Utica College is seizing the initiative among America’s colleges and universities in addressing affordability.
During my final academic year as president, I find no greater honor than in announcing Utica College’s bold move to seize the initiative among America’s institutions of higher education in addressing college affordability.

Our mission has always been to expand opportunity among those for whom the dream of a four-year degree had previously seemed unattainable. It’s why we Never stand still in developing programs that are targeted to emerging workforce needs, so we can help students make their move toward lives of personal and professional fulfillment.

Indeed, Utica College is serving our region at a time when Gallup polling shows 81 percent of adults believe it takes more than a high school diploma to land a good job. Yet, only 21 percent think getting an education beyond high school is affordable for everyone who needs it.

Sadly and sometimes devastatingly, the continually rising cost of tuition at colleges across America is crossing a threshold in the minds of students and parents. At private colleges like Utica, the “sticker price” can stop untold numbers of families from discovering the financial aid that is indeed there to help them afford a high-quality education with personal attention and real-world learning.

Utica College is in a unique position to buck the skyrocketing tuition trend, and at the same time make a strong statement about the value of a UC education. Over the years, we have made amazing progress in moving UC forward with new demand-driven academic programs and state-of-the-art facilities in which to house them. This academic year alone, we have enrolled UC’s largest-ever freshman class; we have introduced nine new academic programs, with several more under development; we have constructed two new facilities; and we have undertaken a major initiative to relocate our business program to a new downtown Utica “campus.”

Yet, even as our enrollment and reputation grow, we remain just as committed as always to ensuring that every student who deserves a quality Utica College education can afford it.

As you read about our historic tuition reset in this issue of Pioneer (and perhaps learn more about it at utica.edu/affordable), I hope you will join me in taking tremendous pride in our continuing commitment of service and dedication to our students, as well as Utica College’s bold leadership within higher education.
A Gift from the Heart.

Ask Benay Leff ‘65 why she gives to Utica College, and her response is simple: “Because UC changed my life.”

Her generous gift to the Heritage Society is Leff’s way of honoring the education that transformed the once shy, Long Island-bred teenager into a confident public relations professional. “At UC,” says Leff, “I just emerged.”

Leff arrived at UC during a time when female students were few and far between. With limited housing options for coeds available, Leff spent her freshman year with five other female students in Laurel Cottage, a rented house on the corner of Burrstone and French Roads. To this day, Leff counts those women as some of her closest friends.

Now retired, Leff spent bulk of her career—more than 20 years—working in public relations at Howard Community College in Columbia, M.D. But her career path was set in motion back in 1965 by legendary UC professor Ray Simon. Leff credits Simon with not only helping her secure a fellowship for graduate school at Syracuse University, but also instilling the confidence needed to succeed in the competitive world of PR. “He saw something in me that I didn’t see in myself,” she says.

By participating in Planned Giving, Leff hopes to leave a legacy that gives future Pioneers the same life-changing education she experienced at UC—and the memories that keep Leff connected to her alma mater. “I always tell people,” she says, with a laugh, “I may have been raised in the city, but I left my heart in the Mohawk Valley.”

Learn more about Planned Giving opportunities at UC. Call 1-800-456-8278 today.
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Buchanan Receives Crisafulli Distinguished Teaching Award

Bryant Buchanan is the 2015 recipient of the Virgil Crisafulli Distinguished Teaching Award. Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Judith Kirkpatrick presented him with the award on May 17 during the College’s undergraduate Commencement ceremony.

Named for the late Professor Emeritus of Economics Virgil Crisafulli and underwritten by the Crisafulli Fund for the Faculty, the award exemplifies the finest tradition of teaching. It is given annually to a full professor on the recommendation of faculty and students in recognition of demonstrated teaching excellence, dedication, and effectiveness.

In presenting the award, Kirkpatrick recognized Buchanan as an innovative and highly respected teacher, researcher, and mentor who is further distinguished by the depth of his passion for teaching students to be scientists.

“He is known for spending countless hours outside of the classroom with students to help them understand the course content,” Kirkpatrick said. “But his passion is not limited to teaching in the traditional classroom setting and tutoring students outside of it. He is also an avid and well-published researcher who has guided many students through the complex world of scientific inquiry, and has one guiding principle to research with students: he never turns down an interested student.”

Buchanan joined the UC faculty in 2001. He earned his Ph.D. and master’s degrees from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette and his bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.
Ifill, Feitelberg Receive Honorary Degrees

Utica College conferred honorary degrees on award-winning national journalist, television news anchor, and author Gwen Ifill and renowned physical therapy innovator and educator Samuel B. Feitelberg at its 2015 Commencement ceremonies.

Ifill is co-anchor and co-managing editor of PBS News Hour and moderator and managing editor of Washington Week. Her work as a nationally recognized journalist and political analyst has earned many accolades, including the 2008 George Foster Peabody Award and the 2005 First Amendment Award from the Radio and Television News Directors’ Association.

Harvard University’s Shorenstein Center on Press, Politics, and Public Policy has credited Ifill with changing Washington by transforming public affairs broadcasting into “a forum where remarkable diversity [is] in fact unremarkable.”

Ifill delivered the Commencement address to UC’s undergraduate Class of 2015, encouraging graduates, as she has done during the course of her life and career, “If you see something, do something.”

“There are new deep breaths that you have to take every day. All this does is make you part of a world of a shared human experience where the challenges are right in your face. If you haven’t already, you need to decide what you care about and then be prepared to act.”

Feitelberg was at the forefront of the pioneering effort to establish independent certification of physical therapy education outside the aegis of physician-run programs, opening a new chapter in the history of this important discipline. He played a key role in raising the profile of physical therapy education from that of a certificate program to its current status as a doctoral degree, and fought to raise the standard of care from the “bed rest” approach prevalent early in the 1950s to a more progressive and effective model.

He founded the physical therapy programs at Clarkson University, the University of Vermont, and the SUNY College of Health Related Professions Downstate Medical Center, and as president of the education section of the American Physical Therapy Association, he helped develop and launched the Journal of Physical Therapy Education.

Prior to the advent of Medicare and Medicaid, Feitelberg developed fee-for-services practices designed to ensure equitable access to care for elderly and disadvantaged populations.

UC awarded Feitelberg the honorary degree Doctor of Science during its Graduate Commencement ceremony.
Bringing Business Downtown

Utica College is returning to its roots, so to speak. Come fall 2016, the College will hold classes in downtown Utica, a short distance from its founding Oneida Square campus.

In August, New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo announced a $500,000 Empire State Development grant that will fund the relocation of UC’s business program from the Burstone Road campus to the downtown Clark City Center. The grant, coupled with a private gift from trustee Bob Brvenik ’77, will support the construction of modern teaching and learning facilities, including seven classrooms, an auditorium, a student lounge, and faculty offices. The College will also relocate the state-of-the-art First Source Federal Credit Union Trading Room to the new facility, which will include a 65-foot, real-time stock ticker visible from Genesee Street.

For Utica College, the benefits of the relocation are twofold: the new facilities will showcase UC’s growing suite of contemporary business programs, which include courses in accounting, economics, management, and risk management and insurance, among others. Additionally, bringing students to Clark City Center will support the continued revitalization and growth of downtown.

“This is a wonderful opportunity,” says James Norrie, dean of the School of Business and Justice Studies. “Our faculty and students are excited about the announcement and what it means in terms of supporting the growth and development of the program into a regional powerhouse, connected to the community it serves and creating the contemporary and compelling degree programs that students have come to expect from Utica College.

“The move also helps define Utica College as a city builder, participating directly in the renewal of our downtown.”

“We will be teaching students in the hub of local business activity,” says Rick Fenner, associate professor of economics.

Clark City Center additionally houses administrative functions supporting UC’s School of Online and Extended Studies and enrollment operations, advancement, and Registrar’s offices.
This summer, Utica College just kept popping up in primetime. A brief roundup:

1. “Anderson Cooper 360”

   Journalism graduate Keshia Clukey ’08 was used to covering the crazy world of Albany politics as breaking news reporter for the Albany Times-Union. But a statewide manhunt? Not so much. Clukey rose to the occasion in June when escaped prisoners Richard Matt and David Sweat sent northern New York into a tailspin, evading police for nearly three weeks. Clukey quickly became the region’s go-to reporter on the story, even getting calls from national news media, like CNN’s Anderson Cooper, who interviewed Clukey live on June 23.

2. “America’s Got Talent”

   Dancer and choreographer Akira Armstrong ’05 has most definitely got talent (she’s performed with Beyoncé and Jennifer Hudson, after all). So it’s no surprise that on July 7, Armstrong (in pink wig, above) and Pretty Big Movement, the “full-figured dance crew” she founded, impressed AGT’s celebrity judges with their edgy hip-hop routine. Although Pretty Big Movement was cut before the quarterfinals on August 1, the NYC-based group continues to perform, spreading their message of body acceptance and female empowerment. Now that’s big.

3. “Jeopardy!”

   Contestants on the game show were left scratching their heads on June 9, when this $2000 stumper in the category “College Knowledge” appeared during the Double Jeopardy round. Any guesses?

A “Welcome” Addition

Utica College opened a new Welcome Center this fall, providing both a convenient first stop and a warm first impression for prospective students, families, and all other guests.

Located immediately off the main entrance on Burrstone Road, the new facility serves as the front door to the College’s 128-acre campus.

The Welcome Center includes an impressive great room with a floor-to-ceiling fireplace. The building houses the Offices of Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions and provides student-led tours of campus as well as an information desk for guests with questions about the College and nearby attractions and accommodations.

Wise Named Dean of Arts of Sciences

Sharon Wise has been appointed dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

She will provide administrative and academic leadership to the school’s undergraduate and graduate programs. As well, Wise will work with Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs John Johnsen and faculty on the development of new programs and initiatives, and will oversee the faculty appointment, promotion, and tenure processes within the school.

“As dean, the biggest challenge is trying to juggle the many different responsibilities associated with working with students, faculty, and staff. It is my obligation, and want to serve them all as best I can,” she says.

Wise joined the UC faculty in 2001. In 2011, she was awarded the College’s Crisafulli Distinguished Teaching Award. She was previously associate dean of natural sciences and mathematics.

She earned her Ph.D. and master’s degrees from the University of Louisiana and her bachelor’s degree from the University of Florida. A behavioral ecologist, she has been invited to world conferences and has contributed to and edited a number of academic journals.
HATS OFF TO YOU
Creative caps dotted the landscape at this year’s undergraduate commencement.
The 2012-2013 season was a historic one for UC athletics, as a school-record three teams (field hockey, men’s hockey, and softball) competed for NCAA championships – with the Pioneers hockey team advancing within two victories of the College’s first-ever national title.

IGNITING A FLAME
High school students explore science and technology at UC as part of the Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program.
Utica College is ushering in a new era for college affordability. In setting a new tuition price that is under $20,000 even before financial aid, UC is helping to ensure that more students can make their move toward a quality education that leads to fulfilling lives and rewarding careers.
It was standing room only the morning of September 15 in the Carbone Family Auditorium, where the mood was one of excited anticipation. Students, faculty and staff, and community members were gathered along with television, radio, and newspaper reporters because college officials had called a news conference, promising a major announcement of a bold move to benefit the students and families that Utica College serves.

And when President Todd Hutton delivered the announcement, it was met with gasps, cheers, and even a few tears of joy.

Starting in Fall 2016, the published price of tuition and fees for UC’s on-campus undergraduate program will be lowered 42 percent to $19,966. The average cost of room and board will also be reduced by 13 percent, so that UC’s total sticker price will move from $46,600 to $30,430.

And that’s before financial aid, since UC will continue to offer both need-based and merit-based grants and scholarships to lower the cost to qualified students and their families even further.

“We consider this tuition reset to be a bold move for tomorrow,” President Hutton says, “because in improving affordability, we are also expanding access to a high quality Utica education that launches our students’ successful futures.”

Taking the Lead on College Affordability

Colleges and universities across America – public and private institutions alike – are having to grapple with perceptions they’re becoming unaffordable. At UC, the Board of Trustees has an affordability workgroup, chaired by trustee Bob Brvenik ’77, that is specifically tasked with making sure the families the College serves are able to financially access a UC education.

“Since our founding, Utica College has been a college of opportunity. We’re a college that was established to provide people a chance to better themselves by getting a great education,” Brvenik says. “And there’s a lot of pressure on even middle-class families today to make ends meet. We can deliver the best programs in the world, but if nobody can afford to attend and be part of them, then it does no good.”

Part of the problem for all colleges in America is their constantly rising tuition prices.

“Think of it like the parent of a high school student would,” says Jeff Gates, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. “They see private colleges with already high tuition prices raising them by about 3 percent each year. While that’s a reasonable percentage and the value of the educational investment is certainly worth it, the sticker price will eventually reach a dollar threshold where they’ll think, ‘That’s way too much,’ and they’ll prematurely dismiss that college from consideration.”

Admissions counselors on Gates’ staff, who frequently meet with the families of prospective students, witness this firsthand.

“Something I hear often from families is how they will not be able to afford a private education. I like to refer to this as the ‘freak out moment,’” says Marie Hage, who recruits students from New York as well as the West Coast. “Some parents immediately freak out about the overall price of Utica College before they even consider all the assistance we have to offer, like generous merit scholarships, financial aid, and other unique affordability grants.”

Even though colleges like Utica provide high quality and great results to make the investment worth it, the pricing model used by most private colleges can result in published prices that give students and their families “sticker shock.”

“Not every family knows that the published price will be discounted for them not only with federal and state financial aid if they qualify for it, but also with scholarships, grants, and other aid from the college itself regardless of their level of family income. “It’s a challenge to explain and help families understand the difference between advertised costs and the actual price a family will pay after scholarships and financial aid,” says Daniel Shanley, senior assistant director of admissions. “We’ve all been in the situation where we see a successful discussion fall apart immediately after sharing the tuition price, try as we might to
rebound the conversation and explain that number in terms of an actual financial impact.”

Brvenik notes, “I think this is more significant for Utica College than it would be, obviously, for a big-name Ivy League school that can probably charge anything it wants. Certainly, we’re not in that situation. But I think the fact that we are who we are gives us a better sensibility and understanding of the financial needs and wants of our students.”

**The Right College to Do It**

Many private institutions are in the same position as UC, with the ability to reset their tuition to a better price. But Utica is one of the few colleges in the nation – and the first among those it competes with for students – that has been bold enough to actually do it.

