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This magazine is also the 2013 annual report for the Cortland College Foundation. With the historic conclusion of “Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland,” the Alumni Association board and the College’s institutional advancement staff saw an opportunity to make the most of our resources by combining the two publications into a single, special celebration issue.

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The future of Columns and all of our other alumni communication efforts will be shaped by the results of an alumni survey that many of you may have already participated in. This multimedia outreach effort is aimed at learning how you prefer to communicate with SUNY Cortland and what types of information you look forward to receiving.

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So, seize the moment. Help guide our momentum.

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SUNY Cortland alumni know that Red Dragon pride isn’t something that just shows itself around Cortaca. It was especially visible on Aug. 30 when the College celebrated College Colors Day. Scores of students and campus community members posed for a photo on the steps of Corey Union.
They told us we couldn’t do it

In 2008, as the Cortland College Foundation prepared to launch a five-year fundraising campaign during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, experts said we’d be lucky to raise $15 or $16 million.

More than 12,400 Red Dragon alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and friends saw it differently.

Over the course of Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland, the College community raised more than $27.5 million — 10 percent above the campaign’s target goal of $25 million and nearly double what an early consultant said was “realistic.”

We couldn’t be prouder!

The generosity of our extended family of benefactors will enrich programs that support SUNY Cortland’s institutional priorities and help our students become well-rounded, successful achievers in the world beyond College. The donations also will allow us to continue SUNY Cortland’s historic role as a College of access, a place where ambitious students, regardless of means, can receive the education they need to pursue their dreams.

This vision of affordable education is what inspired John Fantauzzi ’58, a retired educator, to use his life’s savings to provide $6.6 million in scholarships for students who are the children of hard-working immigrants. And it is that ideal that led us to dedicate more than half of the funds raised through the campaign — more than $14 million — to scholarships for deserving students.

Access alone, however, does not guarantee the type of world-class educational experience SUNY Cortland provides. That experience includes hands-on learning that takes place outside of the classroom. More than 70 percent of all our students report having had at least one transformational education experience while attending the College.

For some, it was study abroad in one of nearly 30 different SUNY Cortland international programs, or undergraduate research in areas ranging from biochemistry to athletic training. For others, the experience came on stage as part of the College’s performing arts program, or on the athletic field as a member of one of our championship sports teams.

Perhaps the most unique opportunities are available through SUNY Cortland’s Center for Outdoor and Environmental Education at Raquette Lake in the Adirondacks. The campaign will help increase programming so every interested SUNY Cortland student has an opportunity to experience Antlers or Camp Huntington.

Although students are at the center of all that we do, a key goal of Educating Champions was to integrate our 66,000 alumni more effectively into the life of the College — not just as campaign supporters, but as partners in the Cortland educational experience and an ongoing participant in College events, developments and traditions. To that end, money from the campaign will help the historic Lynne Parks ’68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House reach its potential as both a comfortable “home-away-from-home” for alumni visiting Cortland and a popular location for campus and community activities.

A campaign such as ours could not have succeeded without the dedication of the Cortland College Foundation board members, who generously volunteered their time and opened their wallets. The campaign also required the broad-based support of each and every one of our donors. Whether you gave $25 or $25,000, your gift made you an important part of the most significant fundraising event in SUNY Cortland history.

On behalf of the College, the foundation and the tens of thousands of future students who will someday join the proud ranks of SUNY Cortland alumni — thank you.

All the best,

Erik J. Bitterbaum, Ph.D.
President, SUNY Cortland

Louise M. Conley, Ph.D.
Chair, Cortland College Foundation
The most generous philanthropist in SUNY Cortland's history lives in a modest ranch-style house in Florida. Its street number is hand-written on a mailbox.

His television relies on a rabbit-ear antenna. And nearly all of his second-hand kitchen appliances are older than the college students who benefit from the scholarship fund in his name.

John Fantauzzi ’58, M ’60, retired schoolteacher and savvy stock market investor, estimates that his living expenses total less than $5,000 each year. His 10-year-old Mazda Miata has only 25,000 miles on it. Often, he’ll bike close to 300 miles each week.

And Fantauzzi wouldn’t change a thing about any of it.

“You know something, *Money* magazine makes a lot of money by selling magazines and telling people what they need,” says the 80-year-old resident of Cape Coral, Fla. “And that’s a bunch of bull.”

Fantauzzi chooses not to own a telephone or a personal computer. However, the value of his financial gifts to the College will eventually exceed $10 million.

But what’s even more impressive is the way Fantauzzi — the son of Italian immigrants, a child of the Great Depression and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps — was able to amass a fortune then pay it forward to scores of SUNY Cortland scholarship recipients, most recently with a $6.6 million gift to “Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland.”

“Today, the College’s Fantauzzi Scholars receive $16,000 over four years. Most are first generation undergraduates. All are the children or grandchildren of immigrants or immigrants themselves.

“It started with $200 in 1958 and turned into a multi-million dollar account,” Fantauzzi says nonchalantly, as if his wealth simply mush-roomed overnight.

The truth, however, is that Fantauzzi worked hard, using a thoughtful, goal-oriented investment strategy to turn an initial purchase of 20 shares of Chicago Pneumatic stock into a carefully crafted legacy. He observed the market meticulously, lived each day resourcefully and offered his help freely.

“John is one of the few people who can say he’s lived life on his own terms,” says Doug DeRancy ’75, M.S.Ed. ’86, Fantauzzi’s liaison at the College for more than two decades.

Fantauzzi’s immigrant work ethic came from the Tipperary Hill neighborhood in Syracuse, N.Y., where he grew up. He bagged a grocery store job at eight years old. By the time he was a teenager, he had four part-time jobs. Shortly after graduating from Blodgett Vocational High School, he enlisted in the military on the promises of a $5 stipend every Sunday and tuition benefits from the G.I. Bill.

“I went to college for free,” says Fantauzzi, a tear welling in his eye, when asked why he’d give the majority of his earnings to deserving students at his alma mater. “I didn’t pay any tuition.”

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**The Fantauzzi legacy**

By Michael Bersani, Assistant Editor
At Cortland, he became one of the first students to earn a degree in secondary social studies teaching, while studying under memorable History Department faculty members such as Ralph Adams Brown and Gilbert Cahill. He also took the finance course that gave him his first taste of investing.

For 21 years, Fantauzzi made a living as a schoolteacher in the Rome (N.Y.) City School District. He never married or had children. And he worked at a local yacht club during the summers and invested what he made, earning enough to retire from teaching by age 46.

After retiring in 1979 with roughly $400,000, he built the bulk of his wealth over the next decade through stock trading and business investments.

Business leaders near and far planted the initial ideas for the SUNY Cortland scholarship. A. Buol Hinman, late president of a steel company in Rome, N.Y., and an investor with Fantauzzi in a local machinery business, built a reputation funding the college educations of his immigrant employees. Lee Iacocca, pioneer of the automotive industry and former head of the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, inspired Fantauzzi by raising private funds for the restoration of a national icon.

So in the late 1980s, Fantauzzi reconnected with his alma mater.

"I was looking for a way to reduce my taxes," Fantauzzi says, recalling that he reached out to then-College President James M. Clark with a letter offering 500 shares of NYNEX. "That's when I got the idea to donate stock."

An initial $50,000 gift in stock named Old Main Brown Auditorium after his former history professor. It came with the understanding that a scholarship fund would be established with some of the funds, as well as some investment advice from Fantauzzi.

"I like to share what I think about the market," he says. "I see it as a way to increase the financial impact of the scholarship."

Fantauzzi’s advice was good, and it increased his impact on SUNY Cortland’s students.

"The point is that the generosity is not just stock; it’s intelligence," DeRancy says. "That’s worth even more in the end."

One of the phrases Fantauzzi often repeats — whether describing his stocks or his lifestyle or his admiration for business magnate Warren Buffett — is return on investment. Nowhere is there better evidence of this than the students who earn the scholarship in his name.

Fantauzzi has found plenty of success in the stock market and other investments, but it’s his simple and resourceful lifestyle that surprises many. A child of the Great Depression, he’s lived in a modest two-bedroom Florida home without central air conditioning for more than 30 years while pouring millions of dollars into SUNY Cortland scholarships.

They’re people like Jacob Mezrahi ’01, M.S.Ed. ’03, a physical education teacher in Brooklyn who was born to Jewish parents fleeing Iran as refugees in 1979. His family’s work ethic and penchant for saving mirrored Fantauzzi’s. In order to support himself as a SUNY Cortland freshman, Mezrahi worked several jobs — everything from Memorial Library Work-Study positions during the school year to a residence hall maintenance staff job over the summer.

As a sophomore, he was named a Fantauzzi Scholar and his life changed.

"(The scholarship) opened up so many doors ... to do so many things," says Mezrahi, who would go on to serve two years as president of the College’s Student Government Association and graduate from SUNY Cortland a semester early. "I probably would not have been able to do that working part-time jobs."

Mezrahi, who had the opportunity to thank Fantauzzi at his Florida home when he was a student, still keeps in touch with the man who helped transform his SUNY Cortland education, sharing news of the most monumental events in his life — such as post-graduate degrees, his marriage and the births of his two children, to name just a few.

“You know about the value of scholarship, you hear a little bit about [Fantauzzi’s] story, but you really appreciate it more meeting him in person,” Mezrahi says.

Jeremiah Best ’12 thought the same, which is why the former Fantauzzi Scholar delivered a thank-you in person — twice — after he landed a teaching job in Fort Pierce, Fla.

“The first time, I just wanted to shake his hand,” says Best, the son of a German mother and military-career father who earned his degree as a 33-year-old. “He gave me insight and wisdom — a little about investing and such, but more about life in general.”

The second time he met Fantauzzi in person, they biked alongside each other on the streets of coastal Florida, catching up and swapping stories like a pair of lifelong friends.

“You'd never know all that he's accomplished, all that he's done, just by looking at him and how he lives,” Best admits. “But with Mr. Fantauzzi, you have to look closer.”

That’s when you see it’s about the man, not just the money.
Helping hands in paradise

BY JENNIFER WILSON  Associate Editor

When college students head for the tropics over spring break, their itinerary usually doesn’t include digging holes, driving posts or hauling wheelbarrows filled with surfacing material.

But that’s exactly what nine undergraduate and three graduate students in a Special Topics in Recreation and Leisure Studies course did this spring as they worked on an ambitious accessibility project for the only zoo in the tiny Caribbean nation of Belize.

In addition to making the Belize Zoo more welcoming to visitors with disabilities, the students enjoyed exploring ancient Mayan ruins. And going nose-to-nose with tropical fish while snorkeling in warm, turquoise water. Not to mention feasting on empanadas and chicken on the beach at sunset.

“Belize is incredible. Never have I traveled to someplace where the people were so kind and generous,” said Olivia Joseph, a senior therapeutic recreation major from Fayetteville, N.Y.

Joseph and her 11 companions were only the latest SUNY Cortland students to have an educational experience in Belize, a sparsely populated country on the northeast coast of Central America.

