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College to Honor Distinguished Alumni in July

The SUNY Cortland Alumni Association will present its highest honor, the Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award, to three graduates during the Alumni Reunion Weekend luncheon in Corey Union on Saturday, July 19.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are Ernest E. Southworth '58, a talented teacher and statewide leader in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) of the United States of America, and Willard Lewis '66, retired president of Isothermal Community College in North Carolina. The association will bestow its Distinguished Young

Alumni Award on John R. Higgitt '98, a law clerk in the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Division, First Judicial Department.

Since 1968, 105 SUNY Cortland graduates, including this year's honorees, have received the Distinguished Alumni Award for their career accomplishments and outstanding service to their community and their alma mater. In addition, 17 alumni have been recognized with Distinguished Young Alumni awards and six have been named Honorary Alumni.

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

Park Service Awards Grant to Downtown Partnership Project

SUNY Cortland has earned some of the credit for a second sizeable National Park Service Award that the two-year-old, non-profit Cortland Downtown Partnership won recently.

The primary collaborators with the Downtown Partnership for the grant are the City of Cortland and the Cortland County Convention and Visitors Bureau, explained Lloyd Purdy, the director of the Cortland Downtown Partnership and author of the most recent successful federal Preserve America grant, of \$105,000.

However, "without the support of the College for the downtown partnership, without the infrastructure support, we wouldn't have been able to get this funding for the community," Purdy acknowledged.

Rather than capital, the College provides the partnership with space in its Main Street SUNY Cortland facility at 9 Main St., making it possible for the fledgling organization to seek funding to cultivate the commerce and culture of historic downtown Cortland, Purdy said.

Local matching funds from multiple sources for this Preserve America grant bring the total contribution devoted to promoting historic

downtown Cortland to a regional and national audience to \$248,000, Purdy said. To date, the Downtown Partnership has helped attract more than \$850,000 in grants from federal, state and foundations to Cortland by building collaborations with stakeholders from across Cortland County.

Preserve America funding is used to promote America's heritage and cultural assets by supporting the planning, development and implementation of innovative activities and programs in heritage tourism as well as the preservation of historic and cultural resources. Locally, the grant enables the partnership to hire a marketing consultant, develop a walking tour of downtown and possibly to retain a student intern, Purdy said.

But the College's contribution is more than an office, lights and a telephone jack. Purdy recently wrote a letter of thanks to President Erik J. Bitterbaum for having a working relationship that had allowed the partnership to tap into the College's academic expertise.

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

Students Assist in Urban Forest Report

Steven Broyles, biological sciences, presented "A Report on Cortland's Urban Forest" to the Cortland City Council on April 16, the same night that the city was recognized as a "Tree City USA." Research for the report was done by 30 SUNY Cortland students.

The Cortland tree survey provides basic recommendations on planning and maintaining a healthy, diverse forest that serves as an invaluable natural resource to the community of Cortland.

The students conducted inventories and surveys on Cortland's urban forest, which includes park and street trees throughout the city. The students determined the species of the tree, its size and height, and location. They evaluated each tree site for possible growth.

Broyles is a member of the Landscape and Design Commission in Cortland and volunteered his class to help out with the research. He believes that the students became more knowledgeable about conservation from the experience.

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The logo for SUNY Cortland, featuring the word "Cortland" in a large, stylized serif font with "SUNY" in a smaller, sans-serif font above it.

SUNY Cortland to Remember Holocaust with Music, Discussion on April 29

Classical musician and klezmer specialist Robin Seletsky will discuss the music style that formed in Eastern Europe before the Holocaust and will play examples of folk songs, a lullaby and wedding music on Tuesday, April 29.

The program is an annual event memorializing the tragedy of the Nazi Holocaust.

Titled “The Spirit of a Lost Culture: Jewish Music in Eastern Europe Before the Holocaust,” the event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge. Organized by Jewish Studies, the event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

At the end of the evening, a brief candle-lighting ceremony will take place to remember the lives lost in the Holocaust.

Seletsky, who is the principal clarinetist with the Glimmerglass Opera and the Binghamton Philharmonic, will be accompanied by Jonathen Dinkin, a pianist who has been involved with Jewish music in the Syracuse, N.Y., area for many years. He composes, teaches, performs and is featured annually at the Syracuse Jewish Music Fest.

Through explanation of the Yiddish lyrics and the actual sound and inflections of the melodies, an authentic exploration into Jewish

life will be offered. Seletsky will conclude with a discussion and musical examples of what has survived and how it has evolved.

Seletsky is the music director at Temple Beth El in Oneonta, N.Y., and the founder of the Catskill Klezmer, a group of professional musicians formed in 1995. She is a classically trained performer who has studied at the New England Conservatory and the Julliard School.

Her interest in klezmer music came from her father, Harold Seletsky, the “Prez of Klez” and leader of the acclaimed West End Klezmer. Seletsky has attended KlezKamp, where she learned from both an older generation of

klezmer and from leaders in the klezmer revival. She has received several grants relating to her work with Jewish folk music, including a project documenting and transcribing music and oral histories of regional Jewish seniors and Holocaust survivors.