“There’s a reason our brand signature is ‘Never stand still,’” President Hutton says. “It captures the entire forward-moving spirit of Utica College. Ever since our post-WWII founding to serve returning veterans, UC has remained flexible and innovative, growing and thriving specifically because we are always committed to meeting marketplace needs.”

“We’re the right college to be so forward-thinking on this affordability issue,” agrees Board of Trustees chair Mark Pilipczuk ’88. “We’ve always been a pretty scrappy place, willing to innovate and do things that are a little different and that maybe fly in the face of a lot of things that are done in higher education. We always do them with a real understanding of the math, the logic, and the implications surrounding these decisions, but we’re not afraid to embrace change to better serve the needs of our students.”

College officials spent more than a year poring over financial models, and they found that all of the underlying fundamentals were there for Utica College to make a tuition reset work.

“For it to work, a college has to be providing a high-quality education that is in high demand,” says Laura Casamento, executive vice president and chief advancement officer. “And UC is without a doubt doing that.”

There’s no better proof of that than the fact that the largest number of new students ever chose Utica this fall, as the incoming class grew by 38 percent.

**“We expect UC to continue to grow and thrive when we remove the barrier of a high sticker price, which is simply the right thing to do.”**

- President Hutton

“What’s more, this strength in our enrollment numbers is matched by a track record of prudent planning and sound fiscal management, our continuous innovation in academic program development, and our stellar reputation for producing career-ready graduates,” Casamento adds.

While UC has always been pioneering in finding new ways to respond to marketplace needs, Brvenik makes an important distinction. “Not only are we innovative in bringing a program or solution to market; when we do it, we do it in a world-class way. We’re sure that the resources to make it successful are there, or else we don’t do it.”

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**Tuition reset saving incoming freshmen at least $6,922***

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* Savings over four years after Reset Tuition costs minus institutional aid and scholarships
How It Will Work

Nothing about the UC educational experience will need to change in order to implement the tuition reset. The quality will remain just as high, even as the College offers a better price for that experience.

In implementing the tuition reset, UC will also adjust the scholarship and grant amounts of the institutional financial aid it awards to qualified students. “The qualification criteria for our scholarships and grants will not change, but the award amounts will be reduced in accordance with the tuition reduction,” explains Gates. “So the overall effect is that UC’s net tuition revenue balances out to be nearly the same as before.”

Even so, all returning full-time undergraduate students will see their out-of-pocket cost reduced by at least $1,000 a year.

New and returning students from every family income level will also benefit from avoiding the alternative for 2016-17, which otherwise would have been a standard tuition/fees/room/board increase of approximately 3 percent (amounting to about $1,400 out of pocket).

The tuition reset also means that students from families with high financial need will see their federal and state aid stretch further and cover a greater portion of their cost.

And perhaps best of all, the tuition reset will give UC the lowest private college sticker price among all of its peer institutions in the Northeast region, ranging from New York to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut.

Lasting Effects

Because they will pay less in 2016-17, net revenue per on-campus undergraduate student will go down. Yet UC anticipates being able to offset that loss with a higher number of students ultimately enrolling at Utica.

“Our lower published cost will turn fewer families away based only on price. As they learn more about us, they’ll see the huge value of a UC degree – especially if they make it far enough along in the admission process to receive their financial aid offer and know their actual net price,” predicts Gates.

This is how affordable access to higher education happens – by removing barriers.

“We expect UC to continue to grow and thrive when we remove the barrier of a high sticker price, which is simply the right thing to do in honoring our mission of providing affordable access to a quality education that leads to rewarding careers and fulfilling lives,” President Hutton says.

“Utica College is leading the way on this because America’s colleges and universities need to change,” Pilipczuk says. “They must become more nimble in delivering higher education in ways that meet the needs of today’s students. They must become more responsive to marketplace needs so they are always providing the most relevant education. And yes, they must change their pricing system.”

“I think a lot of other colleges will start looking at doing tuition resets,” Brvenik adds. “This is like anything else. You work really hard to give yourself a competitive advantage, knowing that over time that competitive advantage will dissipate, but at that point in time you’ll be on to the next thing that makes you different.”

So other colleges will copy Utica, Brvenik predicts, “but by then we’ll have innovated even more to prove that we are delivering great value, as always.”

After all, Utica College never stands still.
UC’s Formula for Great Value

An affordable price is not the only part of the equation when it comes to calculating return on investment – Utica College also delivers quality and results. As new graduates launch their careers or continue with advanced study, they find that UC has indeed set them on a course for success and fulfillment.

Amanda Marsh ’14
A chemistry major at UC, Amanda found herself in an extremely friendly and supportive environment that gave her the confidence to ask the questions to really understand what she was learning. “My professors were in my corner more than I ever expected, providing all sorts of support as I explored my goals and options beyond UC,” she says. Along with the skills she picked up during her lab work, independent research projects, travel to conferences, and summer research internships at Clarkson University and Duke University, that confidence to ask questions served her well as she transitioned to an industry setting. A research biochemist at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Amanda is currently doing chromatography work for the downstream purification of a molecule that will be used in a drug to help prevent the rejection of kidney transplants.

Sean Feener ’14
A second-year law student at Boston College, Sean has noticed that law school students like him, who had a strong grounding in the liberal arts as undergraduates, tend to be able to think more broadly about what they’re learning. He says they have more of “a three-dimensional way in which they approach problems – not formulaically, but dynamically, to appreciate the root source of the problem plus all of the externalities in a holistic sense.” He credits the top-notch quality of UC’s English program with preparing him well to take gads and gads of written words, make something meaningful of them, and repackage them to arrive at an elegant, simple understanding of complex issues. He says, “UC gave me a foundational framework that put me light years ahead of some of my law school peers on day one.”

Victoria Montgomery ’15
Victoria knew as soon as she read its program description that economic crime investigation would be the right major for her. “You get to sort of look through a back door for clues and try to prevent a crime before it even happens,” she explains. Her coursework taught her to investigate people online, follow money trails, and think one step ahead of how a criminal would. When she saw that the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (the real NCIS) was seeking interns, Victoria seized the opportunity. One of her professors advised her to list particular UC coursework she’d taken on the résumé she submitted, and she’s convinced that’s what made her stand out among the multitude of other applicants. “At Utica, I was able to discover something I could see myself doing and loving as a career,” she says.

Kate Rosbrook ’14
Yale University’s Pierce Laboratory is the premier research institution in the nation for studying the effects of stressors in our modern environment on our physiological systems. It’s perfect work for someone like Kate, who as a psychology major at UC became interested in the brain and behavior, leading her to publish her neuroscience research as an undergraduate. Her current project deals with research on e-cigarettes, and Kate has the autonomy to do everything from design the experiments to analyze the data. She says, “The hiring for this position was very competitive, and my experiences at UC are what got me here.”

Hear more from Amanda at utica.edu/marsh.
Hear more from Victoria at utica.edu/montgomery.
Hear more from Sean at utica.edu/feener.
Hear more from Kate at utica.edu/rosbrook.
A “Never Stand Still” Result:
National Leadership in Cybersecurity Education

Utica College’s brand signature, Never stand still, embodies the institution’s commitment to the future, to innovation and discovery, and to dancing in step with an ever-changing world. It is the clarion call that urges students, faculty, and staff alike to keep moving forward and reaching new heights. And it is the spirit that drives UC to find new ways to respond to marketplace demands with solutions that benefit not only UC students, but the entire nation.

Here is just one example.

Item 1: The Need
The U.S. is the most technologically sophisticated nation in the world. Business and industry, the government, the military, utilities, transportation, the financial system – everything is operated in cyberspace. Hardly a day goes by without news of a major data breach or malware attack. So our nation has a critical need for experts in network security and digital investigation.

Item 2: The Programs
Utica College began offering an undergraduate major in cybersecurity in 2006, with concentrations in information assurance and in cybercrime investigations and forensics. Starting in 2010, a master’s degree program provided even deeper study into cybersecurity intelligence, computer forensics, and cyber operations. And this fall marked the launch of UC’s master of professional studies in cyber policy and risk analysis, focusing on issues of law and public policy, ethics, and the balance between national security and personal privacy.

Item 3: The Training
In scenario-driven situations and virtual environments, students access the latest technologies, examine active malware, use real computer forensic tools, work in internships, and develop actual technical skills. Their professors include faculty who are drawn from fields of intelligence, the military, business, and law enforcement, joining full-time faculty to develop academically rigorous, hands-on learning that delivers real-world, leading-edge knowledge.

Item 4: The Results
The National Security Agency (NSA) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have designated Utica College as a National Center of Academic Excellence in cybersecurity education. UC is the first academic institution to have received designations from both federal agencies. The U.S. Department of Defense’s Defense Cyber Crime Center has also designated UC as a National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence. UC graduates find immediate career success and are spread throughout the nation working for government agencies, the military, defense contractors, banks and financial organizations, critical infrastructure organizations, investigative companies, and more.
The Harders Choose Value Twice

Harder parents: “We wanted our boys to pick their college based on the feel, not the finances.”

A year ago, Greg and Lynn Harder were in the middle of their second college search as parents.

Their oldest son, Lucas, had earned his bachelor’s degree from UC in 2014, and was enrolled in his first year of Utica College’s doctorate of physical therapy program. And their second son, Jacob, was a high school senior determined to take a good look at all of his college options.

With their hometown of Fabius just over an hour’s drive from Utica, the Harder family traveled to campus many times during the four years Lucas played football for the Pioneers. So Jacob was already a fan of UC, but recalls, “I tried to keep my bias away from Utica, just so I could see what else was out there and not miss out on anything.”

He knew he wanted to study something within the medical field, and he knew he wanted to play college football. He applied to and visited many colleges, narrowing the field to seven finalists.

“He took a long time to decide,” says Lucas, who made a point of not swaying him. “I was very happy at UC, and got a great education, but I didn’t want to put any pressure on Jacob to come here.”

Greg and Lynn, too, only wanted Jacob’s decision to be about where he could flourish. “You can visit all the campuses, you can talk to professors and coaches and other students, but at the end of the day you just have to have a good feeling about it,” explains Greg.

That’s why Jacob’s parents were determined (just as they were with Lucas) that he not limit his options based on the price of the college. “As much as money is a big part, they didn’t want me worrying about it. They wanted me to go where I was most comfortable,” says Jacob.

“Both of our sons are good, well-rounded students, so that helped a lot when it came to scholarships from Utica in their financial aid packages,” Greg says, “To be quite honest, there were four other schools on Jacob’s list that would have been less expensive than Utica for us, but we didn’t share that with him because we didn’t want him to feel like it would have to factor into his decision. To us, it was more important that he really enjoy his college experience and walk away with a valuable degree.”

Jacob saved the last of his campus visits for UC. “I tried to keep an open mind with other colleges and did for the longest time. But when I made my Utica visit, I knew for sure it was where I wanted to go.”

Greg says he and Lynn are very satisfied with the choice that both of their sons made in selecting Utica. And maybe in another four years, the Harders’ youngest son, Gregory, will come to the same conclusion about UC’s great value.

Editor’s note: The Harder family was interviewed for this article before Utica College announced its tuition reset. Thanks to the reset, more families like the Harders who recognize the high quality of a UC education will be able to make their college decision based on value rather than cost.
A Message from the Board Chair
By Mark Pilipczuk ’88

Now is an important time in higher education. For many years in the United States, education has been seen as the way to a better life. Our parents saved to send us to college, and we worked hard to earn money so that we could achieve that dream of a college education. Our leaders, the media, and our families all encouraged us to go to college.

Recently, the narrative has changed. Some elected officials are openly questioning and even defunding the American system of public higher education. We read articles in the media that question the cost/benefit of higher education and that tell stories about students deep in debt, with no degree and no job. The Pew Research Center recently reported that 75 percent of Americans believe “most people can’t afford college.” And the conversations taking place around the dinner tables of families across America are changing. Increasingly, it’s not “Where are you going to college?” but rather, “Is college worth it?”

We all know, of course, that college is worth it.

Higher education has lost the initiative in driving the national discussion about the value and necessity of a college education. America needs quality institutions like Utica College to take back that initiative, with bold action and from a position of strength.

I firmly believe that resetting our tuition price is the right thing for our students and their families, for Utica College, and for higher education in America. Our mission and history as a college of opportunity requires that we take action to clearly communicate the value of a UC education and encourage more students to pursue their degree. Further, this action fits with our character of not being afraid to do innovative, different, and challenging things.

So we are proud to usher in this new era of college affordability and to take a leadership position in changing that discussion in the media, with our elected officials, and around those dinner tables. For the sake of our nation, that conversation must return to “Where are you going to college?” And for more of those families, the answer will be, “Utica College.”
All over Utica College’s campus, students are conducting research that has the potential to change the world. Sound like an overstatement? Read on to learn about five students whose research is making waves in their respective fields—and giving their resumes some major wow factor.
Small Steps,
Big Difference
Gabrielle Abbott ’15

The Basics: “Lots of chemists go after the big stuff,” says Gabrielle Abbott. “I’m doing the opposite.” A recent biochemistry grad, Abbott is working at the molecular level to help stop cancer from spreading. By building a drug one atom at a time, Abbott hopes to create a treatment that binds to DNA, essentially blocking cancer molecules in individuals who are predisposed to the disease. The drug could be crucial in helping patients halt the progression of some of the fastest-growing cancers.

Next Steps: With Abbott planning to attend graduate school at the University of Oklahoma this fall, she left her research in very capable hands. “[Chemistry professor Daniel Barr] has all the work from my computer, so another student can pick up where I left off,” she says. And while the decision to pass on her work wasn’t easy, Abbott believes that’s what science is all about. “Science is collaborative,” she says. “No one scientist is going to cure cancer. We all have to build off each other’s work.” Not to mention that Abbott’s accomplishments are impressive in their own right. She’s had her research published in two respected journals.

Why It Matters: As a kid, Abbott dreamed of becoming a medical doctor. Watching her mother’s struggle with multiple sclerosis—which involved dozens of prescription medications—turned her attention to the world of drug research. “I’ve seen the connection between drug and patient,” says Abbott, who realized chemistry was a better fit as a student at UC. “Even though I’m not the one dealing directly with the patient, I’m helping people. It’s another side of the same coin.”
A Smarter Form of Cancer Treatment
Anna Piasecki ’16 and Katherine Pearce ’16

The Basics: Biochemistry majors Anna Piasecki and Katherine Pearce have spent the past two years working to modify methotrexate, a drug currently used to treat cancer. The problem with current cancer drugs, explains Pearce (above, right), is “they’re not cell specific, so they kill good cells along with the bad,” which is why many come with devastating side effects that limit their effectiveness. Says Piasecki: “Doctors often have to ask, ‘Is this drug doing more harm than good?’” With the help of advanced computational software that helps chemists design drugs at the molecular level, Piasecki and Pearce are recreating methotrexate’s structure so it’s more effective in human cells. Their modified version of the drug, if successful, will target cancer cells while leaving healthy cells intact.

