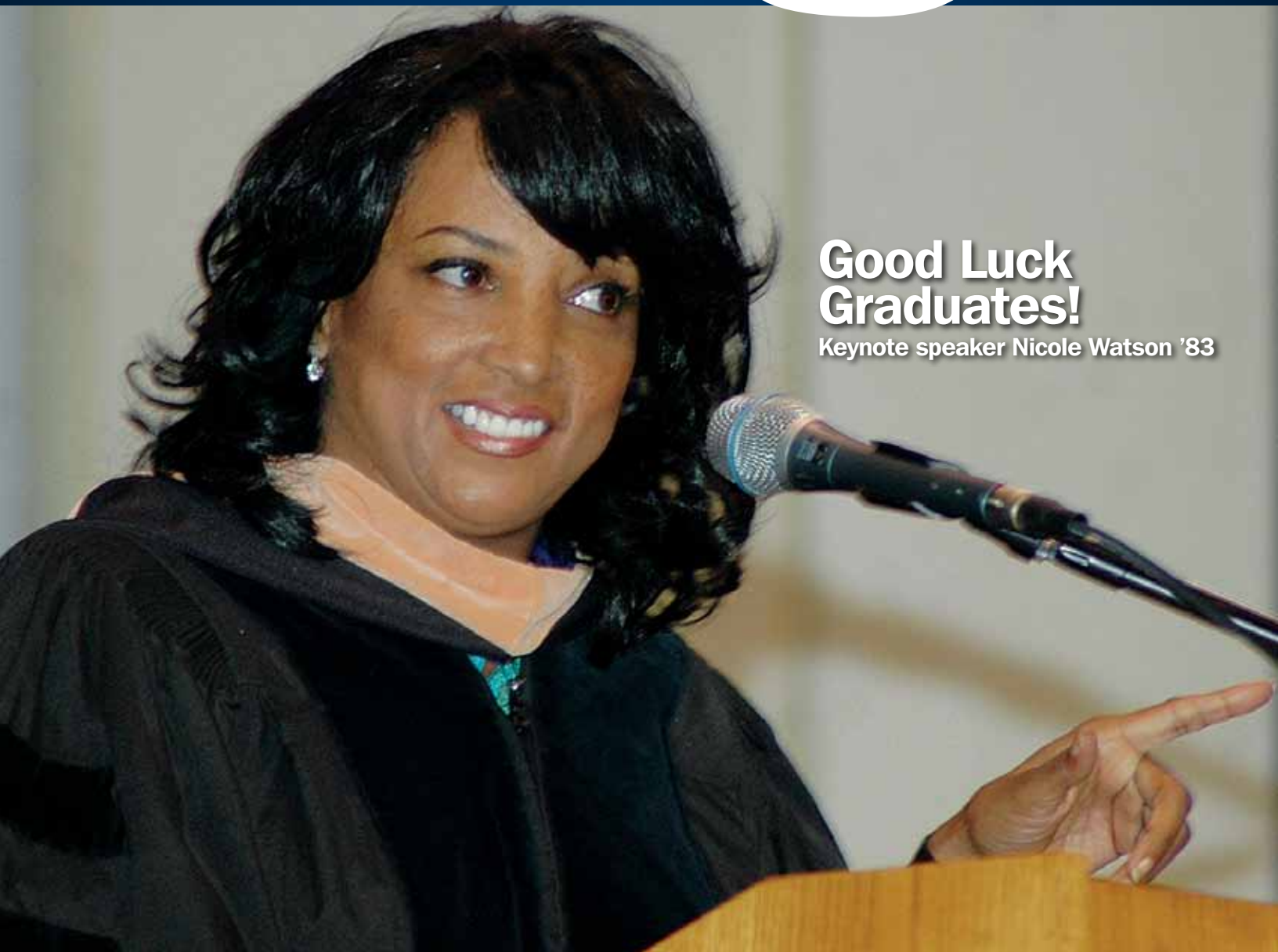
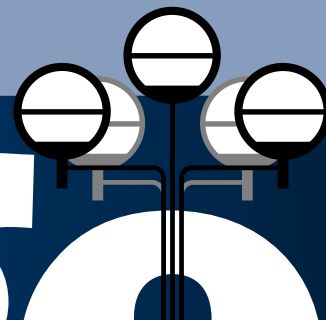


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Graduates Celebrate at 36th Annual Commencement

Alum delivers keynote address

Hundreds celebrated the achievements of graduates at SUNYIT's 36th annual spring commencement May 8 at the Utica Memorial Auditorium. President Wolf Yeigh presided as degrees and awards were presented at the event.

The keynote address was delivered by 1983 SUNYIT graduate and Rome native Nicole Watson, an Atlanta-based educational speaker with NCSA, the National Collegiate Scouting Association. About 375 candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees were eligible to participate in the ceremony.

