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Upcoming SUNYIT Alumni Events

Sept. 28-30 Wildcat Weekend (See back cover for details)

October Boston, Mass. event

November New York City event

Finger Lakes Wine Tour

December Austin, Texas event

Staten Island, NY event

January '13 Washington, D.C. event

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Coming Soon: SUNYIT Alumni

Traveling Happy Hour!

Make sure you don't miss these or other great opportunities to reconnect with your former classmates and friends. For details, stay tuned to the alumni events calendar at **sunyit.edu/alumni**.

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Greetings!

The last few months have seen many opportunities for our alumni office to connect with you, and in just a few weeks we hope to see many of you back on campus!

We hosted a number of great alumni events in New York City, Syracuse and Saratoga Springs this summer. Upcoming events are scheduled for alumni in Boston, Mass., Washington, D.C., Austin, Texas, and Staten Island. We launched a brand new alumni benefits website, **sunyit.edu/alumnibenefits**, which provides money-saving discounts from over 30 local and national companies, with more being added weekly. And, in response to a great many alumni requests, we have been working hard to plan a true homecoming and reunion weekend.

Wildcat Weekend 2012 will be held September 28-30 on the SUNYIT campus, and all SUNYIT alumni, parents, friends and students are welcome to join us for a full schedule of fun activities. There will be a men's and women's soccer doubleheader, guided tours of new buildings, a carnival with bounce houses for kids and other attractions, a community barbecue and picnic, Saranac Brewery tours, an alumni happy hour and more. The full schedule of events and details on attending can be found online at **sunyit.edu/wildcatweekend** or by calling the alumni office at (315) 792-7110.

Also, if you graduated in a class year ending in a 2 or a 7, you are invited to join your classmates at a very special class reunion cocktail hour and dinner on Friday, September 29. You should already have received your class reunion invitation in the mail, but if you haven't, please let our office know. Visit **sunyit.edu/reunion** for details.

Since reunions and alumni events are really about reconnecting with friends and former classmates, I hope that you will take some time to check out our website, **sunyit.edu/alumni**. There, you will find a calendar of upcoming events, links to join our official SUNYIT Alumni Association Facebook and LinkedIn groups, information on new alumni benefits and much more. Check back often, as we are always adding things to better serve our alumni.

Finally, I encourage you to please stay in touch with us! Contact us by phone, mail, fax, e-mail or, for your convenience, go to **sunyit.edu/alumni.submitnews** and fill out the form, with any new addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, job changes, promotions, marriages, births and deaths. Be sure to send us your news for Class Notes. I know this is one of the first sections alumni read when they get the Bridge, so take advantage of the opportunity to tell your classmates and others what's new in your life.

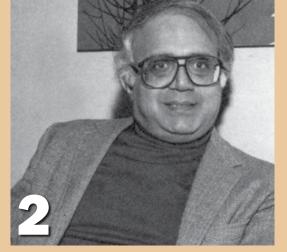
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Winning year for Wildcats





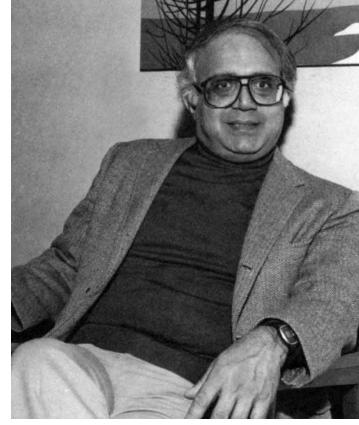
Remembering Brij

Psych professor's legacy lives on

July 7, 2012, marked ten years since the passing of Brijmohan Mullick, associate professor in psychology. A native of India, "Brij" – as he was known to one and all – was a 1951 graduate of Panjab University, Chandiagarh, India, where he received a B.A. with a double major in English literature and history. He earned Ph.D. and M.A. degrees in psychology from Wayne State University in Detroit, and an M.S. in social work from the University of Delhi, India.

Former students and colleagues remember Brij fondly, and the impact he had on so many psychology students from 1979 until his untimely death in 2002 continues to resonate. His remarkable success in the classroom was recognized with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching a few months before his passing; the award was presented by then-Chancellor Robert L. King at Commencement. In his memory, two endowed scholarships were established:

- The Dr. Brij Mullick Psi Chi Scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time transfer student majoring in psychology.
- The Dr. Brij Mullick Scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time freshman with a preference given to a freshman majoring in psychology.



Brij Mullick, who died July 7, 2002, is seen here in an undated photo.



Developmental psychologist and youth violence prevention researcher Catherine Bradshaw delivered the annual Psi Chi lecture, instituted by Brij, in Kunsela Lecture Hall on April 10.

Recently, Rosemary Mullick, professor of computer science and his wife of 33 years, was asked to share her memories of Brij.

Q: Where did you and Brij meet?

A: Brij and I met at San Diego State University where he was a counselor in the Counseling Center and I was a graduate student.

Q: What attracted you and Brij to come to SUNYIT?

A: I was teaching at SUNYIT and Brij was finishing his Ph.D., at Wayne State. When he finished, there was an opening in the Human Services Department at SUNYIT and Brij was selected for the position. I later took a position in the Computer Science Department and Brij interviewed and was selected for a position in the Psychology Department.

Q: What are some of your fondest memories of Brij?

A: I think that my fondest memories of Brij involved interacting with people all over the world who had met him in his travels. The most common statements were "I remember that Indian meal you made for me."

Q: What made Brij such a popular faculty member?

A: I believe that Brij was a popular faculty member because it was obvious how much he cared about his students. He had high expectations of himself and of those around him and motivated all of us to be the best we could be.



Rosemary Mullick, professor of computer science.

Q: What prompted you and others to establish the two scholarships in Brij's name?

