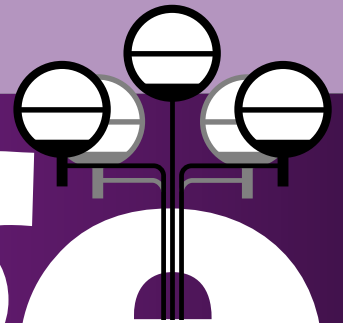


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President Wolf Yeigh, Assemblywoman RoAnn M. Destito, Student Association President Jean Desulme, former Senator Raymond Meier, NYS Senator Joseph Griffo at the Student Center ribbon-cutting ceremony February 17.

Photo by Lynne Browne

Field House to Host First On-campus May Commencement

With SUNYIT's new \$20 million Field House nearing completion just north of Donovan Hall, staff are making plans for its first public events. The new facility will be the site of Commencement on Saturday, May 7. The spring ceremony has always been held off-campus because of its size, but the Field House will accommodate candidates for graduation and their guests.

This year's keynote address will be delivered by former television network news correspondent Garrick Utley. Now president of the Neil D. Levin Graduate Institute in New York, Utley began his career with NBC News as a correspondent, eventually reporting from more than 75 countries, and later served as weekend anchor of "NBC Nightly News" and moderator of "Meet the Press." He also served as chief foreign correspondent for ABC News and as a contributor for CNN.

All candidates who became eligible for graduation in fall 2010 and spring 2011 may take part in spring Commencement. The ceremony begins with a formal procession at 10 a.m. on May 7 and will be followed by a reception for graduates and guests in the new Student Center. More information is available at www.sunyit.edu/commencement.



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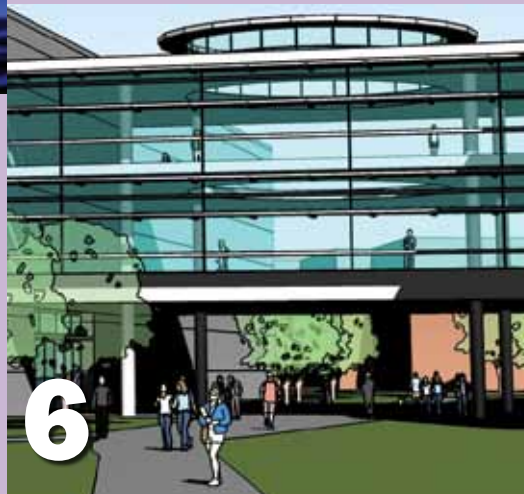


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For the Students

Student Center, first of four construction projects completed

A February 17 ceremony marked the completion of the new Student Center. Dignitaries took part in a ribbon-cutting and attendees took tours of the state-of-the-art building which is in its first semester of occupancy.

The \$13.8 million project had been under construction for more than a year. Gaetano Construction, Inc., of Utica was the project's general contractor; the building was designed by QPK Design of Syracuse. Since the start of the new semester in January, students have been getting to know the new building and its many features, including: a dining area with food stations providing varied menu choices, multi-purpose rooms, campus life offices, offices and meeting rooms for student clubs, and a game room. Facilities that will become available in 2011 include a 20-foot media wall

for displaying information about campus events and activities, and an environment enhanced for computer gaming. Clubs and organizations began preparing for their move into the new building last fall.

Other campus construction projects underway include: the \$20 million Field House, in which Commencement will be held in May, and Oriskany Residence Hall, scheduled to be completed in summer 2011 – it will be home to freshmen starting in the fall semester. Planning is underway for the Technology Complex that will include the Center for Advanced Technology and the Computer Chip Commercialization Center. Site work is expected to continue in the months ahead with construction starting later this year.



Views of the Student Center – inside and out – on its formal opening day, February 17, 2011.



Fulbright Grant Awarded

Kathryn Stam, assistant professor of anthropology, has been awarded a Fulbright grant for her project "Preserving and Digitizing Northeastern Thai Culture and History." As an American Fulbright Scholar during the 2010-11 academic year, she worked with the Faculty of Informatics at Mahasarakham University in Thailand for four months. The project involved the collection of memorial books that are printed in small batches upon or soon after a Thai funeral. Working within the rural Thai cultural context, Stam and a team of Thai students explored sustainable and culturally appropriate collection mechanisms for the books. She is also working with SUNYIT graduate students to design multilingual online access to the materials.



Kathryn Stam

Noteworthy Visitors

The fall semester saw visits from two internationally known researchers: a software engineering pioneer and a noteworthy physician and lecturer.