In addition to the awarding of degrees, three members of the faculty and staff received Chancellor's Awards: Mary Beth Miller for Excellence in Classified Service, Donna Silsbee for Excellence in Faculty Service, and Kathryn Stam for Excellence in Teaching.

Plans call for the May 2011 commencement ceremony to be the first major event held in the \$20 million field house currently under construction north of Donovan Hall. With the completion of the field house project, all future commencement ceremonies will be held on campus – a first for SUNYIT. Since the college's first such ceremony in 1975, spring commencement has been held at either the Utica Memorial Auditorium or at the Stanley Theater.



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Senator Gillibrand Meets President Yeigh

U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand visited the SUNYIT campus May 14, meeting with President Wolf Yeigh (above) and discussed SUNYIT's initiatives in nanotechnology and cybersecurity. Joining President Yeigh in greeting Senator Gillibrand were Congressman Michael Arcuri, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and Utica Mayor David Roefaro. Following a presentation in Kunsela Hall, the group viewed the Student Center construction site and fielded questions from reporters.



Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

SUNYIT student **Lauren Enright '07 G'10**, 2010 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, was among 228 students from across the state honored April 6 at an Albany ceremony. A 2007 alum, she was pursuing a master of business administration in technology management when she received the award; she graduated in May 2010.



SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher presided over an hour-long presentation unveiling SUNY's strategic plan April 15 in Kunsela Lecture Hall. Dozens of dignitaries including Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and SUNY Research Foundation President John J. O'Connor were in attendance, along with community leaders, representatives of other area SUNY campuses, and SUNYIT faculty, staff and students. President Yeigh welcomed the Chancellor and other dignitaries to campus and described how SUNYIT is and will continue to fulfill aspects of the SUNY-wide strategy.

"Construction of a student center, field house and athletic facilities, and a new residence hall for freshmen will soon be followed by groundbreaking this fall for our Center for Advanced Technology," Yeigh said. "That project will help us to realize much of what we are discussing here today through

Chancellor unveils strategic plan, campus breaks ground on residence hall project

expanded engineering, nanoscience and other academic programs and facilities, partnerships with our SUNY collaborators, and important relationships with private industry."

Following the strategic plan presentation, dignitaries gathered at the construction site for SUNYIT's third residence hall complex for a ceremonial groundbreaking. The \$23.5 million dollar residence hall for freshmen is being constructed just north of the Campus Center parking lots. More than 85,000 square feet in size, "Oriskany Residence Hall" will consist of a three-story main building with two smaller

two-story wings. The name of SUNYIT's third residence hall complex was approved by the College Council last fall after campus-wide input was solicited on possible building names.

It's the third groundbreaking ceremony to occur on campus in the last 18 months. Construction continues on the other two building projects: a \$13.6 million student center and a \$20 million field house. Groundbreaking for a fourth project, an advanced technology center, is expected to take place this fall. Oriskany Residence Hall is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in fall 2011.



Nursing Outreach Inspires Award-Winning Project

SUNYIT nursing students and faculty honored Nancy Jayne of Whitesboro, winner of the Disney FamilyFun award, as she presented a \$2,500 donation to SUNYIT's Brazil outreach recently.

Jayne and her six-year-old grandson, Caleb, were featured in *USA Weekend* April 18 for the shoe drive they conducted; their effort was inspired by the SUNYIT Brazil outreach, a project of nursing faculty and students. In recognition of their efforts, Disney FamilyFun donated \$2,500 to the charity of their choice.

"Our nursing students and faculty are known for their commitment to their profession and their academic excellence," said Kathleen Sellers, associate professor. "We also want to celebrate the many ways in which they inspire others and give back to the community."



Left to right: Maria Roche-Dean '00 G'05, Patricia Grust '98, Louise Dean-Kelly, Darlene DelPrato, Kathleen Sellers, Andrea LaZarek-Laquay '07 G'09, Pat Zawko '99 G'00 Advisor to PNO and Jerry Wall '11 President of PNO. Seated: Nancy Jayne and Caleb Young

National Recognition for Community Service

SUNYIT has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers the annual Honor Roll award, recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for their impact on issues from poverty and homelessness to environmental justice. SUNYIT was cited for three efforts: nursing students and faculty's continuing mission to Brazilian villages

along the Amazon River, an annual student fundraiser, "Dinner, Dance & Romance," that supports not-for-profit organizations such as Abraham House and Evelyn's House, and SUNYIT's array of K-12 programs such as SummerTeens, FIRST LEGO League competitions, and the annual Technology Showcase.

"Congratulations to our students and faculty for their commitment to community service," said Wolf Yeigh, president of SUNYIT. "Special thanks to those faculty and staff who devote countless hours working with students to support SUNYIT's service learning and community outreach."

