A New Era
Utica College welcomes ninth president Laura Casamento
As I look back on a season of achievement capped off by a record-breaking Homecoming and a truly inspiring inaugural celebration, let me start this message by saying that I am so very proud of my Pioneer family.

I want to thank everyone – students, faculty members, staff, alumni, and longtime friends of the College – who reached out to me during the presidential transition and shared their thoughts on the opportunities and challenges that lie before us. I have learned a great deal from your insights, and I look forward to the privilege of continuing these very valuable conversations as together we write the next chapter in UC’s remarkable history.

The central theme of that history is reflected in this issue of the Pioneer. We have always been an institution that values both academic and professional accomplishment in all of its forms. What follows are stories of students engaged in groundbreaking – and sometimes ground-shaking – research, as well as successful alumni making a difference in their communities through innovative entrepreneurship. Together they demonstrate the power of our mission and the value of our promise to prepare those who study at UC to build a future beyond their imagining.

My primary focus in the coming years will be on strengthening the College’s ability to produce the kinds of success stories contained within these pages. As I said in my inaugural address, it will be my goal to see every UC student persist to graduation, receive a diploma, and enter the next phase of his or her life fully confident of success. Because we believe in our mission of service, we owe them no less than this.

It is an unparalleled privilege and honor to serve as the president of Utica College. I know I can rely on your support and guidance as I strive to lead this noble institution in a manner that befits the great confidence you have placed in me.

Laura Jasnowski
Giving Back, Far into the Future

Long after retiring, Doris Lynch always thought of herself as a nurse.

A graduate of Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing, Doris was a nurse with the U.S. Navy and later, with General Electric in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where she treated engineers for on-the-job injuries. Perhaps her most memorable patient was her future husband, William.

“He saw her once for an eye injury, and then kept coming back!” says Doris’ sister, Joy Smith.

Shortly after they were married, William and Doris relocated from Bridgeport to GE’s branch in Utica, where William was a manager. With UC close by, Doris seized the opportunity to earn her bachelor’s degree.

In the decades that followed, the couple traveled the world. They established homes in Lake Placid, South Carolina, and Connecticut, where they settled in the small town of Wallingford.

More than 60 years after her graduation, Doris’ connection to Utica College inspired her to give back. As a member of the Heritage Society, Doris ensured that her contribution would help UC students achieve their goals far into the future. It’s a gift that’s both forward thinking and sure to help others.

Sounds like a nurse to us.

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Coach (A Tribute)

To know him was to love him. Those of us who were lucky enough to be close friends with Hank knew this about him from the get go. His friends came from all walks of life – kings and paupers, men and women, old and young, we all loved him. Kindness was the basis for everything he did. He always had a smile, a joke, and words of encouragement, said in his quiet, but heartfelt way. He believed in hard work, he told it like it was, and made it a point of keeping in touch with all of us over these many years, and many miles away from Utica.

The Class of 1950 knew there was so much more to Hank than the sweet man, and the good friend. Women in varsity college sports owe him a gigantic debt. It was in 1949 that Frank (Hank to us) Scalise, a multitalented athlete, left the Utica College men’s varsity basketball team to take on the almost thankless job of pulling together the first women’s varsity basketball team, also at Utica College. Not one of these coeds had ever played a team sport before. He took an inept and mostly overweight group of young women, short on talent, but long on enthusiasm, and by the end of the season, we had improved so much, we received the grudging respect from our rivals, the women mill workers teams who had been playing basketball for years. Everyone on Hank’s team played in every game, and received the same encouragement.

It was our beloved Coach who was the first to educate us on the importance of focus and a good work ethic that not only gave the entire women’s team life skills, but also the same opportunity that men had to play a sport in college. I know that all the other members of the first women’s varsity basketball team from 1949 wherever they are, would join me in saying, “Hank, thanks for believing in us. Thanks for giving us this chance. And, most of all, thanks for the memories.”

Elsie Shemin-Roth ’50
St. Louis, MO

Elsie Shemin-Roth was the captain and founder of Utica College’s original women’s basketball team, one of the first varsity women’s basketball teams in the country.
In Historic Inauguration, Casamento Reaffirms ‘Utica College’s Promise’

It was a milestone moment for Utica College, in more ways than one.

On a homecoming weekend celebrating the College’s 70th birthday, Laura Casamento was officially installed at UC’s ninth president, the first female to hold the office in Utica College’s history.

Held outdoors in the Charles A. Gaetano stadium on Sept. 23, the installation ceremony welcomed guests from all over the country, including delegates from sister colleges and universities, local elected officials, and alumni representatives from every graduating class since Utica College’s founding in 1946, who joined Casamento in the inaugural procession.

In his opening remarks, Provost John Johnsen addressed the College’s relative youth: “Seventy years is not very old for an academic institution. Young institutions, like young people, have special character and huge assets... [but] they tend to be under-financed and under-re-sourced,” he said. “So, Dr. Casamento, you have your work cut out for you.”

Johnsen went on to assure Casamento of the College’s strengths: “You have inherited a college that through all of its changes and growth has remained true to a mission that has emphasized both the sanctity of the individual and the importance of the community, a mission and a set of values that are as relevant to our world today as they were in 1946.”

With help from student delegates, Board of Trustees Chairperson Mark Pilipczuk ’88 presented Casamento with the Presidential Medallion, formally congratulating and welcoming her as UC’s ninth president, at which point the crowd rose to its feet.

In her address, Casamento expressed her gratitude to her family, friends, and the UC community. She went on to emphasize her commitment to students, affordability, and on-time graduation.

“When a student does not persist to a timely graduation, chances are we will not have lit the fire: he or she will have made an investment that did not pay off, and we will have made a promise that we did not keep. Both the student and College will have lost.”

In closing, an emotional Casamento challenged the crowd to “reflect on your relationship to Utica College. Let us all become this institution’s storytellers,” she urged. “I ask only for your commitment to, and enthusiasm for, telling others about the promise this institution makes: that we will inspire our students to create for themselves a future that is beyond their imagining.”

(For Casamento’s full address, see page 12.)
Presidential Pledge

In her inaugural address President Casamento vowed to make Utica College a “place in which it is safe to bend, safe to reconsider, safe to change one’s mind.”
Signs of Success

One year after earning national attention, Utica College’s tuition reset is making a powerful impact on students’ lives.
With a profound sense of gratitude, a deep sense of responsibility, and a great love of this institution, I stand before you as the ninth president of Utica College. I deeply appreciate your being here today — your presence is powerful testimony to the value of the work that takes place at this institution.

This afternoon we gather in a ceremony marking a transition of leadership at the College, and we do so in the context of the weekend known as Homecoming. What a perfect time to reflect on the purposes and accomplishments of this noble institution, now seventy years young, and to consider our collective responsibility to see it forward into the future.

For those of you who have joined us today from other places, I would like to welcome you to Utica and the Mohawk Valley. I’m grateful to have had the good fortune to be able to raise my children in this wonderfully diverse, warm, and caring community. The City of Utica and the Mohawk Valley in which it is nestled is home to many first-generation families, from many ethnic backgrounds, who settled, struggled, found common cause, made friends, and came to feel the promise of America — right here. As you know by now, this is home for me — this is where I grew up, where I learned to take care of myself, to stand up for myself, to figure things out myself, and most importantly, to keep moving forward — to, as we at Utica College often remind ourselves, never stand still. Life is too short, the journey too long, and the views around the next bend too breathtaking, to ever stand still.

Having deep roots in the Utica area proved most helpful to me when I first came to work for the College in 2004 as Todd Hutton’s vice president for institutional advancement. As I was settling into my new work, I became aware that I had come under the watchful eye of one Dr. Virgil Crisafulli, a founding member of the faculty of Utica College, a legendary teacher, and a highly respected and beloved figure in this College community (and well beyond it). No one knew this College better than Dr. Cris did. At first, I thought he was keeping an eye on me out of a concern for the future of the College: after all, what could a former bank president know about the considerably less linear ways of higher education?

But I soon came to appreciate that what he was actually doing was looking out for me — that he “had my back,” as we say today. Why he extended such kindness to me I’m not exactly sure. (Maybe he liked that I also had a Sicilian last name.). But whatever his reason, he befriended me; he wanted me to really come to understand this institution and the journey it was on from its adolescence to adulthood. He wanted me to understand, I think, how humble were its origins, how human its mission, how transformative its effect, and how deeply profound was its contribution to the lives of its students and to the life of this community.

One of the essential truths about Utica College is that we almost invariably believe in our students before they come to believe in themselves, and this hastens the day when they confidently take the reins of their own futures. We help them develop their self-confidence by showing our own confidence in them, and by urging them along when, perhaps, they stumble. So it was in 1946, when our first students started filing into their classes. If a professor such as Dr. Cris noted the absence of a student on a particular morning (and they always did notice), that student could expect a knock on his or her apartment door that evening, inquiring as to whether everything was all right (sometimes it wasn’t) and then urging that student, gently but empathically, back on course.
Many a former GI needed to be convinced that they could make it work in college and in their private lives nearly as well as they had managed to survive the war. The faculty of this College recognized from Day One that our students didn’t arrive fully ready to succeed: they came as they were, bringing with them whatever talents, aspirations, memories, and fears they had developed thus far in life. The Utica College faculty wasn’t dealing with uniformly prepared students; it was dealing with variously prepared students now out of uniform. Our earliest students more or less shared the same objective, but the path each would need to walk to achieve it would be their own. It took a special kind of guide, and a special kind of teacher, to help these students walk their own paths. And it always has.

I’ve been here for quite a while now, and I’m struck on an almost daily basis by how this College’s contemporary faculty and staff honor the work of our predecessors. Every day, in classrooms, in offices, in hallways, and on the athletic fields, students take one more step toward that day in their own lives when surety will overtake hesitancy – when the fundamental belief that they can figure it out finally defeats their fear that maybe they can’t. This academic community knows how to build the fire and strike the match, and that allows our graduates to leave here not just sure they are well prepared for that first job, but empowered by confidence and intellectual curiosity, critical qualities shared by people who lead fulfilling and rewarding lives.

In Dr. Cris’ history of the early years of Utica College, he recounted what he said to those early students – most of whom were prematurely sophisticated and hardened by war, but at the same time, made uncertain and vulnerable by peace. He said to them: “Within twenty years of when you get your college degree, you will be leaders of this city.”

He confessed to his readers: “I knew that was an extravagant statement, but I believed what I was saying. Some of them laughed, but many others took it in good faith and gained confidence from what I said. And I was only off by a few short years. In twenty-five, thirty, or thirty-five years our graduates were all over the area, in leadership roles as mayors, judges, legislators, teachers, lawyers, doctors, government and business leaders.”

Sitting among us today are a few of those original Utica College success stories, and many of their sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren, alumni in their own right. You all know what this College did for you, and by extension your family and we all know what you, and your families, have done for this community. We thank Dr. Cris, and all the hardworking women and men who came before us, for showing us how to be a college that truly transforms lives.

I hope that when the next chapter of the History of Utica College is written, that it will be said of our time, simply this: that we strengthened the College’s educational core, reaffirmed its most deeply held convictions, greatly increased the number of students who completed their degrees and graduated on time, and tended to the needs of this institution and the people who comprised it with discipline, wisdom, care, and love.

In particular, I look forward to focusing our collective attention on working with the faculty and staff to evolve new and effective ways to create improved conditions for student success, so that not just most students, but every student who enrolls at Utica College is able to persist in his or her studies, complete his or her degree, and graduate in as timely a manner as personal circumstances allows.

When a student does not persist to a timely graduation, chances are we will have not lit the fire: he or she will have made an investment that did not pay off, and we will have made a promise that we did not keep. Both the student and the College will have lost.

Despite all we have done, and will continue to do in the years ahead, to keep the cost of the education we provide as affordable as possible, a college education, ours included,
represents one of the biggest expenses our students will
ever incur in their lives, and for the majority of our students,
it’s an expense incurred before their real income producing
years begin. For that expense to prove a good investment,
students need to complete their studies, walk across the
stage, receive their diploma, and shake my hand.

As long as I serve this college as its president, it will be my
goal to shake the hand of every student who enrolls at Utica
College, and hand each and every one of them a diploma.

I love this College; I love its entrepreneurial spirit, the deep
commitment of faculty and staff to the transformative work
we do. I’ve seen the effect of that work in my own children,
and in other members of my family who were fortunate
even enough to find their way here. I love the students we teach:
so bright, so optimistic, so much the hope of their families
and their communities. I love the way our faculty members
teach them – how they spark their intellectual curiosity; how
they help them come to believe in themselves.

I believe that the whole world, not just Utica and the
Mohawk Valley, needs us to keep our promise to the
students we are preparing. The world needs more Utica
College graduates – their intelligence, their groundedness,
their openness, their willingness. So I intend, in the stra-
tegic planning work we are about to undertake, to focus
our objectives on strengthening the core of the College.
I want us to stay light on our feet, be open to new ideas, and
continue moving, deliberately but inevitably, forward.

Utica College is on the move. We are attracting more and
better-qualified applicants than ever before. Our reputation
– our brand – is strengthening and spreading. The caliber of
our academic programs is high, and our athletic programs
continue to gain momentum. This is all good news, and
a great and just tribute to the hard work of our faculty
and staff, and to my predecessor, Dr. Todd Hutton and his
inspired leadership over the past eighteen years.

When my presidency comes one day to its inevitable close,
I hope the College historian will say of our years of work
in the region together that we never stood still, that during our time
Utica College became more united, more focused, and
more financially secure. I hope he or she will write that the
College never forgot where it came from, or who it was here
to serve; that we never forgot what our dedicated founders
(like Dr. Cris) had in mind, and that we both urgently
and creatively found new ways to meet the needs of the
“serious and guardedly hopeful” students of our own time,
as they sought to climb the ladder of economic prosperity.
I hope it will be said that it was recognized throughout this
region and state of New York, that this “first College of Utica
and the Mohawk Valley” was this region’s most dedicated
and stalwart economic and cultural partner – an institution
proud of its home; in a home that is proud of it.

I hope it will be said of these years that the College welcomed
a brilliant new generation of colleagues into the fold; that
we attracted next generation of teachers and administrators
who Dr. Cris himself would recognize in a heartbeat
as “his kind of people;” that they brought with them, and
we welcomed, new ideas and perspectives that allowed this
College to become an ever better version of itself.

I also want it to be said of these years that the College
conducted its business in a manner consistent with certain
bedrock principles of our democracy, so that we provided a
good example both to our students and for ourselves.
Utica College is a shining example of one of America’s greatest achievements – the small American College. Institutions like ours are largely unheard of in other places in the world, and they are coveted all over the world for the unique things we are capable of doing with the human mind and spirit.

But in this time of great divide in our country, I hope you will agree, America is having some trouble being its own best self. As a body politic, we seem unable to engage in healthy debate, or to sway one other toward opinions not already held. This is hardly a new phenomenon in our country’s history – it’s more like a swing of the pendulum.

The freedom of speech is the cornerstone of a free society. The freedom of speech comes with obligation not just to allow others to speak, but to be willing to consider what they are saying. It is in the trading of ideas (not in the shouting of intractable points of view) that we find societal grace. Utica College must always be a place in which it is safe to bend, safe to reconsider, safe, even, to change one’s mind. And because this is a place open to debate and respectful of the debaters, it must also be a place of discernment, a place where good ideas are able to emerge as good, and bad ideas are eventually found out. We must, as an educational institution, always allow for the exchange of ideas, without judgment as to their right to be heard.

And most of all, let it be said that we met head on the greatest threat to this institution’s full realization of its promise, by raising to the highest number possible the percentage of our students who persist to on-time graduation. In my view, doing this is nothing less than a moral imperative: we must keep our promise.

We have the talent, we’re hard at work acquiring the resources, but what we need most of all is your continued, redoubled, and generous commitment to our shared mission.

In closing, I would ask each of you on this day, at least all you who have not joined us from another institution to which you are yourself dedicated, to reflect on your own relationship to Utica College, to reaffirm your loyalty, your appreciation, and your determination to ensure that this institution will always be here, always in Utica, always at the ready to help the next generation. Let all of us become this institution’s storytellers: let us tell all those who don’t know it the story of our College’s pioneers, explorers, investigators, champions, entrepreneurs, and ambassadors. Let us tell the stories of adversities overcome, and triumphs achieved.

Let us share the spirit of Utica College, and in so doing, help the women and men who will be the future of this College to find their way here.

I thank the search committee and the Board of Trustees for the honor of the opportunity to serve as the ninth president of Utica College. I will need the help of everyone gathered here today as we move forward, and I can assure you that I will not hesitate to ask for it. For now, though, I ask only for your commitment to, and enthusiasm for, telling others about the promise this institution makes: that we will inspire our students to create for themselves a future that is beyond their imagining.
At The Root Farm in Sauquoit, NY, three UC alumni are changing lives through unexpected therapies paired with the power of nature.

With its wide, sweeping pastures, bordered by gardens and dotted with grazing horses, the view from The Root Farm is like something out of a movie. Located at the end of a long dirt path in Sauquoit, NY, the Farm is home to 12 horses, 120 chickens, and nearly 100 acres of gardens and farmland. The setting provides a fitting backdrop for the Farm’s unique therapy programs spearheaded, in part, by a trio of Utica College alumni who know the healing potential of animals, nature, and plenty of fresh air.
It’s proof that there’s something to this. This place is more than the sum of its parts.”

Jeremy Earl ’99
Executive Director

For a piece of equipment, the Action Track Chair represents a lot to Jeremy Earl.

“It’s an off-road wheelchair,” he says, gesturing proudly toward the machine that resembles a cross between a miniature bulldozer and a character from Star Wars. “This thing can go anywhere.”

The motorized chair, he explains, with its all-terrain wheels and extended battery life, allows people with limited mobility to explore nature—including mud, long grass, and snow—by themselves.

“Someone in a traditional wheelchair has probably never had the opportunity to go into the woods alone for a few hours, and enjoy the peace and quiet,” he says. “It’s a simple thing most people take for granted.”