Software engineering pioneer Barry W. Boehm delivered a lecture entitled "Some Future Software Engineering Opportunities and Challenges" in Kunsela Lecture Hall, on September 29. Boehm's lecture was presented by SUNYIT and the Data & Analysis Center for Software (DACS), an Information Analysis Center sponsored by the Defense Technical Information Center, Ft. Belvoir, VA and operated by Quanterion Solutions, Inc. in Utica, NY.



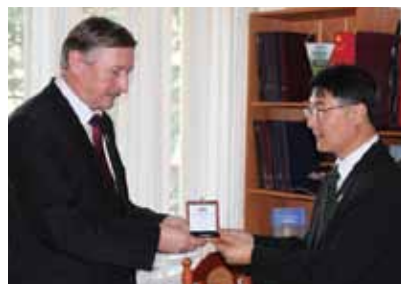
l to r, Quanterion's Preston MacDiarmid and Tom McGibbon, Barry Boehm, President Yeigh.

Noted physician and researcher Vincent J. Felitti, M.D., delivered the 2010 Psi Chi Lecture on October 21 in Kunsela Lecture Hall. Felitti is founder and chief of Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program's Department of Preventive Medicine in San Diego, Calif. The lecture was presented by Oneida County's Stop ACEs Committee and SUNYIT's psychology program.

Slovakia Agreement

President Yeigh and the head of the University of Security Management (VŠBM) in Košice, Slovakia, have signed an agreement aimed at furthering cooperation and collaboration between the two institutions.

Yeigh met with Marián Mesároš, rector of VŠBM, in November 2010 during a visit to Košice, Slovakia, to continue discussions concerning the establishment of student, faculty and research exchanges in a number of areas. He and Zora Thomova, associate professor, also took part in a number of working meetings with officials at VŠBM. Yeigh and Thomova also presented at the fourth international "Secure Slovakia and Secure EU" conference in Košice.



VŠBM's Marián Mesároš presents a medal to President Yeigh during his visit to Slovakia.

The SUNYIT-VŠBM collaboration will be based on the Atlantis program, a U.S.-European Community agreement that guides transatlantic student mobility, including work placements and internships that will provide adequate language preparation and full academic credit.



Biology

Launching Fall 2011

Freshmen will be accepted into a new biology program at SUNYIT starting in the fall 2011 semester. The official launch of the program follows final approval of the new offering, which was previously announced by former Governor David Paterson and Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito.

"We're pleased to begin offering this major to incoming freshmen for fall 2011," said Wolf Yeigh, president of SUNYIT. "Biology is another of the fundamental programs that SUNYIT, as the state's public institute of technology, has added or plans to add in the near future." New programs launched in the last year include electrical & computer engineering, network & computer security, and interdisciplinary studies.

Esther Bankert, provost, said the bachelor of science program in biology will prepare students for a variety of careers in research, conservation, human medicine, veterinary medicine, computational biology, teaching, as well as employment in government or private firms. Bankert said, "SUNYIT's biology program will offer students three distinct options: life science, bioinformatics, and biotechnology:

- Life science is for students interested in biology at the organismal or physiological level who wish to study the roles and interdependence that organisms have within an ecological system.
- Bioinformatics is for students interested in statistics and computer science who would like to apply those interests to the biological sciences.
- Biotechnology, an advanced track to be launched separately in 2015, will be designed for students mainly interested in biology on a molecular or chemical level; it will encompass such areas as biochemistry and molecular biology as well as the analytical aspects of biological research.

The biology program at SUNYIT provides an in-depth introduction to the breadth of the discipline through core courses while maintaining the flexibility to explore one of three specialization tracks with a diverse selection of upper-level classes. The breadth of our faculty interests and experience enables students to specialize in biology's sub-disciplines, such as ecology and evolutionary biology, entomology, botany, physiology, and cellbiology."

Applications for fall 2011 admission into the program are now being accepted. For more information, contact the admissions office at SUNYIT, 315-792-7500, admissions@sunyit.edu, or visit www.biology.sunyit.edu.

Alumni Events



Alumni and friends networking at the Alumni Association's Times Square event included (l to r) **Stephanie Kart '05**, **Dalila "Leelee" Everett '10**, **Cyronne Credle '09**, and **Krista Browne '98 '02**. For more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/2010 and under November 2010 select "Event photos."



Alumni, future alumni, and parents attended a special Student Center Insider Tour viewing its final construction stages on October 23, 2010. Following the tour, alumni and parents enjoyed the Alumni Association's Oktoberfest Reception, featuring seasonal Saranac® brews, cider, and samples of German-style foods. For more images, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/2010 and under October 2010 select "View tour photos."