Next Steps: Thanks to high-level software (Utica College uses the same program as many top pharmaceutical companies), Piasecki and Pearce’s drug currently exists as only a molecular blueprint in the computer. “People think chemistry is all test tubes and beakers,” says Pearce, smiling. “It’s not like that anymore. We can do almost everything on the computer.” This, she explains limits the expense, time, and risk of physically testing new drugs. But now, with a molecular model that appears to be effective, Piasecki and Peace are in the early stages of synthesizing the drug—that is, actually creating it. It’s the first step in designing a treatment that may one day be used in top cancer centers and hospitals.

Why It Matters: While everyone has been touched by cancer in some way, for Piasecki, the disease hits even closer to home: Her dad passed away in January after suffering from a rare form of leukemia. And for both young chemists, cancer patients like Piasecki’s late father are never far from their minds. “We’re always thinking of real people when we’re in the lab,” says Pearce. “We always say that if we can make life better even for one person, it’s all worth it.”
Blending History and Hometown Pride
Nolan Cool ’15

The Basics: Nolan Cool is both a history buff and lifelong resident of the Mohawk Valley (he grew up in Frankfort, NY). So when it was time for the history major to choose a topic for his senior project, he was excited to stumble upon an area of Mohawk Valley history that other historians had largely ignored: The fur trade. During the 18th century, Cool explains, animal pelts, prized for both warmth and fashion, were big business (the traditional tri-corner hats we associate with that time period were made of beaver fur). But after the Revolutionary War, the industry was on the decline—for everyone but a handful of merchants in the Mohawk Valley. “They were smart businessmen who knew how to take advantage of their location,” says Cool. Geographically, he explains, Schenectady and other small cities along the Mohawk River were in the perfect position to act as a conduit between fur suppliers in Albany and the Great Lakes. In his research, Cool identifies the individual merchants who helped bring economic prosperity to the Mohawk Valley in a time when other regions were struggling.

Next Steps: Since completing his thesis last spring, Cool has presented his research at Student Research Day in April, and again in June at the New York State Historical Association Conference at Niagara University. He’s also got several speaking engagements lined up for the fall at different historical sites around Central New York.

Why It Matters: Cool’s research, he says, is a matter of giving credit where credit is due. “These entrepreneurs really kick-started commercial expansion in the area, and most people don’t know who they are.” But beyond that, sharing his research is one step closer to his ultimate career goal: Cool plans to earn his Ph.D. and become a public historian. “A lot of history majors go on to work in academia,” he says. “But I want to be out there in the community, showing people that history doesn’t have to be boring.”
Scents of Accomplishment
Bonita Gibb ’15

The Basics: It’s something we’ve all experienced: You catch the whiff of a certain scent—hot apple pie, freshly cut grass, a strong perfume—and you’re transported back to a vivid memory. For Bonita Gibb, a recent psychology grad, the experience inspired her research focus. With the help of psychology professor Steven Specht, Gibb hypothesized that people who describe themselves as particularly nostalgic would have more detailed recollections when presented with certain scents. To test this idea, Gibb gathered 60 Utica College students, and introduced them to four potent scents (vanilla extract, orange extract, peppermint, and maple syrup). She then asked the students to write about any memories the scents prompted. The results were surprising: Those who said they weren’t nostalgic reported the most vivid memories, describing their recollections in an average of 130 words. The self-described “nostalgic” students offered shorter descriptions, often less than 25 words. “It was the complete opposite of what we expected,” says Gibb, “It sheds new light on how the state of nostalgia is influenced.”

Next Steps: Gibb’s nostalgia research has taken a backseat since graduation in May 2015 – for good reason. Gibb was hired as a research analyst at Bassett Healthcare in Cooperstown, NY, where she’s using research to help New Yorkers implement healthier habits. “But I’ve always been fascinated by scents,” she explains. “So it’s something I hope to study more in the future.”

Why It Matters: Nostalgia is a hot topic in the psychology world because of its strong effect on mood. (Up until the 20th century, nostalgia was considered a form of depression.) Studying the ways nostalgia is induced can help psychologists treat mood disorders, and Gibb hopes her research adds to the conversation. “Humans are fascinating creatures, and the way the amygdala processes odor is something that needs to be explored further.”
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You can learn a lot about a person by how he decorates his office—especially if that person is Professor Jim Brown.

Step into Jim Brown’s office, and it’s natural to feel overwhelmed. The modest-sized room on the second floor of the ECJS building is loaded with items big (skis) and small (dozens of collector coins), all of which represent the Criminal Justice Professor’s greatest passions. Memorabilia from the 1980 Olympic games, which he attended, reminds him of family trips to Lake Placid. Ski equipment is a nod to his childhood dream of becoming a professional ski racer (“back when I was small and agile,” he says with a laugh). Then there’s the New York State Police regalia, with some items from the former cop’s own career in law enforcement, and others proudly scored on eBay. Brown’s office is also sprinkled with photos of his wife and kids—the former, he says, the reason for his overflowing workspace: “She won’t let me keep all this stuff at home!”

Here’s a closer look at some of Jim Brown’s unusual décor:

1. **Frozen Four trophy.** A huge Pioneers fan (naturally), Brown likes reminiscing about the UC hockey team’s 2013 trip to the Frozen Four tournament in Lake Placid.

2. **Marine uniform.** Brown comes from “a family of Marines,” he says. Brown himself enlisted in 1984—until an acceptance letter from Utica College changed his course. “I deferred so I could attend college, and the rest is history.”

3. **Original copy, Ronald Reagan’s letter to the nation, 1994.** When Brown was a child, his father worked as a national consultant for President Reagan. Despite never meeting Reagan himself, Brown says he’s “always felt a connection” with the late president. In the letter, dated November 5, 1994, Reagan revealed to the American public that he’d been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

4. **Moving Boxes [not pictured].** After several office moves (and a stint working from a table in the White Hall lobby), Brown always has moving boxes at the ready. “I can pack this place up in 2 hours flat,” he says.
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John Costello III*
Stewart Starer

Pioneer Society
President's Summit Circle
$10,000–$19,999
Ronald Cuccaro

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Michael Valentine

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Gerard Capraro
John Stephenson*

Founder's Society
$100–$999
Stephen Burt
Antonia Cortese
Marie Costa
Vincent Coyne
Enola Dickson*
John Farrell
Douglas Houghton
Robert Hubbell
Carol Huta
Paul LaBella
John and Patricia Mulhall
Dorene Oberman Pizer
Francis Perretta
Raymond Potasiewicz
Michael Silverman
John Slater
William Tharp Jr.

Participant
$1–$99
Joseph Annesi
Mary Boesch
Andrea Brescia
Michael Coyle
Anthony Diana
Eugene Ellis
Marlene Evans
Salvatore Falcone
Barbara Freeman
Carolyn Grinna
Linda Handler
David Kolodziej
Edward Nickerson
Robert Polce
Clifford Simon
Robert Thurnau
Leland Young Jr.

Class of 1967
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
George Lucke
David Wilson

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Frank Notarianni

Founder's Society
$100–$999
Kenneth Arnold
Joseph Barletto
Lawrence Custodero
Vito Getti Jr.
Donald Gondek
Robert and Charlain Greene
William Grove
Gregory Hamlin
Bonnie Hubbell
Stanley Jachimowski
Richard Jarvis
Karen Lally
Bruce Loomis
Adalgisa Nucci
Robert O’Gara
Richard Panko

Participant
$1–$99
M. Bruce Blocher
Richard Dewey
Herbert Dorn
Dennis Gellasch
Angela Gentile
John Humphrey
Michael and Katrina Immerman
Harold Kirschner Jr.
Janet Kolwaite
Eugene Kreger
Terrence Lisbeth
Gary Olivella
Barbara Pope
Frederick Scherer
Robert Skiba
Susanne Torres
Adolph Uryniajk Jr.
Barry Webb

Class of 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
Roberta Bonafied
Robert Byrd
Steven Callahan
Philomena Cerone
Curtis Darling
Judson Davis
Robert DeLine
Roselynn Dow
Alan Ellinwood
Thomas Flynn
Gerald Griffith
Anthony Grimm II
Joseph Hamoy
Thomas Helmer
Joseph Hovish
Sally Jarvis
Pamela Jensen-Dunsmore
Lorraine Krecidlo
David Suuronen

Participant
$1–$99
Carlton Austin
Ronald Blasi
Orlo Burch
Gerald Carville
Leonard Converse Jr.
David Cook
Lyle Eldred
Terry Fike
John Inserra
Paul Jasiewicz
Jeanne Johannes
Joan Koury
Kenneth Kuhn
John Kuk III
Robert Parsons
J. John Prestopnik
Salvatore Pristera
Lillian Randall
Fred Reuter
Donna Schebel

Class of 1969
Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000–$19,999
Thomas Cox Jr.*
Barbara Taurisano

Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
James Hickey

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Andrew Guzzetti
Scott Healy
Thomas Nelson*
James Salsbury
David Suuronen

Founder's Society
$100–$999
Douglass Bailey
Thomas and Angela Chmielenski
Linda Gigiotti
Diane Green
Barbara Marchilonis
Douglas Paton
Patricia Quinn
Robert Rasnick
Patricia Ruffalo
Wilson Tyler

Participant
$1–$99
Robert Baechle
Joan Barrett
Janet Bialek
Victoria Ciccone
John Decker
Stephen Durant
Thomas Evans
David Gibson
Daniel Hayes
Gene Ann Hoffman
Paul Jarrett
Kenneth Lerch
Joel Mizne

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Thomas Montana
Mary Lou Pristera
Mary Scallon
Linda Schmidt
Donna Schwieder
Thomas Shields
James Smith
Patricia Smith
Mark Stein
Thomas Thomas
W. Craig Tucker
Susan Uryniak
Patricia Yule
Steven Zamorski

Class of 1970

Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000–$19,999
Philip Taurisano

Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999
Frederick Degen

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Kathleen Custodero
James Samuel

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Allan Baechle
Martin Broccoli
Janice Burke
Dennis Carlow
Thomas Castner†
Olin Clark
Michael Dyer
Rosemary Gabe
Richard Gigliotti
Devlin Gualtieri
Timothy Hobbs
Thomas House
Frances Hyde
Walter Johnson
David Ketchiff
Thomas Kinney
Beverly Marcoline
George Mitchell
Michael Potts
Joseph Rugari
Barry Ryan
Daniel Salsbury
Mary Wohlscheid

Class of 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
Gordon Custodero
Frederick Potter

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Michael Adey
Joseph Ayoub Jr.
Dickenson Bigelow II

Anne Calabrese
Ronald Cilensek
Patrick Devaney
Gregory Donohue
Clare Fahy
John Gallicchio
Anne Gualtieri
Rod Gualtieri
H. George Hoffmann
Mary Anne Hutchinson
R. James Johnson
Robert Julian
Barbara Marciniak
Richard Moon
Lawrence Piper
Donna Potenza
John Schalk
Dominick Spataro
Nadine Thomas

Participant
$1–$99
Frances Alger
James Asher
John Bees
Patricia Bogan
Alan Catlin
Patricia DeMatteo
William Dennison
Charles Dougherty
Donna Falzarine
Kathleen Ford
Jon Hoffman
Richard Janowitz
Don Kieloch
Carol Kinsey
Janet Kirby
Nancy Mandry
Burrett McBee Jr.
William McMillen
Robert Miller
Kevin Moore
Sharon Nash
John Mitchie
James Pugliese
David Quadrini
Kenneth Scallon
Jeffrey Sweet
Eric Torgersen
Linda Truax
Jeffrey Whitemore
Mary Wright

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Lark Eshleman Patterson
Linda Griffin
John Kuhlmann
Timothy Moore
Timothy Noonan

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Thomas Bertlesman
John Bliss
David Butler
Martin Carlson
John Collmer
Sherry Cooperman
Virginia Esposito†
Lee Guarda
Martha Hanson
Pamela Hodge
David Mathis
Anthony Paolozzi
Wayne Perham
Andrea Rounds
Walter Rowe
Robert Warwick
Emily Wilk
John Winslow
David Yeaton
William Young Jr.