Jeremy Earl is not one of those people. A physical therapist himself, Earl is acutely aware of how physical and mental disabilities can make life feel limited. As executive director of The Root Farm, he helps design and oversee programs that make every aspect of farm life, from riding horses to taking serene walks in nature, accessible to everyone, regardless of physical or mental ability.

A part of Upstate Cerebral Palsy, The Root Farm opened in fall 2015 on the 100-acre former site of Camp Ronald McDonald, where many of the same therapies were offered. The new property includes a 17,000 square-foot riding arena, stables, therapy rooms, art studios, a chicken coop, vegetable and flower gardens, and, most recently, a beehive, where honey is produced and sold at local farmers’ markets. Along with the popular equine therapy program, the Farm offers vocational and recreational programs and classes in everything from painting to horticulture to beekeeping.

The Root Farm’s client base is as broad as it is diverse. Therapies cater to children and adults of all abilities, including those on the autism spectrum and with Down syndrome, people recovering from injuries, veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress, and the elderly, among many others. Accessibility to all, explains Earl, is paramount.

“Every single thing here—from the design of the buildings to the therapy programs—is adaptable,” says Earl. “That’s really the whole point.”

When clients don’t have the physical strength or fitness to ride horses, they work with therapists on horse care, engaging in hands-on tasks like brushing and feeding. When clients are anxious around the larger animals, they’re first introduced to Sunny, a gentle miniature pony who stands barely 3-feet tall.

It’s the Farm’s focus on adaptability, says Earl, that makes it such a meaningful place for clients. In just a year on the farm, he’s collected dozens of anecdotes from people changed by their Root Farm experience. One of his favorites: the Iraq vet who, after working with the horses for several months, no longer felt the need for anti-anxiety medications. Taming the physical “beast,” he told Earl, allowed him to quell the mental one.

“It’s proof that there’s something to this,” he says. “This place is more than the sum of its parts.”
“Clients come in tense, nervous, and just a few hours later, they don’t want to get off the horse.”

Rodger Pape ’03
Recreation Program Coordinator

Rodger Pape was introduced to therapeutic riding at age 17—long before horses and therapy were commonly linked. Growing up with a family member with special needs, Pape saw the benefits firsthand. As a teen, he remembers feeling struck by how deeply clients seemed to connect with the animals. “It gives me goosebumps to talk about,” says Pape. “I could see that horses were meant to work with people.”

The experience stayed with him, and combined with his love for the outdoors, inspired him to enroll in UC’s therapeutic recreation program, where he studied equine therapy.

“You see how horses connect with people on a deep level,” explains Pape. “They demand respect,” he says, and respond with unconditional love when treated properly. They are accepting and non-judgmental in ways even well-intentioned people are not.

Indeed, studies have shown that horses are especially adept at mirroring attitudes and behaviors of humans. When a rider’s voice expresses doubt or fear when delivering a command, a horse is unlikely to respond. The lesson is powerful, says Pape. “A horse reacts to how you feel more than what you say.”

While the physical benefits of therapeutic riding are many (improved posture, balance, and muscle tone), the emotional benefits are more poignant for Pape—and in most instances, more striking.

“You see people with low self-esteem quickly gain confidence,” he says. “They come in tense, nervous, and just a few hours later, they don’t want to get off the horse. Over the weeks, their personality shifts and they’re more open, more engaged.”

One of Pape’s favorite aspects of the job is working with students, both interns and volunteers, from Utica College. With equine therapy gaining broader mainstream acceptance, he’s noticed that more students are interested in pursuing careers in the field. By nurturing young therapists’ interest in horses, he says, “it feels a little like I’m giving back.”
Olivia Cunningham ’15
Agriculture Assistant, Animal Care Worker

Barely a year after graduating from Utica College, Olivia Cunningham has achieved a career goal most adults spent their lives working toward.

“I wake up every morning excited to go to work,” she says, smiling.

Cunningham, a 2015 graduate of UC’s therapeutic recreation program, was first introduced to The Root Farm as a student. Shortly after the Farm opened its doors, Cunningham scored an internship within the equine therapy program—a natural fit with her area of interest.

Through classes at UC, Cunningham had learned how individuals on the autism spectrum could benefit from animal-based therapies. She’d studied how cognitive and language skills improve when a child learns how to direct the horse; how children who are non-verbal can communicate with the horse physically and, in turn, learn how to interpret a horse’s physical cues.

“I’ve always wanted to work with kids and animals, so I was thrilled to find a local place doing the exact type of therapy I was learning about,” she says.

After graduating, Cunningham joined the staff full-time as an agriculture assistant and animal care worker. In addition to equine therapy, she helps harvest produce, feed and clean the animals, and represent the Farm at local farmers’ markets. Cunningham’s favorite part of the job, though? Connecting with clients, she says, like Amanda Julian, who works with Cunningham weekly.

“Olivia is fantastic,” says Pat Julian, Amanda’s dad. “Amanda loves the animals at the Farm, but most weeks, she’s just as excited to see Olivia.”

With clients like Amanda, Cunningham assists not only with adaptive riding, but animal care—which goes far beyond manual labor. Activities like feeding the chickens, cleaning eggs, and grooming the horses can be therapeutic, too; Pat Julian has seen the results firsthand.

“Amanda suffers from an anxiety disorder,” he says. “After working with Olivia and the animals, she’s much calmer, her moods are more stable, and her attitude is more positive.”

And for Cunningham, the therapeutic relationship goes both ways.

“When a client smiles, laughs or says they can’t wait to come back, those moments make me feel proud—and lucky—to do what I do.”

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Struggling to find your passion? Do a research project.

“When you dedicate a huge amount of time, effort, and persistence to an endeavor,” says associate professor of physics Joseph Ribaudo, “You end up learning a lot about yourself in the process.”

That was certainly true for these five undergraduates, who made some unexpected discoveries during in-depth research projects on everything from brain mapping to Utica’s history of organized crime. As undergraduates, their research helped point some down a path to graduate school, others to careers—and all toward more self-discovery.

Here, their stories...
Making a Mark in the Research Universe
Brittany Vanderhoof ’16

Brittany Vanderhoof loves tackling the big questions. And for a physics student who’s always been “obsessed with space,” those big questions go beyond planet Earth—and even beyond our solar system. Vanderhoof spent most of her UC career studying galaxy formation. With help from Associate Professor of Physics Joseph Ribaudo, Vanderhoof delved into the world of spectroscopy (the study of how light is dispersed), examining the composition of gases around galaxies to determine how galaxies evolve and grow. She presented her work at several national events, including the University Physics Competition and the American Astronomical Society Conference in Florida.

“On a daily basis, I work with data from the Hubble telescope,” she says. “I never thought I’d be able to say that.”

Vanderhoof’s research journey began when, as a sophomore, she talked with Professor Ribaudo about her graduate school aspirations. Her goal was to earn a Ph.D. in astrophysics.

Ribaudo immediately encouraged her to get involved with research.

“I wanted Brittany to have a research project under her belt when she applied to grad school,” he says. “It shows that a student has the ability and dedication to do graduate-level work.”

At the time, Ribaudo was working on research with colleagues from the University of Notre Dame on a topic that aligned well with Vanderhoof’s research interests: examining galaxy formations through gas clouds in space. Ribaudo invited her to join them.

Vanderhoof jumped on board, and was soon analyzing data from some of the world’s most advanced instruments. Using Utica College’s labs and computer programs designed for spectroscopy, Vanderhoof began working with Ribaudo to gather and analyze information about light patterns, absorption, and wavelengths from three different galaxy environments.

“It’s complicated to explain,” she says, with a laugh. “But it amounts to me sitting at the computer for hours on end.”

The hard work paid off, says Ribaudo. “Brittany’s research determined that the atmospheres are dynamic—there’s material with origins within the galaxy, from outside, and material that’s a mix of the two,” he says. “To understand that allows us to make some educated assumptions about where that gas came from, and what might happen next.”

Vanderhoof’s work also paid off in the form of an acceptance to the Rochester Institute of Technology’s doctoral astrophysics program. She graduated from UC in May 2016 and began classes at RIT this fall.

Ribaudo and Vanderhoof are still in contact; they’re collaborating on a paper with two scientists from Notre Dame, detailing their findings, which they hope to submit to astrophysics journals in October.

For Vanderhoof, the accomplishments still feel “a little surreal” she says.

“I came to UC with the goal of being part of some research project, maybe getting my name on a paper with five other students, but to work so closely with Professor Ribaudo and with data from Hubble?” she says, smiling. “It’s amazing. It’s a big deal.”
A Story You Can’t Refuse
Guy Morreale ’16

For as long as he can remember, Guy Morreale has been fascinated by the mafia. He’s proudly binge watched every episode of The Sopranos, and counts The Godfather and Goodfellas among his favorite movies.

In 2015, when it came time to choose a topic for the annual History Project Symposium, Morreale, a Utica native, was surprised—and intrigued—to learn that Utica has a historic connection to the mob.

“I had heard that Utica was known as the ‘Sin City of the East’ because of its reputation for corruption and organized crime,” he says. “I wanted to explore that idea and where it came from.”

Morreale found a valuable resource in the Utica Observer-Dispatch; namely, a 2009 series by reporter Rocco LaDuca called “The Mob Files,” which delved deep into Utica’s mafia history.

There he discovered the story of the Falcones, two brothers from Sicily who moved to Utica from New York City in the early 1920s. Because of the Falcone family’s charitable work, mostly to benefit Italian immigrants in the area, they became well respected in the community. At the same time as their public stature increased, the Falcones were participating in various shady dealings out of the public eye—everything from producing and selling alcohol during Prohibition to dozens of gruesome murders.

“The Falcones were characters,” says Morreale. “They were the type of guys who inspired the movie version of gangsters.”

Morreale also discovered rumors of police corruption linked to the Falcones, who never served any jail time. Utica Deputy Police Chief James Laino was connected to gambling schemes involving his family’s business in the late 1950s. Other police officers conspired to protect the city’s prostitution racket.

“Organized crime was quietly operating in Utica, but that was true for most cities in America during that time,” he says. “Ordinary citizens were either unaware or unaffected.”

The “Sin City” moniker came from a 1957 New York Journal-American story about American hotbeds for organized crime and, says Morreale, was an “exaggeration in an effort to sell newspapers.”

Other media outlets echoed the sentiment, however, and Utica became a symbol for crime, corruption, and general unease during this time period. As Morreale writes:

“Factually, the corruption in Utica was no worse than in Albany, New York, Toledo, Ohio, or Kansas City, Missouri. The Sin City label was a negative connotation about a growing town that held little power and was politically expendable to New York State leaders.”

As part of his research, Morreale gained valuable insight from interviews with Utica residents who lived through the Falcone era.

“They talked about the ethnic tension going on in Utica, and how Italians were discriminated against,” he says. “It was eye-opening, and made it easy to see how gangs could form.”

And while his research gave Morreale a greater appreciation for his home city’s history, it also changed his perspective on Hollywood’s version of the mobster lifestyle.

“Movies and TV glamorize this life, but from what I learned, most of these guys were expendable to the more powerful members, so they lived in fear,” he says. “It’s not a happy life and rarely ends well for the people involved.”
What’s a Picture Worth?
Dylan Crawford ’16

Imagine looking at a piece of modern art. You don’t feel strongly about it until you learn that the artist who created the piece has an exceptionally creative brain—you’re even presented with neuromagery of the artist’s brain to prove it. Do you feel differently about the piece? Do you appreciate it more?

That was the scenario posed by psychology student Dylan Crawford, who set out to determine the influence of brain images on people’s perception of creativity, even when those images are fabricated.

Crawford was first introduced to the concept by Professor of Psychology Steven Specht in January 2016. Crawford, who is double majoring in psychology and biology, had expressed an interest in the relatively new field of neuromagery, which uses brain mapping to diagnose brain injury and disease, and to visualize the processing of information and response to stimuli. For scientists and doctors, brain imagery can be a useful tool in explaining certain phenomena to non-scientists, illustrating how areas of the brain appear to “light up” when addicts are presented with drugs or alcohol, for example.

But in conversations with Specht, Crawford learned how overreliance on such images could influence perception, perhaps in unintended or negative ways.

“Advertisers, health journalists, or even attorneys in the courtroom may use these images to unfairly influence people,” says Crawford. “We wanted to find out how much power the images truly have.”

Because Specht is an artist himself (he works mostly in collage), he posed the idea of brain images’ effect on a person’s perception of artwork. This idea of creativity, and how a creative work is perceived, intrigued Crawford.

“That’s an area that’s been unexplored,” he says. “I found it really interesting.”

With Specht’s help, Crawford designed a study that would explore how the perception of creativity is influenced by brain imagery. First, Crawford had to choose a piece of art that wouldn’t garner strong reactions.

“We knew it couldn’t be controversial or offensive,” says Crawford. “It had to be fairly neutral in order for the study to work.”

They found the winning image in one of Specht’s art journals — a modern art piece by a relatively unknown artist.

Next came the fun part. Crawford created a fake brain image, allegedly depicting the brain of an “exceptionally creative individual.” He also created faux psychological testing data which, as he’d tell subjects, provided proof of the artist’s highly creative brain. A portion of subjects would be presented with the brain images, a portion with the psychological tests, and a portion with both.

In the subsequent weeks, Crawford tested nearly 70 UC students, asking them to evaluate the artwork, determining how much they liked it before and after seeing the fabricated brain images and psychological test results.

The result was surprising to both Crawford and Specht: Subjects’ perception of the artist’s creativity had a minimal impact on how much they liked the work. The effect was more dramatic when subjects were presented with the brain images and the psychological data, suggesting a “synergistic effect,” says Crawford. “It proves that there is some persuasion going on here.”

With brain imagery gaining more attention, more scientists are examining what it means for the field going forward. Next steps, says Crawford, are determining brain imagery’s effect on other aspects of creativity, or even on happiness.

“There’s lots more to learn,” says Crawford, and he plans to do just that in graduate school. He’s interested in several schools where student and faculty research focuses on neuromaging. Crawford’s ultimate goal: To teach psychology at a major research university.

“Working with Dr. Specht helped me realize that this type of research is my passion,” he says. “He trusted me, and that gave me confidence to take it to the next level.”
Telling Stories, Making History
Michael Belmont ’16

Michael Belmont grew up knowing the basic facts of his family history: that his ancestors immigrated from Italy in the early 1900s and settled in Frankfort, NY, the small town east of Utica, where both his parents were born and raised.

But it wasn’t until this year, when Belmont, a recent UC grad and history major, began to dig deeper.

Utica College’s History Project Symposium is an annual event in which history students present a year’s worth of original research focused on a particular theme. Last year’s theme, “Superheroes in the Mohawk Valley,” inspired Belmont to explore his roots—and the history of Italian immigration to Frankfort, NY.

“Frankfort has one of the highest concentrations of Italian-Americans in the United States,” says Belmont, who grew up in nearby Ilion, NY. “But there isn’t a lot of historical research or information out there about how that came to be.”

Because little research had been done on the topic, Belmont found himself looking to historical documents, such as federal census data and marriage records, to fill in the holes. But perhaps his most useful sources were his own grandparents, whom he interviewed several times over the course of his project.

“It was eye-opening to hear their stories,” says Belmont. “I realized that I had never taken the time to sit down and ask these questions before.”

What he discovered were surprising—and sometimes tragic—stories of his Italian ancestors.

In conversations with his maternal grandmother, Josephine Mezza, Belmont learned that his great-grandmother, Angeline Sgroi, was married at 13 in Frankfort. Her husband, also a Sicilian immigrant, died from pneumonia when she was just 18, leaving her as a single mother of three children, the oldest of whom was Josephine.

Angeline later remarried and had five children with her second husband, Anthony Sgroi. Josephine’s brother, Paul Sgroi, enlisted in the Army in 1943 and was killed on Christmas Eve, 1944, when his ship was bombed by a German U-boat along the English Channel. Paul’s body was never discovered. He earned a posthumous Purple Heart for his service.

Michael’s paternal grandmother, Theresa Belmont (with Michael, above), shared stories of growing up in Naples, Italy, during the war. With her father in the military, Theresa and her mother spent years in the warzone, watching helplessly as German troops destroyed their town, under constant threat of bombings. When the war was over years later, Theresa and her family came to the U.S., establishing a home in Brooklyn, NY.

Later, during visits upstate with family members in Frankfort, Theresa met Joseph Belmont. They soon began dating and were married, and started a family of their own in Frankfort.

With a deeper understanding of his family’s past, Belmont felt even more inspired to share their stories as part of his research project. Surrounded by dry historical data, the memories of his grandparents gave his research paper some much-needed detail and color.

“Once you attach these personal stories to the history, it comes alive,” he says.

In May, at the History Project Symposium, Michael presented his work, along with family photos provided by his grandmothers. He shared their stories as a way to illustrate larger trends in American immigration, and the establishment of small Italian-American communities in the United States.

“I hope my presentation showed people how individual stories matter,” he says, “They’re part of the bigger picture and part of history.”
For residents of Utica, NY, lead exposure is a problem that hits close to home. But for Lana Nitti, an award-winning chemist and Utica College senior, so does the solution.

Nitti's research began nearly three years ago, when she stumbled upon a USA Today article that explored the lasting damage caused by former lead smelters—the article called them “ghost factories”—in the United States. These plants, despite being long shut down, deposited high levels of lead contamination into the soil, causing major health problems for people, especially children, who live and play in those areas. The article explained that, although researchers have taken their findings to the EPA, the government agency has done little to address the problem.

Intrigued, Nitti, then a student at Mohawk Valley Community College, delved deeper. She found source documents that listed the precise locations of former lead smelters in New York State—and was stunned to learn that one such “ghost factory” was located almost exactly where she was sitting, in her apartment in Cornhill. She, along with her family and friends, lived in a “red zone,” where lead is at extremely dangerous levels. Nitti went on to learn that the low-income neighborhoods of Cornhill and West Utica have the highest rates of lead poisoning per capita in the entire state.

