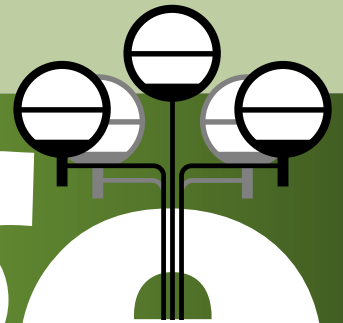


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On the cover:
Student-athletes and the Wildcat at the October 23, 2009 field house ground-breaking ceremony.

Photo by Garford Alexander



December Grads Honored

More than 230 candidates for undergraduate and graduate degrees were eligible to participate in the December 12, 2009, fall commencement ceremony in the Campus Center Gymnasium. Family members, faculty and staff helped celebrate their achievement, and President Yeigh delivered the commencement address. Following the ceremony, graduates and their guests mingled with faculty and staff at a reception in the Campus Center. Spring commencement will be held Saturday, May 8, at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.



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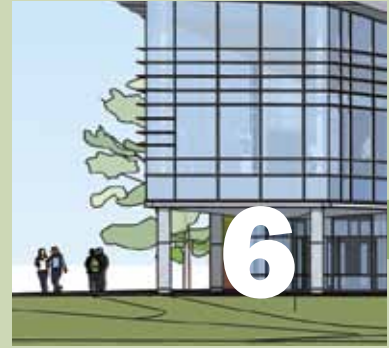
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Student Center Construction Continues

Over the winter months, construction continued on the Student Center. Crews had completed an exterior shell in late November 2009, allowing them to work on the interior during inclement weather.

Once completed, the Student Center will include a dining area, food stations providing varied menu choices, multi-purpose rooms, campus life offices, offices and meeting rooms for student clubs, a game room, a theater and lounges, technology for wireless computing, a 20-foot media wall for displaying information about campus events and activities, and an environment enhanced for computer gaming.



Students

Alumni Association Hosts Nano Tour and Reception



Alumni, students, and guests listen to one of the CNSE faculty members who served as tour guides for the Alumni Association's "Nano Tour and Reception" held in Albany.



Attendees at the Alumni Association's "Nano Tour and Reception" in January 2010 listen to President Wolf Yeigh elaborate on the 2009 announcement of a wide-ranging \$225 million nanotechnology partnership with the University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering that has generated a lot of excitement and interest in SUNYIT.



Alumni attending the Alumni Association's "Nano Tour and Reception" at CNSE included **Douglas Axelson '85** (far left), **Beth Tolman '93 '07** (second from right), and Alumni Board member **Scott Gorgas '91 '02** (far right), with Alumni Officer Brenda Dow (second from left)



The University at Albany's College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering, where SUNYIT's Alumni Association held its "Nano Tour and Reception" in January.

SUNYIT's Alumni Association attracted 59 attendees to its "Nano Tour and Reception" held on January 22, 2010, in Albany, N.Y., at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering. SUNYIT's Alumni Office, which co-coordinated the event with CNSE, received significant positive feedback from alumni and future alumni (students) regarding the opportunity to tour CNSE and hear remarks from SUNYIT President Wolf Yeigh, who has led SUNYIT's efforts related to Nanotechnology.

Yeigh said the summer 2009 announcement of a wide-ranging \$225 million nanotechnology partnership with CNSE has generated a lot of excitement and interest

in SUNYIT. With headlines this past year about SUNYIT, CNSE and Nanotechnology, the event gave attendees the opportunity to see for themselves some of CNSE's higher education and corporate operations and hear about SUNYIT's future plans related to Nanotechnology.

Alumni also had an opportunity to connect at this event with SUNYIT faculty and staff members, including: Atlas Hsie, industrial engineering technology; Dr. Bob Orilio, business/finance; Dr. Salahuddin Qazi, electrical engineering technology; and Dr. Ronald Sarner, Chris Urban, and Dr. Henry Wu, computer science.



CNSE was a co-sponsor of the SUNYIT Alumni Association's "Nano Tour and Reception" held in January.

President Names Development Director

President Wolf Yeigh has appointed Peter Perkins of Oneida as director of development at SUNYIT.

“As our director of career services and student transitions, Peter was instrumental in building SUNYIT’s relationships with corporate partners,” Yeigh said. “His experience will be a tremendous asset to our continued development of relationships with friends and supporters of SUNYIT.”



Peter Perkins

Prior to serving as director of career services and student transitions, Perkins was director of corporate training and outreach at SUNYIT. He also served as interim dean of Empire State College’s Central New York Center. Perkins holds master of business administration and bachelor of science in business administration degrees from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and is a U.S. Air Force veteran.