The event is sponsored by the Campus Artist and Lecture Series (CALs), the Jewish Studies Committee, Hillel, the Project on Eastern and Central Europe, the Clark Center for International Education, the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies and Auxiliary Services Corporation.

For more information, contact Linda Lavine, psychology, at ext. 2040 or lavinel@cortland.edu.

Faculty Members Will Attend National Holocaust Institute in June

Two SUNY Cortland faculty members were recently selected to attend the second national Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators (HITE) from June 2-6 in Washington, D.C.

Judy Bentley, foundations and social advocacy, and Lin Lin, childhood and early childhood education, will meet at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) with 19 other teacher educators throughout the country to share ideas and collaborate on ways to better equip teacher candidates with the content and skills for teaching this material.

“We are very excited and pleased that Judy and Lin are two out of 21 educators attending this institute,” said Marley Barduhn, education. “The fact that they were selected is a testament to SUNY Cortland being the ninth largest teacher preparation institution in the United States. Their attendance is incredibly important because it has the potential to add a new dimension and depth to our academic preparation for teacher candidates at the College. It is a great beginning step.”

The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) hosts the event in cooperation with the USHMM and allows teacher educators to explore the content, methods and rationales for teaching about the Holocaust and genocide.

The institute includes sessions on teaching about the Holocaust in secondary methods classrooms, ethical implications of teaching about

the Holocaust, uses of literature, primary sources and technology in teaching about the Holocaust and broader genocide issues.

“I hope to learn more information, strategies and content about the Holocaust from a disabilities studies perspective,” said Bentley, who joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in 2005 and holds a doctorate from Texas State University.

“I want to see how to accommodate curriculum for younger learners in fifth grade,” said Lin, who joined the SUNY Cortland faculty in 2005 after teaching at Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing, China. “I want to be better equipped with skills and knowledge and go more in depth in my classes to be able to better prepare teachers the right way to engage their students into thinking about the Holocaust and genocide.”

Those who were chosen to attend the institute are expected to participate in pre- and post-institute online discussions and serve in a leadership role within the teacher education community in preparing candidates to appropriately teach about the Holocaust and genocide.

“In the fall, I plan to initiate a campus-wide awareness of the political and social injustice represented by the Holocaust,” said Bentley.

For more information about the Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators, visit the AACTE Web site at www.aacte.org, or contact Bentley at ext. 5415 or Lin at ext. 4234.



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The next issue of *The Bulletin* will be published Monday, May 12. The deadline for copy for that issue is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.

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.

International Gospel Vocalist J. Christine Johnson Sinclair To Headline Gospel Choir Spring Concert on May 4

Internationally recognized gospel singer J. Christine Johnson Sinclair, a Cortland native and 1989 SUNY Cortland graduate, will join the SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir as the featured guest performer for its 22nd annual Spring Concert on Sunday, May 4.

The program, featuring Sinclair singing “For Every Mountain” and “Order My Steps” with the choir, will begin at 4 p.m. in Old Main Brown Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Old Main mezzanine.

The admission price is \$2 for students with I.D.; \$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 will support the Gospel Choir Scholarship Fund.

The choir, comprised of local College, high school and community members, will sing a selection of contemporary and traditional gospel music and jazz under the direction of Robert Brown. A SUNY Cortland adjunct instructor in Africana studies and communication studies, Brown also teaches music at Blodgett Elementary School in Syracuse, N.Y., and directs music at the New Life Community Church in Syracuse.

During the concert, Sinclair will sing additional selections including her resounding rendition of the audience favorite, “Amazing Grace.”

Sinclair is the daughter of Joan R. Johnson and the late jazz musician Ellis A. Johnson, history emeritus. One of several former members of the Gospel Choir to have successful musical careers, she holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from SUNY Cortland and also has studied in Germany.

Her unique vocal style is a blend of classical and gospel that has enabled her to comfortably negotiate both areas with power and beauty. In addition to her frequent performances in the U.S., Sinclair has performed in several European countries, throughout the Caribbean and in Canada. She has appeared on numerous worldwide radio and television shows including BBC, 3ABN, ACN, the Hope Channel and The Bobby Jones Gospel Show on The Word Network.

The concert is sponsored by the Africana Studies Department, the Center for Intercultural and Gender Studies, Cortland College Foundation, the student activity fee, the offices of the Division of Student Affairs, President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Alumni Affairs.

For more information, contact Samuel L. Kelley, communication studies, at kelleys@cortland.edu or Seth Asumah, political science and Africana studies, at ext. 2064.

For more information on Sinclair contact www.sinclairmusic.com or rcsinclair@aol.com.

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

Celebration of Teaching Planned for May 7

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 7.

The 19th 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.

Educators may attend the celebration for free but must pre-register by Friday, May 2. Interested persons should contact the Center for Educational Exchange (CEE) at ext. 4214 or cee@cortland.edu.