“I was shocked,” says Nitti. “I thought, ‘My friends and neighbors are being exposed to this poison and they have no idea.’”

After earning her associate degree from MVCC in 2015, Nitti made the decision to continue her research at Utica College. “I wanted to stay close to this issue, and UC offered me the opportunity to do that,” she said. “I explained my goals to Dr. [Curtis] Pulliam, and he was excited to get involved and support me.”

So began a research journey that has earned Nitti numerous awards, most recently, the first-place prize at the annual Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program (CSTEP) conference in April (she took home the same award in 2015 and 2014).
September 2015, she was invited to share her research as part of TedXUtica, and earlier this year, was a finalist in the Cards Against Humanity Science Ambassador Scholarship.

**Defining the Problem**

When children are exposed to lead, a neurotoxin, the consequences can be devastating: lowered IQ, growth and speech delays, learning disabilities, organ failure, and even death. The emotional toll is great—but it doesn’t stop there. Students who struggle to learn in school and experience behavioral problems may not earn high-school diplomas or find gainful employment. In fact, recent studies suggest that lead exposure can lead to increases in crime, unemployment, and poverty in affected areas.

“It’s quite literally taxing our society,” says Nitti. “We spend more money dealing with the consequences of lead poisoning than we do in trying to prevent it.”

Yet most residents of Utica’s most highly contaminated neighborhoods are completely unaware of the problem. And since many of the areas are home to refugee communities, the language barrier makes it even harder to raise awareness.

“In some languages, there isn’t a word for ‘lead,’” Nitti says. “So explaining the danger of lead poisoning is next to impossible.”

**A Grassroots Solution**

Solving the problem of lead exposure isn’t just a matter of science, Nitti says—it’s a grassroots movement that starts within the community. Modeled after a similar effort in Worcester, Mass., Nitti’s goal is to create a Utica-based program that incorporates middle- and high-school school students by teaching them how to take soil samples in their neighborhoods, then test them in collegiate-level labs for the presence of lead.

In the Worcester program, students work with lead-testing kits, which are simple to use, but costly—especially when hundreds of kits are required. Other testing methods, though inexpensive, expose students to dangerous lead levels, can be harmful to the environment, and may be too complicated and time-consuming for young people to grasp.

To address these concerns, Nitti headed to the lab. With help from UC chemistry professors Dr. Curtis Pulliam and Dr. Jesse Crandall, Nitti adapted a method for lead testing that simplifies the process: It involves small soil samples and microwaves (yes, the same ones in most American kitchens). The method, called Microwave Assisted Extraction, allows students to test soil samples in a hands-on way that’s safe, quick, and economical.

The method helps transform lead testing from a complex scientific process to a simple procedure almost anyone can do. Nitti’s presentation on MAE wowed judges at April’s CSTEP conference, where she took home first prize in her category.

**Next Steps**

While Lana Nitti is undoubt-edly proud of her MAE research, she’s still focused on the bigger picture: With a simplified and cost-effective testing method, the community program she’s envisioning has a better chance of coming to fruition.

When young scientists get involved in soil testing, she explains, the benefits are twofold: For the community, the increased awareness of the lead issue will encourage parents, landlords, and, potentially, the government, to act. And for local kids, exposure to college-level science facilities and real-life chemistry can inspire them to pursue careers in science and technology.

“They’ll see how chemistry affects our everyday lives and plays a role in the community,” she says, “And, hopefully, this will get people talking about the major lead issue.”

For Nitti, the next step is involving local kids through outreach programs and, possibly, acquiring funding through a grant. Her ultimate hope: That the MAE testing method can help areas affected by lead poisoning throughout the country, all while introducing kids to science in a hands-on way.

“I started this with the intention of helping people in my own community,” she says. “But to affect people on a larger scale? That would be phenomenal.”

“We spend more money dealing with the consequences of lead poisoning than we do in trying to prevent it.”
The Reviews Are In.

Utica College is leading boldly.

Last year, Utica College seized the initiative among America's colleges and universities in addressing affordability. Amid continuous tuition increases nationwide at both private and public institutions, Utica College took a step backward with regard to tuition, reducing its published price by 42 percent.

The bold move has been cheered by the White House and lawmakers from both sides of the aisle and in national media such as the Washington Post, FOX News, Forbes, CNN, ABC News, and Huffington Post, to name only a few.

The loudest cheers, however, have come from inside the homes of the families Utica College has, for 70 years, striven to serve.

“By removing the barrier of price that prevented many excellent students from considering UC and concealed the value of a UC education, Utica College is becoming a college of choice as well as one of enormous opportunity for the families we serve,” says UC President Laura Casamento. “In turn, the value of Utica College degree is growing stronger.”

A year later, the returns demonstrate the College made the right move at the right time.
**Total Applications**

- Fall 2015: 5,575
- Fall 2016: 6,086

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**Percentage of Tuition Covered By Federal and State Aid**

- Fall 2015: 34.1%
- Fall 2016: 61.4%

**First- to Second-Year Student Retention Rate**

- Fall 2015: 70%
- Fall 2016: 75%

**Freshman Enrollment**

- Fall 2015: 136
- Fall 2016: 208

**Transfer Enrollment**

- Fall 2015: 645
- Fall 2016: 685

**Percentage of Incoming Students in Top 10% of High School Class**

- Fall 2015: 9%
- Fall 2016: 11%
Something to Talk About
A look at the buzz surrounding Utica’s Bold Move

“Utica College in NY is taking steps to help make college more affordable for students and families!”
—U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, Sept. 15, 2015

“Going against the grain of rising costs, Utica College in upstate New York is cutting student tuition by a dramatic 42 percent.”
—ABC News, Sept. 15, 2015

“Kudos to Utica College on making big steps to keep a college education within reach.”
—Senator Chuck Schumer, Sept. 15, 2015

“President Barack Obama has long harped on the excessive costs of a college education... At one college, at least, his message on college affordability seems to have gotten through.”
—Fortune, Sept. 22, 2015

“Todd S. Hutton, the president of Utica College, has rolled out a gutsy initiative that should force every college president to swallow hard and look in the mirror.”
—Syracuse.com, Oct. 2, 2015

“Utica is part of a movement of private colleges abandoning the widespread practice of setting published prices artificially high and then offering deep discounts ... to simplify an opaque pricing model that has done more harm than good. And financial analysts agree.”

“For parents and students who struggle with ever-increasing college costs, a reduction in price or a tuition freeze holds the promise of budget relief. ... Utica College is bucking the trend.”
“I discovered UC at a college fair, and I learned about the Psychology-Child Life major. No other school in New York had that type of program. After that, I kept my options open but my mind kept going back to Utica.

When I visited campus, it just felt like home. I got a feeling that I didn’t get at other schools. I had my heart set on Utica, but I tried to convince myself to look elsewhere to save money. I didn’t want to put the financial pressure on my family.

I visited another school, where students talked about choosing to go there to save money. I didn’t want to pick a school just to save money. I wanted to feel good about what I was studying, the atmosphere, and the people. I wanted to have the full college experience, and I knew I could get that at Utica College.

The tuition reset solidified my decision. When I heard, I was totally set on Utica.”

Kassidy Krenzer '20
Psychology-Child Life
Rensselaer, NY

“Nursing had always interested me. My mom is an RN, so I’ve always wanted to go into the science or medical field. Utica has a great nursing program, but I had to consider the cost. I have two younger brothers, and I didn’t want to choose a school that would put too big of a burden on my parents.

I looked at other private schools, but they were either too big or too expensive. Academics were important to my parents and me, so I was looking for a school that put academics first, but would also be a good value. At some other schools, the class sizes were really big. I come from a small school, and I didn’t want to be overwhelmed. Utica just made the most sense, but I was stressed about the unknown because I didn’t know how much it would cost.

My mom first told me about the tuition reset, and then we learned more about it on Facebook. I thought, ‘Well, that’s good timing!’ I had pictured myself going to UC for a long time, and even though I looked at other schools, I always circled back to Utica. It was the best decision for me.”

Morgan Gerber '20
Nursing
Camden, NY

“My older siblings and I are the first in our family to go college, so tuition has always been on our minds. I first visited UC with my brother, and I loved it. I could definitely see myself there. The overall vibe was great. Currents students spoke so highly of the school, and they seemed genuinely happy and comfortable on campus. UC became my first choice, even though I was concerned about the price.

When I found out about the tuition reset, Utica blew all my other choices out of the water. I was astonished. I had never heard of a school dropping its price like that. For me, it was a sign that UC was where I should end up. It made the decision an easy one.”

Kashawn Stroman '20
Health Studies
Binghamton, NY

“From the moment I visited Utica College, I loved it. I felt comfortable. I told my parents that UC was where I wanted to go, but they were worried about the tuition. They said, ‘You have to think about money.’ They wanted me to go here, too, but they knew it would be difficult to afford.

My dad heard about the tuition reset before I did. He told me and my mom, and we were super happy. After that, I was so ready, and my parents were more comfortable with my decision to apply. When I got my acceptance letter, I cried. I was so happy.”

Fiona Shea '20
Therapeutic Recreation
East Greenbush, NY
Little did I know that the advice I was given during my reporting class at Utica College would come in handy as I covered the biggest news story of my career. The lesson: be prepared for anything and use a pencil in the rain. They sound like simple words to live by, but while reporting on the Dannemora prison break for the Albany Times-Union, the reporting and writing skills I learned at UC would not only carry me through, but also help me stand out as one of the lead reporters on the story (and take notes in a downpour). I spent much of June 2015 working out of my car, gaining international recognition for my coverage. Here’s my look back a year later working as a reporter for POLITICO New York:
Turning a corner in Owls Head, I was blinded. Floodlights marking the search area sliced through the night. Armed officers lined the road for miles, casting long shadows on my car’s rear window.

At the road’s end, the woods went black again. From these woods, so near the ones where I’d sought solace as a child, the silhouette of one of those men could emerge.

Growing up in the North Country, where everybody knows somebody who works in the prisons, I’d listen with relish to stories of the dangerous men locked within the Clinton Correctional Facility looming over the village of Dannemora.

I once asked a family friend if it frightened him, living so close to that more than 150-year-old prison. It didn’t, he said. So many of his neighbors were correction officers — and after all, he said, nobody had ever escaped from within its walls.

That changed June 6, 2015. Richard Matt and David Sweat, with inside help, cut holes in their cell walls, carved into a steam pipe, and squeezed through it, under the prison walls, to emerge from a manhole onto a village street, setting in motion a weeks-long search that would span the North Country.

Today, there’s little trace of the 23-day search that overtook the region nearly a year ago. It’s once again, as one local told me, “God’s country.”

But the dramatic escape and sprawling manhunt had cost the state tens of millions of dollars and shed light on an antiquated prison ecosystem.

Now, major security, protocol and staffing changes are afoot, and a state investigation is underway. The community, including many who work in the prison, hopes that report will give some answers and help repair the damage that the lurid details of the break did to its reputation.

Randy LaMora had retired from Clinton a year and a half earlier, but still, when a friend texted him early in the morning of June 6, his heart sank.

“I was embarrassed. I was ashamed. I felt extremely bad for the people that worked inside of there,” said LaMora, a 32-year veteran correction officer who was a captain when he retired. “I knew that we would be the butt of the jokes.”

The inmates hadn’t escaped on their own. They had been helped by prison seamstress Joyce Mitchell, who smuggled them tools and had planned to be their getaway driver, and correction officer Gene Palmer, who traded them tools for paintings, unwittingly aiding in their escape.

LaMora was glad it hadn’t happened on his watch, but he wished he could have been there for “moral support.”

In the prison break’s immediate aftermath, the pipe that Sweat and Matt had hacked into was fixed, and the village’s manhole covers were replaced.

The prison’s honor block was eliminated, too, said Chris Hansen, the regional head of the correction officers union. It was in that part of the prison that Sweat and Matt had lived, rewarded for good behavior with the freedom to cook, to wear sweatshirts and to shower when they chose.

I was drinking coffee at 2 a.m., parked behind a police car on the side of a Cadyville road. Helicopters circling, armed officers at the ready — it was a scene I’d come to know too well in my weeks covering the prison break for the Times-Union.

The windows of all the nearby homes were eerily aglow. Everyone had been told to keep all their lights on at night.

Sources had told me the escaped inmates may have slept in the area and could still be in the swath of woods that police had surrounded, one of hundreds of rumors I’d sift through before the search’s end.

I rolled down my window. I heard a noise in the woods and, frightened, rolled it back up. Again, I wondered if it was the day the hunt would end.

It was well after midnight, and I’d been driving through endless woods punctuated by empty cabins in the northern Adirondacks, searching for news on the hunt for the two murderers who’d escaped from the maximum-security prison nearby.
On June 26, Matt was shot and killed by law enforcement. He was armed with a 20-gauge shotgun and drunk, perhaps on grape gin he’d found in a hunting cabin belonging to the family of a correction officer named Bob Willett Jr.

Tips had led authorities across four counties in search of them before Willett, off-duty at the time, spotted signs of intruders at his camp, the long-un touched bottle of gin open inside. The men had entered at least six hunting camps, state police say.

Two days later, a state police sergeant spotted Sweat running along a road near the Canadian border, and shot him when he fled.

I headed there as soon as I heard, maneuvering between side roads to avoid roadblocks, and stopped when I saw a search team emerging from the woods. Grinning and giving a thumbs up, they were eager for dry clothes after weeks of combing the woods in the rain.

Two ambulances drove by. Sweat was in one of them.

Back in Dannemora, it was still raining — it had been, it seemed, ever since the hunt began — but people lined the streets anyway, waving signs and flags as law enforcement streamed by, a makeshift parade.

These days, a few blue “Clinton Strong” banners are hung around the village of Dannemora, but the news crews and extra law enforcement are long gone.

Before the prison break, it was easy for residents to forget how close the prison was, and how vital its officers to protecting their community. Now it’s not so easy.

But if the appreciation hasn’t faded entirely, then neither, for some, has the fear. For the first time, residents make sure to lock their doors.

The repercussions for Clinton and dozens of other prisons may become clearer with the release of the state inspector general’s report on its investigation into the prison, the escape and the state corrections department.

Clinton itself has experienced growing staff turnover since the break, including among its leadership, thanks to a wave of retirements and disciplinary actions.

Nearly 10 percent of its correction officers and sergeants, about 90 of close to 950, have retired since the escape, according to union numbers. Hansen says about half did so because of the escape itself and the changes being made at the prison in its wake.

A few of the prison’s leaders have left, one of them after being asked to retire, a fact for which there’s lingering resentment in the community.

Several correction officers at the prison who were contacted declined to discuss the current atmosphere there, citing the protocol for employees.

The state corrections department also declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation by the inspector general.

State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott — who has issued a series of statements since the escape, describing a systematic breakdown of security and procedural failures — has said her investigation is still ongoing.

LaMora still has questions he hopes will be answered in the state’s report, and it still angers him to hear remarks about correction officers not doing their jobs. “You’re going to have idiots in any department,” he says, sitting in a local restaurant. Now that some time has passed, he says he’s come to terms with the escape and what it’s meant for his community.

“Still, there’s a bitter taste in my mouth.”

Keshia Clukey ’08 covered the Dannemora prison break for the Albany Times Union. Since graduating from Utica College with a bachelor’s degree in journalism, she went on to earn her master’s degree in investigative journalism from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, Scotland. She has worked for several newspapers in the state and has received recognition for her work from state and national press agencies. She now reports on K-12 and higher education in New York State for POLITICO New York’s Albany bureau.

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Edward McDonald  
John and Patricia Mulhall  
Dorene Oberman Pizer  
Francis Perretta  
Phyllis Petrillo  
Raymond Potasiewicz  
Edward and Mary Ritter  
Dominic Rossi  
Michael Silverman  
John Slater  
Leland Young Jr.  

