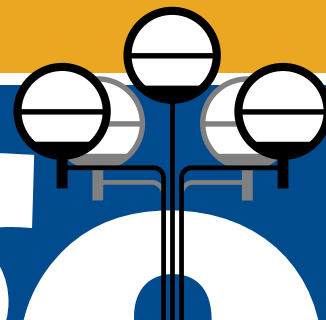


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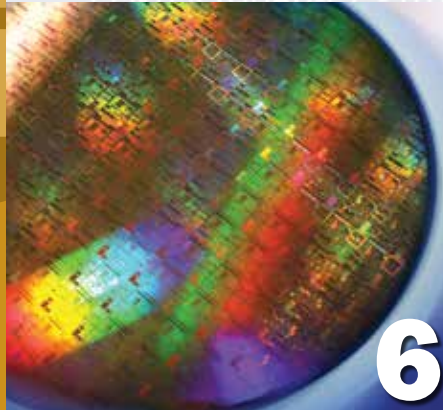
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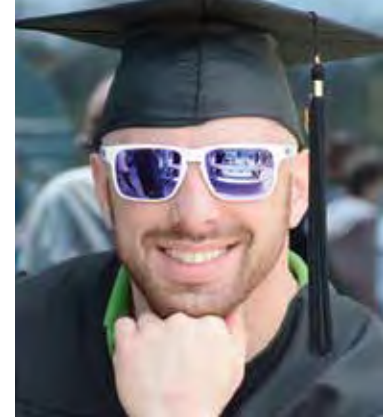
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Alumni Spotlight Successful Leaders in Business

Today, **Kevin Maddy '79** is lighting up the lives and nights of some of the world's largest companies, including part of One World Trade Center in New York City currently under construction.



But before he became Kevin Maddy, CEO and Board President of the North American Subsidiary of an international commercial lighting company he was Kevin Maddy, the SUNYIT transfer student from Broome Community College in Binghamton. While it's been more than 30 years since

his student days, the memories remain fresh and vivid.

"At that time, SUNYIT was located across from the Utica Club Brewery, in the 'Mill,'" he recalls. "I have great memories of SUNYIT and received a very good education that served as the foundation for my success later in life."

While a high school student in Binghamton Maddy worked in a small machine shop and boat dealership, a job he continued during the summers he was in college. The time there influenced his decision to major in business management when he came to SUNYIT.

"I had the opportunity to work in the office and in the factory and found both very interesting," he says. "I enjoyed working with customers and co-workers alike. The work gave me a good idea of what I liked but most importantly, what I didn't like. As a result, I ended up pursuing a career in business."

One doesn't typically leap out of the graduation line into a CEO's chair, and Maddy worked his way through various companies and positions along the way. Following graduation, he was hired by Ford Motor Company in Detroit as a production supervisor.

"It was a grueling job and one of the hardest I have ever had. I was a young kid headed to the 'motor city' in a car that I wasn't sure would even make the trip. I lived in downtown Detroit,

and even at that time it was rough. It was a big city – something I was not used to."

It was there that Maddy began getting initial experience in managing others. He was responsible for supervising 40 employees, many of whom were many years his senior, on the automotive assembly line.

"They taught me many lessons with regard to managing people, I can tell you that. I worked about 70 hours a week and never could plan a weekend off since I was the lowest senior guy at the plant and had to wait for all of the other supervisors to decide if they wanted to work. Consequently, I would have to wait until very late on Friday night before I could plan my weekends. That was tough, especially after working so many hours during the week."

While in retrospect he considers his time in Detroit lessons learned and experience gained, back then, Maddy says, he would walk into the hot, sticky plant every morning at 5 a.m., questioning why he ever accepted the job. Ford had hired 60 college graduates for production supervisor jobs that year and four months later, Maddy was among only six who remained. The others had either quit or were laid off.

"I didn't know it at the time, but my first job was teaching me about perseverance—not giving up and not accepting 'it can't be done' as an answer. It also taught me about motivating people and the power of listening. All of these items would serve me very well later in life."

After his time at Ford, Maddy stayed in Michigan and was hired by United Technologies Corporation (UTC), working in the financial department. He was transferred to Massachusetts, then to Connecticut; after five years, he was chosen to participate in an executive development program that gave him the opportunity to rotate through many departments.

"UTC liked the fact that I understood production and also had financial background. After the rotational program, I was assigned to the business development department where we were responsible for negotiating joint ventures and special arrangements all over the world. Over a four-year period, a team of four of us negotiated special agreements in Israel, Spain, Ukraine and, of course, the United States."

After his work in business development, Maddy was transferred back to production where he found himself responsible for an operation of many millions in sales and nearly 400 employees.

"This was in 1990, when lean manufacturing was gaining popularity here in the United States. I was fortunate to be on the very front end of this process. Lean manufacturing taught me how to maximize production efficiency by using certain techniques; but most importantly it taught me to involve the workers because they are the real experts."

After leaving UTC, Maddy spent the next several years working his way up the ladder at other companies. In 2005 his expertise was put to use helping troubled companies become more efficient and profitable, a job known in the industry as a "turnaround specialist." Since 2005 he's worked for aerospace, commercial lighting, paper and semiconductor capital equipment companies.

"What makes my role different than most is that I grow companies using what I have learned instead of the typical downsizing that people are so accustomed to," Maddy says. "SUNYIT gave me a great foundation in understanding business and in working with people. Even today I use the principles I learned in business law and finance at the college. My time at SUNYIT also taught me to be open-minded."

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Although today he is responsible for all facets of business, including return on investment to the shareholders, manufacturing, sales and banking, it is all handled deftly thanks to the footing he found at SUNYIT – footing that’s

allowed him to take each step up the corporate ladder.

“As I look back on my career thus far, the common thread is having a good work ethic, using common sense, getting along with people

and persevering. If there is one piece of advice I can give to new graduates, it is that hard work, determination and the ability to work with others will pay off.”

Jeff Sicklick '83 would have never guessed that his professional destiny would be forever changed by, of all things, a cowboy hat and boots. But it was, when he first set foot on the old Utica campus in the early 1980s. And while it may not have been the first step on his academic journey, it was certainly the one that left the biggest mark.

“I was a pharmacy major at Long Island University in the College of Pharmacy. I chose it because I did well on my chemistry Regents and my grandfather had been a pharmacist since 1932. I thought I’d be good at it,” Sicklick says. “I wasn’t and I had to get out of it. So, I sent my transcripts to a bunch of colleges and the only one that responded and said they’d take me was SUNY Tech.”

At the time, he had no driver’s license and no car, and lived at home with his parents in New York City. Fearing he might “shake them up” if they knew about his plans to head away from home to far-away Utica for school, he kept his first campus visit secret.

“It was summertime. My father was working and my mom was staying in a bungalow we had Upstate. I timed it so that I could leave on the bus, see what was going on at SUNY, get back on the bus and be home before my dad knew I had gone out. Fortunately for me, my father was a community activist on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, so that ate up more time in his day. I told him I was out with friends and would be home late.”

So, off Sicklick went on the bus to what was then called SUNY College of Technology – students at the time called it “SUNY Tech” – on Court Street in West Utica. Sicklick wasn’t quite sure what he wanted to major in, but he had 78 college credits from Long Island University. When he arrived on the Court Street campus, he did what many others were doing: got into the line for business majors. But a quick glance at Professor Monte Welker’s outfit changed his academic and professional future.

“He was wearing cowboy boots and a cowboy hat, and I asked someone to hold my place in line so I could find out what this guy was all about,” Sicklick says.

Approaching Welker, Sicklick soon learned that he was part of the Health Administration department and that Welker’s own focus was primarily on Long Term Care Administration. Sicklick says his request to Welker that day was simple: help Sicklick find a job, and take his previous credits. Finding a job wouldn’t be a problem, Welker assured him; transferring all the credits might be tough. But as always, Sicklick’s determination paid off.

“I told him that wouldn’t work. So we just talked. By the end of the conversation, I locked in all of my credits for transfer. And that was my introduction to the major.”

Being from the city, Sicklick didn’t know anyone when he came to SUNY, but says he made some very good friends along the way. He has fond memories of that era of the campus, across from the F.X. Matt Brewery, leading to all sort of sounds and background noise around the campus that are vivid in his mind to this day. But he admits that it wasn’t always easy.