Within the past year, about 60 SUNY Cortland students have visited the country — formerly known as British Honduras — to complete a wide variety courses, internships and training programs. Since Cortland students began coming to Belize 25 years ago, they have worked to preserve Mayan artifacts, developed natural history education programs, explored living coral reefs and worked with government agencies on a variety of public service projects.

“It’s beautiful and culturally rich,” explained Mary Schlarb, describing SUNY Cortland’s special relationship with the country. “It’s also close, it’s less expensive and because it’s an English-speaking country, relatively easy for our students to navigate.” Schlarb directs the International Programs Office, which is responsible for education abroad programs, offers services for all of the campus’ international students and provides other services to internationalize the campus.

The students’ Belize Zoo Transformation Project reflected the College’s ambition to help all people, regardless of physical ability, enjoy parks and recreational areas through the SUNY Cortland Inclusive Recreation Resource Center. Led by Vicki Wilkins, a professor of recreation, parks and leisure studies at SUNY Cortland, the students raised $8,860 for construction to make the national zoo’s entrance walkway reachable by anyone. They did the work themselves, while immersed in a different culture.

Twelve future recreation and therapeutic professionals experienced the Belize Zoo in a most direct way, using their own time, talent and energy to make the zoo accessible to everyone. In the top of page image, during some free time they explore Belize and learn about an ancient Mayan ruins. In the lower photo, from the left, Mary Kelly and Andrea Colucci present a snack to one of the zoo’s resident macaws.
“When we were done working at the zoo, the staff would often come back to our cabin with us to hang out, play cards or eat dinner with us,” said Sarah Olear of LeRoy, N.Y., a graduate student both in therapeutic recreation and outdoor and environmental recreation. Olear recalled joining a classmate for a sing-off with local residents in a karaoke bar. Later, the pair took a side trip to the ocean near San Pedro to watch village fishermen gut their catch while stingrays circled their legs and pelicans flapped overhead, fighting for scraps.

“My favorite excursion was probably on the way back from the Mayan ruins when we were driving through a little village and they were having a river party,” said Corey Samot ’13, an East Hampton, N.Y., native who is interning this fall with the Austin (Texas) Parks and Recreation Department. “So we decided to stop and join in the festivities. We got to really get some culture and be a part of it as well.”

Recreation and therapeutic recreation students really dug into the Belize Zoo Transformation project and enjoyed the zoo as well as side educational trips. Counter-clockwise from above, senior therapeutic recreation major Andrea Colucci wasn’t quite in over her head digging a pit for a future visual barrier to be installed beside an accessible walkway. In the next image, Emily Doyle wields a pickax to help with the accessibility-related construction project. In the final picture, Michel Humphries, Iris Oberle and Andrea Colucci relished an excursion with a Mayan ruins guide.

A Special Relationship

This year, SUNY Cortland’s International Programs Office — which helps coordinate study abroad experiences for some 400 students in 20 different countries each year — arranged travel to Belize for a number of other students involved in a wide range of educational experiences:

- **ART:** Professor of Art and Art History Jeremiah Donovan launched a pilot program called Belize Winter Study: History, Culture, and the Arts. Students and faculty worked to identify, recreate and preserve for posterity the country’s traditional 1,000-year-old Mayan styles of pottery making.

- **SCIENCE:** Brian Rivest, a professor of biological sciences, once again brought his marine biology class to explore the world’s largest still-living barrier reef off the east coast of Belize. The biennial class was started in 1994.

- **EDUCATION:** At the summer Teachers Institute in Belize, SUNY Cortland undergraduate and graduate students joined working teachers from around New York state to spend a week with resident educators sharing ideas and observing cultural differences.

- **LIFE:** Through the College’s International Programs Office, individual students arranged internships in human services, business, recreation, health, environmental preservation, archaeology, special education, wildlife preservation and other areas.
Many scientists go a lifetime without contributing to research that gets noticed by the National Geographic Society.

Jeri Burke ’13 was co-author of a study in the respected scientific journal Geology that drew National Geographic’s attention while she was still a senior at SUNY Cortland.

“To be published in a scientific journal, for scientists, is kind of like finding the Holy Grail,” said Burke, currently pursuing her master’s degree in geology at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. “It didn’t matter that I didn’t go to some Ivy League school. When I presented at a conference people knew who I was, they’d read the paper. It was crazy.”

Burke was part of an unusual team led by SUNY Cortland Geology Professor Christopher McRoberts that proved a long-extinct, aquatic cousin of crabs and spiders had leopard-like spots that probably helped it hide from predators. This was big news in scientific circles because information about the markings or coloration of prehistoric creatures, and therefore about their environment and lifestyles, can rarely be determined through fossils.

The Cortland team paired McRoberts, an internationally respected expert on the Triassic period and prehistoric mollusks, with Burke, a former special education major who had done well in one geology class but had not yet finished her first paleontology course when McRoberts recommended her for the project.

It also included Steven Mize, a staff worker at SUNY Cortland’s physical plant. Mize, an amateur fossil hunter, sparked the research effort after becoming intrigued by what appeared to be spots on about two dozen fossil trilobites he’d found in Upstate New York.

“I’m pretty sure this is the first time in Cortland’s history that a student, a professor and a staff member were co-authors of a paper,” McRoberts said.

Trilobites were tiny, bug-like ancestors of the horseshoe crab that thrived in the shallow sea covering New York some 380 million years ago. Although specimens with spots are not unknown, it was commonly thought that the speckled markings were a result of the fossilization process and not original biologic features.

That’s not what it looked like to the Cortland team. So Burke started counting and mapping the hundreds of tiny spots on each of 25 roughly inch-long trilobite fossils. She found a similar pattern on each specimen, which suggested the markings had been part of the creatures themselves.

Burke and McRoberts then did an extensive chemical analysis and used Binghamton University’s electron microscope to examine thin sections of the fossil. They partnered with researchers from Western Illinois University who were working on a similar project.
“He really pushed me,” Burke said of McRoberts, who also chairs SUNY Cortland’s Undergraduate Research Council. “It was great, but at the same time all of my friends didn’t quite understand because I was spending so much time sitting by myself in a room at Bowers, literally counting spots on a computer screen. They were like, ‘Why don’t you just come out?’”

The end result was a groundbreaking study published in the scholarly journal *Geology* in March 2013. Soon after, journalists started calling. *National Geographic*, *Nature* and the Inside Science News Service all published stories about Cortland’s success in pulling coloration evidence from the fossilized remains of a species that died out before the age of dinosaurs.

Assisted by an Undergraduate Research Council travel grant, Burke presented their work at the national conference of the Geological Society of America in Charlotte, N.C., this spring.

The travel grant program is just one of the ways the College supports undergraduate research. Every year, scores of Cortland students work closely with faculty on original projects, studying everything from caterpillar communication and microbe communities to vote suppression and athletic performance.

For students like Burke — who was always interested in rocks and fossils but originally came to SUNY Cortland for its special education program — College research is an opportunity to find their true calling.

“I’ve always loved paleontology, but I never thought I could do something with it as a career,” said Burke, who is building a career in paleoecology — which uses fossils to reconstruct ancient ecosystems. “It shows you how much humans are impacting life by showing you how things looked before we showed up and started causing a ruckus. And you can use that information to make a difference.”

These 380-million-year-old trilobite fossils are covered with spots that SUNY Cortland researchers determined were part of the ancient animals’ natural coloring.
Blazing a trail
Newcomers paddle, hike and rappel into college life

BY JENNIFER WILSON  Associate Editor

As part of his freshman college orientation, SUNY Cortland musical theatre major Matthew Spina of West Sayville, N.Y., experienced canoe camping in the remote Adirondack wilderness.

“This was my first time ever doing this type of camping,” said Spina, an inaugural member of SUNY Cortland’s Adirondack Trailblazers Program. “I never went into the woods with my backpack and food before.”

Future geography major Alisa Knapp also waved goodbye to her family in Syracuse, N.Y. and traveled north to live in the woods with a group of new acquaintances before starting her freshman classes in Cortland.

“Being away from everything — disconnected from the really busy world that we have today — with people I had just met was risky, but I enjoyed it a lot. It was well worth it,” said Knapp about the new, pre-college program for SUNY Cortland’s accepted first-year students.

Knapp and Spina were among the first cohort of eight students who chose to experience life at the College’s Center for Environmental and Outdoor Education at Raquette Lake, N.Y., before experiencing life on the Cortland campus.

The weeklong adventure was part of the College’s ongoing effort to open the unique wilderness experience offered through Camp Huntington and Antlers to greater numbers of students, alumni and other members of the College community.

The program is intended for all the different majors, but is being led, for the time being, by faculty members with the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Studies Department.

Assistant Professor Amy Shellman and Lecturer Jennifer Miller oversaw the eight students at camp. They had some help, on the last day at least, from SUNY Cortland’s mascot, Blaze, whose name is part of the program’s title. Recreation major Neal Nelson ’13 donned the famous Red Dragon costume while completing a summer internship assisting with the operation of the College’s rustic, two-facility complex.

The young men and women arrived at Camp Huntington, located a boat-trip away from roads and civilization, on the Saturday before the opening week of the fall semester. The day after their arrival, the adventurers pushed off in canoes to spend several days paddling through a chain of lakes, rivers and portage spots to Blue Mountain Lake some seven miles away.

The journey changed Knapp’s perspective on life.

“When we hiked Blue Mountain, it was maybe only a 15-minute drive away but it took us two days to get there using only the power of our arms in canoes,” she said. “When we were out there, we had to rely on each other. We would set up and break down our camp so we could move on to the next place that we were going.”

The group also tested themselves at the center’s ropes course, conquering their fear and working together to climb, crawl and swing through the towering pine trees.

“We tried to frame their ropes course experience relating to college,” Shellman said. “Our focus was on what they were about to embark on in coming years. In terms of building a sense of community, that was achieved.”

Knapp agreed.

“It got rid of the jitters you might have the first day,” she said. “You got rid of them before you got to campus.”

Robert Rubendall, who directs the many programs at the center involving students, alumni and outside groups, said he was excited with the students’ impressions.

“I’m sure they will remain connected with Raquette Lake,” Rubendall said. “They just feel a lot more confident taking on the challenges of student life than they did before.”

That’s a benefit some participants did not expect.

“I thought, ‘You get to go to college a week earlier so you get a good footing,’” said Spina, the musical theater major. “Now I know people doing kinesiology, teaching and other majors. I know people from outside of what I will be studying. And they are good friendships. We get together, we go out together.”

The hope is that those connections — to each other, to the College and to Raquette Lake — will remain strong long after graduation.

On their first evening in the Adirondacks, the eight met Ronnie Sternin Silver ’67, past president and current member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

She welcomed them into the alumni family and told them about alumni outreach to students, such as internships, mentoring, the Student Alumni Association and the new Welcome Dragon program.

After hosting a pizza dinner, Silver presented a welcome gift of a backpack filled with trail mix.

“We’re trying to capture the students when they get to campus so they know that being an alum is part of their college experience, too,” Silver said. “Already you could see this group had begun to form a bond from the first moment,” she said.
Alumni Opportunities at Raquette Lake

You might be a SUNY Cortland graduate, but you’re not out of the woods yet. At least you don’t have to be.

