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#### Convocation Lecture by Bill Nye, "The Science Guy"

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#### Varsity Men's Baseball Alumni Game

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2014 Freedonia Marxonia Thursday, Oct. 2, 3 p.m. Reed Library. Free. Display, Groucho birthday cake and annual group photo. Groucho glasses provided. Costume ideas for Friday's contests.

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Washington, D.C. Reunion **Reception Honoring** American Association of State Colleges and Universities' 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. Michael Marletta, '73 Monday, Oct. 20, 6-8 p.m. Old Ebbitt Grill 675 15th St., NW Washington, DC \$20/person

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**OCTOBER** 

Homecoming Weekend Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19 **Dedication of new Science** Center, Friday, Oct. 17.

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Columbus Day Open House **Open House Open House** (Bilingual track available) Presidents Day Open House Accepted Student Reception June Preview Day

Saturday, March 7, 2015 Saturday, March 28, 2015 Saturday, April, 25, 2015

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President's Award for Excellence Lecture by Dr. Ted Lee, "The Evolu tion of Pharmaceutical Drugs: Teaching Drug Discovery, Development, and Mechanism of Action" Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2 p.m. Rosch Recital Hall

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**Communication Disorders** and Sciences/ **Youngerman Reunion** Friday, Nov. 7, 5-9 p.m. Michael's Banquet Facility 4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY Contact Kim Tillery at (716) 673-3203 or Kim.Tillery@ fredonia edu.

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#### Dear Alumni and Friends.

As this issue's cover illustrates, this is one of the most exciting and change-filled semesters in Fredonia's history, as students, faculty, and alumni have returned to see a very different campus on several fronts.

The biggest change will be seen with the much-anticipated opening of the new, 92,000-square-foot Science Center (see page 4). This state-of-the-art facility is breathtaking. It clearly changes the physical landscape of the campus, creating an appealing science quad. It will enhance the university's historic strength in the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and re-cast the ways many view Fredonia. It is an outstanding building, designed by internationally known Mitchell/Giurgola Architects to facilitate the collaborative, problem-based approaches to science learning. Faculty members were engaged throughout the planning, led by Associate Professor of Chemistry Holly Lawson, project shepherd. A campus team toured a dozen science buildings on other campuses to gather ideas and provide input that went into designing and equipping classrooms, laboratories, and research areas. Even those not engaged in science will appreciate the building's overall functionality, sustainable design elements, inviting atmosphere, and spectacular views. It will serve nearly 500 students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Environmental Sciences, Molecular Biology, Medical Technology, Exercise Science, and Science Education. We hope you'll return to tour this new academic building at its formal dedication, Friday, Oct. 17. We could think of no better way to kickoff Homecoming weekend!

To help celebrate this new facility and foster excitement for its official dedication, Bill Nye ("The Science Guy") will be featured as the 2014-15 Maytum Convocation Series keynote speaker (see page 7). A worldrenowned scientist, engineer, comedian, author, inventor, and winner of multiple Emmy Awards, Dr. Nye is an ideal speaker to frame this year's Convocation theme, "The Joy of Discovery," on Thursday, Sept. 18.

At the opposite end of campus, visitors will discover the new University Village, campus townhouses nestled along Ring Road. These new residence options offer upper-division students all-inclusive, furnished apartment housing — with single bedrooms, full amenities (including washers and dryers in each apartment), and the convenience, safety, and security of living on campus.

Another major construction project is now underway with the expansion and renovation of the Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center. When completed in 2016, the addition will enhance the already outstanding instruction and performances in the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The entrance from the parking lot will be more accessible and welcoming, and instead of a solid concrete wall, visitors will be able to see an inviting array of new visual arts as well as dance studios and production areas. There will also be a much-needed connector to link Rockefeller with Mason Hall.

However, the biggest change is one you may have already seen. This summer, the university unveiled a unifying name - simply, "Fredonia" - as well as a much-needed redesign of the campus logo. The name change gives the institution a singular identity, clearing up long-running confusion between SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia State College, FSU, and previous monikers. Just as importantly, survey data and focus groups revealed that our previous identity did not resonate well with out-of-state and international audiences — two major components of the enrollment strategy. The new logo consists of an attractive, modern font that emphasizes the name Fredonia, while clearly aligning with the state university system. It also includes a creative logo mark. This symbol, inspired by Fredonia's iconic I.M. Pei architecture, features two converging "Fs" that also form a mortarboard and tassel — the traditional cap worn at Commencement. The new logo, produced entirely in-house by Fredonia's talented marketing and communications team and vetted through a 17-member committee, has been embraced by key stakeholders across campus. We hope you like this new identity and take as much pride in it as we do!

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# Simply 'Fredonia' Campus unveils new name, visual identity

In June, the university announced a new name and visual identity. Going forward, it will be known as, "The State University of New York at Fredonia," although in most contexts, it will be referred to simply as, "Fredonia."

The change comes in response to growing feedback, coupled with a yearlong research effort led by

to have a single name that reflects our unique identity and our role as part of the State University of New York."

In addition, the university has added a new logo mark, to provide a visual that will help more people recognize and remember Fredonia. The campus' research helped guide this



faculty, staff, student and alumni representatives from across the university, which revealed a degree of inconsistency, and even some confusion, among certain target audiences.

Specifically, the use of "SUNY Fredonia" in some contexts and "Fredonia State" within others has caused some to think that two separate institutions existed. The confusion has been greater for out-of-state and international audiences, although it existed in some cases even within Western New York.

In addition, the research showed that out-of-state respondents don't recognize or understand the SUNY acronym, often mispronouncing it or not recognizing it as an institution of higher education without the word "college" or "university" included. This is especially true with international audiences.

"An emphasis in Fredonia's strategic plan is expanding our role as a global community, welcoming out-of-state and international students and encouraging all Fredonia students to learn about the world and their places in it," said President Virginia S. Horvath. "A first step for us to be known is

process as well, including feedback gathered during a variety of focus groups, surveys, and open campus presentations throughout the past two semesters.

"Our findings showed that students, families and other visitors to campus are often impressed by Fredonia's beauty and the distinctiveness of its architecture - especially its iconic I.M. Pei buildings. I know I felt that way when I first visited," said Erin Doroszynski, the 2013 Student Association president and student representative on the branding team. "They're relatively unique within the SUNY system, and they provide a natural point of distinction for Fredonia.

President Horvath added that the internal design and implementation team, led by Communications Designer

Patty Herkey and Marketing and Communications Director Mike Barone, did an excellent job of incorporating the architecture into 10 the logo, while creatively incorporating a pair

of three-dimensional 'F's - one white, and one reversed, in blue — coming together to form a multi-story structure.

The converging Fs also naturally form arrow-like visuals. These serve as metaphors for the progress and transformation which Fredonia students experience, as well as the leadership role the

graduates will always embrace the university as they remember it, whether it was SUNY Fredonia, Fredonia State College, or even Fredonia Teachers College. Like the ever-changing campus itself, this is just another step in our evolution, and we're confident that our alumni will embrace Fredonia's future while still holding

university takes in the community from an engagement and economic development perspective.

At the top and right of the logo, the converging Fs also form a mortar board and tassel — the traditional cap worn during a graduation ceremony.

The branding team was quick to add, however, that the research also showed Fredonia's students and alumni were proud to be part of the State University of New York, with many respondents saying they felt "smarter" for having chosen an affordable university. Fredonia's faculty and staff share a similar sense of pride in having chosen a career in public higher education, knowing the lifechanging impact it has for many students.

"They recognize the quality



and value which a Fredonia degree represents, which is why the State University of New York is still well represented within our new logo," explained Alumni Affairs Director Patricia Feraldi. "Many of our nearly 45,000 living

their personal memories dear to their hearts."

The timing of the new identity is especially appropriate, as the campus opens its new, 92,000-square-foot Science Center. This building, which meets LEED silver standards, is designed for the hands-on, interdisciplinary ways through which students best learn science today. It is re-shaping the way people think about Fredonia, its commitments to sustainability and student learning, and its academic strengths.

"Campus leaders have worked hard for years to ensure that Fredonia prepares for and invests in the future of its students," President Horvath concluded. "In many ways, Fredonia has been re-branding for several years, with new academic programs, greater public engagement, and attention to facilities and approaches that help today's students learn best. The heart of what we do will remain the same: challenging and supporting students as they discover their passions and prepare for the world beyond graduation. This new visual identity boldly reflects this continued commitment to inspiring the next generations of Fredonians."

Cover Story

# the EVOLUTION continues!

Students returning to campus this fall will notice an immediate, unmistakable, transformational change to Fredonia's campus.

In the southeast corner, a brand new, 92,000-square-foot, three-story structure shines in the summer sun. The new Fredonia Science Center, surrounded by a stunning courtyard and connected to Houghton Hall, now hugs the Science Quad. It will vastly improve the teaching, learning and research opportunities within the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) disciplines.

After three years of construction vehicles, chain-link fences and

re-routed traffic, Fredonians will finally get to experience the vision that was discussed by architects, administrators and elected officials during the 2011 ground-breaking ceremony.

It's been worth the wait. Not only does the finished product dramatically elevate the resources available to hundreds of students and dozens of faculty, but even the planning and construction processes have met Fredonia's values and education mission every step of the way.

Following the Project Kaleidoscope (PKAL) STEM Facilities Planning model, (now a part of the Learning Spaces Collaboratory), Fredonia created a team of faculty and academic administrators who, along with Director of Facilities Planning Markus Kessler, attended a PKAL workshop on science facility planning. There they had the chance to talk with those who had recently built science buildings on campuses across the U.S.

The model also emphasizes the importance of a project shepherd, and Associate Professor of Chemistry Holly Lawson — known across campus for her zest for teaching and advocacy of small-group, collaborative learning - was quick-

ly chosen as an ideal fit. Dr. Lawson and other team members visited a number of institutions to see what they had created on their campuses and what lessons they had learned.

"From the start, this building was designed to align with the ways science works now, and the best ways students can learn science," explains Fredonia President Virginia Horvath, who was Vice President for



erd Holly Lawson takes a well-deserved moment to admire the finished product that has encompassed so much of her last three years

Academic Affairs at the time. "We came away with a clear sense of what Fredonia needed to support science learning."

Those essentials included flexible spaces that allow students to move seamlessly from lectures to hands-on learning; an auditorium that encourages student-to-student interaction and applied learning; the mixing of programs from Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Environmental

Sciences and Science Education in the same building to encourage interdisciplinary research and teaching; and plenty of social learning spaces, such as a café and study alcoves, to spark the creative collisions of ideas.

As the first new academic building on campus in more than 30 years, Fredonia's planners, led by then-President Dennis Hefner, wanted to ensure that the Science Center had many features that reflect Fredonia's values with regard to teaching, learning and community impact. These included many components that demonstrate Fredonia's commitment to sustainable construction and operations, including green roofs and



energy-efficient heating and cooling systems; a unique storm water runoff system that prevents soil erosion and flooding; the energy and water efficient Falcone Greenhouse; and many other U.S. Green Building Council LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) recommendations. The building is expected to earn at least LEED Silver Certification.

Mitchell/Giurgola Architects, a New York City-based firm with a world-wide reputation for excellence in the creation of academic and scientific research facilities, designed the building. The lead contractor was the Pike Company, while construction management was performed by LeChase Construction Services, both of Rochester, N.Y.

#### READY TO 'SHOW OFF'

The new center is a beautiful, welcoming place, filled with natural light and designed to provide opportunities for "intellectual collisions" between current users and eventually all of the STEM community. "A great example of this is the study alcoves which give students a place to work together right outside of faculty offices," Lawson explains.

Such public learning is an illustration of how faculty members plan to put Fredonia's science on display.

"The building's inviting design encourages people to look into labs and see students and faculty engaged in discovery, and to interact with one another as part of the learning environment," President Horvath says.

One key feature is the Kelly Family Auditorium, designed for maximum flexibility in learning environments. It allows for an immediate shift from larger lecture and demonstration scenarios to small-group, collaborative learning, by allowing students to pivot in their chairs and work at larger tables as opposed to individual, fold-up desktops.

"Similarly, the teaching and research labs were deliberately designed to meet the needs of the current users, yet remain flexible for future use," Lawson adds. "All of the teaching labs have infrastructure to allow those rooms to be used as lecture, seminar or group work spaces."

One of the riveting design aspects is the main entrance and Kourelis-Stavrides Courtyard, where the paving is laid out to resemble geologic strata that reach out to the Science Quad. This pattern is echoed in the large cantilever beams that support the glass over the front door and the ceiling beams in the atrium and auditorium. All of this draws observers into the center. Another key design element is that the main entrance is placed at the end of the academic spine, so that anyone looking down it will see the Science Center as the cornerstone of the academic campus.

The Science Center also boasts inviting public spaces, such as the atrium's floor-to-ceiling glass walls. The Costello Reading Room is a quiet space, isolated from the busy atrium with glass walls and a great view of the back garden. The Marletta Conference Room, placed at the intersection of Houghton Hall and the Science Center, has glass walls as well as artwork designed and commissioned by alumni. The Gavin Arie is an outstanding space perched above the atrium with glass walls that look out to the atrium, auditorium and courtyard. The Major Alice Conference Room, on the third floor, has a wonderful floor-to-ceiling window that overlooks the back garden.

#### IT'S WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE THAT MATTERS

While students will be the primary beneficiaries of the new facility, the needs of current and future faculty members were also a major focal point during its design. And while all of the architectural highlights are appealing, it's the addition of \$4 million in new equipment and instrumentation that excites many of its new residents the most.

"That will greatly elevate our research and teaching capabilities," Lawson attests. "Recruiting new faculty will be easier when we offer state-ofthe-art labs and equipment."

New equipment means better things for students as well.

"The new facility has much more state-of-the-art equipment than we've had in Jewett Hall," agrees Biology Professor Ted Lee, who also serves as the Pre-Health Professions Advisor on campus. "It will provide students in both teaching and research laboratories with better equipment for their work, and that will benefit them as they begin their careers. We hope this will be a place where students want to be — and provide our faculty with a more collaborative environment to work with our students."

Students are equally excited about the building's new contents.

"It comes loaded with millions of dollars' worth of new equipment, and that's what I'm most excited about," says senior Chemistry major Cassidy Benson, the 2013 Student Association Vice President who recognizes that experience with newer equipment will make her more marketable to graduate schools and employers. "I can't wait to get my hands on the new machinery! It will make research much easier and open new doors to student research that our campus wasn't previously capable of providing."

#### **LISTENING TO** EMPLOYERS

The \$60 million investment is easily justified, as statistics and initiatives abound which cite the growing importance of and need for future employees in the STEM disciplines.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that employment in STEMrelated occupations was projected to grow to more than 9 million between 2012 and 2022, an increase of roughly a million jobs over 2012 levels. Wages in STEM occupations were significantly higher too. STEM professionals earned a median annual wage of nearly \$76,000 as of May 2013 — more than double the \$35,080 median wage for all workers.

Moreover, both President Barack Obama and Governor Andrew Cuomo have repeatedly called for an increased focus on and funding for STEM education. Earlier this year, Governor Cuomo went so far as to propose a basic outline for a potential free tuition program for students earning a STEM degree, provided that they work in the state for five years following graduation. However, many innovation experts, industry pundits and mainstream

media are now promoting the merits of "STEAM," recognizing the importance in which the arts (design, music, imagery, etc.) have in many



aior Cassidy Benson settles in to her lab in early August, which enjoys a eautiful view of campus and one of the Science Center's green roofs

STEM fields. Fredonia's long history of excellence in the arts positions it uniquely for greater interdisciplinary opportunities across dozens of majors and industries.

#### CAMPUS IMPACT

With all of these external political and economic forces spurring demand for STEM degrees, it's no wonder that the excitement and expectations are high for the impact this facility can have. Many universities have seen an immediate return on investment from new science facilities.

"When visiting other institutions, we were told that they saw increases in STEM enrollment from 10 to 20 percent," Lawson confirms. "We're planning for a significant increase in STEM applications not only from the opening of the center and its state-of-the-art labs and equipment, but also with the impressive STEM scholarships we're offering and the ramping up of our outreach efforts."

To put that into a financial context, assuming current rates for tuition, fees, room and board, a 10 to 20 percent increase in enrollment would equate to an annual revenue increase for Fredonia ranging between \$10.7 million to \$21.4 million. In other words, the new building could pay for itself in three to six years.

In fact, dividends have already been felt before the center's doors have even opened. Since 2011 when construction began, Fredonia has expe-

rienced considerable jumps in the numbers of applications, acceptances and enrolled students in all of its natural sciences departments (Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physics and Geosciences). Enrollments in particular have increased between 34 and 150 percent. As of this fall, the new building will serve nearly 500 students majoring in Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Environmental Science, Molecular Biology, Medical Technology, Exercise Science and Science Education.



Students gather outside faculty offices to experience the building's study alcoves, designed to spark "ir

"The data show that not only are more students considering Fredonia to study science, but the academic quality of those students is increasing as well," says Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Dan Tramuta, '78. "Ultimately, more of those students are choosing Fredonia. This building is re-defining the way people think about our campus and areas of expertise."

One of those sold on that paradigm shift is Jessica (Pendl) Cowan, '00, a school counselor who is part of a team that works with close to 100 seniors each year at Chautauqua Lake Secondary School in Mayville.





Chautauqua Lake Secondary School Guidance Counselor Jessica Cowan believes the new facility will be of major interest to any of her students who are considering a career in the

"For a high school student to see that a facility like this exists — at a university as affordable, manageable (in terms of size) and close to home as Fredonia — it's bound to make a big impression," Cowan said during a recent sneak-preview tour. "For college freshmen to have the chance to be involved right out of the gate with this level of research, it's an amazing opportunity. I mean, they have a (confocal) 3-D microscope that's one of just 50 in the nation!"