The event, coinciding with National Teacher Appreciation Week, is hosted by the CEE with support from the President’s Office. Co-sponsors include the teacher centers serving Cayuga-Onondaga, Central New York, Cincinnatus, Cortland County, Dryden, Lansing-Groton, Syracuse and Tioga.

Approximately 150 past, present and future educators throughout the Central New York region are expected to attend, as well as SUNY Cortland faculty and students.

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Community Roundtable on May 1 will Reveal Personal Experiences on China Visits

Three SUNY Cortland faculty and staff members will discuss life-changing experiences from their first-ever trip to China at a community roundtable on Thursday, May 1.

Titled “China Up Close,” 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.

Panelists for the discussion include Christopher Cirmo, geology; Valerie Jones, field placement; and William Skipper, sociology/anthropology.

The speakers will engage the audience in a discussion about China, the world’s most populous country with more than 1.3 billion people. In June 2007, Cirmo, Jones and Skipper were three of 15 SUNY Cortland faculty and administrators who

were guests of Capital Normal University in Beijing, China, as part of an initiative to strengthen the longstanding relationship between the two institutions. The travelers shared knowledge, shattered stereotypes and forged new ties as they grew to understand the spirit of the Chinese people.

The panelists will talk about what they experienced while visiting the capital city, the university, public schools, historic sites, museums, the 2008 Olympic sites, shopping malls, street markets, homes, wetlands and rural areas.

“I will focus my talk on the urbanization of China and how Beijing is addressing some issues of education and wetlands,” said Cirmo.

“My talk will provide a glimpse into the educational system in Beijing, as well as the cultural attractions and historic sites,” said Jones.

Skipper said he would offer his impressions of the current spirit of China and, to a lesser extent, what that means for the world and us.

“As an anthropologist I am very much of the opinion that societies consist not only of particular social structures and a particular set of norms, values and worldviews, but also of a much less easily identifiable but extremely important ‘something’ – the spirit of the people of a place,” said Skipper. “I will illustrate the basis for these impressions visually and provide supporting data when appropriate, but essentially, I will present my own observations and thoughts about what China and the Chinese seem to feel about themselves and their place in the world today.”

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

Elizabeth Davis-Russell, Richard Wheeler to Retire from SUNY Cortland

Elizabeth Davis-Russell

Elizabeth Davis-Russell, provost and vice president for academic affairs since 2001, will retire on June 30. She will earn the designation of provost and vice president emerita for academic affairs and professor emerita of psychology.

Since announcing her retirement, she has received a follow-up request from the president of Liberia to return to her native country to help in the reconstruction of its higher education system. She has accepted the position of president of Tubman College of Technology in Maryland County, Liberia.

During her tenure as SUNY Cortland's chief academic officer, Davis-Russell has led the development of strategic planning for the division of academic affairs resulting in the creation of six new academic departments and several new programs.

Her main areas of focus were on enhancing academic excellence through initiatives to improve student writing, civic engagement and quantitative skills; internationalizing the campus, enhancing the first year programs and increasing both the diversity of the campus and the number of graduate programs. Faculty development was a particular emphasis, especially the nurturing of

new faculty through an extended orientation, retreat and seminars during the first year. She supported the recognition of faculty and staff through an annual awards luncheon and the acknowledgement of book authors through an annual reception for these published faculty and staff members.

Davis-Russell provided leadership for the College's long-range planning process resulting in several new initiatives being institutionalized. She oversaw the development of the core values clarification process, while her efforts to reorganize the College led to the formation of a new School of Education, an integration of all field placement and internship efforts under a new Field Placement Office, and the integration of athletic facilities under a single structure and management.

Davis-Russell initiated the efforts to enhance the intellectual climate of the institution through activities that brought faculty and students together outside of the classroom. For example, she supported the creation in 2003 of an Academic Convocation, now an annual tradition that launches each academic year in August, and a yearlong speaker series.

Under her leadership, faculty have more aggressively pursued outside research funding. Grants managed by the Research and Sponsored Programs Office increased from \$1.5 million a year to \$3 million a year. Her efforts also led to the development of articulation agreements with community colleges and an initiative that increased the visibility and rigor of the Honors Program.

During her tenure, she has maintained a prolific volume of scholarship. Davis-Russell edited the 2002 textbook, *Handbook of Multicultural Education, Research, Intervention, and Training*, which was published by Jossey-Bass of San Francisco, Calif. She co-edited a second book and wrote many book chapters and numerous scholarly articles. Davis-Russell presented nationally in her field, including twice during 2007 for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities at its meeting in San Antonio, Texas. Her topics were "Recruiting, Orienting and Socializing Faculty" and "Entrepreneurial Universities: College-Community Partnerships."

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at www.cortland.edu/news.**

Richard M. Wheeler

Richard M. Wheeler, who has served on the SUNY Cortland faculty for 35 years, will retire on Aug. 31. Wheeler, who was honored with a 1986 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, will earn the designation of professor and chair emeritus of physics.