Numerous opportunities to reconnect with nature in the wilds of the Adirondack Mountains are available to all alumni and their families at both Antlers and Camp Huntington throughout 2014.

**Antlers**
- Four alumni family camp sessions
- One Young Alumni Adventure session
- One adult only session
- Adult Education Opportunities
  - Beginner Digital Photography
  - Life in the Woods, Natural History of the Adirondacks

**Camp Huntington**
- Winter Camp (adults only)
- 4th of July family week

**Kirby Camp**
- Weekly rental of a rustic cabin sleeping up to eight people
- Season: June 22-Sept. 6

Dates, information and reservation forms can be found on our website cortland.edu/outdoor under upcoming events.
A league of his own: Messere’s legacy goes beyond wins

BY MICHAEL BERSANI Assistant Editor

Pick a standard by which coaching greatness is measured — be it victories, winning streaks or championships — and Mike Messere ’66 sits in a class all by himself.

But Messere, the architect of the most successful boys high school lacrosse program in history, uses a different benchmark. The man with a career record of 757-55 and 15 New York state championships counts hundreds of former players and the lessons they’ve learned as his barometer of success.

“It should come as no surprise that he’s a legend in that regard, too. “Former players, they’ve won state championships, but they don’t ever start by talking about the game,” said Messere, a former physical education major and the head coach at West Genesee High School in Camillus, N.Y., for the past 38 years. “What they talk about is what they’ve learned — the work ethic, commitment, determination.”

No lacrosse coach at the high school or collegiate levels has won more games than the 69-year-old Messere. But that’s only part of the reason he became the first coach of his sport to be inducted into the National High School Sports Hall of Fame in June.

Messere’s longevity, the unrivaled numbers attached to his career and the overall athletic excellence he embodies are all related to his impressive ability to teach the sport.

"At Cortland, boy, your socks were just right, your shorts were just right. It was rigorous ... " — Mike Messere ’66

It’s a skill that Messere, a retired teacher of 32 years, has perfected.

“The guy is flat-out a Cortland guy all the way: blue-collar, hard-working, dedicated, committed to his team,” said Steve Beville, the College’s head coach for men’s lacrosse and one of Messere’s former students of the game at West Genesee. “Everything we like to stand for at Cortland, Mike set the table.”

Messere, like many, honed his teaching skills during college, under the guidance of faculty members “who were at the top of the careers,” he said. He rattles off names such as late athletic directors Robert “Doc” Weber and Francis “Fran” Woods ’56 as well as the school’s legendary baseball coach Robert “Sparky” Wallace ’53, noting their high standards and attention to detail.

“At Cortland, boy, your socks were just right, your shorts were just right,” Messere said. “It was rigorous ... You took biology with the type of kid that goes there is willing to work hard. And I tell them it’s a well-rounded education,” Messere said. “I tell them that the type of kid that goes there is willing to work hard. And I tell them that it has the tradition of educating some truly great people.”

And Mike Messere’s students of the game don’t need to look far to see that.
“Brigadoon” is a mythical, magical village that mysteriously appears in the Scottish Highlands once every 100 years.

But in SUNY Cortland’s Dowd Fine Arts Center Theatre, a magical place in its own right, “Brigadoon” will return this spring after an absence of only 47 years.

The 1940s Broadway hit was the very first play performed in the theater when Dowd Center opened in 1967.

So it makes sense that the musical would reappear in early April when the College’s Performing Arts Department welcomes guests into a completely renovated Dowd Theatre for its first major musical in the newly renovated space.

“I really love that resonance,” said Kevin Halpin, the musical’s director and an associate professor of performing arts at the College. “Shortly after we found out Dowd Theatre was going to be renovated, we started planning ahead with ‘Brigadoon’ in mind.”

New seats, sharper acoustics and better lighting are just a few of the improvements that will help showcase “Brigadoon” for its second historic Cortland appearance when the renovated Dowd Theatre re-opens for the spring semester.

Part of the plan also involves inviting alumni — cast, stage crew and orchestra pit members — associated with the original production in 1967. The opportunity creates a unique way to connect current musical theatre majors with graduates who shared an interest in the arts nearly 50 years ago.

“(Current students) can gain that sense of perspective about how our institution and also theatre itself has changed,” Halpin said, noting that original cast members acted without microphones. He also noted the style of presentation also has evolved from earlier times, to include more movement and dance, changes in lighting to create mood, and use of projections to reflect the environment.

Still, seeing the show performed again on the stage where he helped bring it to life is one reason that Charles “Skip” Dietrich ’69, an original cast member, hopes to attend.

“I do want to come back, just because I think it’d be fun to sit there and see (“Brigadoon”) on the stage where I did it 40 years ago,” said Dietrich, who today works as an office assistant and adjunct lecturer in the theatre program at Baruch College in New York City.

Dietrich played the lead role of Tommy Albright, one of two American tourists who discover the mysterious Scottish village of Brigadoon. It’s a place that appears only one day every 100 years and it’s where Tommy falls in love with Fiona, a young woman from Brigadoon, played by Nancy Whicher Castaneda ’68 in SUNY Cortland’s 1967 production.

“(Nancy) was tall and blonde and I was short and squat, but we both could sing,” joked Dietrich, who majored in speech and theatre and later earned a master’s degree in theatre at Binghamton University. “It was an unlikely love duet until we both were singing.”

Castaneda recalls singing until their throats became sore and admits to still humming some of the songs from her Cortland days at home today.

“I have to be honest: having theater at Cortland was my saving grace,” said Castaneda, who went on to enjoy a career in teaching and school administration while performing for fun on the side. “I have always credited that experience as what allowed me to be confident in my life.”

Dietrich remembers the campus community buzzing for the first performance in what would later be named the Dowd Fine Arts Center. It was one of the first large-scale musicals for Masquers, the student group that put on productions for many years.

The performing arts have evolved considerably at SUNY Cortland in the nearly half-century since “Brigadoon’s” first appearance. Recent graduates have played big roles in off-Broadway productions as well as a national tour of “Beauty and the Beast” and an international tour of “West Side Story.”

“As we’ve developed a musical theatre program, we’ve attracted a very high level of students who have gone on to be very successful as performers in contemporary theatre,” Halpin said. And still, the willingness of musical theatre alumni to help out younger students hasn’t changed.

“(Graduates) are wonderful about doing everything they can to make their fellow young alumni succeed — getting jobs or auditions or even finding apartments sometimes,” Halpin said.

The spring production of “Brigadoon,” then, could be seen as a way for current students to repay those small favors, in the form of high-caliber entertainment that audiences in Cortland have come to expect. The April musical also should show off the kind of production that’s possible in a renovated Dowd Fine Arts Center.

“The space will allow us to do even better work — on stage, in the classroom and in the studio,” Halpin said. “It will bring an even higher level of student. “It’s exciting to be able to get a group of performers back to the space they once knew,” Halpin continued. “Theatre people are theatre people; stuff may change, but the core’s always the same.”
On the day that he graduated from college, it dawned on Raymond D. Franco ’72, M ’75 that he had entered into a new relationship with his alma mater.

He was now an alumnus.

“It was actually as I went through my graduation in May of 1972 that I felt it,” he said. “And I didn’t feel I was going to be separated from SUNY Cortland in any way as I was coming back the next year for graduate school.”

On that memorable morning, Franco, a resident assistant in Alger Hall, joined his fellow student staff members in waking up the campus for Commencement ceremonies.

“I went up on the roof of Alger Hall with my trumpet to play reveille to get everyone out for the game and Commencement,” Franco said.

In a way, the former psychology major never stopped trumpeting good news about SUNY Cortland. And, until his retirement from the College in the summer of 2012, he never really left the campus.

Franco married his college sweetheart, Donna Still Franco ’73, M ’76, and was hired at SUNY Cortland as a residence hall director while he completed a master's degree in his field.

He stayed at Cortland, rising through the ranks of his division to become vice president for student affairs. Franco served his final six years as the vice president for institutional advancement, playing a key role in launching the successful “Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland.”

During that 40-year career, Franco led by quiet example.

He and his wife contributed to the SUNY Cortland annual fund nearly every single year since graduation, according to Jennifer Janes, director of The Cortland Fund.

“Ray is one of our most consistent annual supporters,” Janes said. “He’s a model for what annual giving can be and has graciously supported the mission of the College through his gifts and leadership.”

“Raymond Franco is all about ‘connection’

In 2006, to Franco’s surprise, SUNY Cortland President Erik J. Bitterbaum asked him to become the vice president for institutional advancement on an interim basis. He conferred with Donna and accepted.

“About three months into the job, after going out and meeting people I hadn’t seen in many years, I decided that working in alumni affairs and advancement would be an extraordinary way to end my career with the college,” Franco said.

He became part of a close-knit team that raised $27.5 million — by far the most ever raised by a SUNY Cortland campaign — to support College priorities like scholarships, athletics, academic support and educational experiences ranging from business internships to wilderness learning.

Upon retiring to spend time with his wife, three grown sons and their families, Franco passed the campaign baton to Kimberly Pietro, the current vice president for institutional advancement. Pietro led the campaign to a successful conclusion this summer. Franco can now savor what he helped his College community accomplish.

“I think the students who come here need to feel like they are part of the institution. That has not changed. The institution always did work hard at trying to make them feel part of the SUNY Cortland family, whether through participation in an athletic team, a club team, or another activity as a way to connect with each other or with faculty and staff;”
Six new members were inducted into the SUNY Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame during its 45th annual banquet and ceremonies on Saturday, Sept. 21, in the College’s Corey Union.

The 2013 honorees were:

- Warren “Red” Kilmer ’56, a baseball standout at Cortland under coach Carl “Chugger” Davis and a long-time Associate in the New York State Education Department’s Bureau of Health and Drug Education;
- Tim Sullivan ’65, a distinguished professor, coach and Health, Physical Education and Leisure Studies Department Chairperson at Montclair State University and a former Cortland football player, wrestler and lacrosse player;
- Sue Zawacki ’74, a member of Cortland’s field hockey, basketball, softball and golf teams during the early years of those programs’ intercollegiate status, and a successful collegiate athletic administrator and women’s basketball coach;
- Heather Brendel Evans ’81, an All-American on Cortland’s 1980 national championship women’s soccer team and a decorated physical education teacher in the West Irondequoit (N.Y.) school district since 1985;
- Julie Gentner Murphy ’03, a three-time All-American in both field hockey and softball and 2001 Div. III National Field Hockey Player of the Year who helped Cortland win a national title;
- and honorary inductee Mike Partigianoni, Cortland’s athletics equipment room supervisor since 1987 and an employee at the College since 1980.

In addition to the official ceremony, the inductees were introduced at halftime of the Cortland-William Paterson football game earlier that afternoon.

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Once an Individual’s Hall of Fame nomination form and nominator’s letter of recommendation have been received, the athletics director will send the nominee a Cortland C-Club Hall of Fame candidate information form.