President Horvath is optimistic that this growth will continue. "This building will attract more students to these majors and be the place where advanced high school students across the state will want to study," she says. "It will also be an attractive place for the kind of science faculty Fredonia needs: those who seek the best facilities as they engage students in learning and challenge them in research opportunities."

#### **ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT /** HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

Another welcomed byproduct of this initiative has been the way that alumni have embraced this project. The campus has been fortunate to have Dr. Michael Marletta, '73, and Dennis Costello, '72, among the planning team, as well as a STEM alumni advisory board, which was consulted throughout.

"Alumni not only helped shape the way the building was designed, but they helped rally donor support as well," says Associate Vice President for University Development Betty Catania Gossett, '76. "To date, alumni and community members have made 27 naming space gifts within the Science Center, totaling more than \$1.8 million in support, and many additional opportunities remain."

Alumni ideas, based on current practice in research and teaching facilities around the world, were important parts of the program and design phases.

"A number of these alumni have also made significant donations to name spaces within the building, investing funds in programming and scholarships and connecting their well-known scientific work to the efforts here at Fredonia," President Horvath attests. "I am very grateful to them for seeing this through."

New York State Senator Cathy Young was also essential in securing capital funds for the project. New York State Assemblyman Andy Goodell has also been very supportive, as has Regional Director of Design Anne Garrity of the State University Construction Fund.

To thank them all and allow them to celebrate the Science Center's opening, university officials have scheduled its formal dedication for Friday, Oct. 17 at 11 a.m. — a perfect start to Homecoming Weekend. President Horvath hopes that many alumni will return to share in this historic moment. She is also excited to welcome back President Emeritus Hefner, who plans to attend as well.

"This building reflects the strength in science that has been part of Fredonia's reputation for more than 50 years. It's not just a shiny, new building," she emphasizes. "It's a building that showcases the small class sizes, integrated learning, and faculty-student collaboration that are important to student success. Our strategic plan notes that our goal is to have 'a transformative learning experience for all.' This building is part of that experience, and you can find that only at Fredonia."

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Major Alice Conference Room	Barbara A. Sam and Grace M. Sam In memory of Major Alice M. Sam, USAF Ret. and Adele R. Sam
Mantai Research Laboratory	Mantai Family in honor of Distinguished Teaching Professor Kenneth E. Mantai
Marletta Conference Room	Dr. Michael Marletta, '73, and Margaret Gutowski
Moos Organic Laboratory	Dr. Walter Moos In memory of Dr. and Ruth Moos, and Carolyn Ruth Moos
Roth Family Study Alcove	Roth Family
Schall Study Alcove	Dr. Susan Schall, '81 In honor of Dr. William and Mrs. Carol Schall
Secker Study Alcove	Dr. Christopher, '93, and Mrs. Cathy Cahill In memory of Robert Secker, '93
Storch Ecology Laboratory	Francis J. Priznar, '76 In honor of Dr. Thomas Storch
Willson Classroom	Col. C. Ross (Ret. U.S. Army), '39* and Phyllis Ellis Willson, '39
Wood Faculty Office	Francis J. Priznar, '76; Dr. Josephine F. Wilson, '75; Thomas Fink, '75; and Jules Silverman, '75 In honor of Dr. Kenneth G. Wood
	Dr. Shari Yudenfreund-Sujka, '78, M.D.



As part of the semester-long celebration of the opening of its new Science Center, Fredonia will welcome world-renowned scientist, engineer, comedian, author and inventor Bill Nye "The Science Guy" to campus this fall. He will appear Thursday, Sept. 18, at 3:30 p.m. in King Concert Hall as the keynote speaker for the campus' annual Convocation Series.

The 2014-15 series theme, "The Joy of Discovery," will highlight the many instances across Fredonia's academic disciplines and throughout our lives where discovery plays a critical role. Discovery can occur at a personal, societal or even global level, representing creativity that results in the finding or learning of something for the first time.

Bill Nye's stated mission is to foster a scientifically literate society — to help people understand and appreciate the science that makes our world work. Making science entertaining and accessible is something he has been doing most of his life. He

grew up in Washington, D.C., but moved to Seattle, Wash., to work for Boeing after earning a Mechanical Engineering degree from Cornell University.

It was in Seattle that Bill began to combine his love of science with his flair for comedy, when he won a Steve Martin lookalike contest and developed dual careers as an engineer by day and a stand-up comic by night.

Eventually, Bill quit his engineering job and made the transition to a night job as a comedy writer and performer on Seattle's home-grown ensemble comedy show, "Almost Live." That is when "Bill Nye the Science Guy®" was born. The show appeared before Saturday Night Live and later on Comedy Central, originating at KING-TV, Seattle's NBC affiliate. While working on the Science Guy show, Nye won seven national Emmy Awards for writing, performing and producing. The show won 18 Emmys in five years. In between creating the shows, he wrote five kids' books

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# 'The Science Guy' to speak on campus this fall

about science, including his latest title, Bill Nye's Great Big Book of Tiny Germs.

Nye is currently the host of three TV series: "The 100 Greatest Discoveries" airing on the Science Channel; "Eyes of the Nye" airing on PBS; and his most current project, "Stuff Happens," which airs on Planet Green and focuses on environmentally responsible consumer choices. "Stuff Happens" also features a good-natured rivalry with his neighbor, actor Ed Begley Jr. They compete to see who can save the most energy and produce the smallest carbon footprint. Bill has 4,000 watts of solar power and a solar-boosted hot water system. There's also a low-wateruse garden and underground watering system. It's fun for him; he's an engineer with an energy conservation hobby.

Nye is also currently the Executive Director of The Planetary Society, the world's large space interest organization.

In addition to his Cornell degree, he also holds three

Honorary Doctoral degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Goucher College and Johns Hopkins University. Nye visits Cornell regularly as a professor, part of Cornell's Frank H.T. Rhodes Visiting Professorship. In part as a tribute to his parents and their strong belief in the value of education, he designed and funded a clock which was installed on Cornell's Rhodes Hall in 2011.

Funding for Fredonia's annual Convocation keynote address is provided by the Maytum Lecture Endowment and the Williams Visiting Professorship Endowment through the Fredonia College Foundation. As such and in keeping with Fredonia's Convocation tradition, Nye's appearance will be free and open to the public, although tickets will be required. Those tickets will become available at the start of the Fall 2014 semester, which begins Aug.25.

1987 Fredonia graduate wins inaugural Music Educator of the Year award

On a frigid January morning, America learned what Chautauqua County has known for years: Kent Knappenberger, a music teacher and choral director in Westfield, N.Y., is as good as there is.

Of course, it's no secret in Western New York that the State University of New York at Fredonia — where Knappenberger earned his undergraduate degree in 1987 — turns out outstanding music educators. But now, a Fredonian was being honored by The Recording Academy and the GRAMMY Foundation, and introduced on the "CBS This Morning" show, as the first-ever Music Educator of the Year.

In an instant, Knappenberger became one of the nation's most inspiring, feel-good stories of the year. As the nationwide announcement was being made, he and his family were already on a plane heading to Los Angeles for the Grammy ceremony and week-long build-up that included interviews and public appearances. The award was given at the Grammy's Special Merit Awards Ceremony on Jan. 25, and Kent and the new honor were recognized the next night in prime time, during the nationally televised 56th Grammy Awards ceremony.

Mr. K. — how he's known in his rural district — was among 32,000

nominees. Incredibly long odds, indeed. Yet, those who know this music educator of 25 years were not taken aback, because they have witnessed his teaching expertise, commitment to students and passion for music.

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"Surprised? No...Stunned? Absolutely!" was the reaction of Westfield Academy and Central School Principal Ivana Hite, '93. "It was extremely exciting, and at the same time, the anticipation of Mr. Knappenberger winning the award was emotionally overwhelming," she added.

"Being one of over 30,000 nominees for a national award is stiff competition, but you knew Kent had a shot at it because he loves what he does and that allows him to do great work," added Westfield Superintendent David Davison.

Humbled and honored to be chosen, Kent said, "I believe that this award has already been and will continue to be a tremendous encouragement to all music educators. Beside the attention it has brought to many fine teachers, it brings attention to the importance of music education in general."

The award was established to recognize educators, kindergarten through college, who have made a significant and lasting contribution to music education and demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in schools.

The word ambitious falls short to describe Knappenberger's schedule. He teaches general music in grades 9 to 12 and directs the following: a mixed 6 to 12 chorus, a 9 to 12 co-curricular boys' ensemble, a 9 to 12

co-curricular girls' ensemble, a 10 to 12 chamber choir, four steel pan ensembles, four handbell ensembles, a Celtic/American string band, a sixth grade choir and a 7 to 8 boys ensemble.

Neil Portnow, president/CEO of the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy, needed just two words — "so impressive" — to describe Knappenberger's workload to the national audience.

Over 400 people honored Knappenberger at a reception following his return. Fredonia President Virginia Horvath and School of Music Director Karl Boelter were among many congratulating the long-time educator.

Dr. Horvath unveiled a scholarship in Knappenberger's honor for a Westfield graduating senior. "For 25 years you have changed the lives of so many students, and that's what we hope for among our graduates at Fredonia," Horvath said.

Dr. Boelter marveled at Knappenberger's ability to attract over half of the high school population to elective music classes. "He's especially adept at getting boys interested in singing - a remarkable achievement in high school," Boelter noted.

"I believe music to be part of a life well-lived, and I take a rather broad definition of music as life abstracted through sound. This makes for a kind of overarching umbrella in how music is taught in my classroom. There are basically three ways we experience music: through listening, composing or performing. The basis of all our classroom lessons ultimately has to be one of those actions," Knappenberger said. A son of a United Methodist minister and Mayville Central School

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graduate, Knappenberger began at Fredonia with majors in Music Composition and Animal Science through a cooperative agricultural program. After later changing to and completing a Music Education and performance-harp double major, he added a master's degree in Harp Performance and Music Education and Literature from the Eastman School of Music.

Mario Falcao, professor emeritus of harp at Fredonia, former chair of the board of directors of the American Harp Society, and a founding member of the World Harp Congress, immediately recognized Kent as a student of uncommon talent. "He has the qualities of a great teacher: intelligence, education, thorough knowledge of the teaching material, innate ability to communicate and a great sense of humor," Falcao said.

School of Music faculty had a profound effect on the future Grammy winner. In Dr. Thomas Regelski, whom Kent attests was a "very demanding professor," he found not only a learning experience that he loved, but a philosophy of music education that made total sense.

"It was about teaching music in a way that modeled in-life use and incorporated not only performing, but also listening and composing. I was interested in how music could affect the lives of all kids in the general music class, and I found out how to do that from him. What I learned there, I am still doing in practice," said Knappenberger, who acknowledged Regelski, distinguished professor of music emeritus, in his acceptance speech.

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Professor Emeritus Keith Peterson is remembered as a wonderful theory teacher who made a terrified freshman welcome, and whose teaching style resonated with Knappenberger's own needs.

Studio teachers Dr. Laurence Wyman and Falcao "were always patient with me, put up with my quirky sense of humor and taught me so much about music."

Dr. Donald Lang taught him that being a performer and being a musician were not always the same thing. "I knew that I really

wanted to learn to be a musician, and that meant something a little bigger, but very wonderful and exciting, and limitless," he said.

"I had so many great teachers. I was encouraged, pushed, corrected, and given experiences that were life shaping," said Knappenberger, who returned to Fredonia in May to deliver the School of Music Convocation address.

Knappenberger, his wife, Nanette ('91), and three of their nine children were treated to a lifetime of memories. What a thrill it was at the ceremony to be seated in the seventh row, next to Ozzy Osbourne, behind Metallica and Blake Shelton, and in front of Paul Shaffer and Cyndi Lauper. The Knappenbergers also met Ringo Starr, Los Lonely Boys and composer Paul Williams.

There was also a call from Dustin Hoffman, the Oscar-winning actor who saw Kent on CBS and was so impressed by the teacher's philosophy that he was moved to call him. A"very down-to-earth" Hoffman, who was nearly finished filming the upcoming movie, "Boychoir," in which he plays the conductor, talked about making a difference in the world, helping kids and having a job that one loves.



Knappenberger Brown, a Kent Knappenberger directs one of his many student ensembles at a special assembly held in January to celebrate the veteran Westfield music teacher's nomination as a Grammy finalist. speech therapist at Panama Central School.

> A second generation will be added this fall when daughter Lucy follows in the footsteps of her now-famous father — and her mother, who holds an undergraduate degree in Music Education and a master's in Elementary Education from Fredonia.

"Fredonia is a family tradition, and I am proud to be a Fredonian," said this Class of 2018 member who will pursue a B.F.A. in Acting. She is, of course, very proud of her father.

"I have admired his humility throughout winning the award. It has never been only about him," she attests. "He always, always, puts his students at the forefront. He was interviewed by several media outlets, and (he) always had something loving to say about his students, and how music has touched or changed their lives."

Despite all of the excitement of this past year, Lucy is also excited to begin her own career as well, and isn't worried too much about having to follow in her father's footsteps.

"Who knows?" she says with a smile. "Maybe I'll leave my own legacy at 'Fred' when I win an Oscar for a stunning movie performance!"

### Homecoming 2014 Schedule • Oct. 17, 18, 19

Register online for events at www.fredonia.edu/go/ homecoming.

Tickets will be mailed for reservations received prior to Oct 4 After this tickets may be nicked up at the Alumni House. 286 Central Ave., Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Also, on Friday, Oct. 17 from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Alumni House, and at Saturday's registration, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Williams Center. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (716) 673-3553

For lodging information go to: alumni.fredonia.edu/AboutUs/ WheretoStav.aspx

#### Friday, Oct. 17

Science Center Dedication 11 a.m.

Ribbon-cutting for all named spaces in the new Science Center Self-guided tours of the new building. Informal lunch. Noon-4 p.m

Registration and Ticket Pick Up 1-8 p.m. Alumni House, 286 Central Ave.

**Bookstore** Open 9 a.m.-8 p.m., University Commons (formerly known as Cranston Hall)

Men's Soccervs. Plattsburgh 3 p.m., University Stadium

Pep Rally 5 p.m., Indoor Track/Steele Hall Arena, Theme: "The Evolution of Fredonia," Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen.

Cocktails and Science Dinner (by invitation only) 6:30 p.m., Williams Center

**Fireworks Display** 7:15 p.m., outside Williams Center

"We Were All - Endi Poskovic: Printworks" Opening Reception 7 p.m., Features black and white and color woodblock prints that hint at the dichotomies that exist in life. Marion Art Gallery. Free.

A Midsummer Night's Dream 7:30 p.m., Marvel Theatre Rockefeller Arts Center. Tickets: \$20 and may be purchased after Aug. 25 by calling the Ticket Office at (716) 673-3501

1970s Reunion Jazz Ensemble 8 p.m., Rosch Recital Hall. Free.

**Midnight Madness** Hosted by the House of HOOPS in conjunction with the Department of Athletics.

9 p.m., Steele Hall, gather by Bob Steele Multipurpose Room. Featuring Fredonia Blue Devils varsity men's and women's basketball teams. Events include athletic contests and performances by the Fredonia Dance Team and Envied Xpression. Tickets: Free for students: \$3 for alumni and guests.

Meet and Greet for All Alumni 9-11 p.m., White Inn, 52 E. Main St., Fredonia. An informal opportunity to mingle and relax. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. Music provided by Ron Corsaro and Co.

#### Saturday, Oct. 18

Registration and Ticket Pick Up 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Williams Center Information Booth. Coffee may be purchased at Starbucks and Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shop.

Science Alumni, Faculty, Student Coffee 8:30-10 a.m. Science Center Atrium. Free.

Williams Center

Meet at indoor track, Steele Hall.

10 a.m.

College Woodlot 10 a.m. Meet across from the Facilities Services building on Ring Road.

Back to the Future:

Alumni Conference 10 a.m., Plenary Session edu/go/homecoming.

#### Homecoming 2014 Schedule

Science Alumni Conference Discipline Sessions (concurrent) 11 a.m., Science Center Rooms 105, 117, 122 and 126.

Tour and Reception at Fredonia Radio Systems

11 a.m., McEwen Hall

Bookstore Open 11 a.m.-5 p.m., University Commons

Lunch for Science Alumni **Conference Attendees** Noon, Science Center

Class of 1954 Luncheon Noon, Alumni House, 286 Central Ave. No charge to class members; reservations recommended.

#### Class of 1964 Luncheon

Noon, Cranston Marché, University Commons No charge to class members: reservations recommended

Fredonia Family Legacy Lunch. Honors families with multigenerations of Fredonia graduates.

Outdoor Rockefeller Arts Center arcade. Please dress for weather. Tickets: \$5/person

"We Were All - Endi Poskovic:

Printworks" Noon-6 p.m., Features black and white and color woodblock prints that hint at the dichotomies that exist in life. Marion Art Gallery. Free.

Science Alumni Conference

**Discipline Sessions** (concurrent, with break) 1-4:30 p.m., Science Center Rooms 105, 117, 122 and 126.

#### Folk Music Weekend/

Geosciences Reunion "Jamming and Jabbering" with invited guests Dan Duggan, '78: Professor Emeritus Dan Berggren, Peggy Lynn, John Kirk and Trish Miller 1 p.m., College Lodge, Brocton. "Jamming and Jabbering" includes snacks; followed by a 6 p.m. buffet dinner and 8 p.m. square dance. Ticket: \$20/person includes all events

Men's Soccer vs. Potsdam 1 p.m., University Stadium

munchies. Cash bar.