Jerome Donovan

New Portrait Honors Sen. Donovan

One of SUNYIT’s founding fathers – that’s how historians describe the late NYS Senator James H. Donovan, whose support was instrumental in the establishment of the SUNYIT campus in Marcy and several early initiatives. Since Donovan Hall was named, his photo-portrait has been a presence on the third floor, overlooking the building’s main entryway.

Time and exposure to natural light took their toll on the original portrait, and the colors faded. His son, **Jerome Donovan '75**, a member of SUNYIT’s first graduating class, suggested a replacement portrait taken by Frank A. Nicoletta Photography of Utica. Enlarged and protected by a UV-blocking coating, the framed portrait was installed in Donovan Hall recently.



Biology Program Part of SUNYIT’s ‘transformation’

Paterson, Destito hail new academic offering

Assemblywoman RoAnn M. Destito recently announced that Governor David Paterson has signed a master plan amendment paving the way for the addition of a new Bachelor of science program in biology at SUNYIT.

“This is another example of how SUNYIT is working to prepare its students for the New Economy careers of tomorrow,” Governor Paterson said. “The new biology program is a strategic expansion at SUNYIT, and I was pleased to sign the master plan amendment to create it. The biology degree program will complement SUNYIT’s well-known nursing program and will be an attractive option for prospective and current students. I thank Assemblywoman Destito for continuing to be a strong advocate for SUNYIT and students in the Mohawk Valley.”

“SUNYIT has begun a transformation that will make it one of the premier colleges and universities in the state in preparing students for employment in careers in science and advanced technology,” Destito said. She specifically cited SUNYIT’s

nanotechnology partnership with the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering at the University at Albany.

Destito said the new biology degree program will provide Mohawk Valley residents with the opportunity to earn a four-year biology degree at a public institution close to home. She said graduates of the program will be well prepared for career success in high-demand fields, which will strengthen SUNYIT and help transform the region’s economy.

SUNYIT President Wolf Yeigh said the biology degree will prepare students to enter the work force as laboratory assistants or technicians; research assistants in nanotechnology; and in other high-tech fields.

“Government projections indicate faster-than-average job growth in these areas in the coming years,” Yeigh said. “Many students who finish a bachelor’s degree in biology go on to graduate or professional studies, and ultimately pursue careers as research scientists, college teachers, pharmacists, veterinarians, physicians, and surgeons.”

欢迎纽约州立大学代表团访问汉办

Welcome the Delegation from the State University of New York

SUNYIT Student Part of China Trip



Photos by Daniel Levett

A SUNYIT student was part of a group representing SUNY that spent two weeks in China recently.

Daniel Levett '10 was part of a SUNY delegation that traveled to China in December 2009-January 2010. SUNY campuses across the state took part as did representatives from SUNY System Administration.

"I've just always been fascinated by Chinese culture, and I figured the opportunity was there so I might as well take advantage of it," Levett said.

150 undergraduates from Sichuan province, allowing them to continue their education in the U.S. while their home institutions were being rebuilt. Hosting the SUNY delegation, Levett says, "was really just the Chinese government's way of saying 'Thank you.'"

More than 200 SUNY students, faculty, staff and administrators were part of the delegation that visited Beijing before flying to Sichuan province, where Levett says the visitors were split into smaller groups. "I stayed in Beijing for a week, and then Chengdu for two days; Mianyang, a city in Sichuan province for about five days; and visited Wenchuan County, the epicenter of the earthquake." Group visits to university campuses and stops at some of China's cultural sites were part of the itinerary.

"This was an absolutely tremendous opportunity, and I had an incredible time," Levett said. "I gained a lot of information that I hope to one day use in my field of study."

A senior business administration major with a minor in finance, Levett is from Syracuse. After graduating in May, he plans to pursue an MBA at SUNYIT.

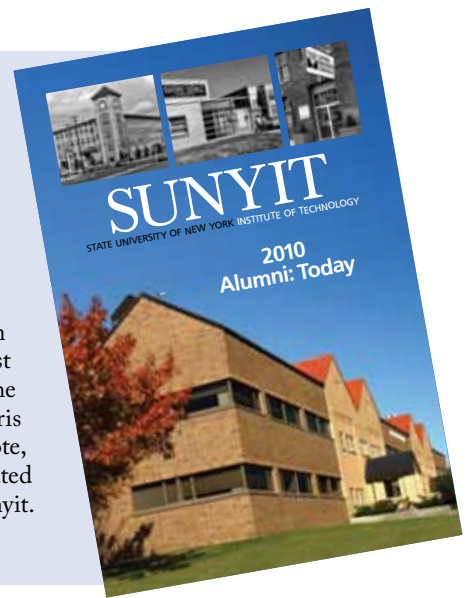
The trip was a follow-up to a China-SUNY effort that resulted from the May 2008 earthquake in Sichuan province, killing tens of thousands and damaging many college and university campuses. In the aftermath, SUNY hosted



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SUNYIT Alumni: Grow With Us!