Participant  
$7 - $99  
Joseph Annesi  
Mary Boesch  
Michael Coyle  
Eugene Ellis  
William Evans III  
Salvatore Falcone  
Barbara Freeman  
Carolyn Gribnau  
Linda Handler  
David Kolodziej  
Joseph Mezzatesta  
Edward Nickerson  
Lawrence Pasek  
Robert Polce  
Clifford Simon  
Robert Thurnau  
C. Douglas Warmack  

1967  

Pioneer Society  
Burrstone Circle  
$5,000 - $9,999  
Adalgisa Nucci  

Pioneer Society  
Scholars Circle  
$2,500 - $4,999  
George Lucke  
David Wilson  

Pioneer Society  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Ellin Irwin  
Frank Notariani  

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Kenneth Arnold  
Alan Balutis  
Joseph Barletto  
William Britt  

Lawrence Custodero  
Alice Flint  
Donald Gondek  
Robert and Charlain Greene  
William Grove  
Gregory Hamlin  
Bonnie Hubbell  
Stanley Jachimowski  
Richard Jarvis*  
Karen Lally  
James Leach  
Bruce Loomis  
James Mumford  
Richard Panko  
Charles Silverman  
Barry Webb  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
Joseph Bechtold  
M. Bruce Blocher  
Richard Dewey  
Herbert Dorn  
Angela Gentile  
Michael and Katrina Immerman  
Lorna Kaier  
Janet Kolwaite  
Eugene Kreger  
David McKendree  
Gary Olivella  
Catherine Patterman  
Barbara Pope  
Patricia Powers  
Robert Skiba  
Susanne Torres  
Adolph Uryniak Jr.  
June Wainwright  

1968  

Pioneer Society  
Chair's Summit Circle  
$20,000 or more  
Gary Thurston  

Pioneer Society  
Scholars Circle  
$2,500 - $4,999  
William Dowling  

Pioneer Society  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
John and Patricia Zalatan  

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Patrick Bastow  
Patrick Bellegarde Smith  
Mark Berland  
Roberta Bonafield  
Robert Byrd  
Steven Callahan  
Philomena Cerone  
Curtis Darling  
Judson Davis  
Robert DeLine  
Roselynn Dow  
Alan Ellinwood  
Peter Enticknap  
Thomas Flynn  
Barbara Fry  
Gerald Griffith  
Anthony Grimm II  
Thomas Helmer  
Sally Jarvis  
Pamela Jensen-Dunsmore  
Robert Moorhead  
Barbara Queirolo  
Doris Rice  
Michael Roswig  
Phillip Silmser  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
Carlton Austin  
Gerald Carville  
Leonard Converse Jr.  
David Cook  
Kathryn Eden  
Terry Fike  
Jeanne Johannes  
Joan Koury  
Kenneth Kuhn  
John Kuk III  
Donna McKendree  
James Obernesser  
Salvatore Pristera  
Dominick Rasi  
Fred Reuter  
James Smith  
Timothy Wilkinson  

1969  

Pioneer Society  
President's Summit Circle  
$10,000 - $19,999  
Thomas Cox Jr.*  
Barbara Taurisano  

Pioneer Society  
Burrstone Circle  
$5,000 - $9,999  
Linda Gigliotti  

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William Morris
Mary Lou Pristera
Robert Rasnick
Mary Scallon
Donna Schwieder
Thomas Shields
Jane Sipila
Antoinette Smith
James Smith
Patricia Smith
Mark Stein
Paula Swider
W. Craig Tucker
Susan Uryniak
Patricia Yule
Steven Zamorski

1970

Pioneer Society
President's Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999
Frederick Degen
Philip Taurisano

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Barry Ryan
James Samuel

Founder's Society
$100 - $999
Martin Broccoli
Jared Brown
Dennis Carlow
Olin Clark
Kathleen Custodero
Albert Desalvatore
Cora Donahue
Michael Dyer
Rosemary Gabe
Richard Gigliotti
Devlin Gualtieri
James Harding
Bradford Herman
Timothy Hobs
Jon Hoffman
Frances Hyde
Richard Janowitz
Walter Johnson
David Ketchiff
Thomas Kinney
Beverly Marcoline
George Mitchell
Paul Montana
Joseph Rugari
Daniel Salsbury
Steven Slachta
Jeffrey Sweet
John Tofani
Linda Truax
Jeffrey Whittemore
Regina Zdeb
Ralph Zegarelli

Participant
$1 - $99
Frances Alger
James Asher
Allan Baechle
Patricia Bogan
Alan Catlin
Patricia DeMatteo
Charles Dougherty
Raymond Ebbets
Marcia Emmerich
Donna Falzarine
Kathleen Ford
Barry Grabow
Michael Henry
Don Kielyoch
Carol Kinsey
Janet Kirby
Kathy Lindsley
Paul Lomeo
Burrett McBee Jr.
William McMullen
Robert Miller
Sharon Nash
James Pugliese
David Quadrini
Kenneth Scallon
Gordon Strong
Mary Wright

1971

Pioneer Society
Chair’s Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Harry Cynkus

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Eugene Quadraro Jr.

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Edgar Davis
Robert Julian

Founder's Society
$100 - $999
Michael Adey

1972

Pioneer Society
President's Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999
Bernice Benson*

Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous (Spellman)
Steven Critelli

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Anthony Paolozzi

1973

Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999
James Reid

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Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Violet Eagan
Anna Green

Founder's Society
$100 - $999
Thomas and Ann Berry
Bruce Brodsky
Leonard Bryant
Mark Cacozza
Robert Cardillo
Rocco Carzo
Stephen Colicci
Frederick Conte
H. Roger Dean
John Forte
Joan Friedenberg
Richard Fuller
Jeffrey Ganeles and Joan Ganeles
Cliff Glaviano
Charles Holmberg
Michael and Janice Huss
Harry Keel
Carl Klossner
Joan Klossner*
Karen Marciniak
John McKeon
Howard Mettelman
Eileen Rehm
Garry Rienbeck
Margaret Rowe
John Seymour Jr.
Kevin Smith
Priscilla Storm
John Thompson
David Thurmond

Participant
$1 - $99
John Bowling
Patsy and Rachel Canarelli
Philip Cox
Douglas Estey
Katherine Frye
Thomas Krol
Donna Lewandrowski
Leslie Murphy III
W. Kimberly Nelson
Edward Pfendler
Elizabeth Pristera
Dwayne Robinson
David Sandle
Judith Sedlow
Robert VanGorder
Karen Walston
Kathryn Welch
James Yule

1974

Pioneer Society
President's Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999
Larry Bull

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Michael Betrus
Carolyn Dalton
Robert Sherman

Founder's Society
$100 - $999
Thomas Atkinson
Christine Blossom
Barbara Brown*
Margaret Burton Glasso
Gary Campbell
Robert Curri
James Gleason
William Grammaticas
John Griffin
Patrick Helbach*
Donald Henderson
Sharon Jachim
Leo Joncas
Jim Kapsales
John Kurdziolek
Patricia Lonergan
Theresa Mack
Janice Miles
William Millar
Paul Moritz Jr.
Ronald Pernat
Anthony Prumo
Neil Reich
Elmus Thompson Jr.
Susan Warwick
Neal Winston

Participant
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Frank Augustine
Carolyn Barnum
Arline Beaty
Patricia Berardino
Timothy Connors
George Crandall
Michael Donahue
Dennis Dyke
Constance Ferguson
Paul Franklin
Carol Gillis
Paul Hawthorne
Raymond Humann
Gary Matthesen
Constance McConnell
Diane Nobles
Alayne Podeszek
Sterling Remer
Nancy Riddell
Karyn Schneider
Mary Ellen Smith
Joseph Tesoriere
Guy Tomlinson

1975

Pioneer Society
President's Summit Circle
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Kenneth Bell

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
John Burkholder III
Richard Getty
Kim Landon

Founder's Society
$100 - $999
John Bach Jr.
Lorraine Barringer
Paul Bianchi
Jacqueline Boulden
Robert Dorn Jr.
Peter Frischmann
Roxanne Giovannone
Charles Groppe and Susan Stone-Groppe
Raymond Hagan
Brian Hughes
Barbara Jordan
Mary Karam Henderson
Philip Mondou
Angelo Reina
Bertha Romanow
Linda Sears
Joan Shkane
Mark Techmanski

Participant
$1 - $99

1976

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Victor Holl
Kathleen Tehan

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Dan Iovino
Wester Miga*
Michele Woodard

Founder's Society
$100 - $999
Albert Allen III
Alissa Bogorad
John Briggs*
Brian Buckoski
Joanne Donaruma Wade
Deirdre Dugan
Ronald Durgin
Robert Jeff
David Lamb
Carol Lavelle
Scott Liebman
Donna Masi
Ellen Moon
Donna Morris
Steven Morrison
Jackalyn Pettit
Stuart Rounds
James Totaro
Mary Therese Zoeckler

Participant
$1 - $99

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William Mathers  
Terry Northup Littlefield  
Arvid Rinne  
Susan Torbin  
James Viggiano Jr.  
Jeanette Williams

1977

**Pioneer Society**  
Chair’s Summit Circle  
$20,000 or more  
Robert Brvenik

**Pioneer Society**  
Scholars Circle  
$2,500 - $4,999  
Scott Weisman

**Pioneer Society**  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Lawrence Grasso  
Frank Maurizio Jr.

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
C. V. Abdallah  
Stephen Alcala  
Constance Angelini  
Theresa Brush  
Bradley Cohen  
Clifford Cohen  
Nancy DePaolo Pattarini  
Sarah Hinman  
Martha Lamb  
Mark Mancuso  
Kevin McKeown  
Jerry Mirochnik  
A. Derek Nelson  
Anne Nelson  
Timothy Perry  
Patrick Putrello  
Bella Reich  
Nina Ven  
Mark Weller

**Participant**  
$1 - $99  
Robert Autrey  
David Bernard III  
Karen DeGannes  
Kathy Dombrowski  
Scott Gillispie*  
Lucretia Hunt  
John Konyak  
Belinda Lopez  
Vincent Maneen  
Lorraine Martin

Kevin O’Rourke  
Kathleen Roseen  
Stephen Ruffrage  
Pamela Seymour  
Judith Testa  
Donna Thompson  
Virginia Vaughan

1978

**Pioneer Society**  
President’s Summit Circle  
$10,000 - $19,999  
Frank Basile

**Pioneer Society**  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
James Caruso  
Robert Feldman  
Mark Gauger  
Jean-Marie Kneeley  
Michael Pandolfo

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
Judith Brown  
Janine Carzo  
Barbara Cavaretta  
Robert Clemente  
David D’Amelio  
Joanne DeStefano  
Joseph Giannotti  
Leslie Goldberg  
Elizabeth Gray-Nix*  
George Grisham Jr.  
Suzanne Helbach  
Sheree Helfgott Mirochnik  
Wilson Jones  
Marc Kirschner  
Richard Lambert  
Nancy Lavine-Anderson  
Robert Mastrovito  
Kathleen Potter*  
F. Richard Splan  
Bruce Szablak  
Jill Ziemann Bergmann

**Participant**  
$1 - $99  
Mark Atanasoff  
Barry Baldigo  
Jane Balducci  
David Bice  
Jean Davis  
Amanda Dent-Sashenosky  
Lynn Konyak  
Mitchell Maryhugh  
Harry Miller Jr.

Dana Mrzlikar  
Philip Olmstead  
Cynthia Riccio  
Deborah Smaldon  
Douglas Swarthout  
Marie Tata  
William and Christina Waszkiewicz  
Henry Zucker

1979

**Pioneer Society**  
President’s Summit Circle  
$10,000 - $19,999  
Christian Meyer III and Mary Beth Welle-Meyer

**Pioneer Society**  
Burrstone Circle  
$5,000 - $9,999  
Mark Salsbury

**Pioneer Society**  
Scholars Circle  
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Gary Kunath  
Douglas Waite

**Pioneer Society**  
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Janice Maurizio

**Founder’s Society**  
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William Boyce  
Siobhan Dugan  
Jerry Jadowski  
Debra Koen  
Paula Mrzlikar  
Paul J. Murphy  
Stephen Schink  
Wendy Splan  
Tina Steen  
Rosemary Stickle  
Joseph Tarkowski II  
Peter Tarnapol  
Robert Tarry Jr.

**Participant**  
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Dawn Beers  
Robyn Carr  
Linda Randulfe  
Catherine Smith  
James Smith  
April Tiffany

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1981

Pioneer Society
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John Casellini
Robert Flaherty

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
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Philip and Joni Cifarelli
Joseph Giordano
John O'Donnell*
Raymond Philo
Thomas Scirto

Founder’s Society
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John Casellini
Robert Flaherty

1981

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John O’Donnell*
Raymond Philo
Thomas Scirto

Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
John Casellini
Robert Flaherty

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Roxana Spano  
Lynne Wadsworth  

1986  

**Pioneer Society**  
**Charter Circle**  
$1,000 - $2,499  
John Kellogg  

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
Joseph Bigalow*  
Sharon Blask-Dreyer  
Gerald Brooks  
Cora Bruns G’06  
Charles Cerny  
J. Steven DeHimer  
Tholonikus Dupree  
Mary Fiore  
Katherine Hafner  
Deborah Higgins  
Kevin Kasky  
Steven and Cheryl Perog  
Lawrence Sanchez*  

**Participant**  
$1 - $99  
Lea Andrew  
Stuart Card  
Darrell Cook  
Daryl Mackey  
Nora Mammen  
Ronald Morinelli  
Janet O'Keefe  
Mona Rosen-Hamlin  
Meryl Shoneman  
Catherine Willing Deoul  

1987  

**Pioneer Society**  
**Charter Circle**  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Rose Patterson  
Louis Shkane  

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
Fred Allen Jr. and Colleen Tofolo-Allen  
Mary Cimbalo  
Evelyn Fazekas  
James Humphrey  
Frank Nanna  
Eileen Navagh  
Michael Rodzinka  
Setsuko Rosen  
Lucy Rotundo  
Jonathan Schloop  
James Tebolt  
Michael Trunfio Jr.  
**Participant**  
$1 - $99  
Gail Beacham  
David Cidzik  
Suzanne Edwards  
Wendy Ellis  
Michele Grider  
Alan Higgins  
Julie Joyce  
Deborah Lucas  
Lynne Macrina  
Gregory Rando  
Barbara Thomas  
Sidney Ward III  

1988  

**Pioneer Society**  
**Burrstone Circle**  
$5,000 - $9,999  
Mark Pilipczuk  
Robert Wuest  

**Pioneer Society**  
**Charter Circle**  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Stacy Buckley  
Carolyn Carstensen  
Treasa Salter  

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
Thomas Ashmore  
Lavelle Bennett  
James Brown  
Ronald Danilowicz  
Rosalie Ferraro  
Michael Fitzgerald  
Simone Hall  
Anne Jasinski  
Robert Korrie  
Brian Lauri  
Susan Lux  
David Martin  
Theresa McVeigh  
Susan Brooks Sanchez  
Richard Short  
Kirsten Ullman  
Brenda Waters  
Joseph Wojnas  
Susan Zullo  
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Susan Bartholomew  
Alicean Beer  
Constance Cox  
Julianne Enjem-Masi  
Michael Loin  
Louis Maida  
Sarah McCulloch  
David Miller  
Karl Schuler  

1989  

**Pioneer Society**  
**Charter Circle**  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Linda Bramblett  
David Fontaine  
Michael Giacobbe  

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
Michelle Conklin  
Sarah Dam  
Leila Davis  
Joan Kay  
Sherri Loucks  
Peter Mahar  
Michael Murawski  
Andrea Appleton  
Justine Schebel  
Joseph Stuhlman  
David Vander Veer Jr.  
Susan Vinal  
Kevin Wade*  
Dale Wagner  
Lynn Wells  
**Participant**  
$1 - $99  
Bernice Benjamin  
Joyce Cook  
Peggy Henry  
Pamela Klein  
Carol Mee  
Lisa Miller  
Kathleen Smith  

1990  

**Pioneer Society**  
**President’s Summit Circle**  
$10,000 - $19,999  
Heidi Hoeller  

**Pioneer Society**  
**Charter Circle**  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Blake Ford  

**Founder’s Society**  
$100 - $999  
Roger Archer  
John Barbieri  
Brenda Brooks  
Bradley Buyce  
Michael Goodelle  
Christopher Heavey  
John Hobika Jr.  
Dawn Jones G’15  
Michael Marro  
John Martello  
Rebecca Smith  
Todd Svetin  
Lisa Walchusky  

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Participant
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Kathryn Bacher
Carol Cooper
Jennifer Gillis
Lucy Grande
Cynthia Hoffman
Lorena Marra
Donna Moda
Tammy Pratt
Kevin Rasha
Mary Lou Rosecrants
Kyle Serba
Noreen Webster

1993
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Thomas Cole
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Joseph Kelly
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Kelly Foster*
Jeffrey Harrison
Thomas and Barbara Jacoby
Beth Lanza
Donna Matuszek
Joseph Munqari
Richard Racioppa
Maryanne Seguro
Helen Wagner
Nancy Wallace
Michael Yelle
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$1 - $99
Dennine Applbaum
Gillian Bishop
Jennifer Cittadino
Adrienne Florczyk
Connie Fusco
William Girvan
Michael Graham
Christopher Hutchinson
Teresa Mann
William Prior
Christine Stanavich
Michelle Visco
Trinya Warner
Jennifer Woodman

1994
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Solade Rowe
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Jaclyn Baur
Matthew DiCaprio
Bernard Hyman Jr.
Lourdes Miranda G’02
Todd Prouty
Stephan Shapiro
Participant
$1 - $99
Robert Elinskas
Ronald Fallon
Karen Ferrone
Kristen Holt
Michele Hoover
Mark Kozak
Erika Sten
Ann Tabrizi
Pamela Warner
Christopher Wisnoski

1995
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
John Snyder
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Jocelyn Brandt
Dominique Hillocks and
Cynthia Jarvis-Hillocks
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Benjamin and Lisa Ahberg
Patrick Buckley
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Anne Mix
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Kimberly Richardson
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Linda Aaronson
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Amy DiCaprio
Thomas Dosch Jr.
Participant
$1 - $99
Jill Brey-Lewis
Patricia Reile
Mark Strong
Alisa Tuttle

1997
Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999
Daniel Jones*
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Robert Cole*
Founder’s Society
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Matthew Bashant
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Marcia Knapp
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Elizabeth Snyder Fortino
Kerry Sullivan G’04
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$1 - $99
Nicole Agerter
Laurie Clark
Gail Durr
Lisa Guiliano
John Hersey
Matthew and Renee Hughes
Carol Hunn
Christine Maxam
Barbara Roberts
Tracy Webb G’09
Steven Welchons

1998
Pioneer Society
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2006

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Megan Hyman  
Kyle Strike*  
Adaleta Sulejmanovic  
Eric Threadgill  
Janet Woods  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
Patrick Cooney  
Amanda Damiano  
Adam Dekker and Kathryn Rossi  
Jill Dinski G'08  
William Dundon  
Marissa Fiorentino-Olivera  
James Fitzgerald  
Keith Henry  
Adam Martin  
Sarah Montana  
Lisa Murante  
Kyle Perry G'08  
Andrew Tulloch  
Matthew Turnbull  
Courtney Witherspoon

2008

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Tanner Stewart  
Lien Vu  

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Shannon Grayer G'10  
Rebecca Guthrie  
Eric Kahl G'13  
Jacqueline Klotzbach  
Reed Reynolds  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
Fiorina Cavo  
Erin Dutcher  
Daniel Fink II  
Thomas Holt Jr.  
Brandon Long G'10  
Brian Marcantonio Jr.  
Sean McKevitt  
Shannon Moats G'12  
Anna Mroczek  
Vincent Nucci  
Kevin Williams  
Megan Wilson

2007

Pioneer Society  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Denise McVay G'07  