#### The Fredonia Family

Since our beginning in 1826, parents have sent their children, nieces, nephews, cousins and grandchildren to Fredonia. On Saturday, Oct. 18, during Homecoming weekend, the Office of Alumni Affairs will host the Fredonia Family Legacy Lunch (see schedule for registration information). Each family will be seated together and a representative will be asked to share at the picnic the number of generations and graduates who have attended Fredonia. The Fredonia Family is a way to recognize how alumni continue to value their Fredonia education by encouraging other family members to share in the university's many unique educational and personal opportunities.

Book Signing - Convergence, by Deborah (Pace) Madar, '71 1-3 p.m. Bookstore.

Tour of President's Home 2-3:30 p.m., 194 Central Ave. Free

Alumni Picnic 2-4 p.m., Dods Grove/Tent/DJ. Nominal charge for food, beverages and beer. Please bring ID.

**Department of Communication** Alumni Reception 3 p.m., Heenan's Pub, 39 E. Main St., Fredonia, Sponsored by ACA, PRSSA and Enactus.

Reception/Networking opportunity for alumni of Student Personnel and Higher

Education programs 3 p.m., Pucci Room, Second Level, Williams Center All proceeds to support graduate school application fees for those pursuing master's degrees in higher education. Tickets: Free for students, \$5 for alumni: reservations recommended.

#### School of Music

**Choral Showcase** 4 p.m., Featuring College Choir, Chamber Choir and Women's Choir, Rosch Recital Hall, Free

Honored Class Multi-Receptions -Honoring all members of the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2009 4-6 p.m., Tim Hortons Café and Bake Shon, Williams Center Includes light refreshments. cash bar. Tickets: \$5/person.

#### Folk Music Weekend/ **Geosciences Reunion Dinner** 6 p.m., College Lodge

See 1 p.m. listing for ticket info. Athletic Hall of Fame

Induction Dinner 6 p.m., Cranston Marché,

University Commons Cocktail hour at 6 p.m. Dinner and program at 7 p.m. \$25/person Reservations recommended.

Class of 2004 10-Year Reunion Happy Hour 7 p.m., Old Main Inn, Water St., Fredonia. Complimentary

"Talking to Dustin Hoffman

on the phone was a definite

'pinch me' moment!" recalled

Kent, who later received a copy

of the movie's screenplay from

The Knappenberger-Fredo-

nia connection also includes a

brother, Lon, who also teaches

at Westfield and was named

a New York Master Teacher

in science, and sister, Amber

Hoffman.

Campus Tour 9 a m Meet at Information Booth.

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> Men's Alumni Soccer Game University Stadium

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Sponsored by the Biology Club and all alumni are welcom

## **Conversations with Science** To sign up, go to www.fredonia.

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream 7:30 p.m., Marvel Theatre **Bockefeller Arts Center** Tickets: \$20 and may be purchased after Aug. 25 by calling the Ticket Office at (716) 673-3501.

Folk Music Weekend/ **Geosciences Reunion** 

Square Dance (or ioin in the band, or just listen!) 8 p.m., College Lodge See 1 p.m. listing for ticket info.

College Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m., King Concert Hall. Free

**Downtown Meetings** 9 p.m., Look for location assignments at Registration Table. All honored classes (1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009) will have opportunities to convene at designated establishments downtown

#### Free Shuttle Offered Saturday Evening

Note: A FREE shuttle bus service will be available from the following area hotels/motels to downtown Fredonia (in front of the police station on Temple Street) and back from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.: Days Inn, Comfort Inn, Best Western, Dunkirk Motel, Clarion Hotel and campus. Bus schedules will be available at respective lodgings. Locations and times may be subject to change. Changes will be posted at the Alumni House and the Williams Center throughout the weekend, and are also posted at www.fredonia.edu/alumni

#### Sunday, Oct. 19

#### "We Were All - Endi Poskovic: Printworks"

Noon-4 p.m. Features black and white and color woodblock prints that hint at the dichotomies that exist in life. Marion Art Gallery. Free.

A Midsummer Night's Dream 2 p.m., Marvel Theatre Rockefeller Arts Center. Tickets: \$20 and may be purchased after Aug. 25 by calling the Ticket Office at (716) 673 - 3501

#### Win Fredonia Gear

Bring or send your business card to the Alumni House by Friday, Oct. 17, to win Fredonia memorabilia in periodic drawings throughout Saturday, Oct. 18.

Attention Alumni Athletes If you're interested in participating in the alumni soccer game, please notify the Athletics Office in Dods Hall (716) 673-3101.

# 2014 HOMECOMING EVOLUTION OF FREDONIA

#### **Family Weekend highlights**

Family Weekend is slated for Friday, Oct. 24 to Sunday, Oct. 26. For a complete list of events, visit *www.fredonia.edu/ campuslife/familyweekend.asp.* Activities include Tom DeLuca, four-time National College Entertainer of the Year, who will perform his hypnosis show on Friday at 8 p.m., in Rosch Recital Hall (sponsored by the Spectrum Entertainment Board). Another event is the annual invitation-only Scholars Breakfast, which will take place on Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Steele Hall Fieldhouse. The event celebrates Fredonia's scholarship recipients and honors the contributions of donors and benefactors.



### Criminal Justice major lets potential, not past, define him

By Grace Gerass, '15

Most kids dream about what they want to be when they grow up, but few follow through to turn that dream into a reality. Paul Overturf, a junior Criminal Justice major, has wanted a career in law enforcement since he was in first grade. He recalls a moment of distress as a young boy when a police officer made him feel safe. From then on, Mr. Overturf vowed that he would make it his mission to help others feel the same sense of protection.

Growing up, Overturf was faced with great adversity at home and at school, and forced to overcome abuse and other obstacles not typical for an average youth. When he was 19 years old, Overturf found hope through the Transitional Independent Living Program (TILP), offered by Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. TILP has "Safe Place" homes that allow displaced youth between 16 and 21 years old to live, free of charge, on the condition that they attend school full-time, work fulltime, or work part-time with added volunteer hours. Overturf became a resident of the house and later obtained an internship as a resident assistant, where he was responsible for overseeing residents.

His success in the TILP program led Overturf to be recently nominated and chosen out of a large pool of applicants, each of whom had overcome struggles, for the Personal Achievement Award. It is given by the New York State Community Action Agency to an individual who has achieved significant personal accomplishments.

When Overturf graduated from Fredonia High School in 2012, he was determined to continue his education. Once the time came to apply for college, Fredonia was on the top of his list. With the help of the campus' Educational Development Program, he was able to obtain the educational and financial support necessary to be a full-time student. His dream of law enforcement still strong, he planned to attend the police academy but wanted to expand his knowledge and try different

areas of study. He explored Biology and Sociology — earning Dean's List recognition in the process — but he's ended up where he always knew he belonged: Criminal Justice.

Overturf has also been a work-study employee of the Alumni Affairs Office since his freshman year. Alumni Affairs Director Patricia Feraldi has asked him to return to the office every semester.

"Paul is a fair-minded, conscientious, and dependable man with a great heart," says Feraldi. "I am confident that he is going to make an outstanding law enforcement officer."

Overturf is very involved on campus. He is a student Ambassador, a member of the review board for the Office of Judicial Affairs and holds an internship with University Police. He is also part of the Advanced Leadership Development Program, a minor that allows students to learn how to be an effective leader and make a positive impact on the community.

During high school and college, Overturf has been fortunate to gain multiple mentors, including University Police Chief Ann Burns, who has encouraged him to pursue his dreams and continuously helps to guide him.

"He is just so remarkable, especially for someone who has been through what he has been through," expressed Burns. "He is so quick to help people and expects nothing in return."

Overturf plans to complete his undergraduate degree and eventually take the state trooper exam. If he gets accepted to the New York State Police Academy, he is determined to work hard and achieve his lifelong dream of becoming a state trooper.

"You have to rise above it. You have to get out there and do something," Overturf says of his situation. "Fredonia has given me the foundation I needed to help myself and my career."

**Professional Education Unit fosters** high-quality educators, strong



The College of Education–Professional Education Unit (COE-PEU) at Fredonia is continuously developing and enhancing its programs, experiences and opportunities to ensure that teacher education remains vibrant and continues to be a valuable career choice. The College of Education collaborates with Fredonia's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and College of Visual and Performing Arts as the COE-PEU to offer a variety of undergraduate and graduate educator preparation programs in Early Childhood, Childhood, Adolescence Education, Speech, Music and Education Leadership. Faculty members in the COE-PEU have demonstrated commitment to their programs, research and students.

A hallmark of the educator preparation programs at Fredonia is its attention to providing clinically rich experiences throughout each program. In undergraduate programs, candidates are assigned fieldwork as early as their freshman year and culminate in a semester-long student teaching assignment. Candidates in graduate programs are also steeped in clinically rich experiences, culminating in capstone experiences that demonstrate attainment of advanced teaching skills. In addition to these clinically rich experiences, the COE-PEU also provides opportunities to further understanding of education, both inside and outside of the typical classroom setting.

Exemplifying this was the Spring 2014 launch of an autism clinic, spearheaded by Assistant Professor of Special Education Laura Geraci, graduate student Matthew Beebe, and the campus' Council

# collaboration with regional P-12 schools

Members of the team from the Dunkirk City School District and the State University of New York at Fredonia that facilitated a new autism clinic for Dunkirk childrer include (from left): Marcy Conti, speech pathologist; Michelle Polvino, special education teacher Marybeth Muldowney, director of special education: Stacev Lovern. occupational therapist: Laura Geraci assistant professor of special education at Fredonia and instructed of the course, "Issues, Trends and Research in Autism." and Diane Gifford parent and volunteer (Missing from photo: physical therapist Amy Renolds.)

- for Exceptional Children (CEC). Set in Dunkirk, the clinic was comprised of 25 undergraduate and graduate student volunteers working with 10 children with autism spectrum disorder. The primary goal of the clinic was to provide socialization among peers with and without autism, allowing the children to interact with each other in social play in order to develop all of their interpersonal communication skills. Dr. Geraci, the Dunkirk schools, and the Council for Exceptional Children hope to continue this clinic in future years.
  - The COE-PEU is nationally accredited and strives to ensure highquality educator preparation. The COE-PEU is committed to promoting quality faculty and staff development, and advancing productive collaboration between schools and educators.
  - "If someone were interested in the College of Education at Fredonia, I would tell them that, from start to finish, being a student here will be one of the best decisions they can make on their path to becoming an effective teacher," said Sarah Stanton, a 2014 Childhood Education graduate. "In retrospect, the college provides the highest quality education-always keeping the vital importance of each student becoming a successful, reflective and prepared educator at its forefront."
  - Fellow 2014 graduate Molly Zanetti, an Early Childhood major with an Art concentration, added her appreciation, saying, "(The professors) truly care about their students and want them to have a great experience. They wanted us to succeed and they made sure we did."

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# New art gallery director arrives, Marion Fellow prepares new book

The spotlight this fall in the College of Visual and Performing Arts shines on a new art gallery director and creation of a limited edition book by the 2014 Marion Fellow.

Barbara Räcker, a director or curator of seven art galleries across the United States — including two in Western New York — becomes the visionary force, leader and overseer of the Cathy and Jesse Marion Art



Barbara Räcker at the "Rewritten by Machine," Exhibition

Gallery. She previously served as a gallery director and permanent art collection curator at Indiana State University.

"What attracted us to her was the diversity of her experience in galleries across the country, including experience in the SUNY system and Western New York. She has both regional knowledge and national experience," said College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean Ralph Blasting.

That diverse experience includes positions with the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, Charleston, W.Va.; Dowd Fine Arts Gallery at SUNY Cortland; F. Donald Kenney Museum at St. Bonaventure University; Cheney Cowles Museum, Spokane, Wash; Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, Mont.; and Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, Pueblo, Colo.

The Marion gallery, located in Rockefeller Arts Center, hosts exhibitions by professional artists as well as Fredonia students and faculty; a graduating senior show concludes each semester.

"My vision for the Marion Art Gallery is to raise its visibility through major original exhibitions featuring regionally and internationally acclaimed artists; collaboration with Fredonia departments and organizations in the community and across the state, and (interdisciplinary) programs that engage various audiences," Ms. Räcker explained. She would also like to expand marketing and publications.

Primary goals of academic galleries include striking a balance between student exhibitions, campus and community programming, and creating experiential learning opportunities for students, she explained.

Born in Germany and raised in New Orleans, Räcker has an M.F.A. and a B.F.A., both from Louisiana Tech University in studio art. She was attracted to Fredonia by advances in the College of Visual and Performing Arts, the Rockefeller renovation and expansion project, and the opportunity to return to Western New York. Graphic Design Assistant Professor Jason Dilworth, recipient of the second Marion Fellowship for the Visual and Performing Arts, is creating, *Listening Before Talking: A Journey of 4,000 km Across the North American Interior*. Earlier artists, explorers and vagabonds of the American West were his inspiration for the book.

Dilworth's project is rooted in "The American West," Chautauqua Institution's theme for its 2014 season's fifth week. Marion fellowships are based on a Chautauqua theme week of the artist's choice.

Dilworth spent parts of the summer walking, paddling and peddling to collect stories that convey the connections people have with the land. His journey spanned the Canadian Shield, crossed the Canadian prairie and meandered through several Great Plains states to reach the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers. New Orleans was the ultimate destination.



Jason Dilworth, self-portrait

"The vast horizons and perceived monotony of the landscape are often seen as something to get through or fly over," Mr. Dilworth explained. "My creative activity will hopefully change the way some people see the region. Through slow and methodical travel I will be able to listen to the voices of the region and find content worth saving."

Detailed accounts of Dilworth's travels, hardships and meditations will be the cornerstone of this limited edition book. Also included will be his reflections of separate visits to Chautauqua Institution; Alberta College of Art and Design, located in Calgary, Canada; the Ucross Foundation artist retreat in Clearmont, Wyo.; and Alley Theatre, in Houston. All are Marion Fellowship Circle Member locations and are supported by the philanthropy of Cathy, '79, and Jesse Marion.

Descriptions of the Circle Member foundations and features on artists from each institution will also be included in the book. Copies, to be completed in March, will be sent to communities visited by Dilworth, who has an M.F.A. in graphic design from Virginia Commonwealth University and a B.F.A. in visual communication from Weber State University.

Photography Professor Liz Lee, the inaugural Marion Fellow, created "Cosmological Processes," a body of photographic work inspired by the 2013 Chautauqua theme week, "Our Elegant Universe."

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ROCKEFELLER ARTS CENTER/THEATRE AND DANCE EVENTS

#### Presidio Brass

"Sounds of the Cinema" Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m. King Concert Hall Tickets: \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35 The group presents film music with a good dose of wit and humor. A DFT Communications Pops Series event.

#### Western New York Chamber Orchestra, "All Amadeus"

Sunday, Sept. 21, 4 p.m. King Concert Hall Tickets: \$22 (Fredonia students, free; other students, \$5) Dr. Dmitri Novgorodsky joins the orchestra for Mozart's Piano Concerto in A major K. 127 and the Fredonia Chamber Choir performs.

#### A Midsummer Night's Dream Oct. 17-18, 23-25, 7:30 p.m.;

Oct. 19, 2 p.m. Marvel Theatre Tickets: \$20 (Fredonia students, \$12; other students and children, \$18). Shakespeare's most famous comedy follows a pair of lovers

as they venture into the forest. A Walter Gloor Mainstage Series Event.

#### Western New York Chamber Orchestra, "Music About Music"

Sunday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. King Concert Hall Tickets: \$20 (Fredonia students, free; other students, \$5) A world premiere composition for orchestra by internationally regarded American opera composer John Musto.

#### "Volcanic Planet"

with Peter Rowe Saturday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. King Concert Hall Tickets: \$8 Producer of the well-known TV

series, "Angry Planet," his film brings together footage he has gathered during his explorations. A World Travel Series event.

#### Susannah

The Hillman Opera Nov. 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 9, 2 p.m., Marvel Theatre Tickets: \$25 (Students, \$10) The opera by Carlisle Floyd combines Appalachian folk music with grand operatic drama in a tale of an innocent girl who is maligned as a sinner by those who are jealous of her. Rumplestiltskin with DuffleBag Theatre Friday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m. Marvel Theatre Tickets: \$12 A slightly askew take on the Brothers Grimm tale will be an interactive one. A Kaleidoscope Family Series event.

It's A Wonderful Life –

#### *The Radio Play* Dec. 3-6, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 6-7,

Dec. 5-6, 7:50 p.m.; Dec. 6-7, 2 p.m., Bartlett Theatre Tickets: \$20 (Fredonia students, \$12; other students and children, \$18). George Bailey learns the meaning of his life and of Christmas in this stage adaptation set in a 1940s radio station. A Walter Gloor Mainstage Series Event.

#### Big Band Christmas Spectacular

Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. King Concert Hall Tickets: \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40 Beloved Christmas classics will come to life in big band style. Fredonia's talented student vocalists join Bruce Johnstone and the 17-piece Little Apple Big Band. A DFT Communications Pops Series event.

#### ART EXHIBITS

Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery, Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center Hours: Sunday to Thursday.

noon to 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Free.

#### "Place & Space"

Sept. 5-Oct. 5. Closing reception: Oct. 3, 7 p.m. Features the works of nationally exhibited artist Jan Nagle.

#### "We Were All – Endi Poskovic: Printworks"

Oct. 17-Nov. 19. Opening reception, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. Features black and white and color woodblock prints.

#### Senior Show

Dec. 5-11. Opening reception, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Features works by graduating students.

#### SCHOOL OF MUSIC

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#### Faculty/Student and Guest Artist Recitals All are free, open to the public, at 8 p.m. and in Rosch Recital Hall unless otherwise noted.