Participant
$1–$99
Michael Adamczyk
David Bonacci
Timothy Burback
Alan Caminiti
Cynthia Dardano-
Eichinger
Michael Gadziala
Mary Jackson
James Kenny
Bruce Kinsey
Cheryl Kopyt
Kenneth Mangine
Dominic Marullo
Edward Maurer III
Karen Ann Mazza
Francis Mezzanini
Frederick Munson Jr.
Cathy Anne Nagy
Alan Sterling
Gary Storms
Jeffrey Truman
Peter Yarosz

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**Class of 1973**

**Pioneer Society**
- Scholars Circle
  - $2,500–$4,999
  - James Reid

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

  **Founder’s Society**
  - $100–$999
    - Thomas and Ann Berry
    - Leonard Bryant
    - Mark Cacozza
    - Robert Cardillo
    - Rocco Carzo
    - Frederick Conte
    - John Forte
    - Joan Friedenberg
    - Richard Fuller
    - Jeffrey Ganeles and Joan Palmer Ganeles
    - Cliff Glaviano
    - Kenneth Jalowiec
    - Harry Keel
    - Joan Klossner
    - Karen Marciniak
    - John McKeon
    - Barbara Moran
    - Eileen Rehm
    - Margaret Rowe
    - James and Paulette Salamy
    - John Seymour Jr.
    - Kevin Smith
    - Priscilla Storm
    - David Thurmond
    - Robert Wineburg

  **Participant**
  - $1–$99
    - John Bowling
    - Patsy and Rachel Canarelli
    - Stephen Cicoli
    - Philip Cox
    - Ralph Godemann
    - Charles Holmberg
    - Thomas Krol
    - Donna Lewandowski
    - Charles Lyons Jr.
    - Gerald Maloney
    - Joseph Militello
    - Dwayne Robinson
    - David Sandle
    - Judith Sedlow
    - James Thomas

  Kathleen Thompson
  Robert VanGorder
  Sherri Vanno
  Kathryn Welch
  James Yule
  Craig Zurek

**Class of 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
    - John Griffin*
    - John Scott
    - Robert Sherman

  **Founder’s Society**
  - $100–$999
    - Thomas Atkinson
    - Christine Blossom
    - Gary Campbell
    - Robert Currie
    - Michael Fanoun
    - Assunda Ford
    - William Grammaticas
    - Patrick Helbach*
    - Donald Henderson
    - Sharon Jachim
    - Leo Joncas
    - James LaPaglia
    - Patricia Lonergan
    - Theresa Mack
    - William Millar
    - Suzanne Petrie
    - Alayne Podeszek
    - Anthony Prumo
    - Elmus Thompson Jr.
    - Susan Warwick

  **Participant**
  - $1–$99
    - Frank Augustine
    - Arline Beatty
    - Patricia Berardino
    - Barbara Brown*
    - Timothy Connors

George Crandall
Michael Donahue
Paul Franklin
Carol Gillis
James Gleason
Paul Hawthorne
Raymond Humann
John Kurzdzielek
Beverly Mangine
Paul Moritz Jr.
Diane Nobles
Gayle Ottremiller
Ronald Pernat
Sterling Remer
Nancy Riddell
Karyn Schneider
Joseph Tesoriere
Guy Tomlinson

**Class of 1975**

**Pioneer Society**
- President’s Summit Circle
  - $10,000–$19,999
  - Kenneth Bell
  - Richard Getty

  **Pioneer Society**
  - Charter Circle
    - $1,000–$2,499
    - John Bach Jr.
    - Brian Hughes

  **Founder’s Society**
  - $100–$999
    - Kathleen Tehan

  **Participant**
  - $1–$99
    - Lorraine Barringer
    - Richard Block
    - Patrick Devine
    - Thirza Ecker
    - Aosta Edelman
    - Peter Frischmann
    - Raymond Hagan
    - Hester Jager
    - Christopher Jasinski
    - Danielle Kincaid
    - Robert Lalli
    - Bernet Lalonde
    - William Lee
    - John Light
    - Barbara Lombardo
    - Betty Martin
    - James Moore
    - David Nobles
    - E. Daniel Powers
    - Anthony Sardino
    - Bruce Wagner
    - Keith Wheeler

**Class of 1976**

**Pioneer Society**
- Charter Circle
  - $1,000–$2,499
  - Jeffrey Senft
  - Michele Woodard

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

  **Founder’s Society**
  - $100–$999
    - Jackalyn Pettit
    - Stuart Rounds

  **Participant**
  - $1–$99
    - Albert Allen III
    - Alissa Bogorad
    - Brian Buckoski
    - Deirdre Dugan
    - David Lamb
    - Carol Lavelle
    - Donna Masi
    - Ellen Moon
    - Steven Morrison
    - Jackalyn Pettit
    - Stuart Rounds
    - James Totaro

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Participant
$1–$99
Janet Bennett
Sheldon Boyce Jr.
John Briggs
Steven Carey
Bennie Diliberto
Kim Domenico
Robert Flanders
Bennie Diliberto
Kim Domenico
Robert Flanders
Benedict Gaetano
Maureen Granat
Anne Ichihana
Robert Jeff
Jeffrey Kapela
Edward Lukomski
Terry Northup Littlefield
James Viggiano Jr.
Jeannette Williams

CLASS OF 1977
Pioneer Society
Chair's Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Robert Brvenik
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Nancy DePaolo Pattarini
Scott Weisman
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Lawrence Grasso
Jane Kelly Guzewich
Founder's Society
$100–$999
Constance Angelini
Theresa Brush
Carmen Carmody
Bradley Cohen
Sarah Hinman
Martha Lamb
Mark Mancuso
Lorraine Martin
Frank Maurizio Jr.
Kevin McKewon
Jerry Mirochnik
A. Derek Nelson
Anne Nelson
Timothy Perry
Patrick Putrello
Mary Jane Selle
Donna Thompson
Mark Weller
Joseph Zlomek

Participant
$1–$99
Michael Albin
Robert Autrey
David Bernard III
Kathy Dombrowski
Scott Gillispie
David Gruenewald
Sylvia Guarini
Lucretia Hunt
Belinda Lopez
Martin Lyons
Vincent Maneen
Kevin O'Rourke
Kathleen Roseen
Stephen Ruffrage
Pamela Seymour
Donna Spencer
Neil Thompson
Virginia Vaughan

CLASS OF 1978
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
James Caruso
Mark Gauger
Jean-Marie Kneele
Founder's Society
$100–$999
Janine Carzo
Barbara Cavaretta
Robert Clemente
Joanne DeStefano
Peter Gadziala
Joseph Giannotti
Elizabeth Gray-Nix*
George Grisham Jr.
Susanne Helbach
Shereé Helgott Mirochnik
Marc Kirschner
James Kraus
Richard Lambert
Nancy Lavine-Anderson
Steven Mitchell
Michael Pandolfo
Glenn Schumaker
F. Richard Splan
Thomas Sweeney
Bruce Szablak
Jill Ziemann Bergmann
Robert Zuccaro Jr.
Participant
$1–$99
Mark Atanasoff
Jane Balducci
David Bice
Judith Brown
Garry Fox
Leslie Goldberg
Mitchell Maryhugh
Harry Miller Jr.
Thomas Plantone
Kim Predgen
Cynthia Riccio
Janet Ringrose
Leroy Schmuck
Douglas Swarthout
Marie Tata
Henry Zucker

CLASS OF 1979
Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000–$19,999
Christian Meyer III and Mary Beth Welle-Meyer
Mark Salsbury
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Gary Kunath
Douglas Waite
Yvette Walker
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Cecelia Holloway
Richard O'Donnell*
Founder's Society
$100–$999
Siobhan Dungan
Margaret Gadziala
Janice Maurizio
Paul Murphy
Leslie North
Richard Smith
Wendy Splan
Rosemary Stickles
Joseph Tarkowski II
Peter Tarnapoll
Participant
$1–$99
Kimmerle Booth
Diane Fanoun
Mark Fulmer
Frank Furno
Jeanne Gabris
Kenneth Geer
Donald Gregory
Jeffrey Johnson
Kenneth Kakaty
George Kallaur
Henry and Kim Leibovitz
Paula Mrzlikar
Marguerite Parsons
Lorraine Rippa
Sharon Ruberti
Marlene Urz

CLASS OF 1980
Pioneer Society
Chair's Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Kenneth Taubes
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Wesley Miga and Karen Stonebraker Miga*
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Daniel Boerger
Susan Brown
Paul Hayes*
David Shanton
Founder's Society
$100–$999
Robert Blake Jr.
Natalie Brown
Michael Corasanti
Mark Dodge
Thomas Everson Jr.
Joseph Fariello
Peter Fariello
Mark Hobaica
Susan Killingbeck Knox
Philip Klossner
Peggy Lounsbury
Dean Maclachlan
Victor Nardo
Karen Potter-Hughes
Robert Thomson
Michael Turner
David Waples*
Participant
$1–$99
Linda Battin
Dawn Beers
Karen Bonoyer
Lynn Brockway
Robyn Carr
Jayne Ferguson
Robert Fiesthumel
Elizabeth Sanchez
Catherine Smith
James Smith
April Tiffany
Marjorie Ziegler

**CLASS OF 1981**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Burrstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999

John Casellini

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999

John O'Donnell*

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499

Philip and Joni Cifarelli
Joseph Giordano
Raymond Philo
Thomas Scirto
Wendy Short

**Founder's Society**

$100–$999

Kimberly Adriance
Loretta Berie*
Steven Bonsted
Carmela Caruso
Peter Hobaica
Mark and Christine Leogrande
John Reardon
Ronald Rudolph
Thomas Warren

**Participant**

$1–$99

Joni DePerno-Zahas
Nannette Dusseault
Daniel O'Connell
Maureen Pezzulo-Schlotterer

**CLASS OF 1982**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499

Mary Hayes Gordon G’13
Gloria Shaheen

**Founder's Society**

$100–$999

Victoria Celia
Paul Durr
Gary Harvey
Christine Hoke
Nancy Meninger*
Michael Meserole*
Wendy Waters G’06

**Participant**

$1–$99

Karen Bestwick Bricker
Victor Cardillo
Patricia Cecilia G’06
James Clark
Howard Cohen
Gwen Connors
Jamie Ferguson
JoAnne Hajec
Dorothy Hills
Kathleen Laurin-Bastedo
Janine Lortscher
Joan Murphy
Wayne Pater
Alex Sisti
Donna Snow-Macie
Joseph Spadafora
Terry Stark
Therese Stimson

**CLASS OF 1983**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

President’s Summit Circle
$10,000–$19,999

Andrew Hislop

**Founder's Society**

$100–$999

Dolores Boehlert
David Bourdelais
Stanley DeVost*
James Duffy
Ava Foster
Thomas Green
Mary MacEntee
Ramona Omidian
Annice Smith
Charles Teuscher
Joseph Glen Willis

**Participant**

$1–$99

Theresa Bell Nagle
William Borrill Jr.
Jo Ann Chapman
Adelaide Foresti
Edith Green
John Lansdown
Mark Larson
Carol Soja
Roxana Spano
Lynne Wadsworth
Patricia Zaccari

**CLASS OF 1984**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

President’s Summit Circle
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Edith Green
John Lansdown
Mark Larson
Carol Soja
Roxana Spano
Lynne Wadsworth
Patricia Zaccari

**CLASS OF 1985**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499

Mark Blood
DJ Carstensen Jr.
Diane Fetterolf*
Brian Jackson

**Founder's Society**

$100–$999

Steven Coleman
Joseph LiBritz
Sharon Lyke
Lorie McClory
Robert Munson II and Mariann Munson
Walter Mirek Puchalski
Kevin Schmadel*

**Participant**

$1–$99

Maryann Carlo
Rose Carpenter
Jo Ann Chapman
Adelaide Foresti
Edith Green
John Lansdown
Mark Larson
Carol Soja
Roxana Spano
Lynne Wadsworth
Patricia Zaccari

**CLASS OF 1986**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999

Thomas Wilson

**PIONEER SOCIETY**

Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499

Thomas Fiorentino Sr.
John Kellogg
Luke and Kelley Lambert

**Founder's Society**

$100–$999

Cora Bruns G’06
Charles Cerny
J. Steven DeHimer
Mary Fiore
Kevin Kasky
John Panzone
Steven and Cheryl Perog
Lawrence Sanchez*
Beth Zimpel

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Participant
$1–$99
Lea Andrew
Joseph Bigelow
Sharon Blask-Dreyer
John Brodt Jr.
Cynthia Buck
Stuart Card
Nicholas Cecere
Jeanette Conte
Mary Greene
Deborah Higgins
Daryl Mackey
Nora Mammen
Scott Miller
Ronald Morinelli
Meryl Shoneman
Virginia Warsen
Catherine Willing Deoul

CLASS OF 1987
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Louis Shkane
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Lori Fiorentino
Rose Patterson
Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Laurie Dylis Murphy
Evelyn Fazekas
James Humphrey
Stephen LaVallee
Eileen Navagh
Michael Rodzinka
Setsuko Rosen
Michael Trunfio Jr.
Participant
$1–$99
Verna Agen G’05
David Anthony
David Cidzik
Suzanne Edwards
Wendy Ellis
Michele Gridier
Jill Hester
Alan Higgins
Julie Joyce
Deborah Lucas
Lynne Macrina
Ann Roman
Kimberly Taylor
Dominick Trotta

CLASS OF 1988
Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999
Mark Pilipczuk
Robert Wuest
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
James Brown
Stacy Buckley
Carolyn Carstensen
Robert Korrie
Richard Short
Kirsten Ullman
Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Todd Armstrong
Nancy Buswell
Dean D’Amelio
Kari Davis
Julianne Enjem-Masi
Simone Hall
Brian Lauri
Susan Lux
Tresa Salter
Susan Sanchez
Joseph Wojnas
Susan Zullo
Participant
$1–$99
Susan Bartholomew
Aliciaann Beer
Evelyn Edwards
Dorothy Goodney
Yvette Harrison
Dennis Kininger
Gloria Lewin
David Miller
Christilee Proto
Mary Roberts
Richard Weig-Pickering
Randall Zuch

CLASS OF 1989
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
David Fontaine
Michael Giacobbe
Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Sarah Dam*
Leila Davis
Todd Haven
Joan Kay
Deborah LaVallee
Michael Murawski
Justine Schebel
Susan Vinal
Kevin Wade*
Dale Wagner
Participant
$1–$99
Janice Bedell
Linda Lamach
Sherri Loucks
Michael Lyktye
Alexander McDonald
Jeanne McLaughlin
Cathy Misiaszek
Jesse Ottesen
Kim Raga
Helen Rico
Julie Steele
John Stock
Gina Tomaselli
Lynn Wells

CLASS OF 1990
Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999
John Calabrese Sr.
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Blake Ford
Founder’s Society
$100–$999
John Barbieri
John Hobika Jr.
Dawn Jones G’35
Ralph Rimando Jr.
Nancy Roberts
Kenneth Senus
James Sprock
Todd Svetin
Lisa Walchusky
Participant
$1–$99
Kathleen Capozzella
Mary Cardinale
Peggy Henry
Lisa Miller

CLASS OF 1991
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
John Barbieri
John Hobika Jr.
Dawn Jones G’35
Ralph Rimando Jr.
Nancy Roberts
Kenneth Senus
James Sprock
Todd Svetin
Lisa Walchusky

CLASS OF 1992
Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999
Curtis Smith
Shelli Tsoupelis
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Julie Betro Shkane
Christine Farley

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Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Dorree Gurdak
Ann Marie Teitelbaum
Cassella

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Michelle Droll
Annemarie Garramone
Annette Gleason
Michael Schebel
Katherine Snyder
Alexander Thomas
Jonathan Wilson

Participant
$1–$99
Michael Benson
Elizabeth Bernabe
Salvatore DiRaimo
Lori Forman
Karen Hook
Christine Inserna
Louis Mardany
John Plossl
Sandra Sanger
Teresa Sheehan
James Slunker III and
Melissa Slunker
Martha Smith
Danielle Talarico

Class of 1993
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Thomas Cole
Joseph Kelly
Rich Stapleton

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Katherine Collimer
Michael Durfey
John Gunlogson
Beth Lanza
Donna Matuszek
Thomas McGinty
Robert Mina
Joseph Munzari
Andrew Quinn
Richard Racicoppa
Maryanne Seguro
John Tophoven
Helen Wagner
Nancy Wallace
Michael Yelle

Participant
$1–$99
Gillian Bishop
Adrienne Florczyk
Kelly Foster
William Girvan
Michael Graham
Christopher Hutchinson
Teresa Mann
Frederic Polito
William Prior
Julie Snyder
Alerice Walker
Jennifer Woodman

Class of 1994
Pioneer Society
Scholars Circle
$2,500–$4,999
Solade Rowe

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Stephan Shapiro

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Matthew DiCaprio
Mark Kozak
Lourdes Miranda G’02
Todd Prouty

Participant
$1–$99
Kenneth Alt
Robert Elinskas
Kristen Holt
Michele Hoover
Erika Sten
Ann Tabrizi
Pamela Warner

Class of 1995
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
John Snyder

Founders Society
Marlene LiBritz
Cynthia Powers
Melissa Racicoppa
Joseph Sallustio III
Joseph Sallustio Jr.