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Julia Alteri  
Eric Longway  
Robert Meyer  
Virginia Oliver G'07  
Jan Simpson G'07  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
Andy Blattenbauer  
Robert Byrnes G'07  
Kimberly Costa G'07  
Nicholas Evanoff G'13  
Tara Lee  
Shawn Loutsch  
Shauna Malta G'07  
Carla Pollard  
Marianne Pratt  
Jessica Reho  
Amy Spinella G'07  
Mary Twigg G'11

2009

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Benjamin Atwood G'13  
Aaron Benoit  
Thomas Collins  
Leslie Corbo G'12  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
William Brunnett Jr.  
Rose Cuomo  
Matthew and Katie Falso  
Brian Gleitsmann  
Kourtney Kupiec G'13  
Robert Montgomery G'12  
James Morgan  
Travis Olivera  
Rinae Olsen  
Thomas Schneider  
Cedric Sickout G'09  
Valerie Smith  
Megan Socci G'10

2010

Pioneer Society  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
John Johns G'13

† deceased  † arranged for matching gift

Laura Holbrook  
Christopher Holden  
Sean Phelan G'13  
Judeanne Rockford G'11  
Sean Timkey

2012

Pioneer Society  
Charter Circle  
$1,000 - $2,499  
Heather Tamblin  

Founder's Society  
$100 - $999  
Keron Alleyne  
Greg Caloia  
Jacob Crawford G'14  
Alexander Dawes  
Lisa Frikker-Gruss G'12  
Stephen Karboski  
Gladys Kirton G'12  
Rosemary McGuire G'12  
Michael Mirabueno G'12  
Daniel Shanley II  
Laurel Simer  
Gail Tuttle  

Participant  
$1 - $99  
Rebecca Corsones  
Erin Crowley G'14  
Catherine DeGarmo G'12  
Mari Emanuel  
Sergey Germanovich G'12  
Mike Krajacic III  
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Hilda Pomeroy G'12  
Joseph Pruckno  
Daniela Reff  
Julie Ricciardi G'12  
Adrian Romanski  
Maria Santucci  
D. Kevin Stilwell Jr. G'12  
Dennis Timmons

2013

Pioneer Society  
Burrstone Circle  
$5,000 - $9,999  
John Johns G'13
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Trisha Barone
Dennis Labossiere G’15*

Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Robert Amor
Jennifer Balog G’13
Monica Brown-Hodkinson
Daniel Clift G’13
Kevin Galek
Rotsalinh Hellert
Jocelyn Mayfield G’13
Monica Palmisano
Heidi Piccone G’13

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Brittany Baudanza
Florence Bonus G’13
Siegfreid Capistrano G’13
Alexander Castilla
Shreepal Chanduri G’13
Evan Chlanda
Carrie Cohen
Ralph Dahm
Patrick Dundon
Justin Edelstein
Robert Etts
Roberto Godreau G’13
Anthony Gorea
Geno Latella
Gina Marcantonio
Zachary Menapace
Dave Ogwu G’13
Samantha O’Neil
Piyush Patel G’13
Eric Peterson
Chelsie Petras
Rinku Prasad G’13
Archan Shah G’13
Frank Souza
Angelica Suarez G’13
Caren Summers G’13
Dillan Torres G’13
Arthur Villanueva G’13
Dennis Vinnik G’13
James Wilson III G’13
Steven Zappia G’14
Marisa Zogg G’13

2014
Founder’s Society
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Tracy Balduzzi G’14
Scott Baron
Linda Madore G’14
Denise Roman G’14
Dale Scalise-Smith G’14

Participant
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Allison Brockington
Kara Buttermore
Andrew Calabrese IV
Steve Charest
Dana Christofferson
Jessica Cupernall G’15
Siji Cyriac G’14
Jason Decker G’14
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Daniel Lupo
Samantha Matthews G’15
Khatuna Mshvidobadze G’14
Matthew Murphy
Ayodeji Owoyomi G’14
Joseph Provost G’14
Jeffrey Rebhun G’14
Gina Rossi
Larry Schuderberg G’14
Bhamik Shah G’14
Andre Talley G’14
Ryan Taylor
Wilysa Ticzon G’14
Michael Vitacolonna
Tracy Walshe

2015
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Thomas Dinnen II
Benjamin Hobaica
Derek Murphy
Nicholas Perkins
Eric Rightmier
Wilrochelle Salkin G’15
Justin Zacek G’15

Participant
$1 - $99
Maria Bacayo G’15
Michael Baird
Angus Bankert
Yvonne Barry G’15
Kevin Byrd G’15
Julie Caldwell
Sheryl Catolico G’15
Robert Coccoro
Ane Conradie G’15
Bryan Curtis
Daniel Duffy
Shelby Fox G’15
Karolina Holl G’15
Christol Jennings
Peter LaFosse
Tran Lam
Jennifer Malana-Katigbak G’15
Frederick Manlo G’15
Marit McCausland G’15
Joshua Schulman G’15
Mark Shea G’15
Sherryl Spence G’15
Michael Taff
Christian Valdecanas G’15
Geever Varghese G’15
Chelsey Victor
Rhobellie Wilson G’15

2016
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
George Lopano

Participant
$1 - $99
Fawn Bennett
Adalbert De La Cruz
Sara George
James Quinn
Rose Zaloom

Friends of Utica College
Pioneer Society
Chair’s Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Michael and Kelly Parsons
John Romano

Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999
Anonymous
Don H’14 and Edna Carbone
Connie Degen
James DuRoss Jr. and Cynthia DuRoss
Lawrence and Elizabeth Gilroy
J.K. Hage III and Hedy Hyde-Hage
Scot and Jill Hayes
Ann Kelly
Virginia Kelly
Salvatore and Kathleen Longo
Stephanie Opalka
Linda Romano and Russell Petralia*
Nancy Williams

Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous
Enessa Carbone
Dea and Lee Casstevens

CURRENT STUDENTS OF UTICA COLLEGE
Founder’s Society
$100 - $999
Daniel Busold
Thomas Crowley
Justin Derlago
Riley Egan
Kevin Kirisits
Erica Lissner

Participant
$1 - $99
Erin Antoine
Kimberly Beattie
Cindy Borgen
Anthony Brand Jr.
Karina Cabrera
Ann Ciancia
Adriana DeJesus
Niasha Dennis
Malik Gayle
Vivian Greenfield
Harriet Gyamara
Kelly Jean-Charles
Alliyah McClellan-Box
Taylor Peters
Sarah Renaud
Mackenzie Roy
Frank Santalucia
Savanna Wemette
Juwan Wilson

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Maria Delacruz
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Charles Gaetano H’04
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Marianne and Peter Gaige
Rick Green
Deborah Johns*
Donald Majka
Christopher and Kari Max
Michael Morris
Thomas Sinnott
John Wade

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Ifigenia Brown
John Calidonna
Matthew Fong*
David and Janet Griffith
Samuel and Nancy Hester
Edward Hutton II and Debra Hutton*
Michele Jackson
Deirda Kelly*
Stephen and Amanda Mandia
Francis Matt II
George Nehme
Robert Pocica

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
George Aney
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Bradley Bondi
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Andrew Burns
William and Janet Chanatry*
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Mark and Deborah Daviau
Paul and Melissa Drejza
Sarah Elleman
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Andrea Guy
Beth Hershenhart
Camille Kahler
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J. Kemper Matt Sr. and Angela Matt
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Howard and Roberta Morrow
Gloria Norrie
Thomas Powers
Katherine Pyne
Lisa Queeney-Vadney*

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Carol Steele
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Barbara Villanti
Harry and Ruth Wolfe
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Lansing and Alexandra Baker
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Dick Caflalone
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Kevin Carroll
Norman and Amy Chirco
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James and Sarah Clarke
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Connie Corasanti
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Yvette Drake
Elizabeth Dugan
Raymond and Diana Durso
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Christopher Eshleman
Barbara Failla
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Cheryl Fletcher
John Forbes
Mark Ford
Sue Ford
Cynthia Foster
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Elizabeth Masi
Salvatore and Michele Mauro
Theodore and Melva Max
Mary Malone McCarthy and Michael Wade
Zvia McCormick
Catherine McEnroe
Cheryl and Gerald McKeown
Eric and Susan McKinstry
Daniel and Pamela Meehan
S. Joseph and Susan Meelan
Wayne Natalie
Brendon Neely
Cathy Newell and Richard Walters
Judith and Ronald Newman
John Noviasky
Brigid O’Brien
Vincent and Allison Organtini
Keith and Laura Palmer
Scott Palmer
Anthony and Phyllis Ann Palumbo
Jeanette and Robert Pedersen
George and Debra Penree
James and Tamatha Picolla
John and Helen Plumley
Ariel Ramirez
Antonio and Alecia Ramos
John Reader
Charlene Reese
Corinne Ribble and Robert Simpson
Robert Roberts III
Maria Santos
Russell Schmitt
Rhoda and Savid Segal
Robert Seward
Joseph Silberlicht and Sandra Fenske
Adrienne Singleton
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Samuel Smith
Eriksten Stropp
Claudia Tenney
Donald Thompson
Joseph and Evelyn Tierno
June Tinker
Lynn Tomaino
Chuck Tomasselli
Brett Truett
Joseph Uvanni
David Vaccarelli
David and Mary Valentine
Theresa and Frank Viola
Daniel Watson
Thomas Wheeler
Rebecca White
Kenneth and Teresa Williams
Karen and Daniel Woodburn

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John and Jean Ziemann

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John Anderson
William and Jill Aussenheimer
Anthony and Donna Balio
Marytheresa Balutis
Kirsten Barton
Rosalind Berkowitz
Susan and Joseph Berta
Kenneth and Barbara Bibbins
Eula Bierria
Raymond and Patricia Borden
Donna Burhans
Joan and Archie Cappotelli
William and Katherine Carroll
Angela Carter
Anthony and Carol Carzo
Philip Cittadino
Mary Ellen and Anthony Corry
Anthony Cotrupe
Donna Cowan and Barry Nelson
Louis and Leona Critelli
Karen and Michael Davis
Vincent and Marie Dellechaie
Jan Den Hamer Corn
RoAnn Destito
Dolores DiSpirito
Frances Diones
Kristen Eshleman
Steve and Tina Marie Falchi
Judith Flack
Sandra Flaherty
Lucille and Neil Fovel
JoAnn and Kevin Freeland
Donna Fulmer
Anne and Gene Gallagher
Barbara and Charles Gibbons
Paul and Alicia Giovannone
Dorothy Goodale
Rebecca Grabski
Edward Greene Sr. and Katherine Greene
Kurt Hameline
Jamie and Howard Hand
Dietra Harvey
Linda Henry
Jorge Hernandez
Camille Jasinski
Louis Kallasy
Kristina Kaylen
Nadeem Khan
Eileen and Eugene Kipper
Kyle Kline
Anne Lansing
Richard Lawler
Dorothy and James Leith
Olivia Lester
George Lotito Jr.
Helen Madden
Eileen and Joseph Mancuso
Debra and Thomas Martin
Carmen Martinez
Claire McLain
Patcheria Meed
Palma and Anthony Meola
Tania and Anthony Montana
Kevin Moss
Eileen Nanna
Maureen and Edward Netzband
Jo Ann Nunneker
Thomas O’Connor
Daniel and Jennifer O’Toole
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Edward and Barbara Paparella
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Richard Peplow
Edith Pocci
Lauren Pocci
Deborah Pokinski
Raymond Poland
Mary Rabbia Facci
Tammara Raub G’16
Carol and Thomas Redmond
Claudia Rivera
Robert Roach
Nancy Robinson
Erika and Jeff Romanich
Jason Rose
Alice Savino
Thomas Sear
Thomas Sekuterski
Mathew and Mary Seppo
Judy Shampine
Kathleen and Patrick Shea
Norman and Ann Siegel
Kay Sinclair
Marianne and Stephen Smith
Stephanie Sofia
Marc Spaziani
Janet Taylor
Roberta and Max Tepperman
Barbara Trad
Judith Vicks-Sweet
Edward and Dana Wacksman
Eric Watson and Paola Gentry
John Weber
Sharon and Ernest Williams
DeForest and Judy Winfield
Raymond Zielinski and Ann McDowills

**PARENTS OF CURRENT AND FORMER STUDENTS**

**Pioneer Society**

Chair’s Summit Circle

$20,000 or more

F. Eugene H’01 and Loretta Romano
Gary ’68 and Mary Thurston

President’s Summit Circle

$10,000 - $19,999

Frank ’78 and Joanna Basile
Kenneth ’75 and Anne Vaness Bell
Edward ’50, H’87* and Jean Duffy
Charles Sprock Sr. ’61 and Gretchen Sprock

**Pioneer Society**

Burrstone Circle

$5,000 - $9,999

Joseph ’11 and Barbara Chubbuck
John KaczmarSKI Sr. and Robbie KaczmarSKI
Carl and Karen Reed
James ‘73 and Linda Reid
Marianne and Dennis Reynolds
Ann Wynne ’58

**Pioneer Society**

Scholars Circle

$2,500 - $4,999

Laura and Philip Casamento
Greg and Denyse Evans
Frederick and Kathleen ’76 Tehan
Michael and Ellen Valenti

**Pioneer Society**

Charter Circle

$1,000 - $2,499

Peter and Myra Andersen
David Boehler
John and Nancy Buffa
Michael Evolo Jr. ’90 and Melissa Hobika Evolo
Diane ’85 and Robert Fetterolf

**Founder’s Society**

$100 - $999

Stephen and Laura Absalom
John and Julianne Adasek
Michelle Agnew
Joseph and Paula Alfeo
Karen Anten
Rocco Arcuri Sr. and Victoria Arcuri
C. Joseph Behan Jr. and Emily Behan
Peter Bereskin
Robert and Jennifer Berninger
George and Robin Boby
Robin and William Brissette
Bruce ’73 and Mary Ann Brodsky
James ’88 and Susan ’80 Brown
Cora ’86, G’06 and Martin ’99 Bruns
Michael and Brenda Burillo
Mark and Patti Burnett
Glenn Buttermore and Christina McCrea
Robert ’68 and Mary Byrd
Lawrence ’62 and Annabelle Calabrese
Bradley and Joann Campbell
Patrick ’66 and Ronni ’66 Cannistra
Roy Carter
Donato and Julia Castellitto
Samuel and Joan Celia
Laura and Jeffrey Cohen
John and Elin Cormican
James and Linda Corsines
Michael Cortor and Jennie Tan
David and Barbara Critelli
Patricia Crowley and Thomas Crowley Jr.
Joanne Cuocco
Robert ’74 and Cynthia Curri
Ronald ’88 and Lucille Danilowicz
Karen and Michael Davis
Frank and Barbara De Nome