A: Actually Brij raised the funds for the Psi Chi Scholarship that SUNYIT renamed in his memory after his death. The Brij Mullick Scholarship was established because of his love of teaching and his concern for students.

Q: What do you feel is Brij's greatest legacy here at SUNYIT?

A: He always wanted to "give back to the community" and "make a difference," and I believe that he achieved both of these goals.

Assemblyman Brindisi Secures \$500,000 for STEM

Assemblymember Anthony J. Brindisi (D-Utica) announced recently that SUNYIT will be receiving \$500,000 for additional staff to aid in the development of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, including nanotechnology.

"Thanks to Assemblyman Brindisi's leadership, SUNYIT will be able to make critical investments in its new and emerging academic programs," President Yeigh said. "This will mean increased support for faculty development, which will result in an enhanced academic experience for our students. It also enables the grander vision the Assemblyman

sees for SUNYIT's expansion of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) for the future."

"I have been fighting for this additional funding since January so SUNYIT can use it to attract and hire top faculty and provide the education SUNYIT students deserve," Brindisi said. "Expanding the course offerings in these fields will help students become better-rounded in these emerging fields, and ready to fill the tech jobs of the future."

This past December Brindisi held a forum to bring together educators, businesses, and

labor representatives to make sure students are taught the skills they will need to support new industry and workforce development, specifically focusing on the semiconductor, nanotechnology, cyber-security, and clean technology fields.

"This funding will go a long way in showing the companies who have already invested in SUNYIT that we value their commitment and we are moving forward," said Brindisi. "Having a better-trained workforce will attract businesses and help the Mohawk Valley become a leader in nanotechnology."

Campus News

Theoretical Physicist First in President's Lecture Series

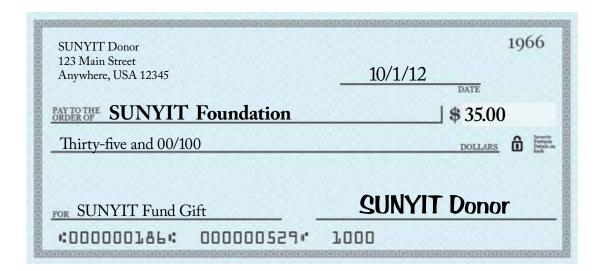
The first installment in the SUNYIT President's Lecture Series will feature internationally renowned physicist Pavel Winternitz of the Université de Montréal on Friday, September 14, at noon, in Donovan Hall Rm. G152

Pavel Winternitz grew up in Prague, was educated in St. Petersburg and Dubna, trained in the U.K and worked for a few years in the U.S. before settling permanently in Montreal in 1972. Since 1984 he has been full professor at the Université de Montréal. He held visiting appointments in France, Italy, Spain, Australia and Mexico. A world expert on group theory applications in physics, his seminal work on symmetries of nonlinear partial differential equations is of major significance. His key results include the classification of the subalgebras for many differential equations and their applications in various areas of physics. The Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) hailed his work involving group theory analysis of difference equations as "a truly pioneering effort in the field of mathematical physics."

He is the recipient of the 2002 CAP/CRM Prize in Theoretical Physics from the Canadian Association of Physicists for his work in group theory and his work on symmetries of nonlinear partial differential equations. He holds the following degrees: Ph.D. in Theoretical Physics, Joint Institute for Nuclear Research, Dubna, Russia; M.Sc. in Theoretical Physics, University of Leningrad, (now St. Petersburg), Russia.



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Nano Forum First in Series

More than 100 educators, business and industry leaders attend

Nanotechnology is transforming the global economy, and New York is part of the transformation. That was the message delivered to more than a hundred business leaders, industry experts, teachers and students at SUNYIT's first nanotechnology forum May 3. Congressman Richard Hanna, NYS Senator Joseph Griffo and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi addressed the gathering, stressing the importance of nanotechnology and "STEM" (science, technology, engineering and math) education to the regional economy. President Yeigh welcomed attendees to what he said was the first in a series of public forums on nanotechnology.

"Nanoscale science and technology have created new devices and gadgets that we live by, and they have also resulted in jobs and opportunities. The growth we have witnessed in the Capital Region through dramatic expansion of the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering is a testament of this new opportunity in nano," Yeigh said. "We want you to be a part of this wave of excitement behind nano – as nano and its allied technologies come to the Mohawk Valley. We want you to be our partners in attracting and growing this technology industry with us."

The event examined the emerging importance of nanotechnology to the Mohawk Valley. Three break-out workshops addressed nanotechnology's implications for K-12 educators and the general public; college faculty and students, and for business and industry.

Presenters included: Michael Fancher, Vice President for Business Development & Outreach at UAlbany's College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering (CNSE); John Marsh, Associate Professor of Computer Science at SUNYIT; Janet L. Paluh, Associate Professor of Nanobioscience at CNSE; Michael Skvarla, User Program Manager at the Cornell NanoScale Science & Technology Facility; Greg Heiland President & CEO of Valutek; Andy C. Mackie, Global Product Manager at Indium Corporation; and Terry Rogelstad, Sales Engineer at Pfeiffer Vacuum, Inc.



Picture Yourself at Our Alumni Events

We've had lots of alumni events recently and were glad to see many of you in attendance! If you have photos you'd like to share, please e-mail them to alumni@sunyit.edu. We'll feature them on our website, sunyit.edu/alumni, and on Facebook!













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SUNYIT's 38th annual spring commencement May 5 in the Wildcat Field House featured a keynote address by New York Lt. Gov. Robert Duffy, and remarks by U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. President Yeigh told graduates they had witnessed a lot of changes during their time on campus.

"Your first year, we broke ground for the Student Center, and now it's completed, along with the new Oriskany Residence Hall, and this fantastic field house. SUNYIT continues to grow physically and in all aspects."