**Saturday, Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m.** Guest Presentation: A Morning with Kent Knappenberger

Monday, Sept. 15 Faculty Recital: String Faculty Showpiece Saturday, Sept. 20, 4 p.m. Faculty Recital: James Welch, piano with Dr. Angela Haas, soprano; Daniel Ihasz, baritone; Jannis Peterson, piano; Dr. Robert Strauss, tenor; Laurie Tramuta, mezzo-soprano; Kimberly Upcraft, soprano.

> Saturday, Sept. 20 Guest Artist Recital: Scott Kluksdahl, cello

Monday, Sept. 22 Fredonia Faculty Showcase

Monday, Sept. 29 Faculty Recital: Laura Koepke, bassoon

**Tuesday, Sept. 30** Guest Artist Recital: Dr. Charis Demaras, piano

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 4 p.m. Master Class: Dr. Charis Dimaras, piano

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Meridian Arts Ensemble

Sunday, Oct. 5, 4 p.m. Faculty Recital: Retro presents - Bartok

Tuesday, Oct. 7 Faculty Recital: James Piorkowski, guitar

Thursday, Oct. 16 Fredonia Wind Quintet

Friday, Oct. 17 1970s FJE Alumni Reunion Concert and Fredonia Jazz Ensemble (FJE)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 4 p.m. Homecoming Choral Showcase

Sunday, Oct. 19 Faculty Recital: Complete Beethoven Sonatas for Violin and Piano, Part 1 of 3. Dr. David Colwell, violin; Maureen Yuen, violin; Sean Duggan, piano; and Dr. Dmitri Novgorodsky, piano

Sunday, Oct. 26 Faculty Recital: Complete Beethoven Sonatas for Violin and Piano, Part 2 of 3.

Saturday, Nov. 1 Faculty Recital: ANA Trio

Sunday, Nov. 2 Faculty Recital: Complete Beethoven Sonatas for Violin and Piano, Part 3 of 3.

**ENSEMBLE CONCERTS** 

Free, open to the public, and all at 8 p.m. unless noted.

#### King Concert Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Nov. 4 Concert Band

Thursday, Oct. 2 and Tuesday, Nov. 18 All College Band Monday, Oct. 6 and Nov. 17 Wind Symphony

Saturday, Oct. 18 College Symphony

Saturday, Oct. 25 and Thursday, Nov. 20 Wind Ensemble

Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. New Horizons Band

Wednesday, Dec. 3 University Chorus and Women's Choir

#### Rosch Recital Hall

Monday, Oct. 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 29 Curricular Jazz Ensemble

Thursday, Oct. 30 Flutasia Flute Ensemble

Monday, Nov. 3 World Mallets Ensemble

Thursday, Nov. 6 Saxophone Ensemble and Quartets

Monday, Nov. 10 Percussion Ensemble

Thursday, Nov. 13 Guitar Ensemble and Quartets

Friday, Nov. 14 Latin Jazz Ensemble

Monday, Dec. 1 Chamber Orchestra

Friday, Dec. 5 African Drumming Ensemble

**Tuesday, Dec. 9** Free Improv

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

Quartetto Gelato Friday, Oct. 3, 8 p.m. Rosch Recital Hall Reserved seating tickets: \$20 general (students with ID, \$8) The performance will fuse classical masterworks, operatic arias and the sizzling energy of tangos, gypsy and folk songs with a taste of acrobatics.

Fredonia Madrigal Feast Saturday, Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. Williams Center Tickets: \$65 per person with a ticket deadline of Nov. 24. To reserve a table of 8 (9 max.) contact Jennifer Darrell-Sterbak, (716) 673-3686 or *sterbajd@fredonia.edu*. The Madrigal Feast will feature an all-new production with music by the Fredonia Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Gerald Gray, Professor James Ivey and his Acting Troupe.

# Social Work majors work to improve lives - including their own

The Social Work department at Fredonia has been steadily expanding. In the fall of 2007, the entering cohort consisted of 18 students. By the fall of 2013, that number had nearly tripled, soaring to 53.

The department's mission is to promote the growth and development of students, the university, and the world around them, according to Program Director Brian Masciadrelli. "We want to influence all of these in a positive direction," Dr. Masciadrelli said.

The Social Work faculty is focused on educating students, preparing them for life after graduation, and giving them real-life learning opportunities during their baccalaureate studies. Recently, a group of undergraduates had a life-changing experience in Albany, N.Y., as they advocated for legislative change regarding child welfare.

Assistant Professor and Field Coordinator Rolanda Ward is heading a research project titled, "Understanding the Investment of Child



Social Work majors gather outside of Thompson Hall with the research poster they designed to help them with advocacy efforts for social work standards reform this past spring. They are, from left, Danny Galusha, Antonio Regulie lan Jutsum, Kelly Forstbauer and Kathryn Feather.

Welfare Training at the Bachelor of Social Work Level." She is the Principal Investigator, and she's organized five students who have served as her research assistants, including: Kathryn Feather, Kelly Forstbauer, Danny Galusha, Ian Jutsum and Antonio Regulier. The research team recently went to Albany to advocate for child welfare policies and funding. Currently, almost anyone with an undergraduate degree can become a child welfare worker. However, that person is often incapable, because he or she has not been educated in the field. The team talked to legislators about the demands placed on child welfare workers and the importance of properly educating them. They then asked state lawmakers for their support in increasing these standards.

Dr. Ward noted, "We were not advocating for social work in Albany; we were advocating for the well-being of children."

This all started as a research project. The team collected information on child welfare programs, and eased into the process of advocating. "Advocating in Albany really gave me a sense of accomplishment.

advocacy projects are graduate-level work, and they will certainly help students establish the skill sets we are striving for."

It's an experience that I will always remember," Ms. Forstbauer said. "It

showed me that, even as an undergrad, I can make a difference. It was

proof that if we, as students, put our hearts and minds into something,

we can achieve a posi-

Mr. Regulier was

also deeply impacted

by the experience, say-

ing, "Before Albany we

what we were research-

were all dedicated to

ing and fighting for,

but once we got to

Albany, the feeling I

had was surreal. Legis-

lators truly noticed our

dedication and passion

for child welfare, and

they took us very seri-

The research team

is returning to Albany

for funding and policy

"In the Social Work

department, we want

exposed to opportuni-

ties that will help them

establish skill sets," Dr.

Ward added. "These

our students to be

within the next year

to further advocate

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tive change."

Another goal of the department is to strengthen the bond with today's students and Fredonia graduates. Social Work alumni are welcome to return to Fredonia as Field Instructors, as long as they went through the capstone practicum. They are also welcome to be a part of "large group days," a professional development opportunity designed to teach students something about which alumni are especially knowledgeable. Alumni are also welcome to be a part of the department's year-end celebration. Each year, the department invites a graduate who has gone directly to graduate school, as well as one who went out to work in the field, to share their experiences with seniors.

"It is a significant opportunity for graduates to share with current students the true potential of what their future can be," Dr. Masciadrelli added. "We're hoping we see more and more of this happening as our numbers of students and soon-to-be graduates steadily grow."

# **Communication Disorders and Sciences'** Castilla-Earls receives Fredonia's first NIH grant

Dr. Anny Castilla-Earls is an enthusiastic researcher and teacher. Her passion is driven by a deep caring for Spanish-speaking children struggling to overcome language difficulties, as well as a desire to remain connected to her Columbian heritage.

Within Fredonia's Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, she's found an environment in which she can excel at both, and that excellence has led her to become this university's first-ever recipient of a grant from the prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The grant, valued at nearly a half-million dollars, will allow Dr. Castilla-Earls to study and analyze language impairments in Spanish-speaking children. The threeyear project will have her comparing the language skills of children in Western New York to those from Mexico City.

Castilla-Earls has spent her entire 14-year





Dr. Castilla-Earls has found Fredonia's Campus and Community Children's Center to be an excellent resource for conducting research.

career studying linguistics and children. She began as a speech-language pathologist in her native country of Columbia, after earning bachelor's and master's degrees from La Universidad del Valle (The University of the Valley), before traveling nearly 2,800 miles to earn her Ph.D. at the University of Toronto.

"While I was a student, I became critically aware of the deficiencies among the available resources for language assessment in Spanishspeaking children," she recalls. "Attending graduate school in North America introduced me to the unique linguistic conditions of Hispanic children learning two languages, and the complexities of assessing language development in bilinguals."

Shortly after completing her doctoral degree in 2008, she accepted a tenure-track position at Fredonia. The university was attractive, she says, both because of the strong reputation of the department and its faculty, but also because of the region's large number of Spanish-speaking people, due to its long history of agriculture and migrant farming.

"I've been fortunate to establish some strong relationships within the community since arriving, including the Agribusiness Child Development Center and Fredonia Central Schools," she says. "I've also found

the Campus and Community Children's Center to be a wonderful partner and valuable resource."



"I am very passionate about research that informs clinical practice," states the department's child language specialist and a mother of fraternal twins growing up in a bilingual home.

She teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and is dedicated to creating opportunities for both groups of students to assist her in her research. Five undergraduates and four graduate students will be working in her Child Language Lab.

"There is no computer that can analyze data as thoroughly as a human, so our students are critical to the success of our



Dr. Anny Castilla-Earls will use Fredonia's first NIF grant to study and analyze language impairments in Spanish-speaking children. She will be aided by four graduate students, including Hannah Porter, of Hornell, N.Y., and five undergraduates.

research," she attests. "It's also an excellent way for them to launch their careers and begin developing a portfolio of work of their own."

When asked if it's sunk in yet that she's become the first person in Fredonia's 188-year history to earn a coveted NIH grant, she credits the

Office of Sponsored Programs and Fredonia's Vice President for Engagement and Economic Development Kevin Kearns, in

particular. Dr. Kearns is a highly respected speech pathologist in his own right, with specialties in aphasia and autism, who successfully earned NIH funding at the MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston before coming to

Fredonia as Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies and Research in 2007.

"His guidance was invaluable, and I am so appreciative of all of his time and advice," she says. "(The grant application and revision process) hasn't been easy, so I am just so happy that all of that work has finally paid off."

Still, the magnitude of the achievement is not lost on her.

"In order to be selected by NIH, the research has to be fundamentally sound, of course, but they're also funding the researcher," she explains. "I've been a very active researcher, with several publications and peer-reviewed articles in my career thus far. You have to show the grant reviewers that you can do it (if selected), and I'm happy that I was able to do that."

#### Save the Date: Friday, Nov. 7

The Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences will hold its second Silent Auction and Social for Alumni and Friends of the Henry C. Youngerman Center for **Communication Disorders** 

5-9 p.m. Michael's Banquet Facility 4885 Southwestern Blvd. Hamburg, NY.

#### You will have the opportunity to bid on many coveted items and to add your tickets to your desired pick-a-prize items/baskets. The cost, \$35 per person or \$65 per couple, includes food and drinks.

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Displaying Fredonia's Western New York Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge medal are (from left): Nicole Sparks, Aaron Valeska, Mathew Sullivan, Victoria Wessel and Dr. Taihyeup Yi.

Does Fredonia turn out business students ready to compete with the big dogs and M.B.A. candidates for Wall Street-caliber jobs? You can count on it!

A team of four Fredonia seniors majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance earned the bronze medal at the Western New York Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Research Challenge, hosted by the University of Rochester. The impressive finish at the February event demonstrated that the Fredonia contingent — under the leadership of Dr. Taihyeup Yi — was clearly up to the challenge of competing against teams stocked with M.B.A. students. In fact, only the Fredonia and SUNY Oswego teams were comprised exclusively of undergrads.

"Not only did we beat some good schools, we beat their graduate students," beamed School of Business Dean Russ Boisjoly.

Fredonia finished behind Canisius College and the University of Rochester, respectively, and ahead of the University at Buffalo, Syracuse University, Niagara University, SUNY Oswego and Nazareth College. Its four members were Team Captain Aaron Valeska of Rochester N.Y.; Mathew Sullivan of Ashville, Nicole Sparks of Orchard Park, N.Y., and Victoria Wessel of Lakewood.

The CFA Research Challenge is a global competition in which student teams conduct research and analyze a publicly traded company and write an initiation-of-coverage report with a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the company's stock. Major components of the report include a business description, industry overview and competitive positioning, investment summary, valuation, financial analysis and investment risks.

Dr. Yi said the crux of the report is to estimate the company's share price given its accounting and financial data along with the economic data, and to provide the recommendation to buy, sell or hold the stock.

"The competition expects students to integrate their understandings in finance, accounting, economics and statistics, and requires professional oral and writing skills along with spreadsheet skills," Yi noted. Students gain real-life experience as financial analysts plus hands-on mentoring and training from an investment professional.

"The actual competition was a great learning experience because of the real-world aspect," explained Ms. Wessel. "As a result of working with a real company (Transact) based out of Rochester and talking with financial analysts, I have expanded my knowledge, which enhanced the overall experience." As the quartet's chief, Mr. Valeska gained considerable leadership experience, with particular attention to allocating individual tasks so a unified objective could be achieved. Extracting the most important pieces of information to convey during the presentation was one of the biggest skills that he acquired.

"Most of the time, you are left with too much information that you want to present, so the hardest part is narrowing it down to the most essential points," Valeska said.

Teams prepared a written report on Rochester-based Transcat, Inc., and gave a 10-minute presentation, followed by a question/answer session, before a panel of judges. Fredonia students met every two weeks during the fall semester to learn stock pricing models, discuss the data collected and begin writing the report. Considerable time was logged during the semester break to estimate the company's share price and complete the written report.

"The students committed relentless efforts to make professional presentation slides and practice mock presentations," Yi noted. Wessel and Valeska agreed that public speaking experience was another valuable attribute of the competition.

Enhancing presentation skills was a high priority for Ms. Sparks, who found that practicing every day with team members, "showed me a lot about my presentation style and strengths."

Yi believes Fredonia students can enter the job market with confidence, knowing that the CFA competition will serve them well. "The experience will be very important and helpful for them to develop their careers as financial/accounting managers, financial analysts, bankers or researchers," Yi said. "Most of last year's team members found positions in the related areas."

The competition was a great networking and learning experience for Ms. Sparks, who was to start the Management Development Program at M&T Bank and relocate to Albany to work with their retail branches. She was able to listen to a panel of CFA holders and learn about their experiences to become licensed.

Wessel, whose post-graduation options include joining a bank or investment firm or attending graduate school, said the challenge represented a "perfect" opportunity for students to enhance financial analysis skills. "Whether I start my career right away or choose to attend graduate school instead, I know being a part of this CFA Research Challenge will be beneficial for my future career."

# PROJECT 22 / THEO COLLINS

#### Recent graduate helps vets deal with Post-Traumatic Stress through powerful new film

"Project 22," a documentary that raises awareness about veterans taking their own lives and offers real hope for them and their families is scheduled for nationwide release this fall. Though not seen on cam era, Theo Collins, '12, has played an integral part of the production as associate producer.

The documentary tracks the 6,500-mile motorcycle cross-country journey of two combat-wounded veterans, Daniel Egbert, a former U Marine sergeant, and Matt "Doc" King, a former U.S. Army medic. They interviewed researchers, health care providers and veterans including many who had contemplated or attempted suicide. The fill title was painfully inspired by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affai estimation that 22 vets commit suicide every day.

The pair formed the non-profit Medicinal Missions to produce a film whose ultimate goal is to identify life-saving sources of hope and alternative forms of therapy for veterans afflicted with Post Traumat Stress "Disorder" (PTSD).

"We prefer to call it PTS or Post Traumatic Stress," explained Colli who earned a bachelor's in Political Science at Fredonia. "We're big advocates of dropping the "D," because calling it a disorder attaches a negative stigma and discourages people from learning more about the symptoms and how they can find treatment. It's not a disorder. It's a human construct and it's part of the human condition."

Confronting symptoms and working on one's own path to healing what resolves the affliction, according to Collins, and everyone's path different. "Our big mantra is that no one person has the same path. Fo some it's equine therapy, for others it's clay therapy or yoga," he said.

Collins spent six years with the Marine Corps Reserve unit based i Buffalo, N.Y., and, during his junior year at Fredonia, was called up t active duty for 13 months and deployed to Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011. As an "up-armored vehicle commander," he was responsible for a driver, a turret gunner, a medic and a pair of foot mobile Marines. Their task was to prevent improvised explosive devices (IEDs) from being placed on a major supply route.



Political Science alumnus Theo Collins, '12 (right), embraces fellow war veteran and Project 22 filmmaker Daniel Egbert, at a Post Traumatic Stress awareness event in Pittsburgh last year. Looking on is four-time Super Bowl Champion and Pittsburgh Steelers legend Rocky Bleier (left), and fellow Project 22 filmmaker Doc King (right). The filmmaking team was presented an American flag by the Pittsburgh fire and police departments.

	"It was a lot for a 22-year-old to handle," remembered Collins, who
es,	achieved the rank of sergeant and became good friends with Egbert,
1-	his squad leader. "We stayed close after we returned home. I learned
ıs	about the project from him and offered my assistance."
	"The bonds you build when you're in the military, and especially
	when you're deployed to a combat zone, are ones that are not broken
J.S.	easily," Collins added. "You have a connection to people you've never
	even met, but who you know shared a lot of the same experiences
	you've had. Learning about the issue and how serious it is shocked me
m's	at first, and I knew I needed to do something to help my brothers and
irs'	sisters at arms."
	Despite attending law school at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh,
	Collins found time to assist Medicinal Missions as a "connector,"
d	reaching out to people involved in ground-breaking research and
ic	treatment in Pittsburgh to be included in the film. Pittsburgh is in
	Allegheny County, which has the most Iraq and Afghanistan veterans
ns,	in Pennsylvania. Other Pittsburgh connections include advisory board
	members Rocky Bleier, the four-time, Super Bowl-winning Pittsburgh
ı	Steeler running back and Army infantry veteran, along with Dr. Roger
eir	Brooke, a South African Army airborne veteran and clinical psycholo-
	gist/professor at Duquesne.
	With filming completed, Collins shifted his involvement to fun-
is	draising, public relations, regulatory compliance and a myriad of
ı is	business-related matters. "My business and legal background allows
or	our team's creative members the freedom to concentrate on what
_	they do best: making the movie," said Collins, who is now Medicinal
in	Missions' associate director. "We're working on how we can better
0	connect veterans with some of the alternative healing methods that are
	highlighted in the film, and many more that were not."
r	Theatrical release of the film in New York City and Los Angeles is
	scheduled for September, with wider distribution to follow. The group's
	ultimate goal is to allow every veteran to see the film for free.
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# Josh Best honored with SUNYAC Award of Valor

by Sports Information Director Jerry Reilly

In mid-June, the State University of New York Athletic Conference awarded Josh Best of Fredonia with its 2014 Award of Valor. Best's distinction: he played four seasons of men's college soccer with one arm.

