College's earlier years, was developed from a recommendation by the Cultural and Intellectual Climate Committee. The tradition was restarted in 2003.

For more information, contact Bacigalupi at (607) 753-5453.

Coming Events

Tuesday, July 28

Red Cross Bloodmobile: Corey Union Exhibition Lounge, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday, July 31

Summer Session II classes end

Friday, Aug. 14

CSEA Annual Picnic: CSEA members and invited guests only. Lusk Field House, noon-4 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 27

Fall Opening Meeting: Corey Union Function Room, light refreshments at 8:30 a.m., meeting begins at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 30

Academic Convocation: Park Center Alumni Arena, 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 31

All classes begin

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