More than 400 candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees were eligible to participate, and hundreds of family and friends were on hand for the ceremony. For those unable to attend, the event was streamed live online. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Student Center.



Commencement













"Gumby" goes to Germany

Dave Golembiowski's pro basketball experience

Editor's note: As 2011 SUNYIT graduate and former All-American basketball player Dave "Gumby" Golembiowski prepared for his second season playing professional basketball in Germany, the 6'8" forward took time out to discuss his experiences abroad with Dan Benz, SUNYIT's sports information director.

Dan Benz: How long were you overseas?

Gumby: I left about August 21 of last year. I came back a few days before Christmas and then went back in January, and then was there until the middle of April. Actually, I stayed a little while longer because a few guys on my team and we put together another team and went to Spain for a tournament. At the tournament we played against

some Italian teams, a French team, and a couple other German teams.

DB: So this was after your season had already ended?

Gumby: Yeah, it was actually a bit of a vacation. The place where we played is called Malgrat de Mar. Our hotel was right on the Mediterranean. It's a huge vacation spot, like a spring break sort of place.

DB: Let me get this straight – you go to Germany in August, an American kid who doesn't speak a lick of German, and by the end you're coordinating a travel team? How did you make friends so fast?

Gumby: Well, there was an English guy and a Bulgarian on my team and they had similar schedules, so to start I got really close with them. That's kind of how it works:

you're [the players from outside Germany] considered "the professionals." But I got close with one of the German players too. I would go over to his house to watch games.

DB: Any other trips while you were over there?

Gumby: I really didn't have the opportunity. This year I think I will definitely visit Munich

DB: Speaking of trips, where were you located?

Gumby: I was in West Germany in a state called North Rhine-Westphalia. I lived in Meckenheim, which is a town about ten minutes away from Bonn. Bonn is about the nineteenth-biggest city in Germany, but we were only 45 minutes south of Cologne, which is the fourth-biggest city in Germany. We went there a few times and got to see a lot of the sites; they have huge cathedrals there; for example the Kölner Dom [Cologne Cathedral], which we went to the top of, and you can see the whole city.

DB: So was this the first time you'd been out of the country?

Gumby: First time to Europe, not first time out of the country.

DB: So you get off the plane in Europe for the first time, what were your first impressions? Were you completely culture-shocked?

Gumby: Well, when I first got off the plane I was actually pretty tired [laughing]. There was some serious jetlag. But actually driving on the highway once we got off of the plane, it looked pretty similar.

DB: I've heard that of all the EU countries, Germany is the most familiar for Americans.

Gumby: Definitely. The way the highways are set up, the food, the culture – it's definitely more similar than other places. But some things are still way different. For example you don't see any SUVs, it's all smart cars.

DB: Obviously you were being paid to play basketball and had responsibilities related to that, but what kind of freedom did you have to explore the area outside of basketball?

Gumby: Well, I did have my own transportation. I split a car with some other guys on my team, but I didn't drive much since I can't drive stick! This year I'll have a car.



DB: Did you take any classes while you were over there?

Gumby: Not last year, but this year I'm going to be taking a German class.

DB: Are you saying you didn't master the language in one year?

Gumby: [laughing] A few phrases here and there I guess, but speaking it is way more difficult than understanding it. I was able to understand a lot by the time I left at least.

DB: Playing on a team in which you were the only American, in a country where you didn't speak the language - how did you make friends?

Gumby: Well, everybody on my team spoke English...That's what shocked me the most. I was just like, "Yeah, I'm in your country and you all have to speak my language!" But they expect it because they know we don't all learn German in school the way they learn English. They know our education system is a lot different, and obviously they live so close to so many other countries that learning other languages is a little more natural.

DB: And a lot of Europeans watch English or American TV.

Gumby: Oh the people I met love watching American TV. And once they learn to speak English they love talking to Americans in order to practice their English! So it kind of worked out.

DB: How did your team do?

Gumby: We ended up pretty good. This was the team's first year in the league, so the goal was to stay in the league. The way it works is the bottom two teams move down a league, and the top two teams move up a league.



DB: Kind of how soccer works over there, right?

Gumby: Exactly. So we got off to a rough start – we had a lot of new players from the year before, including myself. Once we got back from Christmas break, however, we really started coming together and playing better. After a while it became more and more certain that we were going to stay in the league.

DB: How did you do, personally, in terms of your stats?

Gumby: I averaged about a 17 and 8 [17 points-per-game, 8 rebounds per game], and close to 2 blocks a game, which was towards the top of the league.

DB: So before you went did you have a sense of where you'd fit in on the team? In other words, did you think you'd perform so well statistically?

Gumby: Well, going in I knew that in this league you only get one American per team, or I guess one non-EU (European Union) citizen per team. So each team usually goes out and finds somebody from America, and basically each team expects that player to be the best guy... They basically told me early on that they wanted me to average about 15 points a game and about 10 rebounds. I think I did a pretty good job, but the goal for this year is to average over 20 and 10.

DB: Were there any points during the season where the team let you know, "Hey you need to step it up a bit?"

Gumby: Well, I had a great coach, and he was really supportive. If I had a bad game he was encouraging and just told me basically to keep playing my game.

DB: You're going back this year for another season with the same team. At what point did you know you'd be picked up for another year? I'm guessing there are no "guaranteed contracts."

Gumby: There are never any guarantees. I saw a lot of guys get sent home while I was over there from other teams; a lot of times it's just about money. A couple of teams will even send their American guy home with a month or two left in the season just because they already know where in the league they're going to finish. Usually it's a team that knows they're going to be one of the



hopes to pursue a career in coaching

bottom two teams, but not always. Actually our rival team outside of Bonn already knew they were going to stay in the league, so they sent their American home with a month left in the season just to save money. And he was their leading scorer and assist man! Stats definitely don't dictate it. It's all about the money, but then another very important thing to them over there is personality. If you don't get along with the rest of the team, they'll send you home. So before they left they told me they wanted me to come back, but it took some time for them to get the money together. They just sent me a contract a couple of weeks ago.