If you didn't know about the Blue Devils' one-armed player, you're not alone. Best preferred it that way. He never felt what he was doing was anything special. He never saw himself as a role model. That was an underestimation on his part.

Best was 3 years old when he ran from the family home in suburban Rochester, N.Y., excited to show his dad something he was carrying. Mike Best was backing a lawnmower with a deck attachment around a tree. He never saw his son coming.

In addition to the arm injury, Josh sustained cuts to his right leg and damage to tendons in both knees. Mike, a retired U.S. Army Ranger with tours of duty in Central America, used his first-aid training to treat his son's wounds and control the bleeding. An emergency helicopter, already in the air and nearby, airlifted Josh to Strong Memorial Hospital for six hours of surgery.

"The arm," Mike recalled, "was the least of his worries."

Doctors told Mike and his wife, Maria, that Josh might not walk again...or at best, with a severe limp. Yet the healing powers of youth prevailed. Two weeks later, Josh was discharged from the hospital. Before long, he was as active as ever. In fact, Josh was like any kid growing up. When his older brother, Matt, started taking karate lessons, Josh took them, too. He also played soccer, basketball and baseball.

"By the time he was 11, he had earned his black belt in karate," Mike said proudly. "He didn't just play baseball, he was an all-star at shortstop and first base." Mike's voice was building. "He hit a home run in Little League — with one hand."

Josh said the timing of the accident made a difference to him. "I'm glad it happened when it did," he said, making an ultimate turn of a negative into a positive. "I hadn't starting doing things right-handed or left-handed yet. Had it happened when I was older, say 10 or 15, I would have had to learn to do things a whole different way."



Josh Best crosses the ball at University Stadium.

And when people asked, he took questions about his missing arm in stride. Mike said older people — who would just walk up and ask what had happened — and young children, were the most curious. He remembers a boy playing alongside Josh on a jungle gym. The playmate kept trying to get a look at Josh's right side, while Josh kept swinging.

"Where's your hand?" the boy finally asked.

Josh let go of the bar and raised his left arm. "Right here," he said, and resumed swinging.

By the time he entered Victor Senior High School, Josh had chosen to concentrate on soccer. In addition to playing on his school team, he joined a club and the family traveled all over the Northeast for games. He caught the attention of Fredonia men's soccer Coach P.J. Gondek, who recruited him for the Blue Devils as a midfielder.

Josh played sparingly his first two seasons and briefly considered quitting. Yet he returned for his junior year determined to make the most of whatever playing time came his way. There was an immediate dividend. The Blue Devils played Otterbein early in the 2012 season during a twogame trip to Colorado College. His brother, Matt, living in Denver, came to the game. "He was the only (Fredona fan) there," Gondek said. "And Josh scored his first goal." It turned out to be Josh's only goal for the Blue Devils, and his brother was a sole witness.

Because teammates looked up to Josh, Gondek named the soon-tobe-senior as one of three captains in the spring of 2013. It was then that Fredonia Director of Athletics Greg Prechtl approached Gondek to say he was thinking about nominating Best for the 2014 SUNYAC Award of Valor. "Would you talk to Josh," Prechtl asked Gondek, "and ask him if that's something he would be interested in?"

Gondek said he would — then had second thoughts. He and Josh had never spoken about the missing arm — not during recruiting, drills, games, or even reflective moments in the off-season. "I decided," Gondek said, "I wasn't willing to ask him. He had one year to go, it was his senior year and he was a captain, so I didn't want to disrupt the process by calling attention to something we had never talked about. It had never been an issue. He had never asked for anything (special)...not (even) when I had the players doing push-ups in in the weight room...so I never brought it up."

Before Gondek could broach the subject, Josh had another accident. He had just returned to campus to begin his final semester when he fell on ice, breaking his left wrist. He required surgery and needed to stay at home in Rochester to recuperate as the semester began.

While Mike took care of Josh's physical needs, Maria worried about her son's academics. Josh needed 16 credits to earn his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a concentration in Management, and missing so much class time concerned her. She called Gondek, asking for help getting in touch with Josh's professors, who could not have been more understanding. "That's what I found most refreshing," Gondek said. "Not one of the professors said, 'I can't help him.""

It was during this time that Gondek — while dealing with an academic situation, not a soccer-related one — finally brought up the nomination to Josh.

Josh was speechless. "When coach told me," he said, "I didn't know how to react. I was really humbled."

The night of the awards dinner in Syracuse presented a conflict for coach and player alike. At the exact time the program was to begin, the U.S. and Ghana would be starting their World Cup game in Brazil. Gondek received a text from Josh the day before. "He wanted to know," Gondek said, "what we were going to do about watching the game?"

Prechtl gave Gondek permission to set up an iPad at the dinner. They tuned in the game and were able to watch — without attracting too much attention to themselves — before it was time for Josh to receive his award.

Gondek spoke first and told the story about how he and Josh never talked about his missing arm, and then how they finally got around to the subject. He talked about how Josh had been a significant part of the team, always trying, never asking for shortcuts.

### Blue Devils Spring Wrap-Up

BASEBALL – Pitcher Sean Larson (Angola, N.Y.) was named Fredonia Male Athlete of the Year after posting a 4-3 record with a SUNYAC-leading 1.14 earned run average, 11th best in NCAA D-III. Larson made SUNYAC First Team all-conference as did pitcher Kyle Grey (Frewsburg, N.Y.). Kyle Koslowski (Hopewell Junction, N.Y.) made Second Team. All three were seniors. Grey earned his spot with a pair of saves and a 3.18 ERA in 11 appearances. Koslowski batted. 277 overall and 306 in the conference

WOMEN'S LACROSSE - Made the NCAA Tournament for the second time in three years and recorded its first win. A goal by sophomore attack Juliana Kotas (Lancaster, N.Y.) with 3.3 seconds left gave Fredonia a 9-8 win over Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at University Stadium. The team's season came to an end a week later vs. eventual national semifinalist Trinity (Conn.). The Blue Devils finished No. 18 in the final Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) D-III poll, the highest season-ending rank in team history. Post-seaso IWI CA awards were given to midfielders Katie Kleine (Cazenovia, N.Y.) and Marissa Cussins (Elmira, N.Y.), and defender Mary Bruton (Palmyra, N.Y.). Kleine, a senior with one season of eligibility left, and Cussins, a junior, made Empire Region First Team; Bruton, a senior, made Second Team. All three were SUNYAC First Team selections. Cussins and freshman goalkeeper Jessica Zagari (Webster, N.Y.) made the SUNYAC all-tournament team Head Coach Chris Case has stenned down to concentrate full time on women's soccer. He compiled a 116-79 record over 12 seasons. His

successor is Fredonia's all-time leading scorer Amy Simon, who spent the past two seasons as Case's graduate assistant.

SOFTBALL – SUNYAC vet Tony Ciccarello became Head Coach in January. His previous stops were New Paltz (2013) and Geneseo (2002-12). Junior outfielder Kate Nicholson (Heuvelton, N.Y.) led the Blue Devils with a .354 batting average and made the all-conference team. Two solid seasons on the field and in the classroom earned junior infielder Cherise Gunnell (Falconer, N.Y.) the 2014 SUNYAC Chancellor's Award in softball. TRACK AND FIELD – Sophomore sprinter Anna Dambacher (Divernon, III.) had record-setting

seasons She broke the 60- 200- and 400-meter team records indoors and the 100- and 200-meter marks outdoors. Her spring times earned her entry into the NCAA D-III outdoor championship meet. Earlier, she was named SUNYAC's Outstanding Female Track Athlete for winning the 100 and finishing second in the 200 at the outdoor championship meet. Three other school records fell. Kim Foltz (Elbridge, N.Y.), a senior with a season of eligibility left set an 800-meter record indoors. Laura Morrison (Wethersfield, Conn.), a sophomore, set 400- and 800-meter marks outdoors. Sophomore Kayleigh Wasielewski (West Seneca, N.Y.) established program-best heptathlon marks in the high jump and javelin. Wasielewski, senior jumper Emily Cummiskey (Clarence, N.Y.), and junior thrower Nicole Desens Hopewell Junction, N.Y.) made Second Team All-SUNYAC following the outdoor season. The men had three All-SUNYAC honorees. Sophomore Collin Mulcahy (Batavia, N.Y.) won the 1,500 meters at the outdoor championships and earned First Team recognition. Senior pole vaulter Ben Goebel (Victor, N.Y.) made the Second Team outdoors, and sophomore sprinter-hurdler Eric Williams (Batavia, N.Y.) was a Second Team indoors. The quartet of Mulcahy, senior Steve Whittemore (Penfield, N.Y.), junior Jonmichael Knapp (Rochester, N.Y.), and junior Zakk Hess (Newark, N.Y.) ran the program's second-fastest distance medley relay in January. Tyler Gajewski (Dunkirk, N.Y.), a sophomore, moved

up to No. 1 in the heptathlon's shot put list. SWIMMING AND DIVING - An dual meet win over Cortland, the first in Head Coach Arthur Wang's 11 seasons, was a sign of things to come for the men, who finished second at the SUNYAC championship meet. Freshmen Adam Clouthier (Fairport, N.Y.) and Jeff Matter (East Aurora, N.Y.) won individual titles Clouthier in the 200-yard breast stroke, Matter in the 3-meter springboard. Matter was also second in the 1-meter and SUNYAC Male Diver of the Meet. John Estanislau (East Longmeadow, Mass.) received the James Fulton Award, given to the top male senior who has received SUNYAC honors, shown improvement and excelled in the classroon Fittingly, his final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay, resulted in a team record. At the same meet senior Adrian Van Hall (Owego, N.Y.) broke a 27-year-old 200-yard freestyle record previously held by James Healy, Estanislau, Matter, Van Hall, and senior Eric Jordan (Lancaster, N.Y.) made the all-conference team, and Van Hall was the SUNYAC Chancellor's Award winner for excellence in his sport and the classroom. Freshman diver Arron Carlson (LeRoy, N.Y.) won the 3-meter and was third in the 1-meter at the regional zone meet and

qualified for the NCAA Championships. He earned honorable mention All-American honors after finishing 13th off the 1-meter board. He was named Fredonia Male Rookie of the Year. For the women the stellar career of Ashley Keller (Lockport, N.Y.) drew to a close with two more honorable mention All-American certificates, giving her four She finished 11th in both 1-meter and 3-meter springboard diving at the NCAA meet. She also was a double-winner at the SUNYACs and NCAA regionals. Keller won her second straight SUNYAC Female Diver of the Meet - the ninth straight by a Blue Devil woman – and was First Team All-SUNYAC. Katelyn Haley (Canandaigua, N.Y.), a senior qualified for the NCAA meet for the first time and placed 12th in the 1-meter, also earning honorable mention All-American status. Haley, senior Larissa Dobson (Hamburg, N.Y.), and junior Heather Colby (Oswego, N.Y.) were Second Team All SUNYAC.

MEN'S HOCKEY – The Blue Devils opened the season by upsetting No. 8 ranked Oswego, 3-2 (0T), on the Lakers' home ice. A rematch in the opening round of the SUNYAC Tournament resulted in a season-ending 3-2 win by Oswego, which was No. 12 at the time. In between, the Blue Devils celebrated their annual Pink the Rink game with a 5-2 win over Morrisville and raised over \$9,000 for breast cancer research. Head Coach Jeff Meredith received a Coach of the Year Award from the American Cancer Society.

MEN'S BASKETBALL – There must be something in the water at Elmira Free Academy. That's where Tyrone Clark (Elmira, N.Y.), a 2013-14 senior, attended high school. It's also the alma mater of Blue Devil Hall of Fame member Chris Hughey. On Jan. 24 vs. Potsdam, Clark scored 45 points in an 87-61 win. It tied Hughey's single-game school record in 1985. Clark averaged 22.1 points per game, second-best in the conference, and was named Third Team All-SUNYAC. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – A season of milestones ended with a rim-out. A desperation three-point shot by senior guard Becky Hebert (Hitton, N.Y.) rattled in and out as the Blue Devils fell at Geneseo, 55-52, in the first round of the SUNYAC Tournament. Hebert was a likely choice to take the final shot. She won her third straight SUNYAC scoring title by averaging 22.4 points per game, ninth best in NCAA D-III. She scored a school-record 1,604 career points, including 44 on Feb. 1 vs. Oswego to set a single-game school mark. She was named All-SUNYAC for the third

#### Hall of Fame adds 5

Fredonia will proudly induct five new members into its Hall of Fame during a Homecoming Weekend dinner and ceremony, Oct. 18.

The induction Class of 2014 will consist of Danielle Bleecker, '08, women's soccer; Matt Clark, '06, baseball; Heather (Martin) McIntosh, '05, women's volleyball; straight year and was Fredonia Female Athlete of the Year, Honorable Mention All-American, CoSIDA Academic All-American, and a national Jostens Award finalist. Senior Jaimie Warren (Lake View, N.Y.), became the eighth Blue Devil to reach 1,000 points, finishing with 1,124, seventh all-time. She finished tied for third on the school's all-time rebounding list and earned her second All-SUNYAC award. Freshman Alexis Cheatham (Lockport, N.Y.) was named SUNYAC Rookie of the Year and Fredonia Female Rookie of the Year.

Heather Mercer, '04, softball; and Eric Preston, '97, hockey.

In addition, members of Fredonia's two consecutive men's hockey Frozen Four teams — 1993-94 and 1994-95 — will be recognized during the Cranston Marché ceremony. Call (716) 673-3101 to purchase tickets. Maria was up next. She had no real time to prepare her comments she first learned she was expected to say something about her son when she saw the program that night. "I could see during dinner," Josh said, "that it was on her mind."

"She started to say something," Gondek recalled when Maria got up to talk, "and then she stopped. She couldn't talk."

The pause lasted several seconds as Maria fought down her emotion. When she composed herself, she motioned toward her son. "This guy is my hero," she began. "I didn't teach him. He taught me."

"I always knew how she felt," Josh said later of listening to his mom speak to a room full of misty athletic administrators, "but to hear her say it in front of all those people, I was impressed."

Josh spoke last. He thanked his parents for everything, especially all the state-to-state trips to games. He thanked Gondek for giving him the chance to play, and Prechtl for nominating him. He remembered to be short. He had never felt like a hero, plus there was a game to watch.

"I didn't know what else to say," he said, "except 'Go U.S.A.!' Maybe that's why we won."



Josh Best (center), with Coach Gondek (left) and Director of Athletics Greg Prechtl.

#### Blue Devils Fall Preview

MEN'S BASKETBALL – Head Coach: Phil Seymore, 2nd season at Fredonia (9th overall). Season opener: Nov. 15 at Allegheny Tournament, opponent TBA. Home opener: Dec. 10 vs. Penn State Behrend. Alumni game: Feb. 7 at Dods Hall, time TBA. Start of SUNVAC Tournament: Feb. 24. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL – Head Coach: Linda Hill-MacDonald, 2nd season at Fredonia (26th overall). Season opener: Nov. 15 at Alfred State. Home opener: Nov. 25 vs. Medaille. Alumnae game: Feb. 7 at Dods Hall, time TBA. Start of SUNYAC Tournament: Feb. 24.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY – Head Coach: Tom Wilson, 4th season (all at Fredonia). Season and home opener: Sept. 6 at Fredonia Blue Devil Invitational; Lake Erie State Park/Portland, N.Y. Alumni race: Oct. 18 at 9 a.m., Ruterbusch 5k Memorial Run; gather on south side of Steele Hall Fieldhouse. SUNYAC meet: Nov. 1 at Brockport. Atlantic Regional: Nov. 15 at Genesee Valley Park, Rochester, N.Y. MEN'S ICE HOCKEY – Head Coach: Jeff Meredith,

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY – Head Coach: Jeff Meredith, 27th season (all at Fredonia). Season and home opener: Oct. 31 vs. Cortland.

Pink The Rink: Feb. 6 vs. Potsdam. Start of SUNYAC Tournament: Feb. 25.

MEN'S SOCIER – Head Coach: P.J. Gondek, 15th season (all at Fredonia). Season opener: Aug. 29 vs. Hampden-Sydney at Washington, D.C. Home opener: Sept. 5 vs. Mount St. Mary (N.Y.) on first day of Blue Devil Clarion Classic at University Stadium. Alumni game: Oct. 18 at 10 a.m., University Stadium.

Start of SUNYAC Tournament: Nov. 2.

