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SEPTEMBER

Robert W. Kasling Memorial Lecture by Dr. Sherri A. Mason "Transformations: A Scientific Journey"
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 1 p.m.
Rosch Recital Hall
Reception following

President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Lecture by Kimberly Conti, "I'm so distracted! and Other Things We Want Students to Say"
Thursday, Sept. 27, 1 p.m.
Rosch Recital Hall

Washington, D.C. Alumni Reunion
Thursday, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.
Cosmos Club
2121 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008
Price: \$25/person
For more information, visit fredonia.edu/alumni

Family Weekend
Friday–Sunday, Sept. 28–30
Campus

Scholars Breakfast
(by invitation only)
Saturday, Sept. 29
Steele Hall

OCTOBER

Fredonia Marxonia Annual Marx Brothers Festival
Thursday–Friday, Oct. 4–5
Reed Library Exhibit: Oct. 4–21
Fredonia Marxonia activity on Friday, Oct. 5, with representative of the National Comedy Center; noon, Reed Library.
See page 31 for information on additional activities.

Fredonia Chamber Singers Reunion
Friday–Sunday, Oct. 5–7
Campus
Contact alumnus Adam MacDonald at adamjohnmacdonald@gmail.com for more information.

Class of 1968 50-year Reunion Celebration
Friday–Saturday, Oct. 19–20
Campus

Homecoming Weekend
Friday–Sunday, Oct. 19–21
Schedule of Events is available at: events.fredonia.edu/homecoming



Admissions Events

College Exploration Days

Saturday, Sept. 22

Saturday, Nov. 10

Saturday Visit Dates

Saturday, Oct. 6

Saturday, Oct. 27

Students and families can also visit any day during the academic year. Just contact Admissions to arrange an appointment.



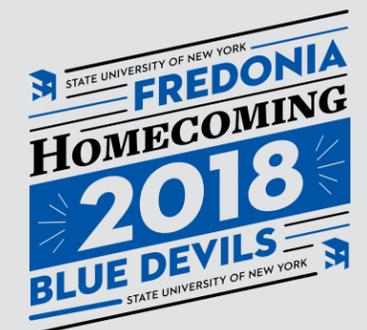
To learn more, visit: fredonia.edu/visit or call 1-800-252-1212.

The Office of Admissions has moved to the sixth floor of Maytum Hall. Campus Tour and Information Sessions begin at the Welcome Center, located in the Williams Center.

NOVEMBER

Annual Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, Nov. 8, 4 p.m.
Alumni House

Veterans Day Observance
Friday, Nov. 9, 3:30 p.m.
Williams Center Multipurpose Room





Dear Alumni and Friends,

Fredonia's unique approach to student success creates a college experience based on a person's strengths, passions, and ambitions. Faculty and staff take pride in providing the opportunity to build on strong foundations as students earn degrees in science, arts, education, or business. Every student has a story to tell, and Fredonia gives them that opportunity.

In this issue, you will see several examples of Fredonia's commitment to student success. The feature article is a perfect example that every student can succeed, if given the right opportunities. The entire Department of Biology is particularly proud of Mam Deng's accomplishments and their role in his life.

Fredonia faculty and staff believe that all students can learn, that education should both challenge and support students, and that significant learning occurs outside the traditional classroom. In August, Fredonia welcomed the largest first-year cohort in school history! It is inspiring to see the sidewalks, classrooms, labs, and studios filled with students who are building on their unique stories and working toward their futures. They are the next generation of Fredonians, and we are excited to be part of their journeys.

Whenever you have a chance, please visit the campus and meet these students for yourself. Homecoming in October includes a full weekend of social, arts, and athletic events; details of the weekend are in this issue. We hope you'll join in celebrations of alumni and chances to tour campus and connect with old friends. You're always welcome!

Sincerely,

Dr. Virginia S. Horvath
President, Fredonia

Dr. Greg Gibbs
President, Fredonia Alumni Association

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Fredonia-TimberFish agreement forging new ecotechnology to raise seafood

The State University of New York at Fredonia has established a comprehensive affiliation with TimberFish Technologies, a startup company pioneering an ecotechnology to produce seafood from plant materials and nutrients that has the potential to alleviate severe problems that threaten the global seafood industry.

Under a memorandum of understanding, developed with Fredonia's Advancement, Engagement and Economic Development division, the university has been designated as a primary academic affiliate for TimberFish Technologies. That agreement facilitates alignment of university laboratories and educational resources to enhance TimberFish research, provides research and local employment opportunities for Fredonia students, and encourages students to pursue advanced education and careers in related science fields.

Kevin Kearns, vice president for Advancement, Engagement and Economic Development, considers TimberFish Technologies to be one of the most exciting new companies to come to Western New York, and Fredonia fortunate to be positioned to work closely with TimberFish Technologies on research, internships and sharing of expertise.

"TimberFish Technologies has far-reaching potential to solve pressing environmental problems while supplying

an abundance of uncontaminated seafood for our region and the country. Our students and faculty are indeed fortunate to be an important part of this potentially transformative venture," Dr. Kearns said.

The land-based aquaculture system developed by TimberFish founder Dr. Jere Northrop combines all the wastewater generated during distillery and brewery production at a pilot test site, located at Five and 20 Spirits and Brewing in Westfield, with locally produced wood chips, a renewable resource, to create nutrient-rich food for farm-raised fish. Fish, housed in a one-of-a-kind production facility at the site, receive excellent nutrition void of toxic elements. The fish food being created are living organisms that comprise the natural food that these fish eat in the wild, Dr. Northrop explained.

Wastewater generated at the facility is not discharged into local streams, so pollution is reduced. What treated effluent there is adheres to TimberFish's New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit.

Two Fredonia students — Jennifer Able (junior, East Concord, N.Y.) and Jeremy Smith (junior, Grand Island, N.Y.) — served spring semester internships at TimberFish. Both were chosen based on their interests in ecological research, motivation and enthusiasm for environmental issues,

as well as strong academic credentials.

"This type of internship at TimberFish is a great fit for both of them to gain additional experience in aquatic research as well as seeing a more applied aspect of science in a business setting," said Courtney Wigdahl-Perry, assistant professor of Biology and faculty supervisor of TimberFish internships.

Fredonia interns have brought a different and welcome perspective to the project, according to Northrop. "They are both concerned about environmental issues and are dedicated to doing what they can to help resolve the major problems that these issues pose for the future."

Intern assignments involved assisting with general operation and monitoring of the system, as well as laying the groundwork for prospective research projects the students have designed for the summer months, assessing invertebrates that serve as fish food within the TimberFish system and collecting preliminary information on snails.

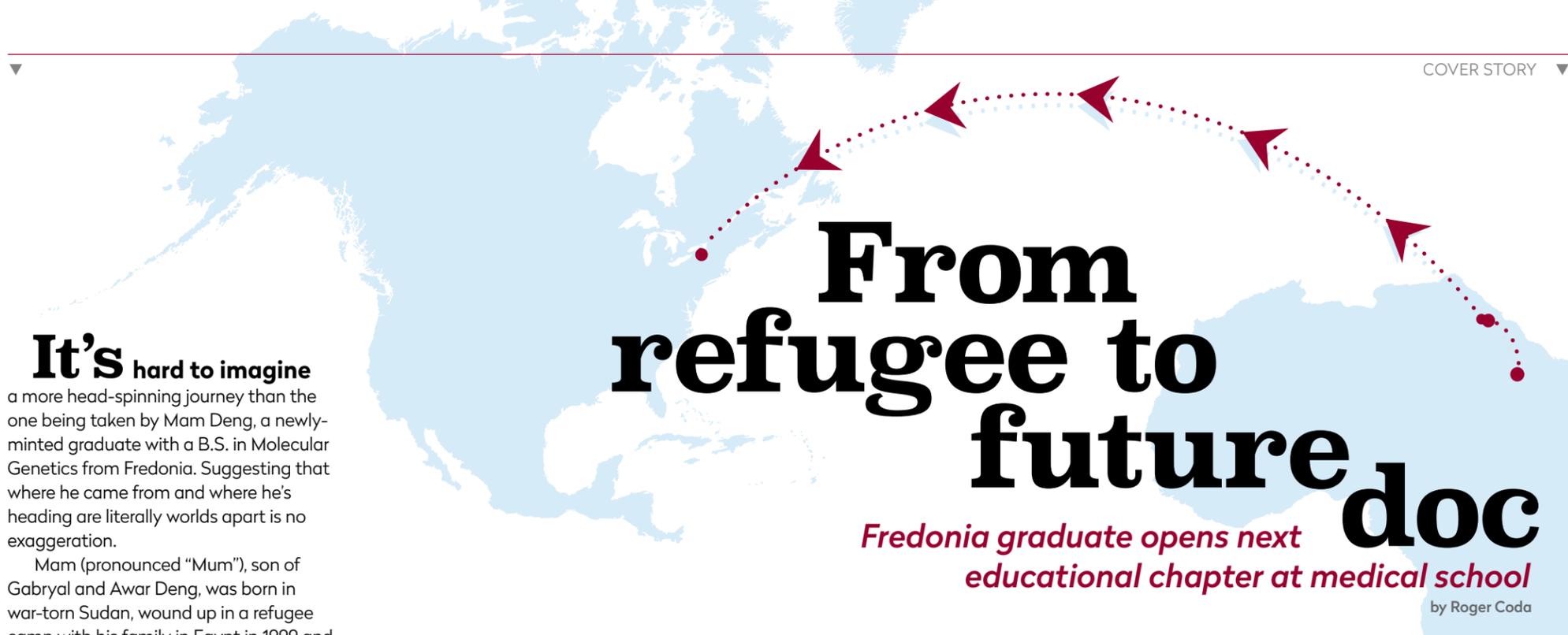
The Westfield site is serving as a test facility to demonstrate the feasibility of the patented ecotechnology by raising fish at the site. Development of a large-scale facility in Western New York, as well as elsewhere in the state, would then follow.



Participating in the signing of a memorandum of understanding between Fredonia and TimberFish Technologies are (front row, from left): Vice President for Advancement, Engagement and Economic Development Kevin Kearns, Fredonia President Virginia Horvath, Dr. Jere Northrop, managing partner, TimberFish; and Dr. James Timlin, managing partner, TimberFish; (back row, from left): Dr. Matthew Fountain, Patricia Astry, Dr. Courtney Wigdahl-Perry, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences J. Andy Karafa; Jennifer Russo, research and development, TimberFish; and Ron Catalano, managing partner, TimberFish.



Interns Jeremy Smith and Jennifer Able.



From refugee to future doc

Fredonia graduate opens next educational chapter at medical school

by Roger Coda

It's hard to imagine

a more head-spinning journey than the one being taken by Mam Deng, a newly-minted graduate with a B.S. in Molecular Genetics from Fredonia. Suggesting that where he came from and where he's heading are literally worlds apart is no exaggeration.

Mam (pronounced "Mum"), son of Gabryal and Awar Deng, was born in war-torn Sudan, wound up in a refugee camp with his family in Egypt in 1999 and then immigrated to the United States two years later. In August, Mam entered the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University at Buffalo.

Three older siblings died as a result of poor health conditions or war. Tuberculosis claimed the lives of several young cousins and many family members living in what is now South Sudan continue to suffer from a variety of preventable diseases. Seeing how one person — the surgeon at Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital — saved his father's life was a life-altering experience for Mam, then in eighth grade.

"During that period, I spent countless hours in the hospital learning about how it functions and becoming close to one of the doctors that gave my dad his liver transplant. After all was said and done, I thanked him for having helped save my dad's life and keeping my family together and he told me that it was his privilege and that I had changed his life more than I could ever know," Mam explained.

"That experience is what convinced me that being a doctor is what I wanted to do," he said. "I could not believe how one person could change lives so frequently and so deeply."

New home in Buffalo

Soon after resettling in Buffalo in 2001, the Deng family began to receive medical

care at Jericho Road Health Center, a major community clinic whose patients are mostly immigrants and refugees. Its founder, Dr. Myron L. Glick, became a mentor to Mam during the summer after his sophomore year at Fredonia. He was able to shadow Dr. Glick for entire days at a time, seeing directly how essential his clinic's services were to a community and how close relationships were formed between a physician and his/her patients.

Beginning in high school, Mam had several experiences that strengthened his commitment to pursue a career in medicine, but his Jericho Road experience was clearly the most influential.