Born in Washington, D.C., he grew up in Arlington, Va., and received a Bachelor of Arts in Physics, with general honors, and a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Wheeler completed one postdoctoral fellowship in the tandem VandeGraaff Laboratory at Purdue University and a second one with the T. W. Bonner Nuclear Structure Laboratory at Rice University.

Early in his career, he was an instructor at Purdue University, a research assistant at the VandeGraaff Laboratory at Johns Hopkins University, and an assistant instructor at Johns Hopkins University.

He joined the SUNY Cortland Physics Department in 1973 as an assistant professor and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1982.

Wheeler has chaired the department since 1995. He also was acting chair in Fall 1987.

At SUNY Cortland, he teaches introductory through advanced courses in physics, independent studies in physics and computer programming, and the introductory course for freshmen, COR 101. Since 1973, he also has served as the mentor to more than 50 SUNY Cortland students who were undertaking independent projects in physics, advanced electronics, computer applications or science education.

Wheeler founded SUNY Cortland's computer applications minor and coordinated it from 1990-97. In 1998, he served as acting director of the Center for the Advancement of Technology in Education.

Since 1990, he has also taught as a visiting professor of physics at Cornell University's summer school.

Wheeler has focused his scholarship on ion-atom interactions, inner shell x-ray production cross-sections, x-ray fluorescence with synchrotron radiation, proton induced x-ray emission techniques, trace element analysis in medical physics, Vande-

Graaff accelerator techniques, ion impact perturbed angular correlations, nuclear g-factors of deformed nuclei, Mössbauer Effect spectrometry following Coulomb Excitation, and physics teacher education.

Since 1983, Wheeler has served as a visiting scientist at the University of North Texas. For many years, he was a visiting scientist with the National Synchrotron Light Source at Brookhaven National Laboratory. He used the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source in his studies and had a research contract with Oak Ridge National Laboratory for 11 years.

His research has been supported by grants from the National Science Foundation, including a more than \$111,000 award to co-direct a two-year Summer Institute in Enrichment in Modern Physics in 1988-89.

Wheeler is the author or co-author of many scholarly articles published in journals in his field, including *The Physical Review*, *Physics Letters*, *Nature*, *Medical Physics*, *Nuovo Cimento* and *Nuclear Instruments and Methods*.

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

Former New York Knicks Executive to Address May 1 Sport Management Ceremony

Anucha Browne-Sanders, a former sport industry executive with the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks who recently won an \$11.6 million sexual harassment lawsuit against the organization, will deliver the keynote address at the Seventh Annual SUNY Cortland Sport Management Awards ceremony on Thursday, May 1.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Old Main Brown Auditorium at 6 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Organized by the Sport Management Department, the annual ceremony recognizes student excellence in both academics and service-learning activities.

"SUNY Cortland's innovative Sport Management Department currently has more than 400 undergraduate and 50 graduate students enrolled in its business-based degree programs," explained Daniel DePerno, sport management.

"Students are provided with both the formal academic foundation and the additional key experiential learning opportunities necessary to gain access to a career in the extremely competitive sport industry."

Browne-Sanders, who is now the senior associate athletic director for marketing and senior woman administrator within the

University at Buffalo Athletics Department, was a two-time Big Ten Player of the Year in basketball while an undergraduate at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. After graduating in 1985, she earned a master's degree in communications from Florida State University.

Prior to joining the Knicks, Browne-Sanders spent 11 years with IBM, where she served as a program manager and oversaw IBM's sport marketing-related activities.

One of the few African American women of her generation to hold a high profile executive position in the sport industry, Browne-Sanders was the senior vice president for marketing and business operations for the New York Knicks from 2000-06.

In that capacity, she directed all marketing efforts, including ticket sales, advertising and design, fan development, event presentation, community relations, field marketing, alumni relations, new media and special events. In 2002, *Sports Business Journal* named her to its list of top 40 under-40 sports executives, an annual honor for "the most influential and powerful young executives in the sports business."

In October 2007 in a landmark sexual harassment case, a jury found that New York Knicks

General Manager and Coach Isiah Thomas sexually harassed Browne-Sanders and that Madison Square Garden terminated her position for complaining about her circumstance.

The SUNY Cortland Sport Management Awards ceremony is supported by the SUNY Cortland Sport Management Club and the Hampton Inn. For more information, contact DePerno at ext. 5507.

Psychology Inductees Named

Fifty students were inducted into Psi Chi, the national honorary in psychology, on April 10.