Many alumni have requested an updated directory to help with social and professional networking. You may have already received a postcard and/or e-mail notice sent by SUNYIT's directory vendor, Harris Connect, asking graduates to call a toll-free number to verify their data for inclusion in the next SUNYIT Alumni Directory. We strongly encourage your participation. For the first time ever, alumni will be able to submit up to two images and provide a self-written mini-bio to be included with their standard directory listing at no charge, nor is there a cost to update data or to be included in the directory. Should you choose to do so, you will have the opportunity to purchase a final print-edition or CD-edition directory directly from Harris Connect. Only pre-ordered copies will be printed, so advance purchase is required. Please note, 100% of the payment for the directory is retained by Harris Connect to fund their costs associated with the updating process and to produce the directory. For more information, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and select "Alumni Directory - "SUNYIT 2010, Alumni: Today."



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SUNYIT e-mail is now powered by Gmail, allowing SUNYIT's newest alumni to keep their @sunyit.edu e-mail addresses active indefinitely. Alumni awarded degrees in August 2008, December 2008 and May 2009 – and from those dates moving forward – will automatically have their @sunyit.edu e-mail-access accounts available for long-term use. Additionally, alumni who graduated prior to those dates can also obtain an @sunyit.edu e-mail account powered by Gmail through a separate program. Details on both options are posted online; go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni

and follow the "Alumni SUNYIT-Gmail e-mail options" link for details. The Gmail project was made possible through the work of dozens of individuals serving on committees and behind-the-scenes, including (from left to right) Steven M. Schneider, Interim Dean of the School of Arts & Sciences; Brenda Dow, Alumni Affairs Coordinator; **Zachary Hoffmann '08 '09**, Programmer/Analyst – Web Developer; **Jean Desulme '11**, Student Association Vice President and ITS Student Assistant; and Wesley Dean, Lead Programmer/Analyst – Web Architect.

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- Sponsoring a fieldwork or internship position.
- Accessing the free online career library and job-posting database.

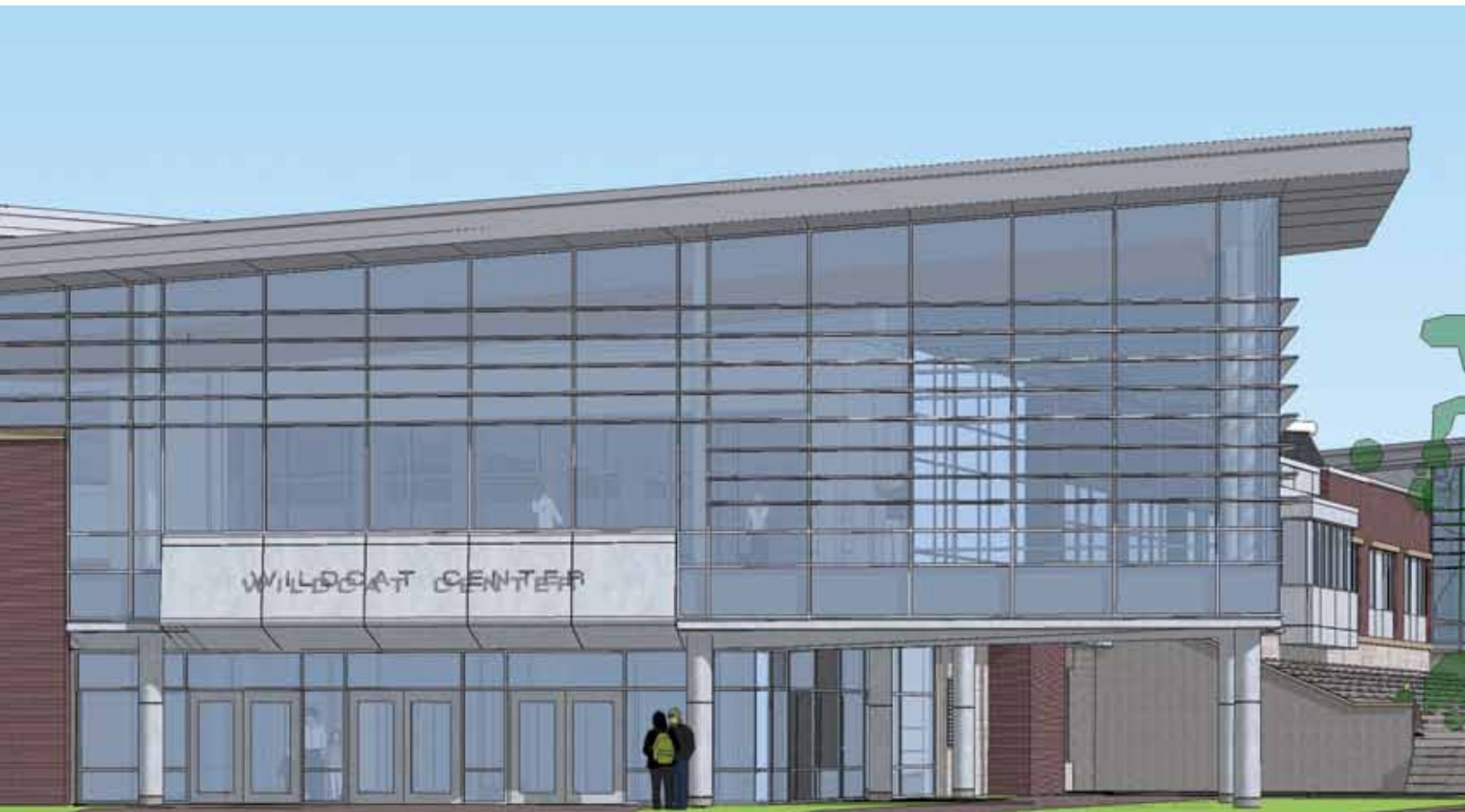
- Utilizing the professional and social networking media supported by the Alumni Office.
- Giving to support scholarships or other Foundation activities such as room-naming opportunities to advance your legacy or honor others.
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SUNYIT Breaks Ground for \$20 Million Field House