The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, launched in 2006, annually recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service. The President's Honor Roll increases the public's awareness of the contributions that colleges and their students make to local communities and the nation as a whole.



Student Center



Opening in spring 2011, the \$13.8 million **Student Center** will be the focus of student life for both residential and commuter students, with a dining area, multi-purpose rooms, offices and meeting rooms for student clubs, game room, a theater and lounges, a campus pub, a 20-foot media wall, and an environment enhanced for computer gaming.



Watch US Grow

Field House



The \$20 million **Field House** will be home to the Wildcats' intercollegiate athletics and campus intramural and recreation programs. Opening in spring 2011, the building will accommodate commencement and other large events, and will include a fitness center, running/walking track, sports training facilities, a sports medicine/training room, and team locker rooms.



Oriskany Residence Hall will provide the freshman class at SUNYIT with a new suite-style living experience. The \$23.5 million complex will be home to about 240 students starting in fall 2011. In addition to suite-style living, amenities will include studies, student storage, and a building kitchen for shared use and laundry rooms.

Oriskany Residence Hall





World-renowned Shenandoah Golf Club was host to this year's Foundation Golf Invitational. Alumni and friends assisted the Foundation in raising over \$10,000 to support SUNYIT's most critical and immediate needs.



Left to right: The foursome of Kevin Grimmer, Dr. Wolf Yeigh, Kevin Edick, and Nicole Watson '83 gave everyone tough competition on the greens.



Paul Totaro '79, Foundation Trustee Mike Giacobbe, Foundation Trustee and Karl Keil G'99, and Bill Holicky enjoyed one of the best golf courses in New York State.

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Milestone Announced to Spur Nanotechnology-enabled Investment and Growth in Mohawk Valley

Assemblywoman RoAnn M. Destito and other officials marked the signing of a Project Development Agreement (PDA) that will pave the way for the start of infrastructure and access work for the Marcy NanoCenter at SUNYIT, a major milestone that marks a critical step forward in the development of the 300-acre high-technology site in Marcy.

The signed PDA lays the groundwork for development of the SUNYIT campus acreage west of Edic Road through an agreement among Mohawk Valley EDGE, the State University of New York and the SUNY Research Foundation.

Assemblywoman Destito said, "This Project Development Agreement is an extremely important blueprint that we will use as we continue developing the Marcy nano site both in the private sector and on the public side, growing our SUNYIT campus into one that will support the semiconductor industry here in the Mohawk Valley region."

Included in the PDA is the formation of Fort Schuyler Management Corporation (FSMC), which was modeled on the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) of the University at Albany and the Fuller Road Management Corporation (FRMC), a not-for-profit entity established to manage the nanotechnology facilities at CNSE's Albany NanoTech Complex. SUNYIT and CNSE announced a wide-ranging public-private nanotechnology partnership in 2009.

"This innovative partnership, which combines the exceptional leadership and pioneering vision of Speaker Silver, Assemblywoman Destito and the New York State Assembly with the strong



Left to right, Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito, SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente and Mohawk Valley EDGE President Steve DiMeo look on as President Yeigh signs the PDA documents. Above, right: President Yeigh speaks at the May 13 signing ceremony.

collaboration between SUNYIT and the UAlbany NanoCollege, will enable leading-edge technologies, pioneering education and workforce training, and high-tech economic opportunity and growth," CNSE Senior Vice President and CEO Dr. Alain Kaloyeros said. "With the Project Development Agreement now in place, we look forward to working cooperatively to bring private nanotechnology jobs, companies and investment to the Utica-Rome area."

"Taking the next step in our partnership with CNSE is an important development for SUNYIT and for our region," SUNYIT President Wolf Yeigh told the May 13 gathering in the Cayan Library. "With the signing of the Marcy NanoCenter at SUNYIT Project Development Agreement, we are seeing concrete evidence of the tremendous promise these developments hold for the regional economy."

SUNYIT's cleanroom in the planned Center for Advanced Technology/Computer Chip Commercialization Center complex will be similar to this cleanroom at UAlbany's College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering (CNSE).



Engineering Program Approved

Assemblywoman RoAnn M. Destito says final approval of a new bachelor of science degree program in electrical and computer engineering will greatly strengthen SUNYIT's emphasis on science and technology.

"This program will not only strengthen SUNYIT's role preparing students for the high-tech job market, it will also greatly strengthen our workforce development and economic development programs," Destito said. "This program will help eliminate the problem many companies in our region have experienced in recent years finding well-trained engineers to fill jobs."

"Thanks to the support of Assemblywoman Destito and our other partners and advocates, this program will prepare students for careers in engineering and allied fields while promoting economic growth and workforce development in the region," President Yeigh said. "This is an important step in SUNYIT's development as New York State's public institute of technology."