"Shadowing Dr. Glick allowed me to experience what it's like to make a diagnosis, what it's based off of, and how to treat someone based on whatever information you're given," Mam said. He also gained a preview of the business side of a clinic's operations and the challenges to achieve efficiencies while still spending enough time with patients.

Recognizing the role that the Jericho Road Health Center plays in the community further solidified Mam's desire to become a doctor.

"The depth of the doctor-patient interactions was surreal. There was a mutual trust and respect between my doctor and every single patient he saw regardless of a language barrier,

socioeconomic status or race. To each patient or family, we were like close friends," Mam said. It wasn't unusual for patients to invite Glick and Mam to weddings, funerals and graduations.

Like many children of refugees relocating to Buffalo, Mam enrolled in Public School No. 45 International School. His fourth grade teacher detected great academic potential and helped facilitate Mam's acceptance, the following year, into the academically rigorous City Honors School.

Mam had no English language skills when he arrived in Buffalo and his family continued to speak their native Dinka at home. But Mam soaked up the new language wherever he found it: Catholic church services, "Sesame Street" and other PBS television programs geared to children, even comic books. He also learned English from a Jehovah's Witnesses member who knocked at their door one day and wound up visiting their house every weekend to read the Bible.

Fredonia tops schools list

The search for a college was wide and included "a bunch of SUNY schools," Mam remembers. But he says there was something different about Fredonia; it had a unique feel to it. During a weekday campus visit, Mam had the opportunity to shadow a student and close friend, Aman

Kumar, who went on to dental school. That's when he was introduced to Biology professor Scott Ferguson.

What Mam discovered were science faculty members, starting with Dr. Ferguson, who were "very realistic and very supportive."

"Every school tries to sell itself (to prospective students), but I could tell from meeting Dr. Ferguson that the expertise was available and that they genuinely cared about the success of me on a personal level, and that was throughout the entire department."

Admittedly, Mam struggled academically during his first semester — a particularly challenging time for his family — but quickly found his stride and began to thrive in the classroom, where his GPA began to soar, and in research with Biology professor Nicholas Quintyne. "He quickly realized that he'd have to work hard to achieve his goal, and really just pushed himself hard," Dr. Quintyne said.

Mam relished the "very hands-on learning" at the Science Center and its extensive resources, such as state-of-the-art microscopes and access to technology more commonly found in large research universities.

"I've got access to that as an undergraduate, which is really cool!"

Midway into his sophomore year, Mam was accepted into Dr. Quintyne's lab.



“Mam is that great combination — **hard working and dedicated** to his studies, but **relaxed in his demeanor** and very **easy to get along with. He listens to people; he’s willing to take whatever he hears into consideration.**” — Biology professor **Nicholas Quintyne**

He initially conducted tests to assess the effects of antioxidants and carcinogens, and he did research in subsequent semesters designed to understand how cancer works and how it upsets normal cellular processes as tumors progress.

For his senior capstone experience, Mam was engaged with Quintyne in advanced-level research, examining the mechanism by which centrosome clustering occurs. The presence of more than two centrosomes cells can generate a multipolar spindle, which can lead to errors in the genome, and is seen as a hallmark of tumor progression, Quintyne explained.

“Mam’s part of the project involves taking a normal, non-cancer line and inducing extra centrosome formation before examining clustering in action. We’ve made some great progress on this project in the last year,” Quintyne reported. “The better understanding we have of the clustering mechanism and of the ways cancer cells can break it, the better we can use that information as a tool to fight cancer progression.”

Having five semesters of lab research under his belt will definitely make Mam stand out compared to many of his peers that he will encounter as he enters medical school, Quintyne said.

“Mam is that great combination — hard working and dedicated to his studies, but relaxed in his demeanor and very easy to get along with. He listens to people; he’s willing to take whatever he hears into consideration. He’s not afraid to put out his opinion, but does so by backing up his opinion with information he’s gathered.



I can see that he will be able to relate to his patients and has the sincerity and demeanor to make them at ease with whatever he is doing,” Quintyne said.

Quintyne, who’s also Mam’s academic advisor, emphasizes the importance of doing well in class and “understanding

everything,” Mam says. Quintyne has also played a supportive role with matters that have arisen in Mam’s personal life.

“I’ve always called him my ‘science father.’ I feel very close to him and he genuinely cares about my success.”

Serving other students

Biology professor Scott Medler believes the challenges that Mam faced while growing up have helped to make him the very empathetic young man that he says Mam is today. Even after being accepted at UB, Mam continued to serve as a Biology and Chemistry tutor in the Learning Center and remained active in the Department of Biology’s new Student Ambassador Program, which pairs first-year students with successful upper-class students.

“He’s invested in helping them and doesn’t get anything out of it more than his own personal satisfaction,” Dr. Medler said.

“One of the reasons I recruited Mam (to Student Ambassadors) is that early on he experienced some academic struggles of his own,” Medler said. That dramatic improvement speaks to Mam’s self-reflection and perseverance, he noted. “If he isn’t achieving the results he wants, he makes changes and finds ways to improve.”

Mam’s leadership roles include president and vice president of the Korean International Student Society, president and secretary of the Health Professions Club and president and founder of the African Student Union. He was also inducted into the campus chapter of

Beta Beta Beta, the biology national honor society.

Through connections made at National Association of Advisors for the Health Professions meetings, Biology professor Ted Lee secured funding to cover the cost of the Kaplan MCAT Prep course for one Fredonia student during the 2017-2018 academic year. A written essay and financial need were the criteria used by the Health Professions Advising Committee for choosing a recipient, who turned out to be Mam.

MCAT prep courses provide a structured program for studying for the critical exam, as well as resources and practice exams, and are highly recommended, according to Dr. Lee. Pre-med students typically enroll in a MCAT course, which can retail between \$1,500 and \$2,499.

Mam also excelled in Philosophy courses, so much so, that he had a minor in the discipline, as well as in Chemistry. He remembers being “intellectually challenged” by SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor Stephen Kershner. “He helped me in my ability to absorb the points of view of everyone around me.” Dr. Kershner also assisted Mam in the medical school application process, including interview preparation.

Kershner, chair of the Department of Philosophy, found Mam to be “intellectually curious, very sharp, funny, likeable, and a formidable debater. His sharpness complements his intellectual curiosity and together they make him a pleasure to talk to and have in class,” Kershner said.

“In class and in conversation, he asks interesting and insightful questions. His

questions often reflect his different areas of interest and his science background.”

While in high school, Mam became involved in AmeriCorps at Peace of the City, a Buffalo-based program that assists youth from disadvantaged backgrounds who lack positive adult role models.

He also teamed up with a cousin to create a non-profit organization to raise awareness of suffering in his native homeland. That organization went on to build a water well in the South Sudan city of Aweil.

Mam is the first member of his family to attend college. A sister, Ateang, will be a sophomore Business major at another SUNY school this fall, and a brother, Atem, a graduate of Hutchinson Central Technical High School, will enter college to study History. Mam also has three younger brothers and a sister.



Homecoming 2018 schedule

Unless otherwise noted, reservations for events may be made at: events.fredonia.edu/homecoming

Tickets will be mailed for reservations received prior to Wednesday, Oct. 17. After this date, tickets may be picked up on Thursday, Oct. 18 at the Alumni House, 286 Central Ave., from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.; on Friday, Oct. 19, from 1 until 5 p.m., at the Alumni House, and on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., in the Williams Center.

Some events may be subject to change. Please check the Alumni website for any updates. For information, contact the Alumni Office at (716) 673-3553.

For lodging information, go to alumni.fredonia.edu/AboutUs/WhereToStay.aspx

A free shuttle bus will continuously circulate the parking lots and campus on Friday and Saturday for your convenience.

Friday, Oct. 19

Fredonia Marxonia Exhibit "The Influence of the Marx Brothers"
7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Reed Library
Free.

Bookstore Open
9 a.m.-5 p.m.
University Commons (formerly Cranston Dining Hall)

Golden Alumni Luncheon
Noon
Horizon Room, lower level of Williams Center (formerly known as the Campus Center)
For all graduates of 1968 and before. Reservations recommended \$20/person

Marv Bjurlin: A Potter's Path
Noon-9 p.m.
The Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery, Rockefeller Arts Center
Free

Registration and Ticket Pick Up
1-5 p.m.
Alumni House, 286 Central Ave.

1891 Fredonia Opera House Tour
2:30 p.m.
Village Hall, Fredonia
Free

Biology Keynote Speakers Deborah (Ellwanger) Bruner, '85, and Mark Bruner, '85
4 p.m.
Kelly Family Auditorium, Science Center
Reception at 3 p.m.
Science Center Atrium

Department of English Keynote Speaker
Author Sharon Flake
4 p.m.
McEwen Hall Room 209
Free

Homecoming Dinner
5 p.m.
Multipurpose Room, Williams Center
Celebrating the classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, and 1968; recognition of alumni award recipients, and the 60th anniversary of Dr. Georgiana von Tornow's contributions to the theatre department. Reservations recommended, seating is limited. \$25/person

Marv Bjurlin: A Potter's Path
7 p.m.
Exhibit Reception
The Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery, Rockefeller Arts Center
Free

College of Education UK Exchange (Swansea, Exmouth, Plymouth) Reunion
7 p.m.
Alumni House
For more information, contact Dr. Cynthia Smith at Cynthia.Smith@fredonia.edu

Recreational Public Ice Skating
7-9 p.m.
Steele Hall Ice Arena
Nominal rental charge for skates

"Noises Off"
8 p.m.
Marvel Theatre
\$25/person and tickets may be purchased after Aug. 27, at fredonia.edu/tickets or by calling the Fredonia Ticket Office at (716) 673-3501.

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

"Fredonia's Got Talent"
Student Talent Show with special Fredonia Dance Team performance.
8 p.m.
Indoor Track, Steele Hall
Crowning of Homecoming King and Queen
Free

Saturday, Oct. 20

Registration and Ticket Pick Up
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Williams Center Information Booth.
Coffee may be purchased at Starbucks and Tim Hortons.

Alumni Dance Workshops
TBA
Sponsored by the Fredonia Dance Team. Contact Elizabeth Reilly at reil3634@fredonia.edu for more information.

Biology Alumni Breakfast
9 a.m.
Major Alice Conference Room
Science Center
Free

Ruterbusch 5K Run
9 a.m.
Meet at Indoor Track, Steele Hall.
For more information and to register, go to: <https://bitly/2MqyrjR>

Men's Alumni Soccer Game
10 a.m.
University Stadium

Third Annual Fredonia Mini Maker Faire
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Williams Center and Science Center
Co-sponsored by Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES. For more information go to makerfairefredonia.com

Alumni Health Panel
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Fenton Hall Room 105
Featuring David DiPalma, '13; Zachary Eklum, '17; Dr. Leah (Kerns) Webb, '12; Laura Paradisi, '13; and Dr. Jenny Shen, '04.
Free

Campus Tour
11 a.m.
Meet at Information Booth, Williams Center

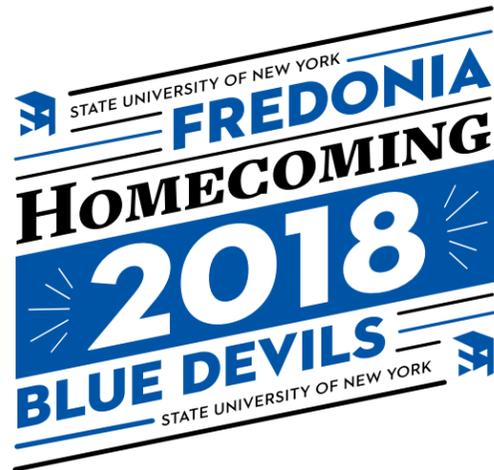
Bookstore Open
11 a.m.-5 p.m.
University Commons (formerly known as Cranston Dining Hall)

Fredonia Radio Systems Birthday Celebration
11 a.m.
All radio alumni are invited to be on air throughout the afternoon.
McEwen Hall
Free

Marv Bjurlin: A Potter's Path
Noon-6 p.m.
The Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery, Rockefeller Arts Center
Free

Fredonia Marxonia Exhibit "The Influence of the Marx Brothers"
Noon-8 p.m.
Reed Library
Free

Class of 1968 Luncheon
12:30 p.m.
Horizon Room, lower level Williams Center
Reservations recommended \$20/person



Men's Soccer Game
1 p.m.
Fredonia vs. SUNY Plattsburgh
University Stadium

Varsity Women's Basketball Alumnae Game
2 p.m.
Steele Hall Fieldhouse

Alumni Get Together
2-4 p.m.
Dods Grove/Tent/DJ
Nominal charge for beer.
Please bring ID.
Food trucks will be located in parking lot.