**STUDENTS AND FORMER PARENTS OF McDOwELL**

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Naomi Dee ’82
Gregg and Desiree Derlago
Albert Desalvatore ’70
Janet ’02 and Peter Desens
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Dobmeier
Paul Educate
Cheryl Egan
Lori and Jack Falzone
Joseph ’80 and Patricia
Fariello
Jill and Thomas Filkens
Michael ’88 and Julianne ’90
Fitzgerald
Herbert Freeman Jr.
Dennis and Kelly Gagan
Patrick and Theresa Gangemi
Anthony ’61 and Annemarie
’92 Garramone
Karina Gomolka
John ’74 and Constance Griffin
Keith and Donna Grifiths
Jeffrey and Linda Haasbeek
Scott Handy
John Hanlon and Donna
Sabatino
Michele Harris
Donald Harwood
Kenneth ’64 and Carol ’64
Hawks
Donald Henderson ’74 and
Mary Karam Henderson ’75
Mark ’80 and Elizabeth
Hobaica
James and Judith Hoffman
Christine and John Hoke
Robert ’66 and Bonnie ’67
Hubbell
Robert and Cathy Hulchanski
Mary Anne ’71 and Norman
Hutchinson
Kirstin Impicciatore G’05
Kristi Kamish-Bushinski and
Scott Bushinski
Stephen and Mary Karbowski
Lawrence and Teresa Kata
John ’62 and Elizabeth
Kennedy
Thomas ’70 and Janice Kinney
William and Kathy Kline
Tracy Kuc
Julia and Dennis Labossiere
Richard ’78 and Marie ’61
Lambert
Bruce and Barbara Lanz
Marc and Lisa Lasker
Thomas Lay
Christine ’81 and Mark ’81
Leogrande
Robert ’57 and Joyce Levine
Lawrence and Donna Levy
Colleen Liu
Karen and Ralph Lorraine
Peggy ’80 and Robert
Lounsbury
Ralph and Frances Lucia
Cassandra and Thomas Lynch
Robert Mastrovito ’78
Nicholas ’83 and Lorraine
Mayhew
Patrick and Robert
McLaughlin
Terri and Edward Melna
Kristi Miner
Roxanne and Richard Mirch
Robert and Robin Monroe
Bruce and Nancy Moody
Doreen and Michael Murray
Thomas ’69 and Anne ’77
Nelson
Jeana Nicotera
Moira and Steven Noake
Virginia G’07 and Gary Oliver
Laurence and Lyn Pacilio
Deborah and Joseph
Pecorello
Paul Pelton
Andrew and Lisa Podlucky
Terri and Irving Provost
Patrick ’77 and Deanna
Putrello
Thomas and Diana Ramsay
Nery Retana and Emma
Garcia Retana
Earl and Kim Rightmier
Stuart ’76 and Andrea ’72
Rounds
Sarah Roy and David Roy Jr.
Carol and Salvatore Santucci
Stephen and Michele Scaife
Dale Scalise-Smith ’14 and
Christopher Smith
Michael ’92 and Justine ’89
Schebel
Rob Schultz
Linda ’75 and Michael Sears
Alan and Dolores Sharpe
Ryan Simons
Jan G’07 and Robert Simpson
Raymond and Bernadette Siuta
Polly Smith ’99
Rebecca Smith ’91 and Joseph
Smith Jr.
Robert and Patricia Smith
Roxanne and Joseph Smith
Donald and Theresa Snyder
Ann Marie Sorensen and
Luciano Borsoi
Jean and Arthur Stefan
Randall Stevens Jr.
John Stevenson
Betsy and Todd Stinson
Kerry ’97, G’04 and Michael
Sullivan
Rebecca Sullivan
Wayne Sullivan
Dino and Norma Szajner
James ’87 and Allison Tebolt
Brian Thomas
Gabriel and Denise Timpano
Anthony Tranfaglia III and
Jeannine Tranfaglia
Gail ’12 and Gary Tuttle
Ted and Sue Van Galen
Sharon and Christopher Van
Houten
Brenda ’88 and Richard
Waters
Bridget and Weeden
Wetmore
William Wetsel and Amy
Guayn Wetsel
R. Barry and Mary White
Grace Wilson
Participant
$1 - $99
Malinda ’04 and Charles
Abraham
Margret-Ann Agusta and John
Zattola
Rosemary Albert
Brian Attas Sr. and Jill Attas
Maria Ayala
Leland and Karen Bailey
Jean-Robert and Jessie
Baptiste
Franklin and Annette Barber
Kerry Beattie
Arlene ’74 and Robert Beaty
Laurie Begis
Patricia Benthin
Eileen and Brian Bingay
Kim and David Bliss
Paul and Carolyn Bongiorno
Janet and Charles Bouteiller
Madelyn and Robert Bradigan
Michele and Frederick
Bruzese
Robert and Mildred Burke
Howard ’61 and Carolyn
Bushinger
Brian and Susan Cairns
Michelle and Smiley Capers
Fred and Kathleen Capozzella
Christopher and Janet
Cappotelli
Peggy Carpenter ’00, G’05
Richard and Susan Carr
Bonnie Carroll-Marsh
Marie Celestin
Tracy and Joey Chapman
David ’87 and Jean Cidzik
Rose and Richard Cipoletti
Timothy ’74 and Gwen ’82
Connors
Cheryl and Scott Crossett
Joseph Curcurito
Denise D’Amato
Donald Damon
Timothy and Gail Davis
Thomas and Donna Dawes
Christine De Santis
Nicole DePasquale
Fernando and Cristeta
Deguilla
Ellen and Matthew DellaPenna
Andre and Doreen Dessureault
Wayne and Laura Dewey
Margaret and Richard DiSanto
Oscar and Lillian Diaz
Mary and Jan Michael Dobek
Michael Drzewiecki
Donald and Gail Dwyer
Thomas and Barbara Dyer
Tammy and Dan Dygert
Karen Engell
James and Holly Fedorka
Kathy and Frank Fitzgerald
Robert Fitzgibbons and
Theresa Monahan
Michael ’98 and Carol
Fitzsimmons
Daniel and Diane Flanagan
Kathleen ’70 and Daniel Ford
Kelly and Joseph Gallea
David Gallagher
Frank Gallo
Kimberly and John Giruzzi
Elizabeth and Bruce Gould
Henry and Barbara Grabow
Denise and David Greene
Michele ’87 and John Grider
Richard and Virginia Guistina
JoAnne ’82 and Michael Hajec
Jeffrey and Celest Hall
Richard Hamlin ’84 and Mona
Rosen-Hamlin ’86
Linda Handler ’66
Lynn Handy
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Laura Casamento
Jeffery Gates
William Gotwald Jr.
Todd and Jennifer Hutton
Pamela Matt
Theodore Orlin
Frederick Tehan

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$1,000 - $2,499
Lawrence and Linda ‘96 Aaronson
Kelly Adams ’00
Trisha Barone ’13
Andrew Beakman
Damianno Boehlert
Bryant Buchanan and Sharon Wise
Gil Burgmaster
Matthew Carr ’03
Dave Clausen
Paul Dobin H’16
Carl Dziekan
David Fontaine ’89
Joseph Giordano ’81
Lisa Green
Mary Hayes Gordon ’82, G’13 and Dean Gordon
Gary Heenan G’05
John Johnsen
Kim Lambert
Kim Landon ’75
Arlene Lundquist
Carol Mackintosh
Anthony Martino G’04
Denise McVay G’07
Patrick Mineo
Lynda Moore
Timothy Nelson
Stephanie Nesbitt
Rose Patterson ’87
William Pfeiffer Jr.
Raymond Phipo ’81
Curtis and Joni Pulliam
Donald Rebovich
John Rowe
John Sabotka
Pamela Salmon
Donna Shaffner
Michael and Carol Simpson
John Snyder ’95
James Spartano
Patricia Swann
Anthony Villanti

FACULTY AND STAFF (CURRENT, EMERITI, AND RETIRED)

Pioneer Society
Chair’s Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Jacqueline Romano ‘11, G’13

Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999
Anonymous
Hartwell Herring III
James Norrie
Rosemary Ulrich

Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999
Anonymous
Joseph Chubbuck ‘11
Richard Fenner

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Sara Manning
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Debra McQueary
Jane Metzger
Khatuna Mshvidobadze G’14
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Joan Murphy
Denise Nepveux
Kathleen Novak
Samantha O’Neil ’13
Travis Olivera ’09
Anne Patterson
Louise Phelps
Derek Pooley
Lisa Rabideau
Charleen Sangiacomo ’06
Sara Scanga
Colleen Schreppel
Kristin St. Hilaire
Jacquelyn Starsiak
Amanda Stewart
Caren Summers G’13
Colleen Sunderlin
Cicily Talerico ’03
Sally Townsend
Mary Tulip
Kevin Waldron
Lesley Wallace
Gregory Walsh
Kenneth White
Carolyne Whitefeather
Jeanette Williams
Megan Wilson ’10
Deborah Wilson-Allam

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Eagan Family Foundation
Enterprise Holdings Foundation
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Galway Bay Foundation, Inc.
Gleason Family Foundation, Inc.
The Guy’s American Heartland Foundation
The Hanley Foundation U/A National Philanthropic Trust
Rochester Area Community Foundation
Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Inc.
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MATCHING GIFT COMPANIES
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BASF Corporation
Bank of America
Bank of New York Mellon
Barclays
Bristol-Myers Squibb
Colgate-Palmolive
Deloitte
General Electric
General Mills
Harbridge Consulting Group, LLC
IBM
Johnson & Johnson
KPMG
Leidos, Inc.
MAP Royalty, Inc.
Marsh & McLennan Companies
MassMutual
Mohawk Ltd.
National Fuel Gas Company
New York Life Insurance Company
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance and Financial Services
Pacific Life Insurance Company
Pfizer
Public Service Enterprise Group
Regions Financial Corporation
State Farm Companies
Thomson Reuters
United Technologies
Utica National Insurance Group
Verizon
Wells Fargo
Xerox

CORPORATIONS
Pioneer Society
Chair’s Summit Circle
$20,000 or more

Adirondack Bank
Adirondack Financial Services Corporation
Adron Building LLC
First Source Federal Credit Union
The Fountainhead Group, Inc.
Greater Southern Tier Honda Dealers LTD
The Hayner Hoyt Corporation
Mac-Clark Restaurants

Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999

Anonymous
College Street Orthopaedics
Gilroy, Kernan & Gilroy, Inc.
Indium Corporation of America
Lecesse Construction Services, LLC
New York Sash
S. R. Sloan Inc.

Pioneer Society
Burrsstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999

Assured Information Security, Inc.
Bank of Utica Foundation, Inc.
Birnie Bus Service, Inc.
C5 Solutions, Inc.
Carbone Automotive Group
Cathedral Corporation
Charles A. Gaetano Construction Corporation
Delmonico’s Italian Steakhouse
Dunkin’ Brands
Follett Higher Education Group
Meyer Contracting Corporation
Northland Communications
P.J. Green Advertising
Ryne Communications, LLC
Symeon’s Greek Restaurant
U.S. Security Associates, Inc.

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999

Anonymous
AmeriCU Credit Union
Boulevard Trailers Inc.
BSN Sports
Callanan Industries, Inc.
Clinton Tractor & Implement Company

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499

260 Structural Engineering
B-Dry System of Syracuse & Utica, Inc.
BBL Construction Services, LLC
Bremer’s Wine and Liquor
C. W. Brown, Inc.
CMi Technical Services, L.P.
Celtic Harp LLC
Earthworks Unlimited Inc.
Innovative Resources Group, Inc.
Island Photography
Leatherstocking Abstract & Title Corporation
Lennon’s-W.B. Wilcox Jewelers
McCraith Beverages, Inc.
Meyda Lighting
Radisson Hotels-Utica Centre
Saunders Kahler, LLP
Splinting Solutions, LLC
Steet Toyota - Scion
Swiftly’s Restaurant & Pub
Utica First Insurance Company
Utica Valley Electric Supply Co., Inc.
Waste Management of NY-Utica
Whalley Law, PLLC

Founder’s Society
$100 - $999

A. Vitullo, Inc.
Fine Clothing
Accent Brokerage, Inc.
Aquatic Designs, Inc.
Arguedas Cassman & Headley, LLP
Arlott Office Supply

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BJR Public Relations
Bank of Utica
Barnes & Noble Bookellers, LLC
The Jim Brock Agency of Utica Inc.
Buffalo Niagara Transport, LLC
C. Lewis Tomaselli Architects
CSArch Architecture/Engineering/Construction Management
Cafe Domenico
Capitol Supply Co., Inc.
Caruso McLean & Co. Inc.
Centerfield Sports, LLC
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Clifford Fuel Co., Inc.
John Capraro Mens LTD
Jay-K Lumber Corp.
J.J. McGuire General Contractors
Howland Pump & Supply Company, Inc.
The Imaging Center - Faxton St. Luke’s Healthcare
J.J. McGuire General Contractors
J.J. McGuire General Contractors
Jay-K Lumber Corp.
John Capraro Mens LTD
Kiefek Marketing Services
Kupiec Builders
LifePower Chiropractic
M&T Bank
M. Griffith Investment Services, Inc.
M.A. Police Consulting, Inc.
M3 Business Service Network, LLC
MARCH Associates Architects and Planners, P.C.
Materials Performance Consulting LLC
The Matt Law Firm, PLLC
McQuade & Bannigan, Inc.
Merrick Utility Associates, Inc.
Mohawk Ltd.
Murray Construction
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation
Nunn’s Hospital Supplies, Inc.
O’Sugnizzio Pizzeria
Oriskany Garage Tire & Automotive Service
Perfect Game Imaging
Phoenician Restaurant
Pratt & Whitney - HMI Metal Powders
Professional Investigations & Process Services, Inc.
RKA Worldwide Group LLC
SMB Consulting LLC
Sheaets, LLC
Shots Sports Bar, Inc.
Signal Technology Group
Skenandoa Golf Club
Softnoze, USA, Inc.
Stonebridge Golf & Country Club
Strategic Financial Services
Stropp Appraisal
Sustainable Office Solutions
Tornatore Enterprises, Inc.
Toshiba Business Solutions, Inc.
Weigand Builders, LLC
Wilcor International, Inc.

Participant
$1 - $99
2 Thumbs Up Hand Therapy, LLC
A. Valeriano & Sons Inc.
Advanced Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc.
Alteri’s Restaurant
Ancora Restaurant
Berry Hill Book Shop
Big Apple Music
Body Kneads Massage
Cafe CaNole
Corporate Community Consulting, LLC
Daniele’s at Valley View
Georgio’s Village Cafe
Gerber’s 1933 Tavern
Meelans Floors, Inc.
Nola’s Restaurant
Northern Trust
The Olde Wicker Mill
On Point for College, Inc.
PLC Trenching Co., L.L.C.
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Hundreds of centuries-old skulls line the shelves of the Francisc Rainer Institute in Bucharest, Romania. The anthropological institute is located about 600 miles from the coastal city of Butrint, the UNESCO World Heritage Site in Albania, where Utica College has operated a field school since 2004.

As part of the field school experience, contingents of students from UC and other institutions, led by UC professor Thomas Crist, have been traveling north and inland to the research center in the Romanian capital for the past decade. The Rainer Institute hosts one of the largest ancient bone collections in Europe, a treasure trove for researchers like Crist and fellow scholars from around the world. Here, various collections of skulls and other skeletal remains tell stories of those who lived hundreds and even thousands of years ago – often telling a different narrative from that which is commonly told.

On his first trip to the institute in 2006, Crist, a forensic anthropologist, was casually exploring a collection with John Johnsen, his UC colleague and a medical anthropologist, when a particular skull caused both men to do a double take.

“He looked different,” Crist recalls. “This man clearly looked much more like an African-descended person than all the other Europe-an-looking faces – all these skulls – that were in their collection. I thought, ‘You know, this is worth looking into.’”

During a subsequent visit, a second skull caught his attention for the same reasons. The UC professor has worked closely with historical African-American cemeteries in the United States. His trained eye observed several differences in facial features between these two skulls and the other crania – 254 in total – from the same archaeological site.

“Look at the shape of the eye orbits,” he says, gently rubbing his finger over the eye socket of one of the skulls. “Look at the shape of the nose – broader, flatter nasal bridge. The upper lip, or maxillary bones, is more prognathic – angled more as it comes down to the teeth.”

Other differences – genetic features – were less discernible, but offered even greater anthropological clues. For one, while closely examining the teeth of both skulls, Crist noticed a cusp pattern on the mandibular molars – the three back teeth on each side of the jawbone – that in the 1960s had been documented among men and women in Africa.

“Our teeth vary by ancestry,” Crist says, calling attention to another piece of evidence regarding these particular men’s ethnicity. “For folks of European descent, if you take the tip of your tongue, and you touch the inside surface of your first maxillary molars – if you didn’t have them pulled – there might be an extra little bump on the side of the tooth, sticking out. It’s not big. It’s probably on both of them, but maybe

The Man from Grave 119

History is often told through both a narrow lens and a narrow mind. With a sharp eye and a deep understanding of forensic anthropology, UC Professor Thomas Crist is helping fill the gap in our understanding of the African diaspora.
“People around the world often don’t realize just how broadly African people contributed to European society.”

on just one or the other. That’s called the cusp of Carabelli. It’s pretty unusual to see it among people of African descent, but it’s fairly common in people of European descent. It’s just a small genetic thing. If you have it, or if we find a tooth and it has it, it’s almost always from someone of European descent. These men didn’t have them at all. They have other molar cusp patterns that are uncommon among people of European descent.”

Crist went in search of the rest of the men’s skeletal remains, which were stored in the attic of the institute, but had never been analyzed.

He conducted DNA analysis on the remains with colleagues from the Rainer Institute and Kathleen Wheeler, a private archaeological consultant from Portsmouth, NH. That analysis provided stronger evidence that the skeletal remains of the original subject in question were those of an African-descended male – East African, specifically – between the ages of 35 and 40, who was buried between 1500 and 1525 AD. While the team has not yet completed the DNA analysis on the second set of remains, Crist suspects similar findings, which in turn raise historically significant questions.

Grave Discoveries

Images or representations from Roman and historic period Europe seldom include persons of color. To that end, Crist’s work is helping to fill in some pretty large gaps in our understanding of the African diaspora – the often-forced migration of African people to other areas of the world. Very little documentary evidence exists about the presence of Africans in Europe during Renaissance period (1300-1600 AD). In both the United States and Europe, the African diaspora has been most commonly associated with the slave trade that began in the 1400s. While there is anthropological and archaeological evidence of African descendants living freely elsewhere in Europe prior to the turn of the sixteenth century – British paintings from the period portray various Afro-British individuals as musicians, ambassadors, merchants, and even nobles – it is believed that Crist’s discovery at Rainer is the first documented evidence of the African diaspora in the Balkans or Southeastern Europe.

“So Who Was The Man From Grave 119?”

Gravestones or other grave markers were not common in the 1500s, so we will never know the names or precise identifications of the people who were
buried there. However, all indications are that these two men were fully incorporated members of the local Orthodox community.

“Maybe they were enslaved individuals, but we don’t get that impression. It doesn’t look like they’re in any way different, which suggests they’re just part of the local population, recognized certainly as African-descended men,” Crist says. “They would have had darker skin, of course. Maybe they were passing through, and just happened to die there. It doesn’t seem likely, though. It’s not like it’s a strangers’ burial ground or anything. There was a church associated with the cemetery.”

A Life, Reconstructed

At best, we may only ever learn bits and pieces of the lives of these two men. This reality, however, has not deterred the UC professor. Rather, it’s intensified his pursuit.

Of particular curiosity, the remains of the first man do not include his lower legs. “That could mean a couple of things,” Crist says. “Maybe the bones were in the grave, and the archaeologist lost track of them. But as far as we can tell, they were not recovered at all. Maybe they were never there to begin with. It could mean, although unlikely, that he was too long for the grave shaft that he had.”

Moreover, Crist has observed signs of trauma just below both of the knees of the second man, suggesting that his lower legs were severed, either just before or shortly after his death. “Clearly the bones show that this man’s legs had been cut or hacked off,” he says.

After consulting with several physical anthropologists in Bucharest, he determined a possible Gladiator-esque explanation.

“If you were a soldier, you’d have a big shield that you’re holding. The shield tends to cover everything down to just below your knees. Maybe this man died in battle because he was shielded, and they cut his legs. These men could have been soldiers during the Ottoman-period rule of Romania – in an Ottoman army or some local militia? Or maybe it’s some other explanation we haven’t thought about yet. We don’t know yet. And that’s the fascinating part. Sometimes we never get the answer,” he says.

“That’s kind of the fun of this. It’s a big puzzle,” he continues. “We’re trying to put it together using skeletal evidence, DNA, documents if we can find them, ethnographic information. We’re trying to draw from every area we can to reconstruct the lives of these two somewhat remarkable individuals.”

Missing Pieces

In the fall of 2015, Crist became the third UC faculty member to be awarded the prestigious Harold T. Clark Jr. Professorship, following Professors Ted Orlin and Lawrence Aaronson. The five-year endowed professorship has, in addition to supporting other areas of his scholarship, helped provide him the resources to more closely examine the lives of these two men through a variety of means and to interpret and share their historical significance.