“I lived on Hobart Street in Utica, which was really rough. I had no money. My parents didn’t have a lot of money and I knew that. I managed about 80 dollars and my rent was 80 dollars a month. We killed a deer at the beginning of the semester, butchered it and lived on it for two semesters.”

Without a car, Sicklick biked to school and often found himself chased by a dog as he made his way from Hobart Street through downtown Utica. And while he was a student, he learned how to drive from a fellow student and got his driver’s license. Sundays were spent at Hemstraught’s bakery with classmates, a tight-knit group all carving out their futures amid the economically depressed 1980s.

After graduation, Sicklick headed back to the city where he interned at Gouverneur Hospital. At age 21, he was working in a facility that



comprised 214 nursing home beds, the emergency room, ambulatory care clinic, pharmacy and two satellite clinics. The hospital also had the only mobile crisis unit in all of New York City at the time. Transitioning from intern to employee, Sicklick says, he was paid the least of any employee because his father was on the board; and, he says, his boss was afraid people would talk if he was paid a fairer wage. But it didn’t bother him.

“I wasn’t married, I had no responsibilities, so I said I’d take it. And after a while, my boss gave me the responsibility of being the assistant administrator of the nursing home.” Then, on top of that responsibility during the day, Sicklick was also given the task of running the rest of the facility at night. It was a lot to shoulder at a young age, but Sicklick was always up for a good challenge, even in a rather rough part of the city.

“The Lower East Side was very drug infested and many people were using the back of the hospital as a shooting gallery,” he said. “We also had a lot of child abuse, a lot of gunshot wounds, a lot of knife lacerations and psychiatric cases we were dealing with.”

His boss told him that in order to make it in the business, he needed an MBA. He was already a licensed administrator, but in order to maintain that license, a number of credits per year were required. That led him to Columbia

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University where his drive and determination overpowered his transcripts, lack of GREs and an advisor he says tried to put roadblocks in his path every step of the way.

“They didn’t want to take me and I told them I’m a licensed administrator. You train people to be me but you won’t take me,” he recalls. “I knew my grade index was bad and I had no GREs, but I loved what I was doing and told them that. I told them to take me in as a special student and if I did well, to accept me into the program. If not, I told them they’d still have my money and we’d part as friends.”

He was still working his full-time job at Gouverneur Hospital, juggling those daily responsibilities with all the demands and work that came with Columbia’s MPH program in Long Term Care.

Once again, his determination and drive paid off, even when told at the very end he was still lacking one credit. He took a book home, crammed, and tested out to earn the credit and graduate. It was just another example of what Sicklick says is the power of drive.

“You don’t need a tremendous amount of intellect, but if you have momentum and a goal, you can do it.”

He hasn’t slowed down any as the years have passed. Sicklick is currently the administrator of the Bronx Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, which is a 200-bed, skilled nursing facility with 16 station onsite dialysis. He’s also the Director of Operations for the Center for Specialty Care where he oversees roughly 29 nursing homes and a total of more than 5,200 beds. He says he also handles all the labor issues and negotiations for seven unions.

Sicklick continues to spin many plates in his career, something he’s been accustomed to all his life. But of all the places he’s been, all the hurdles he’s had to jump through and all the responsibilities he’s taken on, it all goes back to the drive and determination that got him through every step of the way. The very drive that got him on a bus and to “SUNY Tech” where he spotted the

cowboy regalia that would take him out of the business major line and change his life forever.

“Above all else in my professional career, SUNY Tech means the most to me because Professor Monte Welker presented the profession to me at a real-life level. That meant a lot. It wasn’t like a typical textbook program. It was a real-life program. Monte was a real administrator and had worked with unions. He was very committed to the students and their profession. From the moment I entered the program to the moment I left it, he focused on what we needed, be it the basics of running a nursing home or the economics of the business. He carried us into internships and helped us achieve our licenses to practice as nursing home administrators. Even after that, he followed up to make sure we were employed and in our career.”

For Sicklick, it wasn’t just college. It was an experience and a foundation of example that helped drive the rest of his professional life.

“When I went to SUNY Tech, it was in an old factory building, but we didn’t care. It wasn’t where we learned, but how we were taught that really meant something. The professors were very committed. That’s what drove the school.”

The Centers for Specialty Care Group is a consortium of twenty-three specialty, multipurpose, health care, nursing and rehabilitative centers throughout New York and New Jersey. At the center of it all is **Bruce Gendron '84**. As Regional Administrator, he’s responsible for operational oversight and business development, as well as serving as administrator of record for one of the group’s skilled nursing facilities.

“Our company has seen significant growth during my tenure, and it is rewarding to be part of that success.”

At the time Gendron chose to major in Health Services Management at what was then called SUNY Tech, he was already working locally in a health care setting in a non-administrative clinical position. While he says he gained valuable insight into the operations of a skilled nursing facility and enjoyed the work, he felt pursuing his education at SUNYIT would better prepare him for a position where he could have a larger impact on the care of patients.

For Gendron and his “mills-era” classmates, it was the sounds of manufacturing and the bustle of the brewery in West Utica that made up the environment around their learning experiences each day. The “new Marcy campus” was in the planning stages, and he says campus life at the time was really what you made of life itself, without a traditional college campus.

“We were in the former factory on Court Street, and we enjoyed relaxing in the Loading

Dock Pub between classes,” he recalls. “On the academic side, we had a program director and instructor by the name of Monte Welker, whose real-life professional experience, good-natured humor and industry insights kept our classes interesting, educational and, at times, inspirational.”

After graduation from SUNYIT in 1984, Gendron worked in health care administration in a progression of positions, each one with increased responsibility. He’s been involved in multi-facility administration since 1993 and at all times has been in positions with administrative responsibilities for skilled nursing and rehabilitative facilities. Some of these roles have also involved added responsibilities in acute care, home care, managed care, and assisted living settings.

“The organizations I have worked for have run the gamut from small, privately held companies to non-profit organizations, large privately held companies and large publicly traded companies. Each had its pros and cons, but each was rewarding from a professional growth experience perspective.”



Health care has evolved dramatically in the three decades since Gendron’s graduation from SUNYIT, so while many of the technical aspects of what he learned during his studies are no longer applicable, he says the Health Services Management program prepared him

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and his classmates well for the leadership roles in the healthcare industry that they would one day assume.

“We were provided the tools to assist with situational analysis, critical thinking, problem solving, organizational behavior, etc., to allow us to meet the demands of our roles and the flexibility to adapt to the changing healthcare environment.”

No matter how far Gendron comes through the healthcare industry, nor how many people he encounters along the way, he says it is the people, environment and the lessons that he encountered during his time at SUNYIT that shaped his successes today.

“Without question, my career and subsequent success are directly attributable to my

SUNYIT degree. My life and lifestyle are in turn directly attributable to a successful career,” Gendron said. “SUNYIT is value. A SUNYIT education prepares graduates well for their respective careers at a cost that, when compared to many colleges and universities, is an incredible educational and economic value.”

Guiding 21st Century Regional Healthcare

Two SUNY Polytechnic Institute alumni are among the healthcare professionals guiding a groundbreaking plan that will lead to better regional healthcare in the 21st century.

In March 2014, St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare formed an affiliation under the Mohawk Valley Health System. Unlike a merger, where one entity assumes all of the assets and operations of another, this is truly an affiliation, where both organizations maintain separate operating licenses and their names. The two will have a common board, a single senior team overseeing the two institutions, and one set of mission values to guide them in their care of patients and the community. Among those guiding the strategic plan for this affiliation are several SUNY Polytechnic Institute alumni, including Patricia Roach '90, G'97 and Varinya Sheppard '98, G'03.

Varinya Sheppard '98, G'03

Sheppard is no stranger to the College of Nursing. The former Chief Nursing Officer at St. Elizabeth Medical Center is now the President of St. Elizabeth College. Sheppard graduated from the College of Nursing, and later earned a master's degree at SUNYIT. She went through various nursing positions before becoming Chief Nursing Officer and then President of the College of Nursing, but she says her time at SUNY prepared her for both of the roles that lay ahead.

“I felt the program at SUNYIT really prepared you for a role in nursing administration. There were very good courses that prepared you for program development,” Sheppard said. “The level I'm at, in this position, the administrative track really prepared me for that.”

“The greatest asset SUNY gave me was a much more global perspective on nursing.”