Black Student Union Alumni/Current Student Networking Reception
2 p.m.
Williams Center Room S222
Free

School of Business Reception for all Accounting, Business, Economics, Sport Management and Music Industry Alumni
5-7 p.m.
Dennis R., '72 and Kathryn L. Costello Community Room, Rockefeller Arts Center Studio Complex (door facing Steele Hall)
Complimentary refreshments
Free

Fredonia Dance Team Reunion Dinner
6 p.m.
Demetri's on the Lake, 6-8 Lake Shore Dr. West, Dunkirk, NY 14048
Contact Elizabeth Reilly for more information and to make a reservation at reil3634@fredonia.edu

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
6 p.m.
Dods Hall Gymnasium
Recognition of the 2018 inductees.
For more information, contact Athletic Director Gerald Fisk at Gerald.Fisk@fredonia.edu

Class of 1998 20-year Reunion Happy Hour
6-9 p.m.
Old Main Inn, 24 Water St., Fredonia
Complimentary munchies, cash bar

Recreational Public Ice Skating
7-9 p.m.
Steele Hall Ice Arena
Nominal rental charge for skates

Folk Concert by Dan Berggren
7:30 p.m.
1891 Fredonia Opera House Village Hall, Fredonia
Good will offering at door. All proceeds benefit the Excellence in Audio and Radio (EAR) Scholarship established through the Fredonia College Foundation. Concert will cap the radio station's birthday festivities.

"Noises Off"
7:30 p.m.
Marvel Theatre
\$25/person
See Friday night at 8 p.m. for ticket information.

Black Student Union Alumni Dinner
8 p.m.
Horizon Room, lower level Williams Center (formerly known as the Campus Center)
\$25/person

College Symphony Orchestra
Conducted by Dr. David Rudge
8 p.m.
King Concert Hall
Free

Homecoming '18 Highlights

Homecoming 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1968, the 20th anniversary of the combined Department of Theatre and Dance and the 60th anniversary of Dr. Georgiana von Tornow's passing. Dr. von Tornow is recognized for her significant contributions in developing Fredonia's Theatre program. The College of Education and Fredonia Radio Systems will also celebrate significant anniversaries. A new class will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Honored classes will be recognized — especially the classes of 1953, 1958 and 1963. Alumni and friends will be able to attend the third annual Mini Maker Faire, the Ruterbusch 5K Run (in memory of Fred Ruterbusch, '77), a spectacular College Symphony Orchestra concert, great athletic contests and a host of other special events. Dr. Jonathan Green, '85, (Music Performance) and Dianne Kricheldorf, '54, (Elementary Education) will be honored for their outstanding contributions at the Homecoming Dinner, on Friday, Oct. 19.

Also on Friday, there will be a special Golden Alumni Luncheon for all alumni from

the Class of 1968 and before. After the evening dinner, there are two events to enjoy: the student performance of "Noises Off," in Marvel Theatre, or the annual free 1970s Reunion Jazz Ensemble Concert, scheduled in Rosch Recital Hall. The Department of Biology will host keynote speakers Deborah (Ellwanger) Bruner, '85, and Mark Bruner, '85, on Friday afternoon and will sponsor a breakfast on Saturday morning. An Alumni Health Panel featuring David DiPalma, '13, (a University of Rochester dental resident); Zachary Eklum, '17 (in his second year at SUNY Upstate Medical), Dr. Leah Kerns Webb, '12 (a veterinarian); Laura Paradisi, '13 (a physician assistant); and Dr. Jenny Shen, '04, (a physician) will also be held on Saturday morning. The College of Education will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the UK Exchange (Swansea, Exmouth, Plymouth) program on Friday. There will be Dance Team workshops on Saturday, along with a Black Student Union Reunion and a School of Business Alumni Reception.

The Mini Maker Faire, to be held in the Williams Center and Science Center on Saturday, will celebrate creativity, invention, and the do-it-yourself (DIY) spirit. There will be a diverse mix of makers, ranging from

Class of 2008 10-Year Reunion Happy Hour
9 p.m.
Old Main Inn, 24 Water St., Fredonia
Complimentary munchies, cash bar

Downtown Meetings
9 p.m.
Look for location assignments at Homecoming Registration Booth. All honored classes (1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008 and 2013) will have opportunities to convene at designated establishments downtown.

Sunday, Oct. 21
Marv Bjurlin: A Potter's Path
Noon-4 p.m.
The Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery, Rockefeller Arts Center
Free

Fredonia Marxonia Exhibit "The Influence of the Marx Brothers"
Noon-1 a.m. (Oct. 22)
Reed Library
Free

"Noises Off"
2 p.m.
Marvel Theatre
\$25/person
See Friday night at 8 p.m. for ticket information.



Dianne Kricheldorf, '54



Dr. Jonathan Green, '85

tech enthusiasts to crafters, homesteaders to scientists, and garage tinkerers to kids who design and build interesting items. Admission is free.

Fredonia Radio Systems (FRS) will be celebrating its 70th anniversary as a club and its 40th as a FM station. A birthday celebration is planned for Saturday, Oct. 20, at the station. Capping the events will be a folk concert by Professor Emeritus Dan Berggren at the 1891 Fredonia Opera House on Saturday evening. All proceeds from this benefit concert will support the Excellence in Audio and Radio Scholarship.

On Saturday, there will be many wonderful athletic contests and events. The Ruterbusch 5K will commence at 9 a.m. at the Steele Hall Indoor Track. The traditional Men's Alumni Soccer game

will be held at 10 a.m. At 1 p.m. the Men's Soccer Team plays SUNY Plattsburgh and, at 2 p.m., the Women's Varsity Basketball Team has scheduled an alumnae game in the Steele Hall Fieldhouse. Inductees this year to the Athletic Hall of Fame are Sarah Ficarro, '13 (swimming and diving); Nicholas Guarino, '11 (cross country and track); Sarah Hite-Moore, '05 (track and field); Jordan Oye, '11 (hockey), and Reilly (Conditorio) Schwenebraten, '12 (soccer).

Special events include a wonderful Fredonia Marxonia exhibit in Reed Library and a not-to-be-missed exhibit of the work of Professor Emeritus Marv Bjurlin, "A Potter's Path," in the Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery. The classes of 1998 and 2008 will celebrate anniversaries with other specially designated events.

Fredonia Radio Systems again named 'Best College Station in the Nation'



Happy staff from Fredonia Radio Systems celebrates its big win at the IBS conference.

Fredonia Radio Systems (FRS) held on to its title as "Best College Station in the Nation" after being recognized at the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's 78th annual conference in New York City on March 3.

For the second year in a row, FRS, a student organization operating under WDLV-CL 89.5 and WCVF 88.9 FM, was awarded the Abraham and Borst Award as the "Best College Station in the Nation." Additionally, the group took home the award for "Best College Radio Station" (At a University under 10,000 Students). General Manager Noah Maciejewski continued his streak for "Best On-Air Personality," as well as Jaret Belschwinder for "Best Hockey Play by Play." Other accolades included Mr. Maciejewski and Alex Behrens winning "Best Commercial/Promotional Video" and Harper Horton being named "Best News Director." Fredonia Radio Systems is unique in that unlike most college stations, it is primarily student run.

"It makes me incredibly proud as the leader of this organization to see all of our hard work getting recognition on a national level" said Mr. Maciejewski. "Seeing our entire organization and individuals succeed for yet another year gives me strong hope for the future of Fredonia Radio Systems. This year marks our 40th anniversary on the air, and I can't think of a better way to celebrate."

History major Rebekah Denz interns at the National Archives



Rebekah Denz in the Reed Library archives.

Junior Rebekah Denz from West Seneca, N.Y., whose career goal is to become an archivist, landed a dream summer internship with the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Md., just outside of Washington, D.C.

The primary assignment to be undertaken by the History major was to assist in the processing of records of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and United States armed forces in the Western Pacific during World War II. She is believed to be the first Fredonia student to be awarded a National Archives internship.

David Kinkela, associate professor and chair of the Department of History, noted that National Archives internships

are highly competitive. Ms. Denz is also pursuing a minor at Fredonia in Museum Studies, which greatly contributed to her successful application. Dr. Kinkela, who has done research at National Archives, noted "it's critically important for researchers to have access to documents. Rebekah wants to become an archivist, so she's using the skills that she's learned as a History major and applying them in a very direct manner."

"I found that a lot of people just want to know history and holding information that they are looking for is important to them," Denz explained. "This made me want to help researchers find history that they crave to know and understand."



Rey explores stories of extinct birds in latest project

An opportunity to view a special collection at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History in Jamestown led to a three-year major creative project for SUNY Distinguished Professor Alberto Rey of the Department of Visual Arts and New Media.

Professor Rey was invited by Director of Exhibits and Special Collections Jane Johnson to view RTP's archive of "skins" of extinct birds, most acquired by Mr. Peterson over the years from other collections. Rey was surprised at the number and "fascinated" as he realized that a few that he was looking at were the last remnants of a species. Most of the seven or so specimens he saw at RTP had been collected in the 1800s. They evoked sadness, he said, lying flat and tagged in their cases.

The project developed as Rey researched these and numerous other extinct bird specimens, originating from around the world, at the Museum

of Comparative Zoology at Harvard University. He noted that in the 1800s, the idea of conservation was a novel idea, with collectors/hunters vying for the rarest and most valuable specimens.

Then he began to paint. Eighteen large canvases. A subject he had never drawn or painted before, which he approached with almost a "devotional manner." So important to be correct — anatomy and feathers painted so that ornithologists would feel they were accurate in depicting the last remains of a species, but still keeping the painting surfaces rich with brushwork. Another integral part of the project was the research conducted by Rey on the extinct birds and "commercial" collectors of the 1800s; of the birds' location and environment, and how they were acquired by museums, sometimes in multiples, to trade for other specimens. Most vulnerable in the race to acquire rare bird skins were the species found on islands including New Zealand, Hawaii and Madagascar, because the birds could not

move to other habitats once theirs was degraded or destroyed.

An accompanying book took form including the stories of the extinct birds and collectors. It was designed by Associate Professor Jason Dilworth of VANM and edited by the Department of English's Dr. Natalie Gerber. Mr. Dilworth partnered with Rey on a previous book about the Bagmati River Art Project in Nepal. A solo exhibition including Rey's extinct bird paintings opened in August at RTP, where Rey will hold a lecture and book signing on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. The exhibit continues through Dec. 14 at RTP, located at 311 Curtis St., Jamestown.

Rey's work can be found in around 20 museum collections, and he is a Living Legacy Artist of the Burchfield Penney Art Center at SUNY Buffalo State. He is also a writer, a filmmaker, an Orvis-endorsed fly fishing guide and the fonder/director of a youth fly fishing program.

For more information on the project, visit extinctbirdsproject.com.



SUNY Distinguished Professor Alberto Rey takes students to his Fredonia studio to view the extinct bird paintings.



Husband/wife team receives Fredonia's 'Business Person of the Year' Award



Sham Bahgat and Louann Laurito-Bahgat in their Fredonia office.

Sham Bahgat and Louann Laurito-Bahgat, who earned Accounting degrees from Fredonia and now lead a prosperous accounting firm, Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs, P.C., received the 2018 Business Person of the Year Award from Fredonia's student-led Business Club.

The annual award recognizes outstanding members of the Fredonia and Dunkirk business communities. Nominations are solicited from the community. Recipients are chosen based on their community involvement, business ethics, innovations in business, concern for employees and contributions to the growth of local business.

"We felt humble and proud. It was more a recognition of all the hard working and talented people at the firm because the award is a reflection on all of us," Mr. Bahgat said of the accolade, which was presented at a banquet held in March at the Clarion Hotel in Dunkirk. "That's really a reflection on them," Ms. Laurito-Bahgat added.