The initiates include:

Christine Amedo	Andrew Matusick
Tanisha Billy	Dina Muhlenbruck
Caitlin Blazak	Maria Mursch
Kristina Castine	Danielle O'Brien
Anne Cegla	Maura O'Connell
Leslie Cole	Keri O'Neil
Jessica Constantine	Danielle Orr
Kaela Dear	Tanna Pascarella
Talia DeFazio	Harlee Pratt
Emily DeGross	Lindsay Rapp
Meghan Flood	Caroline Saporito
Andrew Gifford	Elizabeth Scaglione
Stacey Grasso	Amy Schimpf
Melissa Gray	Stuart Schmitt
Lauren Hedger	Jennica Schuster
Kelly Herlihy	Ashley Scouten
Alanna Hollborn	Robyn Shapiro
Meghan Hora	Allison Sheffield
Elizabeth Hunter	Nicole Shum
Janel Kierecki	Nicole Staudt
Natsumi Kimura	Allison Tomaszewski
Jessica Koes	Sarah Trance
Jade LaFemina	Benjamin Ward
Christina Loonie	Kristin White
Michael MacKenzie	Tai-Mak Wright

Paul Luyben, psychology, is the faculty advisor to the local chapter. In addition to Luyben, Leslie Eaton, Mike Toglia, Claire Payne and Teri Wood, all members of the Psychology Department, were involved in planning the induction events. Jennifer Cahill '06 and Jennifer Morrison '06 were the guest speakers.

The ceremony was conducted primarily by the student officers Sheresa Christopher, president, and Katherine Warden, vice-president. Elizabeth Davis-Russell, academic affairs, provided welcoming remarks and Toglia provided closing remarks.

Four Students Honored in Environmental Writing Contest

Three seniors and one sophomore have won top honors in the College's Earthly Matters Writing Contest.

The contest is tied to "Earthly Matters" the third yearlong series of lectures and cultural events organized around a single theme at SUNY Cortland. A writing contest will be held next year on the theme of "Inequality."

The students read their pieces and received \$100 at the Earth Day Conference that was held on April 26 in a session titled, "Neo-Vox Awards: Words for the Earth, Fabulous Performances by Cortland Writers on Earthly Matters."

The winning papers were selected from student work submitted to *Neo-Vox*, SUNY Cortland's international online student magazine. Established in 1999, *Neo-Vox* is a forum for the views of students from around the world on life, the arts and politics. All winning manuscripts will be published on *Neo-Vox* at www.neo-vox.org.

Each essay presents a unique point of view regarding the environment.

"The contest is a wonderful opportunity to promote both environmental issues and student

writing on campus," noted contest chairperson Victoria Boynton, English.

The award recipients are:

- Katie Hufnagel, a senior English major, for her essay "The Final Days of a Falling Empire."
- Whitney Worden, a senior professional writing major, for her piece titled "The Japanese are Right: Americans Don't Know What Good Food Is."
- Demi Paz, a sophomore communication studies major with a concentration in journalism, for her work titled "Our Dependence on Technology."
- Chikako Nishimura, a senior business economics major, for her essay titled "Food and Culture: Differences Between Japanese and American Eating."

The Earthly Matters Writing Contest was sponsored by the Dean of Arts and Sciences Office, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Office and the College Writing Committee.

For more information about the writing contest, contact Boynton at ext. 2082.

Sports Schedule

Capital Letters Denote Home Games

Monday, April 28

Women's Golf at Elmira Invitational, noon
Men's Track and Field at NYSCTC Multi-Event
Championship, Troy, N.Y., TBA
Women's Track and Field at NYSCTC Multi-Event
Championship, Troy, N.Y., TBA

Tuesday, April 29

BASEBALL vs. Cazenovia, 4 p.m.
WOMEN'S LACROSSE vs. Oswego, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30

MEN'S LACROSSE at SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA

Thursday, May 1

Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Friday, May 2

Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA
WOMEN'S LACROSSE at SUNYAC Semifinals, TBA
BASEBALL at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA
Women's Track and Field at NYSCTC Outdoor
Championships, Rochester, N.Y., TBA
Men's Track and Field at NYSCTC Outdoor
Championships, Rochester, N.Y., TBA

Saturday, May 3

Women's Golf at Red Dragon Shootout,
Apalachin, N.Y., noon
Softball at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA
MEN'S LACROSSE at SUNYAC Finals, TBA
BASEBALL at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA
WOMEN'S LACROSSE at SUNYAC Finals, TBA
Men's Track and Field at NYSCTC Outdoor
Championships, Rochester, N.Y., TBA
Women's Track and Field at NYSCTC Outdoor
Championships, Rochester, N.Y., TBA

Sunday, May 4

BASEBALL at SUNYAC Tournament, TBA

Wednesday, May 7

BASEBALL vs. Hamilton, 4 p.m.

Freshman Honor Society Announces New Members

On April 12, 103 students were inducted into Phi Eta Sigma, the national freshman honorary.

Students qualify by compiling at least a 3.5 grade point average either during their first semester of college or over the complete freshman year.