Electrical and computer engineering is one of several new academic offerings starting in the fall 2010 semester. A new bachelor of science degree program in network and computer security will address an increasing need in society for an educated information security workforce. A new accelerated option will allow students interested in communication and related fields to earn a bachelor of science degree in communication and information design and a master of science degree in information design and technology in five years on an accelerated schedule.

Several of the steps identified by the SUNY Board of Trustees in 2009 as necessary for the development of the SUNYIT site are addressed in the PDA, including:

- A long-term ground lease so that the SUNY-owned nanotech site can be controlled by a not-for-profit entity, FSMC, created by the SUNY Research Foundation and the SUNYIT Foundation.
- A sub-lease between FSMC and Mohawk Valley EDGE so that EDGE can market the site and oversee initial site work, facility design and construction, with an end-user replacing

EDGE as the sub-lessee that would make long-term lease payments to FSMC.

- Initial payments from EDGE totaling \$4.2 million to FSMC, which will use the funds to support and enhance the mission of SUNYIT, including emerging technologies and programs such as nanotechnology.

Others participating in the ceremony were SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Senator Joseph Griffo, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente and Mohawk Valley EDGE President Steven J. DiMeo.



Donald Dutcher '92: Distinguished Service Award

Donald Dutcher '92, a SUNYIT Wildcats Hall of Fame inductee as a student-athlete, will now have his professional career recognized by SUNYIT's Alumni Association for his achievements as a higher education administrator leading a program where students excel on the fields and in the classrooms. Dutcher will receive the Alumni Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes extraordinary service to profession, community, and/or alma mater, at the Alumni & Friends Reception on Saturday, September 11. To register for this Alumni Association event, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Upcoming Events" to access event details and the online registration form.



Donald Dutcher '92 will be honored at the Alumni & Friends Reception on Saturday, September 11. Register online by September 3; go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Upcoming Events."

Dutcher has distinguished himself as Director of Athletics at Herkimer County Community College, where the athletics program has emerged as one of the top junior college athletic programs in the country since his arrival there in 2004. Overseeing all HCCC athletics operations and 19 athletic programs, Dutcher is committed to providing students a quality athletic experience as an integral and valued component of their total educational experience. Under Dutcher's leadership, HCCC's student-athletes have continued to excel in the classroom, earning seven NJCAA Academic Team of the Year awards and numerous Academic All-Region awards.

Dutcher is involved locally with youth soccer. Additionally, for the 2009-10 academic year, Dutcher helped HCCC athletes give back to the community through an Adopt-a-School program he created, linking HCCC varsity teams to students in area school systems.

Prior to joining HCCC, Dutcher's honors included being named Mohawk Valley Coach of the Year in 2004 for leading Poland Central's basketball team to the State Final Four and being inducted in 2003 into the SUNYIT Wildcats Hall of Fame in as a standout soccer player. Go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/upcoming_events for a complete bio.

Alumni and Athletics Activities Planned for 2010-11

The Alumni Association is finalizing its events schedule for 2010-11 which will include the 1970s-80s Reunion (see page 9), another "SUNYIT in the City" event in New York City, and activities in conjunction with Athletics Department programs.

Alumni Reception, Coed Soccer Game: Alumni are invited to register to attend the SUNYIT Alumni & Friends Reception on September 11, with honoree **Donald Dutcher '92** (see sidebar). The Alumni Association-sponsored reception begins at 3:30 p.m., with updates on SUNYIT and various construction projects, including the new Field House. The reception is immediately after the 2 p.m. coed alumni soccer game, which follows the women's soccer game at noon. Reception space is limited; register online by September 6 – go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Upcoming Events."

Alumni Baseball Game, Golf Outing: The Athletics Department is planning the annual Alumni Baseball Game, in conjunction with a golf outing in support of the Wildcats Baseball program. Head Baseball Coach Kevin Edick was finalizing arrangements at press time, and details will be announced soon.

SUNYIT in the City: Details will be e-mailed to all alumni regarding



The men's and women's soccer teams are looking forward to welcoming alumni back to campus September 11, for the Co-ed Alumni Soccer Game at 2 p.m. (see article for details), following the noon women's game.

the date and location for the Alumni Office's annual visit to New York City for a special alumni networking event. Send an updated e-mail address to alumni@sunyit.edu to ensure receipt of all the details.

February Alumni Activities: In February 2011, the Alumni Association will honor Kevin Grimmer, Athletics Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach (see pg. 9). Details will be announced in the fall and are expected to be coordinated with the Athletic Department's Alumni Basketball Game to facilitate travel for alumni who wish to attend both events.