Second of Four New Buildings Planned for Campus

State legislators and other dignitaries gathered with faculty, staff and students October 23, 2009, to break ground for SUNYIT's \$20 million field house, the second of four major building projects planned on its campus in Marcy. NYS Senator Joseph Griffo, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and other officials joined SUNYIT President Wolf Yeigh and a large crowd including members of several SUNYIT athletic teams at the event.

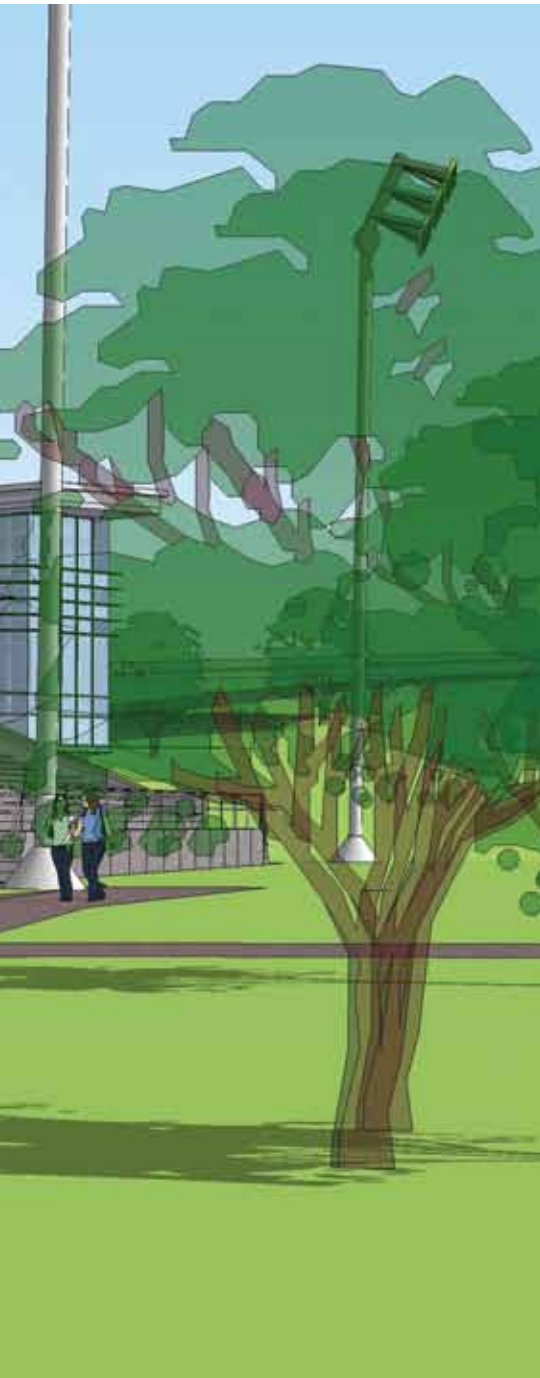
"We're pleased that so many people turned out to witness another important step forward for SUNYIT," Yeigh said. "Special thanks to our elected officials, especially Assemblywoman Destito and Senator Griffo whose support has made this project a reality."