“No one else has had this kind of opportunity to work with individuals from this time period in this part of the world,” he says. “The Clark Professorship has allowed me to collect additional data, work with international collaborators, and begin to fill in some of these missing pieces of information.”

Soldiers, merchants, or otherwise, were these two men highly unusual representatives from Africa, or does history paint an inaccurate picture of the European Renaissance period?

Crist suspects the latter. “They’re certainly a minority, demographically. The number of African descendants in southeastern Europe at this time is probably greater than two, however,” he says. “I’m going to guess that there were probably more African-descended people than what people today think there were in these European societies, and that’s kind of the story we’re trying to tell – that they were there too, that they were there early, that they contributed to society in very meaningful ways.”

By piecing together the puzzle of both men’s lives, Crist, who has presented his findings at several national conferences and is currently writing an article about this archaeological mystery, hopes to expand the understanding of the African presence in other parts of the world.

“We’re trying to broaden everyone’s appreciation, including Europeans, of the role Africans played.”
UC prof Paul MacArthur on what Olympic television reveals about American values, biases, and today’s “TMZ culture.”

Paul MacArthur lives for the Olympics. And not because he’s an athlete.

For nearly a decade, MacArthur, professor of public relations and journalism at Utica College, has been studying media coverage of the Olympic Games, and how factors like gender, race, and nationality play a part. As a freelance writer, his work about music and sports has appeared in dozens of publications, including Smithsonian.com. As an Olympic researcher, he has co-authored 14 articles about the Olympics for peer-reviewed journals, such as the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media. Research from his upcoming book with Andrew Billings and James Angelini, Olympic Television: Inside the Biggest Show on Earth, was recently featured in more than 200 media outlets, including The New York Times.

We talked to Professor MacArthur about the key ingredient for must-see Olympic TV, Rio’s most compelling characters (Phelps and Lochte), and why 2016 coverage bucked the trend.
You’re studying big concepts here—gender, race, nationalism. How do these issues relate to the media’s coverage of the Olympics?

Globally, a lot of issues manifest themselves in what you see on television, and the Olympics are the biggest show on television. Internationally, the television broadcasts of the games reached more than 3 billion people. In the U.S., NBC airs 17 nights of primetime programming that completely destroys all the programs that run opposite it. Fox, ABC, CBS—even when you combine their viewership during the Olympics, NBC still wins by a wide margin. So the ability for NBC’s broadcast to influence how the public perceives female and male athletes, nationalism bias, and race-based issues, is greater within the Olympic Games than any other sporting event. Sports have always been a microcosm of society, and sports media reflect that microcosm.

What does your research tell us about the Olympic audience, and how does that affect the coverage?

The Olympics is one of the few major televised sporting events where women constitute the majority of the audience. During both the Winter and Summer Games over the past 10-plus years, around 52 to 56 percent of the audience has been female. There’s no other major sporting event where you have that disparity in favor of women. This influences a lot of things, including the sports NBC airs and excludes in primetime. Boxing, for example, was removed from the Olympic primetime lineup after 1988, because NBC found that women changed the channel when combat sports were on. NBC also uses storytelling methods to target women. It’s a powerful strategy for attracting all viewers, but NBC believes it’s especially effective for attracting women.

How is storytelling used as a strategy?

NBC’s belief for more than 20 years is that story is integral to the Olympic Games. If you want to get interest in the games, tell stories about the athletes—and NBC’s studies show that it’s more important to do that for the female audience than the male audience. ABC pioneered the storytelling idea in late 1960s and 1970s and began emphasizing “Up Close and Personal” profiles about Olympic athletes in 1972. With the Olympics, these are people you see once every four years, unlike NBA or NFL athletes who are on TV all the time. So viewers need a reason to root for these athletes. A compelling story creates an emotional attachment to an athlete, and viewers become that much more interested in his or her success or failure.

What makes a compelling story?

We love stories of redemption. For example, Michael Phelps in Rio was everything NBC could hope for. Between the London and Rio Games, he went through a rough patch, had some issues with drugs and alcohol, and did a stint in rehab. This year, he finds himself with a fiancé and a new baby at the games. He goes out there and wins several gold medals, as well as the silver. It’s the perfect story for the most accomplished Olympic athlete of all time. Then there’s Simone Manuel, who became the first African-American woman to medal as an individual in swimming. We love stories like that. NBC is going to be all over that because it’s such an important cultural moment when you consider our history of segregation and how it was applied to public swimming pools.

Those narratives go beyond individuals, as well. Think about the “Miracle on Ice” in the 1980 Winter Games. Cold War tensions were still high, so the media pitted the American hockey team against the “evil” Soviets, which made the American victory seem to represent much more. That was an easy storyline that resonates culturally to this day.

So it sounds like American viewers are more attracted to happy endings and positive stories, right?

Not always. We saw that this summer with Ryan Lochte, after he admitted to lying about being robbed at gunpoint in Rio. The story had all the things you need for a tabloid—the fabricated details, the surveillance videos coming out, the swimmers being detained. It
“WHEN ANYONE WANTS TO ARGUE THAT STORYLINE ISN’T IMPORTANT IN SPORTS, I BRING UP THE HARDING-KERRIGAN SCANDAL.”

plays right into today’s TMZ culture. Lochte was already known as the “bad boy,” so the media immediately compared that narrative to Phelps, who was portrayed as the “good boy” or the more responsible, disciplined athlete. But in reality, neither Phelps or Lochte have been choir boys throughout their lives.

In fact, the most-watched Olympic event of in U.S. TV history, bar none, was the night Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan skated in the 1994 Winter Games. In terms of ratings, that event blows everything else away. It’s the 6th highest rated television show of all time and it was something straight out of a pro-wrestling script. It had all of the salaciousness of a tabloid story, and that just captured the imagination of the public. When anyone wants to argue that storyline isn’t important in sports, I bring up the Harding-Kerrigan scandal.

Historically, has there been a gender gap in the sports and athletes NBC covers? And how did the Rio coverage stack up?

Men typically receive more primetime Olympic coverage than women. That gap has been significantly larger during the Winter Games than the Summer Games. Going into the Rio Games, men received more primetime coverage in every Olympiad studied since 1994, with the exception of the 2012 London Summer Games, where women received 54.8 percent of the coverage. This reverse gen-
nder gap was in large part due to the success of U.S. women who captured 63 percent of the U.S. gold and 55.7 percent of all U.S. medals in London.

During the Rio Games, women received 53.7 percent of the coverage on NBC’s primetime Olympic broadcast. At the same time, the two sports that have the widest gap in favor of women are gymnastics and beach volleyball. Some studies suggest gymnastics is perceived as feminine sport, while beach volleyball has been criticized for how women are sometimes sexualized. So, while the increased coverage is good, at least in the primetime broadcast, we’re not seeing a lot of focus on women succeeding in sports that break away from classic gender norms.

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At convocation in August, history professor David Wittner was named the 2016 recipient of the Harold T. Clark Jr. Award for outstanding achievement in research and scholarship. A former Fulbright Fellow and director of UC’s Center for Historical Research, Wittner has been internationally recognized for his study of modern Japanese history and has published two books.


In July, Luke Perry, associate professor and chair of government and politics, attended the Republican and Democratic National Conventions in Cleveland and Philadelphia, respectively. Perry provided live commentary on WKTV News Channel 2, and blogged about his experience at uclukeperry.blogspot.com. He also writes a weekly political column for the Observer-Dispatch.

Since late 2015, Associate Professor of Nursing Civita Allard has served as consultant for King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Allard is helping revise testing and licensing standards for nurses to improve care and patient outcomes throughout Saudi Arabia.
AROUND CAMPUS

Brvenik Center in Downtown Utica Welcomes Students

After months of anticipation, August 2016 marked the unveiling of the Robert Brvenik Center for Business Education. Located in downtown Utica on the first and fifth floors of the Clark City Center, the new home to UC’s business programs features modern classrooms, meeting spaces, student lounges, and an auditorium. Previously located in Hubbard Hall, the First Source Federal Credit Union Trading Room includes computer workstations loaded with financial software, smart boards, and a real-time stock ticker.

“No detail was overlooked,” says Stephanie Nesbitt, assistant professor of risk management and insurance and director of the MBA and RMI programs. “Every decision about this facility was intentional. Every classroom was designed with a purposeful, teaching intent in mind.”

But the benefits for UC students go beyond the technology, says Nesbitt.

“Our students are now part of downtown business community,” she says. “That’s very powerful, in terms of showing them what’s possible and where their education can lead.”

The Brvenik Center for Business Education was funded in full by private gifts from Bob Brvenik ’77, Harold T. Clark Jr. ’65, and First Source Federal Credit Union as well as grants from Empire State Development and the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties.

Nursing Program Awarded Grant from Slocum-Dickson Foundation Inc.

Utica College has received a grant from the Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Inc. for $14,780 to purchase health education simulation and diagnostic equipment to support the College’s baccalaureate nursing program. The equipment will be used with existing technology in the College’s nursing education and clinical simulation laboratories, and will allow nurse educators to provide more comprehensive training and a wider range of clinical learning experiences to increase our capacity to graduate workforce-ready nurses.

“This grant will allow faculty to integrate the “live, standardized patient” model widely used in professional health care education. Live patient actors take on the body language, personality characteristics, and reactions that real patients would exhibit in the health care setting. Utica College theatre majors will be cast as patients in scripted medical scenarios to enable nursing students to encounter and address situations that occur in real-life clinical settings.

“With a shortage of nurses throughout the U.S., graduates need to enter clinical settings with increased confidence and competence in performing complex nursing skills,” said Catherine B. Brownell, Ph.D., associate dean of nursing at Utica College. “One of our highest priorities is to use advanced simulation technology and develop creative educational...
approaches so that we can continue to provide the level of excellence that students and their employers expect from a Utica College nursing degree. We are grateful to Slocum-Dickson Foundation for helping us achieve this goal.

A Taste of Utica, Now on Campus

Common Grounds café in the Frank E. Gannett Library now offers snacks and beverages from two local favorites: Utica Coffee Roasting Company and Holland Farms.

“More and more students are expressing a desire for local, fresh ingredients, and that’s what these two companies offer,” says UC Dining Services Marketing Coordinator Hannah Gerhardt. Founded in 2005, Utica Coffee Roasting Company operates its flagship store in downtown Utica and a second location in Clinton, NY. Known for their small-batch roasting and focus on sustainability, Utica Coffee has become a local favorite for its wide array of brewed coffees and blended drinks. Among the offerings available at Common Grounds: more than a dozen coffee varieties, cold-brewed iced coffee, frappes, and their popular Red Bull Infusions.

Similarly, Holland Farms is a familiar name among Utica residents. A popular bakery and deli on Cider Street in Oriskany, Holland Farms is best known for its pastries and donuts, especially the iconic halfmoon cookie.

In addition to the new offerings, Common Grounds continues to serve fresh-baked Bagel Grove bagels, made just miles from campus at Bagel Grove’s Burrstone Road location.

“We’re excited to be bringing that ‘Utica flavor’ to campus,” says Gerhardt. “The feedback has already been extremely positive.”

UC’s Economic Crime Investigation Program Renamed Fraud, Financial Crime Investigation (FFCI)

Utica College’s economic crime investigation program (ECI) has been renamed fraud and financial crime investigation (FFCI) to better reflect the coursework and overall course content.

The first program of its kind in the nation, Utica College’s economic crime program was designed to answer — and anticipate — law enforcement and industry needs. While that is still true today, the fraud and financial crime investigation program focuses on the study of the growing number of non-violent crimes that are committed for financial gain through methods of fraud and deception. The program gives students an understanding of the evolving problems associated with detecting crimes like embezzlement, identity theft, credit card fraud, insurance fraud, construction fraud, money laundering, political corruption, and tax evasion. Students also learn about policies and procedures in cases of organized crime and terrorism.

“The Utica College FFCI program transforms the student into a ‘new age’ crime fighter blending computer skills, business skills, and investigation skills. Graduates of the program have a very promising job outlook, as in some areas there, literally, are more job opportunities than there are skilled applicants,” says Donald Rebovich, professor of criminal justice and chair of UC’s economic crime and justice studies department.

“Businesses today need workers with financial investigative skills.”

– Donald Rebovich
Two Milestones, New Appointment in Advancement

For the first time in the College’s history, the UC Annual Fund has reached the $1 million threshold. Gifts to the fund help support financial aid, scholarly research, cocurricular activities, facilities improvements, and more. Additionally, thanks to a significant increase in total donors, the College raised a record $2.8 million in philanthropic support in 2016.

“In the late 1990s the Annual Fund raised only about $200,000. To achieve a $1 million Annual Fund campaign in such a relatively short period of time is unquestionably a notable achievement.”

In June, George Nehme was appointed to the position of vice president for advancement, effective September 1.

Former associate vice president and executive director of development at Hamilton College, Nehme has worked closely with UC’s Division of Advancement as its campaign development counsel since 2005. He played an instrumental role in the recent comprehensive campaign resulting in a record $34 million in support for capital and annual priorities.

“It’s exciting that my arrival coincides with the installation of a new president, and the beginning of a new era for Utica College,” says Nehme. “The advancement team has done incredible work engaging alumni and friends to support the mission of the College. I’m eager to build on that success and lay a foundation for the future of philanthropic support.”

UC Welcomes Largest Incoming Class at Convocation

On Friday, August 26, Utica College held its annual Convocation ceremony, welcoming 880 freshman and transfer students—the largest incoming class in the College’s history.

“This is a new era for Utica College. For the first time in our history, we had to stop accepting applications,” says Jeffery Gates, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management.

On move-in day, several campus organizations including Alpha Chi Rho, Women In a New Direction (WIND), Chi Beta Sigma, Young Scholars, and the UC Programming Board (UCPB) helped freshmen and their families carry everything from heavy books to mini fridges into North and South Halls.

Later that afternoon, the annual Convocation ceremony was held in the Harold T. Clark Jr. Athletic Center. Kyo Dolan ’98, G ’03, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge for the United States Secret Service, delivered the keynote address. In her speech, Dolan credited her UC education for helping her to overcome personal and professional challenges.

2016 UTICA COLLEGE ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year since 1953, the Utica College Alumni Council has recognized outstanding alumni, students, and friends who personify the College's commitment to excellence and service. Here are this year's recipients:

**Pioneer Legacy Award**
Bernice F. Benson ’72 (1)

**College Key Award**
Timothy N. Coakley ’59 (2)

**Distinguished Alumni Awards**
Michael T. Albano ’91
Dr. Gerard T. Capraro ’66 (3)
The Honorable Michele M. Woodard ’76

**Honorary Alumna**
Joannie Grande P’03 & P’08 (4)

**Young Leadership Awards**
Anthony J. O’Hagan ’11 (5)
Paul T. Ward ’05 (6)

**Outstanding Service Awards**
Dr. Curtis Pulliam (7)
Joni Pulliam (7)

**Outstanding Senior**
Laura R. Holmes ’16

**Alumni Memorial Scholarships**
Jennifer J. Melvin ’18 (8)
Margaret L. Tabone ’18 (9)

**Sportsmanship Awards**
Mary E. Miceli ’16 (10)
Matthew W. Rogers ’16
New buildings, more sports teams, a Dome—there’s no question student life at Utica College has changed in the past 35 years. But we didn’t realize just how much until we asked two alumni, John Casellini ’81 and MaryEllen Fitzgerald-Bord ’16, to compare their favorite memories (and favorite dance moves) from their UC days:

**Campus event you and your friends never missed**
John: Pub Night
MaryEllen: Midnight Breakfast

**Food that will always remind you of college**
John: Cannolis and Tomato Pie
MaryEllen: Anything from Subway

**Favorite campus dining option**
John: There was only one option!
MaryEllen: The caf

**Best off-campus eatery**
John: Spaghetti Joe’s
MaryEllen: Pizza Boys. Dollar slices on Tuesdays!

**Three essential items you took to class**
John: Notebook, pen, carbon paper
MaryEllen: Laptop, pen, planner

**Class that was notoriously impossible to pass**
John: For me, computer science with Dr. [Ronald] Danilowicz. I just didn’t get COBOL, or care...
MaryEllen: Anatomy and physiology with Dr. [Daniel] Kurtz

**The “cool” professor**
John: Dr. [William] Gotwald for human sexuality. Kim Landon and Richard Emmert were my personal faves, however.
MaryEllen: Professor [Leonore] Fleming. She made even the most mundane philosophical topics interesting.

Most UC students thought the college president was...
John: Distant or detached. It was the era when Syracuse University picked our presidents.
MaryEllen: Pretty cool! We would get so excited to see President Hutton working out in the athletic center.

Elective that filled up first on registration day
John: Film class with Professor Scott MacDonald
MaryEllen: Any fitness class, especially yoga

Best way to exercise on campus
John: Intramural sports
MaryEllen: The Dome!

Club/activity that took up most of your time
John: WPNR and TKE (really one and the same)
MaryEllen: Asa Gray Biological Society and the Gay-Straight Alliance

To buy groceries, supplies, etc., you headed to...
John: Great American
MaryEllen: Wal-Mart

You communicated with Mom and Dad by...
John: Calling on the wall phone in the dorm
MaryEllen: Texting every day

If this piece of electronic equipment broke, your life was pretty much over
John: My turntable
MaryEllen: My laptop

Best way to kill time between classes
John: Hanging out at the radio station, listening to new releases
MaryEllen: Grabbing coffee from the Bistro or Common Grounds

Typical outfit for early morning class
John: Flannel shirt, t-shirt and jeans
MaryEllen: Leggings and a sweater

Favorite local clothing store
John: Herb Philipson’s. (Never really shopped locally. There were no malls.)
MaryEllen: H&M in Sanger-town Square

Best way to spend a Friday night in Utica
John: Brewery tour, music, more beer, and air guitar
MaryEllen: Grabbing a bite with friends, then two-for-one drinks at Cavallo’s

Bar where you were always sure to find other UC students
John: Target’s
MaryEllen: The Harp. No one was exempt from Wednesday night karaoke sessions!