SUNYIT Southern Swing

Near right photo: Alumni catch up with each other at the SUNYIT Southern Swing stop at Dogfish Head Alehouse in the Gaithersburg MD/Washington DC area on February 18, 2010: (left to right) John Jefferson '89, Annette (Labuzzetta) Tinder '88, and Doug Tinder '88, a former student government president.

Middle photo: Alumni attending the SUNYIT Southern Swing gathering at Carolina Ale House in Raleigh, NC, included: (left to right) Dave Sternquist '89, Jay Fylak '87 and Jennifer Corinna '95.

Far right photo: Other Raleigh-area alumni attending the SUNYIT Southern Swing stop in North Carolina on February 19, 2010, included: (left to right) Tony Walldroff '07, Rob Verzera '93, a former student government president, and Trish (Smith) Verzera '93.

Alumni Events

Globe Mill Group Reunion for Classes of 1975 to 1989 is April 16



All 15 classes from 1975 to 1989, and other students, faculty and staff from SUNYIT's old-campus days, will gather for the second "Globe Mill Group" Reunion on April 16, 2011. Shown here are students and their styles from the "Globe Mill" era of the mid-1970s.

SUNYIT's "Globe Mill Group," those who were part of the college during the early campus days in the '70s and '80s, will be reunited on April 16, 2011. The first "Globe Mill Group" Reunion was held three years ago, attended by representatives from the 15 classes from 1975 through 1989 and faculty and staff from the old-campus days. The event was such a big success that attendees requested to have a repeat gathering.

The coming academic year is a terrific time for the second "Globe Mill Group" Reunion, as it marks 25 years since the opening of SUNYIT's first building on its current campus for classes in 1985-86. Alumni who haven't been campus since the first "Globe Mill Group" Reunion will have an opportunity to see renovations made to the former library wing of Kunsela Hall (previously named the ACL or Administration-Classroom-Library Building), as well as three new buildings under construction: the Field House, Oriskany Residence Hall, and Student Center (see pg. 4).

Planning was still underway as of *The Bridge* magazine publication deadline; for updated information and more details, to go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Upcoming Events."

Kevin Grimmer: Honorary Alumnus Award

Kevin Grimmer, Athletics Director and Head Coach of Men's Basketball, has been selected to receive the Honorary Alumnus Award, which recognizes a non-alumnus of SUNYIT who has made outstanding contributions to benefit the Alumni Association and its members. He will be honored at an alumni event to be held later in the 2010-11 academic year. Event details and registration information will be announced online this fall; go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Upcoming Events."



Kevin Grimmer

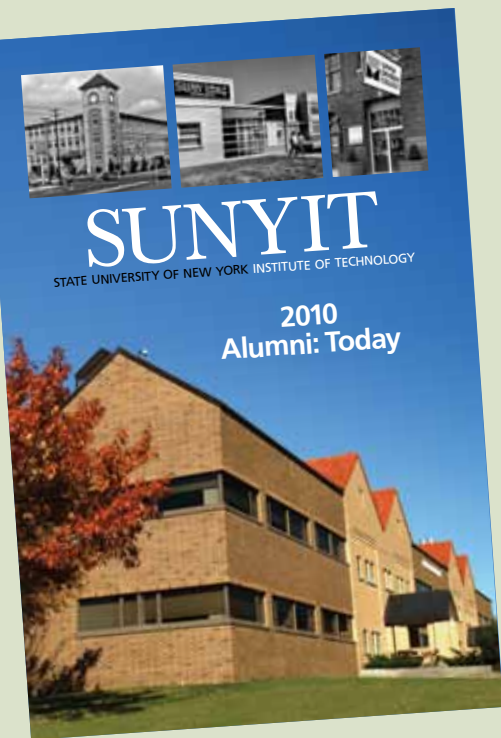
Grimmer has benefited alumni in three ways: enhancing outreach to Wildcat alumni through alumni games and special events, holding numerous athletics positions at SUNYIT over the past 26 years that have touched the lives of thousands of students, and creating an athletics program in which all SUNYIT alumni can take pride.

With 26 years in SUNYIT athletics, the last 10 years under Grimmer's leadership, SUNYIT had its greatest athletics year ever in 2009-10. After making a very successful transition to the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) last year, SUNYIT capped off 2009-10 by winning the NEAC President's Cup, which is awarded to the top overall athletics program in the 11-team conference, along with numerous other individual player, team and coaching awards.

Grimmer joined SUNYIT before the current campus existed. He started in 1984 as an assistant basketball coach and intramurals director. In addition to his current two positions, over the years has also served as assistant athletics director, head women's basketball coach, the first women's volleyball, and sports information director. Grimmer has many coaching accolades, which testify to his impact with individual players and SUNYIT as a whole. In 2009-10 he led the Men's Basketball Team to its first ever Sweet 16 game in the NCAA Division III tournament (see pg. 12).