Work on the field house construction site is continuing not far from the \$13.6 million student center project taking shape near Donovan Hall. Officials said investment in infrastructure at the area's four-year public college is critically important for future regional workforce development, especially given the current state of the economy. They also said money for capital projects is

approved separately from operating budgets for SUNY campuses, and capital money cannot be spent for other purposes. Funding for the field house was authorized in the state's 2006-07 capital budget while money for the student center was part of the 2005-06 capital budget.

The field house will be home to SUNYIT's Wildcat intercollegiate athletics and campus intramural and recreation programs. With seating for 3,500, the building will accommodate commencement and other large events. It will include a state-of-the-art fitness center, indoor running/walking track, sports training facilities, a high-tech sports medicine/training room, and team locker rooms. Also part of the construction project are a new, lighted turf field, new baseball field, and improvements to the existing softball field.

Both the field house and student center are scheduled to be completed and in use in the 2011 spring semester. The other two buildings planned in the next few years are a \$27.5 million advanced technology center and a \$23.5 million residence hall.



Opposite: Two architectural exterior views of the field house and the groundbreaking ceremony. Below, the building as it will appear from the new turf field; right, an interior scene.



Faculty Book Gives Voice to Breast Cancer Survivors

A book by two members of the faculty is being used to help newly diagnosed breast cancer patients.

Voices of Resilience: Breast Cancer Survivor Narratives from the Mohawk Valley by Joanne Joseph, associate professor of psychology, and Patricia Murphy, assistant professor of social sciences and humanities, weaves together the first-person narratives of more than a dozen breast cancer survivors. Copies of the book are being distributed free of charge to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Regional Cancer Center's Comprehensive Breast Care Center in Utica and will also be made available to the offices of area physicians that treat breast cancer.



Joanne Joseph (left) and Patricia Murphy

Funded by a grant from Golfing for Breast Cancer and accomplished with the help of students, *Voices of Resilience* is one of a number of service-based learning and community based research projects ongoing at SUNYIT, Joseph says.

"These projects have involved dozens of faculty and hundreds of students who are learning and making positive contributions to the community," Joseph says. "The narratives in *Voices of Resilience* are powerful evidence of resilience and the kinds of support and coping techniques that promote it. The book is just one example of how our faculty and students are making a real difference in the community."

STC Associate Fellow Named

Russell Kahn, associate professor of communication in the School of Arts & Sciences, has been named a 2010 fellow by the Society for Technical Communication, the highest honor bestowed by STC, an international professional organization.



Russell Kahn

The rank of fellow is conferred upon members of the organization who have attained eminence in the field of technical communication, been responsible for important work in the field, and done notable original work that has contributed to the advancement of technical communication. The award will be presented at STC's annual conference in May.

In 2007, Kahn was named an STC associate fellow "in recognition of his dedicated leadership...creativity in teaching and research, and especially his dedication to teaching and mentoring students." In 2004, he received STC's Jay R. Gould Award for excellence in teaching technical communication. A member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1990, Kahn is co-coordinator of SUNYIT's M.S. in Information Design & Technology program.

Signs of Change Campus Gets New Mailing Address, New Street Names

Over the last several weeks, a campus signage project has begun to take shape, the work of Eversan, Inc., a Whitesboro, N.Y., firm headed by **Mike Evke '84**. Signs designating building names and new street addresses, parking lots, wayfinding and street names were recently installed. It's part of a capital improvements project that began with the three main campus entrance signs in 2009.

Some of the signs reflect the new campus road names voted on by students, faculty and staff and approved by the College Council:

Technology Drive

From Edic Road past the rear of the library to the intersection at the top of the hill near Mohawk Residence Hall (now called Campus Drive)

Wildcat Drive

The former "Service Road"

Hilltop Drive

From the Mulaney Road entrance to the intersection (previously called Flanagan Road)

Two existing road names are unchanged: **Residential Drive** (which runs from the Service Complex past Adirondack Residence Hall to the stop sign at the top of the hill) and **Seymour Road**, the entrance road from Horatio Street to the bus loop in front of Kunsela Hall.

The signage coincides with new campus mailing addresses adopted effective in January. All campus offices will use the same address for mail and deliveries, while residential students will have new addresses as well:

SUNYIT
Name/Title/Office
100 Seymour Road
Utica, NY 13502

Addresses for residential students

For Adirondack residents:
Name of Student
625 Residential Drive Box ____
Utica, NY 13502

For Mohawk residents:
Name of Student
440 Hilltop Drive Box ____
Utica, NY 13502



SUNYIT Events



Fans showed their SUNYIT pride cheering on the Wildcats in their first-ever NCAA Division III Sweet 16 game on March 12. The SUNYIT men's basketball team ended its NCAA Tournament run against top-ranked Williams College on the Ephs home court in front of a standing-room-only crowd in Williamstown, Mass. Check out www.wildcats.sunyit.edu/mbball for details.