DB: Are you excited to be going back this year?

Gumby: Definitely. And I heard that almost all of the German guys are coming back, which will be great because the continuity factor was definitely something we lacked last year. Some of the other teams had guys that had played together for five years, whereas for most of us last year it was the first time we'd played together.

DB: Have you thought about your future in basketball at all?

Gumby: Right now, I'd like to just keep playing pro ball, and hopefully move up a league at some point and keep making more money every year. But I also coached an under-16 team while I was over there, and I'll be doing that again this year, so building my coaching résumé has been a huge plus as well because that's definitely something I'd like to do down the road.



SUNYIT athletics topped the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) for the third straight year in the 2011-12 season, again winning the NEAC President's Cup for "Best Overall Sports Program." A mixture of both traditionally successful sports, as well as a few newcomers, contributed to the third consecutive award for the SUNYIT program.

Fall/Winter Recap

Fall 2011 saw a near perfect repeat of recent history for SUNYIT men's soccer as the team captured its second NEAC Championship in a row. The tournament - which served as the first event held on the turf of SUNYIT's recently completed Wildcat Field - saw the Wildcats finish off an undefeated-in-conference season with a 2-0 victory over rival Penn St.-Harrisburg. Just as in the previous year, head coach Peterson Jerome was voted Coach of the Year, and goalkeeper Malick Faye was named Goalkeeper of the Year (Faye did, however, add a new award in 2011 - that of conference Player of the Year).

Helping out men's soccer this year in the NEAC President's Cup standings was the SUNYIT women's basketball team. The Wildcats put together an historic season, setting a school-record for most wins in a season and earning the right to host the NEAC Championships by finishing first in the conference regular season standings.

Spring Highlights

The big story this spring was the addition of two new teams, as the men's and women's lacrosse programs competed in their first seasons as part of the SUNYIT sports lineup.

The women's team, headed by first-year Wildcat coach Erynn Anderson, competed right out of the gate, winning two of their first three conference games before coming up just short of qualifying for the conference tournament with a record of 4-4. Leading the team in goals was junior midfielder Veronica Metz. Metz ripped the net 36 times for the Wildcats and was named to the NEAC All-Conference Third Team along with defensive teammate Caitlin Cottell.

The men's side was led by Tyler Serva the sophomore was second in the nation in groundballs per game with 13.5, and was the NEAC's premier faceoff man, leading that category with 208 faceoffs won to just 140 lost, good for a 59.8% win percentage. For his efforts Serva was named to the Third Team of a loaded NEAC-All Conference Ballot.

Welcome Home, Wildcats

The SUNYIT campus got to witness something they hadn't seen in nearly three years in the spring of 2012. What strange phenomenon was it, you ask?

Baseball.

After a two-season exile from their home field due to construction, the Wildcats returned to a brand new baseball/softball complex opened just in time for the 2012 spring season.

"It was absolutely fantastic to be back on our home field after a two-year hiatus," said head coach Kevin Edick. "The wait was well worth it, we now have a brand new field house to work out and practice in during the off season, and a magnificent gem of a baseball field for our home games. It all seemed to help, our team responded with a 6-2 record at home!"

While the Wildcats would struggle on their southern trip against an ambitious schedule (SUNYIT faced national powerhouses Aurora and SUNY Cortland; SUNY Cortland finished 4th in the DIII College World Series in 2012), the young team would surprise everyone once returning north. In the span of just 14 days SUNYIT registered a school-record eight consecutive victories. In just two weeks' time, SUNYIT vaulted from regional afterthought to first-place in the NEAC Conference.



The Wildcats went on to finish the season after a tough loss to Gallaudet in the NEAC championship tournament on April 28, but the way in which the team turned around a would-be-lost season was a fitting homage to Wildcat athletics, and to the seniors that helped build the program over its first four seasons in the NEAC.

While the program was introduced to many fresh faces (such as freshman Joseph O'Rourke, who led the team with a .354 batting average), it was the losses that SUNYIT most sorely felt at the end of 2012, as seniors Patrick Baker (Ronkonkoma, N.Y.) and Anthony Surber (Dix Hills, N.Y.) said farewell to a team they had led to never-before-seen heights in their four years at SUNYIT.



Baker, a starting pitcher, leaves SUNYIT as the program's all-time leader in wins, innings pitched, complete games, and strikeouts. In 2011 he was named the NEAC Conference Pitcher of the Year, and was a three-time All-Conference selection during his Wildcat tenure.

As for Surber, the left-handed hitting outfielder wasn't quite ready to hang up his cleats despite being a two-time NEAC All-Conference selection. After graduation, Surber was invited to play overseas as a part of the American International Sports Teams (AIST) Baseball Team. The team went on to win the Prague Baseball Week Championship as Surber had a stellar tournament, going 3-for-6 from the plate while maintaining an Earned Run Average (ERA) of under 2.00 on the mound.

Wanted: A Bigger Trophy Case

For the third-straight year the SUNYIT Wildcat softball team advanced to the NEAC Championship. The Wildcats cemented their NEAC-dominance along with rival Keuka by placing a whopping seven student-athletes on the NEAC All-Conference team.

Most impressive, though, was the feat of SUNYIT shortstop and 2012 Female Wildcat of the Year Lyndsey Brognano. Brognano was named Co-NEAC North Division Player of the Year, but that was just a sample of the honors she achieved. Just a few months earlier Brognano had accepted the NEAC Player of the Year award in basketball – a first in SUNYIT's history as a four-year school.