Class Notes



Alumni Directory: Shipping Soon

Thanks go to all alumni who provided updated contact information and submitted mini biographies and photos to Harris Connect, the vendor producing SUNYIT's 2010 Alumni Directory. For those alumni who ordered directories, shipping remains on schedule for late August 2010. For more information, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Alumni Directory – 'SUNYIT 2010, Alumni: Today.'" For questions about orders, call the vendor directly: Harris Connect's customer service department, 1(800)877-6554.

Debra Sutliff G'98 is one of only three individuals from a network of 190 colleges and universities to be named a "Campus Angel" by "On Point for College." Sutliff, who was recognized at On Point's 2010 Celebration on April 28, has served as Bursar at Herkimer County Community College since 1988. On Point is a non-profit organization based in Syracuse, N.Y., whose mission is to open the door to higher education for inner city youth. The "Campus Angel" distinction recognizes college staffers who show great compassion and service to low-income and first-generation college students. For additional details, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Class Notes for July 2010."



Gary Bean '77 joined SUNYIT in April 2010 as Chief of University Police. He is a veteran law enforcement professional, most recently serving as Chief of University Police at SUNY Potsdam.



Alumni eNews Class Notes

Updates regarding the following alumni were received since July 1, 2010, and were posted online for July 2010. To access the website posting containing these Class Notes, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and follow the link for *The Bridge* and Class Notes.

Submitting to Class Notes: Alumni should submit updates and press releases via e-mail to alumni@sunyit.edu and be sure to include (1) their full name at the time they were enrolled and (2) the years they attended SUNYIT.

"G" denotes graduate degree

1970s

Gary Bean '77

Criminal Justice

Margaret Peggy (Rivers) Allen '79

General Studies

Suzanne Marie Basualdo '79

Human Services

Janice "Jan" Welker '79

Nursing

1980s

Emanuel "Manny" Contompasis '83

Industrial Engineering Technology

Sandra (Hersh) Sime '83

Business/Public Management

Patricia Arvantides '84

Medical Records Administration

Robert J. Sheets '87 '91

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Matthew Canino '88

Mechanical Engineering Technology

J. Douglas Robinson G'88

MS Business Management

1990s

Joseph Ruggiero '91

Electrical Engineering Technology

Robert J. Sheets '87 '91

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Donald Dutcher '92

Industrial Engineering Technology

Fred "Fritz" Scherz Jr. '95 G'98

Business/Public Management

MS Business Management

Rebecca Ruffing G'97

MS Business Management

Anthony Obernesser '98

Civil Engineering Technology

Justin Sales '98

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Debra Sutliff G'98

MS Business Management

2000s

Joseph Parisella '02

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Andrew Denison '03

Professional & Technical Communication

Nick Grimmer '05

Business/Public Management

Kevin J. Bertholf '07

Computer Information Systems

Chris Dare '09

Computer Engineering Technology

Lauren Enright '07 G'10

Computer Engineering Technology

and Electrical Engineering Technology

MBA Technology Management

Jennifer Phelan Ninh G'07

MBA Technology Management

John R. Russo '07

Industrial Engineering Technology

Zachary Hoffman '08 G'09

Computer/Information Science

MS Computer/Information Science

Tyler Mitchell '08

Computer/Information Science and

Computer Information Systems

Robert J. "Robbie" Pazdur II '08 G'09

Mechanical Engineering Technology

MS Advanced Technology

Amy Sanders '08

Business Administration

Richard Gianotti Jr. '09

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Craig M. Ross G'09

MBA Technology Management



Joseph Parisella '02, an Engineer with Delta Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors (www.deltaengineers.com) in Endwell, N.Y., is responsible for providing plumbing, HVAC, and fire protection system design and contract documents for a wide variety of building types. His recent projects included SUNYIT's newest residence hall, which is now under construction. "I was selected to be part of the design team for the new Oriskany Hall project," he writes. "The project design started in early 2009 and concluded in the beginning of 2010. My duties for this project were to provide the plumbing design and technical specifications and to review equipment submittals prior to construction. The plumbing design included the domestic hot water system/DDC control, domestic water distribution, sanitary waste and vent piping, storm drainage, natural gas distribution and associated equipment selection/sizing/fit-out. It was exciting to be able to work on a project for the college that propelled me into my current profession." For additional details, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Class Notes for July 2010."