Patricia Roach '90, G'97

Roach wears her SUNYIT pride on her office wall. With all her ID badges and name tags, ranging from her high school ID, Bradlees Department Store nametag, SUNYIT IDs and hospital IDs, her rise through the ranks of nursing sits on display in a shadow-box right next to a window in her office at St. Luke's Hospital. Earning both a bachelor's degree and master's degree from SUNYIT, she has made her way through the ranks to become Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare. And it's clear that her alma mater is close to her heart.

“I'm very proud of SUNYIT, of where I came from,” Roach said. “The greatest asset SUNY gave me was a much more global perspective on nursing. I knew a lot about acute care but not continuing care. Those were pieces that I picked up while at SUNYIT. That's important so you can support community health. Without it, you're short-sighted. I think that was my greatest takeaway.”

It is the responsibility of Roach, Sheppard and their colleagues to develop the plan that will guide the organizations into the future, creating an environment that encourages growth, efficiency and satisfaction for its patients while also being an excellent place to work.

“Our job, as administration, is to make sure the nurses and doctors have the resources to do their jobs,” Roach said.

“We keep up with regulations to make sure the business side of things doesn't impede what they do.”

Change in the healthcare industry may very well be one of the greatest challenges that all medical centers are dealing with. It's especially a hurdle that has to be examined and handled in just the right way when bringing separate institutions under a single umbrella, as is the case here.

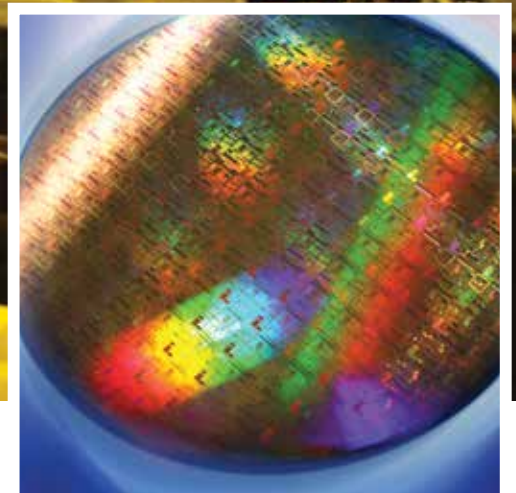
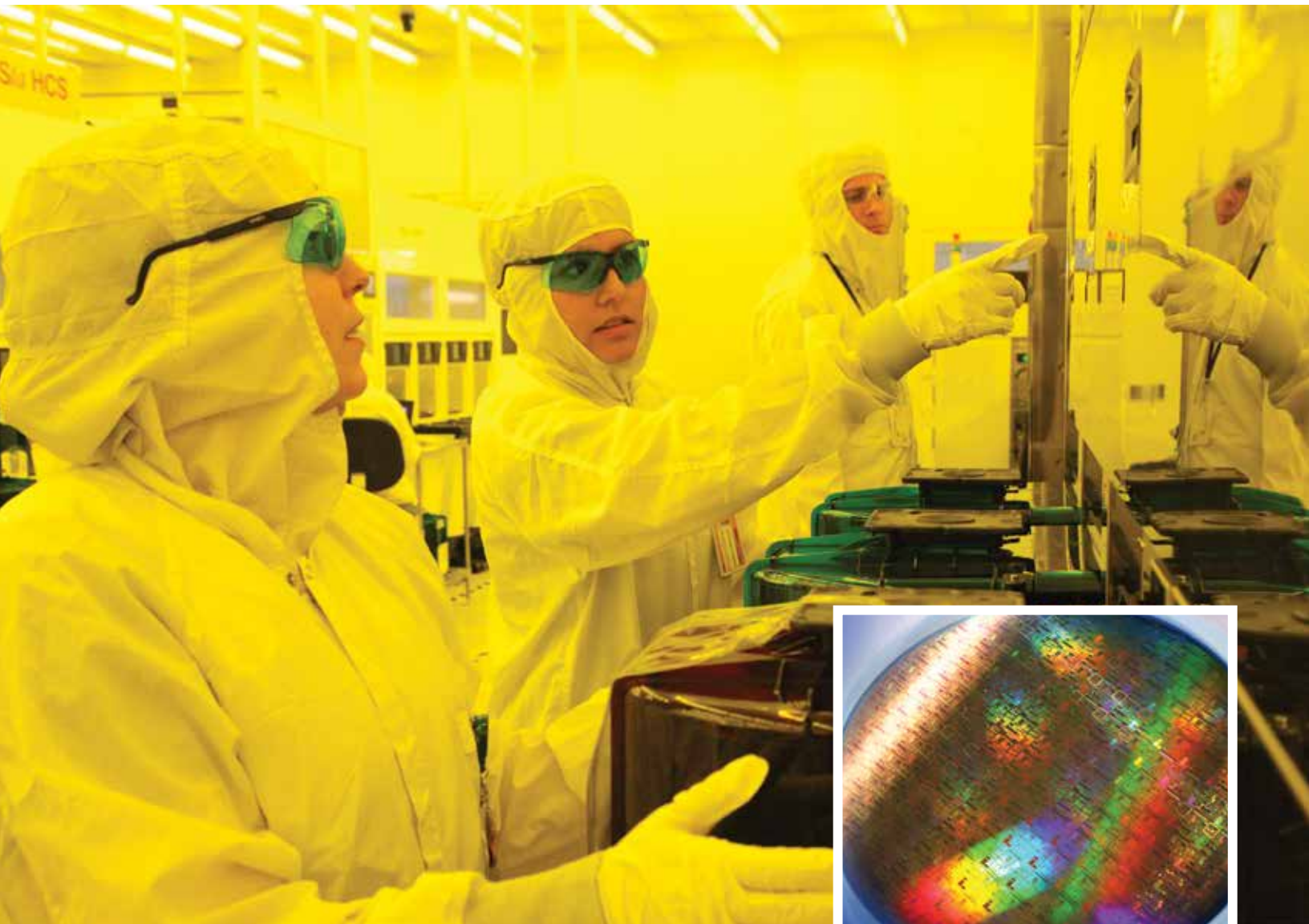
“The healthcare environment is changing very rapidly,” Sheppard said. “It's a very different world than when we came out of school. Knowing how to give good patient care, critical thinking, but now you also need to be aware of giving the most efficient care with limited resources, with things being looked at like length of stay, reimbursement. It's very different.”

Roach agrees.

“A knee replacement patient may have stayed ten days in the past. Now they stay for three due to restrictions and insurance limitations,” she said. “So you've got to get in there and develop relationships right away. It's a very fast pace.”

Sheppard and Roach say that just as their time at SUNYIT and the education they received influenced their own journeys and decisions, it is education that will continue to shape both the institutions and their healthcare providers.

“I believe we have to have the education to support the experiential piece,” Roach said, noting that she now mandates a bachelor's degree for all her nurses and a master's degree for any positions above that. “If we don't give our people the tools to do the job, people could get hurt. When I put my head on the pillow at the end of the night, I want to be able to sleep well.”



SUNY Polytechnic Institute

SUNY Polytechnic Institute, or SUNY Poly for short, is New York's globally recognized, high-tech educational ecosystem, formed from the recent merger of the SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) and SUNY Institute of Technology (SUNYIT). SUNY Poly is creating unparalleled educational, workforce training, research, development, and commercialization opportunities, in addition to sparking jobs and business growth, as it enables New York State's innovation-based economy.

As distinct institutions, CNSE and SUNYIT offered powerful degree programs in highly relevant areas of study. Together, they now offer even more: degrees in a wide range of targeted 21st Century subjects; unique opportunities for business partnerships that create jobs and provide unparalleled hands-on learning experiences for students; unmatched high-tech resources; and a growing list of facilities across New York State to commercialize innovations and promote student entrepreneurialism.

Pioneering a 21st Century Innovation-Based Education and Economy in New York State

In short, SUNY Poly has true statewide reach with global resources, providing limitless opportunities for students, researchers, and its hundreds of partners as it enacts Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's high-tech vision for growth, workforce preparation, and job creation.

SUNY Poly Powers Academic Excellence

SUNY Poly builds upon each campus' historical strengths, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in the emerging disciplines of nanoscience and nanoengineering, as well as cutting-edge nanobioscience and nanoeconomics programs at its Albany campus. Additionally, SUNY Poly offers degrees in technology, professional studies, and the arts and sciences at its Utica/Rome campus where thriving athletic, recreational, and cultural programs, events, and activities complement the campus experience. For students, this means an even more exciting, world-class education with top-tier, expert faculty members and unmatched, statewide resources. At both campuses students will be able to unlock their true potential for success in New York's fastest growing, high-paying industries.