Sergey Pilipchuk '07 (left), one of SUNYIT alumni and students employed at Eversan Inc., stands next to an Eversan-manufactured scoreboard during the Alumni Association event held at the company on January 20, 2011. For more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/eversan.



This demonstration by **Mike Evke '84** (center) was part of the tour and networking event held January 20, 2011, at Eversan Inc., the company owned by him and his wife, **Esra Evke '88**. For more photos of this Alumni Association event, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/eversan.



Mike Evke '84 (right) provided an "insider" entrepreneurial perspective on his technology-driven business, Eversan Inc., as part of an Alumni Association event held at his company's headquarters on January 20, 2011. For more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/eversan.



EVERSAN



Donald Dutcher '92 (center) received the Distinguished Alumni Award, with **Scott Gorgas '91 G'02** (right) speaking on behalf of SUNYIT's Alumni Association Advisory Board during the award presentation at the Alumni Association Reception held September 11, 2010. Joining them is **Salvatore Bottone '91** (left). For Dutcher's bio and more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/2010 and under September 2010 select "Event photos."



Faculty member **Chris Urban** (left), shown with **Gregory Gee '02** (center) and Alumni Board Student Representative **Jean Desulme '11** (right) was a featured guest at the Alumni Association's "SUNYIT in the City" gathering at Heartland Brewery in Times Square on Saturday, November 20, 2010. For more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/2010 and under November 2010 select "Event photos."



Nearly 80 alumni and friends attended the Alumni Association reception on September 11, 2010. The outdoor gathering was held on a warm, sunny fall day, allowing attendees to enjoy a picturesque view of downtown Utica from the SUNYIT hilltop. For more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/2010 and under September 2010 select "Event photos."



The Alumni Association's gathering at Manhattan's Heartland Brewery on November 20, 2010, included (l to r) Brenda Dow of SUNYIT's Alumni Office, **Tony Trani '91**, **Bahrudin "Rudy" Kajtezovic '03 G'06**, special faculty guest **Bob Orilio**, and **Dorothy "Dee" Facci '07**. For more event photos, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni/2010 and under November 2010 select "Event photos."

Officials Break Ground for Technology Complex

A much-discussed, long-anticipated construction project began last fall with some ceremonial shoveling.

President Yeigh welcomed dignitaries, students, faculty, staff and friends of SUNYIT to the groundbreaking ceremony between Kunsela Hall and parking lot A—the site of the future Technology Complex comprising the Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) and the Computer Chip Commercialization Center (“Quad-C”). Together, the two will form an academic and industry complex on the campus.

The CAT, a t-shaped, three-story structure, will be more than 60,000 square feet; the Quad-C is still under design and its size will grow to meet the demand of its industry tenants. The first Quad-C tenant was announced in August 2010; nrastructure, a technology company headquartered in Clifton Park, plans to occupy temporary space on campus until the complex is completed in 2013.

The CAT will be home to engineering, computer science and many other technology programs at SUNYIT. Funding for the Center for Advanced Technology – \$27.5 million in the state capital budget for 2008-2009 – was announced by Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and State Senator Joseph Griffo in April 2008.

The groundbreaking was the fourth such ceremony in the last two years. The Student Center was completed and occupied in January; the Field House will be completed and in use by summer; Oriskany Residence Hall will be home to incoming freshmen in the fall 2011 semester.