Joseph Ruggiero '91, a former student government president at SUNYIT, was appointed by the Board of Commissioners of the New York State Bridge Authority (www.nysba.net) to the position of Executive Director in March 2010. Ruggiero serves as the Chief Operating and Executive Officer of the Hudson Valley-based public benefit transportation authority. Prior to his appointment, Ruggiero served as an Assistant Comptroller for New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, the state's chief fiscal officer. Appointed in April 2008, Ruggiero served in a leadership capacity for public policy. Previously, Ruggiero served three elected terms as Town Supervisor for the Town of Wappinger in Dutchess County; he served four consecutive terms as a Town Councilman prior to being elected Supervisor. Ruggiero spent the first 10 years of his career in various engineering and management positions in the telecommunications industry. For additional details, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Class Notes for July 2010."



Louis J. Galbiati Jr., a dean and professor of engineering technology at SUNYIT during its formative years, died June 4 at the age of 85. Galbiati held a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Cornell University and was the author of a textbook on machine vision. He was a member of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE), the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), and Robotics International.



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Athletics

2009-10 Athletics Year in Review: SUNYIT Has Greatest Year Ever



After making a very successful transition to the North Eastern Athletic Conference a year ago, SUNYIT had its greatest athletics year ever in 2009-10 and capped it off by winning the NEAC President's Cup, which is awarded to the top overall athletics program in the 11-team conference. The Wildcats also took home first place in the men's standings, while finishing in third place on the women's side.

"Our Wildcat intercollegiate sports program is representing SUNYIT in exemplary fashion," explained SUNYIT Athletics Director Kevin Grimmer. "We're very proud of the great achievements made by our student-athletes and coaches this past year."

Looking at the endless lists of accomplishments this past year, it is hard not to argue that this was the greatest year in the history of SUNYIT athletics. Collectively, there were two NEAC Conference champions, four second place finishes, seven conference tournament appearances, an NCAA Sweet 16 appearance, three NEAC Coaches of the Year and three NEAC Player of the Year winners to go along with numerous individual and team awards.



It all started last fall, with men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's and women's cross country all making postseason appearances. The men's soccer team made an appearance in both the NEAC semifinals and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Tournament after finishing a program-best 13-8 overall while breaking the program single-season records for goals (41) and points (108) and tying the program record for assists

(26). The squad also placed five student-athletes on the NEAC All-Conference Team.

After initially struggling and starting the season 0-4, the women's soccer team finished with a program-best record of 10-9-1 overall and earned bids to both the NEAC Tournament and the ECAC DIII Women's Soccer Upstate Championship Tournament under first-year head coach Tyler Renaud. The Lady Wildcats also won the prestigious National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Team Ethics Award, being among 45 teams nationally that received the Silver Award, which is given to teams that accumulate no red cards and a maximum of five yellow cards. (SUNYIT received just four yellow cards during the year.)

The women's volleyball team finished as the runner up in the NEAC Championships for the second straight year, finishing with a 19-13 overall record and posting back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in program history. Sophomore Juleah Vedder (Dolgeville, NY/Dolgeville) had another sensational season, being named the NEAC Player of the Year for the second consecutive year and being selected to her second straight NEAC All-Conference First Team after leading the team in almost every statistical category. The team also did its part in the fight against breast cancer, participating in the annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk and holding a "Dig Pink" volleyball match during the season, helping raise almost \$6,000 in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The men's cross country team finished second in the NEAC Championships for the second consecutive year and placed four student-athletes on the All-

Conference Team, while the women's team was very competitive in all nine of its events despite being shorthanded throughout the year. The men's golf team also had a strong fall season, earning two top-five finishes and defeating NEAC rival SUNY Cobleskill in its lone dual of the season.

The success reached even greater heights in the winter, as the men's basketball team picked up right where it left off a year ago by winning its second straight NEAC conference championship to gain an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. The team would go on to make the school's first ever trip to the Sweet 16, finishing the year with a program-best record of 26-5. Head Coach Kevin Grimmer was recognized for these accomplishments, as he was named the Coach of the Year for the NEAC, the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) East Region, the Basketball Coaches Association of New York, Inc. (BCANY) and the D3Hoops.com East Region. The team was led by junior David Golembowski (Barneveld, NY/Holland Patent), who won the NEAC Player of the Year award for the second consecutive season while also being named the ECAC Upstate Player of the Year. The awards didn't stop there, as he was also selected to the NEAC All-Conference First Team, the All-BCANY First Team, the NABC East Region First Team, the DIII News All-America Fourth Team and the D3Hoops.com All-East Region First Team, with the last honor allowing him to participate on the USA D-3 All-Star Basketball Team Tour through Brazil this summer.

The women's basketball team also had its second straight successful year, finishing 15-11 overall and making an appearance in the NEAC Tournament quarterfinals. Leading the way was junior center Tamara Williams (Rome, NY/Rome Free Academy), who was selected to the NEAC All-Conference First Team, the ECAC All-Star Second Team and the D3Hoops.com All-East Region Second Team. She became the program's all-time leader in career rebounds on the same night that she grabbed a school-record 27 boards in one contest, and will now enter her senior season second in program history in career blocks and fifth all-time in career points.