SUNY Poly Drives High-Tech Growth

As the world's most advanced, university-driven research enterprise, SUNY Poly boasts more than \$20 billion in high-tech investments, and over 300 corporate partners as part of its statewide footprint that spans New York State's innovation corridor, from Albany to Buffalo. Many of these partners offer unique workforce training opportunities for students who can learn by doing while they make lifelong professional connections.

SUNY Poly Has Statewide Reach

The 1.3 million-square-foot Albany NanoTech megaplex is home to more than 3,100 scientists, researchers, engineers, students, faculty, and staff, and with a planned expansion that is currently underway, the number of employees is expected to increase by 1,000 in the next three to five years.

The Colleges of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) at SUNY Poly co-founded and manages the Computer Chip Commercialization Center (Quad-C), located on the Utica campus, and is lead developer of the Marcy Nanocenter site in Utica, which is designed to attract 450mm computer chip manufacturing to the Mohawk Valley.

CNSE operates the Smart Cities Technology Innovation Center (SCiTI) at Kiernan Plaza in Albany, which provides a unique platform for the development and testing of smart cities technologies that can enable smarter roads to decrease traffic and pollution, or lead to more efficient banking, for example.

The CNSE Solar Energy Development Center in Halfmoon provides a prototyping and demonstration line for next-generation CIGS thin-film solar cells and supports SUNY Poly's leadership of the U.S. Photovoltaic Manufacturing Consortium (PVMC), in partnership with SEMATECH.

CNSE's Smart System Technology and Commercialization Center of Excellence (STC) in Rochester offers state-of-the-art capabilities for micro-electro-mechanical systems (MEMS) fabrication and packaging.

The CNSE Photovoltaic Manufacturing and Technology Development Facility (CNSE MDF), also in Rochester, is the solar industry's first full-service collaborative facility dedicated to crystalline silicon.

CNSE also cofounded and manages the Buffalo High-Tech Manufacturing Complex, Buffalo Information Technologies Innovation

and Commercialization Hub, and Buffalo Medical Innovation and Commercialization Hub, which will house top-tier clean energy companies and enable advanced manufacturing; train IT professionals and develop next-generation IT software to drive discoveries in the areas of molecular research, genomics, energy efficiency, and defense; and enable research, development, and testing for drug screening, pharmaceutical development, technology optimization, business attraction, workforce training, and bioinformatics; respectively.

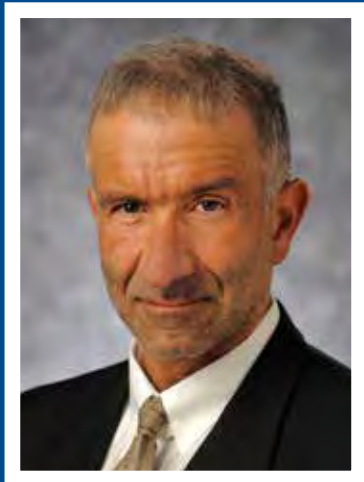
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Graduate students Karen Torrejon and Feryan Ahmed at work in Professor Susan Sharfstein's lab at SUNY Poly's Albany NanoTech Complex. Photo by Melissa Renzi



SUNY Poly



“When Governor Andrew Cuomo first brought these campuses together to help realize his \$1.5 billion ‘Nano Utica’ initiative, he was catalyzing an exciting opportunity to create a cutting edge, multi-faceted academic and economic engine for the state. The new name, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, truly embodies the incredible potential of the merged entity, and we extend our gratitude and acknowledgment to Chancellor Zimpher and the SUNY Board of Trustees for their oversight and support during this historic time. We applaud our students, faculty, and staff for their support and assistance in identifying a name that unifies our campuses while preserving our original missions and unique identities, as we carry out the Governor’s high-tech vision for New York State.”

Dr. Alain Kaloyeros

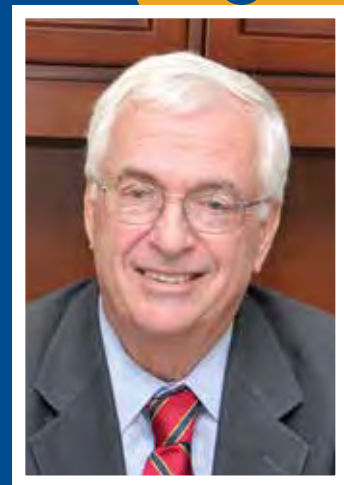
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and Officer in Charge
Professor*



“SUNY Polytechnic Institute will not only further advance the leading-edge academic, research, and development programs that made CNSE and SUNYIT recognized high-tech, hands-on, higher education pioneers, it will also leverage the wealth of resources available at both the Albany and Utica campuses, and across New York State. In doing so, SUNY Poly is a perfect example of how the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts, made possible by an unrivalled array of educational programs and opportunities for students, in addition to a continued dedication to high-tech research, job training, and statewide economic development.”

Dr. Robert Geer

*SUNY Poly Senior Vice President
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“The merging of these two world-class institutions to form SUNY Polytechnic Institute is a pivotal moment for New York State, its students, and its high-tech industries. The deployment of an educational experience focused on technology, integrated with advanced manufacturers, and utilizing problem based learning will produce an exceptionally competitive workforce. With unmatched curricular, instructional, and research components distributed across New York’s high-tech corridor, SUNY Polytechnic is poised to deliver a new vision for education, one that offers engaging, relevant student experiences and drives innovation and business growth. This is an exciting time to be part of this wonderful new institution, SUNY Polytechnic.”

Dr. William Durgin

SUNY Poly Provost

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Nancy Zimpher
SUNY Chancellor



"Mohawk Valley EDGE is proud to work with SUNY Polytechnic Institute to enact the change that is leading to next-generation manufacturing and jobs. Working with the institution that is now able to leverage its high-tech, Albany-based capabilities and know-how along with the academic history and rich resources of the Mohawk Valley, we look forward to this new dawn for students, workers, businesses, and residents throughout the region and state."

Steve DiMeo
Mohawk Valley EDGE President

Professor Gregory Denbeaux works with a student in his lab in the CESTM building at SUNY Poly's Albany NanoTech Complex.





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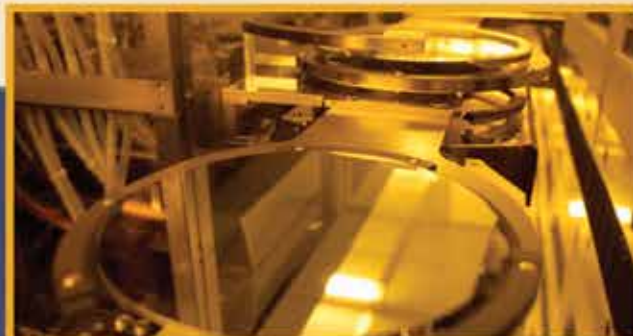
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Mechanical Engineering Students Help Veteran

More than anything else, he'd like to golf again.

Rick Yarosh of Windsor, N.Y., was deployed to Iraq in 2005. He served nine months until one day, in September 2006, his tank was hit by a makeshift bomb. The attack left him with terrible injuries. More than 60% of his body was badly burned,

and his right leg had to be amputated below the knee. After a prolonged and remarkable recovery, he has taken on the role of motivational speaker, talking to military, non-profit, school, church, and other groups, showing by example how one can overcome adversity.

Yarosh says the support and expertise of staff at the Sitrin Health Care Center's military rehabilitation program have been invaluable. And he has the help of Amos, his service dog. But it's two college students who are helping him to accomplish something he's longed for ever since his return home: to play golf.

When Daniel Jones, chair of the engineering technology department, presented Yarosh's wish to his engineering students as a possible project to tackle, two of those students – Adam Peters '14 of New Hartford and Nicholas Arbour '14 of Herkimer, both majoring in mechanical engineering technology – jumped at the chance.

“Nicholas and I both realized when Dr. Jones introduced the problem to the class as a project possibility that this had real-world application,” Peters said. “And that is so much more rewarding when accomplished.”

Recently, the two met Yarosh for the first time. In a room in the Cayan Library, they gave him the opportunity to try out their current prototype, and get feedback on how it felt as well as how it could be made better for his specific use. The two worked on their prototype



Adam Peters '14, Rick Yarosh and Nicholas Arbour '14.

for about 12 weeks in class, and outside of class as well. Until the end-of-semester meeting, they had no specific information about him – which made the design problem even more challenging.