For her efforts Brognano was honored as one of two area sports personalities of the year at the 36th Annual Rome Sports Hall of Fame awards dinner. Brognano also led all of NCAA Division III in doubles-per-game, for which she received an NCAA Statistical Champion plaque, to be displayed in the trophy case of the Wildcat Field House.

Brognano did it all in 2012, tying for the NEAC lead in home runs with 7, and leading all of Division III in doubles per-game with an average of .59 per game



Rookie outfielder Joe O'Rourke (Camden, N.Y.) led SUNYIT with a .354 batting average and 14 doubles.







Class Notes

and SUNYIT Memories

1970s

Janet Ciccarelli '75 is a professor living in Remsen, N.Y. She remembers the warm, friendly environment on campus: "We were a small, tightly bonded group."

Charles Farrar '76 enjoyed going on tour after tour at the Utica Club Brewery across the street from the "Mills era" campus.

Joseph Foley '76 is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration and lives in Rome, N.Y. He remembers the great professors during the evening classes at the old Globe Mill building and feeling a sense of accomplishment when he graduated with honors and received his diploma.

part of something new (Upper Division in its day) was my best memory. Nothing had history yet, so we were making it up for future classes which allowed a lot of freedom in creating classes, social events and internships."

Douglas Burrell '77 lives in Larchmont, N.Y., and is a project manager. "The students were the best part of the school," he recalls. "The facilities (old factory buildings) left much to be desired. We all banded together and had some great times. Long live the FBPF and the Sisterhood."

Karen Bertolami '78 is a nurse in Swanzey, N.H., who recalls that her fellow students at SUNYIT were like a big family.

Grountbreaking

Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi, President Yeigh, and NYS Senator Joseph Griffo listen as NYS Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn Destito addresses the formal opening of the Wildcat Field House.

Timothy Moore '76 is retired from The Hartford after 35 years with the company.

Chuck Mosseau '76 is assistant controller at Highroad Press LLC and lives in Edison, N.J. He enjoyed "being part of the new idea in the growth of SUNY! The education I received... The friends I made and still cherish... Watching SUNYIT's growth has been awesome!"

Patricia Arcuri '77 lives in Palm Harbor, Fla., and enjoyed watching SUNYIT evolve from the mills to a beautiful campus.

Gary Bean '77 is chief of university police at SUNYIT. He says "Looking back at the experience, I think being

Robyn Doolen '78 lives in Tupper Lake, N.Y., and is self-employed. She enjoyed going to Atlantic City for a health services management convention.

Thomas Keibel '79 lives in Lisle, N.Y., and remembers the weekend music festival campout at Piseco Lake.

Daniel Maxwell '79 lives in Schenectady, N.Y., and remembers the wonderful people, students and faculty: "SUNYIT provided many growth provoking challenges and an overall close-knit community."

1980s

Mary Tupaj '81 is an art psychotherapist in Clinton, N.Y. She enjoyed the trip to New York City with Burt Danowitz's rehabilitation class.

Timothy Duffey '82 has been appointed as director of surgical services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Duffey lives in Utica, is the father of two adult daughters and has a granddaughter.

Sharon Hayes '83 says that attending the Halloween Party at the pub inside the great old mill was a blast!

Judy Lieber-Butler '83 is an auditor living in Syracuse, N.Y. She fondly remembers watching General Hospital with other students in the lounge/lunchroom.

Thomas Cook '85 remembers the pub, ski club, flag football and, most of all, the friends that he made while he was a student.

Joseph Goldman '85 is an IT systems manager living in Endicott, N.Y., and remembers going over to the F.X. Matt Brewery during lunch breaks while at the Mills-era campus.

Charleen Ryan '85 R.N., M.A., MFT, has been announced as an addition to TLC Health Network's professional administrative team as vice president of patient care. He recently relocated to the Northern New York area from Washington State.

Janice Avery '86 is retired and lives in Vernon, N.Y. She said "[I enjoyed] the respect and encouragement given to 'non-traditional' students. I was 50 when I graduated and had a successful 20-year career, retiring from consulting in the Albany area in 2006. It was the perfect environment for non-trads"

John Praznovsky '87 lives in Ayer, Mass., and says he made some good friends, met a lot of nice people and enjoyed his time at SUNYIT with the different activities.

John Clay '88 is a mechanical engineer in Charlotte, N.C., who got to enjoy the new campus opening while he was a student here.

Lisa VanAernam '88 is a special education teachers aide in Johnstown, N.Y. She enjoyed participating in student government, volleyball and meeting [Syracuse Orange Basketball Coach] Jim Boeheim at the sports awards dinner.

John O'Connor '88 received an MBA with concentrations in finance and human resources management from DeVry University and Keller Graduate School of Management in June 2012. Graduating with honors, he is a member of the Sigma Beta Delta Business Honor Society and is is an assistant manager at Vitamin World.

Robert McAlpine '89 lives in Windham, N.H., and remembers spending time in the campus pub with friends.

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Michele Hettler '90 is an R.N. case manager in Baldwinsville, N.Y., and she fondly remembers the pub.

Joyce Matthews '91 is a songwriter in Charlotte, N.C., and enjoyed hanging out with her friends.

Joseph Ruggiero '91 is the executive director of the New York State Bridge Authority. He remembers all of the student events sponsored by URSA, all the friendships he developed and the fun on the class trip. His favorite event was the student recognition dinner.

John Hanrahan '92 has been promoted to internal audit manager and compliance officer at the Utica National Insurance Group. He was also appointed an officer of the company as assistant vice president. He and his wife, Tammy, live in Cassville, with their three children.

Yvette Hollingsworth '92 has been named Chief Compliance Officer at Wells Fargo and Company. As CCO, Yvette will be responsible for ensuring that all areas of the company meet compliance management responsibilities and abide by all applicable laws and regulations. Yvette will work out of Wells Fargo's headquarters in San Francisco, California.