President Yeigh



nrastructure chairman & CEO Daniel T. Pickett III

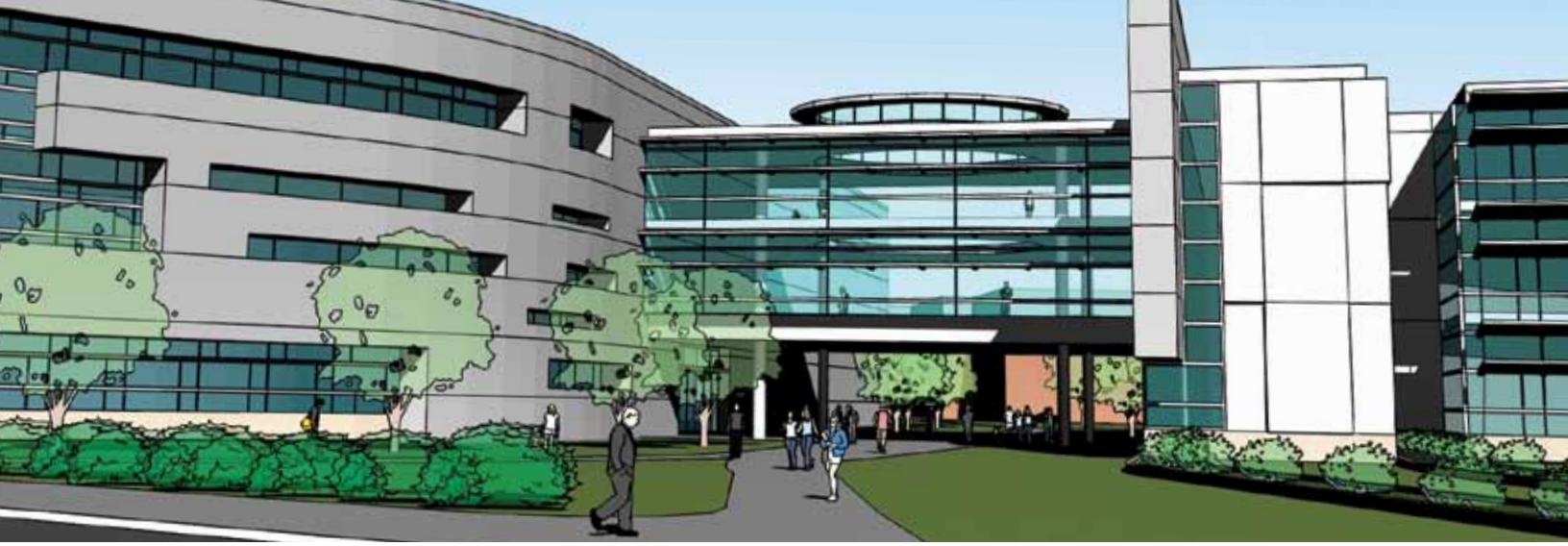
Nanotech Partnership Yields First Tenant

SUNYIT’s nanotechnology partnership with UAlbany’s College of Nanoscale Science & Engineering (CNSE) took another step forward in August 2010 with an announcement and news conference in the Cayan Library.

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and other officials announced that nrastructure, a company based in Clifton Park, N.Y., will establish the nrastructure Technologies Center of Competency in Information Technologies (NCCIT) at SUNYIT, creating 100 full-time and more than 150 part-time high-tech jobs. The company, with support from the New York State Assembly, will occupy temporary space at SUNYIT until the Center for Advanced Technology/Computer Chip Commercialization Center is constructed.



Breaking ground for the Technology Complex: President Yeigh, Assemblywoman RoAnn M. Destito, CNSE Senior Vice President and CEO Alain Kaloyeros, nrastructure chairman & CEO Daniel T. Pickett III, Mohawk Valley EDGE President Steven DiMeo, SUNY Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs David Lavallee, State Senator Joseph Griffo.



Technology Complex Includes CAT and Quad-C

Of all the new buildings under construction on campus, the Technology Complex is the largest, and most complicated. In preparation for the October 14, 2010, ceremonial groundbreaking, JMZ Architects and Planners, P.C., the firm that's designing the complex, released the fullest description to date of the complex that will comprise the Center for Advanced Technology and the Computer Chip Commercialization Center:

"The new Center for Advanced Technology (CAT) at SUNYIT will be a three-story facility providing state-of-the-art laboratory, computing, and classroom facilities for students and researchers. The heart of the building will be the multi-faceted 'Collaboratorium.' It will include a forum-style tiered lecture hall equipped with

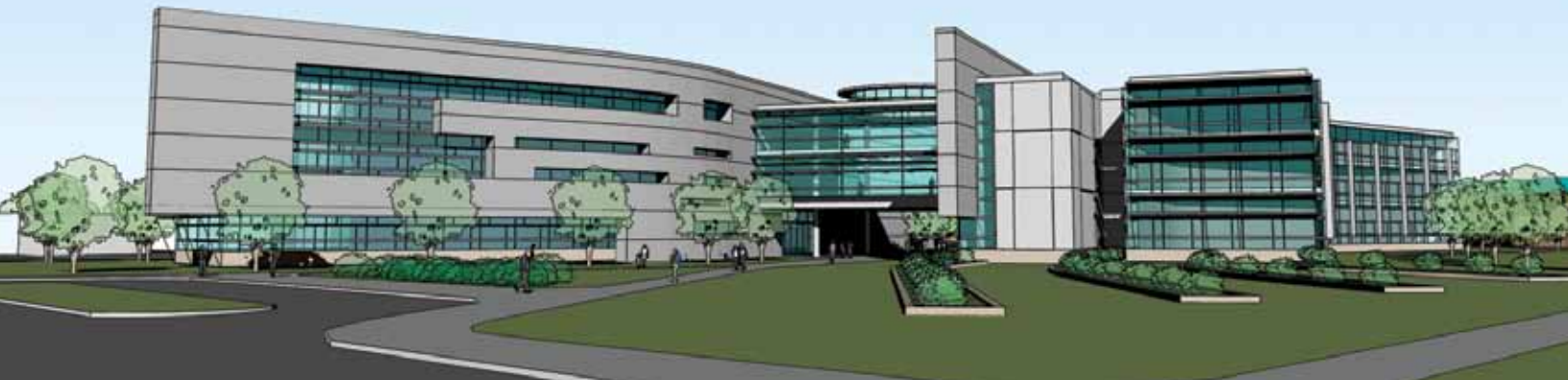
multiple high-definition screens and projectors with streaming video and recording capabilities for distance education and the capture of course material. The associated 'Think Tank' will be an extremely flexible project and research space that can be configured to meet the needs of faculty and students. The building will incorporate sustainable technologies such as photovoltaic solar panels, an energy-efficient building envelope, advanced building systems, and a green roof. A portion of the roof will be used as a sustainable technology test platform where students and faculty can gain hands-on experience with emerging technologies.