The initiates are:

Anna Alessi	Andrea Forward
Kelsey Allen	Robert Fragoletti
Nicolle Arcara	Erica Frerking
Caitlyn Baldassarre	Carolyn Gates
Briana Bartlett	John Geyer
Meghan Bathke	Marisa Gioia
Stephanie Battista	Caitlin Godfrey
Jennifer Becker	Michaela Granato
David Bitterbaum	Rachael Grant
Maegan Callanan	Heather Hankinson
Samantha Carroll	Heather Hays
Nicole Chodkowski	Kristen Hess
Alanna Cooney	Kristen Heuschneider
Steve Cuce	Kevin Hiebler
Lauren Daley	Katelynn Hoag
Abigail Dellow	Meaghan Howard
Lauren Di Russo	Briana Jarvis
Megan Donahue	Macey Kolczynski
Rachel Donaldson	James Kommer
Lindsay Doris	Courtney Lambertson
David Dormandy, Jr.	Tina Le
Rachel Drayer	Daniel Leonard
Melissa Dwyer	Loren Liberati
Heather Fairchild	Lauren Liddiard
Laura Farmer	Tobin MacCart
Michael Fickbohm	Coleen MacCracken
Kathryn Fitzgerald	Mark Mancusi
Bryan Fitzgibbon	Caitlin Marble
Rachel Flynn	Jacqueline Marconi

Cassandra Mayosky
Brittany McDonald
Rebecca McKenney
Gabriel McNaughton
Amelia Nelson
Sean Nolan
Lisa Nulty
Tracee Nwafor
Megan O'Hare
Ryann Overhiser
Jessica Paoli
Samantha Pauli
Meghan Peck
Allison Pelcher
Brittany Phalen
Margaret Place
Kate Rennie
Nicole Richardson
Kristen Roberts
Deanna Robertson
Stephanie Roth
Michael Schoeneberger II
Momodou Salifu Sey

Brooke Sharpe
James Sheehan
Natalie Sloboda
Sara Sofranko
Brandie Steele
Ryan Strader
Christina Strain
Jessica Tamol
Melanie Tietjen
Kelsey Tilin
Kindra Tripp
Christina Tropiano
Tara Ward
Meghan Ward
Brooke Weidman
Peter White
Kasey Wilder
Anthony Wind
Michael Wolfin
Sarah Wryk
Brianna Yetsko
Ashley Zaroogian

Members of the Phi Eta Sigma Advisory Committee who planned the ceremony are: faculty advisor Michael Toglia, psychology; Sarah Beshers, health; George Feissner, mathematics; Mary McGuire, political science; and Lori Schlicht and Abby Thomas, advisement and transition.

Chapter President Kindra Lansburg and Vice President Jared Foro helped conduct the initiation. Carol Gridley, advisement and transition, also played a significant role in organizing the event. Closing remarks were delivered by President Erik J. Bitterbaum.

Student Leaders Recognized at April 17 Banquet

The Student Leadership Recognition Banquet was held April 17 to honor those students who have played integral leadership roles on campus.

The following students were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the College throughout 2007-08. They have demonstrated strong leadership qualities and have served as exemplary role models for other students.

Joseph Agnew	David Mancuso
Holly Bakker	Aaron Marsh
Kristen Beyer	Matthew Meade
Katie Boyes	Halie Meyers
Lindsay Bregman	Jennifer L. Miller
Raymona Brown	Juan Miolan
Jesse Campanaro	Bailey Molitor
Ashley Chapple	Mark Morrell
Chad Christensen	Amber Murphy
Jason Clark	Lauren Ortiz
Marcy Clawson	Tara Patterson
Nicole Corcoran	Ronald Pleban
Isidro De La Rosa	Mallory Prain
Taryn Donovan	Jamie Riddoch
Melissa Dwyer	Timothy Rodriguez
Cynthia Echefu	Lindsay Rourke
Varrell Eddie	Alina Ruggieri
Emmanuel Frias	Brittany Sage
Shannon Gallagher	Sabria Santos
Mariah Gerty	Christine Schacht
Alexis Glen	Matthew Shambo
Elysa Gonzalez	Allison Sheffield
Alyssa Guerrier	Ashley Smart
Casey Hahl	Kaitlin Smith
Lauren Hedger	Jennifer Traxel
Casey Henry	Shirley Tyler
George Hotaling	Andrea Villa
Ashley Hudson	Christine Whittam
Sulema Iriarte	Brittany Wiesner
Nicole James	Stephanie Worden
Patricia Kelly	Kristen Zerbato
James Lehman	Lauren Zuber
Deana Lykos	

The **Excellence in Leadership Award** recognized five well-rounded students who have had significant, in-depth leadership experiences and have been consistent in their participation during 2007-08. The recipients were Ashley Chapple, Jason Clark, Casey Hahl, James Lehman and Mark Morrell.

The **Outstanding Senior Award** recognized Katie Boyes as one graduating student who has had significant, in-depth leadership experiences and has been consistent in participation during his/her tenure at SUNY Cortland.

Other awards distributed that evening included:

2007-08 Vice President for Student Affairs Merit Award – James Lehman and Jason Clark

2008-09 Vice President for Student Affairs Merit Award – Tanisha Billy

Student Government Association Awards:

Outstanding Staff Member – Bill McNamara, Auxiliary Services Corporation

Outstanding Faculty Member – Jenna Curtis, health

Outstanding Club Member – Emmanuel Frias

Outstanding Club/Organization – Men of Value and Excellence (M.O.V.E.)