The Alumni Association made complimentary tickets available to alumni, students, and faculty/staff for the Wildcats' historic NCAA Division III Sweet 16 game in Williamstown, Mass., on March 12. Attendees included (left to right): **Chris Roberts '10** (blue jersey), **Dave Trifaro '07** (gray shirt), **Nick Hulse '08** and **Allison Anaya '08**.



Former Wildcat student-athlete **James Wilson '96** (right) met up with SUNYIT Athletics Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach Kevin Grimmer (left) at the "SUNYIT in the City" event in Manhattan in December 2009.

Alumni and prospective students attending the December 2009 "SUNYIT in the City" event in Manhattan heard about campus life from students (left to right): Student Association Vice President and Alumni Board member **Jean Desulme '11**, **Latisha Daughtry '11**, incoming student **Myriam Plonque**, **Jared Beckford '13**, **Garford Alexander '11**, **Tysheem Foy-Carter '11**.



Gina Chiesa '01 (left) and **Tony Trani '91** (center) attended the "SUNYIT in the City" event in Manhattan in December 2009 to hear the latest news about campus improvements and growth from SUNYIT President Wolf Yeigh (right).

Class Notes



Robert J. Lydford '04, MS Business Management, joined the Syracuse, N.Y., office of Hiscock & Barclay, LLP (www.hblaw.com) as an Associate. Lydford focuses his practice in the area of torts and products liability defense. He is a 2009 graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, magna cum laude, and a member of the American Bar Association. Lydford was a summer Law Clerk at Hiscock & Barclay in 2008; he has also served as a Law Clerk in the Corporation Counsel office for the City of Rome and the City of Utica, and was a Medical Specialist and Sergeant for the New York Army National Guard.



Scott Allen '94, Health Services Management, (right) was honored by the Florida Health Care Association (www.fhca.org) as the 2009 Administrator of the Year, which is the pinnacle of recognition for administrators in the long-term care profession in Florida. The award was presented by FHCA Secretary Scott Bell (left) during the Association's Annual Conference in Hollywood, FL, with more than 600 long-term care professionals from across Florida on hand to applaud Allen, who has served as administrator of Palm Garden of Tampa for over seven years. FHCA's Administrator of the Year Award is given annually to a licensed nursing home administrator who shows true leadership qualities within the facility, is a trendsetter for other administrators, and demonstrates a positive

image in the community. During the event, Allen was also recognized as the Association's 2009 Arthur H. Harris Government Services Award recipient for his tremendous advocacy on behalf of nursing home residents. The Arthur H. Harris Government Services Award is given to an FHCA member for demonstrating legislative support and advocacy on behalf of the long-term care profession. The FHCA is a federation which serves nearly 1,000 members and represents over 500 long-term care facilities that provide skilled nursing care, short-term rehab, assisted living and other services to the frail elderly and individuals with disabilities in Florida. To access the full article, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni.the_bridge and select "Class Notes for March 2010."

Alumni eNews Class Notes

Updates regarding the following alumni were received since July 7, 2009, and were posted online March, 2010. To access the website posting containing these Class Notes, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni.

Submitting to Class Notes: Alumni should submit updates and press releases via e-mail to alumni@sunyit.edu and be sure to include their full name at the time they were enrolled – and if possible, also include their nine-digit U-number or the last four digits of their Social Security number.