WOMEN'S SOCCER – Head Coach: Chris Case, 13th season (all at Fredonia). Season opener: Aug. 29 at University of Rochester on first day of Flower City Classic. Home opener: Sept. 5 vs. Medaille on first day of the Blue Devil Clarion Classic. Alumnae game: Oct. 11 at 10 a.m., University Stadium. Start of SUNYAC Tournament: Nov. 2. MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

AND DIVING – Head Coach: Arthur Wang, 12th season (all at Fredonia). Season opener: Oct. 18 at Ithaca with Brockport. Home opener: Oct. 25 vs. Niagara. Blue Devil Invitational: Dec. 5-6-7-8. SUNYAC meet: Feb. 18-19-20-21 at the Flickinger Center/Buffalo, N.Y.

WOMEN'S TENNIS – Head Coach: TBA. Season opener: Sept. 2 at Thiel. Home opener: Sept. 6 vs. Brockport. SUNYAC championships: Oct. 10-11-12 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDORT RACK AND FIELD – Head Coach: Tom Wilson, 4th season (all at Fredonia). Season opener: Dec. 5-6 at Golden Flash Gala/Kent, Ohio. SUNYAC meet: Feb. 28 at Brocknort.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL – Head Coach: Geoff Braun, 16th season (all at Fredonia). Season opener: Aug. 29 vs. Richard Stockton on first day of Cortland Classic. Home opener: Sept. 18 vs. Nazareth. SUNYAC Pool Play: Sept. 26-27 at Oswego, Oct. 10-11 at Cortland, Oct. 24-25 at Fredonia. Blue Devil Invitational: Oct. 3-4 at Dods Hall. SUNYAC Tournament: Nov. 7-8-9. Alumnae game: Tentatively scheduled for April 2015. Contact Coach Braun for information at (716) 673-3687 or Geoff. Braun@Fredonia.edu

OTHER ALUMNI GAMES – Softball: Sept. 13 at 11 a.m., Blue Devil Field. Baseball: Sept. 20 at 12:30 p.m., Ludwig Field. Women's lacrosse: a game next spring is in the planning stages. Contact Head Coach Amy Simon at (716) 673-3101 or Amy.Simon@Fredonia.edu



# together for a day of celebration.

- 1: President Virginia Horvath (left) is joined by keynote speaker Dr. Sarah Ramirez, a community-engaged health educator and researcher, and co-founder of BeHealthy Tulare
- 2: Celebrating the big day are (left to right) Chrissy Woods, Ashley Clarke, Meghan McEvoy and Jillian Haneswor
- 3: Class President Patrick Kennedy presents President Horvath with a photo representing a portion of the Senior Challenge gift - dinosaur sculptures for the new Science Center - in addition to contributions to the Thomas Dean Memorial Fund in memory
- **4**: Afternoon ceremony faculty and staff marshals included Sponsored Programs and Research Director Emeritus Maggie Bryan-Peterson and Professor Emeritus of Geosciences Michael Wilson
- **5**: Student Marshal and SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence recipient Cory Jackson is congratulated by College Council Member Russell Diethrick Jr.
- 6: Gabrielle Mason, who graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education sang the national anthem at both ceremonies
- 7: SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence recipient Carl Lam receives the Lanford Presidential Prize
- 8: Students celebrate with a shout.





# Though posthumously, legendary alumnus Reimer, '54, fittingly highlights Fredonia **NYSSMA** Conference

The lineup of accomplished university educators and public school teachers in Mason Hall for the New York State School Music Association's National Association for Music Education conference in early April was impressive enough.

But the DVD that over 100 current and future teachers saw of Dr. Bennett Reimer, a Fredonia graduate and one of the world's leading philosophers in music education — sharing his perspective on musical intelligence and thoughts on the important role and responsibility music educators have in developing each student's musical intelligence — was clearly the high note.

This was the first time Fredonia hosted a biennial NYSSMA Collegiate Conference. Fredonia is also the home of NYSSMA's largest collegiate chapter.

A clarinet player who wanted to be a high school band director, Reimer, '54, became a champion of K-12 music education and wrote nearly two dozen books, including music textbooks for children. His seminal, A Philosophy of Music Education, was published in 1970 and translated into five languages. A second edition followed in 1989; a third in 2003.

"Many of the students were aware of whom Bennett Reimer was and his importance in music education, but that knowledge is primarily based on book learning and didn't really have a context," explained Dr. Jill Reese, a member of Fredonia's Music Education faculty and the conference co-organizer. "It's sort of like knowing that Walt Disney was the creator of Disney World, without the context of hearing directly from him or experiencing the magic that is Disney World."

A PowerPoint presentation featuring photographs of Reimer as an undergraduate also struck a chord with



students, allowing them to connect with him on a personal level. "They realized that he was once where they are, and that he became someone who has been immensely influential in music education," Reese explained.

Reimer explored previous conceptions of intelligence and unveiled his argument with previous conceptions and his beliefs of what truly constitutes intelligence in general and specifically musical intelligence. His heavy concepts about democratic music education are usually difficult for pre-service teachers to grasp, but Reese said each student was "riveted and seemed to rise to the challenge of making his/her own personal meaning of the experience." For many students, Reimer's

"What is Musical Intelligence" video shown in Diers Recital Hall was the marguee attraction of the conference that enlightened pre-service students enrolled at six colleges and universities as well as practicing teachers from six school districts. This was due, in part, to his insight, and in part, to his foresight.

Still actively engaged in his passion of music education, Reimer, was planning to return to his alma mater as the conference keynote speaker, but passed away last November at the age of 81. Sensing last year that his health might prevent him from traveling, Reimer always a wise teacher and problem solver - prepared the DVD so he could still contribute to the conference.

# Department of Theatre and Dance amazes with, *RENT*

The campus was alive with anticipation in April as six sold-out performances of, *RENT*, the award-winning rock musical, were presented by the Department of Theatre and Dance in Marvel Theatre as part of the Walter Gloor Mainstage Series. The production was sponsored by Niebel Realty as part of the Lake Shore Savings Season.

# Woodstock Music and Art Fair promoter visits campus







# Festival Chorale plays Carnegie Hall

Fredonia's Festival Chorale performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Feb. 16. The festival showcased choral and orchestral ensembles from Tennessee, Wisconsin and New York, and featured Fredonia's Dr. Gerald Gray as guest conductor. He led the New England Symphonic Ensemble and roughly 60 Fredonia students in the Festival Chorale in Vaughan Williams' haunting and spiritual, "Dona Nobis Pacem."



This spring, Fredonia's Music Industry program brought Artie Kornfeld, co-creator and promoter of the legendary Woodstock Music and Art Fair, to campus to revisit the iconic 1969 counterculture festival. Thanks to the generous support of DFT Communications and Waring Financial Group, Kornfeld's appearance was free and open to the public...just like the original.

# NPR's Folkenflik shares his experiences

David Folkenflik, an acclaimed media correspondent with National Public Radio, explored "The Future of News: Technology and Journalism" as the keynote speaker in February for the 2013-2014 Liberal Arts and Sciences Brown Bag Lecture Series in Rosch Recital Hall. Many other topics were explored during the yearlong series focusing on technology.



#### **Praetorius tabbed** to lead Finance and Administration division

Elizabeth Praetorius began in August as Vice President for Finance and Administration. She brings over 25 years of SUNY experience, most recently as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for Finance and Administration at SUNY Maritime College. She has also served as Assistant Vice Chancellor and Director in the Office of Strategic Planning and Accountability with SUNY System Administration, and

was a member of the Chancellor's Shared Services Steering Committee. Much of her early career was with the University of Albany's Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, including 19 years as its Director for Finance and Administration. At Fredonia, she will oversee an annual consolidated operating budget of more than \$100 million and a variety of administrative offices which collectively have over 360 staff.

#### Horowitz, Hunter named associate provosts

Dr. Judith Horowitz (right) joined Fredonia in June as Associate Provost for Graduate Studies, Sponsored Research and Faculty Development. She oversees the Office of Graduate Studies, Office of Sponsored Research, the Professional Development Center, the Coordinator of International Learning and the Office of Student Creative Activity and Research. She was most recently Associate Vice President and Dean of the School of Adult and Graduate Education at Medaille College. An accomplished



psychology and neuroscience researcher, she has been a visiting scientist at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and has been awarded approximately half a million dollars in grants to study brain diseases such as schizophrenia, depression and Parkinson's disease.

Dr. Lisa Hunter joined Fredonia in August as Associate Provost for Curriculum, Assessment and Academic Support. She oversees undergraduate curriculum and assessment, including general education and the Honors program, academic student support, the



Registrar's Office, the Office of Online Learning and the Learning Center. She most recently served as Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at SUNY Buffalo State and was responsible for overseeing departmental, program and general education curriculum and assessment. She has published and presented extensively within the field of music education, as well as on topics related to assessment of "academic rigor," curriculum design and revision, general education, and teaching and learning.



Jabot named 'Environmental Educator of the Year'

The Nature Sanctuary Society of Western New York named Dr. Michael Jabot of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction as its Environmental Educator of the Year. Science education, including teaching how students can make sense of the physical world around them, has been the focus of his teaching since arriving at Fredonia in 2001. His current research focuses on the development of learning progressions

and the conceptual diagnostic assessments that allow for measuring the impact of instruction on student learning around spatial thinking and climate change.

#### **Tillery lauded with** Distinguished **Achievement Award** from N.Y. association

Kim Tillery, chair of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, received the 2014 Distinguished Achievement Award for outstanding clinical research and teaching excellence in the speech-language pathology and audiology professions from the New York State Speech-Language Hearing Association. Dr. Tillery was honored at the association's annual convention in Saratoga Springs in April.

#### Igoe featured on Buffalo's WBEN-AM



Michael Igoe, an attorney and former journalist who now teaches media law in the Department of Communication, was interviewed on WBEN's "Hardline" program about a student's rights/free speech issue in the Grand Island (N.Y.) School District. Igoe provided commentary and analysis of a case that involved a student who was suspended after refusing to remove a t-shirt that displayed the National Rifle Association's logo. Igoe was a TV consumer reporter for 30 years at several network-affiliated stations, including WGRZ-TV in Buffalo, and formerly taught journalism in China.



#### **Gondek completes term leading NCAA Division III** soccer committee

Men's Head Soccer Coach P.J. Gondek completed a one-year term as chairman of the NCAA Division III Soccer Committee. Under his leadership, the committee ranked and selected the championship field for the 2013 men's NCAA D-III soccer tournament from among 56 teams. While many Blue Devil coaches have served on state and regional boards and committees,

this is the highest level of service that a D-III coach can reach. Gondek has compiled a 141-93-21 record in 13 seasons at Fredonia.

#### Milgram-Luterman, Mancino lead music therapy conference

Dr. Joni Milgram-Luterman (left) and Kimberly Mancino of the School of Music's Music Therapy program served as co-hosts of the annual conference of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Music Therapy Association held at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center in April. The conference included sessions for high school students interested in pursuing careers in music therapy and for hospital administrators to educate them on the benefits of music therapy programs.





#### Gerber gives presentations at composition/ communication conference

The Department of English's Natalie Gerber gave two collaborative



presentations with composition theorist Peter Elbow and linguistic graduate student Hulya Belketin at the 2014 Conference on College, Composition and Communication held in March in Indianapolis, Ind. Dr. Gerber helped participants focus on grammatical features often associated with spoken language that give vitality to written texts. The trio also gave a presentation, "What Can Students and Teachers of Writing Learn from a Careful Linguistic Exploration of Spoken Grammar?"

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#### Myers pens chapter in new edition of *The Dance* **Experience**

The Department of Theatre and Dance's Helen Myers wrote the chapter, "Piercing the Mask of Japanese Dance Theater," for the new edition of *The Dance* Experience, released by Princeton Book Co. Myers offers a historical, cultural and aesthetic overview of the Japanese dance theater forms of Bugaku, Noh, Kabuki and Butoh, comparing and contrasting each form. The book provides an

understanding of the history, evolution and universality of dance by exploring the significance of dance in culture, its relationship to other art forms, the contributions of great choreographers, dancers and teachers, and the creative process itself.

#### Vassoler receives Latin **American Studies prize**

Ivani Vassoler, coordinator of International Studies, received the 2014 James Street Prize in recognition of her article, "Baron of Rio Branco and the Construction of the Brazilian International Identity," published in Latin American Essays (Vol. XXVI, 2012). Her article was recognized for its contributions to the study of foreign policy formation, to the understanding of U.S.-Latin American relations, and for its important insights on



nationalism. The award is given annually by the Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies, a U.S.-based organization of scholars whose teaching and research focuses on Latin American studies and affairs.



#### Tramuta addresses financial aid association's national conference

In July, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Dan Tramuta presented at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' national conference in Nashville, Tenn. He co-presented a session with Patty Thompson, assistant vice chancellor for Financial Aid Programs at the SUNY System on the new SUNY

SmartTrack initiative, designed to help students and their families better manage their finances and stay on track to graduate in four years with limited debt.

### Class Notes

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#### 1960s

Dr. Douglas Houck, '60, (elem. ed.) was interviewed in April by CSPAN regarding his book, Peace *River Boundary*. The interview can be seen on YouTube Peace River Boundary and is listed on CSPAN Authors. Amazon sold out and has ordered more books. His new book, Energy and Light in Nineteenth Century Western New York, has just been released by History Press. He would like acknowledge Dr. William Chazanof, who instilled a love for local history, and Dr. Nancy Libby, who encouraged him to write, noting they were exceptional teachers. Dr. Houck is still teaching at Edison State College and Barry University in southwest Florida.

James McLeod, '71, (pol. sci.) received the Openness to Change Award from Leadership Buffalo as a part of its 11th annual Values Awards.

Kathleen Piersons, '71, '75, (elem. ed.) took a riverboat cruise in spring with her mother to Holland and Belgium, visiting Antwerp where Kathleen had been a participant in Fredonia's Junior Semester Abroad Program. She visited her old neighborhood and had an unexpected happy reunion with her host family, the Waltons.

Chris (Wardaszka) Thackaberry, '72, (math) has achieved, "Distinguished Toast Master," status in Toastmasters International.

Bill Thackaberry, '72, (geology) is retired and restoring vintage motorcycles.

Tom Dudzick, '73, (art) wrote a play, Miracle on South Division Street. based on a shrine to the Virgin Mary on Seneca Street in Buffalo, N.Y., where he lived and neighbors claimed to have seen the Blessed

Mike McElheny, '75, (elem. ed.) and Marti (Burr) McElheny, '73, (elem. ed.) finished their careers in teaching and moved to The Villages, Fla. They are loving retirement.

Lisa (Wittlin) Rosenberg, '76, (biology) is a science teacher at Elmwood Park school district in New Jersey.

Amy (Israeloff) Babcock, '78, (theatre) has published her first book, Stabbed with a Pretzel and Other Poems and Lyrics, on Amazon in print and Kindle versions. She also continues to teach piano and voice, and coach drama and speech to 27 students in Westford, Mass.

Kathy Caton, '79, (music ed.) just published a book, Da Capo From the Beginning: Inspiring Life Lessons From the Other Side of the Baton, which tracks her career beginning as a student at Fredonia.

Carmen Losito, '71, (art), Reid Wallace, '72, (elem. ed.) and Ron Smith, '73, (biology), traveled to Costa Rica and didn't see any Blue Devils but saw lots of monkeys!

Josie DiVincenzo, '81, (theatre) played 11 characters in the Jewish Repertory Theatre's production of Dai - Hebrew for "enough" - at the Maxine and Robert Seller Theatre in Getzville, N.Y. In June, she received the award for Outstanding Actress in a Play for this role at the 24th An nual Artie Awards in Buffalo, N.Y.

Deb Lanni, '81, (special studies) presented a program, "Intimate Journey: From the Tambopata to the Highlands of Peru," composed of photographs she took while visiting Peru. She is a Professor of communication and media arts at Jamestown Community College, and also teaches photography, video and multi-media storytelling.

Sue (Hess) Dove, '82, (bus. admin.) stepped down as the Executive Director for the chamber of commerce in Skaneateles, N.Y., after 17 years and will be returning to work in a family business, the Bird's Nest Motel.

Tom Herrmann, '82, (bus. admin.) accepted a position with Dunn

> n photo, front row (L-R): Thomas Quatroche, '61; President Virginia Horvath; Margot (Chastek) Schuele 56: and J. Robert Quatroche, '63.

Back row (L-R): William Roberts, '67; Sue Roberts: Marilyn Quatroche: Bett Gossett, '76 (Associate Vice President Sandra (Maile) Dudley, '83, (music perf.) just released a new CD with jazz pianist Lori Mechem on the Cognito Label, "All of My Life," which is a tribute album to the great lyricists Alan and Marilyn Bergman. It can be found at cdbaby.com Amazon and Itunes. An Assistant Professor of commercial voice at Belmont University, where she has been teaching since 1995, Sandra was just awarded a sabbatical for the fall semster. She is also writing a book on commercial voice in higher education.

Dr. Lisa Heichberger, '84,

(biology, med. tech.) was recognized as "Doctor of the Year" by Newbury County Memorial Hospital in South Carolina. She was selected on the basis of, "Leading by example and her enthusiasm for her work and commitment to exceptional patient care."

Jim Hughes, '84 (commun.) won an Emmy as the Producer and Screenwriter for, "Signs of the Time," a feature documentary narrated by

in Buffalo, N.Y., which was recently sold to The Martin Group.

Jeff Nelson, '85, (music perf., sound rec. tech.) played on, "Late Night with David Letterman," with the CBS Orchestra for its annual Christmas show with Darlene Love. He finished the Broadway revival of Annie, in January, and started the new Broadway revival of Les Miserables, in February. He also recorded a new CD with Dave Liebman featuring the music of Wayne Shorter.

Sally (Aubertine) Fancher, '86, (elem. ed.) was promoted to Head Teacher at the YMCA Universal Preschool.