Outstanding Senator – James Lehman

Challenge for Success Awards

Academic Strength Gold – Alejandra Amelia Baldwin

Academic Strength Silver – Christopher Euler

Academic Strength Bronze – John-Luke Henriquez

Leadership – Ashley Chapple, Alyssa Guerrier, Sabria Santos

Gospel Choir Achievement – Raymona Brown

Athletic Achievement – Juan Miolan

EOP Action – Alexis Glen

Outstanding Graduating Senior – Alejandra Amelia Baldwin

Greek Awards

Outstanding Fraternity Member of the Year – Isidro De La Rosa, president, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity

Outstanding Community Service and/or Fundraising Award – Nu Sigma Chi Sorority

Outstanding Greek Chapter of the Year – Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority.

Library Hours

Extended Late Night Hours Through May 8

Monday-Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - midnight
Saturday	11 a.m. - midnight
Sunday	10 a.m. - 3 a.m.

Finals Week May 9 through May 14

Friday, May 9	*7:30 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Saturday May 10 - Sunday, May 11	8 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Monday, May 12 - Tuesday, May 13	*7:30 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Wednesday, May 14	*7:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

** open 7:30-8 a.m. for study only*

Spring 2008 Bulletin Schedule

Issue	Date	Deadline
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Summer Bulletin 2008 Schedule

Issue	Date	Deadline
#1	Monday, May 19	Tuesday, May 13
#2	Monday, June 9	Tuesday, June 3
#3	Monday, June 30	Tuesday, June 24
#4	Monday, July 21	Tuesday, July 15

News Briefs

New Comedy to Premiere May 1-4

The Performing Arts Department will premiere the new comedy "A Winner's Tale" May 1-4 in the Dowd Fine Arts Lab Theatre.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, through Saturday, May 3, with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. on May 4.

Tickets will be on sale at the door and are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens and SUNY faculty and staff, and \$6 for all students. There are no reservations.

The comedy, written and directed by Kim Hubbard, performing arts, is about David, played by Doug Robbins, who accidentally wins the largest lottery in history. But this unlikely winner soon finds that he is losing his best friend, girl friend and sanity.

Loosely based on true-life lottery winners and the results the money had on their lives, this "comedy of monetary proportions" also features Kara Howard, James McMahon, Jennifer Vadella and Marley Myriantopoulos.

The creative staff also includes scenic designer Howard Lindh, costume designer Joshua Williams, lighting designer Emily Reid, and sound designer Jamie Auspendmyer.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

Orchestra Concert Set for April 29

The College-Community Orchestra will feature music about the English Renaissance in its spring concert on Tuesday, April 29.

The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Dowd Fine Arts Theatre and is free and open to the public.

Soprano Julia Ebner will join the orchestra, under the direction of Ubaldo Valli, performing arts, in a program that includes Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet – Fantasy Overture," Benjamin Britten's "Five Courtly Dances" from "Gloriana Op. 53," Bellini's "I Capuletti e I Montecchi" and Charles Gounod's "Romeo et Juliette."

Ebner is an up-and-coming soprano from Central New York who has sung with the Tri-Cities Opera, Syracuse Opera, the International Institute of Vocal Arts in Chiari, Italy, and the Oswego Opera. Her upcoming engagements include leading roles for Opera North in New Hampshire, Green Mountain Opera Festival in Vermont, and Florida Grand Opera in Miami.

For more information, contact the Performing Arts Department at ext. 2811.

Women's Lunch Planned

The Women's Initiatives Committee will host a Women's Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, April 30.

The lunch will be held from noon-1 p.m. in Corey Union, Room 209. It offers women the chance to meet, share ideas and develop campus networks.

For additional information, contact Lori Schlicht at ext. 4726.

Choral Union Will Perform May 6

The Choral Union will present a concert of music by the British composer Ralph Vaughan Williams on Tuesday, May 6, in the Dowd Fine Arts Theater.

The concert, presented by the Performing Arts Department under the direction of Stephen B. Wilson, begins at 8 p.m. The performance is free and open to the public.

The program consists of three major works: the "Serenade to Music," The Mass in G-minor for double chorus and solo quartet, and the "Five Mystical Songs" for baritone and chorus.

The Serenade is a setting of a text from Act V of Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice." Originally conceived for orchestra and 16 soloists, this performance will feature soloists Marion Giambattista, Mary Frankel, Bonnie Hutchinson, Charlotte Wallace, James Ulrich, Charles Feiszli, Dominic Fantacone and Ahilya Willis.

The Mass in G-minor will be performed by a double chorus, with each group spatially separated. The solo quartet, consisting of soprano Barbara Jo Williams, alto Judie Murphy, tenor William Sieling, and bass Emmanuel Sikora, will be placed at the center of the stage as a "sonic buffer" between the two choruses.

The final selection will be the "Five Mystical Songs" featuring baritone Steve Jones. This profound work is a setting of five poems by the British mystical poet George Herbert.

Noted pianist Alan Giambattista will provide the keyboard accompaniment.

For more information, contact Wilson at ext. 4615.