1970s

Sen. Thomas W. Libous '75
Business/Public Management

Janice "Jan" Welker '79
Nursing

1980s

Lynn Hankins '82
Medical Records Administration

Steven J. Perta '82 '02
Electrical Engineering Technology
MS Telecommunications

Gregory Trosset '82
Health Services Management

Rosemary Mullick '83
Computer/Information Science

Michael Evke '84
Electrical Engineering Technology

Allen J. Styno '84
Business/Public Management

Joseph Coppola '85
Industrial Engineering Technology

Lawrence C. Holmes '85
Nursing

James Vence '85
Computer/Information Science

David W. Jodlowski '87
Accounting

Brett B. Truett '87
ISET alumni affiliate

Christopher T. Paul '88
Industrial Engineering Technology

J. Douglas Robinson '88
MS Business Management

1990s

Anne B. Hartman '91
Business/Public Management

Susanna Foley Paul '91
General Studies

Sirvan A. Koosha '92
Electrical Engineering Technology

Scott Allen '94
Health Services Management

Terrence Moran '94
MS Business Management

Phoebe Reynolds '94
Finance

Kirk Donley '95

Business/Public Management

Fred "Fritz" Scherz Jr. '95 '98

Business/Public Management

MS Business Management

Mary Kay Westgate-Driscoll '95

Health Information Management

Mary F. Santangelo '96

Business/Public Management

Jeanine Thompson '97

Business/Public Management

Anita Brown '98 '08

Business/Public Management

MBA Technology Management

Tracey Doane '98 '04

Finance

MS Accountancy

Theresa Synakowski '98

Business/Public Management

Angela Ferrannini '99

Professional & Technical Communication

Karl R. Keil Jr. '99

MS Business Management

Vladimir Omelko '99

Computer/Information Science

2000s**Lori (Wirth) Asperschlager '00**

Business/Public Management

Maria Roche-Dean '00 '05

Nursing, MS Nursing Administration

Gina Chiesa '01

Health Services Management

Sara Gleasman-DeSimone '02 '04

Nursing, MS Adult Nurse Practitioner

Gina McLaughlin '02

Sociology

Steven J. Perta '82 '02

Electrical Engineering Technology

MS Telecommunications

Marguerite Lynch '03

General Studies

Iris L. Buczkowski '04 '07

Finance, MBA Technology Management

Robert J. Lydford '04

MS Business Management

Ryan J. Abbass '05

Business/Public Management

Mary Kay Nitti '06

Health Services Management

Nicholas Gasparovich '07

Computer Information Systems

Tristan Turk '07

Business/Public Management

Jason P. Vick '07

Accounting

Anita Brown '98 '08

Business/Public Management

MBA Technology Management

Eric Cappuccio '08

Business/Public Management

Connie Castellano '08

Professional & Technical Communication

David M. Dreidel '08, Accounting**Maya Richards '08,**

MS Health Services Administration

Courtney Baxley '09, Psychology**Richard Buczek '09,**

Mechanical Engineering Technology

J. Douglas Robinson '88, MS

Business Management, Chairman and CEO of the Utica National Insurance Group, testified in Washington DC on September 23, 2009, before the U.S. House of Representatives Small Business Committee to reiterate that home, auto and business insurers did not cause the current financial crisis, do not present systemic risk, and are already regulated effectively. According to a press release issued by Utica National Insurance Group, Robinson told the committee that these types of insurers are predominantly a "Main Street" industry that is already stable and competitive. He asked legislators not to target new, consumer-costly regulations toward insurers such as Utica - - which insures schools, libraries, bakeries, child care centers, graphic arts businesses, small contractors, and funeral homes, among many others.

"The costs of new regulations almost always disproportionately affect small business," Robinson said. "The property-casualty industry is healthy and competitive, and the current system of regulating the industry at the state level is working well. Home, auto and commercial insurers have been stable throughout the financial crisis - - we specifically rejected a government bailout, and we do not need additional regulation."

Robinson testified on behalf of the Property Casualty Insurers Association



of America (PCI), a national trade organization of more than 1,000 member companies, representing the broadest cross-section of insurers of any national trade association. PCI members write 37 percent of the nation's property-casualty insurance, including 44 percent of the U.S. automobile insurance market and 42 percent of the private workers compensation market. To access the full article, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni.the_bridge and select "Class Notes for March 2010."



Allen J. Styno '84, Business/Public Management, was promoted to the rank of Major in the New York State Air National Guard. Styno is assigned to the 109 Airlift Wing's 139 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron as a Health Service Administrator. His primary duties are to coordinate the logistical needs of airevacuation flight crews. Styno is in his 26th year of service; he was a prior enlisted medical technician attaining the rank of Technical Sergeant prior to his commissioning in 1998. He has participated in real world deployments for Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Styno's civilian position is Senior Internal Auditor with SUNY System Administration Office of University Audit in Albany, NY. Styno previously served in positions with the SUNYIT Alumni Association's Board of Directors, including election as its President, and in fall 2009 joined the Alumni Association Advisory Board for a two-year appointment. He resides in Latham, NY, with his wife, Dorothy.



Athletics

Three Wildcats Honored with Major Non-Conference Awards

It was an award-winning fall season for SUNYIT student-athletes, as three Wildcats won major awards outside of the North Eastern Athletic Conference.

Two of those awards came from the women's soccer team, where senior Traci Bickelhaupt (Hammond, N.Y./Hammond) and junior Jane Burroughs (Fonda, N.Y./Fonda-Fultonville) each earned prestigious honors after their



Jane Burroughs

season had concluded. Bickelhaupt was selected to the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Women's Soccer All-Star Second Team after a sensational senior season. The 5-foot-9 forward, who was also named to the NEAC All-Conference Team for the second year in a row, scored a team-best 16 goals this season – including a team-high four game-winners – and surpassed her own program record for most goals in a season that she set last year with 14 goals. Additionally, her 35 points this season is the program's second-most all time – a mark which she also set last year. In just two seasons on the women's soccer team, Bickelhaupt produced a program-record 30 career goals, while her 70 career points is the program's second-most all time, her 10 assists are third-most and her four hat tricks are

the most in program history. Her dominance throughout the course of the season also earned her two NEAC Student-Athlete of the Week awards.