The husband-and-wife team were the sole employees of the firm they founded in 1993. Bahgat & Laurito-Bahgat steadily grew into a group of affiliates focused on accounting, tax preparation, auditing, payroll processing, business consulting and property and casualty insurance. Its client base is comprised of individuals, businesses and industry, as well as non-profit organizations and government entities.

Professionalism, responsiveness and quality are the firm's core principles.

The couple — both licensed CPAs — attribute the firm's steady growth to their exceptional staff and the services it provides. "Our client base has been built on client referrals. Our clients are important to us," Laurito-Bahgat said.

The couple took their firm, which has grown to 22 employees, to the next level with construction of a new building across from Barker Common on West Main Street in Fredonia. A second office location dedicated to payroll and bookkeeping services was also established.

Their firm has successfully completed American Institute of Certified Public Accountants peer reviews, without comment, every year since 1993, and implemented a code of professional conduct and ethics for employees. It also supports employees through competitive pay, generous benefits and incentives.

It was at Fredonia High School that they met; she is a native of Fredonia and he was born in Egypt and moved with his family to Fredonia in 1982. "We began dating in our sophomore year and have been together ever since," Bahgat said.

Both are well-known on campus as adjunct faculty members in the School of Business, and in the community. Bahgat serves on the boards of Chautauqua Hospice and Palliative Care and the Chautauqua Patrons Insurance Company,

is a past president of the Fredonia Chamber of Commerce and a former board member of what became the Local Economic Development Initiative, a committee of the Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation. He has also provided free QuickBooks training seminars for local businesses and through local non-profit organizations.

Laurito-Bahgat is a board member of the Fredonia College Foundation, a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching and a volunteer with the Lakeshore Humane Society.

Bahgat and Laurito-Bahgat, CPAs conducts annual chicken barbecue fundraisers for Hospice, sponsors the Rockefeller Arts Center's Pops Series, has supported maintenance of Barker Common and funded new signage for the Village of Fredonia.

The couple has a daughter, Amanda, a junior enrolled in the University at Buffalo's pre-medicine program, and a son, Hessen, a sophomore at Fredonia High School.

Their selection for the Business Club honor represents the 10th time that two people have shared the award since its founding in 1978.

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ROCKEFELLER ARTS CENTER/THEATRE AND DANCE EVENTS

CANADIAN BRASS

Friday, Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m.
King Concert Hall
Tickets: \$40, \$35, \$30, \$25
With a uniquely engaging stage presence and rapport with audiences, each concert runs the full range from trademark Baroque and Dixieland tunes to new compositions and arrangements created especially for the band.
A DFT Communications Pops Series event.

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAMBER ORCHESTRA "ANGELS AND DEMONS"

Sept. 23, 4 p.m.
King Concert Hall
General Admission Tickets: \$20 (students free with ID)
The Fredonia Chamber Choir joins WNYCO for a concert featuring the "St. Paul's Suite" by Holst, the world premiere of Conductor Glen Cortese's "Angels and Demons" and Salieri's Mass in D Major "Emperor."

THE HARLEM QUARTET

Friday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m.
Rosch Recital Hall
Tickets: \$25 (students \$10)
The quartet advances diversity in classical music while showing off an exciting repertoire that includes minority composers.
Presented by the Rockefeller Arts Center and School of Music.

"NOISES OFF"

Oct. 19, 8 p.m.; 20, 25, 26 and 27, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 21, 2 p.m.
Marvel Theatre
Tickets: \$25 (SUNY students \$12, other students \$19)
Featuring a play-within-a-play, "Noises Off" follows a director and group of actors as they stumble through three performances of a farce called "Nothing On."
A Walter Gloor Mainstage Series event.

MERRINS CHAMBER SERIES BY THE FREDONIA DANCE ENSEMBLE

Nov. 2 and 3, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 3, 2 p.m.
Merrins Dance Theatre, Rockefeller Arts Center Studio Complex
Tickets: \$7
A new series set in the intimate space of the Merrins Dance Theatre featuring a variety of dance styles.
A Walter Gloor Mainstage Series event.

"DON GIOVANNI" THE HILLMAN OPERA

Nov. 9 and 10, 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 11, 2 p.m.
Marvel Theatre
Tickets: \$20 (students \$10)
The fully-staged production of Mozart's masterpiece will feature talented students. Based on the legend of Don Juan and blending comedy, melodrama and elements of the supernatural.

"BLOODY BLOODY ANDREW JACKSON"

Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 6, 7 and 8, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, 2 p.m.
Bartlett Theatre
Tickets: \$30 (SUNY students \$12, other students \$22)
Featuring a rock score, the musical follows the beginnings of the Democratic Party and narrates the tumultuous life of Jackson.
A Walter Gloor Mainstage Series event.

"JOHNNY PEERS AND THE MUTTVILLE COMIX"

Sat., Dec. 1, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Marvel Theatre
Tickets: \$15 adults, \$12 children
Over a dozen dogs are led through challenging and hilarious tricks as Johnny plays the straight man role in this show for the whole family.
Approximately one hour. Recommended for children age 6 and older.
A Kaleidoscope Family Series event.

BIG BAND CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.
King Concert Hall
Tickets: \$35, \$30, \$25, \$20
Student vocalists and dancers celebrate the season with the Fredonia Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Nick Weiser.
A DFT Communications Pops Series event.

ART EXHIBITS

CATHY AND JESSE MARION ART GALLERY, ROCKEFELLER ARTS CENTER

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, noon to 6 p.m.

"EXPLORING PHOTOGRAPHY"

Aug. 28 to Oct. 7
Opening reception: Sept. 7, 7 p.m.
Photographs from the collection of the LSU Museum of Art.

"MARY BJURLIN: A POTTER'S PATH"

Oct. 16 to Nov. 16
Opening reception: Oct. 19, 7 p.m.
The exhibition includes series from 1968 to 2018 that celebrate Bjurlin's 50 years as an artist and educator.

SENIOR SHOW

Nov. 30 to Dec. 6
Opening reception: Nov. 30, 7 p.m.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC

*indicates event will be live streamed (fredonia.edu/music/live)

ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCES

Free, open to the public, and all at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
Conductors/Directors include Barry Crawford, Donna Dolson, Drs. Paula Holcomb and Vernon Huff, Laura Koepke, Dr. Katherine Levy, Jonathan Lombardo, Dr. Adam Luebke, Cody Mott, Tiffany Nicely, Dr. Carrie Pawelski, James Piorkowski, Drs. David Rudge and Andrew Seigel, Raymond Stewart, and Drs. Wildy Zumwalt, Nick Weiser and Kay Stonefelt.

KING CONCERT HALL

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27 AND THURSDAY, NOV. 8
Fredonia Concert Band (Stewart)*

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3 AND TUESDAY, NOV. 13
Fredonia All College Band (Pawelski)*

THURSDAY, OCT. 4 AND MONDAY, NOV. 12
Fredonia Wind Symphony (Dolson)*

SATURDAY, OCT. 6 AND THURSDAY, NOV. 15
Fredonia Wind Ensemble (Holcomb)*

SATURDAY, OCT. 20
Fredonia College Symphony (Rudge)*

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7, 7:30 P.M.
New Horizons Band of Western New York (Levy)

SUNDAY, DEC. 2
Fredonia Holiday Choral Concert (Huff, Unger, Luebke and Mott)*

ROSCH RECITAL HALL

MONDAY, SEPT. 17
Faculty Recital: Faculty Showcase*

TUESDAY, OCT. 2
Fredonia Student Composers*

FRIDAY, OCT. 19
1970s Fredonia Jazz Ensemble Alumni Concert*

TUESDAY, OCT. 23
Fredonia Trombone Choir (Lombardo)*

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24
Fredonia Clarinet Ensemble (Seigel)*

SUNDAY, OCT. 28, 4 P.M.
Choral Showcase: Fredonia Chamber Choir, Fredonia College Choir, and Fredonia Camerata (Huff, Unger and Luebke)*

MONDAY, OCT. 29
Fredonia Flutasia Flute Ensemble (Crawford)*

TUESDAY, OCT. 30
Fredonia Bassoon Ensemble (Koepke)*

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31
Fredonia Student Composers*

THURSDAY, NOV. 1
Woodwind Chamber Ensembles

SATURDAY, NOV. 3, NOON
Third Annual Claudette Sorel Piano Competition*

SATURDAY, NOV. 3
Brass Chamber Ensembles

SUNDAY, NOV. 4
Fredonia Percussion Ensemble (Stonefelt)*

TUESDAY, NOV. 6
Fredonia Saxophone Ensemble (Zumwalt)*

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7
Fredonia Chamber Made Guitar (Piorkowski)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14
Fredonia Guitar Quartets and Guitar Ensemble (Piorkowski)*

TUESDAY, NOV. 27
Fredonia New Jazz Ensemble (Weiser)*

THURSDAY, NOV. 29 AND FRIDAY, DEC. 7
Fredonia String Chamber Ensembles

MONDAY, DEC. 3
Fredonia Jazz Orchestra (Weiser)*

TUESDAY, DEC. 4
Fredonia African Drumming Ensembles (Nicely)*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5
Fredonia Chamber Orchestra (Rudge)*

THURSDAY, DEC. 6
Fredonia World Mallets Ensemble (Nicely)*

MONDAY, DEC. 10
Fredonia Improv. Collective (Rudge)*

Alumna Rachel Niegelberg lands a spot in 'Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament'



Host Alex Trebek with Rachel (photo courtesy of Merv Griffin Enterprises/King World).

She grew up in Nesconset, in downstate New York, earned a Mus.B. in Music Education in 2010 at Fredonia and, in March, achieved her "life dream" of becoming a contestant on "Jeopardy!"

Who is Rachel Niegelberg?

She was a semifinalist as one of 15 public school teachers from across the county participating in the two-week "Jeopardy! Teachers Tournament" in May. Ms. Niegelberg has a master's degree in teaching students with disabilities and works with students with behavioral and emotional disabilities at Watkins Glen (N.Y.) Elementary School. Each tournament teacher received a \$2,500 Farmers Insurance grant which Niegelberg plans to use to increase sensory and adaptive opportunities in her school for students with disabilities. Semifinalists receive an additional cash award. Advancing to the tournament caps a near decade-long effort by Niegelberg to earn a spot on "Jeopardy!"

"We all had a lot in common as educators and 'Jeopardy!' enthusiasts, and it was fun to compare our professional experiences from across the country. We have remained in touch via social media and continue to play trivia together in various ways!"

Photographic memories ...



Moving in for Freshman Orientation in the 1960s. Beanies, a hatbox and of course, a favorite stuffed animal!



And...two decades later...move-in day in the 1980s. Shorts and t-shirts, and still, a favorite stuffed animal!



Is that really a refrigerator on his back? Could be...moving in, 1986.

Social media snaps

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SPRING 2018 RECAP

Men's Teams

BASEBALL: Senior outfielder-pitcher Steve Zaprowski (Williamsville, N.Y.) was a First Team All-SUNYAC utility player as well as D3 Baseball All-Region utility...junior pitcher Luke Kuczewski (Orchard Park, N.Y.) was SUNYAC First Team and Fredonia Athletics Male Athlete of the Year...senior catcher Patrick Sheehan (West Seneca, N.Y.) made Second Team All-SUNYAC...senior catcher-infielder J.T. Angora (Rochester, N.Y.) was Rawlings/ABCA All-Region utility. He was the SUNYAC batting champ.

BASKETBALL: Ian Helps (Bronx, N.Y.) made Third Team All-SUNYAC, the fourth straight season he earned a conference post-season award. The 2015 SUNYAC Rookie of the Year scored 1,466 career points, third most in team history. He also graduates second in free throws, third in field goals, fourth in blocked shots and seventh in rebounds.

HOCKEY: The No. 5 seed Blue Devils scored road wins at Plattsburgh and Oswego to reach the SUNYAC championship game, where they fell to Geneseo. Senior forward-defenseman Oskar Gerhardson (Hassleholm, Sweden) and junior forward Jacob Haynes (Whitby, Ontario) made the all-tournament team...earlier in the playoffs, sophomore goaltender Anton Rosen (Orsa, Sweden) made 55 saves vs. Plattsburgh and 33 saves vs. Oswego, ranked No. 5 in the nation...the title game was Fredonia's first since 2011 and the seventh in program history... Jeff Meredith was named SUNYAC Coach of the Year for the third time. Meredith earned his 400th win earlier in the season...junior forward Mike Freeman (Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.) was the SUNYAC Elite 20 Award winner as the player with the highest grade-point average in the championship game...freshman winger Ryan Dunner (Glassboro, N.J.) was Fredonia Athletics Male Rookie of the Year.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: Sophomore springboard diver Christian Krasnek (Springville, N.Y.) earned Honorable Mention All-America status off the 3-meter board at the NCAA Division III meet in Indianapolis, Ind....Fredonia has now sent at least one diver to 13 straight NCAA meets...Krasnek and seniors Graham Jones (Tonawanda, N.Y.) and Bill Bradley (Dunkirk, N.Y.) were All-SUNYAC.