Please submit nomination materials to Athletics Director, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045-0900 by Jan. 15, 2014.
It’s not unusual for SUNY Cortland graduates to travel long distances back to campus for special class reunions.

But this summer, three returning alumni made journeys of thousands of miles to join the more than 600 Red Dragons who returned to SUNY Cortland July 12-14 for Reunion Weekend 2013.

George Jones ’56, Kathleen Killea Peyer ’69 and John Ryder ’73 live in Kenya, Switzerland and the United Arab Emirates, respectively.

Combined, their round-trip reunion travels covered more than 26,000 miles.

What made them willing to make such a long trip?

“Special friends,” said Jones, who has spent much of the past four decades in Africa, serving for many years as a Foreign Service officer for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He now works with the U.S. International University in Nairobi, Kenya.

A distinguished alumnus, honorary degree recipient and past Commencement speaker, Jones has made the trek back to Cortland many times before, most recently in 2010.

But Peyer, who lives in Switzerland, hasn’t seen the campus in roughly 15 years. And it was the first Central New York visit for Ryder, today a professor and deputy vice chancellor for academic affairs at the American University of Ras Al Khaimah in the United Arab Emirates, since he moved overseas three years ago.

“I knew what was going on here, but it’s nice to see in person,” said Ryder, a former SUNY Cortland dean of arts and sciences. “There’s a lot of life.”

Three Red Dragons traveled thousands of miles from different parts of the planet to attend Reunion 2013. They are, from the left, John Ryder ’73, George Jones ’56 and Kathleen Killea Peyer ’69.

The one-time Cortland resident now lives an hour north of Dubai, where sand, camels and 100-degree days are common. Friends from his college days encouraged him to attend his 40th reunion, which he managed to fit in before a trip to New York City.

Ryder worked as director of the SUNY system’s International Programs Office and was the president of a university in the Eurasian country of Azerbaijan before taking his current job.

Campus features big and small stuck out to Peyer, who relocated to Switzerland after her husband’s work with Swiss Air took them there.

“I love the water tower with the dragon on it,” she said. “And I love the (Parks) Alumni House.”

Peyer represented her Nu Sigma Chi sorority class with her good friend, Linda Provo Conneely ’69. The two connected prior to Reunion in Boston, where both Conneely and Peyer’s daughter now live.

Among the many reasons Jones returned to campus was the chance to reunite with old friends like college roommate Peter Kachris ’56. He also wanted to invite current SUNY Cortland students overseas to Kenya through an exchange program and take part in the Beta Phi Epsilon fraternity reunion for the classes of 1927 to 1995.

“It seems like every time I come back, something new is being built or a new program is being established,” he said. “So it’s always a chance to see what’s going on. It’s always very exciting.”

College to train master teachers

Nearly three dozen math and science teachers will hone their craft through SUNY Cortland’s Master Teacher program, making the College the largest regional hub for the new teacher development program in New York state.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced in October four regional sites for the program. Thirty-five teachers, or one-third of the entire group statewide, will be affiliated with SUNY Cortland.

SUNY Cortland’s master teachers come from 15 different Central New York school districts and 10 of them are graduates of the College, which ranks the largest accredited teacher education program in the Northeast. A second wave of applications is expected to double the number of participants in the College’s Master Teacher program by early next year.

College alumni are:

- Kevin Douglass ’99;
- Carl Scheffler M.A.T. ’99;
- Pamela Herrington M.A.T. ’00;
- Amy Furlotti M.S.Ed ’01;
- Janet Scheffler M.A.T. ’01;
- Abbey Albright ’02;
- Thomas George M.A.T. ’02;
- Tisha Riley M.S.Ed. ’10;
- Amy Houseknecht M.S.Ed ’11; and
- Bridgit Johnson M.S.Ed. ’13.

Selected for their classroom effectiveness in science or math, the group will meet routinely for mini-courses and workshops and pursue individualized development plans in their content areas. They will then share what they’ve learned with other working educators and SUNY Cortland preservice teachers.

The program, announced by Gov. Cuomo in the spring, requires a four-year commitment to mentoring other secondary school teachers and helping both prospective educators and new teachers. Teachers will also engage in peer mentoring and intensive content-oriented professional development opportunities throughout the academic year. The designation comes with a $60,000 stipend — $15,000 annually for four years.

The idea is to give outstanding teachers in math and science an incentive to continue teaching in New York while sharing their methods, experience and insight with fellow teachers.
Three honored as ‘distinguished alumni’

Mary Joy Greene Sherlach ’78, a school psychologist killed in the Newtown, Conn., elementary school shootings last year, was posthumously recognized as a SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumna during Alumni Reunion 2013 in July.

The award is the SUNY Cortland Alumni Association’s highest honor.

Sarah Child ’07, a scientist who studies Antarctic glaciers, was named a Distinguished Young Alumna and Louise M. Conley, the chair of the Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors, was named an Honorary Alumna of SUNY Cortland.

Mary Joy Greene Sherlach ’78

Sherlach, a school psychologist since 1994, was one of six adults and 20 first-grade children killed Dec. 14 during a shooting spree that shocked the world.

She was one of the school officials who ran toward the gunman in an effort to protect Sandy Hook’s children and became one of the massacre’s first casualties.

Mary met her husband, Bill Sherlach ’80, at the College, graduated cum laude with a degree in psychology and was an active member of SUNY Cortland’s alumni family. She and her husband frequently visited campus and returned annually for Cortaca Jug football games. Their most recent visit was less than a month before the attack.

The College held two well-attended public “teach-ins” on gun control and mental health issues in Sherlach’s memory and the Student Government Association renamed its annual children’s festival in her honor. A scholarship in her name was awarded this fall to Kelli Dari, a psychology major. This fall, in the hours before the football team’s first home game of the season, a quiet ceremony was held to dedicate a newly planted tree outside of Park Center in her name.

Sarah Child ’07

Child, a doctoral student of glaciology at the University of Kansas, developed her passion for research as a geographic information systems (GIS) major at SUNY Cortland and also excelled for four years as a member of the College’s field hockey team.

Twice her research has brought her to Antarctica to use a network of global positioning units to track the Byrd Glacier’s ice speed and surface elevation changes from tidal fluctuations. The glacier is one of Antarctica’s largest and least-studied. Child’s observations improved current ice flow models and predictions related to the behavior of the East Antarctic Ice Sheet.

Child plans to teach undergraduate GIS skills and continue her glaciological research with her doctorate, which is anticipated to earn in 2015.

Louise M. Conley

Conley, the chair of the Cortland College Foundation Board of Directors and a licensed psychologist from Princeton, N.J., is the granddaughter of Francis J. Cheney, the second principal of the Cortland Normal School. Her mother, Clara Cheney ’17, and her father, Rollin McCarthy ’16, also both graduated from Cortland Normal School.

She endowed the Louise M. Conley Chair in Educational Leadership in 2011, the first endowed chair in the College’s history, with SUNY Cortland’s first million-dollar gift from someone who did not graduate from the College. It allows funding for a faculty member in the Educational Leadership Department to support research and teaching.

She also has created and co-sponsored the annual Francis J. Cheney Educational Issues Conference at SUNY Cortland, which brings influential leaders in education to campus to share their strategies for improving the education of students from kindergarten through college.

Her philanthropy also has supported an annual Francis J. Cheney Scholarship and the Lynne Parks ’68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House.

Cortland ranked among nation’s “Best Colleges”

SUNY Cortland was once again listed as one of the nation’s best colleges in U.S. News & World Report’s annual survey, jumping up 10 places in the ranking of regional universities in the Northeast.

Cortland is ranked 69th, up from 79th, among the masters-degree-granting schools listed in the North region of the magazine’s Best Colleges 2014 edition.

The ranking is based on a number of factors, including graduation rates, admission selectivity and freshmen retention. SUNY Cortland’s numbers in those areas are among the best of SUNY’s comprehensive colleges.

SUNY Cortland’s six-year graduation rate of 69 percent is one of the highest in the SUNY system. Its “success rate” - a measure of SUNY uses to track persistent students who are still enrolled at Cortland or another institution after six years - is 92.6 percent, the highest of any SUNY comprehensive college.
New graduate programs fill critical needs

SUNY Cortland this fall added two new master’s programs — sustainable energy systems and communications sciences and disorders — aimed, in part, at preparing people for local careers and benefitting the community.

Both programs will offer a master of science on a two-year track. College faculty members involved in the process to establish the new degrees designed the curricula to meet the needs of both prospective students and the Central New York community.

The Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Systems program is intended to support the development of high-paying “green collar” jobs in Central New York while helping to build the sustainable energy infrastructure needed for the 21st century. It will offer advanced training in the physics of renewable energy while building professional business skills in areas such as economics and communication.

SUNY Cortland’s Communication Disorders and Sciences Department, which offers increasingly popular undergraduate majors, this fall also offered an advanced degree for graduate students. After years of planning, the program won approval from the Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (CAA).

“To me, it’s a win-win situation,” said Regina Grantham, chair of the department. “We’ll be able to provide even more services for the community and crucial clinical experience for our students.”

When the College’s Professional Studies Building opened two years ago, a new 8,000-square-foot clinic with an audiology chamber, observation and therapy rooms, a library and a resource area for the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department came with it. The new master’s program will allow the department to provide services to an even larger number of people with a greater variety of disorders.

Only “green” electricity used on campus

This fall, SUNY Cortland became the first institution in the 64-campus SUNY system to operate all of its facilities — classrooms, residence halls, dining areas, sports facilities ... everything — using 100 percent renewable electrical energy.

More than 700 new solar panels will be installed on campus as part of the commitment, and the College will purchase 16 million kilowatt-hours of renewable energy credits a year. Those efforts build on a long list of sustainability initiatives undertaken by SUNY Cortland and will support its new master’s program in sustainable energy systems.

“As one of the original signers of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, SUNY Cortland’s goal has been to create one of the greenest campuses in the nation,” College President Erik J. Bitterbaum said. “By taking this step, we’re showing that we’re willing to do more than just talk about energy sustainability.”

The state recently approved an ambitious, $3 million solar energy project for SUNY Cortland as part of an initiative designed to increase the number of solar installations throughout New York. The College is one of 79 project sites that will benefit from the latest round of awards by NY-Sun, a solar energy program run by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority.

Through the program, a company will build three solar installations with a combined total of about 700 photovoltaic panels on campus. The installations will be on the roof of the Park Center Alumni Arena, at ground level on a grassy area near the old SUNY Cortland entrance off Route 281 and on the roof of the new Student Life Center, currently under construction.

When the installations are completed next year, the College will be able to pull about 6 percent of its energy needs directly from the sun. That essentially offsets the additional cost of buying more expensive energy from renewable sources like wind, solar or water.

Other SUNY Cortland commitments to long-term sustainability include:

- **Satellite boilers.** The College this summer shuttered its inefficient, natural-gas-fired central steam heating plant in favor of individual, high-efficiency boilers in every building. It could reduce natural gas consumption by 30 percent.

- **LEED standards.** For years, the College has required that all new construction on campus meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council. Dragon Hall, SUNY Cortland’s newest residence hall, hopes to receive a “gold” rating, the campus’ highest yet.