Participant
$1–$99
Allison Benbe
Laurette Coluccio
Laura Cook
Sandra Fairbanks-McGlynn
Lorraine Panella
Kimberly Richardson
Anne Schuler
Jennifer Sexton
Kathryn Wardell

Class of 1996
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Linda Aaronson

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Amy DiCaprio
Shawn Gaffney
Yolanda Holmes
Paul Powers
Jay Snow

Participant
$1–$99
John Kokorus
Andrea Malachowski
Patricia Reile
Maliaka Sinti
Reginald Starr
Mark Strong
Vicki Wilson

Class of 1997
Pioneer Society
Burstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999
Daniel Jones*

Participant
$1–$99

Class of 1998
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Kyo Dolan G’03
Lauren Mattia

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Scott Goodrich
Andrew Siuta
Mary Snyder Radel
Stephen Surace
Patricia Vidoni-Biernat

Participant
$1–$99
Laura DeStefanis
Michael Fitzsimmons
Robin Hajdasz
Deborah Mangan
Ryan Overfield
Gregory Rorick
Danielle Walker

Class of 1999
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Faön Mahunik

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Andrew Arcuri
Martin Bruns
Renee Deluke
Jill Goodrich
Dominique Hubbard
Tyson Lowry
Jessica Nelson
David G’06 and Lisa
Schilling
Polly Smith

Participant
$1–$99
Maryerin Agard
Mary Christopher
Patricia Haggas

† deceased  *arranged for matching gift
Jeremy Levine
Eric Mosca
Deborah Rickard
David Satterlee
Heather Thomas
Antonette Vanderlan
Eileen Welpe

**CLASS OF 2000**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Chair's Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Jeremy Thurston

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Kelly Adams

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Matthew Kovacs G'12
Michael Miller

**Participant**
$1–$99
Karis Browder G'13
Erin Engstrom
Tamara Flory
Ichiro Seto

**CLASS OF 2001**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Michele Adams

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
William Callahan III
Robert Jones G'01
Jeremy Welsh

**Participant**
$1–$99
Raymond Bownds
Paul Gardner
Amy Hilliker
Jennifer Satterlee

**CLASS OF 2002**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Benjamin Mack

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Tom Bock G’02
Suzanne Lynch G’02
Roy Miller Jr.
Candice Ossowski
Michael Parnell

**Participant**
$1–$99
Robert Allen G’04
Paula Bicking
Bryan Burnham
Janet Desens
Robert Masterman G’04
Seth Owens

**CLASS OF 2003**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Brian Agnew
Matthew Carr

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Damaris Bergas
Douglas Croft
Philip McGrath
Salvatore Paladino III
Michael Volz

**Participant**
$1–$99
Scott Bushinger
Kristy Fischmann
Dan George
Cully Patch G’12
Cicily Tal erico

**CLASS OF 2004**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Anthony Fus Jr. G’06, G’11
Travis Kuhl
Anthony Martino G’04

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Janice Cavallo-Volz
Brian Kaley
Ruth McDermott-Kramer
Daryl Neier G’04
Ingrid Otto-Jones
Frank Robertello Jr.
Jeffery Whalley

**Participant**
$1–$99
Ashanna Carmichael
Kenneth Fischmann
Aricka Ford
Tammy Jones
Matthew LaBella
Derek MacTurk

**CLASS OF 2005**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Julian Alteri
Gary Heenan G’05

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
James Farr G’12
Kirstin Impicciatore G’05
Peter Masterpole
Richard Rager
Paul Ward

**Participant**
$1–$99
Lisa Hoskey G’05
Jenny Lounsbury
Angel Ramirez
Israel Reyes and Elizaveta
Cruz Reyes
Kenneth Szczesniak G’10
William Williams G’05
Amelia Zwecher

**CLASS OF 2006**

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Danielle Andrew G’08
John Danella
Sean Miller
William Pluff G’11
David Sutch
Kevin Whiting

**Participant**
$1–$99
Sheavon Coggins
Mark LaPolla
Matthew Miles
Ryan Phelan
CorrinaMaxe Rustmann
Melissa Sageer
Charleen Sangiacomo
Colleen Strife
Mia Townsend
Megan White

**CLASS OF 2007**

**PIONEER SOCIETY**
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Julia Alteri
Shauna Malta G’07
Denise McVay G’07

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Jon Ames
Jennifer Miller
John Pretola
Jan Simpson G’07

**Participant**
$1–$99
Robert Byrnes G’07
Connor Downing G’13
Kevin Ford G’07
Eric Longway
Shawn Loutsch
Raymond Pescatore
Marianne Pratt
Jessica Reho
Stephanie Yates

**CLASS OF 2008**

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Patrick Buchinski
Kyle Strife
Adalea Sulemanovic

**Participant**
$1–$99
Patrick Cooney
Lucy Cortez G’08
Amanda Damiano
William Dun- dion
Erica Eckman
Marissa Fiorentino-Olivera
Christine Hunt G’08
Brittany Johnson G’10
Kimberly Major G’10
Lisa Murante
John Slopnick
Carrie Tinker G’13
Janet Woods

**CLASS OF 2009**

**Founder's Society**
$100–$999
Benjamin Atwood G’13
Michael Atwood
Leslie Corbo G’12

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Participant
$1–$99
Matthew and Katie Falso
Brian Gleitsmann
Kaleena Hoch
William Kitts
Robert Montgomery G’12
Travis Olivera
Cedric Sickout G’09

Class of 2010
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Tanner Stewart
Lien Vu*

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Eric Kahl G’13
Jacqueline Klotzbach

Participant
$1–$99
Sonja Buccheri
Marcus G’14 and Emely G’14 Guridineer
Thomas Holt Jr.
Brian Marcantonio Jr.
Tracy Merrell
Megan Wilson

Class of 2011
Pioneer Society
Burrstone Circle
$5,000–$9,999
Joseph Chubbuck

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Alyssa Cortese
Jaime Evanoff
Kevin Hennion
Eliza Kelley G’14

Class of 2012
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Stephen Karbowski

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Gregory Caloia
Alexander Dawes
Michael Dixon
Nicholas Pinnisi
Daniel Shanley II
Gail Tuttle

Participant
$1–$99
Holly Carroll G’12
Rebecca Corsones
Jacob Crawford G’14
Catherine DeGarmo G’12
Aundrea Doria
Keith Douglass
Marisol Enriquez G’12
Jon Kealy
Greg Kitchens G’12
Brandon LaRoy
Tyler Malagisi
Nicholas Mayhew
Michael Mirabueno G’12
Jessica Nyirinkwaya
Yvette Piper G’12
Maria Santucci
Amanda Sulicz
Megan Wickham G’12

Class of 2013
Pioneer Society
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000–$19,999
John Johns G’13*

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Martin Adams G’13
Andrew Benkwitt Jr.
Jennifer Urbanke
Scott Williams

Participant
$1–$99
Trisha Barone
Cody Bly
Alexander Castilla
Hilda Chow
Carrie Cohen
Patrick Dundon
Kevin Galek
Geno Latella
Alice Mann
Gina Marcantonio
Michael Palmisano
Chawntavia Ruffin
Caren Summers G’13
Dillan Torres
Keshia Walendziak
Ronette Wiley G’13

Class of 2014
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Dale Scalise-Smith G’14

Founder’s Society
$100–$999
Linda Madore G’14
Joshua Visalli

Participant
$1–$99
Danielle All
Tracy Balduzzi G’14
Gabrielle Buzeck
Kara Buttemore
Dana Christofferson
Anthony Cipolletti G’15
Gary Carrock Jr. G’14
Sijii Cyriac G’14
Shaylynn Dewey
John Finger G’14
Sarah Martin G’14
Kenneth Ngai G’14
Denise Roman G’14
Elizabeth Sacco
Jeffery Sperry G’14
Michael Vitacolonna

Class of 2015
Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000–$2,499
Michael Taffe

Participant
$1–$99
Justin Hubman
Megan LaSage
Brittany Madonia G’15
Elaine Paravati
Gerald Testa

Current Students of Utica College

Pioneer Society
Charter Circle
$1,000 – $2,499
Mikhail Bushinski
Joel Wetmore

Founders Society
$100 - $999
Erica Chaparro

Participant
$1 - $99
Erica Antoine

Jacob Bailey
Ignacia Bermudez
Jabarie Brooms
Kendall Brown
Karina Cabrera
Kyle Cairns
Nicole Calhoun
Horace Derrick Jr.

Estany Franco
Malik Gayle
Sara George
Corey Giacovelli
Maya Johnson
Ryan Leonard
Michael Mayo II
Brian Mazurowski

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Evelyn Metta
Mark Needham
Tobias Neto
Bianca Ogando

Oluwakemi Olatunji
Angelique Pavlovsky
Arsadur Rahman
Ashley Rider

Sheila Rojas
Miguel Segura
Carl Smith
Jazmine Vazquez

Jessica Verdejo
Juwan Wilson
Thomas Woodburn

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**Pioneer Society**
Chair’s Summit Circle
$20,000 or more
Anonymous
Shirley Casab*

**Pioneer Society**
President’s Summit Circle
$10,000 - $19,999
Anonymous
Don H’14 and Edna Carbone
George Casab
James and Cynthia DuRoss
Lawrence and Elizabeth Gilroy
Michael and Kelly Parsons
John Romano
Linda Romano and Russell Petralia*
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**Pioneer Society**
Burstone Circle
$5,000 - $9,999
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Connie Degen
Marianne and Peter Gaige
Rick Green
Scot and Jill Hayes
Donald Majka
Christopher and Kari Max
Stephanie Opalka
Thomas Sinnott
Symeon Tsoupeilis Jr.
John Wade

**Pioneer Society**
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Ifigenia Brown
Matthew Fong*
David and Janet Griffith
Samuel and Nancy Hester
Deidra Kelly*
Alan Leist Jr. and Constance Leist

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J. Kemper Matt Sr. and Angela Matt
George Nehme
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**Pioneer Society**
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Robert Bannigan
Martin Biegelman H’10
William and Janet Chantry*
James and Margaret Clifford
Maxwell Cohen
Michael and Evy Dansky
Mark and Deborah Daviau
Vincent Picchi
Andrea Guy
J.K. Hage III and Hedy Hyde-Hage
Beth Hershenhart
Kenneth Jones
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Salvatore Longo
Elizabeth Masi
Michael Morris
Howard and Roberta Morrow
Dorace Newman
Earle Reed
Russell Schmitt
Robert Seward
John Spinella
Carol Steele
Chuck Tomaselli
Russell Williams
Harry and Ruth Wolfe
Richard Zick

**Founder’s Society**
$100 - $999
Arthur Abrahamsen and Jennifer Baron
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Eula Bierria
Marilyn Bremer
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Richard and Ann Briggs
Eugene Brockway
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Michael and Jennifer Faustino
Gerald and Maria Fiorini
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Evelyn and James Friel
Donna Fulmer
Brian and Sandra Gaetano
Mary Judith Gaetano
Benjamin Gioseffi
Michael and Ceci Goldstone
Andrew Goodemote
Renee Rodriguez-Goodemote
Guy Graziano Sr. and Palma Graziano
Timothy Guido
Elaine Hage
Joan Ann Handy
Elizabeth Harvila
Linda Henry
Mark Hewko
Kirk and Linda Hinman
Dorothy James
Mark Jedrewski
David Jones

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Mark and Linda Slavin
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Eriksen Stropp
Sharon and Stanley Taylor
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Joseph and Evelyn Tierno
June Tinker
Linda and James Tuggey
William Turnpenny
Dwight Vicks
Judith Vicks-Sweet
Edward and Dana Wacksman
Sandi Wagner
Andrew and Laura Weimer
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DeForest and Judy Winfield
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John Anderson
Dennis and Margaret Anunciata
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Victoria Beeker
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Pamela Bierria-Anderson
Ann Binondo and Oscar Binodo Jr.
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Edward and Freida Blask
George and Janet Boles
David and Margaret Bonsignore
Lori and Richard Bowan
Stephanie Broomfield
Anne and Frederick Bruzese
Donna Burhans
Albania Cabrera
Joan and Archie Cappotelli
William and Katherine Carroll
Diane Carson
Donald and Linda Chaput
Amy and Norman Chirco
David Christopher
Andrew Cohen
Leslie Cohen
Gerold and Susanne Cole
Constance Colury-Kalfa and George Kalfa
Jan Corn
Mary Ellen and Anthony Corry
Anthony Cotrupe
Kelly Ann and Paul Cybulski
Maria Da Silva and Paolo Neto
Maureen Darling
Margaret Delaney
Dawn Dellacamera
Ruth Demers
Irene and Thomas Deprez
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Dolores DiSpirito*
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Stephen and Irene Gilles Dorothy Goodale
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Rebecca Grabski
Edward Greene Sr. and Katherine Greene
Elizabeth Grider
Donald and Kathleen Guido
Richard and Shelly Haddock
Toffe Hadity II and Elinor Handty
Jennifer Hale
Deanna and John Halpin
Jamie and Howard Hand
Brenda and Jeremy Hossler
Jill Howlett
Joseph and Catherine Hughes
Robin Iveson
Richard and Sarah Jerro
Louis Kallasy
Arlene Kamilow
Nadeem Khan
Doneilous King
Eileen and Eugene Kipper
Alice Kowalski
Kenneth and Patricia Kryztol
Jianmin Kuchera
Marvin Lasker
Richard Lawler
Barbara Lawry
Olivia Lester
Mark and Mae Listovitch
Kim Luker
Emerson and Kimberly Lyndaker
Elizabeth Maciejewicz
Eileen and Joseph Mancuso
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Lauren Poccia
Raymond Poland
Robert Porter
Anthony and Charlene Reppen
Maureen and Steven Reynolds
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David and Cynthia Roefaro
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Pioneer Society
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Laura and Philip Casamento
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James ’73 and Linda Reid