“Many of the challenges were all of the unknowns in terms of Rick's mobilities and capabilities,” Peters said. “It has to be designed specifically for his anatomy. So, we'll definitely have a better idea now that we've met him.”

“They've been doing this blind,” Yarosh said, “which makes it even more amazing, what they've been able to do without seeing me.”

Specific modifications were key to creating exactly what Yarosh needs. There is, he says, no “one size fits all” when it comes to equipment for injuries such as his.

“We had a list of questions that needed answering,” Arbour said. “While I was nervous before Rick first got here, I felt much more confident in our project and the prototype after meeting with him.”

For the students, meeting Yarosh in person helped them fine-tune and improve their creation so that he can once again return to the links. And Yarosh, impressed with how well the prototype worked for him, says this feels like it could finally be the success story he's been looking for.

“I've had about seven different prosthetic legs,” Yarosh said. “The reason is because they're never perfect. So, I never get my hopes up too high. It's trial and error. But seeing how far along these guys are is awesome. It felt like an extension of my arm.”



Peters and Arbour fitting the prototype with Rick Yarosh.

Nursing Programs Earn Reaccreditation for the Next Decade

SUNY Polytechnic Institute has announced that its top-tier baccalaureate and master's degree nursing programs have received reaccreditation for the next ten years from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). As a result, the cutting-edge nursing-related programs will continue to enable students to explore innovative approaches to healthcare through research, development, and the application of technology through June 30, 2024.

"The faculty and staff in the Department of Nursing & Health Professions are to be commended for their hard work that has directly led to this accomplishment," said Robert Geer, senior vice president and chief operating officer. "Accreditation recognizes the continuing excellence of our nursing programs, which have a long history of providing quality, affordable education in this region. It also paves the way for future nurses and other healthcare professionals who will use the advanced skills they have learned here to support the health of local residents and people throughout New York State for years to come."

CCNE's in-depth evaluation of SUNY Poly's nursing program included a review of the department's mission – to be the premier innovative cornerstone of nursing education in New York State through the use of technology within a caring context – as well as its educational philosophy, goals and objectives, and performance in assisting students in attaining their educational goals. The evaluation also included an on-site evaluation by a team of experts.

"The CCNE report reaffirms the strength of our nursing programs, and we are thrilled to share the news that all four accreditation standards were met," said Dr. Louise Dean-Kelly, Nursing & Health Professions Department Chair. "This national accreditation recognizes the excellence and high quality of our nursing faculty, programs, and students, and we look forward to continuing to provide a



world-class education for students who are looking for the skills they will need to find success in a number of career paths within the healthcare field."

The nursing program provides an innovative approach to education, utilizing an integrative framework that includes technology, behavioral science, biological sciences, arts, and humanities to provide a transformational educational environment that prepares students to become leaders in this exciting field as they master the skillsets required to meet the unique healthcare needs of clients and families, both locally, and throughout the world. SUNY Poly's offerings in nursing include: R.N. to Bachelor of Science in Nursing, 1+2+1 AAS/BS program in collaboration with St. Elizabeth College of Nursing, and Master of Science degrees in Family Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Administration, and Nursing Education. The department also offers advanced certificates in Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Education.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) is an autonomous accrediting agency, contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE accreditation is a nongovernmental peer review process that operates in accordance with nationally recognized standards established for the practice of accreditation in the United States, and the Commission ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing, serving the public interest by assessing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices.

Faculty profile: Dr. Naren Peddibhotla

The landscape of commerce changes every day, and that change has been moving at lightning speed since the advent of the Internet and e-commerce. It's a world that Naren Peddibhotla, assistant professor of technology management, knows well. After a decade in sales, marketing and other professional pursuits in the business world, Peddibhotla is now devoted to teaching and research in the area of how information technology can help a company succeed. After earning an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management in Calcutta and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, he joined the Utica campus faculty in 2007. His research interests include the evolving world of commerce and how the interactivity of company and user is changing not only how people browse and buy, but how e-commerce sites market to each specific user.



"I look at the human factors and issues," he says. "Why do people contribute to or write reviews for sites like Amazon, Best Buy, etc.? That research includes the value of user reviews on business sites. It's not just about boxes, cables and technology, but how people use those things in organizations. It's about what drives people to review things on e-commerce sites."

On one hand, shopping has changed because of the new way in which we buy and sell services. On the other hand, Peddibhotla says, nothing has changed. One of the key factors to a successful business, whether a store is bricks-and-mortar or online, is providing value to a customer. Service providers and sellers need to know what their customers want, he says, a characteristic that cuts across information technology marketing and is the key to any business doing well.

When you shop on sites like amazon.com, you may notice the site making recommendations to you based on items you purchased or viewed earlier. Or you may have been to other websites where you've been shown advertisements for items you've looked at in the past on sites like Amazon or Barnes and Noble. According to Peddibhotla, this approach is an attempt at e-commerce sites to try and replicate the personalization in the small, local stores of yesteryear.

"Look at amazon.com in comparison to a small-town bookstore. The small bookstore owner may know what you like if you're a regular customer and may suggest things for you to purchase. Amazon is using technology and reviews to replicate that experience for you. They are looking at what web pages customers click on and try to predict what type of products a customer may buy."

However, when you go beyond the technology and marketing, Peddibhotla says he wants students to learn problem-solving and communication skills that help them not just in the classroom or the board room, but throughout life.

"That's not unique to just my classes. Students should go out into the world with a string of problem-solving skills," he says. "No matter what major or occupation, you have to communicate your case with logic, data, justified arguments to your peers, subordinates and superiors."

5th Annual Foundation Golf Invitational



John Madia G'11, Theresa Synakowski '98, Aaron Swancott '11, and Dean Williams '07

The golf invitational was held May 19 at the Yahundasis Golf Club in New Hartford, N.Y. Since its inauguration in 2009, the tournament has raised more than \$110,000 in direct scholarship support for our students. Thank you to all of our sponsors, golfers and attendees!

Save the date for next year's Invitational: Monday, May 18, 2015

SUNY Poly Receives 2014 CASE Educational Fundraising Award

SUNY Polytechnic Institute has received a 2014 Educational Fundraising Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) for Overall Improvement among Public Comprehensive Institutions across the country. This was the first time SUNY Polytechnic Institute has received such an honor in the history of the college.

"To be recognized by CASE is a distinct honor for our foundation board, our development department and the entire college to celebrate. It is validation of the hard work and tireless effort put forth by our dedicated board members and staff. More importantly, it is a reflection of the important role our donors play in helping us to meet the critical and growing needs of our students, academic programs and the institution. I am extremely proud of all who have played a part in making this award possible," said Peter Perkins, assistant vice president for development and executive director of the foundation.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute was selected to receive an Overall Improvement Award based on three years of fundraising data the institution supplied to the Council for Aid to Education's annual Voluntary Support of Education Survey (VSE). SUNY Polytechnic Institute was one of 79 higher education institutions to win a 2014 CASE award out of the 450 colleges and universities that were considered and one of only three SUNY schools to be recognized in 2014.



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The Foundation awarded scholarships to over 370 current students for the 2014-2015 academic year.

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Admissions



We welcomed a record number of freshmen and international students to the Wildcat family this fall!

347 Freshmen
71 International

Room Dedicated in Memory of Eleanor Cirelli

More than 60 members of the campus community gathered on September 27 for a room dedication ceremony in memory of Eleanor Cirelli. A longtime campus employee, Eleanor served as Office Manager for the Utica/Rome Student Association (URSA), then the SUNYIT Student Association (SA) until her passing in December 2013.

During Wildcat Weekend 2014, the Student Association Suite in the Student Center was named for Eleanor as a meaningful and lasting recognition of her dedication to our students. In addition, current Student Association leaders were able to raise more than \$14,000 for student scholarships through a campaign in Eleanor's memory.



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Athletics

Wildcats Hoist President's Cup for Best Overall Men's Sports Program

After coming up empty for the first time in three years at the 2013 NEAC May Retreat, the Wildcats got to put their paws on some hardware again in 2014. Narrowly missing out on the President's Cup Award for Best Overall Sports Program (an award SUNY Polytechnic had won 3 times before), SUNY Poly was then announced as the winner of the President's Cup for Best Overall Men's Sports Program. The tremendous success of the men's soccer and men's cross country programs in the fall (each won the NEAC Championship in their respective sport) coupled with the success of the baseball and men's volleyball programs in the spring vaulted the Wildcats into the top spot for the fourth time in six years.