Dorthea King-Simpson '92 is a Family Child Care Director and lives in Rochester, N.Y. She says: "There were so many fun activities to attend at SUNYIT. The Black Student Union gave me an opportunity to connect with students who looked like me and shared some of the same life experiences and dreams; and the bridge that gave me time to clear my head and get myself ready to attend class."

Scott McGowan '92 works in medical sales in Clifton Park, N.Y. He fondly remembers The Varick.

Tony Perugino '92 is a corporate controller in Marlboro, N.Y. He has many SUNYIT memories but mostly enjoyed meeting so many wonderful people and creating lifetime friendships.

Harry Scaramella '92 is an attorney living in Utica, N.Y. He enjoyed participating in the direct marketing competition and placing third nationally.

Vicki (Fuess) Abrams '93 is an insurance agent in Madison, N.Y. A member of the Wildcat Student Athlete Hall of Fame, she enjoyed her time playing sports at SUNYIT.

Michael Ducroiset '93 is an attorney in Mineola, N.Y. "My favorite memory of SUNYIT was the beautiful campus and friendly faculty. The whole atmosphere of the university was very conducive to my learning because of this comfort created by the campus and faculty."

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Sonya Lydford '93 lives in Vernon Center, N.Y., and is an independent marketing executive. She remembers working in the admissions office as an admissions assistant, putting on a play called "Baby and the Bathwater" for theater class and being a DJ for the radio station.

Jose Trevino '93 lives in Pflugerville, Texas, and enjoyed the beautiful winters and the facilities at SUNYIT.

Scott Allen '94 resides in Tampa, Fla., and remembers crossing the bridge to go to the activities building, visiting with new friends and Margaret Cho coming to campus.

Holly Atkins '94 is the Founder of Hope for Teens in Knightdale, N.C. Her favorite memory of SUNYIT is "Volunteering as part of the Inter-Greek Council to paint a local elementary school. We had a BLAST!"

Charles McMahon '94 is selfemployed and lives in Oneida, N.Y. His favorite SUNYIT memory: "Graduation - My son and wife were there to watch me get my Bachelor's. My first B.S. in Biology was from Truman State College and we had moved before the graduation ceremony."

Todd Whaley '94 is a tech writer in Stratford, Conn., and recalls free bus rides to off-campus keg parties.

Christine Bower '95 is a rural letter carrier in Port Leyden, N.Y., and she enjoyed making new friends from all over.

Jennifer Brevaire Mann '95 is a paralegal in Oceanside, N.Y. She remembers the dining hall, happy hour and quad get-togethers.

Christopher McNeil '95 has been promoted to branch manager of SEFCU's One Commerce and Arbor Hill branches in Albany, N.Y.

Jefferson Wilson '95 lives in Ontario, N.Y., and enjoyed working with WCOT to get the TV station going and covering the Wildcat basketball games. He also enjoyed the WCOT remotes that the station ran on some weekends.

Thomas Cleary '96 is a vice chancellor in San Antonio, Texas. His entire experience was fantastic from enrollment to graduation. "SUNYIT scored a 'perfect 10' with me!"

Steven Haslam '96 lives in Detroit, Mich., and remembers that the Black Student Union party on campus was great.

Mark Spooner '96 is an MRI Technologist in Oneida, N.Y., and remembers the beautiful campus. He points out that his brother had attended in the '80s when it was in an old factory building.

Judith Williams '96 is retired and living in Anderson, S.C. She also graduated in 2002 with an M.S. in business management with a concentration in human resources. Her favorite and lasting memory of SUNYIT was working with her advisor, Lisa Berardino, on her master's thesis

Daniel Bornt '97 is a New York State Trooper and enjoyed playing on the men's basketball team.

Devin Hartley '97 is an Engineer who lives in Youngsville, N.C. "(I enjoyed) playing soccer on the Wildcats team. I loved the road trips and friends that I made...great bunch of guys."



Thanks to Jennifer Phelan Ninh, director of admissions, and President Yeigh, admissions part-time staffer Mollie Wertheim will have no trouble parking close to Kunsela Hall. Mollie, who recently celebrated her 99th birthday, began her SUNYIT career more than 35 years ago through a local community program for retirees.



Governor Andrew M. Cuomo delivered a presentation on New York's budget and his vision for the year ahead to a packed Kunsela Lecture Hall on March 6.

Lisa LeoGrande '97 is a therapist and school social worker in Frankfort, N.Y. She fondly remembers the people and students that she met in her classes.

Morris Pearson '97 is the Director of Civic Responsibilities at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, N.Y., and is also a member of the SUNYIT Alumni Association Advisory Board. He remembers that the campus is really great and the faculty and staff were very helpful.

Kimberly Dedrick '98 currently resides close to campus in Marcy, N.Y., and says her favorite memory of SUNYIT is meeting her husband 15 years ago.

Mary Doyle '98 is a social worker living in Sherrill, N.Y. She enjoyed making new friends and the Fall Fest Weekend activities.

Brian Hotash '98 lives in Middleburgh, N.Y., and remembers all the fun times playing baseball with his many teammates.

Debra Sutliff '98 lives in Herkimer, N.Y., and is a bursar. She enjoyed taking on-campus classes with her co-workers and friends who were also seeking their master's degrees. She remembers that the professors were excellent and adept in their fields.

Theresa Synakowski '98 is the assistant bursar at SUNYIT. She is a member of the Wildcat Student Athlete Hall of Fame and fondly remembers her time playing sports.

Teresa Burton '99 remembers URSA (Utica/Rome Student Association) and everything that went with it!

Jason Carpenter '99 cherishes the lasting friendships he made while

attending, adding: "Oh yeah, let's not forget the Varick!"

Jason Leone '99 is a mechanical engineer living in Latham, N.Y., and says that the campus life was his best memory.