TRACK AND FIELD: Justyn Haines (Albion, N.Y.) finished 11th in the pole vault at the NCAA Division III outdoor championship meet at LaCrosse, Wis. He was the SUNYAC outdoor champ while fellow senior Damone Brown (Haverstraw, N.Y.) won the SUNYAC indoor shot put in February...Those two, plus juniors Ethan Francis (Dunkirk, N.Y.) and Nick Serafin (Depew,



N.Y.), were All-SUNYAC indoors. Haines, Brown, and Serafin were All-SUNYAC outdoors... Francis received a SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award for cross country.

Women's Teams

BASKETBALL: Senior forward Jacque Law (Lime Lake, N.Y.) and junior forward Jenna Einink (Westfield, N.Y.) each scored her 1,000th career point, the 11th and 12th Fredonia woman to do so. Law reached the plateau Jan. 27 and Einink followed on Feb. 17. Both women made the All-SUNYAC Team, Einink the Second Team and Law the Third Team...a Biology major, Law received 2018 SUNYAC Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year and SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete awards.

LACROSSE: Senior goalkeeper Nicole Burrows (Baldwinsville, N.Y.) set school records for career saves, most saves in a season, and most saves in a game. She stopped 612 shots over four seasons — 21 more than Casey Chiesa. Burrows made 177 saves this spring, seven more than Chiesa in 2010. Burrows also made 28 saves April 21 at New Paltz, the third-best game in SUNYAC history.

SOFTBALL: Senior first baseman Katelyn Dennis (Webster, N.Y.) made Second Team All-SUNYAC following a season which saw her set school records for career homers and slugging percentage. The Public Accounting and Finance major also was selected Google Cloud Academic All-District by the College Sports Information Directors of America...freshman second baseman Makenzie Keeler (Jamesville, N.Y.) made First Team All-SUNYAC...sophomore Katie Yudin (Liverpool, N.Y.) was Fredonia Athletics Female Rookie of the Year based on her 2017 season.

SWIMMING AND DIVING: Ashleigh Reinhardt (Liverpool, N.Y.), a freshman, was SUNYAC Female Diver of the Week on Jan. 22.

TRACK AND FIELD: Fredonia sent three women to nationals, one indoors and two outdoors. Senior pole vaulter Mikayla Capestrani (Jamestown, N.Y.) finished 11th at the NCAA Division III indoor championships March 9 at Birmingham, Ala. Her vault of 12 feet, 1 ½ inches was higher than a Fredonia woman has ever gone, both indoors and outdoors. A pre-season injury sidelined her throughout the outdoor season...seniors Brittany Feldman (Jamestown, N.Y.) and Sarah Couperus (Marion, N.Y.) were repeat SUNYAC outdoor champs — Feldman in the 400 meters, Couperus in the high jump. Both women closed out their collegiate careers at the NCAA Division III meet in La Crosse, Wis....Feldman, Couperus, and senior Rachel Williams (Lockport, N.Y.) were indoor all-conference...Feldman was Fredonia Athletics Co-Female Athlete of the Year based off her 2017 season. She shared the award with senior Courtney Poirier (West Seneca, N.Y.) of women's volleyball.



Luke and Dana

Rivera makes his mark on and off the rink

Fredonia men's hockey player Luke Rivera was named co-recipient of the Athletic Director's Award at the annual Fredonia Athletic Awards Gala in May. A junior from Pacific Palisades, Calif., he was recognized for organizing his team's annual Stroke Awareness Game.

Rivera's very personal community service project — his mother, Dana, is a stroke survivor — also caught the attention of the committee in charge of the prestigious Hockey Humanitarian Award. They chose Rivera as one of five finalists for the award, given each year since 1996 to a student-athlete who makes significant contributions not only to his or her team, but also to the community-at-large through leadership in volunteerism.

The other finalists this year hailed from NCAA Division I schools University of Minnesota, Ohio State, and Yale, and Division III Bowdoin. Rivera was the only non-senior in the quintet.

For being a Hockey Humanitarian Award finalist, Rivera received a \$500 donation for his charity, the Gates Vascular Stroke Center, which is part of The Foundation of Kaleida Health. That was added to what had been raised the previous two years through raffles and donations — bringing the two-year total to \$20,500.

Luke was 15-years-old when his mom, Dana, had a massive stroke which paralyzed her left side from head to toe.

"Each of the kids at the time dealt with it differently," said Dana, a mother of four. "Luke is a caretaker in his special way. He really stuck by my side when I was in the hospital. That was his way of dealing with the incident."

"My mom is the glue of our family at home," Luke said. "She does everything she possibly could to take care of our family, so when she was in the hospital that made me, my little brother, sister and older brother really step up and take care of her as much as we could, visit every day, and take care of each other."

Dana has regained full mobility through intense rehabilitation and now does speaking engagements and serves as an advocate for other stroke survivors in her native Southern California. Her mom, Arleen Bachner, has helped her grandson with a large share of the fundraising before the game, which continues on game night. The Blue Devils wear special jerseys for the game and volunteers auction off one of the jerseys and raffle off other items at tables set up in the Steele Hall lobby.

One of those volunteers has been Ally Zwerka-Gentle, a Blue Devil cheerleader. In addition to helping at the Stroke Awareness Game, Zwerka-Gentle organized a letter-writing campaign to encourage the survivors of the Parkland, Fla., school shooting. She was Rivera's co-recipient of the 2018 Athletic Director's Award.

Luke's older brother, Jake, planted the seed for his brother's community service work. About the time he was graduating from SUNY Potsdam (where he also played hockey), Jake encouraged Luke to make the most of the opportunity that college hockey offers. Taking his brother's words to heart, Luke approached Fredonia men's hockey head coach Jeff Meredith with his idea for the benefit game.

"A lot of time," Coach Meredith said, "players have all these ideas, but they don't realize how much work and time goes into something like this. He seemed to understand that."

"I was like, 'I'm doing this thing,'" Rivera said. "I went into his office with a folder. Had the whole thing planned out — jerseys, charity, fundraisers, all that stuff."

Fredonia's Stroke Awareness Game will have its third renewal when the Blue Devils take on Bryn Athyn on Nov. 9. Rivera, entering his senior season this winter, hopes the event remains a fixture on the Fredonia schedule for years to come. "We definitely want to continue this tradition," he said.

To read more on Luke and Dana Rivera's story, follow this link: <http://hockeyhumanitarian.org/news/luke-rivera-2018/>

Find Blue Devil news, events, team schedules and more...
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Commencement speaker shares simple yet compelling advice with the Class of 2018

The message from this year's keynote speaker, alumnus Dr. Michael A. Marletta, to the Class of 2018 was straightforward but powerful; "Do something good for people and make the world a better place." Graduates received congratulations from President Virginia S. Horvath as they were conferred with degrees at two nearly identical ceremonies.

Dr. Marletta also received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the State University of New York during the afternoon ceremony. He explained how his advice to make the world a better place was passed to him by his mother. "Those simple words have stayed with me since that day. I hear them in my head all the time. I have tried to live those words and I ask you to do the same."

Class President Veronica Arce presented the class gift of a scholarship. Also giving greetings was College Council Chair Frank Pagano. Other highlights included the awarding of the Lanford Presidential Prize from the Oscar and Esther Lanford Endowment to Nicholas W. Hlifka of Ripley. The National Anthem was performed at the morning ceremony by Carolyn A. Mistretta, and by Margaret Lannon Austin in the afternoon.

Faculty/Staff Marshals for the morning ceremony were Dr. Susan Royal of the School of Music and Raymond J. Rushboldt of the Department of Politics and International Affairs, and in the afternoon, Dr. Gordon C. Baird of the Department of Geology and Environmental Sciences, and Dr. Nancy Boynton of the Department of Mathematical Sciences.





◀ **Master class by premier cellist**

Zuill Bailey, widely considered one of the premier cellists in the world, was in residence in March at the School of Music, where he performed with the Fredonia College Symphony Orchestra and conducted a master class. Four seniors — Greg Stebbins, Alex Cousins, Brian Cordova and Allen Maracle — participated in the master class. The Bailey residency was made possible by a grant from the Williams Visiting Professor Fund of the Fredonia College Foundation.



◀ **El Nasser Way dedicated**

Family members, colleagues, administrators and friends gathered in May to dedicate El Nasser Way, a sidewalk between Fenton Hall and Central Avenue, in memory of Professor Emeritus Marwan El Nasser. He served nearly 50 years on the faculty of the Department of Economics until his passing in December 2017. Dr. El Nasser used the walkway every day on his way to campus. The Dr. Marwan El Nasser Scholarship was also created through the Fredonia College Foundation to support an incoming community college transfer student.

▶ **Fredonia wins WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge trophy**
 Student entrepreneurs Alex Czechowski and Nate Winn won “Best All Around Pitch” honors for NexNest — a web application they developed that connects students with local landlords and offers other services to help make student renting a positive experience — in the student business plan competition at the WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge held in April at Hilbert College. Included with their win was \$1,500 to invest in their company, along with the honor of having the traveling WNY Student 2 Biz Challenge trophy displayed at Fredonia for the coming year.



▼ **World War I centennial observance**
 Three nationally known guest speakers — Christopher Capozzola, Brian Castner and Ian Fishback — gathered with students, faculty and Iraq War veterans for “World War I: Ending War, Talking Peace,” a two-day event in February that recognized World War I literature written by American veterans and explored critical notions of war and peace. A panel discussion addressed America’s involvement in the “War to End all Wars,” the significance of peace treaties, American wars on foreign soil and the scarcity of peace treaties since World War II.



▶ **Alumni offer insight into diverse career paths**

Students learned about the different journeys taken by four successful 2014 alumni during informal talks, classroom visits and a hands-on workshop in the second annual Four Years Out residency, part of the Writers@Work series. The guests — whose majors and careers are the most diverse in the series’ history — included: Erin Dorozynski (management development coordinator, GEICO), Sylvana Dussan (social media coordinator, National Governors Association), Courtney Gfroerer (coordinator of public relations, marketing and communication, Elderwood Administrative Services) and Patrick Kennedy (communications director, New York State Assemblymember Monica Wallace). The event was sponsored by the School of Business, and departments of Communication, English, History and Theatre and Dance.



▲ **Chancellor’s Awards for Student Excellence**

Three seniors, whose majors span science, performing arts and foreign languages, received the 2018 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence. Zachary Jones of Grand Island, N.Y., and Brittany Sanford of Lockport, N.Y., (pictured); and Kerri Williamson, originally from North Chili, N.Y., were among 11 finalists at Fredonia for the prestigious SUNY-wide honor. The awards ceremony was held at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.



Howard receives award from NASPA

Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services Cedric Howard was selected as the recipient of the 2018 Scott Goodnight Award for Outstanding Performance as a Dean from NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. The award is presented to a dean or senior student affairs officer who has demonstrated sustained

professional achievement in student affairs work, innovative response in meeting students' varied and emerging needs, effectiveness in developing staff, and leadership in community and college or university affairs. Dr. Howard was honored in March at the 2018 NASPA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, Pa.



Rivera named as Fellow of leadership institute

New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the inaugural class of Fellows at SUNY's Hispanic Leadership Institute, including Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Carmen Rivera. The institute is charged with developing and supporting the next generation of executive-level Hispanic/Latino leaders across the SUNY system. The

group of fellows was recognized in Albany at the 31st Annual Bienvenida at the SOMOS El Futuro Conference. Over the course of the program, Fellows will participate in individualized mentoring and assessment and development programs to support their success.



Precht honored with Damore award

Alumnus Gregory Precht was the recipient of the 2018 recipient of the State University of New York Athletic Conference's Dr. Patrick Damore Distinguished Service Award. He became Alumni Hall residence director on Aug. 8, 1973, and at the same time, assistant men's basketball coach. Mr. Precht was elevated to head coach in 1978, a job he

held for 21 seasons. He served as assistant athletic director from 1990 to 1998 before he took over as director of athletics in 1998, serving until his retirement in 2017.