"We're very proud of our accomplishments this season, especially for reclaiming the top position as the best men's program and for our close challenge for the best overall sports program," said Kevin Grimmer, director of athletics and recreation. "The fact that our Wildcats consistently compete at the top of our conference is a testament to the tremendous efforts put forth by our student-athletes and coaching staff."

Improbable Baseball and Softball Runs Captivate Wildcat Fans

The SUNY Polytechnic baseball and softball teams both had seasons to remember.

It started with the SUNY Poly softball team, which traveled to SUNY Cobleskill as the NEAC Tournament's #2-seed in the North Division after finishing the year 19-16 overall with a 14-4 NEAC record. The Wildcats dropped the first game 6-5 to Wilson. Falling into the loser's bracket of a double-elimination tournament after the first game is usually a deathblow as it almost doubles the number of games a team would have to play in order to make the championship. But 2014's Wildcat team played best with their backs against the wall; in their four most important doubleheaders during the regular season (those against SUNY Cobleskill and Keuka), the Wildcats lost their first game before rebounding to win the second game in all four instances. That mentality would help them in the NEAC Tournament, as the team's bats erupted in a pair of blowout victories following the loss to Wilson.

The back-to-back victories set up a seemingly inevitable semifinal matchup with the rival Keuka College Storm.

The Storm, who lost on Sunday morning to eventual champion Penn State-Berks, scored three runs in the top of the 6th inning to erase a 2-1 SUNY Poly lead, then added another run in the top of the seventh to take a 5-2 lead. But

SUNY Poly never blinked, scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game. With the bases loaded and one out, rookie Kiersten Albertson (Kirkville, N.Y.) delivered the clincher, smacking a walk-off single to give SUNY Poly a miraculous 6-5 victory.

The Wildcats would go on to lose to heavy favorite Penn St.-Berks in the NEAC final later that afternoon, but left the championship site at SUNY Cobleskill having

put on a memorable show over the three-day tournament. SUNY Poly was aided throughout by eye-popping performances from Krista Pristera (New Hartford, N.Y.) and Jessica Patterelli (Canastota, N.Y.). Through the first four games of the tournament, the pair finished a videogame-esque 17-for-26, with 4 home runs and 16 RBI's. Patterelli in particular was on another level. The junior, described by her coach Jessica Skelton as "the most intimidating hitter we've ever had," went 9-for-12 with 3 homers and 9 RBI over the same stretch, homering in three straight games. Patterelli finished the year with a .475 batting average, 8 homers, and 51 RBI's, all team-highs. Pristera was right behind her with a .405 average, 3 homers, and 27 RBI's, and was named to the ECAC All-Region 2nd Team as a third-baseman.

SUNY Poly had success on the bigger diamond as well. After sneaking into the NEAC Tournament on the final day of the regular season, the Wildcat baseball team traveled to Gallaudet University as the last seed (#4) in the NEAC Tournament.

As such, they squared off against the tournament host Gallaudet University. A heavy underdog, the Wildcats engineered a thrilling 1-0 victory in 11 innings, as pitcher Joseph Redmond (Stone Ridge, N.Y.) put together a masterful 9-innings of work, scattering 7 hits while striking out 10. He was relieved by Ryan Dungey (Vernon, N.Y.), who closed the game in the bottom of the 11th after scoring the winning run in the top of the inning via a Joseph O'Rourke (Camden, N.Y.) double.

The Wildcats capitalized on the momentum by defeating Penn St.-Berks later in the day 9-4. SUNY Poly was aided in that game by a monster 2-run blast to left-field from Kevin Rowlands (New York Mills, N.Y.), who finished the game an incredible 5-for-5. SUNY Poly went on to fall in the tournament final to the same Nittany Lions a day later, but the Wildcats' impressive run to the final game as the tournament's #4 seed marks just the second time the team has made it to the NEAC Championship.

As with the Wildcat softball team, two players loomed large over the 2014 baseball season. The first was SUNY Poly senior outfielder Kevin Rowlands, who was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association



(ABCA) All-Region First Team after a terrific senior campaign for the Wildcats. Rowlands, who finished the year with the second-highest batting average in the NEAC at .420, is the first SUNY Poly selection to the ABCA All-Region First Team since Chris Fratini and Dan Orza in 2010. In addition to Rowlands, SUNY Poly junior pitcher Joseph Redmond was also recognized by the ABCA, taking home All-Region 2nd Team honors on Monday. Earlier the same day, Redmond received another All-Region honor, making the D3baseball.com All-Region Second Team.

Men's Volleyball Wins First NEAC Championship

Providing a big assist towards SUNY Poly's aforementioned President's Cup victory in 2014 was the men's volleyball team. The team blew through the NEAC, finishing the year with a program best overall record of 19-5 which included a NEAC record of 7-1. The Wildcats hosted Lancaster Bible College in the NEAC Championship, dispatching with the Chargers to earn the program's first conference championship.

Four players received All-Conference honors, with libero Justin Rich being honored as the NEAC Defensive Player of the Year.



First Men's Volleyball NEAC Championship.

Lacrosse Programs Usher in New Eras

Both the men's and women's lacrosse programs found themselves on the edge of changing epochs. For the women it came in the form of new arrivals; for the men it was more about the departures.

The men's lacrosse program bid farewell to a player who, perhaps more than any other player, helped anchor the team through its first few years of modern existence. Tyler Serva (Chenango Forks, N.Y.) ended his brilliant three-year career as the only Wildcat to be selected to the NEAC All-Conference Team in each of the program's first three seasons. Serva handled nearly all of the team's face-offs while still shouldering much of the load on offense as a midfielder. He scored over 20 goals in all three seasons, and led the Wildcats in 2014 with 29 scores.

Joining Serva as the only other seniors to have been with the program from the beginning were Jon Eguren, Adam Reynolds, Thomas Mokus, and Justin Shade.

As for the women, the future had already arrived in 2014. The team finished with 6 wins for the second-straight year, once again earning a berth in the NEAC Conference Playoffs, where they were defeated by Cazenovia. The Wildcats were led by the rookie tandem of Krysta Beha (Marcy, N.Y.) and Nicole DiPiazza (Colonie, N.Y.). The freshman pair combined to score 71 of SUNY Poly's 156 goals on the year. DiPiazza finished with a team-high 39 scores on the season, while Beha netted 32 goals to go along with 11 assists despite playing in just 6 games before suffering a season-ending injury. With the return of both players in 2015, the program will be looking for continued success in its fourth season.

NEAC Scholars

In addition to their on-field prowess, there were plenty of Wildcats prowling the library halls in 2014. SUNY Poly sent a record 45 student-athletes to the NEAC Scholar-Athlete list, which was up from the school's 35 selections last year and 16 in 2011-12. In order to qualify, student-athletes must have maintained a combined 3.4 GPA or higher over the 2013-14 fall and spring semesters.

Of those 45, several went on to receive even bigger honors. Among those were senior basketball player Ryan James (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), senior lacrosse player Brett Gifford (Cazenovia, N.Y.), and junior soccer player Brett Gruener (Ballston Spa, N.Y.), all of which received the SUNY

Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award. Only 86 student-athletes across the SUNY system received the award, and this year's recipients averaged a 3.55 GPA.

Gifford, who remained the only men's lacrosse player to be named to the All-NEAC 1st Team after receiving the honor for the second straight year in 2014, was also named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team as well. But the most prestigious award of the year would go to senior baseball player and team captain Jim Sass (Kingston, N.Y.). An electrical engineering major with a near-perfect GPA, Sass was one of only 22 players nationwide at the Division III level to be named to the CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-America Team, and the only baseball player in the NEAC to earn the honor.

Sass earned the award after a brilliant 4-year career at SUNY Poly, in which he won SUNY Poly's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year award three-straight times. The award is given out each year to the SUNY Poly male athlete with the highest cumulative GPA. Coincidentally, Sass's sister – Jessica Sass (Kingston, N.Y.) – has been opposite him the past two seasons, taking home SUNY Poly's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year award while competing in volleyball and lacrosse for the Wildcats.



Tyler Serva of Chenango Forks, N.Y.