“Traci worked through a season full of setbacks and still provided the offensive spark that we desperately needed in the big games,” said SUNYIT head women's soccer coach Tyler Renaud. “She played with a stress fracture in her foot all year, but was able to persevere and lead the team in goal scoring. The majority of her goals were from recognizing the open space and putting herself in position to get the one or two touches needed to find the back of the net. She was deserving of her recognition and will definitely be missed next season.”

Burroughs was selected to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Women's All-East Region Third Team, which capped off a sensational year for the 19-game starter. The 5-foot-9 midfielder, who was also named to the NEAC All-Conference Second Team for the second consecutive year, tallied nine goals, a team-best seven assists and 25 points this past season, which helped her set the program's all-time record for most career assists (17) and points (73), while placing her second all-time in career goals (26).



Traci Bickelhaupt



David Golembiowski

“I am delighted for Jane and extremely pleased with the NSCAA recognizing her accomplishments from this past year,” said Renaud. “I thought she exhibited quality play throughout the season and provided the consistency needed in our midfield to ensure the program's first-ever winning season. Jane is a great leader, and with our returners and incoming recruiting class, it is my hope we build on this past season and perform at a higher level in 2010.”

Rounding out the major non-conference awards was junior David Golembiowski (Barneveld, N.Y./Holland Patent), who was selected to the D3Hoops.com Preseason All-American Fourth Team. Golembiowski earned the honor for his numerous accomplishments during the 2008-09 season in which he was named the North Eastern Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was selected to the NEAC All-Conference First Team, the ECAC Division III Upstate All-Star First Team, and the D3hoops.com All-East Region Second Team. The 6-foot-7 sharpshooting forward led the team in points (19.9) and blocks (2.4) per game last season and was second on the team in rebounds per game (8.4), while also draining a team-best 89 three-pointers and shooting 48 percent from the field. He also earned three NEAC Student-Athlete of the Week awards, an ECAC Division III Upstate Player of the Week award and a selection on the D3Hoops.com Team of the Week.

“Dave is a tremendous asset for our Wildcat basketball team and it's great to see such prestigious recognition bestowed on a SUNYIT student-athlete,” said SUNYIT Athletics Director and head men's basketball coach Kevin Grimmer. “Dave and everyone else involved with our men's basketball program do an outstanding job representing SUNYIT.”

After starting the season 0-4, the women's soccer team finished with a program-best record of 10-8-2 overall and finished second in the NEAC regular season standings at 8-2 in conference play. Their strong play throughout the season earned them bids to both the NEAC Championship Tournament and the ECAC DIII Women's Soccer Upstate Championship Tournament.

The men's basketball team finished with a program-best record of 23-7 overall in 2008-09, while winning the school's first NEAC Conference Championship and making the program's first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament, where the team defeated Elms College 85-77 in the first round. The team will once again head to the NCAA Tournament this season to take on Plattsburgh State after winning their second consecutive NEAC Conference Championship with a 99-71 victory over Wells College.



Meet Maiko

Maiko Shigeeda, SUNYIT's assistant athletic trainer and the newest member of the Wildcat family, took a unique road before arriving on campus this past fall.

Shigeeda, who grew up in Yamaguchi, Japan, originally came to the U.S. several years ago to attend Irvine Valley Community College in Irvine, Calif. She went back home to work as an English tutor for children, but soon realized that she wanted to take a different path.

"I didn't see teaching in my future," explained Shigeeda. "I really wanted a different career."

Soon thereafter, she became interested in athletic training through a book she had read about the topic. She fully realized that athletic training was her passion when she worked as a volunteer at the World Cup Triathlon and the World Swimming Championships, which both took place in Japan.

"When I volunteered for both of those events, I met and worked with a lot of athletes and realized how hands-on athletic training was," Shigeeda said. That's when I knew for sure that I wanted to work in athletics."

She was no stranger to athletics, as she was a competitive swimmer since she was in elementary school. She even continued her athletics career when she came back to the United States to study athletic training at Minnesota University, Mankato, as she was a member of the school's swimming team.



Maiko Shigeeda

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training, she worked as an athletic training intern at Villanova University during the 2006-07 season and went on to become a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she graduated with a master of science degree in kinesiology this past spring.

Shigeeda's career change finally came full circle when she joined SUNYIT this past September. The timing couldn't have been any better, according to Shigeeda.

"When I first got here, I was able to watch the seasons change," she explained. "The scenery has really become one of my favorite aspects of SUNYIT."

She has also become enamored with the small size of the campus. "The campus feels like a small community, so everyone knows each other, which I like," she said. "It also helps to have a smaller number of student-athletes because you get to know them better. I love working with them."

An avid swimmer, hiker and camper, Shigeeda resides in Frankfort, N.Y.

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