Annual recognition luncheon held in April

The 12th President's Recognition Luncheon honored Fredonia faculty and staff for special contributions to the campus community, and those receiving recognition for service and retirees were also singled out for the spotlight during the April event. Senior Lecturer Kimberly Conti of the Department of Mathematical Sciences received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Learning from President Virginia Horvath. Secretary 2 Amy Jo Dorler, who serves in the Office of the Provost, received the President's Award for Excellence in University Service, and College Council Chair Frank Pagano presented Director of Engagement and Career Development Tracy Collingwood with the College Council Award for Community Engagement.



SUNY Chancellor's award presented to faculty and staff

Faculty and staff were honored with the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence including Lecturer Kimberly S. Mancino of the School of Music, Professor Junaid Ahmed Zubairi of the Department of Computer and Information Sciences, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services Daniel M. Tramuta, Online Learning Coordinator Lisa N. Melohusky, Associate Professor Bruce Neal Simon of the Department of English, and Secretary 1/Contract Support Specialist Lori R. Johnson of the offices of Facilities Planning, and Environmental Health and Safety and Sustainability. Earlier in the year, Laurie Tramuta of the School of Music voice faculty was honored as the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.



Wigdahl-Perry named to governor's steering committee focusing on algae blooms

Dr. Courtney Wigdahl-Perry of the Department of Biology was selected to be a member of one of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's steering committees devoted to preventing and responding to algae blooms. As a component of the Governor's Harmful Algae Blooms Initiative,

the steering committee met in March at Monroe Community College. The steering committees were assembled by the Water Quality Rapid Response Team as part of the governor's plan. Dr. Wigdahl-Perry is currently measuring changes in Chautauqua Lake's algae and water quality through the use of a monitoring buoy. The Chautauqua Aquatic Monitoring Project (ChAMP) takes readings on variables such as algae, pH and oxygen, among others.



Stonefelt named distinguished alumna

SUNY Distinguished Professor Kay Stonefelt of the School of Music was named the 2018 recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award at the Baldwin Wallace University Conservatory of Music. Dr. Stonefelt was celebrated and performed at the Conservatory Convocation in March. Stonefelt received a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

in 2005 and was promoted to the rank of SUNY Distinguished Professor in 2014. In 2016 she received the Percussive Arts Society Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Education. In October 2017, a scholarship was established in her honor in the Fredonia College Foundation.



SUNY Board of Trustees promotes Zevenbergen

Dr. Andrea Zevenbergen of the Department of Psychology was one of 15 faculty members throughout the SUNY system to be promoted in 2018 to the Distinguished Faculty Ranks by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. A member of the Fredonia faculty since 2001, Dr. Zevenbergen is one of only four SUNY faculty members this year to earn the rank of

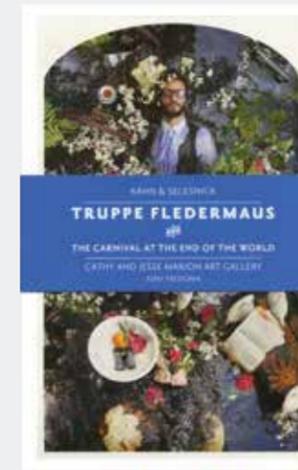
Distinguished Teaching Professor, a designation that recognizes and honors mastery of teaching. The Distinguished Rank, which also includes Distinguished Professor, Distinguished Service Professor and Distinguished Librarian Professor, is one of the highest honors conferred by the SUNY Board of Trustees.



Kinkela presents at international symposium in Japan

Associate Professor David Kinkela of the Department of History presented the paper, "Packaging the Six-Pack: The Business and Ecological History of Plastic Six-Pack Rings," at Food Packaging: Uncovering the History, an international symposium held in Tokyo. In his paper, Dr. Kinkela, whose primary

research is devoted to the history of U.S. environmental politics, examined the ecological consequences of disposable plastic six-pack rings from the 1960s to the present. Jointly organized by Leiden University and Kobe University, the symposium was the first of its kind that brought together scholars and industry experts with the goal to map an agenda to investigate this largely uncharted topic.



Marion Art Gallery and Dilworth win prize in the American Alliance of Museums' Publication Design Competition

The American Alliance of Museums announced the winners of its 2017 Museum Publication competition, including Fredonia for the Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery exhibition catalog titled "Kahn & Selesnick: Truppe Fledermaus and the Carnival at the End of the World."

Fredonia Department of Visual Arts and New Media Associate Professor Jason Dilworth designed the catalog. Marion Art Gallery Director Barbara Racker coordinated the publication and curated the exhibition. The publication and exhibition were a collaboration with internationally renowned artists Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick.

1950s

Mary (Bleemel) Flick, '51, (music ed.) retired at the age of 89 from Livonia (N.Y.) Central School as a Choral Accompanist, a position she held since the late 1980s. Mary started her teaching career with the Rochester City School District then stayed home to raise her five children until 1973. She then started the instrumental music program at St. Agnes School in Avon until the fall of 1979 when she became the accompanist for the Avon High School Choir. She outlasted her twin daughters **Amy (Flick) Dodge, '82**, (music ed.) and **Mary (Flick) Cole, '82**, (music ed.) who are both retired.

Edward McClenathan, '56, (early child. ed.) has written a new cartoon book that has been published by Amazon Books, entitled "CAT vs. DOG featuring CLAWDE & FANG."

Shirley (Miller) Erbsmehl, '58, (elem. ed.) was the New York State Volunteer of the Month for the month of February for the AARP Driver Safety Program. She has taught the AARP driver safety class for eight and a half years.

indoor track and girls track. Nancy is a retired nurse, RN, B.S.N., from Kaleida Health and Buffalo General Hospital.

Steve Heyda, '68, (elem. ed.) recently retired after a successful 40-year career in contract management. Prior to that, he taught elementary school for 10 years. Steve and his wife live in Virginia and enjoy traveling and being with their grandchildren, including their newest granddaughter born in February.

Laurence Della Vecchia, '69, (chemistry) and his wife, **Linda (Francis) Della Vecchia, '70**, (elem. ed.) are retired and enjoying their grandchildren. They travel between New Jersey and Dewittville.

Phil Zimmer, '69, (history) wrote an article, "The Rugged Soviet T-34 played a crucial role in defense and later spearheaded the drive toward Berlin" for the Spring 2018 issue of *World War II Quarterly*.

1970s

Randy Cronk, '72, (English) has joined the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement.

aesthetic studies at the University of Texas at Dallas. Previously, Dr. Stone had a successful career as a musician and performer in both New York State and Texas playing with the Dallas Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony, Dallas Opera and in numerous musicals. In addition, Dr. Stone was a member of the theater group, "Dream Collectors," for 25 years.

Robert Ennis, '73, (music ed.) was a judge in the 142nd Westminster Kennel Club dog show. He was among 30 judges examining 2,800 dogs in the show. He has judged dog shows in nearly all 50 states, as well as in Australia, Canada, Europe and New Zealand.

Lynne (Marmora) Crystal, '76, (speech path./audio.) is privileged to celebrate her 30-year anniversary of Lynne Crystal Company, LLC Executive & Management Development. Established in 1988, it has taken her all over the world. She has been fortunate to train people of all ages in job hunting skills. She is a certified IMAGO Relationship Educator and is an Aikido Instructor for fun. She lives in New Jersey with her husband, Ted.

Christina Rausa, '77, (theatre arts) appeared as Rose in the Jewish Repertory Theatre's "A Sentimental Journey" in which she portrays a woman on a journey from her Russian village home to Warsaw, then through its ghetto and sewers on her way to America.

Bob McChesney, '78, (bus. admin.) a world-renowned trombone soloist and studio musician based in Los Angeles, was featured in an extensive interview and cover photograph in the January issue of *ITA Journal*, a quarterly publication of the International Trombone Association. Pedagogy, technique, practicing, improvisation and arranging were topics Chesney explored with journal Associate Jazz Editor Antonio J. Garcia in "A Conversation with Bob McChesney." Also accompanying the article was a photograph of McChesney playing the trombone as a junior at Fredonia.

Valerie (Booth) Nixon, '78, (bus. admin.) was awarded the Daniel Sistarenik SUNYFAP (SUNY Financial Aid Professionals) Advocacy Award, the Robert

Sean Kirst, '81, (English) received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree, *honoris causa*, in May from Le Moyne College. He was also a featured speaker at the State University of New York Council for University Advancement's annual conference held in June in Syracuse, N.Y.

Edmund (Gary) Storsberg, '81, (bus. admin.) retired in 2016 after 35 years with Astrazeneca Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Remsen, N.Y., and celebrated 37 years of marriage this past July. He has three grown children and one grandson. He is spending his time reading, fishing, traveling and working on his camps in the Adirondack Mountains. He would like to say hello to all the guys from McGinnies Hall.

John White, '81, (elem. ed) and his wife **Annette (Parish) White, '79**, (elem. ed.) are retired from public education. John retired in 2014 after serving as elementary principal in the Olean (N.Y.) City School District. Annette retired in 2013 from the Cuba-Rushford (N.Y.) School District as a reading/language arts specialist. They are active volunteers at the historic

Crystal Everdyke, '84, '92, (music ed.), retired from Granville, (N.Y.) Junior/Senior High School as a band teacher after 30 years of teaching.

Cindy Mantai, '84, (English) is a Senior Proposal Writer for Navient and living happily in Buffalo, N.Y. She would like to hear from old friends at cmantai63@gmail.com.

Scott Martelle's, '84, (pol. sci.) new book, "William Walker's Wars: How One Man's Private American Army Tried to Conquer Mexico, Nicaragua, and Honduras," was published by Chicago Review Press.

Michele Beiter, '85, (bus. admin.) was hired as Director of Space Between in Lockport, N.Y.

Dianne (Carson) Craig, '85, (math) was appointed as Chief Executive Officer at FordDirect. Dianne most recently served as Ford Motor Company's Director of U.S. Sales. She also served as President and CEO of Ford of Canada.

Richard Dixon, '85, (bus. admin.) was appointed Interim Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency.

Music by **Dr. Liana Valente, '88**, (music perf.) and **James Welch, '03**, (music perf.) in July 2017. Dr. Brown also gave a presentation at the Australian Society for Music Education National Conference in Melbourne, and Dr. Valente performed in Malaysia.

Samuel Haynes, '87, (English) was appointed Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at Bethel College in North Newton, Kan.

Marty D'Ambrose, '88, (theatre arts) and **Jeff Eggleston, '06**, (commun.) got to meet and work together when "Tanked," Animal Planet's most popular show, was filmed in the Piano Works Mall in East Rochester, N.Y. Marty is the Village Administrator for the Town/Village of East Rochester and Jeff is the Executive Director and Producer of the show.

Dave DePonceau, '88, (account.) and his wife Deanna, relocated their tax practice from California to Camas, Wash. They own DePonceau & Associates Certified Public Accountant & Business Advisors and work out of a remodeled 1920s-era house.

Matthew Morrell, '93, (English) was selected as a New Leader in Banking by the Connecticut Bankers Association and *Connecticut Banking Magazine*. He is Vice President and Retail Lending Sales Manager at Chelsea Groton Bank.

Christina (Ponticello) Orsi, '93, (pol. sci.) was nominated to serve on the Evans Bancorp, Inc. Board of Directors. She currently is Associate Vice President of the Office of Economic Development at the University at Buffalo. She serves on the boards of 43North, Catholic Charities, Excelsior Growth Fund, Invest Buffalo/Niagara and The Racial Equity Roundtable.

Dave Wedekindt, '94, (bus. admin.) was named Director of Marketing and Sales for Artpark in Lewiston, N.Y.

Andrew Bisantz, '95, (music perf.) was conductor for the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's concert, "Mozart's Operatic Favorites" at Kleinhans Music Hall. Fredonia School of Music Distinguished Teaching Professor **Julie Newell, '82**, (music perf.) served as Stage Director.



Fredonia alumni and guests attend the New York City reunion in April.



Mary (Bleemel) Flick, '51, is surrounded by chorus members at her final concert.