The new Computer Chip Commercialization Center or 'Quad-C' will bring leading researchers and industry partners in nanotechnology onto the

SUNYIT campus. The three-story building will be centered around a 10,000 square foot state-of-the-art clean room for nanotechnology research. The remainder of the building will house office, research, collaboration and support facilities for a myriad of corporate and research partners.

The combined CAT and Quad-C complex will provide a groundbreaking opportunity for direct contact and collaboration among students, faculty and industry and will support critical research in the development and commercialization of nanotechnology. The development will cement the position of SUNYIT as a hub of innovation in the state and enable the Mohawk Valley to participate in the exciting growth of "Tech Valley."

An architect's aerial and ground-level perspectives of the Technology Complex; the image at right depicts the complex in relation to the Cayan Library, Kunsela Hall, and the Student Center.



Class Notes



Randall J. Brown '89 and his business were once again featured on national television. As the Chef/Owner of the historic Beardslee Castle (www.beardsleecastle.com), which serves some of the best tasting, creative fare in Central New York, one would think this TV episode would focus on the business' menu and Brown's culinary skills. While that aspect could be a broadcast segment in itself, given the impressive dining reviews the restaurant has received under Brown's 17-year leadership, this show focused on something that Beardslee Castle has developed a reputation for during the building's 151-year history: ghosts.

On November 3, 2010, during season six of "Ghost Hunters" on the Syfy Channel, the results of a three-night paranormal investigation of Beardslee Castle were revealed. The first 24 minutes of the episode show a six-person team from TAPS (The Atlantic Paranormal Society) visiting in July 2010, a tour of the facilities with Brown, video and audio of suspicious activities, and the investigation findings. The show can be viewed in full on Syfy Rewind at www.syfy.com/rewind/gh/1257885/.

The investigation stemmed from Beardslee Castle being named a top-three finalist in the Great American Ghost Hunt contest, announced during the "Ghost Hunters Live" 2008 Halloween TV special. Beardslee Castle was also featured on national television in October 1999 on the History Channel's "Haunted History" show.

Beardslee Castle has been big business for its small town of Little Falls, NY, just 75 minutes east of Syracuse and 60 minutes

The TAPS investigative team gathers outside Beardslee Castle during filming with Chef /Owner **Randall J. Brown '89**.



west of Albany, drawing visitors interested in its food, folklore and fun. The attraction is summarized by Albany's Metroland (www.metroland.net): "A wonderful survey of American fare, new and old, served in an actual castle...that's not only an attractive building but also haunted!" This alternative newsweekly of New York's Capital Region named Beardslee Castle "Best Restaurant Worth the Drive" in 2004 and 2006.

Brown, who majored in computer/information science at SUNYIT, was employed at the castle under its previous owner in the early 80s, and held various restaurant positions while taking classes. He told a reporter: "When I interviewed for my first computer job, I thought, 'This is not for me. I can't sit in a cubicle all my life.'"

In 1989, within months of Brown's SUNYIT graduation, a fire destroyed over 1,500 square feet of the castle's kitchen area, with water continuing to damage the building over the next three years while it was virtually abandoned. Brown and his wife, Lynn, purchased it and spent nearly 18 months of cleaning and restoration for its reopening in 1994 as Beardslee Castle. Nearly every square inch has been restored or rebuilt. He told a reporter: "It's hard work but it's a lot of fun. It's such a compelling building and it's a really cool spot."