Pioneer Society
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Jill and Thomas Filkins
Assunda Ford ’74
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Peter ’78 and Margaret ’79 Gadziała
Vivian and Lawerence Gamblib
Anthony ’61 and Annemarie ’92 Garramone
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Paul and Stephanie Granger
Eileen and Charles Greenwald
Keith and Dorna Griffiths
James Hamlet
Scott Handy
Kenneth ’64 and Carol ’64 Hawks
Donald ’74 and Mary ’75 Henderson
Mark ’80 and Elizabeth Hobaica
James and Judith Hoffman
Daniel and Sylvia Hogan
Robert ’66 and Bonnie ’67 Hubbell

Mary Anne ’71 and
Norman Hutchinson
Robert ’97 and Mary Ann Janda
Glenn and Carolyn Kahane
Daniel and Susan Kane
William Kassar Jr. and Lynn Scotti Kassar
Lawrence and Teresa Kata
John ’62 and Elizabeth Ann Kennedy
Susan Killingbeck Knox ’80 and Keith Knox
Thomas ’70 and Janice Kinney
Richard ’78 and Marie ’61 Lamberti
Ronda and Ross Laquay
Marc and Lisa Lasker
Paul and Susan Lehmann
James and Kim Lenahan
Christine ’81 and Mark ’81 Leogrande
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Karen and Joseph Lotz
Peggy ’80 and Robert Lounsbery
Ralph and Frances Lucia
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- Lorraine and J. Franklin Balogh
- Franklin and Annette Barber
- Ronald '71 and Suzanne Bazan
- Kerry Beattie
- Arline '74 and Robert Beaty
- Patricia Benthin
- Peter Bereskin
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- Paul and Carolyn Bongiorno
- Madelyn and Robert Bradigan
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- Thomas and Christine Brown
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- Robert and Mildred Burke
- Mark and Patti Burnett
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- Bradley and Joann Campbell
- Fred and Kathleen Capozzella
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- Thomas and Lisa Collins
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- Christine Cooper and George Cooper Jr.
- James and Linda Corsones
- Cheryl and Scott Crossett
- Tom Danziger
- Timothy and Gail Davis
- Thomas and Donna Dawes
- Virginia DeRusso and Peter DeRusso Jr.
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- Carole and George Deyo
- Jeffrey and Mona Dibble
- Thomas and Doreen Dinnen
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- David and Linda Donato
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- Thomas and Barbara Dyer
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- Jennifer Fitzgerald and Jay Hunnewell
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- Kathleen ’70 and Daniel Ford
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- Marilene Grand-Pierre
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- Richard and Virginia Guistina
- Jeffrey and Linda Haasbeek
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- Jeffrey and Celest Hall
- Linda Handler ’66
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- John ’68 and Diana Inserna
- David and Oteca Johnson
- Catherine and Richard Jones
- Darrell Jones Sr. and Michele Jones
- Julie ’87 and Kevin Joyce
- Kenneth ’79 and Geraldine Kakaty
- Thomas Kenealy
- James ’72 and Mary Anne Kenny
- Kathy Lynn and Stephen Khuns
- David King
- David Kirkpatrick and Noreen Wolansky
- John and Barbara Klein
- Candi and David Kupris
- Mark ’06 and Anita LaPolla
- Cyndee Lachmann
- Bernet Lalonde ’75
- Stanley Lelewski Jr. and Patricia Lelewski
- Josephine and Gary Lesniak
- Shelley Levin Ferro
- Kathy and Daniel Lupo
- Emerson and Amanda Lyndaker
- Johnni Mahdi
- Julia and Jude Manford
- Teresa ’93 and Joseph Mann
- Gabriele ’83 and Regina Martini
- Mitchell ’78 and Barbara Maryhugh
- Edward Maurer III ’72 and Rosemary Maurer
- Debra and Gerard McQuay
- Donna ’84 and Gerald Mead
- Robert and Josephine McCalanianos
- Beverly Michalko
- Marcia and Byron Miller
- Laura Misiaszek
- Thyrja Muhammad
- Neil and Theresa Murphy
- Robert and Debra Ogren
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- Marc and Terra Pelletier
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- Murphy and Francia Reed
- Mary Regan
- Eugene Ring
- Amy Romeo
- Charleen ’06 and Gerald Sangiacomo
- Kenneth ’71 and Kathryn Saucier
- Philip and Roberta Schnepf
- Kenneth and Vanessa Scott
- Sheri Seitz
- Kevin and Cheryl Sekuterski
- Pauline and John Shea
- Mark and Tammie Sokolowski
- Robert and Connie Sosnowski
- Karen Stephens
- Sandra and Harry Stephens
- Rebecca Sullivan
- Caren G’13 and Matthew Summers
- Linda and Paul Szczesniak
- Stephen and Loretta Szczygield
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- Sheri Vanno ’73
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Richard Fenner
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William Virklar
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Edward Jones ’62
Robert Jones ’01
Barbara Jordan ’75
Joan Kay ’89
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Marian Munson ’85
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Polly Smith ’99 and
Alexander Thomas ’92
R. Scott Smith
and Mahadevi
Ramakrishnan
Bobbi Smorol
Kerry Sullivan ’97
Wayne Sullivan
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Thomas Trinco
Mary Tulip
Gail Tuttle ’12
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Robert Warwick ’74
R. Barry White
Regina Zdeb ’70
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Tracy Balduzzi G’14
Frances Barnard
Trisha Barone ’13
Kirsten Barton
Lindarae Bauer
Irene Brown ’62
Randal Caldwell ’83
Jamie Callari
Mary Camello
Mary Cardinale ’90
Gary Carrock Jr. G’14
Frank Cittadino
Linda Clark
Gwen Connors ’82
Jeanette Conte ’86
Alexis Cooper
Lucy Cooper
Nicole Cornachia-
Morgan
Susan Cox
Harvey Cramer
Jacob Crawford 12, G’14
Michele Davis G’11
Catherine DeGarmo G’12
Craig Dewan
Michael DiMeo
Brandi Dodge
Connor Downing ’07, G’13
Gail Durr ’97
Holly Fedorka
Lois Fisch
Kristy Fischmann ’03
Carol Fitzsimmons
Melissa Foote
Rochelle Fredsell
Jeremy Gibbs
Brian Gleitsmann ’09
Lynn Guca
Marcus Gurdineer ’10, G’14
Marie Hage
Jo Ann Hayward
Kristen Holt ’94
Marie Iannone
Catherine Jones
Richard Joseph
John Kaftan
Tyson Kreiger
Andrea Lawrence
Dorothy Lewis
Halina Lotyczewski
Stacy Ludwikowski
Derek MacTurk ’04
Joanni Mahdi
Nancy ’70 and Robert
Mandry
Brian Marcantonio Jr. ’10
Gina Marcantonio ’13
Kristen Mather
Judith McIntyre
Claire McLain
Debra McQueary
Celeste Moore
Jessica Munn
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Kathleen Novak
Daniel O'Toole
Travis Olivera ’09
Vincent Palmieri
Anne Patterson
Louise Phelps
Wendy Powers
Richard ’90 and Tracy
Pratt
Lisa Rabideau
Jason Rose
Charleen Sangiacomo ’06
Teresa Sheehan ’92
Robert Sniezek
Marc Spaziani
Kristin St. Hilaire
Jacquelyn Stasiak
Sandra Stephens
Linda Stewart
Rebecca Sullivan
Caren Summers G’13
Linda Szczesniak
Cicily Talerico ’03
Nicole Thompson
Carrie Tinker ’08
Brittany Toth
Jennifer Turman
Alfred Valentini
Alane Varga
Kevin Waldron
Lesley Wallace
Michelle Ward
Jeannette Williams ’76
James Wilson
Megan Wilson ’10
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Fund
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Foundation, Inc.
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Foundation

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Bristol-Myers Squibb
Colgate-Palmolive
Con Edison
ExxonMobil
General Electric
General Mills
Genesee & Wyoming, Inc.
Global Impact
Harbridge Consulting
Group, LLC
IBM
JPMorgan Chase
Johnson & Johnson
KPMG
KeyBank
Lockheed Martin
MAP Royalty, Inc.
MassMutual
Mohawk Ltd.
National Fuel Gas
Company
Northwestern Mutual Life
Insurance and Financial
Services
Novo Nordisk
Pacific Life Insurance
Company
Pfizer
PowerTek Corporation
State Farm Companies
Strategic Financial Services
Thomson Reuters
United Technologies
Utica National Insurance
Group
Verizon
Wells Fargo

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$20,000 or more
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Adirondack Financial Services Corporation
The Hayner Hoyt Corporation
Mac-Clark Restaurants

PIONEER SOCIETY
Scholars Circle
$2,500 - $4,999
Anonymous
260 Structural Engineering
AmeriCU Credit Union
Assured Information Security, Inc.
Boulevard Trailers Inc.
Cobblestone Construction Co.
Cooley Group, Inc.
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Sterling Marketing Services
Strategic Financial Services
Turning Stone Resort & Conference Center

PIONEER SOCIETY
Charter Circle
$1,000 - $2,499
Anchor Heating & Air Conditioning
B-Dry System of Syracuse & Utica, Inc.
BBL Construction Services, LLC
H. R. Beebe, Incorporated
Big Yellow Transportation, Inc.
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C. Lewis Tomaselli Architects
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Dupli Envelope & Graphics Corporation
Excelsus Health Plan, Inc.
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Innovative Resources Group, Inc.
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Lexi LLC
McCarrafe Beverages, Inc.
McQuade & Bannigan, Inc.
Meyda Lighting
NBT Bank of New Hartford

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Oriskany Garage Tire & Automotive Service
Parkway Drugs of Oneida Co. South, Inc.
RBS Citizens, N.A.
Rig All, Inc.
Shots Sports Bar, Inc.
Southwest Grill of New York, LLC Co-Op
Marketing Fund
John Spinella Excavating Co., Inc.
Stapleton Construction
Steet Toyota - Scion
Temo Service Industries, Inc.
Touch of Italy
Trenton Technology, Inc.
U. S. Security Services, Inc.
Utica First Insurance Company
Utica Valley Electric Supply Co., Inc.
Waste Management Of NY - Utica

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BJR Public Relations
BSN Sports
Babe’s Macaroni Grill & Bar
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Black River Systems Company, Inc.
Buffalo Niagara Transport, LLC
C.T. Male Associates, P.C.
Capitol Supply Co., Inc.
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An Exceptional Fight
In a powerful memoir, Barbara Chubbuck details the extraordinary way her son, Joseph Michael Chubbuck ’14, fought the hardest battle of his life.

In late 2011, Joseph Chubbuck was a typical 20-year-old from Rome, N.Y., studying at Utica College. Joey, as he was known to family and friends, was an energetic, ambitious student majoring in physics with a minor in math. He was also a member of the Army National Guard; Joey had spent the summer of 2011 at boot camp in Fort Jackson, S.C. His ultimate goal was to put his UC degree to use in a career with the government, perhaps in the CIA or in military research.

But the Chubbuck family’s world was turned upside down in early 2012, when Joey was diagnosed with a rare cancer, a type of sarcoma known as DSRCT. The following 16 months were a blur of surgeries, chemotherapy, travel, and long hospital stays. Early in the journey, Joey’s mother, Barbara, began to channel her emotions into a diary. In her writing, Barbara chronicled every step of Joey’s battle, including the small moments that revealed Joey’s courage, humor, and strength. The result is Strength Beyond Measure, a 152-page memoir published by CreateSpace Independent Publishing in April 2015. The powerful, emotional book is excerpted (in color) below:

THE DIAGNOSIS
It began in January 2012: Joey was home for the winter break when he started experiencing strange symptoms—night sweats, loss of appetite, and extreme fatigue—all unusual for the physically fit 21-year-old. At his mother’s urging, Joey made an appointment with his family doctor, who quickly diagnosed him with appendicitis. Joey was rushed into the operating room for an emergency appendectomy, while Barbara, his dad, Joe, and older sister, Alicia, waited for updates.

After Joey was taken into surgery, we paced back and forth in the waiting room. In less than fifteen minutes, the surgeon came to see us. His facial expression told us all we needed to know. Joey’s abdomen was full of cancer. The cancer had wrapped itself around the appendix resulting in appendicitis. The surgeon was able to remove the appendix and retrieve several sizeable biopsies. We quizzed him—had he ever seen anything like this before? What type of cancer was it? Was it treatable?—He told us he had seen this type of cancer before, but not in someone Joey’s age. He said, “I’m sorry, but his prognosis isn’t good.”

Just over a week later, after several tests, Joey and his parents met with an oncologist, who gave them more grim news: Joey’s cancer was very rare and advanced. It would likely end his life within a year. Heartbroken but determined, Barbara talked with a local specialist and learned of a new type of surgery that, when combined with chemotherapy, had helped others with these forms of invasive cancers achieve remission. At the suggestion of a local specialist, Barbara and Joey traveled to the UPMC-Passavant hospital in Pittsburgh for the surgery. During the procedure, the doctor discovered that the tumor in Joey’s abdomen had spread more than the CT scan had revealed. In an effort to stop the cancer’s growth, the doctor removed Joey’s spleen and large sections of his small intestine, and portions of his liver and rectum. The news devastated Joey’s family, who knew his quality of life would decline significantly, even if he was able to beat the cancer. Meanwhile, the 12-hour surgery left Joey weak; he required a ventilator to breathe and was sent to the ICU to recover.
Nothing prepares a parent for seeing their child in ICU, let alone on a ventilator. Looking down at my son, I was overcome by how frail he looked. I lifted one of his hands and placed it in mine. Alicia stood across from me, gently rubbing the top of Joey’s other hand with her fingers. We both struggled to maintain our composure. Joe took one look at Joey and walked past him to the window. He stood there a few moments before returning to Joey’s side. The reality of what Joey was going through was apparent to us. How could Joey be in this position? Just a few months ago, he was at the top of his game, on the verge of making his mark in the world. Now, he was fighting for his life.

Joey faced several complications after surgery, including a blood clot in one of his lungs. His recovery was long and grueling. After nearly a week in the ICU, when Joey stabilized, Joey’s dad and sister returned home, leaving Barbara alone with her son for over a month. She rarely left Joey’s bedside as he fought to regain the strength to travel.