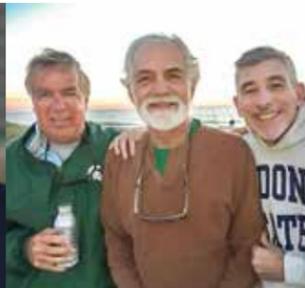
Members of the Class of 1967 who participated in the Antwerp, Belgium, experience.



Nancy (Allen), '68, and Charles Friedmann, '68



Randy Cronk, '72



College buddies from the early 1970s: Larry Julian, Jim Walter and Dr. John Zappala.



Lynne (Marmora) Crystal, '76



Le Moyne President Linda LeMura and Provost Joseph Marina S.J. confer the honorary doctorate on Sean Kirst, '81.



Denise (Boss) Veloski, '91



Dave Wedekindt, '94

1960s

Michael Wagner, '60, (music ed.) has published his autobiography, titled, "Stumbling Forward — A Life," by *Lulu.com* publishing. Chapter Four details his intimate story of his time at Fredonia State Teachers College from 1956 to 1960.

Charles Friedmann, '68, (biology) and his wife **Nancy (Allen) Friedmann, '68**, (English) recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Charles is a retired science teacher and coach from Lancaster (N.Y.) Central High School. He coached cross country,

His Boston marketing firm, greatwriting, LLC, now in its 29th year, has also hired its 12th Fredonia intern — **Amanda Howe '17**, (English) — who is applying the internship toward Fredonia's new Advanced Certificate in Professional Writing.

Monk Rowe, '72, (music ed.) received the Syracuse, N.Y., area Hall of Fame/Music Educator of the Year Award. Monk is the Director of the Fillius Jazz Archive at Hamilton College and active in local arts initiatives.

Dr. Winston Stone, '72, (music ed.) will be retiring after 15 years as a professor of music, art, and

Dr. Deborah (Anders) Silverman, APR, Fellow PRSA, '76, '79, (music ed.) has been elected to a three-year term as chair of the SUNY Buffalo State Communication Department, the college's third-largest academic department, effective Sept. 1. She also serves as coordinator of the department's new online M.S. in Public Relations program.

Jill Hanifan, '77, (English) represented President Virginia Horvath and Fredonia at the Inauguration of SUNY Albany's 20th President, Dr. Havidan Rodriguez.

J. Wagner Business Officer of the Year Award from SUBOA (SUNY Business Officers) and was appointed vice chair of the board of ATRI (IncubatorWorks) a business incubator.

Bud Carpenter, '79, (elem. ed.) retired as Director of Training Operations for the Buffalo Bills after 33 years with the team.

1980s

Jack Anderson, '81, (bus. admin.) was hired as General Manager and Managing Partner of Ed Shults Chevrolet and Shults Nissan Subaru Auto Group in Jamestown.

Palmer Opera House and Event Center in Cuba. They also enjoy spending time with their two granddaughters.

Andy Fisher, '82, (pol. sci.) was elected to a three-year term on the National Press Club Board of Governors — the world's leading professional organization for journalists. He continues as Senior Director of Communications at The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington, D.C.

William Lowman, '83, (bus. admin.) is President and CEO of American Specific Mortgage.

Tim Grace, '85, (psych.) was appointed Chief Human Resources Officer at Laureate Education, Inc., a global leader in higher education.

Mike Kaupa, '86, (music-applied) recently celebrated 20 years teaching music at The Harley School in Rochester, N.Y. He is an instructor of trumpet, jazz ensembles, theory and jazz history.

Dr. Timothy Brown, '87, (special studies) composed "Dreams Deferred," a song cycle on poems of Langston Hughes. It was performed at the Sydney, Australia Conservatorium of

Dr. Kim Harrington, '89, (psych.) won the Association of College Unions Butts-Whiting Award. She is the Associate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer at the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) in Atlanta, Ga.

1990s

Denise (Boss) Veloski, '91, (account.) was hired as a new firm Partner with Johnson, Mackowiak & Associates LLP.

Annette Miller, '93, (reading) was appointed Principal of Ring Elementary School in Jamestown.

Karen D'Angelo, '95, (music-applied) performed as a principal singer in the role of Queen of the Night in the Buffalo Opera Unlimited's production of, "The Magic Flute" at SUNY Buffalo State's Rockwell Hall. She studied opera in Italy and taught voice in the Lockport (N.Y.) School District. After taking time off to raise a family and a special needs child, she is back studying at Rochester's Eastman School of Music and performs in local productions.

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John Konior, '95, (pol. sci.) was promoted to Director of Risk Management and Support Services for the City of Urbandale, Iowa.

Jason Caffarella, '96, (music-applied) was a camp leader at the Voices At the Coast summer camp in Newport, Ore., this past summer. The camp offered teens the chance to

Suzanne Clements, '98, (art) of Florida was nominated for three awards and took two, Best Commercial Food Photograph and Best Food Styling in a Commercial Food Photograph, from the International Association of Culinary Professionals (IACP) at its annual conference in New York City. Suzanne has been working as a graphic designer for the last 20 years and expanded her

Dr. Thomas C. Priester, '01, (English-sec. ed.) was hired as an Associate Dean at Genesee Community College at the Wyoming County Campus Centers in Arcade and Warsaw, N.Y.

Ross Ireland, '02, (bus. admin. - market.) was promoted to Retail Territory Manager for NBT Bank in Syracuse, N.Y.

Brian Filjones, '05, (sociology) was recently named Director of Admissions at Hilbert College.

Grace Abele, '07, (acting) played the part of Charlotte Lucas in Virginia Stage Company's presentation of Jane Austin's popular novel, "Pride and Prejudice."

Sarah Schwab, '07, '09, (English) was a judge for Fredonia's first

2010s

Jordan Basile, '10, (commun.) will serve as Interim Head Baseball Coach at Patrick Henry Community College in Martinsville, Va.

Nicole Gugino, '10, (pol. sci.) accepted a position with Erie I Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in West Seneca, N.Y., after working at the Dunkirk

Rheingold," Siegmund in "Die Walküre" and Cavaradossi in "Tosca."

Kacey (Phanco) Shelters, '12, (public account.) was hired as the new Wellness and Fitness Director at the YMCA in Jamestown.

Linnea Carlson, '13, (social work) was hired as a Public Market Manager for The Jamestown Renaissance Corp.

his master's degree from Rice University and was one of eight finalists for the 2018 Eleanor McCollum Competition Concert of Arias sponsored by the Houston Grand Opera.

Angelo Heimowitz, '17, (acting) played the part of a shooter in a play called "Lit 401: A School Shooting in One Act" at Shea's Smith Theatre in Buffalo, N.Y.

Faculty/Staff

Roslin Smith (Communication) received an Artist in the Community Grant to fund her new documentary, "Among the Hemlocks. Fantastic Stories from Fredonia, N.Y." in which she will show the history of Fredonia using voices of Fredonia people.

Ivani Vassoler-Froelich (Politics and International Affairs) received



Suzanne Clements, '98 | Dr. Thomas C. Priester, '01 | Dr. Marielle Postava-Davignon, '02 | Gennaro Savastano, '02 | Jason Ford, '04 | Ryan Murphy, '04 | Blake Ihrig, '14 | Danielle Beckvermit, '15, at Lincoln Center. | Michael Biggane, '16 | Katlynn Cole, '16 | Michael Hawk, '16 | Molly Kassirer, '17

sing in contemporary a cappella ensembles. Jason currently teaches music at Linn Benton Community College and is the founder of the award-winning a cappella group, Rezonate.

Sean Martineck, '96, (pol. sci.) is a Special Agent for the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and spoke to a class of students at Victor Senior High School in Rochester, N.Y., regarding gun violence, the Second Amendment and getting illegal guns off the streets.

Don McCord, '96, (bus. admin.) was hired as Director of Planning and Community Development for the Chautauqua County Department of Planning and Economic Development.

Dr. Mary Andrus, '97, (art) was featured in *Portland Monthly* magazine in the "2018 Women who Move the City" section presented by Marylhurst University in Oregon where she is Assistant Professor and Art Therapy Program Director.

Melanie (Barber) Fike, '97, (elem. ed.) is Principal of Mike Davis Elementary School in Naples, Fla. Her husband **Jay Fike, '97**, (English), is Assistant Principal of Discipline at Pine Ridge Middle School, also in Naples, where the Principal is **Dr. Sean Kinsley, '92** (biology).

business to include commercial photography in 2008. She is a contributing photographer at *Stocksy.com*.

Justin Pomietlarz, '98, (music perf.) received the Award for Excellence in Music Education presented by the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra and the Erie County Music Educators Association. He is the Director of Choral Activities and the Operetta Producer/Vocal Music Director at Amherst (N.Y.) Central School.

Dr. Shaun Nelms, '99, (social stds - sec. ed.) received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Educational Development Program Office at Fredonia during the SUNY Educational Opportunity Program's 50th anniversary celebration at SUNY Buffalo State. He also serves on the Fredonia College Foundation Board of Directors. In June, he was named the William and Sheila Konar Director of the Center for Urban Education Success (CUES) at the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

2000s

Michael Leach, '00, (commun.) has joined Raycom Media as Director of Marketing and Audience Development at WALB, its NBC-ABC affiliate in Albany, Ga.

Richard Hughes, '01, (school admin./supv.) was hired as Superintendent at Frontier Central School in Hamburg, N.Y.

Dr. Marielle Postava-Davignon, '02, (biology) is Assistant Professor in the John Merck Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at Southern Vermont College and received the Vernier Software and Technology Award. The award was given for a project entitled "Climate Effects of Maple Ecology at Southern Vermont College."

Gennaro Savastano, '02, (musical theatre) received the "Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40" honor from National LGBT Bar Association. He is an Associate in the Appellate/Legal Unit at Weitz & Luxenberg, P.C. and is LeGal Board President.

Doug Blackall, '03, (music ed.) is a jazz pianist and performed along with off-Broadway vocalist **Kate Mulberry, '09**, (musical theatre) in the ninth annual Music for Mission concert at Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club in Sodus Point, N.Y. After teaching in Malone, N.Y., for several years, Doug returned to Wayne County where he is the Director of Theater Arts at Palmyra-Macedon (N.Y.) Middle School.

Jason Ford, '04, (child. ed.-English 7-9) received The 2017 Broadway League Apple Educator Award. He is a fifth grade teacher and theatre elective teacher at Francis Parker School 23 in Rochester, N.Y.

Ryan Murphy, '04, (social stds.-adol. ed.) was promoted to Partner at the law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP in Buffalo, N.Y.

film festival in May and returned to campus as part of the Writers@Work alumni residency in March.

Aundre Seals, '07, (acting) was hired as a marketing communications business partner at Tompkins Trust Company in Ithaca, N.Y.

Dr. Remi Adelaiye-Ogala, '09, (biochemistry) has published an article, "Therapeutic Targeting of Sunitinib-Induced AR Phosphorylation in Renal Cell Carcinoma," for the June 2018 issue of AACR, American Association for Cancer Research.

Dr. Kate Gahagan, '09, (biology) joined Fichte Endl & Elmer Eyecare as an optometrist.

Amy White, '09, (musical theatre) was the director for the production of Alan Ball's 1993 "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" at the Leggett Theatre at the William Peace University in Raleigh, N.C. In recent years, she directed "The Wild Party," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and "The Laramie Project." She has worked in professional theatre for over a decade off-Broadway and in touring productions. Amy is an Assistant Professor of Theatre and Musical Theatre at William Peace University.

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Observer for seven years as City Editor. In her new role, Nicole will be assisting districts with presenting themselves to their communities.

Dr. Katarina Silvestri, '10, (child. ed.-music) earned her doctorate in Curriculum, Instruction, and the Science of Learning with a focus on literacies education from the University at Buffalo, graduating in May. She was hired as an Assistant Professor of literacy at SUNY Cortland.

Buffalo *Business First* honored Western New York's young leaders under the age of 30 including **Juliana Curtis, '11**, (vis. arts-new media) working at JWAY Games Inc./Amherst Central School District, and **Charlie Callahan, '12**, (bus. admin.-marketing) working at Uniland Development.

Brett Muscarella, '11, (criminal justice) was hired as the new Principal at Clymer Central School.