The restaurant's ghost stories, history, menus, hours for dining rooms and The Dungeon pub, event schedule, wedding packages, and paranormal visit information are posted at www.beardsleecastle.com.



Alumni eNews Class Notes

Updates regarding the following alumni were received between July 2010 and January 2011, and were posted online in February 2011. To access the website posting containing these Class Notes, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and follow the link for "Submit Alumni News" or use the QR code on page 9.

Submitting to Class Notes: Alumni should submit updates and press releases via e-mail to alumni@sunyit.edu and be sure to include (1) their full name at the time they were enrolled and (2) the years they attended SUNYIT, or simply submit information via the online form posted at www.sunyit.edu/alumni.the_bridge for future editions.

"G" denotes graduate degree

1970s

Michael Generali '77
Criminal Justice

1980s

James Castilla '81 G'04 (Deceased)
Business/Public Management
MBA Technology Management

Keith Beach '82
Criminal Justice

Mustafa "Mike" Evke '84
Electrical Engineering Technology

Dave van Leeuwen '84
General Studies

Sal Grisafi '85
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Esra Evke '88
Business/Public Management

Randall J. Brown '89
Computer/Information Science

1990s

Enrico D'Alessandro '90
Social Science

Anne Hartman '91
Business/Public Management

John M. Taylor '92
Computer/Information Science

Kenneth A. Meifert III '93
Business/Public Management

Trisha (Smith) Verzera '93
Accounting

Jonathan S. Ryan '95 G'04
Mechanical Engineering Technology
MS Advanced Technology

Fred "Fritz" Scherz Jr. '95 G'98
Business/Public Management
MS Business Management

James Holbrook '96
Electrical Engineering Technology

Mark Mowers '96
Computer Information Systems

Scott Nonemaker '96
Business/Public Management

Klara Fischer Christof '97 (Deceased)
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Jennifer (Bennett) Hann '97
Business/Public Management

Dr. David McCabe '97 (Deceased)
Psychology

Patricia (Greenwood) Davis '98 G'04
Business/Public Management
MS Business Management

Kimberly (Kostera) Dedrick '98
Business/Public Management

Kevin Durgée '98 G'04
Health Services Management
MBA Technology Management

Regina (Palumbo) Larzelere '99
Business/Public Management

2000s

Crystal Pogorzelski '01
Computer/Information Science

Mark Allen Schmidt G'03
Accountancy

James Castilla '81 G'04 (Deceased)
Business/Public Management
MBA Technology Management

Kevin Durgée '98 G'04
Health Services Management
MBA Technology Management

Jonathan S. Ryan '95 G'04
Mechanical Engineering Technology
MS Advanced Technology

Erica (Scott) Matteson '06
Health Information Management

Corey Hickok '07
Professional & Technical Communication

Shannon Roehm '07 G'10
Nursing
MS Nursing Education

David Trifaro '07
Computer Information Systems

William Zeiter '07
Sociology

Eric Cappuccio '08
Business/Public Management

Zachary Hoffmann '08 G'09
Computer/Information Science
MS Computer/Information Science

Joseph "Joe" Mirabito '08
Computer/Information Science

Tyler Mitchell '08
Computer/Information Science & Computer
Information Systems

Sushant S. Sahani G'08
MS Telecommunications

Andrew H. Stupp '08
Mechanical Engineering Technology

Chris Dare '09
Computer Engineering Technology

Jeremiah Edwards '09
Business/Public Management

Chad Trevisani G'10
MS Nursing Education



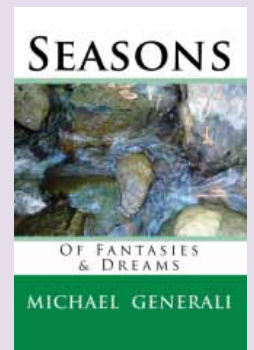
Erica (Scott) Matteson '06, of Whitesville, NY, joined Alfred State College for fall 2010 as Instructional Support Assistant in the Physical and Health Sciences Department. She provides instructional support to faculty and coordinates the student professional practice experience program. Matteson previously was employed at the Counseling Center, Wellsville, NY, and Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Coudersport, PA. She and her husband, Bret Matteson, have a 3-year-old son.

Mustafa "Mike" Evke '84 (left) was elected Chair of the SUNYIT Foundation in October 2010 at the Foundation's annual meeting. Mike and his wife, **Esra Evke '88** (right), hosted an Alumni Association event at their company, Eversan Inc. (www.eversan.com) on January 20, 2011 (event photos on page 4).



