



## College of Arts and Sciences

### Overview

The formation of the College of Arts and Sciences was the result of numerous discussions among campus members in regards to the future of SUNY Fredonia, with the impending departure of the Dean of the College of Natural and Social Sciences. The composition of the College of Arts and Sciences is the 11 academic departments from the College of Natural and Social Sciences (CNSS) and the eight academic departments from the College of Arts and Humanities. Dr. John Kijinski, formerly the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, serves as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. The college serves about 3,670 students, 215 full-time faculty, 154 part-time faculty, and 38 staff members. Recruitment is currently underway for five faculty positions, all of which are replacement positions.

### Highlights

- Schematic design for the new \$60 million Science and Technology Center is complete and more detailed drawings are underway, with groundbreaking to occur in 2011. The project will allow science and mathematics programs to fulfill their vision of delivering an education that prepares students for cutting-edge careers, top notch graduate and professional schools, fulfilling lives, and of serving the broader community's science education needs.
- The Natural Sciences Alumni Advisory Council, established in 2007, continues to be an important resource for curricular and fundraising efforts of the college, and for student career development.
- Grant support to the college continues to be strong, with \$1.7 million in active external support and \$900,000 in pending proposals.
- The SUNY Fredonia Technology Incubator, located in the city of Dunkirk, opened its new building in December 2009. Several CNSS faculty continue to be involved in launching the exciting project.
- Julia Hopson ('09), Visual Arts and New Media major and track and field star, was the first female NCAA Division III champion in Fredonia's history. Furthermore, she was named one of nine finalists, from among more than 200,000 NCAA Division I, II, or III female student athletes in the U.S., for the 2009 NCAA Woman of the Year award.
- Professors Nefin Dinc and Ted Schwalbe of the Department of Communication hosted 16 Turkish students on Fredonia's campus; the students had produced films as a part of the \$800,000 U.S. State Department grant awarded to Professor Dinc and Dr. Schwalbe entitled, "Youth Filmmaking Project in Turkey." The Turkish students showed their films to appreciative audiences in Fredonia, Buffalo, and New York City, as well as in Turkey. As a further part of this grant, Dr. Schwalbe was able to bring eight Fredonia students to Turkey to show the films they had produced to Turkish audiences.
- Professor Ann Carden of the Department of Communication was inducted into the Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows.
- Associate Professor Aimee Nezhukumatathil of the Department of English was named a National Endowment for the Arts Fellow for 2009.
- The Department of History has become official sponsor of the Western Southern Tier Region, New York State History Day Competition.
- The School of Music, the Department of Theatre and Dance, and the Hillman Memorial Music Association collaborated to present an outstanding production of, "La Boheme," in November 2009.



**Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences  
John Kijinski.**



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- The Ethics Bowl Team, advised and coached by Dr. Andrew Cullison of the Department of Philosophy, reached the semifinals and finished fifth overall at the Northeast Regional.
  - Distinguished Professor Alberto Rey of the Department Visual Arts and New Media was appointed to the SUNY University-wide Advisory Council on Distinguished Professorships.
  - Dr. Tom Janik, chair of the Department of Chemistry, arranged the donation of an OmniFlex MALDI TOF mass spectrometer from Perkin Elmer through alumnus Scott Kuzdahl. The current used value is \$95,000. Software updates and service were performed and the instrument is now operational. The instrument will be very useful in investigations of polymers and biomolecules and is an ideal instrument for undergraduate research projects.
  - The faculty in the Department of Psychology had a very good year in terms of scholarly activity, with 13 publications in refereed journals and 19 papers and posters accepted for presentation at professional conferences.
- Dr. Kim Tillery, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences received the 2008-2009 SUNY Chancellor's Award of Excellence in Teaching; was elected by audiologists in N.Y. State as the Vice President of Audiology on the board of directors of New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association, and received the Distinguished 2008 Alumnus Award from Illinois State University.
  - Eteri Svanidze, Physics and Mathematics double major, won a second prize in the poster competition at the April meeting of the New York State Section of the American Physical Society. Ms. Svanidze had previously won spots in highly competitive Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs at Rice University and Cornell University. She will be attending Rice University in the fall in a Ph.D. program in Applied Physics. In addition, Ms. Svanidze published a refereed conference paper in the *Proceedings of the Midstates Conference for Undergraduate Research in Computer Science and Mathematics* and gave a talk at the conference, presented a poster session on this topic at the Mathematics Joint Meeting held in January 2009 in Washington D.C., and gave a talk on the topic at the Undergraduate Conference for Women in Mathematics in February 2009 in Lincoln, Neb.
  - Over 30 students attended the annual meeting of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State, held in November 2009 in Buffalo, N.Y. The seniors in Dr. Keary Howard's and Assistant Professor Tedi Cox's math education methods classes all gave presentations in sessions entitled "Lessons with Potential from Student Teachers with Potential." Many attendees remarked how impressed they were with the students.



- Biology graduate student Cassidy Hahn and undergraduate student Nick Sard won awards for their posters and presentations at the Great Lakes Research Center Conference in Syracuse; Ms. Hahn and undergraduate student Sara Stark won awards for their poster presentations at “Great Lakes Day” in Albany.
- Numerous students participated in the Student Research and Creativity Exposition, as well as in other campus-wide and departmental forums that featured student work.

**Planning Assumptions**

Planning assumptions used in the development of the 2010-2011 operating budget for the College of Arts and Sciences include the following:

- Full funding for all existing tenure/tenure-track positions.
- Decreased funding to staff courses taught by non-tenure-track faculty.
- Decreased funding for new equipment and replacement of old equipment.

**Operating Budget**

The 2010-2011 operating budget will allow the College of Arts and Sciences to continue to make progress towards achieving strategic goals. SUNY has approved our proposed master’s degree program in Music Therapy. We will be able to staff this program without any additional tenure-track hires. The natural



science programs have been growing and are anticipated to continue doing so. Matching funds will continue to come from the college budget to leverage grant support. In partnership with Information Technology Services, the budget will allow updated technology for classrooms and for faculty to continue to be priorities. However, state funding cuts continue to severely limit other equipment replacement and faculty travel. As the College of Arts and Sciences deals with budgetary challenges, its first goal will be to continue to offer the courses necessary to allow students to graduate on time.

**Turkish students work at producing a film as part of Fredonia’s \$800,000 U.S. State Department, “Youth Filmmaking Project in Turkey” grant.**