Tenor **Kyle van Schoonhoven, '11**, (music ed.) was awarded a Sara Tucker Study Grant from the Richard Tucker Music Foundation, supported by a grant from the Agnes Varis Trust. He also appeared with the San Antonio Symphony in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in April. A 2018 Adler Fellow at San Francisco Opera, he made his stage debut as the Young Servant in "Elektra," and covered the role of Don Ottavio in "Don Giovanni" Froh in "Das

Blake Ihrig, '14, (bus. admin.-finance) was hired as a Staff Accountant at Johnson, Mackowiak & Associates, LLP.

Sean Snellings, '14, (Spanish) recently graduated from the New York State Police Academy and received the Academic Performance Award for his outstanding overall academic average.

Soprano **Danielle Beckvermit, '15**, (music perf.) competed in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Grand Finals. This is the second consecutive year a Fredonia School of Music graduate has reached the Grand Finals of the Metropolitan Opera National Council competition. She also made her Carnegie Hall Debut in May and will be moving to Minnesota to be a Resident Artist at Minnesota Opera.

Michael Biggane, Katlynn Cole, '16, and **Molly Kassirer, '17**, (account.) were hired as Staff Accountants at Brock, Schechter & Polakoff, LLP.

Michael Hawk, '16, (music. perf.) was selected as one of seven new artists to join LA Opera's Domingo-Colburn-Stein Young Artist Program for the 2018-2019 season, as announced by Plácido Domingo, LA Opera's Eli and Edythe Broad General Director. There were 650 applicants, 200 live auditions and 28 final candidates. Michael earned

The play depicted an active shooter on stage and provided a talk-back conversation with the audience.

Antonio Regulier, '17, (English, social work) was selected for the 2018 Humanity in Action Fellowship program in Detroit. He was also recognized by Buffalo *Business First* as a young leader under 30, serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA Leader with the City of Buffalo Division of Citizen Services.

Tyler Roesler, '17, (computer sci.) was hired as a support engineer for Microsoft in Dallas, Texas.

the Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Award at the annual conference of the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies.

Richard Webb (School of Music) led the senior orchestra at the 2018 Winter All-County musicians concert at Chautauqua Lake Central School.

Brandon Williamson (Admissions) a major figure in the resurgence of slam poetry in Buffalo, N.Y., and co-founder of Pure Ink Poetry, was prominently featured in the article "Poetry in Performance" in the April issue of *Buffalo Spree* magazine.



Members of the 50-year Class of 1967.

Emeritus Notes

Dr. Minda Rae Amiran, (English) received the 2017 Pam Lydic Coalition Builder Award from the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Robert Heichberger, (College of Education) received the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to his profession and the Marquis Who's Who community.

Marriages

Spencer Morgan, '08, (history) to **Donald "DJ" Schier**, '11, (commun.).

Samantha Gaudio, '15, (early child.-biology) to Wesley Didrichsen.

Births

We want to meet the next generation of our #FREDfamily!

We will accept photos of newborn babies of Fredonia alumni for *The Statement*. Send your photo, along with a description, to donna.venn@fredonia.edu. Due to space constraints, we may not be able to feature all photos submitted to us.

A daughter, Rodica Dorothea, to **Dr. Robert Romaine**, '71, (biology) and Dr. Emilia Romaine.

Deaths*

Anne Yannie Corrado, Class of 1933

Concetta (Vitrano) Fried, Class of 1942

Frances (Davis) Horning, Class of 1943

Vesta L. (Dicks) Forshee, Class of 1944

Dr. George R. Canfield, Class of 1947

Barbara (Cudebec) White, Class of 1948

Marion (Hemphill) Wykstra, Class of 1948

Cornelia (Lattimer) Southland, Class of 1949

Patricia (Murphy) Lowd, Class of 1950

Zoe (Crist) Roberts, Class of 1950

June (Hoskins) Rollins, Class of 1950

Lou Adler, Class of 1952

Norman C. Beamish, Class of 1952

Dr. Rocco R. Doino, Class of 1952

Edna (Kruger) Miller, Class of 1952

Harriett (Way) Bartlett, Class of 1953

Thelma (TenHuisen) Heil, Class of 1953

Margaret (Runion) Millspaugh, Class of 1955

Anthony "Tony" Barresi, Class of 1956

Muriel L. (Hills) Arnold, Class of 1957

Conrad N. Pawlak, Class of 1957

Joy (Stowell) Hamilton, Class of 1958

Stephen L. Korytko, Class of 1960

Deanne J. Renckens, Class of 1961

Margaret R. Langer, Class of 1963

Gloria J. (Wasko) Gardner, Class of 1964

Herbert H. Tucker Jr., Class of 1966

Susan (Schwartz) Balch, Class of 1968

Paul T. Carson, Class of 1968

Dennis C. Miller, Class of 1968

Alan T. Shaw, Class of 1968

Keith Arnold, Class of 1969

K. Daniel Dahl, Class of 1969

Dr. George H. Schauer, Class of 1969

Margaret G. (Geyer) Temple, Class of 1969

Janet (Baran) Entwisle, Class of 1970

Stephen J. Peck, Class of 1970

Patricia J. (Sisley) Webb, Class of 1971

Carol J. (O'Brien) Gifford, Class of 1973

Charles D. Little, Class of 1973

Joanne L. (Olmstead) Anderson, Class of 1974

Bonita "Bonnie" (Turner) Laettner, Class of 1974

Sylvia A. (Ray) Schibetta, Class of 1974

Paula J. (Kruger) Stockman, Class of 1975

Nancy A. Battaglia-Danielson, Class of 1976

Susan E. Reynolds, Class of 1976

Bill Dillenburg, Class of 1977

Frederic W. Gioia, Class of 1977

Karen K. O'Keefe, Class of 1977

Thomas M. Cheeley, Class of 1979

Beverly A. (Sager) Gagliardi, Class of 1979

Priscilla M. (Marsh) Shaw, Class of 1980

Sheila A. (Christy) Tederous, Class of 1980

Lynette (Hanlon) Wagner, Class of 1980

Kevin Legg, Class of 1981

Martin J. Schnars, Class of 1984

Gary P. Hintermeier, Class of 1986

Karen M. (Madej) Russ, Class of 1992

John F. "Jack" Robbins, Class of 1993

Rod Williams, Class of 1993

Kevin Donovan, Classes of 1994, 1996

Mark S. Wheeler, Class of 1996

Eric Przykuta, Class of 1998

L. Colleen (Faust) Schroder, Class of 2000

Amy J. (McBride) Howlett, Class of 2001

Faculty/Staff

David A. Burdette, Vice President of Administration, 1990-1997

Frances "Fran" (Crino) Granata, Secretary 2, Administration, 1965-1991

Marlene Herr-Lutz, Instructor, Department of Art, 1967-1985

Thomas E. Kozlowski, Head Janitor, 1970-1992

Margaret Valone, College Council, 1985-1995

V. Yvonne (Lerch) Wilensky, Head of Technical Services and Librarian, 1965-1987

Ronald W. Winkler, Construction Project Coordinator, 1994-2004

Bernard Woma, Adjunct Instructor, School of Music, 1994-2009; Class of 2008

Student

Sean McDermott

*Memorials may be directed to a scholarship established with the Fredonia College Foundation. See fredonia.edu/foundation.

Clarification

In our Spring issue under Deaths, we incorrectly listed James R. Lehnen as a member of the Class of 1959. In fact, Mr. Lehnen was not a graduate of Fredonia, but had been a respected member of our custodial staff. Unfortunately, this error was magnified because local teacher, principal and Fredonia alumnus James F. Lehnen, who resides in Dunkirk, happens to be a member of the Class of 1959. We apologize for our error and any confusion this may have caused to either of their families and friends.

Fredonia Marxonia slated for October

Fredonia Marxonia, which celebrates the link between the village of Fredonia and the 1933 Marx Brothers' film, "Duck Soup," is slated for Oct. 4 and 5. The event is supported by the Hahn Family Fredonia Marxonia Fund of the Fredonia College Foundation. Activities, all free and open to public, are coordinated by Cynthia Yochym of Reed Library.

Thursday, Oct. 4

3 p.m., Reed Library - Exhibit opening (running through Oct. 21), annual group photo, and cake in honor of Groucho Marx's 128th birthday. The exhibit theme is "The Influence of the Marx Brothers." Douglas Canham, '87, founder of Fredonia Marxonia, plans to be in attendance.



As an alum who knows what it takes to succeed at Fredonia and beyond, you have many valuable insights to offer current students. Not only are you able to give back by providing students with employment opportunities or significant learning experiences outside the classroom, it is also an opportunity to stay connected.

Fredonia's Career Development Office (CDO) hosts its annual Job & Internship Expo and Summer Job Expo in March of every year attracting alumni, students and employers.

The expo brings to campus more than 80 organizations eager to discuss their potential job and internship openings with over 300 Fredonia candidates. Represented industries include business, energy, financial services, manufacturing, health care, technology, health and human service agencies, retail management, government, law enforcement, and many other fields, offering full- and part-time positions, summer jobs and/or paid or for-credit internships.

Organizations that typically participate are based in Erie (N.Y.) and Chautauqua counties, as well as the Rochester, N.Y., area and

7:30 p.m., 1891 Fredonia Opera House, 9 Church St., Fredonia - screening of the 1932 Marx Brothers' film, "Horse Feathers."

Friday, Oct. 5

Noon, Reed Library - Lunchtime interview with a representative of the National Comedy Center.

Mid-afternoon (specific time TBD), Reed Library classroom - Matthew Hahn will discuss his book, "The Animated Marx Brothers."

7:30 p.m., 1891 Fredonia Opera House - Frank Ferrante will present his, "An Evening with Groucho." It is a pay-what-you-will performance to benefit the opera house.



At a location and time yet to be determined, there will be a screening of "Duck Soup," the 1933 Marx Brothers film set in the fictional country of "Fredonia."

Everyone, regardless of age or skill level, is welcome to participate in the Fredonia Marxonia art contest.

Contact Ms. Yochym in Reed Library for information on all activities at Cynthia.yochym@fredonia.edu.

CAREER CORNER

by TRACY COLLINGWOOD, '94, Director, Engagement and Career Development

Job & Internship Expo Building Connections and Attracting Talent

Stephanie Rabideau, '06, and Tyler Stanley, '13, with Director of Engagement and Career Development Tracy Collingwood, '94 (center).

throughout New York State. In addition, several out-of-state organizations participate. Many organizations are represented by Fredonia alumni. Last year's Job & Internship Expo attracted 36 alumni to the event.

Stephanie Rabideau, '06, former manager of Marketing Services, and Tyler Stanley, '13, project manager, represented Eric Mower + Associates, a full-service ad agency located in Buffalo, N.Y.

From Ms. Rabideau's perspective, "Fredonia's Job & Internship Expo was the perfect opportunity to meet face-to-face with prospective interns and learn about their individual qualifications and interests in the marketing industry. As a Fredonia alum, it was great to not only see how the campus is evolving, but to connect on a more personal level with intern candidates."

Mr. Stanley graduated from Fredonia with a double major in Audio Production and Public Relations. He commented, "It's always a treat to be able to come back and visit the campus after having spent some of my most memorable and formative years here. The Job & Internship Expo has given myself and

other alumni the opportunity to see all of the progress the school has made as well as the opportunity to meet current students who are working towards the same goals that we had when we began our journeys to land successful careers."

As a testimony of the power of internships, Stanley was hired by Mower after completing a summer internship working in Account Services.

Come see for yourself. Experience Fredonia's Job & Internship Expo, talk to students, and bring talent to your company. Connecting with the CDO can add value for any type of organization. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, contact the CDO. Registration for the expo events are free.

Remember the Career Development Office (CDO) is here to assist you as long as you need. Whether you are starting or negotiating career challenges and opportunities, the CDO can help you plan your next move.

If you would like to make an appointment to discuss strategies to advance your career, contact the CDO.



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The 10th Fredonia Alumni Golf Tournament was held with 102 enthusiastic participants on Friday, July 13, on a gorgeous sunny day at Shorewood Country Club in Dunkirk. The winning foursome included (left to right) Benjamin Miller, '98; Dave Maternowski, '84; Dan Mets and Lenny Truby. The event raised around \$7,500 and benefitted the University Police Scholarship, Alumni Association Scholarship and Foundation Academic Scholarship funds, all under the auspices of the Fredonia College Foundation.

 **Save the date**

Next year's event is slated for Friday, July 19, 2019, at Shorewood.