- **Geothermal energy.** The Professional Studies Building is heated and cooled by a series of 40 wells that carry natural, thermal energy from 400 feet below the surface.

- **Community bicycles.** The College has a long-established community bike program that allows members of the SUNY Cortland community to borrow recycled bicycles, free of charge.

- **The Green Rep Program.** A team of students is hired each year to promote sustainability education and environmental awareness in the residence halls on campus.

- **Dining initiatives.** Auxiliary Services Corporation, the non-profit entity that runs the campus dining areas and campus store, has implemented a variety of sustainability measures, including compostable dining utensils, increased local food purchases and the recycling of used fryer oil into biofuel.
What are you doing Feb. 2?

Your chance to be in the stands could be a raffle ticket away.

All proceeds fund student scholarships

On Feb. 2, 2014, more than 100 million Americans will watch the two most successful teams in professional football battle for the world championship title in MetLife Stadium. Your chance to be in the stands and celebrate in New York City could be a raffle ticket away.

★ Great odds — only 500 raffle tickets available
★ Raffle proceeds support SUNY Cortland student scholarships
★ Perfect holiday gift for sports fans
★ Fabulous prize package
  - Two tickets to the game at MetLife Stadium (a $2,000 value)
  - A three-night stay at the Courtyard Secaucus Meadowlands (a $1,375 value)
  - $1,000 in cash for transportation and other expenses

Participants must be at least 18 years of age. Deadline for entry is Dec. 23, 2013. Drawing will be held Dec. 30, 2013.

Purchasing Raffle Tickets:
Tickets are $100 each. Send a check made payable to Cortland College Foundation, Inc. to Sheila Morse, SUNY Cortland, P.O. Box 2000, Cortland, NY 13045. Include your name, home address, phone number and email address. For more information, call 607-753-2532.
Nearly 200 supporters of “Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland” celebrated the successful conclusion of the five-year campaign during a formal dinner event at Lusk Field House on Sept. 6. Lusk, which many attendees associated with fond memories of sports practice and athletic events, was transformed into a glamorous ballroom, with gourmet fare provided by Auxiliary Services Corp. and entertainment by students from the Performing Arts Department. The campaign raised $27.5 million for scholarships and for programs promoting academic excellence, wellness, sustainability and transformational education.

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Educating Champions: The Campaign for Cortland

Thank You

Never in the history of the College have so many alumni, faculty, staff, companies and friends worked together to accomplish so much to help further SUNY Cortland’s educational mission.

More than 12,400 supporters helped us raise $27.5 million for “Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland.” In the following pages, the Cortland College Foundation recognizes the generosity of each and every one of you.

Please use the key to the left when reading about campaign gifts. The list includes donations made between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2013.

The names of the College’s most loyal donors — individuals and companies who made a gift each year of the campaign — are noted with a black diamond symbol (♦). Gifts-in-kind are identified by a white diamond symbol (◊). The names of deceased alumni and friends are in italics.

Thanks to you, SUNY Cortland will remain accessible to all qualified students and will continue providing the high-quality educational experiences they need to reach their dreams.
The symbol □ denotes "layal donor" / The symbol ◊ denotes “gifts in kind” / Italized names denote "deceased"
Champions for Cortland

The Lofty Elm Society

The Lofty Elm Society, which takes its name from the first verse of the Alma Mater, was established in 2003 to recognize alumni, emeriti and friends who record estate commitments, establish life income gifts, or make other planned gifts for the benefit of SUNY Cortland through the Cortland College Foundation. The individuals listed here have confirmed such gift plans and were recognized as members of the Lofty Elm Society as of June 30, 2013.

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Wah Chip Chin and Yuki Chin
Louise M. Conley
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Leo R. Flannig
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Esther King Hawthorne
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William L. Lusen
Donald M. Wilcox
Olive Wilkinson
Marjorie Coolidge Wirth and William R. Wirth
Bettie Lee Yerka
Champions at the finish line

Close to 200 supporters of “Educating Champions, The Campaign for Cortland,” celebrated success at Lusk Field House Sept. 6. Clockwise from top left: Foundation Board member Ernest Logan ’73 chats with former Chair Brian Murphy ’83; College President Erik J. Bitterbaum thanks campaign supporters; board member Gerald Theisen ’53 talks with Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus Arden Zipp; and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Kimberly Pietro describes the campaign’s positive impact.
Since arriving on the SUNY Cortland campus last February, I have been impressed by the degree of pride alumni have for this college and felt welcomed into Cortland’s extended family. I am thrilled to take on the role of chief steward for the alumni programs and provide direction for engagement efforts within the alumni community. I have spent the last nine months learning about what drives the Red Dragon “passion” that fuels the momentum of our Alumni Association programs and look forward to strengthening our traditional connections through new opportunities.

We have many reasons to be proud. One that often goes unnoticed is the dedication of our Alumni Association Board of Directors, which works tirelessly behind the scenes. I have gotten to know this group very well through board meetings, retreats, committee work and many cups of coffee. I am confident that through their efforts, and those of our dynamic staff, we will continue to achieve new levels of success in building connections and inspiring loyalty to our institution.

The work of the Alumni Association and the ways through which alumni can be connected is evolving. We are embracing every person in our vast network of 66,000 graduates and encouraging everyone to become more involved in campus life. We will be reaching out for you to come back to campus for Reunion, to be SUNY Cortland ambassadors in your community and to help current students answer those big life questions. The Alumni Affairs Office will also keep you connected to each other through Columns — which is undergoing an evolution of its own — the monthly electronic newsletter Moments and new initiatives, such as our digital version of “Alumni Adventures,” published by email every first Thursday of the month.

Through both new technology and time-honored traditions, we will look to mobilize alumni every year, around the country and around the world. We have become a connected society through the use of the Internet and social media. I am never surprised at the power of connectivity and what it can achieve when people work together across these networks. It is my true hope to keep alumni engaged based on whatever way they prefer to communicate, and I am committed to offering that menu of opportunities to our alumni for the rest of their lives. Don’t wait to fully realize these benefits of being a Cortland graduate. Start today!

I would encourage all of our alumni — from graduates who walked the campus half a century ago to those who just walked the stage at Commencement in May — to leap forward and connect with our community online. You will find that the message you are reading right now is also available via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and our alumni web site, tagged with #CortlandConnections. Please take a moment to use the Internet to explore and expand your SUNY Cortland network, re-connect with your Cortland past and LIVE in your Cortland future!

The power of our traditional alumni activity, amplified by the renewed sense of “connectivity” now possible in the digital world, will sustain the momentum of our dear college and its growing, global alumni base.

Let us move forward together, embrace our strong traditions and connect using every means possible.

It’s always a great day to be a Red Dragon,
1941

At the age of 17, in the fall of 1937, Paul Kleiber went to Cortland State Teachers College with $100 in his pocket and no idea where the rest of the money was going to come from. Paul, who lettered in football, basketball and track for four years at Cortland, was profiled in a Dec. 6, 2012 story in Syracuse.com about sports legends in Auburn, N.Y. Paul had a successful career as a teacher and coach at Auburn High School.

1949

Reunion 2014

Robert Basch of Bloomfield, Mich., celebrated his 90th birthday with his family on March 13.

Two baseball alumni met earlier this year at a New York Professional Baseball Hot Stove League dinner. Joseph DeLucca ‘52, left, and Matthew Senk ‘80. Matthew was honored at the event in Great Neck, N.Y., as the head coach at Stony Brook University, whose Division I squad in 2012 made a memorable run to the College World Series. He was named NCAA Division I Coach of the Year in 2012. Joe, named by the Hot Stove League as Scout of the Year in 1998, made lifelong friends and got an incredible education from outstanding professors and loved teaching secondary level English.

1964

Reunion 2014

Carol Misiaszek Jordan of Oriskany Falls, N.Y., has concluded her second career as a substitute teacher 14 years after her official teaching retirement in 1998.

The Cortland years were some of the best in her life, writes Diane Katopes White of Manhasset, N.Y. “I loved Nu Sig, my Beta Phi boyfriend and the many activities I participated in while I was attending. I made lifelong friends and got an incredible education from outstanding professors and loved teaching secondary level English.”

1967

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo appointed Linda Biemer M ‘67 to serve on the Binghamton University Council through 2017. A professor emerita and former dean of the School of Education and Human Development at Binghamton University, she also taught at SUNY Cortland, Hartwick College and Cortland City Schools.

Shelia Harbet, a professor emerita of health education at California State University, Northridge, now operates a consulting business in PC tutoring and repair. Since March 2012, she has coordinated volunteers for the McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts in Palm Desert, Calif.

1968

Gary Wilson ‘68, M ‘74 retired in July as head cross country coach at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. His 45 years of coaching included 28 at Minnesota. Gary remains at the university as executive director of the Roy Griak Cross Country Invitational.

1962

Gary Winters of Bradenton, Fla., placed third in shot put in the 70 to 74 age group at the 2013 National Senior Games on July 26 in Cleveland, Ohio.

1964

**1969**

### Reunion 2014

The United Way of New York State (UW-NYS) Board of Directors elected Wayne Bayer to a three-year term. Wayne, who previously served on the UWNY’s board from 1986 to 1992, is currently the vice-president for the New York State Public Employees Federation.

### 1970

The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) named Joseph McNerney to the position of executive vice president. Joe retired as director of the National Coalition for Health Professional Education in Genetics in 2010. An active ASHG member since 1980, Joe chaired its Information and Education Committee and was honored with its Excellence in Education Award. He recently had an article appear in the journal *Personalized Medicine*, published in the United Kingdom. Joe’s research was based on a project his former organization conducted with the March of Dimes, Massachusetts General (Harvard University), the Genetic Alliance and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

### 1971

**John Ciulla, Jr.** announced his retirement as the Saratoga (N.Y.) County public defender. A story in the *Times Union of Albany* described him as “a bulwark of criminal justice in Saratoga County for 25 years.”

**Edward Zambraski** was awarded the U.S. Army’s Superior Civilian Service Award, one of the highest honors the Army can bestow on a civilian service member. An emeritus professor of physiology at Rutgers University, since 2003 he has served as chief of the Military Performance Division with the U.S. Army’s Research Institute of Environmental Medicine in Natick, Mass.

### 1972

**Gerard E. Martin M ’72** was profiled May 19 in the *Auburn Citizen* for his community service, including a 43-year teaching and basketball coaching career. Gerard began his career at St. Alphonsus School in Auburn and was a popular teacher at Auburn High School from 1974 until his retirement in 2011.

A group of College friends met in Charleston, N.C., at Fort Sumter on March 17. The classmates, from the left, were Gerald “Jerry” Harnik ’74, Judith “Judie” Levine Altman ’75, Joanne Ditchik and Joan Stutz ’75, Lynn Sims Jacobs ’75, David Lowenstein ’75, Martin “Marty” Lew ’76, Ellen Hoffman ’75 and Steven Mosler ’75. Also there was Richard Casadone ’75.