Gabriel Rivera '99 lives in New York, N.Y., and is a controller/IT coordinator. He remembers Fall Fest.

Kerry Wilson '99 of Kirkwood, N.Y., is a project manager at IBM. He enjoyed baseball, wing night at the Varick and hanging out with friends.

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Heather Burgdoff '00 is a senior staff accountant living in Rome, N.Y. She says her favorite memory of SUNYIT is joining the women's soccer team and meeting a bunch of great women!

Jason Ellis '00 is a software engineer and he enjoyed his entire junior year!

Marc Araujo '01 is a computer technical assistant in Rome, N.Y., and remembers working in the computer labs and reworking the wiring over the summer.

Denise Casab '01 is a nurse practitioner living in Clinton, N.Y. She says that the encouragement the instructors gave made students feel that they truly wanted them to succeed.

Tim Forsberg '01 is a director of operations and lives in Manhasset, N.Y. He says he enjoyed the collaborative atmosphere, the connections he made with fellow students and faculty, as well as the campus itself.

Long Gu '01 is a computer programmer in Whitesboro, N.Y., and enjoyed professional academics and great sports opportunities at SUNYIT.

Allen Harrison '01 of New Hartford, N.Y., remembers the casual conversations with both faculty and fellow students.

JP Kidwell '01 is the Director of Development for the Masonic Care Community in Utica, N.Y. He is married to Christina Kidwell and they have two sons, Ethan and Benjamin.

David Onufer '01 is an electrical engineer living in Mountain Top, Pa. He remembers the snow!

Kizzie Brown '02 is a stockbroker living in Davidson, N.C., and remembers the professors at SUNYIT. "It is important that they know that bringing the real-world experience into the classroom makes a big difference."

Pauline Mack '02 has been promoted to Data Warehouse Architect in the Information Technology Systems department at the Utica National Insurance Group in New Hartford. She currently resides in Whitesboro, N.Y.

Adam Stroud '02 is an Android mobile developer who recently co-authored a book titled "Professional Android Sensor Programming." Content from the book was inspired during the development of the Run-Keeper Android app, for which Adam serves as lead software engineer. Adam lives near Boston, Mass., with his wife Sabrina and their children.

Nancy Roberts '02 is a computer scientist living in Whitesboro, N.Y. She enjoyed the SUNYIT campus in the fall.

Michael Rosenswie '02 is a PC/ LAN Technician at St. Bonaventure University, and he enjoyed having cookouts in the quad outside of the

Antonius Rivera '02 G'05 was named as a "Forty under 40 Latino Rising Star" by the Hispanic Coalition NY. He is assistant director of admissions and coordinator of multicultural recruitment for Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., was guest speaker at the 3rd Annual SUNYIT Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament at the Yahnundasis Golf Club in May 2012. He lives in Schenectady, N.Y., with wife Jennifer and their son Alexander.

Antonie Hiemer '03 is an assistant professor of nursing from Morrisville, N.Y., and enjoyed the small class sizes that allowed the faculty to know the students as people and discussion of real-life experiences of both faculty and students.

Nedzad Joldic '03 is a network engineer in Astoria, N.Y. He enjoyed the trip to Ottawa, Canada, to visit Nortel Networks organized by the telecomm club and faculty.

Barbara Mang Burditt '03 of Little Falls, N.Y., enjoyed the trips the psychology club took to attend superior

conferences in Boston, the Catskills and at Colgate University.

David Segal '03 lives in Utica, N.Y.: "(My favorite SUNYIT memory is) when Dean Varshney handed me one diploma at graduation and I had to remind him that I was receiving two graduate degree diplomas, not one. A very happy memory."

Lonnylee Snyder '03 remembers the all-around environment at SUNYIT. "The professors were very helpful, encouraging and very approachable. I always felt like I had a team of mentors rather than just professors. I trusted my professors and felt like they truly cared about my future."

Jacqueline Jordan-Tello '04 remembers spending time with her classmates.

James Lacy '04 lives in Syracuse, N.Y., and enjoyed joining the golf

Robert Lydford '04 of Vernon Center, N.Y., is an attorney. He enjoyed Professor Romero's Economics class and the group presentation at the end of the semester.

Kayla (Potoczny) Bauder '04 resides in Schenectady, N.Y., with her husband Chad and is a communications specialist for Price Chopper Supermarkets and the Golub Corporation.

Sandy Rogerson '04 has this to say: "The professional and technical communication degree has really opened up doors for me. The well-rounded program allows me to be valuable in many areas, including web design, design, project management, technical writing, documentation, etc., and is used in every aspect of my professional 1:5.2."

Kathleen Crowe '05 is living in Morrisville, N.C., and is enjoying her retirement. She enjoyed watching the growth of the new dorms and library at SUNYIT. She found the new library to be a great resource when it came to doing research for the many papers she had to do.

Krista (Hess) Fuller '05 is a Registered Nurse who lives in Clifton Park, N.Y. "My favorite memory was our softball trip to California and playing against some amazing talent with such a great coach and great group of girls!"

Stephen Gressel '05 lives in Chittenango, N.Y., and enjoyed some of the classes he had and hanging out with the guys on campus.

Lynnae Kettler '05 is a software QC analyst and enjoyed the 'Cats' Den food.

Venkatesh Krishnan '05 is a senior network engineer living in San Jose, Calif. He remembers the TEL505 lab and the amount of time spent learning about Opnet, Comnet, Netcracker and other networking fundamentals.

Karl Waelder '05 has been hired as a site engineer at Passero Associates. He lives in Rochester, N.Y.

Nick Grimmer '05 is the director of alumni affairs and annual giving at SUNYIT and also serves as the assistant men's basketball coach. He lives in Utica, N.Y., with wife Michelle and their yellow labs, Carter and Gus.