Fred "Fritz" Scherz Jr. '95 G'98 and his family, residents of Verona, NY, met Governor Andrew Cuomo on January 1, 2011, at the Governor's Mansion in Albany, NY. Shown are (l to r) Kathy Scherz, Fritz Scherz, Marissa Scherz, Katherine Scherz, Sandra Lee and Governor Andrew Cuomo. For other news about Scherz, go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni.the_bridge and select "Class Notes for February 2011."

Michael Generali '77 published his first book in 2010, titled *Seasons of Fantasies and Dreams*, a collection of short stories. "It has now been made available on Amazon.com," he wrote. "People can also order it from any bookstore and can ask their local libraries to get copies by using the book's ISBN: 1453622128." Born in Germany, Generali grew up in Poughkeepsie, NY, studied criminal justice at SUNYIT, and resides in Texas with his family. His love of writing was nurtured at an early age and became a passion fueled by his many life experiences, including serving as a police officer, car mechanic and radio disc jockey. For more information, visit the publisher's website at wwwcreatespace.com/3460273.



David Trifaro '07, who played lacrosse at SUNYIT, is listed in a NCAA Division III Record book for 2009 for Men's Lacrosse. In the "Individual Single Game Leaders" section, on Page 39, under "Saves," he is listed as having the 13th most saves in a game with a total of 35 saves, for as long as records have been kept. Trifaro is also listed in the 2010 record book. View the 2009 book at http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/LAX_Records/2009/Men/D3.pdf and the 2010 book at http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/LAX_Records/2010/Men/d3mlax.pdf.



Athletics



Men's Soccer, Men's Cross Country Take Home NEAC Championships

Two more conference titles were added to the SUNYIT trophy case this past fall, as the men's soccer team and the men's cross country team both took home a 2010 North Eastern Athletic Conference Championship. It was the first NEAC championship for either team in the history of their respective programs.

Men's soccer had a thrilling ride to the title, clinching the top seed in the NEAC and the right to host the conference tournament after finishing the regular season with an 8-1 record in conference play. They then took down No. 4 seed Keuka College in a nail-biting 1-0 win in the semifinals before winning the championship over second seeded Penn State Harrisburg with a 5-4 victory after a thrilling best-of-five penalty shootout that the Wildcats won 4-3.

Freshman goalie Malick Faye (Bronx, NY/MLK) was named the tournament's

Most Valuable Player after recording six saves and allowing one goal in two playoff contests while also coming up with two huge stops during the shootout. He was also named the NEAC Goalie of the Year, while fellow classmate Diego Montaleza (New York, NY/MLK) was named the Player of the Year and head coach Peterson Jerome was selected as the Coach of the Year. The team finished a program-best 13-6-1 overall.

The men's cross country team also had a sensational season leading up to its championship run, registering three second-place finishes and one third-place finish during the regular season. They were primed to get over the hump this season after two consecutive second-place finishes in the last two NEAC championships and did just that, having four of the top five individual finishers and totaling 32 points at this year's race to take first place and the title.

The team was led by junior Robert Doss (Chittenango, NY/Chittenango) and senior Chris Senez (Clifton Park, NY/Shenendehowa), who both crossed the finish line at 28:31 to finish in second place and third place, respectively. Senior Ryan Darling (Jordan, NY/Jordan-Elbridge) finished six seconds later to place fourth overall, while freshman Chris Wicks (Syracuse, NY/Baker) took fifth place with an end time of 28:41. All four Wildcats were named to the All-Conference First Team, while head coach Bill Tylutki was named the NEAC Coach of the Year.

Freshman Dylan Parry (Voorheesville, NY/Voorheesville) placed 18th with a time of 30:21 and junior David Culbertson (Rome, NY/Smithfield-Selma) placed 20th with a time of 30:30 to round out the top Wildcat finishers, with both runners being selected to the All-Conference Third Team.

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www.wildcats.sunyit.edu

Women's Soccer

“It was a great community service project that involved a lot of laughs and actually had some solid bowling from a handful of our young ladies.”



Ronald McDonald House Bowl-A-Thon a Great Success

The SUNYIT women's soccer team held its first Ronald McDonald House Bowl-A-Thon at Utica's Pin-O-Rama on February 3. The event was a great success, as the Lady Wildcats raised hundreds of dollars at the event that benefits multiple families and children in Central New York.

The team collected pledge donations before the event, totaling \$871.30. It was the most money ever raised by head coach Tyler Renaud in the many years he has been involved with the charity.

“My teams have been involved with the Ronald McDonald House Charities for five years now and this is the highest amount ever raised, and it will all go towards a great cause,” said Renaud. “My three assistant coaches – Erin Schurr, Don Jaynes and Kevin Conway – and I are proud of the ladies in their effort to make this a great cause and a fun event for all who participated.”