**Janice Eulau** of Nesconset, N.Y., retired in July 2012 as assistant director of Medicaid for the Suffolk County Department of Social Services. Her 37-year career included testifying on Medicaid abuse in 2011 before the House Subcommittee on Health Care in Washington, D.C.

**Andrea Meltsner Kluepfel**, a 30-year mathematics teacher, retired from Leonia (N.J.) High School in June. In January, **Lawrence Knipel** was appointed administrative judge for civil matters in Kings County, the busiest civil courthouse in New York state. Larry, a judge for 23 years, has served as a New York Supreme Court justice and presided as judge over the Civil Court of New York City.

Ten good friends from the Class of 1975 gathered this summer for a fun-filled week in Lake George, N.Y. Seated, from the left, were Patricia Leary Guillebeau, Judith Sherow Petrosillo, Mary Brod-fuehrer Wiese, Patricia Cicino Murphy and Fern Sobol Gottlieb; and standing were Janet Wright Bailey, Margaret “Meg” Colligan Weiss, Helen O’Driscoll Martin, Debra “Debby” Parker Swan and Sharon Brimmer Jackson.
1975

Mark Glickman in May was named southeast region director for the American Friends of Magen David Adom, a New York City-based national organization that supports Israel’s version of the Red Cross with emergency-response, ambulance and blood services.

1977

David Rosenthal received his Ph.D. in psychology and is an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of Social Work. He lives and works in New York City, teaching child psychotherapy to social workers.

SUNY Oswego selected Susan Parsons Viscomi as director of athletics. She started June 1 with more than 30 years of intercollegiate athletics experience. In 2010, she became the first female athletic director at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y. Prior to that, Susan was an administrator at Hamilton College, and head women’s soccer coach at SUNY Oswego, during which she was twice named State University of New York Athletic Conference Coach of the Year.

1978

Lucy Gettman was elected to the Board of Directors of Women in Government Relations, Inc., the largest professional development organization for women in lobbying and public affairs. She is a 2004 SUNY Cortland Distinguished Alumna.

SUNY Potsdam chose Deborah Diefendorf Hind M ’78 for its highest honor, naming her to receive the 2013 Roger B. Linden Distinguished Service Award. Deborah received her bachelor’s degree from Potsdam in 1975.

1979

Reunion 2014

Joseph Vallo, a new partner with Burr & Forman LLP, splits his time between the New York and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., offices.

1980

Christine Mierke was profiled in the July 8 edition of the Finger Lakes Times for her work as founder of the CAMS Feline Rescue of Wayne County in Lyons, N.Y.

Gail Nalven was ordained as a rabbi in August 2012. The following September, she began as an educator at Temple Shaaray Tefila in New York City.

1981

Nicholas Martyak was awarded four U.S. patents during 2012 for chemical processes used in fuels, cleaners and metal plating. In all, Nick has been granted 37 patents.

Rear Adm. John “Jack” Scorby, Jr., commander, Navy Region Southeast, was a guest speaker at the Memorial Day Remembrance and 35th Anniversary Celebration on May 23 at the World War II Submarine Veterans Memorial Pavilion outside the Trident Facility in Kings Bay, Ga.

1983

Bonni Augenbaum Cohen, her husband, Richard “Rick” Cohen, and their two daughters traveled to Great Britain this spring to visit their friends Richard Fumarola ’84, his wife, Sian, and their five children in Manchester, England. Rick has begun a new business venture as owner and captain of Freeport Water Taxi and Tours, the first tour/shuttle boat on Nassau County’s South Shore.

Head men’s basketball coach Thomas Spanbauer ’83, M ’86 this year led his top-seeded SUNY Cortland team to win its first SUNYAC tournament title since 2000.
1984

Reunion 2014

Michelle Powers and Cindy Crean founded True North Team Building in 2008, a company based just outside of New York City that offers a wide array of experiential team building, team recreation and learning/development workshops.

1987

Michael “Mick” Foley, a former professional wrestler, author and stand-up comedian, was inducted into the 2013 World Wrestling Entertainment, Inc. (WWE) Hall of Fame, on April 6 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

1988

Mark Kirby became warden at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) at Loretto, Pa. on May 6. Previously, he was associate warden at FCI Fairton in New Jersey.

1989

Reunion 2014

Scott Gilman’s Livonia varsity baseball team won this year’s Livingston County baseball title, finishing 16-6. Scott earned his 200th victory during the season.

Linda Potrafke is a designer/IT support specialist at FOX Architects in Washington, D.C. She earned a Master of Arts in Interior Design from the Corcoran College of Art+Design in May 2012.

1990

Lisa Abbott is associate vice president for human resources for health affairs for Penn State Hershey and chief human resources officer for Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Timothy O’Connell has chaired the Recreation and Leisure Studies Department at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, since July 2012.

Trust Across America named Michael “Mike” Paul to its 2013 Top 100 Thought Leaders in Trustworthy Business Behavior in the U.S. Mike, a crisis public relations and reputation management consultant in the corporate world, has made the list two years in a row. He has a registered brand name, The Reputation Doctor®, and is president and senior counselor with MGP & Associates PR.

1991

Michael Graney was appointed as kindergarten through 12 principal at Bolton Central School in Bolton Landing, N.Y. He previously was the Ticonderoga (N.Y.) High School principal.

1992

Julie Chapman Gillenwalters anchors the news broadcast weekday mornings on YNN News 10 Now in the Syracuse, N.Y.-region. A veteran in television news with close to 20 years of professional experience, she joined the Time Warner Cable channel from WBAL-TV, the NBC affiliate in Baltimore, where she was the weekend anchor for their top rated newscast.

1993

Verizon Wireless recently presented Brian Shanley with two of its most prestigious awards for his 2012 performance. He was honored for ranking among the top two percent of sales executives nationwide and for his exceptional teamwork, leadership and customer service.

Anthony Yodice was promoted to executive director at Metrolina Regional Scholar’s Academy, a public charter school for highly gifted students in Charlotte, N.C., in July.

1994

Thomas Valois was recently ordained as a permanent deacon at Church of the Most Holy Trinity parish in Augusta, Ga., a more than 200-year-old congregation.

1995

Thomas Roote was named principal of Newark (N.Y.) High School. He previously directed curriculum and instruction for the Dansville (N.Y.) Central School District.

Tracy Simmonds Westover is employed as a reading specialist in Amherst, Mass. She and her husband, Jon, live in Greenfield, Mass., with their son and infant daughter.

1996

Carol Pallas C.A.S. ’96 became superintendent of the Schalmont (N.Y.) Central School District in January. She had been chief academic officer and transition coordinator for the Greece (N.Y.) Central School District.

1997

Mary Snyder Costigan joined Michaud Residential Health Services in Fulton as administrator last fall. As a SUNY Cortland undergraduate, Mary helped organize the first annual Upstate Student Society on Aging Conference. She was the first recipient of the Delmar Palm Community Service Award for her work in Cortland County.

2000

Kimberly Sweeney Harrison and her business partner are creating an online forum named MomsPumpHere to help mothers find safe, secure and private places to breastfeed their babies or pump breast milk on college campuses and at shopping malls, amusement parks and museums. Owners of mobile smartphones and tablets can use the site’s GPS locator feature to track down the nearest mom-friendly facility.

The National Association of Independent Schools honored Tiffany Musa, an educator at St. Anne’s School of Annapolis (Md.), as a “Teacher of the Future.” She was one of 20 educators nationwide to be recognized for using environmental sustainability, globalism, equity and justice and technology in their teaching.
Megan Stevens is the new director of athletics at Averett University in Danville, Va. She began her duties in mid-August, after serving as the assistant director of athletics and senior woman administrator at Buffalo State since 2009. Megan is a two-time SUNYAC Coach of the Year and was the U.S. Lacrosse Regional Coach of the Year in 2004.

It's not surprising that former biology majors Ted Andrejko, Nathan Francisco '13 and Thomas George have focused on bluegrass. But at the moment it's the music, not the flora, that the Cortland trio love. They recently shared their newfound interest in blues, bluegrass, country and folk music by performing in Ithaca, N.Y., at the Atomic Lounge as the Monkey Wrench Revolt. Nathan and Ted are regular members of the Cortland music scene. Nathan plays guitar, fiddle and, since a year ago, the mandolin. Ted plays a stand-up bass. Herkimer County Community College Trustees promoted Pepe Aragon M '03 from assistant to associate professor. Appointed to the faculty in 1998, Pepe teaches physical education and earned a SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Faculty Service in 2008. He also heads the men’s soccer team at Herkimer.

Verizon Wireless recently presented Nicholas Warren with one of its most prestigious awards for his 2012 performance. He was honored for his exceptional teamwork, leadership and customer service.

Edward Hiscox ’01 and Gina Coyne ’07 exchanged wedding vows on June 8, 2012, in Oswego, N.Y. Attending, in the first row from the left, were: Edward, Frank Hodge, John Joseph Giar ’06, Amy Alvarez Varano ’04, Suzanne Stewart Rossi ’00, Seth Montgomery ’97 and Lynette Briggs Montgomery; second row, Erin Ryan Gray ’03, Brittany Riehlin ’10, Jacquelyn Schneider ’07, Bryan Shea ’08, Kendall Ramsey ’07, Colleen Johnson ’07, Breyanna Donahue ’07 and Michelle Milhaven Brush ’97; third row, Madeline Turco ’10, Christinae Rispoli Weintraub ’09, Gina, Patti Gancio Kiely ’07, James Potts ’09, Jillian Battaglia Gaebel ’07, Jeanette Schroeder Kenney ’03, Stephany Krauz Bonney ’04 and Chris Rossi ’00; and fourth row, Bennett Gaebel ’07, Jason Reynolds ’99, Charles Benjamin III ’00, Kevin Arnold ’95, Jessica Murphy ’08, Daniel Wade ’07, Stephen Luciana ’00, Michael Elorriaga ’04, Jesse Levy ’08, Justine Carter ’07 and William Varano ’04. Also present, but not pictured, were: Colleen Gablenz ’03 and Dawn Sudol ’06.

Janelle Domaradzki ’05, M ’07 married Mauricio Hernandez on July 28 in Buffalo, N.Y. Present, in the front row from the left, are: Patricia “Trisha” Zappala Rebovich ’03, Janelle, Emily Smuckler ’06, Lauren Mock ’05, Colleen Shanahan ’05 and Elisa Arrighini Basmajian ’05; and, back row, Janelle Pruden Oostmeijer ’04, George Oostemeijer ’03, Anne Marie Niciszewski Domaradzki ’04, Jason Rebovich ’02, Danielle “Dani” Maye Ingram ’06, Jennifer Najuch ’10, Brianna Jeffords Goff ’02, M ’11 and SUNY Cortland women’s gymnastics coach Gary Babjack.

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Edward Hiscox '01 and Gina Coyne '07
2007

Daniel Eckstein has trained for his second deployment to Afghanistan as a combat engineer. Stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., Dan lives with his wife, Bianca, and son.

Sodexo Campus Services promoted Katrina Miner in February to area marketing director for New Mexico.