Deneen Hernandez, '86, (pol. sci.) is a Forensic Examiner with the FBI laboratory in Quantico, Va. She is also a national trainer for forensic activities with students and adults. She presented the "Zombie Apocalypse" STEM curriculum in May with the New York State Criminal Justice Explorer's program in Western New York, and also presented at the University at Buffalo law school in



Alumni Reunion: Naples, Fla., on Jan.12,

Karen (Russell) DiGiovanni, '67, (elem. ed.) is living in San Marino, Calif., and enjoys teaching third grade and spending time with family and friends.

#### **1970s**

Kathryn (Jarvis) White, '70, (music ed.) has become the music director for Batavia Players, Inc. Harvester 56 Theater since her retirement in 2011. Kathy, a former New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Zone 2 rep and vocal adjudicator, has found retirement very fulfilling and stays very busy with piano work, theater and her favorite pastime, her granddaughters, Paige and Pevton.

Richard Cole, '71, (soc. stds.) has joined the law firm of Tully Rinckey PLLC as a Senior Associate.

David R. Cooper, '71, (math-sec. ed.) retired after teaching for 42 years at Herricks High School.

Mother. It was performed at the Kavinoky Theatre in Buffalo. He was a presenter at the 24th Annual Artie Award in Buffalo as well as the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award

Anthony Rizzo, '73, (econ.) was promoted to Senior Vice President and Western New York Middle Market Team Leader at First Niagara Financial Group.

Marjorie (Pendleton) Switala, '73, (music ed.) of Jamestown is retired from Mayville/Chautauqua Lake Central School. She has a private voice studio and is an adjunct faculty member at Jamestown Community College. Her husband, David, '73, (social stds.) is CEO of Southern Tier Financial.

J. Paul Lombardo, '75, (elem. ed.) signed copies of his latest book, Beyond Reading, 'riting, & 'rithmetic, at Prendergast Library. He taught in the Jamestown School District for 31 years.

Former roommates from Grissom Hall, Debbie (Johnson) Baker, '79 (English); Donna (Tramonti) Bovalino, '78 (elem. ed.); Barb (Neff) Davis, '81 (art); Karen (Linn) Femia, '79 (music ed.); and Cheri (Sloma) Panko '78, (Spanish), met, coming from four different states, for a reunion in Washington, D.C.

#### 1980s

Brian Moore, '80, (pol. sci.) has been named a 2014 Ohio Super Lawyer by *Ohio Super Lawyers* Magazine. He is a partner at Roetzel & Andress, LPA in Akron

Linda (Ritchie) Unger, '80, (English) completed an A.S. in Medical Laboratory Technology at Farmingdale State College in August 2013, passed her American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) boards and received New York State License as a Certified Clinical Laboratory Technician. She is about to start her first job in this field at the Peconic Bay Medical Center.

Tire/Express Tire Delivery, as its Assistant Director of Continuous Improvement. His new position involves responsibilities for safety and health for 31 retail stores and four warehouses, along with employee training and equipment management.

Elizabeth (Koepcke) Russell, '82, (special studies) was awarded a gold medal in the 2014 Independent Publisher Awards for her book, Arts Law Conversations: A Surprisingly Readable Guide for Arts Entrepreneurs (Ruly Press 2014). In February, Elizabeth used the book to teach a two-day, 1-credit-hour class on arts law. The book is currently available in the College Bookstore, and at rulypress.com.

Donald Sarazen, '82, (sociology) is the recipient of the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching. He is a fourth grade teacher at H.B. Rhame Elementary School in Richland One in Columbia, S.C.

Richard Dreyfuss on the origins of baseball. He is currently co-producing a feature film, "Vows & Rites," a romantic comedy that brings a wedding and funeral party together with hilarious results.

Scott Martelle, '84, (pol. sci.) accepted an offer to rejoin the LA Times as an editorial writer. He also put together an east coast book tour for his recently-released book, The Admiral and the Ambassador: One Man's Obsessive Search for the Body of John Paul Jones.

David Musial, '84, (special studies) will be inducted into the Buffalo Music Hall of Fame on Oct. 2. Clifton Turner, '84, (bus. admin.)

was honored to attend the NAS-DAQ Opening Bell ceremonies for the fourth time in recognition of his STAPLES store's outstanding customer service.

Susan Asquith, '85, (bus. admin.) was promoted to Executive Vice President at Travers Collins & Co., a public relations and advertising firm



Brian Moore, '80

May sponsored by the FBI Citizen's Academy Buffalo field office. For the past four years she has also done forensic activities with the Erie 2 Board of Cooperative Education Services.

Terry Norris, '86, (bus. admin.) was named Branch Manager at Usherwood Office Technology in Jamestown.

Jerry Drummond, '87, (commun.) just retired from his position since 2003 as General Manager of KAOS Radio in Olympia, Wash., in March. His 30-year broadcast career included positions at both commercial and community stations in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington State. His retirement plans include no more morning shows, as well as relocating to North Carolina in order to

be closer to his grandchildren. James Ranney, '88, (commun.) was appointed Director of Communications for New York State Senator Patrick Gallivan.

Mike Raymer, '88, (history) was recently elected President of the

for University Development); Jay Fike, 97; Melanie (Barber) Fike, '97; Maureer Pagano, '66; Kenneth Schueler; Frank Pagano (chair of College Council); Dean Dargavel, Jeanne Palmer, '79; Anthony Leone; and Diane (Marki) Leone, '50.



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#### 1990s

Tom LaChiusa, '90, (theatre) was recognized as a member of the Outstanding Ensemble of a Play, and nominated for Outstanding Actor in a Play, at the 24th Annual Artie Awards in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jennifer Cody, '91, (theatre) starred in the Rochester Geva Theatre production of *The Odd Couple*.

Jason Nowak, '91, (chem.) is a U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and assumed command of the 87th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion (CSSB) at Fort Stewart, Ga. on Jan. 21. The 87th CSSB is part of the 3rd Sustainment Brigade, the 3rd Infantry Division and consists of eight companies with over 1,200 soldiers. Jason recently moved to Fort Stewart, Ga., with his wife of 14 years, Michelle E. (Vitanov) Nowak, '91, (chem.) and their 4-year-old son, Lucas. Jason and his family were joined by his parents, sister, Mrs.

Jenny (Privitera) Medley, '94, (biology) recently had an article, "Cost-effectiveness of a WOC Nurse Practitioner in the Acute Care and Outpatient Setting," in the Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence *Nursing*, published by Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins.

Todd Tranum, '94, (pol. sci.) was named the 2013 Chamber Executive of the Year by the Chamber Alliance of New York State.

Nick Ceglia, '95, (bus. admin.) was named Inside Solar Sales Representative for Solar Liberty, an Amherst, N.Y.-based installer of grid-tied photovoltaic solar energy systems.

Melissa Lyon, '95, (biology) was named Director of Public Health in Erie County, Pa., in March by County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper.

Timothy Sayles, '95, (bus. admin.) lives in Charlotte, N.C. In August 2013, he was asked to act in a film for a 48-hour film festival (48 hours to write, film, edit, and turn into a seven-minute movie), and was named Best Male Actor in the festival.

He moved on to Filmapalooza in New Orleans in March with a chance to go to the Cannes Film Festival. He also wrote his first screenplay.

James Fadden, '96, (elem. ed.) was recently promoted to Director of Information Technology Services at Allegheny College. James has worked in the IT department at Allegheny since 2000.

John Golimowski, '96, (bus. admin.) was promoted to Director, Claims Processing at Fidelis Care.

Leanna Luka-Conley, '96, (sociology) was appointed to the position of Director of Care Coordination and Behavioral Services at the Resource Center.

Melanie (Gregg) McGovern, '96, (commun.) is Marketing and Communications Associate for the Better Business Bureau serving Upstate New York. She previously was the morning news producer at Time Warner Cable News in Buffalo.

Kathy (Nowak) Mathewson, '92, (math/sec. ed.) and several family members and close friends to share in the celebration and witness the change of command ceremony.

Tom Pokel, '91, (bus. admin.) is the head coach of Team Italy for the Italian National Hockey team and his team played in the 2014 IIHF World Hockey Championships. He is a Blue Devil hockey alumnus.

Kevin McGovern, '92, (geology) was elected to the 2013-2014 Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists (BAPG) Board of Directors.

Paul Preston, '92, (theatre) is living in Burbank, Calif., and is the host of Themovieguys.net.

Bret Apthorpe, '93, (elem. ed./curr. instr.) was hired as Superintendent for the Frontier Central School District in Hamburg, N.Y.

Margaret (Payne) Pfeiffer, '93, (math) was promoted to Director of Integrated Business Planning at Rich Products Corp., in Buffalo, N.Y.

Marie (Koester) Persch, '96, (elem. ed.) and Philip Aguglia, '98, (music ed.) were two of five finalists for the fifth annual M&T Bank Touchdown for Teachers Program co-sponsored by the Buffalo Bills. Marie is a teacher at Brocton Central School and Philip teaches at Kenmore East.

Frank Williams, '97, (English) was the keynote speaker for the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon at the Moose Club in Dunkirk.

Blythe (Harkness) Kaczmarczyk, '98, (bus. admin.) was named Director of Career Services at Villa Maria College.

Janet Keefe, '98, (sociology) was elected on the Democratic ticket as a Chautauqua County Legislator, representing the village of Fredonia.

Dr. Dan Krawczyk, '98, (psych.) was recently awarded an endowed chair, the Debbie and Jim Francis Chair, in the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences at the University of Texas at Dallas. His parents fund an ongoing award in Dan's name through Fredonia's Department of Psychology for

#### 2000s

Jennifer Forbes, '00, (commun./ media mgmt.) was appointed a Class Dean in the Office of Student Experience at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Thomas Gaffney, '01, (bus. admin.) was promoted to Partner at Lippes Mathias Wexier Friedman.

Jessica (Bittner) Markus, '01, (sociology) recently completed her second master's degree, earning her M.S.Ed. in Literacy Birth-12th Grade. Jessica is currently a special education itinerant teacher in Manhattan.

Stephen Erick, '02, (elem. ed./math) a third grade teacher at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, was the recipient of the 2014 Agnes Meyer Outstanding Teacher of the Year award at Falls Church (Va.) City Public Schools. The awards are sponsored by The Washington Post.

Brian Miga, '02, (physics, coop. engin.) is a Test Engineering Senior Manager at Cypress Semiconductor Corp. He is relocating to the

Russia, Kristl at the Anglo American School of Moscow

Ryan Murphy, '04, (social stds./ adol. ed.) was promoted to Senior Associate at Hodgson Russ law firm in Buffalo, N.Y.

Patrick Wirth, '04, (childhood ed./ English) is a Hamburg (N.Y.) Central School fourth grade teacher and was the top honoree in the fifth annual M&T Bank Touchdown for Teachers Program co-sponsored by the Buffalo Bills. Wirth, the head of the technology program at his school, was cited for looking for new ways to integrate technology into learning. His interactive classroom website serves as a portal for his students to share work with their peers around the globe. Each year, his class runs the Bulldog Pencil Shop, selling school supplies. Proceeds benefit hurricane stricken areas around the world

Raymond Bonilla, '05, (media arts) received three awards from the Society of Illustrators of Los Angeles. His theatre poster design for Fredonia's

Raymond Chenez, '06, (music perf.) won a George London Foundation award for professional classical singers.

Megan Green, '06, (account.) recently became licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant. She works at Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C., an accounting firm in Jamestown.

Amber Rinehart, '06, (commun.) received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. She is an adjunct instructor in Fredonia's Department of Communication.

Dr. Philip J. Smaldino, '06, (biology) received his Ph.D. in Cancer Biology from Wake Forest University School of Medicine in August 2013. In 2008, he received a Master of Science degree from the University at Buffalo and Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Biology and Natural Sciences. He is currently working as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Michigan's Department of Biological Chemistry.

Craig Hinderleider, '08, (account.) was promoted to Assistant General Manager at Jamestown Savings Bank Arena

Meghan Lee, '08, (history) has been named Executive Assistant at Phillips Lytle LLP.

Spencer Morgan, '08, (history) discussed his recently published book, Western New York Steel, as a guest speaker at Fredonia. As a former curator for the Steel Plant Museum of Western New York, he talked about the history of Western New York steel and reflected on the process of writing and assembling the material for the book. He also was named Director of Development and Marketing at Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village in Amherst, N.Y.

Jackie (Bryant) Hausler, '09, (commun.) recently started a new position at the University at Buffalo in its School of Public Health and Health Professions as Director of Communications and Alumni Relations. Steve Hoagland, '09, (music-applied)

traveled to San Diego, Calif., to sing

Rachel Foltz, '11, (psych.) is the Coordinator of Recruitment and Admissions for the Ohio State University College of Public Health. Her role involves recruitment and admissions processing for the Master of Public Health, Master of Science, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees offered in public health. Rachel lives in Baltimore, Ohio.

Kathryn Goldbach, '11, (English) was recently appointed Resource Development Team Assistant for The United Way of Buffalo & Erie County.

Spencer Evans, '12, (history) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, in San Antonio, Texas.

Joseph Jacobi, Jr., '12, (bus. admin./ marketing) was hired by MJ Peterson Real Estate in its Commercial Division.

Tara L. Sager, '12, (bus. admin./ finance) recently became licensed to practice as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York. She is a Staff Accountant for



students who have had significant Independent Study experiences, something Dan participated in as an undergraduate and feels made a difference in his future.

William Witzleben, '98, (pol. sci.) was named Commercial Branch Manager for M&T Bank at the One M&T Plaza branch in Buffalo, N.Y.

Paul Baddeley, '99, (bus. admin.) started a new job at IMS Health as a Delivery Manager in the Commercial Effectiveness Services group. His job is to work with clients and internal project teams to develop and deliver insights leveraging IMS data assets that help to solve business challenges. Specifically, he is responsible for the Sales Force Effectiveness service line focused on call planning, segmentation, incentive compensation, territory alignment and sales force sizing and structure. Paul lives in West Chester, Pa.

company's Lynnwood, Wash. office, moving from Minnesota with his wife, Annie, and their three daughters, Sophia, Lily and Charlotte.

Scott Fakowski, '03, (interdisc. stds.) is the Subscriptions Services Manager at the Rochester Geva Theatre.

Lindsey Sack, '03, (commun.) has been accepted into the Leadership Buffalo Rising Leaders program. Charlie Wesley, '03, '06 (English) was recently hired as an Assistant Professor of English at Daemen College in Amherst, N.Y.

Kristen Beilman, '04, (pol. sci.) was selected for the Presidential Management Fellows program in Washington, D.C. She currently serves as special advisor to Lt. Gen. Michael T. Flynn, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Adam Fusco, '04, (biology/adol. ed.) is teaching high school chemistry, and Kristl Quirante, '04, (biology) high school biology, on the Puxi Campus of the Shanghai American School. They previously taught in

Brianna Falvey, '05

production of *The Diary of Anne* Frank won a gold award. The poster for Moon Over Buffalo, also designed for Fredonia's theatre program, won bronze and was selected for the Communication Arts 55th Annual Competition. Raymond is an art instructor at Jamestown Community College's North County Center in Dunkirk and an adjunct instructor at Fredonia.

Brianna Falvey, '05, (childhood ed./soc. stds.) teaches fourth grade at Colvin Elementary School in Wichita, Kan., and challenged her class to complete 100 consecutive days of school where everyone in the class completed all their math and reading assignments every day. If they made it, she would dye her hair orange. She was featured in local newspapers and the local news. The students made it to 114 days.

Kate (Mori) Heidinger, '05, (psych.) joined Investigative Post, a nonprofit investigative journalism center in Buffalo, N.Y., as Director of Development.

Steve Copps, '07, (mus. theatre) won the Outstanding Actor in a Musical (Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson) at the 24th Annual Artie Awards in Buffalo, N.Y., and was recognized with producer Matthew LaChiusa, '90 (English); and Maura Nolan, '13, (acting) for Outstanding Production of a Musical

Kevin Scully, '07, (bus admin., commun.) has been promoted to Director of Human Resources for Corporate and Distribution Centers at Michael Kors, a publicly traded global luxury fashion-accessories company with headquarters based in New York City. Kevin has also held the position of Adjunct Professor at the Professional Business College in New York City, teaching Human Resources Management.

Eric Sonnenberger, '07, (bus. admin.) was appointed Appraisal Risk and Environmental Manager at Evans Bank.

Galena Duba-Weaver, '08, (English) was hired as an Associate Attorney for the law firm of Fessenden, Laumer and DeAngelo in Jamestown.

as a chorister for San Diego Opera's 2014 spring season. While there, he met a "super" in the cast who turned out to be Dan Denison, '79 (sociology).

Spencer Johnson, '09, (physics) recently got married and works at the U.S. Naval Base Indian Head in Maryland.

#### 2010s

Dr. Julie Graham, '10, (biology) just completed her pharmacy degree at the University at Buffalo on May 17 with a 3.756 GPA. She is moving to a suburb of Richmond, Va., where she has accepted a full-time position as a pharmacist with CVS Pharmacy. Justin Webb, '10, (philosophy) appeared on the "Wheel of Fortune" television show in January. He is an editor with Virucom Group in Syracuse and a former college Ambassador.

Mark Sonner, '13 Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C.

in Jamestown Christopher Scarpine, '12, (school

bldg. leadership) was named Assistant Principal at Lake Shore Middle School in Angola, N.Y.

Kody Van Rentergem, '12, (econ.) is Hockey Operations Coordinator for the Robert Morris University men's hockey team which just claimed its first Atlantic Hockey Association (AHA) Championship.

Mary Ryan, '12, (mus. theatre) recently moved to California and is pursuing commercial print screen work.

Mark Sonner, '13 (public account.) and Christopher Rhinehart, '13 (econ.) recently joined Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. as Staff Accountants.