Louise Hammonds '06 lives in San Jose, Calif., and enjoyed Dr. Kathryn Stam's anthropology class.

Jeffery Hinderliter '06 is a civil engineer living in Herkimer, N.Y. He says that the library was a wonderful place to study and he enjoyed many hours there. The campus in general was his favorite memory.

Bahrudin Kajtezovic '06 is an Investment Associate residing in Hicksville, N.Y. His favorite memory of SUNYIT was Commencement in May 2006 in the Utica Auditorium. **Hemangi Galinde '07** is a developer living in Houston, Texas, who enjoyed the beautiful campus, comfortable residential halls, variety of food at the dining hall and the amazing nature trails.

Rochelle Henry '07 is a senior resident coordinator. "There were many classes I took that I enjoyed because the class dynamic was great. I had a lot of really nice teachers that worked with me and my crazy work/school schedule."

Clinton Kane '07 has been hired at Strategic Financial Services as an associate in the Corporate Retirement Plan Group.

Bijal Shah '07 lives in Dalton, Ga., and remembers the ropes course and all the other activities that Dave Garrett used to organize for the international students.



Congressman Richard Hanna visited one of SUNYIT's summerITeens academic day camps July 16, talking with campers and observing the scheduled activities. The camp, Girls' Math and Science, is for middle and high school students interested in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Chirag Khatadia '06 lives in Roanoke, Va., and remembers living in the dorms on campus.

Kaushal Mehta '06 of Weston, Fla., is an engineer. He remembers tutoring at the learning center.

Peter Muscat '06 lives in Floral Park, N.Y., and remembers hanging out with the Ruiter Club and having a pig roast.

Rajeswaran Nallalam Ravikumar '06 lives in Phoenixville, Pa., and is an IT manager. He remembers the long Telecom classes (TEL505) with Dr. Patrick Fitzgibbons which used to go from 6 p.m. to midnight. Connie Castellano '08 is a certified collegiate conference and events professional at SUNYIT. "There are so many memories that it is hard to choose! However, the wonderful cohesiveness of students as they go through classes encouraging and supporting each other - that is my favorite thought as I think about SUNYIT."

Andrew Hookway '08 says: "No single moment (was my favorite memory), just broader ideas. Being active in the Gamers Club, working with the Factory Times, meeting my fiancée. Narrative Game Design class, the Novel class. A lot of good memories:)"

Michael Howard '08 of Staten Island, N.Y., enjoyed the whole party day with the games and bands playing at the end of the semester.

Daniel Keppel '08 fondly remembers establishing the first Wild Day on campus.

Brian Parker '08 is a civil engineer in Mattydale, N.Y. He says that he made some of his best friends at SUNYIT.

Jessica Rowe '08 is a childcare worker in West Winfield, N.Y., and enjoyed getting involved in campus activities and meeting some lifelong friends.

Nicholas Whiting '08 is a systems engineer living in Apalachin, N.Y. He remembers all of great Thursday nights with friends bowling and hanging out.

Daniel Hebert '08 is a partner/ attorney and counselor-at-law at Morrisroe Hebert LLP in Buffalo, N.Y.

William King '08 has joined the Utica National Insurance Group as an underwriter manager in the company's eastern regional office in Utica, N.Y.

Christopher Dare '09 is an information system security officer living in Yukon, Okla. "My favorite memory is all of the people I met during my time as a student. I found a place I could call home for awhile and it was an absolute blast."

David Dreier '09 is a project engineer and recalls the classes he took using Labview.

Joy Dunn '09 has been hired as a staff accountant at D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP.

Jeremiah Edwards '09 is the residence director/assistant director for leadership training and development at SUNYIT.

Anthony Foster '09 is a systems analyst living in Whitesboro, N.Y., and he enjoyed Wild Day.

Emmanuel Mejia '09 is a junior biller in Brooklyn, N.Y. "I enjoyed the campus setting and I bet if I was to go there today, I would notice all the big changes the school has made – which is a good thing."

Ankush Pandit '09 is a software engineer and enjoyed student association talent night and graduation.

Laurie Brown '10 has spent the last 30 years working at E.J. Noble Hospital in Gouverneur, N.Y. She plans to expand her career by working is E.J. Noble's rural clinics in Russell, Edwards, Harrisville, and even DeKalb Junction.

Tanya Marr '10 is a nurse from Whitesboro, N.Y., and she enjoyed meeting new friends and forming friendships throughout her program.

Mary Parry '10 lives in Oneida, N.Y., and is a director of cardiopulmonary services. "(I enjoyed) meeting with my program advisers, I have had three in both my undergrad and grad work and all have been very helpful. They have challenged me and directed me and I am happy to know I can go to them anytime."

Jonathan Walz '10 of Endicott, N.Y., is a programmer. He enjoyed hanging out with his friends at SUNYIT.

Mark Ziobro '10 is a community organizer in Utica, N.Y. "My favorite memory of SUNYIT was being a member of the student body in such a big way. I became part of the Factory Times, and met many hard-working



Peter Perkins (right), executive director of the SUNYIT Foundation, presents Alumni Speaker Antonius Rivera ('02 G'05) with a thank you gift at the 3rd Annual Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament on May 21 at the Yahnundasis Golf Club in New Hartford, N.Y.

people who remain friends of mine to this day. It felt great to be involved in the paper and with the student association."

David Golembiowski '11 is currently a Professional Basketball Player living in Bonn, Germany.

Aaron Swancott '11 is an Admissions Counselor at SUNYIT and currently resides in Utica, N.Y. He enjoyed making the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament when he was a member of the SUNYIT men's basketball team.

Donna Walters '11 R.N., has been appointed clinical manager-educator at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group.

Chelagat Misiko '12 of West Winfield, N.Y., works in accounting and enjoyed volunteering at the SUNYIT Career Fair and meeting a lot of employers.

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