Joey and I created a lifetime of memories in the weeks we spent together. We talked about life, faith, his childhood, the future, and his cancer. Some days I couldn’t fathom what the future held for him. I seemed to have a constant ache in my heart. I said a Novena to the Blessed Mother twice a day. Every night, before bed, I would say the rosary. I was scared. I knew the road ahead was going to be long and difficult. Joey had endured so much already and he still had to endure aggressive chemotherapy.

SURVIVING “THE RED DEATH”

Joey’s doctors in Pittsburgh recommended six courses of rigorous chemo, a regimen nicknamed “The Red Death” for its devastating side effects. From his first round in August 2012, Joey experienced constant nausea and pain, leaving him confined to his hospital bed in Pittsburgh. But by late November, he was well enough to return home for Thanksgiving.

Once, during his chemo treatments, I asked Joey why he would stare at me so much. I would wake up some nights in his hospital room to find him looking over at me. He told me he was making memories, mental snapshots, to keep in case he didn’t make it. Now, on Thanksgiving, I was the one making memories. I kept watching Joey as I thought, “Will this be the last Thanksgiving with my son?”

The following weeks were wrought with complications. The chemo had ravaged Joey’s body, leaving him visibly emaciated and weak. At home on New Year’s Eve 2012, Joey started experiencing intense abdominal pain and began to vomit. Barbara called his doctor, who told her to rush him to Pittsburgh as quickly as possible. In Pittsburgh, Joey underwent yet another surgery—this time to remove a blockage in his intestine. During the surgery, the doctor found more adhesions and tumor growth than expected, a sign that the cancer had stopped responding to the chemo. The doctor delivered some difficult news to Joey’s parents: Joey didn’t have much time left. As Barbara, Joe, and Alicia processed the information, Barbara found herself alone with Joey, faced with the task of sharing the heartbreaking news with her son.
After Joey stabilized, Joe and Alicia left to get breakfast. As soon as they left, Joey motioned for me to come closer. When we were a little boy, he would pull my face to his with both his hands, and look deep into my eyes. He did exactly that as he softly said, “What’s wrong, Mother? What are you scared of?” My eyes filled with tears as I replied, “Don’t do this to me, Joey. Please don’t.” He told me it would be okay, no matter what it was. “Tell me about my surgery, Beautiful. It’s OK, I need to know.” I proceeded to tell him the news. He listened intently, gazed down at his lap, and through tear-filled eyes said, “Is that all there is, Mom? My candle will go out at twenty one… my life will be over?” Then, we cried. After a few minutes, he sighed and said, “Look at it this way, Mama. I will be with Grandpa. I will come to meet you when it’s your time.”

**FINDING COMFORT**

Despite continuing chemo, Joey’s health worsened. Finally, after accepting that further treatment was futile, Joey asked his doctors if he could return home to say his final goodbyes. He was assigned a palliative pain team, and hospice workers helped prepare the family home in Rome for his return. A hospital bed was set up in the living room, along with other medical supplies. Friends and family visited, and Joey spoke with them privately, giving each person an item that had special meaning. Yet, despite his condition, Joey had an important errand to run: He needed to rent a tuxedo. Months earlier, Joey’s childhood friends Kyle and Rachel had asked him to be a groomsman in their wedding on August 3, 2013. Joey had promised to attend, so on July 12, three days after returning home to live out his final days, Joey and his family went to the men’s clothing store.

The day of the fitting Joey had all he could do to get up and get into his wheelchair, but he did it. The woman measuring him was noticeably touched by his determination and simultaneously overwhelmed by his frailty. She tried her best to hide her pity as she measured him. But I think she almost lost it when he said, “Can I look at brown tuxes? I would like one for my funeral.” Leave it to Joey. He selected a traditional tuxedo in chocolate brown with a light beige textured vest and tie. He also picked out a pair of new shoes. Not too many people could do such a thing, but Joey was not your typical person. We had all come to know this by now.

Later, Joey accomplished another seemingly incomprehensible task: He chose his own headstone, a statue of St. Michael the Archangel made of gray granite. As Joey’s body deteriorated, he accepted that he was too weak to attend his friends’ wedding. He told his mother that instead, he would be there in spirit. So on July 29, at Joey’s request, the doctors increased his pain medication and discontinued the IV drip, his only form of nutrition, the final preparations in the dying process. While they were overcome with anguish and grief, Joey’s family was in awe: Joey seemed calm and content. He laughed and joked when he could. He greeted his mother each morning with, “Hello, Beautiful!” More than anyone else, Joey was the one who helped his family cope.

Joey was lying in bed when his Dad came in to give him a hug. Joey said, “Are you alright, Dad?” As he hugged Joey, Joe shook his head and began to cry. “This just isn’t fair. This shouldn’t have happened to you at such a young age when you had so many dreams and plans ahead of you. I will never understand why this had to happen. I’m sorry I couldn’t protect you, Joey.” Joey said, “This is not your fault, Dad. You did all you could. It’s all part of God’s plan. A plan I don’t understand now, but I will when I pass away.”
PEACE, AT LAST

On August 1, 2013, at 3 o’clock in the afternoon, Joseph Michael Chubbuck passed away. He was surrounded by his family in the home where he grew up. Seconds after Joey took his last breath, sunlight filled the Chubbuck family’s living room. A sign, Barbara remembers thinking, that her son was finally at peace.

Joey’s friends Kyle and Rachel were married two days later. A photo of Joey was placed on a small table next to the groomsmen, where Joey would have stood, and at the head table at the reception. Joey’s picture appeared in nearly every photo taken that day. Just as he wanted, he was truly there in spirit.

In spring 2014, almost a year after Joey’s death, Barbara was surprised to receive a package in the mail from Utica College. In it, a letter from President Todd Hutton explained that Joey would be posthumously honored with his Bachelor of Science Degree at that year’s commencement ceremony. So in May 2014, in the Utica Memorial Auditorium, Barbara and Joe watched as Joey’s military beret was placed in a chair next to his fellow graduates, and a visibly choked-up President Hutton shared Joey’s story from behind the podium. “I tell you [Joey’s] story not to make you sad,” Hutton told the crowd, “but to inspire you. Joe Chubbuck reached for what he thought was impossible. And from this day forward, he will be recognized as a UC graduate.”

THE JOSEPH MICHAEL CHUBBUCK FOUNDATION

When Joey was a patient in Pittsburgh, he talked with Barbara about his desire to start a charity. He told his mother how her presence was a constant comfort to him during treatment, and how he wanted to help others stay close to their loved ones while undergoing chemotherapy, too. Joey’s initial goal was to provide cots for hospital rooms, along with accommodations near treatment centers, where family members could be comfortable and feel at home. Today, more than two years since Joey has passed, his legacy lives on in exactly the way he imagined.

Formed in 2014, the Joseph Michael Chubbuck Foundation provides financial assistance for needs not covered by insurance to patients and their loved ones, allowing families to stay together and be comfortable during treatment. The Foundation also provides information about top cancer treatment centers along with questions patients and their family should ask when first consulting an oncologist.

*Strength Beyond Measure* is available on Amazon, Kindle, and Barnes and Noble online. Proceeds from the book’s sale support the Foundation.

To learn more, visit thejmcf.org or call 315-339-5593.
The Pioneer Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its eighth class during a May 13 ceremony.

Kim Adriance ’81
Kim Adriance is Utica women’s basketball’s all-time leader in both per-game scoring (20.0) and rebounding (12.4) averages. Adriance totaled 821 points and 507 rebounds in 41 games at UC. She was co-captain and MVP of the 1981 Pioneers team.

She transferred to Utica from Columbia-Greene Community College, where she has also received athletic hall of fame honors.

Adriance competed in the Empire State Games several times, and was a member of an all-star team that won the Ted Early Tournament championship in Hamilton, Ontario. Following her college career, she played for the Maracaibo Petroleras of the Venezuelan women’s basketball league, where she spent two seasons. She has also coached at Taconic Hills High School and Columbia-Greene Community College.

Dave Owen ’73
Dave Owen was a four-year letter winner in both baseball and basketball. Between both sports, he was a four-time MVP and three-year team captain. He was named UC’s Athlete of the Year in 1970 and 1973, and was named a “Who’s Who in College Athletics” in 1973.

Owen scored 1,406 points in four seasons on the basketball court, placing him fourth on Utica College’s all-time scoring list. His 832 rebounds, 598 field goals, and 23.9 points-per-game single-season scoring average rank second in the UC record books. He also holds the school record for rebounds in a single game with 24 and single-season rebounding average (13.1). As a member of the baseball team, Owen broke school-records for hits and runs batted in.

Following his playing career, he coached college basketball at Iowa State University, Central Methodist College, and Central Missouri State University. In 2010, he retired from Kansas City East High School, where he taught and coached for 30 years.

Charles A. Gaetano H’04
Charles A. Gaetano was inducted into the Hall of Fame’s Benefactor category. He played an instrumental role in ushering in the current era of UC athletics as the lead donor for Gaetano Stadium. With his late wife, for whom the stadium’s Connie Gaetano Plaza is named, Gaetano has transformed not only the athletic program, but the entire vibrancy of campus.

As Utica College President Todd S. Hutton, explains, “Gaetano Stadium was a very critical project for UC. It was the linchpin for the expansion of athletics that has occurred over the past 15 years, and if it were not for the generosity of Charlie and Connie Gaetano, we simply could not have achieved the extraordinary growth and success we have today.”

A lifelong Utica resident, business and community leader, and former member of the Utica College Foundation Board, Gaetano was awarded Utica College honorary degree Doctor of Laws in 2004. In 2007, he was named an honorary alumnus by the Utica College National Alumni Council.
Home Sweet Dome

Set to open this fall, the Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center is UC's biggest addition to date. We talked to Dave Fontaine, director of athletics and physical education, to learn more about the new dome (one of North America's largest at 135,000 square feet) and how it came to be.

Pioneer Magazine: What inspired the idea to build a dome at UC?

Dave Fontaine: It was back in 2013, when the President's Cabinet Retreat was held at the Turning Stone Resort [in Verona, NY]. I was walking out of a conference room with President Hutton, and he's staring out the window at the Turning Stone's golf and tennis domes. I could tell a light went off for him. He said to me, “That's what we need on our campus.” We started researching domes almost immediately.

PM: What does the new dome mean for student athletes?

DF: Since the beginning of the track and field program at UC, the team has had no real place to practice. We were lucky to have access to Hamilton College’s track, but that meant athletes had to wake up at 5 a.m., pack their equipment, and take vans over to Clinton and back. Coach Jason Rose has done a phenomenal job despite having to rough it all these years. Now, the opportunity to provide this to his athletes is amazing. They will actually have a place to call home.

PM: How will the dome impact the UC community?

DF: Of course, it will make a big difference for all of our student athletes. The indoor practice facilities will allow spring sports teams to practice indoors when the weather’s bad. The swim and dive and water polo teams can do their dry-land workouts there. From recreational and intramural athletes, wellness and adventure education students, or just people trying to stay fit, everyone on campus can take advantage of the dome.

PM: Of all the dome’s features, which is your favorite?

DF: The whole thing. To have this whole facility on our campus. It’s going to be great for intercollegiate sports and for Utica College, in general. When students walk through campus, whether they’re an athlete or not, they’ll see this beautiful facility and know it’s available to them.

The Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center: What’s Inside?

- 8-lane, 200-meter track
- 90 x 50 yard turf field
- 2 jumping pits and runways
- 2 pole vault runways
- Multiple throwing circles
- 4 all-purpose basketball/volleyball/tennis courts
- Weight room
- Locker rooms
- Track & Field offices
- Gait Analysis Lab
Utica College Alumni Society

In recognition of the service our alumni provide to UC, and after much conversation with the Board of Trustees and Alumni Council, the Utica College Alumni Association and the National Alumni Council have been renamed the Utica College Alumni Society and the Alumni Council, respectively.

The name change does not reflect a change in mission, focus, or priorities. Rather, the new names more accurately describe what our organizations have become. More specifically, the name Utica College Alumni Society best identifies our alumni organization because a society is a natural system of relationships, deliberately formed by individuals for achievements of definite interests. The Utica College Alumni Society represents the bond forged through the Utica College experience for every student through the receipt of a diploma from your beloved institution.

Our Alumni Society exists for the well being of each alumnus and the general welfare of Utica College. The term association is particular, and to be called an Alumni Association does not recognize all the ways in which our alumni support and serve UC.

As we grow and transition, we would like our alumni to continue to feel connected to Utica College. A society is permanent. It will always exist, as opposed to associations, which can be transitory.

And the name Utica College Alumni Council best identifies our alumni leadership because, as we have continued to grow, we have a growing number of international students and student enrolled in our online programs that reach beyond the national landscape.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support of Utica College. Our alumni membership has remained strong, and we have had continued support of programs and initiatives that benefit UC alumni, students, faculty, and staff.

We recently enjoyed a great turnout for our alumni regional receptions in New York City and Raleigh, NC. We are looking forward to hosting a number of events during homecoming 2015 and the annual alumni awards breakfast.

The future is bright for Utica College, and we are eager to see what this academic year brings.

Stephon Hammel ’11 is a member of the Utica College Alumni Council.
Class Notes

Scored a new job or promotion? Tied the knot? Been spotted with a Baby on Board sign in the window? Do tell. Send your news for Class Notes to Pioneer magazine, Utica College, 1600 Burrstone Road, Utica, NY 13502-4892, e-mail pioneer@utica.edu.

Elsie S. Shemin-Roth, Saint Louis, MO, visited the White House to accept the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama on behalf of her late father, Army Sergeant and World War I hero William Shemin.

Dr. Allen Berger, Savannah, GA, wrote a commentary for the Savannah Morning News. Berger served on the faculty of Miami University (Ohio) for nearly 20 years as the Heckt Professor of Reading and Writing. He also served as chair of the board of trustees of the Live Oak Public Libraries.

Stanley T. Opalka, Ocean Isle Beach, NC, wrote a book, *Escape to Russia*, about his experiences in a labor camp in Siberia in the early days of World War II. The book is the inspiration for a new movie, *The Boy Who Won WWII*, which is being produced in Poland.

Eugene F. Quadraro Jr., Utica, NY, was honored as Mohawk Valley EDGE’s 2015 Christopher Destito Leading EDGE Award recipient.

Frank B. DuRoss, New Hartford, NY, was honored as a Mohawk Valley EDGE 2015 Leading EDGE Award recipient.

Dr. Robert J. Wineburg, Greensboro, NC, is a professor of social work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is the author of four books.