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Class Notes

1970s

Michael Rose '76

Business/Public Management

After graduation Mark returned to Long Island and started working as an Accountant in New York City. Today he still works and lives on Long Island and is married with three daughters.

Gary Bean '77

Criminal Justice

is Chief of University Police at SUNY Polytechnic Institute's Utica campus. His fourth child, Michael Adams Bean, was born in September 2013, joining siblings Vivienne, Jackson and Juliana Bean.

Gregory Keppel Sr. '77

Business/Public Management

of Buffalo, N.Y., is employed by IRS - Criminal Investigation as a Computer Operations Administrator.

Dr. Sharon

Giambattista Placella '77

Nursing

lives in East Northport, N.Y., and is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at Molloy College.



Thomas White '78

Criminal Justice

was recently honored by The New York Insurance Association, Inc., with the Chair's Distinguished Service Award at the association's annual conference. He is President of Community Mutual Insurance Company and Regional Vice President of Union Mutual and resides in East Greenbush, N.Y.

1980s

Dr. Judith Webb '80, G'98

Adult Nurse Practitioner

earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in 2010 at MGH Institute of Health Professions. Her capstone research was published in the Journal of Hospice and Palliative Nursing. Her paper, "Religious and Spiritual Influences on End of Life Decision Making," was recently published in the Journal for Nurse Practitioners. She is Clinical Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Adult-Gero Nurse Practitioner Program at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston, Mass.

William Merrick '81

Electrical Engineering Technology

of Clinton, N.Y., is employed by PAR Technology Corporation as a manager manufacturing engineer / production.

Lynn Hankins '82

Medical Records Administration

recently moved to Richardson, Texas, and is employed at the University of Texas at Dallas as a finance program coordinator.

David Corey '82

Criminal Justice

was appointed director of the Jefferson County Probation Department in March 2014.

Joe Martinez '83

Mechanical Engineering Technology

lives in Williamsburg, Va., and serves as the chief operations officer for the College of William & Mary/ Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point, Va.

Sam Mancuso '83

Natural Science

lives in Utica, N.Y., and is a project engineer at ConMed.

Randy S. Zornberg '83

Mechanical Engineering Technology

lives in Dix Hills, N.Y., and is employed by Evax Systems Inc. as a national sales manager.



Lee Einsidler '79

Business/Public Management

speaks to the crowd during brunch at the 3rd annual Alumni Day at the Saratoga Racetrack on August 8.

William Desnoyers '83

Computer & Information Science

is currently working from home for Hewlett Packard as a programmer analyst.

Daniel Zimmerman '83

Business & Public Management

Son Andrew Zimmerman is a freshman at SUNY Poly starting this semester! Son Adam Zimmerman is a graduate student planning to graduate in December with an MBA. They are the third and fourth members of my family to attend SUNY Poly and Dad is very proud!

Robert Frank '84

Electrical Engineering Technology

lives in Orlando, Fla., and is employed city manager of Ocoee, Fla.

Allen Styno '84

Business/Public Management

is celebrating his 30th anniversary of graduating from SUNY Poly (when it was known as the College of Technology at Utica/Rome) and is still serving the college as a member of the Alumni Association Advisory Board.

Patricia Owens '85

Business/Public Management

has lived happily in Florida since 1993 and has been employed by Convergys Corp since 1997.

Thomas Cook '85

Electrical Engineering Technology

is employed at Lockheed

Martin as a software engineer and has been with the company for 28 years.

George Flemma '85

Accounting

is newly employed with Jones Day as a partner based in their New York office.

Jim Allen '86

Mechanical Engineering Technology

is employed as the director of operations for SFC-Koenig.

John O'Connor '88

Accounting

recently earned his MBA in Finance and HRM from Devry/Keller Graduate School of Management. He earned the privilege to become a Sigma Beta Delta member with a GPA over 3.5.

Tracy Smith '88

Mechanical Engineering Technology

recently completed 25 years as a sign language interpreter working with D/deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) students. She is nationally certified by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID).

Robert McAlpine '89

Telecommunications

lives in Chester, N.H., with his wife, Jill, and two daughters, Molly, 15, and Lindsay, 10. He has been employed by Fidelity Investments for 17 years.

1990s

Michael Fieger '90

Business/Public Management

recently launched GPS Public Relations in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Elizabeth Simons '92

Sociology

is employed by the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (CABVI) in Utica as a customer service representative.

Michelle (Balderston) Simonds '92

Health Services Management

is celebrating her eighteenth year as a claims representative with the Social Security Administration.

Julie (Taylor) Darling '93*Sociology*

lives in New Hartford, N.Y., and is employed with American Red Cross, Mohawk Valley as a Community Chapter Executive.

Kevin Joyce '93*Electrical Engineering Technology*

recently started a new job working for Quanterion Solutions, Inc., as senior information technologist.

Laura (Zimmerman) Brown '93*Business/Public Management*

lives in Edmeston, N.Y., and is employed at NYCM Insurance as a property claims examiner.

Guy Julian '94*Computer Information Science*

lives in Cicero, N.Y., and is employed by CSC as an IT manager.

John Kuczynski '95*Technical Communication*

lives in Charlotte, N.C., and is employed by Britax Child Safety, Inc., as a technical writer.

Paul Henriques '96*Civil Engineering Technology*

started his own design/build firm, Premiere Contracting, Inc., in 2005. His company has built everything from custom-designed homes to large commercial projects, including four fire departments.

Mark Deierlein '81, G'97*Health Services Management*

finished his tenth year at Herkimer BOCES as executive director of business operations. Wife Francesca Parente Deierlein, also class of 1981, has completed a second B.S. from Keuka College. Son Matthew began his studies at University of Buffalo Law this semester. Daughter Katie earned a graduate degree from George Washington University in International Education and is employed at Global Communities.

Edwin Weibel '98*Electrical Engineering Technology*

lives in Pittsfield, Mass., and is employed by GDAIS as a systems engineer.

Jared Limberg '99*Computer Information Systems*

Currently resides in Shaker Heights, Ohio, and is employed by IBM as a senior managing strategy consultant.

Regina (Palumbo) Larzelere '99*Business/Public Management*

is a systems analyst at Sovena USA, a position she has held for five years. In this role, she is in charge of all material master data in SAP, along with query-building and reporting. In addition, she leads private label development for multiple national customers.

Karen Dunham '99*Sociology*

recently earned an AOS in Massage Therapy from New York College of Health Professions, lives in Ronkonkoma, N.Y., and is a massage therapist at Massage Envy.

Margaret Metot '99*Computer Information Systems*

is an employment specialist at The Arc Oneida/Lewis Counties.

Angela Ferrannini '99*Professional and Technical Communication*

is a content developer at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., and was recently married to Lars Nielsen at a ceremony in Portland, Ore.

2000s**Vladimir Diaz '00***Business/Public Management*

is the regional director for Florida and Puerto Rico with the USDA Hispanic-Serving Institutions National Program and works to create strategic partnerships between USDA and HSIs. He assists students, faculty, and administrators in accessing USDA's educational, employment, and funding opportunities.

Ann Stickel '00*Psychology*

recently retired and lives in Whitesboro, N.Y.

Lori (Wirth) Asperschlager '00*Business/Public Management*

and husband Erich Asperschlager celebrated the arrival of Leah Ruth Asperschlager in February 2014.

Brian Von Knoblauch '01*Computer Information Systems*

is operations manager for the Information and Computing Technology group at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

Paul Knapp '04*Computer/Information Science*

lives in Huntersville, N.C., and is employed by ABB as a high voltage laboratory manager.

**Mark Schmidt G'03***Accounting*

has been promoted to partner at Central New York Accounting Firm, Sirchia & Cuomo, LLP. As the point person for many of the tax-related needs of Sirchia & Cuomo's clients, he works with people in a variety of industries with a special emphasis on those in the contracting and healthcare fields, as well as small business owners; he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), AICPA Forensic Accounting and Business Valuation Services Group, New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants, National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts, Nathaniel Rochester Society, and Lowenthal Business Group.

Isaac Sunkes '05*Computer Information Systems*

lives in Syracuse, N.Y., and is employed with Ravenglass Technologies as a Senior Web & Mobile Applications Developer.

Debi Geroux G'05*Accounting*

is employed by SUNY Oswego as a graduate outreach specialist and an accounting adjunct. She is also the owner of Purple Kitty LLC, a home-based small business.