2008

Alice Kahrs recently became the head women's volleyball coach at SUNY Maritime. She also serves as the assistant sports information director.

Caitlin Brogcinski '07 and David “Dave” Fregelette '07 were wed on Dec. 22 in Buffalo, N.Y. Present, in the foreground, are: Caitlin and Dave; middle row from the left, Abigail “Abby” Hempfling '07, Brianne “Bri” Liddiard '06, Caroline Gugino '07, Dominique Talbot Mister '07, Mike Sveda '07, Lindsay Dashnau Hauser '08, Jenna Bremiller '07 and Derek Ziders '07; and back row, Jenea Castanza '07, Patrick “Pat” Cauley '90, Stephanie Wolf Hyde '07, Adam Hyde '08, Matthew Librock '07 and Bill Hauser '07.

Kimberly Czuhanich '09 and Richard Quest '11 were married on June 28 in Owego, N.Y. “Our love blossomed from being orientation assistants in 2008,” Kim wrote. Present, from the left, were classmates and fellow former OAs Mark Morrell '09, Ashley Hudson Morrell '09, Tracy Keener '09, Richard, Kimberly, Cathryn Coffey '09, William “Will” Ahern '09 and SUNY Cortland staff member Evan Bigam.

Jessica D'Angelo ’09 and William Harklerode ’09 exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 8, 2012, in Millbrook, N.Y.
Kyle Lyskawa of Syracuse, N.Y., was hired as an assistant for the Health Care/Tax-Exempt Central Team within The Bonadio Group, a nationally ranked, Top 100 CPA firm based in Pittsford, N.Y. He has a Masters in Business Administration from SUNY Oswego.


Melissa Marder ’10, M ’11 and Brandon Welker ’10 were wed on June 22, 2013, in Westfield, Mass. Attending, from the left, were: Katelyn D’Loughy ’10, Allison Granish ’10, Richard Berkowitz ’12, Eddie Del Castillo, Nicholas Tonini ’10, Neil Stambaugh ’11, Melissa, Brandon, Daniel Quigley ’12, Jessica Gizzi ’08, Jonathan Early ’11, Victoria Barbeisch ’12, Alaina Latella ’12, Theresa “Tess” LeBlanc ’09 and Daniel Porter ’10.

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ALUMNI IN PRINT

David Perry ’61 is a co-author of the recent text, Teaching the Book: Instructional Skills and Strategies for the Experienced and Novice Teacher. The work serves as a companion piece for the consulting firm of APL Associates, which focuses primarily on workshops for teachers and school administrators. The book is published by Morrow Graphics, Inc.

Thomas Rogan ’67, a professor at Hudson Valley Community College, completed the second edition of The Profession of Physical Education, released by Kendall Hunt Publishing Company.

Andrew Pais ’74, “America’s Unstuck Coach,” has a newly published book, Get Unstuck... A Guide For Those Over 50. The volume will be the first in a series by Andrew, a career change coach, author, blogger and speaker based in Irvine, Calif. Andrew is a self-employed entrepreneur who has started and sold several successful businesses. His latest career path as a transformer of lives followed a near death experience in 2008, when he began a quest for his life’s true purpose.

JoAnn Maltese Meaker ‘77 has written a novel, My Dear Emma, that is based in part on the Civil War experiences of a young man from Oxford, N.Y. The story centers around the fictional tale of Rachel Benton, who happens upon a 150-year-old mystery while settling her mother’s estate and desperately trying to keep her life afloat for herself and her young daughter, Julia. The book is sold through Amazon.com and Kindle e-books, and an autographed copy may be obtained by contacting her directly.

Nancy Midey-Galusha ’85 is the author of The Ribbon is Black for a Reason: How Melanoma Changed My Life in Four Short Months. Her book outlines the journey that the Galusha family took upon the diagnosis of Nancy’s husband and her childrens’ father, Jerry, with metastatic malignant melanoma in 2010. The publication was released by Author House Publishing Co. and can be purchased on the Authorhouse, Amazon and Barnes & Noble websites. Nancy taught elementary school at Romulus (N.Y.) Central School for 22 years and now works as a library media specialist at Seneca Falls (N.Y.) Middle School.

Hands On Health: Take Your Vibrant Whole Health Back Into Your Healing Hands is the first in an expected series of books by Paula Youmell ’90. A registered nurse who operates Hands On Health Holistic Healing in Potsdam, N.Y., Paula has trained in many areas of healing the mind, body and spirit including natural health, herbs, reiki, yoga and holistic coaching. Proceeds from this book help fund non-profits in her hometown region that support healthy children, local food and sustainable communities.
Alumni on Campus

Seven alumni were among the 80 schoolteachers from across the country who took part in one of two separate weeklong workshops on “Forever Wild: The Adirondacks in the Gilded Age and Progressive Era” this past summer on campus and at the Environmental and Outdoor Education Center at Raquette Lake. The National Endowment for the Humanities supported SUNY Cortland’s unique American history course, taught by Professors Randi Storch and Kevin Sheets. Gathered on a porch at Camp Huntington the first week in early July were, from the left, Kristen Heagle Geloff ’90, Mary “Betsy” Morenus Gray ’90, Caitlin Goodwin ’11, and Holly Marcolina ’04. Attending the second workshop were Jessica Clarke M ’07, Timothy Potts ’90 and Peter Schwan ’82, M ’90.

Marriages

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Jillian Ladouceur ’07 to Michael Kamp on Nov. 11, 2012, in Slate Hill, N.Y.
Jessica D’Angelo ’09 to William Harkerode ’09 on Sept. 8, 2012, in Millbrook, N.Y.
Kathleen Kelly ’09 to Andrew Lawlor ’09 on March 31, 2012, in Medford, N.Y.
Melissa Marder ’10, M ’11 to Brandon Welker ’10 on June 22 in Westfield, Mass.
Robert Fields ’11 to Courtney Nye ’10 on June 1 in Geneva, N.Y.
Danielle LaFrance M ’11 to Kusal DeSilva on Sept. 29, 2012, in Laurens, N.Y.

Little Dragons

Kelly Jones Hanratty ’92 and Matthew Hanratty ’92, a son, Declan Xavier, on June 18.
Tracy Simmonds Westover ’95 and Jon, a daughter, Kate Maryn, on April 26.
Elizabeth Cioffi Dieppa ’96 and Kenneth, a daughter, Chelsea Elizabeth, on Sept. 20, 2012.

In Memoriam

Heidi Martz Kresser ’97 and Jeff Kresser ’99, a son, Jameson Donovan, on Feb. 24.
Drue Stapleton ’01 and Phoebe Adams Stapleton ’02, a son, Noah Michael, on Jan. 24, 2011.
Gabrielle Dumas McBeth ’02 and Kevin, a son, Nathanael John, in October 2012.
Patricia Casey Newman ’02 and Keith, three children, Kayla on May 21, 2007, Payton on Dec. 22, 2008; and Ayden on April 5.
Stephanie Wolf Hyde ’07 and Adam Hyde ’08, a daughter, Peyton Elizabeth, on June 27.

Alumni

Evelyn Antoinette Clark ’30
Ada Dillman Morgan ’34
Marion Bartlett Boyd ’38
Marcella Carolan Deters ’40
Marie Moran Stangle ’40
Mary Ellen Lane ’46
Patricia Drake Bradigan ’48
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Viola McCormick Stock ’48
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Katherine State ’50
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Elizabeth Connolly Raulli ’51
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Frank Wawrzaszek ’52
Beverly Whitman Loller ’53
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Larry Ashley, professor emeritus of philosophy
John Corso, SUNY Distinguished Professor, professor emeritus of psychology
Del Ivan Janik, professor emeritus of English
LaRetha “Lee” Leyman, professor emerita of physical education
Graves Franklin Ray, associate professor emeritus of history

Friends

Margaret I. “Gibby” Gibson

Retirements

David Berger, professor emeritus of psychology
Edward Caffarella, professor emeritus of educational leadership
John Driscoll, instructional support technician emeritus of geology and physics
Raymond Franco ’72, M ’75, vice president emeritus for student affairs and institutional advancement
Billie Jean Goff, associate director emerita of counseling and student development
Paul Luyben, professor emeritus of psychology
Ellen McCabe M ’00, associate librarian emerita
Lorraine Melita, senior assistant librarian emerita
Nicola Morris, lecturer ill emerita
Mahdi Rubaii, associate professor emeritus of mathematics
Stephen Smith ’75, senior counselor emeritus
Harry Sydow, lecturer VI emeritus
Gail Tooker, associate professor emerita of childhood/early childhood education
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A SUNYAC spring sweep

BY FRAN ELIA | Sports Information Director

The Red Dragons have boasted strong spring teams in the past, but they reached a new level in 2013 when they became the first school in SUNYAC history to win conference titles in all six of the league’s spring sports — softball, baseball, men’s and women’s lacrosse, and men’s and women’s outdoor track and field.

While the softball team’s run to the NCAA Division III championship game garnered much attention, its success was just one part of Cortland’s incredible spring season.

The sweep, highlighted by the softball team’s thrilling run to the NCAA Division III World Series, helped Cortland easily claim the SUNYAC’s Dr. Patrick R. Damore Commissioner’s Cup for overall sports excellence. SUNY Cortland has won the award 16 times during the 17-year existence of the award.

In all, Cortland won 11 of the league’s 20 titles during the 2012-13 school year.

In addition, Cortland finished in 11th place out of approximately 440 Division III schools in the Learfield Sports Directors’ Cup standings, which ranks college athletic programs. The Red Dragons are one of only four programs to finish in the top 20 nationally every year since the competition began 18 years ago.

Here’s a look at some of Cortland’s highlights from the 2013 spring season:

**Softball’s thrilling late-season run**

The Cortland softball team has been a perennial national power for more than a decade under head coach Julie Lenhart, so many were surprised when the Red Dragons struggled to an 8-10 record at almost the midway point of the 2013 season.

What followed shocked even the most ardent fans of the team.

Cortland won 16 of its final 20 regular-season games and continued its drive through postseason play to the Division III World Series. The Red Dragons finished in second place for their best-ever national showing and completed the season with a 35-17 record.

Senior second baseman Lucia Meola earned All-America honors for the third straight season. She batted a team-high .440 and finished second at Cortland with 230 career hits.
Cortland went 4-1 at the eight-team NCAA regional tournament in Ithaca to qualify for the World Series for the fourth time in six years and eighth time overall. The Red Dragons then startled nationally top-ranked Salisbury University in the World Series opening round, 2-1, with a two-run rally in the seventh inning, followed by a 9-1 win over Luther College the next day.

After a loss to Tufts, Cortland faced elimination when trailing 6-2 to Salisbury entering the bottom of the seventh. The “never say die” Red Dragons, however, scored five times for a thrilling 7-6 win and a spot versus Tufts in the championship round. Needing two wins over the Jumbos to win the national title, Cortland held a 5-3 lead in the first game before eventually falling, 6-5.

Senior second baseman Lucia Meola of Liverpool, N.Y., earned All-America honors for the third straight year, and freshman outfielder Diane Cork of Wayland, N.Y., emerged as one of the nation’s top rookies. Lenhart and her assistant coaches were named the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Northeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year for the seventh time.