The entire team played one game during the event, with sophomore Amanda Myers (Boonville, NY/Adirondack) being the day's best bowler with a high score of 169.

“I think it is important to recognize Pin-O-Rama for providing free bowling for our students,” explained Renaud. “It was a great community service project that involved a lot of laughs and actually had some solid bowling from a handful of our young ladies. The event will certainly boast our team chemistry for our upcoming spring season and the 2011 regular season.”



Gingerbread Houses for Pathfinder Village

Creating “Edible Architecture” for the Holidays

In the spirit of the holidays, the SUNYIT men's and women's swimming team decided to help serve the community by visiting the PathFinder Village and help make gingerbread houses for Christmas during finals week, last December.

Pathfinder Village, which is a residential community dedicated to serving individuals who have Down syndrome, hosts an annual Gingerbread House Workshop to create “edible architecture” and enjoy company with family and friends. Meg Schlegel, mother of junior swimmer Katie Schlegel (Baldwinsville, NY/Morrisville State) and former director of the Pathfinder Village, coordinates the event each year and makes both the gingerbread houses and icing from scratch. Since her daughter transferred to SUNYIT this past year, Meg thought it would be a great idea for Katie to bring her swimming teammates along with her this holiday season.

“This is my second year doing gingerbread houses at Pathfinder and my mom and I felt that it would be a great experience to share with my teammates to get in the holiday spirit,” Katie explained. “I also brought my field hockey teammates from Morrisville State last year and it was a great success. The kids always look forward to it and it is a lot of fun for them and for my teammates and I as well.”

“I was so impressed with Katie's initiative to involve her teammates in this event,” said head SUNYIT swimming coach Sue Brumm. “They were all very excited to take part and had a lot of fun with everyone at Pathfinder Village. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season and take a break from the stress of finals.”

Swimming

SUNYIT Athletics to Offer Men's & Women's Lacrosse in 2011-12

The SUNYIT Athletics Department is proud to announce the additions of both men's and women's lacrosse to its intercollegiate sports programs, with both teams set to start competition during the 2011-12 season.

"Lacrosse is an exciting new addition to our growing sports program," said SUNYIT Athletics Director Kevin Grimmer. "With the Wildcats' success in the NEAC, along with our outstanding facilities, SUNYIT is certainly a top destination for competitive student-athletes."



The launch of both programs coincides with the opening of SUNYIT's \$20 million Field House this spring, which will offer a lighted turf field for both teams to compete on. Both programs will immediately begin competition at the varsity level and will play a full North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) schedule, which allows both teams the opportunity of qualifying for NCAA postseason play.

While the search for a full-time women's coach will soon take place, Tyler Renaud is set to lead the men's program after many years of experience coaching on the women's side. Prior to joining SUNYIT as the head women's soccer coach in 2009, Renaud served as the head coach of the women's lacrosse team at Norwich University from 2005 to 2008. While there, Renaud led the team to a GNAC Championship in 2008 and an appearance in the ECAC New England Region Lacrosse Tournament that same year, while making it to the semifinal round of the New England Women's Lacrosse Tournament in 2007. His accomplishments earned him the 2008 GNAC Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year award and the 2007 New England Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year award.

Renaud also served as the head women's lacrosse coach at Cayuga Community College from 2002 to 2005, guiding the team to back-to-back Mid-State Athletic Conference Championships in 2004 and 2005, while taking home the NJCAA Region III Lacrosse Championship in 2004 and making it to the Region III Championship game in 2005. He

was also named the 2004 MSAC Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year, the 2004 NJCAA Region III Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year and the 2005 NJCAA District C Women's Lacrosse Coach of the Year.

Most recently, Renaud led this year's SUNYIT women's soccer team to an undefeated regular season in the NEAC as 11-0 and a program-best record of 15-4, en route to being named the NEAC Coach of the Year.

"Tyler is a tremendous coach and recruiter and I expect that he will build very successful men's and women's lacrosse programs, exactly as he has done for women's soccer at SUNYIT," explained Grimmer. "Tyler is currently recruiting for both lacrosse programs with the help of his assistant coach Erin Schurr, and we plan to advertise nationally for a full-time women's lacrosse head coach."

With the addition of men's and women's lacrosse, SUNYIT now offers 15 intercollegiate sports that compete in the NEAC, including baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming and men's and women's volleyball. Additionally offered is women's bowling, which competes against many NCAA Division I programs and participates in a full slate of tournaments throughout the northeast.



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April 16



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