The men's and women's swimming teams made a big splash in their first seasons at the varsity level. Head coach Sue Brumm was named the NEAC Men's Swimming Coach of the Year after guiding her squad to an undefeated regular season in dual



meets at 3-0, four top-three finishes and a second-place finish in the NEAC Championships. She also helped lead the women's team to a fourth place finish at the NEAC Championships and was one of only 25 coaches selected to attend the 2010 NCAA Coaches Academy this past June.

The men's volleyball team made great strides in its third year of play, picking up a program-record nine victories and leading the nation in total digs per game in what proved to be its toughest schedule yet. Individually, senior Alex Rahmel (Cornwall, NY/Cornwall Central) finished the year as the national leader in digs per game, freshman Jeffrey Coon (Cheektowaga, NY/Cheektowaga) was named the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association (NECVA) West Division Co-Rookie of the Year,



junior Kevin Nelson (Oneida, NY/Oneida) was selected to the ESPN the Magazine Men's At-Large District One College Division All-Academic Second Team and sophomore Ryan Meller (Eden, NY/Eden Central) was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) National Player of the Week during the season.

Rounding out the winter sports was women's bowling, which had a solid year against the top talent at the Division I level. The team had top-five finishes in eight of the 10 invitational events it competed in, while also winning its lone dual match of the season, defeating Medaille College 2-1.

SUNYIT Athletics would reach the national stage by the end of the spring season, with both the baseball and softball teams having national leaders in multiple categories. In baseball, the team finished 19-21 overall and won the NEAC West Division championship after being led by senior Chris Fratini (Syracuse, NY/Westhill), who finished the season as the national leader in both total triples and triples per game, while being one triple shy of tying the NCAA record for most in a season. He also finished the year ranked second in the country in batting average, while being third in slugging percentage and seventh in on-base percentage. He was rewarded for his efforts, as he was crowned the NEAC Player of the Year and was also named to the NEAC All-Conference First Team, the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Division III All-American Second Team, the D3baseball.com All-America Second Team and the ABCA All-Region First Team.

Softball dominated the national rankings this season, which was a big reason why the team had its greatest season ever, finishing 29-9 overall and making an appearance in the NEAC championship contest. As a team, the Lady Wildcats ranked first in both scoring and doubles per game, while being fourth in batting average, eighth in slugging percentage and tenth in triples per game, helping head coach Jessica Skelton to be crowned the NEAC Co-Coach of the Year. Individually, freshman Lyndsey Brognano (Rome, NY/Rome Free Academy) had an outstanding debut season, finishing as the national leader in runs per game and fourth overall in doubles per game, while setting the program single-season

records for runs and doubles and tying the records for hits, RBI and runs scored in a game.

Men's golf picked up right where it left off in the fall, closing its spring season by taking home first place at the SUNY ESF Invitational, which was a fitting way to cap off the greatest year in the history of SUNYIT Athletics.

"Winning the NEAC President's Cup is a tremendous accomplishment and it will be our challenge to repeat again next year," Grimmer said. "With our exciting new facilities coming on line soon and the addition of men's and women's lacrosse, our program is poised for continued success."



Twumasi, Facey Receive Arthur Ashe Sports Scholars Awards

SUNYIT junior Daniel Twumasi (Brooklyn, NY/James Madison) and sophomore Nico Facey (New York, NY/George Westinghouse) of the men's soccer team

in goals (6) while being second in points (15) and tied for second in assists (3). He has been an offensive force during his SUNYIT career, as he is currently second in program history in goals (16) and points (35), and is just two goals and 12 points away from being first in both categories.

have both received the 2010 Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Award, which is presented by the publication *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education* to honor undergraduate student-athletes of color who excel in academics, athletics and community service.

Off the field, Twumasi is a member of the SUNYIT IEEE Club and has been a coach and supervisor at the United Soccer Academy in Brooklyn, NY, which holds summer camps for mentally challenged teenagers.

Inspired by tennis legend Arthur Ashe Jr.'s commitment to education as well as his love for the game of tennis, nominees for the award have to compete in an intercollegiate sport, maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2 and be active on their campuses and/or in their communities.

Facey, a computer science major, finished the season with four goals and three assists in 17 contests and won the team's only NEAC Student-Athlete of the Week award. Off the field, he received the Diversity Honors Scholarship this past academic year and was member of the Dean's List, while also serving as a resident advisor on campus.

Twumasi, an electrical engineering major, has been a member of the Dean's List during every semester he has attended SUNYIT and was selected to the SUNYAC All-Academic Team in 2007. He earned on a spot on the NEAC All-Conference Second Team this past season after finishing tied for first on the team

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