National semifinals for men’s lax

Cortland enjoyed a perfect men’s lacrosse regular season for the second straight year, but the Red Dragons fell just short of earning a repeat trip to the NCAA Division III finals after losing a heartbreaking 10-9 overtime decision to visiting Rochester Institute of Technology in the national semifinals.

The Red Dragons finished the season 19-1 and are a combined 125-18 in head coach Steve Beville’s seven seasons. The program has advanced to at least the national semifinals in six of those seven campaigns.

Cortland won its sixth straight SUNYAC title and 21st overall with a 9-2 win over Plattsburgh in the conference finals at home.

Seven Cortland players earned All-America awards. Junior midfielder Joe Slavik of Binghamton, N.Y., and senior goalie Mike Kaminski of Sayville, N.Y., were first-team honorees. Junior defenseman Brian Winterfeldt of Merrick, N.Y., was chosen to the All-America second team and junior attacker Cody Consul of Webster, N.Y., earned third-team honors. Senior defenseman Craig Sullivan of Duxbury, Mass., sophomore long-stick midfielder Patrick Brown of Camillus, N.Y., and sophomore midfielder Matt Rakoczy of Clifton Park, N.Y., were honorable mentions.

Women’s lacrosse advances to Final Four ... again

The Cortland women’s lacrosse team finished 21-2 to tie a school record for victories in a season. Three of those wins came in the NCAA Division III playoffs as the Red Dragons progressed to the national “Final Four” for the third straight season.

The season ended, unfortunately, the same way it did in both 2011 and 2012 — with a two-goal loss in the national semifinals. Cortland led 3-0 early before falling, 8-6, to unbeaten Trinity (Conn.) as the Bantams ended the Red Dragons’ season for the second straight year.

Along the way, Cortland won its 15th straight SUNYAC title. Senior midfielder Maria Di Fato of Camillus, N.Y., junior defender Jessica Lavelle of Fayetteville, N.Y., and freshman attacker Erica Geremia of Camillus, N.Y., all earned first-team All-America honors.

Fifth-year head coach Kathy Taylor, who has a combined 93-16 record at Cortland, was named the Empire Region Coach of the Year for the third consecutive season.

Baseball extends NCAA tournament streak

The Cortland baseball team finished with a 38-11 record for its 19th 30-win season in the last 20 years. In the process, head coach Joe Brown’s squad qualified for the NCAA Division III tournament for the 21st straight season — the longest active streak in the nation.

The Red Dragons won three straight games at home in the SUNYAC tournament by a combined score of 35-7 to claim their third league title in a row and 31st total. Cortland posted a 4-2 record at the NCAA Division III regional in Auburn, N.Y., and finished tied for ninth nationally.

Senior outfielder Zack Graczyk of Carmel, N.Y., earned All-America honors after batting a team-best .408 with 15 doubles, 31 RBI and 13 stolen bases.
**Long jumper earns national ranking**

Junior Sarah Bonnell of Norwich, N.Y., registered a fifth-place finish in the long jump to earn All-America honors at the NCAA Division III Women’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships. One of six Red Dragons to compete at nationals, Bonnell also qualified in the 100-meter dash.

Led by sixth-year head coach Steve Patrick ’97, the Red Dragons dominated the competition to win their third straight SUNYAC title and 16th overall. Patrick was voted SUNYAC Coach of the Year for the third consecutive season.

**All-American stars in steeplechase**

Junior Cody Amengual of West Babylon, N.Y., earned All-America recognition in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Division III Men’s Outdoor Track and Field Championships. Amengual was one of five Cortland national qualifiers.

Under head coach Steve Patrick ’97, the Red Dragons hosted the SUNYAC Championships in early May and won the league title by beating Oneonta, 200-198, in the final team scoring after winning the meet’s conclusive event.

The Red Dragons have now won the SUNYAC title each of the last two years and 12 times in all.

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You get access to live stats and video from selected games, amazing photos, in-depth Cortland sports coverage and all the details you need to follow your favorite teams.

Or, for a weekly roundup of SUNY Cortland sports action delivered straight to your email in-box, subscribe to the Athletics newsletter at cortlandreddragons.com/newsletter.
What do ESPN broadcasters, the nation’s first woman four-star general, the wife of a former New York governor and the head coach of the New York Jets have in common?

The Lynne Parks ’68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House

The Tompkins Street mansion that serves as a home-away-from-home for SUNY Cortland alumni has also hosted high-profile visitors to the College campus.

During Jets Training Camp, ESPN broadcasters used the house as their home base while head coach Rex Ryan and other team officials hosted alumni events there. Silda Wall Spitzer, wife of former Gov. Eliot Spitzer, stayed overnight while she was in Cortland for a campus event, and Gen. Ann Dunwoody ’75 enjoyed the hospitality during a recent visit to her alma mater.

“We’ve had some pretty impressive guests, but our focus — day in and day out — is on the hundreds of alumni, students, community members and campus visitors who pass through our doors every year,” said Rich Coyne ’07, general manager of the Parks Alumni House. “We are proud of the increasingly important role we play in both the College and the Cortland communities.”

15,000 square feet of elegant rooms, exquisite décor and warm hospitality

101 years since the house was built by the Wickwire family, which operated Cortland’s steel and wire mills

15 alumni weddings*

125 parents of SUNY Cortland students who stayed at the house overnight*

250 college events held at the house. They include training seminars, receptions, luncheons, retirement celebrations and holiday parties*

745 overnight college bookings for job candidates, speakers, entertainers, academic colleagues and other campus visitors*

75 luxurious bedrooms available for overnight stays

5 people can be accommodated for a formal, sit-down dinner

* Since 2010 when the alumni house began full hospitality operations
It’s your house ... why not invite a friend over?

The stately Lynne Parks ’68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House is the only alumni-owned facility of its kind in the SUNY system. It is also an elegant and intimate bed and breakfast that’s perfect for a group of friends, a couple, or an individual visitor to the Cortland area.

You could qualify to win a free “Eat and Stay” package for two at this historic, downtown mansion just by referring a friend to the Parks Alumni House for an overnight stay. That friend, in turn, could save 10 percent off the price of his or her visit.

Here’s how it works:

Your friend submits the completed form below when he or she checks into the Parks Alumni House. It gives them 10 percent off the price of their one-night stay.*

The completed form with your contact information is collected with forms from other alumni who referred friends.

On Feb. 1, 2014, we will hold a random drawing to select the winner of the package, which has a value of up to $225.00.*

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MAILING ADDRESS
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* Some restrictions apply. Neither the friend discount nor the alumni Eat and Stay package can be redeemed during peak weekends — Commencement, Reunion, Welcome, Family, Siblings, Homecoming, Hall of Fame, Cortaca Jug and local graduation weekends. They cannot be combined with any other discounts.
Alumni Reunion 2013, held July 12-14, was a great success! More than 650 alumni and friends joined us back on campus, reconnecting with SUNY Cortland and reminiscing with friends.

The Class of 1963 enjoyed its 50th reunion, while 2013 marked the first-ever, College-sponsored Beta Phi Epsilon (1925-1995) fraternity reunion and the 85th anniversary of Nu Sigma Chi sorority.

Be sure to check out the complete Reunion photo gallery at cortland.edu/reunion and save the date for this upcoming Reunion, to be held July 10 to 13 in 2014!
Is a job change taking you to a new city? Are you headed for graduate school across the country? Or are you retiring to a land of sunshine?

No matter your reason for relocating, Cortland Alumni Ambassadors who are part of the newly formed Red Dragon Welcome Wagon will try to answer questions about your new hometown.

These regional welcome groups are being established to assist Cortland alumni who are moving to new and unfamiliar areas of the country.

The process is simple. Contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 607-753-2516 or alumni@cortland.edu with your name and the area to which you will be moving. Within a few days, a Cortland Alumni Ambassador in the region will contact you by phone or email.

If you would like to serve as an Ambassador, contact the Alumni Affairs Office and your contact information will be given to people relocating in your area.

Whether you are going to Atlanta or Albuquerque, Schenectady or Spokane, if there is a Cortland graduate in your area, the Red Dragon Welcome Wagon will help you connect with your new community.
Cortaca Jug
Celebrate our annual football game against the Ithaca Bombers by posting your pictures on our Facebook and Instagram with the tag #Cortaca. Visit the cortland.edu/cortaca for more game information on the history of the Cortaca Jug. Show your Cortland pride and be a part of the “biggest little game in the nation.”

Open House
Come back to Cortland and enjoy the holiday decorations at the Lynne Parks ’68 SUNY Cortland Alumni House on Sunday, Dec. 15. Come and stay or book your holiday party or event at the Parks Alumni House.

Florida Reunions
College President Erik J. Bitterbaum will be in Florida for our annual gatherings Thursday, March 6 to Saturday, March 8. Join us for receptions on the East Coast, in The Villages or golf with us on the West Coast.
Visit cortland.edu/alumni/florida for additional information.

Southern Tier
Save the date for hockey night in Binghamton. On March 15 the Alumni Association will be hosting a dinner in the Arena Club and a Binghamton Senators hockey game at the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena.

Syracuse Chapter
Join us Saturday, March 15, for a St. Patrick’s Day celebration in Armory Square, Syracuse. A lunch buffet will take place at Mulrooney’s Pub with the parade going on just a block away. For registration details check our website at cortland.edu/adventures as the event gets closer.

Kente Ceremony Alumni
In April the Alumni Association will be honoring past Kente graduates and celebrating new alumni receiving this honor with a reception at SUNY Cortland. To learn more or assist with planning, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at alumni@cortland.edu.

Half-Century Club Members
Alumni from the Class of 1964 or earlier are invited to return to Cortland to take part in Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 17. Our Half Century Club alumni are invited to walk during the procession dressed in full Commencement regalia. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 607-753-2516.

Alumni Ambassadors
The Alumni Association is seeking members for the new Alumni Ambassador program. Participants can create new internship experiences at their business, welcome new graduates and alumni to their community, assist with regional events, network with fellow alumni and/or come back to campus to present to students. For more information on how to reconnect with one’s alma mater and classmates, email alumni@cortland.edu.

Presidential Events
College President Erik J. Bitterbaum is on the road and is meeting with alumni as he makes stops across the country. This year, he has already visited with alumni in Ohio, Massachusetts, Kansas and New York City. Don’t miss the opportunity to visit with him this spring when he heads to San Diego, California and Chicago, Illinois. For additional information on upcoming alumni events with the president, visit cortland.edu/alumni/presidentontheroad.
We need your help!
Sign up to call friends and provide feedback on activities planned by visiting cortland.edu/reunion.

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- Class of 1939
- Class of 1944
- Class of 1949
- Class of 1954
- Class of 1959
- Class of 1964 - 50th Reunion
- Class of 1967
- Class of 1979

- Class of 1989 — 25th Reunion
- Alpha Delta Sorority
- Delta Kappa Beta (1925-1991) Fraternity First-ever!
- Former resident assistants

Where is Class of 1974?
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