Song that will always remind you of your UC days
John: “Born to Run” by Bruce Springsteen
MaryEllen: “Talk Dirty to Me” by Jason Derulo

TV show you and your roommates watched most often
John: “General Hospital” was on in the dorm lounge every afternoon. Everyone was obsessed with Luke and Laura.
MaryEllen: “Friends” on Netflix. 90s nostalgia is a big thing with my generation.

Favorite end-of-the-school-year tradition
John: Picnic parties outside the dorms, speakers in the windows, beer in hand.
MaryEllen: All the de-stress events during finals, like petting dogs and calming jar DIYs.

Dance move you were most likely to bust out on a Saturday night
John: Air guitar
MaryEllen: The Dab, though I don’t think I’ve ever successfully “dabbed.”
ATHLETICS

Tackling her first love.

John Beckman has mentored more than a thousand football players over his nearly 30-years as a high school coach outside of Annapolis, MD, including a handful of NFL draft picks. For the most determined player he’s ever had on the practice field, however, it took more than 20 years to get into a game.

That player was his daughter, Kristen.

“Friends and family joke that I’ve been on the field with my dad since before I could walk,” Kristen Beckman ’14, G’16 says. “I grew up around football, and I always wanted to play.”

Besides punt, pass, and kick competitions, which she regularly won as a child, opportunities for girls in football were few. Hockey, Kristen says, was the compromise sport.

She immediately excelled on the ice, beginning in local youth leagues. She earned a scholarship to the Northwood School, a hockey-rich prep school in Lake Placid, NY, where she was discovered by Utica College women's hockey coach Dave Clausen. She was a major contributor during her four years as a Pioneer, appearing in every game over her final three seasons and leading the team’s defensemen in scoring as a senior.

Despite her success, hockey was always a second love to football. She quietly harbored ambitions to compete on the gridiron, eyeing an opportunity in the Legends Football League, a women’s semi-professional indoor football league, as her college hockey career was winding down.

“I had known about the LFL for a couple of years, and I was always like, ‘Maybe I could do that some day,’” Kristen says. “I wanted to get through my senior year, and then I’d try out for the team in Baltimore.”

Those ambitions were derailed in 2014. She was set to try out for the Baltimore Charm, only to learn that the team would be folding prior to the 2015 season.

Opportunity would knock a year later, however, when Kristen, then a graduate student in UC’s occupational therapy program, spotted a Facebook posting announcing open tryouts for the New England Liberty, an LFL expansion franchise. She was already in the process of exploring possible sites in the Boston area for her required OT internship.

“It lined up perfectly,” she recalls.

She participated in a series of tryout sessions between December and March, competing against 60 other hopefuls to earn one of 14 active spots on the team’s inaugural roster.

In April, she realized a dream she’s been holding as long as she can remember. With her parents among a large personal cheering section in the stands, she lined up at wide receiver in the Liberty’s season opener against the Omaha Heart, her first game as a competitive football player.

A “Legend” in the making

“It’s crazy to say I’m a professional football player. It’s a surreal feeling,” Kristen says. “It’s been really fun, and I’m just happy to have the chance to continue playing competitive sports.”

The Legends Football League was originally founded in 2004 as a single-game exhibition and pay-per-view alternative to the Super Bowl halftime show. Accordingly, the league was perceived as little more than a novelty.

Today, however, the league consists of 10 franchises in major markets like Los Angeles, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, and Seattle, and holds games in the spring and summer in American Hockey League arenas. The teams’ rosters...
are filled top to bottom with former top college athletes, including former All-Americans in sports like basketball, track and field, lacrosse, volleyball, and hockey.

The league’s rules are similar to men’s indoor football leagues. The field is 50 yards with padded sideline boards. Teams compete in a full-contact, full-tackling seven-on-seven format, with a quarterback, running back, tight end, two linewomen, and two wide receivers in a standard offensive formation and two defensive linewomen, a linebacker, two corner backs, and two safeties in a standard defensive formation. Players wear hockey-style helmets and visors, shoulder pads, and performance-wear uniforms.

Interest in the LFL continues to grow, with increased attendance at games and webcast viewership. While Kristen is grateful for the chance to finally showcase her playmaking skills on the football field, she also takes seriously her role as an ambassador for the league and women’s sports.

“A lot of people aren’t aware of it yet. Football is considered such a man’s sport, and so a natural reaction is, ‘It can’t possibly be any good,’” she says. “Watch one game on YouTube – we have some really great athletes. Yeah, the caliber of play is not (at the level of) the NFL (because) we haven’t grown up playing football like the guys have. But it’s not a gimmick; we’re putting a real product on the field.”

How real? Well, Kristen’s season was cut short in June when she broke her leg following a knee-on-knee collision with a Chicago Bliss defender.

The injury ended an impressive rookie season in which Kristen quickly emerged as the Liberty’s top receiving target and one of the league’s top offensive newcomers.

Clausen has followed his former skater’s new pursuit on social media, where Kristen regularly posted video chronicling her preseason training as well as game highlights. A former college quarterback and himself the son of a high school football coach, he is surprised by neither the determination with which Kristen has chased her dream nor the success that has followed.

“Kristen is probably the best all-around athlete that’s ever played hockey here, in terms of natural athleticism,” he says. “Our team always referred to her as the gym class hero. It doesn’t matter what it was – including football, obviously – if it’s a sport, she could do it pretty naturally.”

In fact, Clausen has previously seen firsthand Kristen’s dominance on the football field. He says she was a primary culprit behind the women’s hockey team being banished from the annual spring powderpuff football game on campus.

“We played for a couple of years, and then we got kicked out for running up the score,” he recalls, laughing. “The scores were, like, 50-0, and Kristen was always the dominant force.”

Kristen is progressing well in her rehab from the leg injury, and while her current focus is preparing to take the occupational therapy board exam later this fall, she plans to soon begin training for the 2017 LFL season.

“We were 0-4. That makes for a long off-season,” she says of the Liberty’s inaugural campaign. “But I’m excited for next year. Last year, despite our record, I think we really held our own against much more established teams. And on a personal level, it’s been a great experience. I can’t wait to get back at it.”

Sideline Report

The football team’s best-ever 4-0 start including two victories over national Top 25 opponents, No. 18 Ohio Northern University and No. 23 Cortland State, as well as an appearance in ESPN SportsCenter’s popular Top 10 plays segment courtesy of linebacker Dehstin Smart’s highlight reel interception in the Pioneers’ homecoming game victory over Cortland.

Tim Coffman ’12 earned a unique distinction on September 13, 2016, the release date of EA Sports NHL 17. It is believed the former men’s hockey captain is the first UC alumnus to be portrayed in a video game. Coffman appears as a member of his current hockey team, the ECHL’s Alaska Aces.

Utica College will host the 2017 NCAA Division III Men’s Hockey Frozen Four on March 24-25 at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.
Paul M. Ganeles ’50, Rye, NY, was not able to attend his 65th Reunion Year lunch in the Dining Commons, Ganeles, a Golden Pioneer, was presented with his commemorative gift.

Dr. Allen Berger ’57, Savannah, GA, is President of Live Oak Public Libraries Foundation, which includes 19 libraries in three counties in Georgia. Dr. Berger is active with the Teens for Literacy program, which he started in 1987. The program encourages inner-city students to promote literacy in their schools and communities. He also serves on the education and youth development panel for the United Way serving four counties in and around Savannah.

David McKendree ’67, Clinton, NY, participated in the 2016 My Heart. My Life. Expo at Utica College. The expo is part of America’s Greatest Heart Run and Walk, in which McKendree has been a regular volunteer and participant for many years. McKendree walks a mile daily at his alma mater.

Patrick D. Bellegarde-Smith ’68, Milwaukee, WI, has retired from the University of Wisconsin, where he is professor emeritus of Africology. He has written and edited five books on African and neo-African religious thought and is an emeritus of Africology. He has written many years. McKendree walks a mile daily at his alma mater.

Robert E. Baber ’76, Newcomb, NY, was appointed by Herkimer ARC as agency’s mission. He has been elected supervisor for the town of Newcomb in November 2015.

John P. Casellini ’81, Albany, NY, President of Ways and Means NY LLC, has been elected chairperson by the Tri-State Transportation Campaign Board of Directors.


Robert C. Flaherty ’81, Croton-on-Hudson, NY, senior partner, CEO, and president of Ketchum was named one of the 50 most influential people in public relations on PRWeek’s Power List 2016.

Anne R. Sullivan ’83, Utica, NY, has been selected as a 2016 NAACP Diversity Affair Honoree for her support of and commitment to the NAACP mission.

Jacqueline M. Izzo ’84, Rome, NY, was elected the City of Rome’s first female mayor. A lifelong Rome resident, Izzo took office on December 31, 2015.


Gregory F. Flagger ’91, Indianapolis, IN, wrote his fifth book (under the pen name G. Eric Francis) titled The Book of Noah - 3:21 about a family raising a child with Down syndrome and autism. The book is available on Amazon and Kindle; proceeds will support organizations for children with special needs.

Kimberly J. Gavagan ’91, Mendham, NJ, is now senior manager in People Engagement Center of Excellence at Deloitte. In her new role, she focuses on internal, strategic communication to the firm’s U.S. employees.

Dr. Brian D. Agnew ’03, Piscataway, NJ, is new vice president for institutional advancement at Georgian Court University, where he will lead fundraising operations. Dr. Agnew brings experience in facilitating multimillion-dollar capital campaigns, corporate and foundation relations and annual giving programs.

Serif Seferagic ’03, Utica, NY, received an Exceptional Duty Award from the Utica Police Department.

Brian D. Bansner ’04, Utica, NY, received an Honorable Service Award and a Unit Citation Award from the Utica Police Department.

Paul A. Battista, Jr. ’04, Farmington, CT, is CEO of Breach Intelligence, which was selected by the MIT Sloan CIO Symposium as a finalist for the 2016 Innovation Showcase of cutting-edge solutions for digital economy.

Sara M. Rich ’05, Utica, NY, has rejoined the recruiting team at CPS Recruitment as an IT recruiter.

CorrinnMae Rustmann ’06, Willimantic, CT, graduated from Mercy College, May 2015, with a master’s degree in early childhood and childhood education.

Frank S. Salamone ’06, Schenectady, NY, is currently the Deputy County Attorney for the town of Schenectady.

Salvatore T. Bonanza ’09, Rome, NY, has been appointed to license adjuster by National Fire Adjustment Company.

Jonathan J. Monfiletto ’10, Waterloo, NY, New York National Guard Sgt., won first place for his feature story in a nationwide Army National Guard media competition. His story, Father, daughter Army National
Guard pilots fly together, is under consideration for a total Army media competition award.

Jeff S. Kassouf '11, Stamford, CT, is helping to launch a U.S. website for FourFourTwo, a soccer magazine published by London-based Haymarket Media, as part of the brand’s global expansion. Kassouf, previously with NBC Sports, founded the U.S. women’s soccer site The Equalize, and has been covering men’s and women’s soccer for Sports Illustrated.com, espnW.com, FoxSoccer.com and NBC.com since 2012. Shortly after graduating, he wrote Girls Play to Win: Soccer, about the history and fundamentals of women’s soccer.

Anthony De La Rosa '12, New York, NY was named Senior Consultant with Ernst & Young in Times Square.

Riley Reiter G'14, Wilmington, DE, is an evaluation analyst for a cyber-intelligence platform.

Christian J. Bunce '15, Frankfort, NY, is completing his master’s thesis at RIT and has been hired as a stats analyst at ESPN.

Michelle M. Klein '15, Whitesboro NY, has been hired as an account manager at Scalzo, Zogby & Witting, Inc. She began as a student intern at the insurance agency in February 2015 and was hired upon completion of her internship.

Rashida T. Hull '16, Bronx, NY, has accepted a position as community manager at DDB Worldwide Communications Group Inc. She will manage clients’ social media platforms.

Engagements, Weddings, Anniversaries

Heather E. Tamblin '12 and Dennis L. Labossiere '13, were engaged October 3 during Utica College’s 2015 Homecoming Weekend.

Births and Additions

Soláde E. Rowe ’94 and his wife, Chidima Blyden-Rowe, Washington D.C., had a son, Micah Adesola, on April 6, 2016.

Caitlin M. Lee ’03 and her husband, Christopher, Lowville, NY, had a son, Clayton Anthony Murray, on February 16, 2016.

Michael T. DeMatteo ’04 and wife, Sharline Yodice DeMatteo, Rome, NY, had a son, Micah James, on June 5, 2016.

Daniel B. O’Connell ’06, and wife, Morgan Fuchs O’Connell, Warwick, RI, had a daughter, Claire, on November 14, 2015. Claire joins older brother, Sheamus, 4, and sister, Katherine, 1.

Renee A. Jarosz ’07 and her husband Christopher, New Hartford, NY, had a daughter, Sadie Alexandria on April 6, 2016.

Pavel Prilutsky ’07 and his wife Nataliya, Yorkville, NY, had a daughter, Darya Savannah, on March 3, 2016.

Gary J. Schachtler ’07 and wife, Elizabeth, Utica, NY, had a son on April 15, 2016.

Aaron J. Bruni ’08 and wife, Kimberly Cossette Bruni, Vernon, NY, had a son on April 8, 2016.

Jessica M. Katz ’08 and husband, Dave, Rome, NY, had a daughter, Emma Gerdine, on May 5, 2016.

Aida Durmisevic ’11 and husband, Miren, Utica, NY, had a daughter on June 12, 2016.

Richard Z. Geraty ’11 and wife Nicole Shepardson Geraty, Little Falls, NY, had a son on March 2, 2016.

Gabriel D. Kashuba ’12 and Kelsey Holdridge, Dolgeville, NY, had a son on May 18, 2016.

In Memoriam

Raymond E. Bowden ’50, Boise, ID, December 17, 2015.


Raymond J. O’Connor ’51, Bloomington, IL, January 27, 2016.

Alan E. Cole ’52, Ellington, CT, November 4, 2015.


Franklin F. Smith ’53, Pawnee, IL, July 3, 2015.


Chester V. Gacioch ’56, Sauquoit, NY, April 25, 2016.

Sandra L. Haverly ’56, Newtown Square, PA, May 21, 2016.
Carson A. Emhof '58, Canton, NY, February 1, 2016.
Donald P. Johnson '59, Utica, NY, March 26, 2016.
Carolyne S. Moore '60, Sylvan Beach, NY, August 14, 2015.
Edward B. Agan '61, Clinton, NY, April 11, 2016.
Alfred Motyka '61, Amherst, NY, October 9, 2015.
Geraldine H. Pizer '63, Flagler Beach, FL, April 1, 2016.
Claire M. Colosimo '64, Utica, NY, May 11, 2016.
Russell J. de Laubell '64, North Syracuse, NY, July 5, 2016.
Dennis B. Hemming '64, Sarasota, FL, October 12, 2015.
Robert C. Warner Jr. '64, Box Elder, SD, December 26, 2015.
Frances S. Eck '65, Utica, NY, March 29, 2016.
Ronald A. Massaro '66, Grapevine, TX, July 4, 2016.
Margaret E. Bell '67, Hamilton, MT, June 30, 2015.
Gerald Izikoff '67, Goffstown, NH, January 13, 2015.
Marilyn S. Butler '69, Baldwinsville, NY, August 4, 2016.
Mary Jude C. Romanzo '71, Utica, NY, November 16, 2015.
John R. Jarosz Sr. '72, Sauquoit, NY, July 18, 2016.
Michael J. Dubiel '74, Utica, NY, April 30, 2016.
Timothy G. Ketchum '74, Tucson, AZ, August 12, 2015.
Diane M. vanderKraan '75, Utica, NY, June 21, 2015.
Polly L. Vincent DiCesare '77, Clinton, NY, September 15, 2015.
Howard B. McCumber '77, Oriskany, NY, April 10, 2016.
Joseph P. Trevisani '79, Utica, NY, April 12, 2016.
Richard P. Herter '84, Winchester, VA, June 14, 2015.
Robert J. Vanderpool Jr. '87, Sauquoit, NY, August 9, 2016.
Jami-Beth Knapp '95, Amherst, NY, July 23, 2015.
Kelly L. Sugarman '01, Grafton, MA, April 13, 2016.
Mary N. Goux '03, New Hartford, NY, June 24, 2016.
Sheila A. Bernier G’14, Cedar Hill, TX, May 6, 2015.

Faculty and Staff Who Passed
Patricia Dugan, Clinton, NY, retired assistant director of the library, March 31, 2016.
Favorite family tradition?
Cooking Sunday dinners. Always Italian. We’ve got to have a pasta dish, and then steak, chicken, or salmon. It’s a lot of food. Most people would say it’s like a holiday dinner.

Favorite sports teams?
I don’t follow them as much as I used to, but I’ve loved the Cincinnati Reds and the Oakland Raiders since I was a kid.

Last great concert you attended?
Michael Buble a couple years ago. He was very good.

Best way to de-stress?
Two ways, but they’re diametrically opposed: a good massage and a nice glass of wine. I love Cabernets and Pinot Noirs.

Favorite workout?
Stretching, cardio, and weights.

Least favorite workout?
Anything to do with jumping.

Favorite TV show?
“Games of Thrones”. Best show ever. When people tell me they don’t watch, I say, “My condolences.”

Favorite music?
Classic rock. 70s stuff mostly.

One word your kids would use to describe you?
They’d say I’m nuts! No, they’d say supportive, for sure.

One thing your family teases you about?
I’m a total type A.

Your relationship with social media?
I’m not on it too often. I post on Facebook—family things, birthdays. My original purpose [when I joined] was to keep track of my daughter!

Last time you laughed really, really hard?
In June I went on a trip to Rome and Sorrento, Italy with some friends, and we just had an enormous amount of laughs on that trip. It was a great time.