Faculty-Staff Activities

Timothy J. Baroni, biological sciences, served as outside examiner for the Ph.D. examination of Tan Yee Shin, Institute of Biological Sciences, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, in November 2007. Baroni also co-authored, with Sharon A. Cantrell of The University of Turabo (Gurabo, Puerto Rico), an essay on fungi of the Dominican Republic titled "The Macrofungi of Hispaniola: Elusive, Beautiful and Awaiting Discovery," as one of many essays on organismal biodiversity of plants, animals and fungi that served as introductory information for Eladio Fernández's *Hispaniola – a Photographic Journey Through Island Biodiversity* (374 p.) produced by Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Chris Cirno, geology, has had an article titled "Transferability of an HGM Wetland Classification Scheme to a Longitudinal Gradient of the Central Appalachian Mountains: Initial Hydrological Results," published in the journal *Wetlands*. He is also author of a chapter in the book *The Great Experiment in Conservation: Light from the Adirondack Prism*, published by Syracuse University Press. The chapter, "Water Resources and the Unique Adirondack Aquascape," explores the role of water in shaping the history of industry, tourism, demography and scientific understanding in the Adirondack Region of New York. Cirno will serve as a reader for the AP Environmental Science exam in June at the University of Nebraska, and will begin work as a consultant in the development of changes in the national high school AP Environmental Science Exam.

Steve Gordon, communication studies, recently presented on a panel at the Broadcast Education Association annual conference in Las Vegas, Nev. The panel was titled "30 Seconds of Fame: YouTube vs. Traditional Distribution for Student Work."

Mecke Nagel, philosophy, was interviewed by Tish Pearlman, the host of the program "Out of Bounds," which is aired weekly on WEOS-FM. They discussed the book Nagel and **Seth Asumah**, political science and Africana studies, co-authored titled *Prisons and Punishment: Reconsidering Global Penalty*. The interview aired on April 3 in the station's market which includes the Geneva and Ithaca, N.Y., region.

Barbara Wisch, art and art history, has been invited to present a paper titled "Seeing is Believing: St. Lucy in Text, Image, and Festive Culture" at the American Academy in Rome on June 20. The talk will contribute to an international program examining "The Saint between Manuscript and Print: Authors, Editors, Publishers, Readers and the Phenomenon of Sanctity in Urban Europe, 1300–1600."

Arden Zipp, chemistry emeritus, has been appointed the chair of the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad (USNCO) Subcommittee. The USNCO is a program sponsored by the American Chemical Society since 1984 to screen and prepare high school students to participate in the International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO). Zipp has been involved in this program since 1985 and has chaired the task force that writes and marks the screening exams since 1993. In his new role as chair of the subcommittee, he and the other subcommittee members will decide issues that transcend exam writing and grading. One such issue is making plans for the United States to host a future IChO, which will bring 300 high school students to a U.S. site along with their mentors from more than 70 countries.

Students Assist in Urban Forest Report

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"On top of being involved with a community project and receiving college credit, the students learned how to identify trees and the importance of an urban forest," said Broyles.

For a community to be recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation, it must meet four standards: organize a recognized commission, enact a tree ordinance, create an annual budget that spends at least \$2 per capita on trees, and host an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention and national recognition for urban and community forestry.

For more information on the research, contact Broyles at ext. 2901 or broyles@cortland.edu. For more information about Tree City USA, visit www.arborday.org.



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Coming Events

Tuesday, April 29

Holocaust Remembrance: "The Spirit of a Lost Culture: Jewish Music in Eastern Europe Before the Holocaust," Classical musician and klezmer specialist Robin Seletsky, Brockway Hall Jacobus Lounge, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, April 30

Women's Initiatives Committee Brown Bag Lunch: Corey Union, Room 209, noon.

Thursday, May 1

Community Roundtable: "China Up Close," featuring panelists Christopher Cirimo, geology; Valerie Jones, field placement; and William Skipper, sociology/anthropology, Park Center Hall of Fame Room, 8-9 a.m.; refreshments will be served at 7:45 a.m.

Sport Management Awards Ceremony:

Keynote address by Anucha Browne-Sanders, former sport industry executive with the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 6 p.m.

\$ Comedy: "A Winner's Tale," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Friday, May 2

\$ Comedy: "A Winner's Tale," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 3

\$ Comedy: "A Winner's Tale," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 4

\$ Comedy: "A Winner's Tale," Dowd Fine Arts Theatre, 2 p.m.

\$ Concert: SUNY Cortland Gospel Choir Spring Concert, Old Main Brown Auditorium, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6

All classes end.

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

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

Wednesday, May 7

Celebration of Teaching: "A Cabaret Evening of Entertainment," Corey Union Function Room, 6:30 p.m. Pre-register by Friday, May 2, at ext. 4214 or at cee@cortland.edu.

Thursday, May 8

Make a Difference Day: Campus-wide spring cleanup, 8-11 a.m. Pre-register by Tuesday, May 6, by calling ext. 2101.

Friday, May 9

Final Examination Period begins.

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