Brett Lyon G'05*Technology Management*

lives in New York, N.Y., and is employed by Mount Sinai Health System as an IT project manager.

Rebecca Hamlin '05*Business/Public Management*

lives in Round Rock, Texas, and is assistant director of admissions at South University.

Michael Solete '05*Business/Public Management*

has built a great family in a great house right behind the campus! He has two beautiful kids and an established career in retail management.

Cathy DellAnno Soldato '06*Sociology*

is working for two senior care agencies in Florida: Home Instead Senior Care and Seniors Helping Seniors.

Melissa (Vollmer) Gagné '07*Psychology*

recently earned an MBA from The College of St. Rose and lives in Getzville, N.Y., she is employed by Synacor as a human resources manager.

Jason Vick '07*Accounting*

lives in Houston, Texas, and is a manager at KPMG LLP.

Christopher Munoz '07*Computer Information Systems*

lives in Johnson City, N.Y., and is employed by Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital as a Revenue Cycle System Analyst.

Andrew (Hookway) Bugenis '08*Professional and Technical Communication*

is getting ready for another season as a wedding videographer!

Matthew Anderson '08*Computer Information Systems*

lives in Cohoes, N.Y., and is employed with HVHC as a database administrator.

Julie Smith '08*Nursing*

is employed at Rome Memorial Hospital as an RN in the Critical Care Unit as well as an adjunct clinical nursing instructor at MVCC. She has two children and five grandchildren who keep her busy.



Mary Lee Berg G'10

Nursing Education

was sent on a professional development trip to Vietnam in 2012 while teaching nursing for Mohawk Valley Community College. As a new faculty member in the nursing department at Onondaga Community College, she traveled to Guatemala in 2013 for a service learning trip with nine nursing students. The group taught five community health seminars to Mayan families on oral hygiene, lice eradication and prevention, pneumonia, malnutrition, and reproductive health. She also visited small Mayan villages in the mountains and went on home visits to the sick with local health providers. She looks forward to her next trip to Guatemala in December 2014.

Brian Russell '08

Civil Engineering Technology

recently accepted the position of senior project manager at National Grid after spending two years as project manager for National Electrical Systems, managing large performance contracts mostly for the Federal government.

Jessica (Vaeth) Pekmez '08

Sociology

is employed as a child protective caseworker with Oneida County.

Sara Hawkins '08

Business/Public Management

lives in South Jersey and is working in Philadelphia, Pa., for the CCO/co-owner of Day & Zimmermann.

Alaina Spadaro '09

General Studies

is currently finishing graduate school at Syracuse University.

Kyle Winton '09

Business Administration

is employed as both an assistant head cashier and an assistant manager at a storage facility in Syracuse, N.Y. He has also moved from Utica, N.Y., to Syracuse where he lives with his girlfriend and son. He still has his dreadlocks.

Chris Dare '09

Computer Engineering Technology

is in primary flight training for the U.S. Navy in Texas.

Christopher Spahn G'09

Computer/Information Science

is working on various projects for his local sanitation department in Merrick, N.Y.

Laurel Hosmer '09

Sociology

recently earned an M.S. in Sports Management degree from University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is now residing in Athens, Ga., and is employed at University of Georgia Athletic Association as a development intern.

Chris Abel '09

Computer Engineering Technology

recently got engaged to Jennifer Plumer and bought a house.

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Steven Hayes '10

Telecommunications

lives in Liverpool, N.Y., and is employed by Cisco as a senior implementation engineer.

David Paciello '10, G'12

Technology Management

works at Crawford Group at Cisco Systems as data analysis program manager in San Francisco, Calif.

Maureen Seaman '10

Accounting

works as a financial aid counselor at Wells College in Aurora, N.Y.

Dan Levett '10

Business Administration

was accepted to Walden University's M.S. in Accounting program in January 2014 and plans to take the CPA exam after completing his studies.

Spencer Alessi '11

Computer & Information Science

lives in Oriskany, N.Y., and is employed by Utica First Insurance as a network support specialist.

David Parmon '11

General Studies

is working with State Farm Insurance as a customer relations representative for Scott Grates Agency in Ilion, N.Y.

Charles Spencer '11

Computer Information Systems

has been working in the health-care industry for the past two years and is currently employed as a business intelligence solution developer at Bassett Healthcare.

Denise Brodock-Nicotera '12

Psychology

lives in Utica, N.Y., and is employed with St. Leo-St. Ann Roman Catholic Church in Holland Patent as director of faith formation. She recently received an M.S. of Ed. in Mental Health Counseling from The College of St. Rose.

Marie-Paule (Missy) Heylen Parmley G'12

Adult Nurse Practitioner

recently started a new job as a nurse practitioner at Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley, Inc., in Potsdam, N.Y.

Daniee Hurlbert '12

Communication & Information Design

recently joined PAR Technology Corporation as a marketing specialist.

Willjavian Dawson '12

Communication & Information Design

lives in Utica, N.Y., and is employed with Upstate Cerebral Palsy as an independent living skills counselor.

Gary Furco '12

Computer Information Systems

is working for Tequipmant installing audio/visual equipment for school districts.

Dorothy 'Dee' Facci G'12

Technology Management

has been recognized for ten years of federal service at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) in Rome, N.Y.



Amanda Myers '13
Finance
of Lee Center, N.Y., is working at DFAS as an accounting technician.

Paul Keck '13
Computer Engineering Technology
works at Netra One Technology in Utica, N.Y., as a server technician.

Kaila (Forbes) Davis '13
Business Administration
lives in Nebraska with her husband and their pets. They enjoy a great life together in the Midwest. It's a lot different than upstate New York, that's for sure!

Cari Donahue '13
Accounting
is employed by the Bonadio Group as the in-charge accountant for the Small Business Administration team.

Jacquelyn Kirch '13
CID/IDT
is a social media advisor for the Carbone Auto Group, right across the street from campus!

Joe Chevrette '13
Business Administration
owns and operates an IT Solutions company and is working toward his MBA online.

Eric Markson '13
Computer & Information Science
is an application developer with Northern Safety.

Venkata Sai Pavan Vasireddy G'14
Telecommunications
is happy with his graduation in May 2014 and is employed by amazon.com as a network engineer.

Elaine Farrally-Plourde '14
Informational Design and Technology
lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., and is the owner of Ateso.

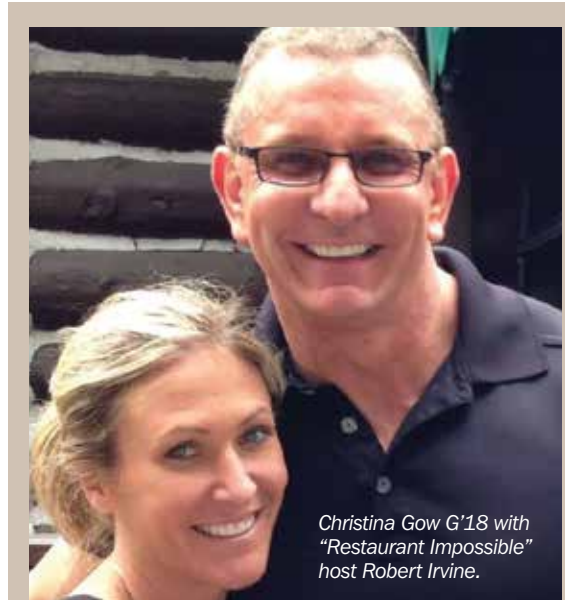
Kristy Rowe '14
Health Information Management
works from home for Revenue Medical as an outpatient coding mentor.

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Jamie L. Elderbroom '13
Business Administration
of Marcy, N.Y., has been named client advocate on the professional staff of Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy Inc. (GKG) of New Hartford, N.Y. She serves both commercial and personal lines customers, helping to ensure the timely and accurate processing of all aspects of their insurance and risk management programs.

Michele Leroux G'12
Health Services Management
lives in Sayre, Pa., and is a facility director at ProCare Physical Therapy.

William George '13
Mechanical Engineering Technology
of Gloversville, N.Y., is employed by Taylor Made Systems as a design engineer.



Christina Gow G'18 with "Restaurant Impossible" host Robert Irvine.

Christina Gow G'18
Family Nurse Practitioner
recently volunteered for the Food Network show "Restaurant Impossible" when it renovated the Double H Ranch cafeteria in Lake Luzerne, N.Y.



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