Amanda Widzinski, '12, (vis. arts and new media) was hired as an associate for Crowley Webb, a fullservice marketing communications agency in Buffalo, N.Y.

Richard Burlett III, '13, (public account.) was hired by Johnson, Mackowiak and Associates, LLP Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, as an accountant.

David Chatterton, '13, (music ed.) was hired as an instructor for Infinity Visual and Performing Arts.

Samuel Dolcine, '13, (bus. admin.) was hired as a Recruitment Coordinator for Uncommon Schools, a non-profit organization that manages a network of public charter schools in New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Adam Hedberg, '13, (bus. admin.) was named Financial Consultant for AXA Advisors in Williamsville, N.Y.

Corey Moriarty, '13, (bus. admin./ marketing) was hired by Tattoo Projects Advertising as a Project Manager. He started as an intern and it grew to a full-time position within a month and a half.

Erin Dorozynski, '14, (bus. admin./ finance) has been hired by GEICO.



Christopher Rhinehart, '13

Nicholas Reed, '14, (bus. admin./ finance) has been hired by GEICO in its Management Development Program.

#### Faculty/Emeriti

Paul Bowers (professor emeritus, art/graphic design) was the author of, "The Winter Garden, Al Jolson and the Shuberts," in Vol. 29, 2011-2012 edition of The Passing Show, the newsletter of the Schubert Archive.

Dr. Rob Deemer, (music) had his musical composition for wind band, "Home," premiere in June, played by the U.S. Marine Corps Band on the steps of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Dianne Bennett and Dr. William Graebner (professor emeritus, history) published a second alternative Rome guidebook in eBook format, Modern Rome: 4 Great Walks for the Curious Traveler. The book is available on Amazon's Kindle store and in paperback.

Dr. Richard Gilman (geosciences) and his wife, Carmen, were honored in June by the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation with its George B. Weaver Jr. Footprints Award for their many contributions to the community.

Professor Tom Loughlin and Associate Professor Dixon Reynolds (theatre and dance) received recognition at the 24th Annual Artie Awards held in June in Buffalo, N.Y., Tom for Outstanding Supporting Actor in a Play (Hamlet), and Dixon was nominated for Outstanding Costume Design for A Woman of No Importance.

Dr. William Schall (education) and his wife, Carol, have been honored by their daughter, Dr. Susan Schall, '81, with a gift to the Fredonia College Foundation to name the Schall Study Alcove in the new Science Center. Dr. Schall is hoping to see many friends at the dedication during Homecoming.

Dr. Michael Marletta, '73, (chem., biology) has been named the 2014 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The award is presented to an individual who has achieved acclaim in his or her field and who has made a significant contribution to the public, intellectual or cultural life of the nation. He will be recognized at the association's annual conference in October.





#### Dr. Max Oppenheimer Jr., who taught at Fredonia as a member of the faculty in the Department of Foreign Languages from 1967 to 1976, and as its chair from 1967 to 1974, died on May 23. Dr. Oppenheimer established the Fiat Lux (let there be light) Scholarship through the Fredonia College Foundation. He was also a World War II veteran and former CIA officer, and served as the keynote speaker at Fredonia's Commencement in 2007. Memorials should be directed to the Fiat Lux Scholarship at the foundation

Deaths

Lorraine (Youngs) Eastman, Class of 1933 Eloise (Ostrander) Merchant. Class of 1935 Elizabeth (Case) Alday, Class of 1936 Jean (Madigan) Russ, Class of 1936 Loretta (Zepp) Mulville, Class of 1937 Frances (Lillie) Royce, Class of 1938 Elizabeth (Hall) Dedrick, Class of 1939 Ethel (Jaekle) (Gath) Luttinger, Class of 1939 Marion (Peterson) Hall, Class of 1940 Lois (Price) LaBaron, Class of 1940 Jean (Clark) Marr, Class of 1942 Evelyn A. Hilldale, Class of 1944 William C. Jackson, Class of 1949 Joan (Samuelson) Finnell, Class of 1954 Dr. Bennett Reimer, Class of 1954 Andolfa "Del" (Intravartolo) Shyhalla, Class of 1954 Patricia M. (Norman) Westcott, Class of 1954 Diane (Hill) (Wilcox) Williams, Class of 1955 Ada E. (Eighmey) Wilson, Class of 1956 Bessie (Lindell) Hannahs, Class of 1958 Lorraine (Scagnelli) Rossi, Class of 1958 Ross H. Shickler, Class of 1958 Marylou (Snyder) Stowell, Class of 1961 William M. Reed Powers, Class of 1962 Thomas W. O'Shea, Class of 1963 Rudolf F. Aurori, Class of 1964 Sharon L. (Johnson) Murray, Class of 1965 Rosalie Ann (Peterson) Strachan, Class of 1966 Mary (Graham) Patterson, Class of 1968 Thomas G. Stone, Class of 1968 Donald M. Riley, Class of 1969 Froma Bessel, Class of 1970 Marjorie M. (Bierman) Phillips, Class of 1971

Susan (Smith) Taber, Class of 1971 Mary F. (Chiro) Christy, Class of 1972 Nancy (Benner) Remick, Class of 1972 Charles B. Quackenbush, Class of 1973 Audrey A. (Torrey) (McCord) Garnsey, Class of 1975 Mark P. Prusak, Class of 1975 Dr. Barbara E. Hoetker Ash, Class of 1976 Nancy (Roberts) Bartlett, Class of 1976 Rosemary M. (Schwier) Barchiesi, Class of 1981 Mark A. Quinn, Class of 1983 Jacqueline "Jackie" (Bobbitt) Roy, Class of 1983 Gregory J. Kole, Class of 1984 Delphine (Polasik) Przytula, Class of 1985 Francis R. Schaub, Class of 1987 Janet E. Goodfriend, Class of 1989 Timothy R. Bushnell, Class of 1990 Michelle L. Gelsimino, Class of 1990 Anthony D. Jones, Class of 1990 Patricia (Dermont) Peters, Class of 1992 Douglas L. Peterson, Class of 1997 Jessica M. (Corriere) Infantino, Class of 1999

#### **Emeritus Faculty/Staff**

Dr. Osvaldo Chinchon, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 1970-1995 Joseph J. Chouinard, Associate Librarian, 1977-1991 Robert G. Davis, Highway Equipment Operator, 1981-2005 Theodore Frazeur, School of Music, 1960-1993 Helen M. Higgs, Secretary, Departments of Communication and Psychology Chervl Howlett, Cleaner, 2000-2011 Therold "Terry" Lindquist Jr., Instructional Resources and Department of Art, 1966-1999 Joseph C. Russo Jr., Faculty Student Association, 1981-2006



#### Class of 1964 in front of Gregory Hall

Front row (L-R): Marcia (Butcher) Gallineaux-Hubert, Marcia (Guzenski) Neri, and Lynette (Gratz) Lombard. Second row (L-R): Elizabeth (Young) Chernault, Joanne (Davis) Hollenbeck, Kathie (Edgarton) Zielinski, Nancy (Hagstrom) Hammond, Kathy (Sadler) Blezard, Shirley (Fiorella) Monacelli, and Georgia (Sabel) May. Third row (L-R): Carolyn (Jerge) Benton, Barbara (Withall) Singler, Carol (Seaman) Johnston, James Hardy, Carol (Pifer) Dick, Amanda (Stevens) Snyder, and Marilynn (Ford) Fortner. Fourth row (L-R): Wallace Goodman, Gregory Kerkorian, Suzanne (O'Neil) Snyder, Mary Boblak, Ann Marie (Sonne) Peters, Linda (Loessi) Holtz, Beverley Ahlsen Williams, and Josephine (Avellino) Washington. Fifth row (L-R): Genevieve (Gilbert) Lindemann, Margaret (Guertin) Hite, and Karen (Karn) Bedgar. Back row (L-R): Thomas Lindemann, Rodney Brown, James (Victor) Lambert, Bruce Colburn, Robert Staffin and Edward Uprichard.

The Class of 1964 gathered on the Fredonia campus on June 6 to 8 to celebrate its 50-year reunion. The group established the Class of 1964 Dr. Oscar E. Lanford Memorial Scholarship. Once fully endowed, the Lanford Scholarship will be awarded as a recruitment scholarship to an incoming freshman studying in any field. We thank all of you who have contributed to the scholarship. If you have not yet made your class gift, please consider making one now. Donations should be directed to the Fredonia College Foundation at 272 Central Avenue, Fredonia, NY 14063. Please write, "Lanford 1964" in the memo of your check. Once we collectively raise \$10,000 or more, your class scholarship will produce an annual award and live in perpetuity.

#### Births

A son, Hayden Robert, to Brendan, '07, (English) and Ashley (Lenz) Keiser, '08, '12 (childhood inclusive ed./soc. stds. 7-9 ext.; curr. and instruct./inclusive ed.).

A son, Reylan Michael, to Dawn (Shermet), '05, and Shea Mathis, '07 (interdisc. stds./envir. sci.).

A daughter, Lea Leialani, to Isabel (Correa), '94, (Spanish) and Mark Wyman.

Members of the Steele Family returned to Fredonia this summer for a family reunion and campus tour including their namesake, Steele Hall. Pictured are (front, from left) Edward Steele and Joan Steele, and (back, from left): Lilly Steele, Alli Steele, Frances Steele, Michael Steele, Anne Steele and Edward Steele III.

A son, Benjamin Samuel, to Kate (Mori), '05, (psych.) and Nick Heidinger.

#### Marriages

Alison Schoenfeld, '04, (speech path.) to Dr. Kira Stiles-Mikl.

Melissa Labuda, '06, to Brian Frazer, '06 (music perf.).

Melanie Gregg, '96, (commun.) to Kevin McGovern, '92 (geology).



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Connecting with the Career Development Office (CDO) can add value to any type of organization. Here are a few opportunities that may help you.

#### Post a Job or Internship

Employment and internship opportunities can be listed in Quest, the CDO's web-based job posting system. Employers can request a free Quest account to post a position or email *careers@fredonia.edu* and we will list them for you.

#### Recruit On-Campus

Hold interviews for jobs or internships at the CDO's quiet, private facilities. We can publicize your opportunity, collect resumes, and coordinate interview schedules with candidates.

#### CDO Spotlight

Gain exposure for your organization while providing a valuable service to students by participating in the CDO Spotlight program. Spotlights can be about an organization and its opportunities, or about a career topic such as interviewing or the hiring process in the speaker's industry. The CDO provides refreshments, markets the event to targeted students, and places an ad in The Leader.

#### Job and Internship Expo

The CDO hosts an annual Job & Internship Expo every spring. Next year's will be held on March 10, 2015, from 1 to 4 p.m. If you would like to be added to the invitation mailing list, simply contact the CDO at careers@fredonia.edu.

#### Employer-In-Residence

Students need every competitive edge that they can get in today's job market. The Employer-In-Residence program brings recruitment professionals from a variety of industries to campus for a morning or afternoon of one-on-one résumé, cover letter, job search or interviewing consultations.

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Join the Fredonia Career Connection and make a difference in the life of a student. This mentoring program is a network of professionals which helps current students and graduates who are exploring career decisions, internship and employment opportunities, graduate school options and relocation issues.

# Fredonia launches **responsive home page**

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The home page at *fredonia.edu* has a new look and feel, sporting a responsive design and mobile-friendly layout, driven by images and stories.

Storytelling was a huge priority when creating the new home page. Content can be pulled into the new site and onto its grid layout that showcases an eclectic collection of Fredonia glimpses. Stories can come from anywhere on the Internet including the Campus Report, Twitter and Instagram, student blogs and other media outlets

"We wanted more visual content front and center," noted Fredonia Assistant Webmaster/Social Media Manager Nick Gunner. "Our campus produces so much amazing social media and news content that we felt we needed a home page that reflected that energy."

Along with telling the campus story, the site also meets daily needs

#### STAY IN TOUCH WITH US! Follow us on social media and subscribe to the Campus Report.





FACEBOOK

- by Tracy Collingwood, director, Career Development Office

Mentors include Fredonia alumni and friends of the university (employers, parents, faculty and staff) who work in a variety of areas and are willing to share their expertise and advice.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like further information, contact the Career Development Office at (716) 673-3327 or *careers@fredonia.edu*. You can also visit *www.fredonia.edu/cdo* or post positions by creating an employer account in Quest.

As a Fredonia graduate who knows what it takes to succeed on campus and beyond, you have many valuable insights to offer our current students. Please, take the time to connect with us. You'll not only benefit from the pool of talented interns and potential employees Fredonia can offer you, but you'll feel great knowing that you've stayed connected with your alma mater, and you're making a positive difference for the next generation of Fredonians.



Tracy Collingwood (far right), director of the Career Development Office, with her staff (from left) Christopher LaGrow, Barbara Daniels, Sharon Harrington, Jennifer Wilkins and Marjorie Plaister.

of current students, faculty and staff. Important links for students - things like email, Angel and Your Connection — are right at the top and menus are broken up into easy-to-navigate categories. A larger searchbar lets users search the site without leaving the front page. For emergencies or important announcements, a pop-up notification system has been incorporated.

"The notification system hooks into Twitter, letting important warnings or notifications travel faster by harnessing the crowd," Nick noted.

Behind the scenes, the new home page is easy for web and content administrators to update on any computer or mobile device. Multiple staff will update it with fresh content on a regular basis. The effectiveness of the new site is due to several open source tools that were used for its development. Not only does it harness open

source technology, but the site itself is open source, with all the code residing on Github (https://github.com/ SUNYFredonia/homepage), a social coding website.

"Who knows...a Computer Science or New Media student might come up with some amazing idea and work it into our home page," Nick explained. "If we like it enough, we can use it. Talk about real-world learning!"

The site was built with an agile development philosophy, meaning it will never be "finished." Rather, it will constantly be reiterated and made better, based on usage data and feedback. Nick noted, "I can't wait to see what the home page will look like in a year."

If you have suggestions for the new site, contact gunner@fredonia.edu or visit Fredonia's Github site.

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# Homecoming '14 highlights

Homecoming 2014 marks the official opening and dedication of Fredonia's newest building – the Science Center! To mark the very special occasion, there will be a full day of events on Friday, Oct. 17. Capping the



day will be a special fireworks display at 7:15 p.m. outside of the Williams Center. A special Science Alumni Conference has been planned for Saturday, Oct. 18.

Many other wonderful events are planned, including the Ruterbusch 5K Run (in memory of Fred Ruterbusch, '77), spectacular concerts, a selfguided tour of President Horvath's home, athletic contests, and reunion

luncheons for the classes of 1954 and 1964. The Alumni Office is sponsoring the first-ever Fredonia Family Legacy Lunch outside in the Rockefeller Arts Center arcade. The event is an opportunity for generations of Fredonia graduates, and/or any children and grandchildren of alumni currently enrolled, to share happy memories.

Many wonderful athletic contests are scheduled. On Friday at 9 p.m., the student group, House of HOOPS, will sponsor "MIDNIGHT MADNESS" for students and alums in Steele Hall for a nominal charge. On Saturday, the Ruterbusch 5K is at 10 a.m. at the Steele Hall indoor track. Also at 10 a.m., the men's alumni soccer game will be held. The Men's Soccer Team will play Potsdam at 1 p.m.

There are several free musical performances slated for Homecoming. The Fredonia Reunion Jazz Ensemble will perform on Friday at 8 p.m. in Rosch Recital Hall. A Choral Showcase of student talent is slated for Saturday at 4 p.m. in Rosch Recital Hall, and at 8 p.m., the College Symphony Orchestra will perform in King Concert Hall. Also at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, in Marvel Theatre, there will be performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Tickets for the play may be obtained after Aug. 25 by calling the Ticket Office at (716) 673-3501. Some alumni may be inclined to participate in a little performing! At 1 p.m. on Saturday, the Folk Music Weekend/Geosciences Reunion will commence at the College Lodge in Brocton. "Jamming and Jabbering" will include snacks, listening and/or playing music, and just great fun. Join former Geosciences faculty member and chair, Dr. Richard Gilman, his wife, Carmen, and numerous others for an afternoon and evening that will include a 6 p.m. buffet supper and 8 p.m. square dance.

Fredonia's Department of Athletics will induct five new members into its Hall of Fame on Saturday evening. The program will begin at 6 p.m. (cash bar cocktails) and continue with dinner and the program at 7 p.m. in the Cranston Marché at University Commons. The induction class of 2014 includes Danielle Bleecker, '08 (Women's Soccer); Matthew Clark, '06 (Baseball); Heather (Martin) McIntosh, '05 (Women's Volleyball); Heather Mercer, '04 (Women's Softball); and Eric Preston, '97 (Men's Hockey). Make your reservations now!

The classes of 1954, 1964 and 2004 will celebrate anniversaries with special events. For all of the other honored classes – the classes of 1959, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2009, there will be an Honored Class Multi-Reception held in the Williams Center Tim Horton's area from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Look for your respective area. Charge per person is \$5 and includes light refreshments, prizes and a cash beer/ wine bar. Specific downtown establishments will be designated for further opportunities in which to gather later in the evening. Look for the location assignments at the Homecoming Registration Table.

Of course, there are other events that may pique your interest. There will be a reception/networking opportunity on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Pucci Room, Williams Center, for alumni who graduated from College Student Personnel and Higher Education advanced degree programs. All proceeds from the event (charge is \$5/person) will go to assist current students with graduate school application fees (for these same disciplines).

Check out the entire Homecoming schedule online and in the *Statement*. You can register for events online or contact the Office of Alumni Affairs, 286 Central Ave., Fredonia, NY 14063, *Alumni.Office@fredonia.edu*, or call the Alumni Office at (716) 673-3553.

- Plan now to celebrate the memories at Homecoming '14 in Fredonia! -