Carol L. Gillis, Portland, ME, joined the architectural and engineering firm Harriman as a principal. She will head up the firm’s health care design practice.

John D. Light, Topsham, ME, is spending his retirement as a flight instructor. He is involved with Flying For PALS (Patient Airlift Services).

James E. Moore, Ardmore, PA, completed a memoir titled *The Black Sheep*.

Victor J. Fariello, New Hartford, NY, was appointed executive director of the Rome Community Foundation in Rome, NY.

David R. Carlson, Utica, NY, was named director of internal audit and privacy at Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS).

Joseph V. Giordano, New Hartford, NY, received the Outstanding Professional Development Award from The Mohawk Valley Engineer’s Executive Council.

Gwen Connors, Deerfield, NY, retired from Utica College, where she was a general account specialist for 32 years.

Christopher P. Crane, Rome, NY, joined Preferred Mutual Insurance Company as a field agency manager.

Diane E. Hotaling, Virginia Beach, VA, is the director of community service at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk. She coordinates VWC’s annual, one-week On-Campus Winter Homeless Shelter, one of the only homeless shelters operated on a college campus in the U.S.

Nancy G. Ricci, Marcy, NY, was named corporate compliance officer for Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS).

Jacqueline M. Izzo, Rome, NY, was inducted into the 2015 Rome Sports Hall of Fame.

Bruce Karam, was honored as Utica Schools of Excellence Foundation’s Outstanding Educator of the Year.

Dr. Brian J. Jackson, Utica, NY, was the keynote speaker at the district dental society’s fall meeting in Lake George, NY. His presentation was titled *Implant Dentistry: Improving Outcomes Thru Site Specific Treatment Protocols*. He also published in the recent edition of the *Journal of Oral Implantology*, a peer-reviewed publication devoted to scientific research and clinical studies associated with dental implants. His article was titled *Fixed Partial Denture Treatment with Mini Dental Implants*.

Larry S. Platt, Ardmore, PA, co-authored *Every Day I Fight with the late ESPN anchor Stuart Scott*. The New York Times bestseller tells the story behind Scott’s unrelenting fight against cancer.

Dr. Pamela L. Story, Stamford, CT, was named interim director/visiting assistant professor of the graduate occupational therapy program at Dominican College in Orangeburg, NY.

Michael J. Farrell, won the 2015 Jesse H. Neal Award for Best Profile for his article, *Schlock Attack*, about the popularity of “B” movies on cable television. He is the senior finance editor for Multichannel News.

Jeffrey S. Kuhn, Sauquoit, NY, received the 2015 award for exemplary service from the secondary education department at the State University of New York at Oneonta.

Dr. James C. Brown, Clinton, NY, presented a paper at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Orlando, FL.

Raymond L. Philo, New Hartford, NY, presented a paper at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences conference in Orlando, FL.


Michael S. Evolo Jr., Whitesboro, NY, is the director of reinsurance at Utica National Insurance Group.

Gregory F. Flager, Indianapolis, IN, authored a book titled 90 Things That Irritate The Sh** Out of Me… Or At Least Make Me Frown.

Martha J. Millet-Kodsy, Clinton, NY, is administrative director of risk management and resource utilization for Mohawk Valley Health Systems. She was honored with the YWCA's 2015 Salute to Outstanding Women award.

Cherita A. Armstrong, New York, NY, played the starring role in a new stage adaptation of Harriet Jacob's 1861 autobiography *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* at the University at Albany’s Performing Arts Center.
Thomas P. McGinty, Port Washington, NY, was part of the Wall Street Journal staff that won a Pulitzer Prize for their series on the Medicare system.

Nancy D. Wallace, Mohawk, NY is the associate director of human resources at Mohawk Valley Community College.

1994
Keith J. Benman, Munster, IN, was named business editor of The Times of Northwest Indiana.

Pamela J. Johnson, Verona, NY, was promoted to senior accountant at the Air Force at Maxwell, Air Force Base, AL.

1996
Capt. Timothy Bates, Rome, NY, was promoted to captain at the Rome Police Department.

Heather A. Gaetano, Utica, NY, was hired as a development associate at The Arc, Oneida-Lewis.

William H. McDonald, Remsen, NY, is the director of community and workforce development in the Center for Corporate and Community Education at Mohawk Valley Community College.

Dyana L. Smolen, Oneida, NY, is PR/communications manager at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central New York.

1997
Daniel B. Jones, New Hartford, NY, qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table.

Karen S. Jones, Ilion, NY, was promoted to associate professor of physical therapy at Herkimer County Community College.

1999
Lauren M. Mattia, Deerfield, NY, received a sales award from Northland Communications.

Jeremy W. Earl, Utica, NY, was appointed by the UCP Parent Corporation as executive director of the affiliate Root Farm.

Aida A. Mariani, Chittenango, NY, is development manager at VNA Homecare.

2000
Erica N. Bennett, Buffalo, NY, was selected as a 40 Under 40 recipient by the Buffalo Business First.

Danielle Mikalajunas Fogel, East Syracuse, NY, was selected as a 40 Under 40 recipient by the Central New York Business Journal.

Alicia M. Marconi, Utica, NY, was honored as an American Red Cross Real Heroes award recipient.

Jeremy Thurston, Syracuse, NY, was selected as a 40 Under 40 recipient by the Central New York Business Journal.

2002
David A. Jones, Lake Wales, FL, received the 2015 Lawton Chiles-Polk County Democratic Man of the Year Award by the Polk County Democratic Executives Committee.

Spencer N. Potter, White Plains, NY, was elected as the executive director of the National Wedding Council.

2003
Kristy L. Fischmann, West Monroe, NY, joined Hiscock and Barclay LLP as an associate in the law firm’s Syracuse office.

Bethany A. Williams, Barneveld, NY, is chief financial officer at Valley Health Services in Herkimer.

2004
Brittany Cerasi, St. Johnsville, NY, was a member of the Leadership Mohawk Valley Class of 2015.

Mark McFarland, Clayville, NY, was a 2014 Genesis Group Celebration of Education honoree.

Kimberly Witchley, Whitesboro, NY, was named director of social services and care transitions at Mohawk Valley Health Systems (MVHS).

2005
Emina Poricanin, Buffalo, NY, joined the Hudson Russ Law Firm as a senior associate.

Christopher D. Zalewski, Utica, NY, joined Preferred Mutual Insurance Company as a commercial lines underwriter.

Shanelle T. Gabriel, Brooklyn NY, was featured in a mini-documentary about living with lupus sponsored by the American College of Rheumatology. She is a singer, HBO Def Poet, lyricist, and advocate for Lupus Awareness.

Katrina J. Smith, Ava, NY, is the morning co-anchor at WKTV News Channel 2.

2006
Philip J. Cox, New Hartford, NY, is an orthopedic physician assistant at Mohawk Valley Health System Orthopedic Group.

Jasmine A. DiSalvo, Rochester, NY, is director of development at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Jameelee S. Ford, Albany, NY, is the assistant director for student housing at the University at Albany.

2008
Stephanie L. Baran, Liverpool, NY, joined the New York State Education Department Office of Curriculum and Instruction’s Social Studies Content Advisory Panel.

Jill L. Parker, Brownville, NY, is the new executive director of The Victims Assistance Center of Jefferson County.

John J. Slopnick, Mohawk, NY, is an energy supply consultant for Western New York and the Mohawk Valley at BlueRock Energy Inc.

Kyle R. Strife, Utica, NY, was awarded a certificate in long-term care designation.

2009
Douglas Herring, Newburgh, NY, signed with the Bristol Flyers of the British Basketball League.

Danielle Lubecki, Rome, NY, was part of the Leadership Mohawk Valley Class of 2015.

2010
Sean R. Dixon, Sherrill, NY, is an account manager at Cxtec.

Samantha A. Madison, Alexandria, VA, is the assistant editor at Warren Communications News in Washington, D.C.

2011
Michael T. Bohne, Troy, NY, is a communications and marketing assistant for Capitalize Albany Corporation.

Timothy P. Fitzgerald, Utica, NY, was selected as a Genesis Group Striving for Success honoree.

Steven M. Griffith, Waterville, NY, joined Preferred Mutual Insurance Company as an auto physical damage claims representative.

Eliza V. Kelley, Rutland, VT, is the head women’s ice hockey coach at Becker College.

Patrick J. Meszler, Buffalo, NY, started Nickel City Cycles, a custom bicycle shop.

Timothy J. Millerick, Whitman, MA, is an Oak Bluffs police officer.

Cristina Picozzi, Worcester, MA, competed in three fitness competitions, the NPC New England Championship, the NPC Vermont Championship, and the Cutler Classic in May 2015.

Lindsey P. Taube, Utica, NY, was promoted to assistant professor of mathematics at Herkimer County Community College.

2012
Sergey Germanovich, Utica, NY, was named director of the language assistance program for Mohawk Valley Health System (MVHS).

Stephen S. Karboski, Utica, NY, was part of the Leadership Mohawk Valley Class of 2015. He also passed the New York State Funeral Law Exam, and is now a licensed funeral director.

Anthony M. LaPolla, Utica, NY, is a staff consultant with Express Employment Professionals of the Mohawk Valley.

Brandon J. LaRoy, Rome, NY, is a community development adviser in the City of Rome Department of Community and Economic Development.

Sarah Marris-Swann, Utica, NY, is volunteering as a nurse in India with an organization called Calcutta Rescue.
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Laboratory.

Births and Additions

1999
Robert G. Juteau and his wife, Rita, Herkimer NY, had a daughter on July 1, 2014.
Adriana C. Lewis and her husband, Thomas, Utica, NY, had a daughter on January 2, 2014.
Kendrick W. Morrison and his wife, Tracy L. Morrison ’02, Rome, NY, had a daughter on March 9, 2015.
Christina O. Schiavi and her husband, David, New Hartford, NY, had a daughter, Alaina Marie, on November 3, 2014.
Carissa, Utica, NY, had a daughter on December 13, 2014.
Andrea M. Traglia and her husband, David, Marcy, NY, had a daughter on March 10, 2015.
Ernest W. Weeks and his wife, Amanda, New Hartford, NY, had a daughter on July 21, 2014.
Kayla J. Fontaine and Robert DeCarr Jr., Clayville, NY, had a son on November 27, 2014.
Philip A. Kamp and his wife, Michelle, West Winfield, NY, had a daughter on December 12, 2014.
William P. Kervin and his wife, Jillian, Waterville, NY, had a daughter on December 10, 2014.
Scott Williams and his wife, Jessica, Durhamville, NY, had a son on October 27, 2314.

2000
Daniel M. D’Amico and his wife, Kelly, Columbia, SC, had a daughter on December 30, 2014.
Andrew J. Anguish and his wife, Tara, Utica, NY, had a son on May 17, 2015.

2001
Christopher F. Asaro and his wife, Carissa, Utica, NY, had a daughter on November 3, 2015.
Anthony Carrock and his wife, Judith, Whitesboro, NY, had a daughter on March 15, 2013.
Joseph P. Macrina and his wife, Pamela, Herkimer, NY, had a son on June 8, 2015.
Joshua M. Schreppel and his wife, Colleen, Yorkville, NY, had a daughter on July 4, 2014.
Lisa L. Dite and her husband, Richard, Rome, NY, had a daughter on May 14, 2015.

2002
Tracy L. Morrison and her husband, Kendrick W. Morrison ’99, Rome, NY, had a son on March 9, 2015.

2003
Anthony M. Alcantara and his wife, Darlene, New Hartford, NY, had a son on August 13, 2015.
Maksim Berkovich and his wife, Katerina L. Berkovich ’04, New Hartford, NY, had a daughter on January 2, 2015.
Danielle M. Petzke Destefano and her husband, Chad C. Destefano, Sauquoit, NY, had a son on May 12, 2015.
Dan George and his wife, Jennifer, Utica, NY, had a daughter on August 6, 2014.
Tori J. Henderson and her husband, Dr. Jonathan E. Henderson, Whitesboro, NY, had a daughter on July 6, 2014.
Salvatore C. Paladin and his wife, Dominica, New Hartford, NY, had a son on July 16, 2014.

2004
Shevaun E. Abbott and her husband, Richard, Ilion, NY, had a son on March 21, 2015.
Brian D. Bansom and his wife, Andrea, Utica, NY, had a daughter on March 3, 2015.
Katerina L. Berkovich and her husband, Maksim Berkovich ’03, New Hartford, NY, had a daughter on January 2, 2014.

2005
Michelle P. Parker and her husband, James R. Parker ’04, New Hartford, NY, had a son on June 2, 2015.
James K. Sylstra and his wife, Gina, Little Falls, NY, had a daughter on September 15, 2014.
Lauren A. Coffin and her husband, Edward, Utica, NY, had a son on April 28, 2015.
Michelle L. Kinville and her husband, Scott, Rome, NY, had a daughter, Allison Lynne, on August 13, 2014.

2006
Celestina Valenti ’06 and her husband, Jason P. Valenti ’02, had a son on August 4, 2014.
Jonathan J. Zabek and his wife, Kaitlin, Marcy, NY, had a son on July 3, 2014.

2007
Kristi Willson Krawiec and her husband, Kurt, Vernon, NY, had a daughter, Sophia Colleen, on September 17, 2014.

2008
Caryn A. Riscavage and her husband, Greg, Schenectady, NY, had a daughter, Madelyn Rae, on July 23, 2014.

2009
Jennifer L. Chambrone and her husband, Michael, Utica, NY, had a son on September 18, 2014.
Daniel E. Nichols and his wife, Kelly, Waterville, NY, had a daughter on December 13, 2014.
Patrick H. Reed and his wife, Kelli, Sauquoit, NY, had a son on February 22, 2015.
Jennifer L. Waters and her husband, David, New York Mills, NY, had a son, Jack Donald, on February 4, 2015.

2010
John C. Hastwell IV and his wife, Jessica, had a daughter on July 18, 2014.
Stacy A. Pekala and her husband, Marc, had a son on December 16, 2014.

Steven M. Sickler and his wife, Amy, New Hartford, NY, had a son on April 28, 2015.

Richard Z. Geraty and his wife, Nicole, Little Falls, NY, had a daughter on July 19, 2014.

Richard Rados Jr. and his wife, Sarah, Westmoreland, NY, had a daughter on April 20, 2015.


Jordan W. Smithers and Lindsey 2012 and her husband, Justin, New York Mills, NY, had a daughter on May 5, 2015.

Karolina Tereby and her husband, Anatoliy, Utica, NY, had a son on February 15, 2015.

Kelly M. Barnett and his wife, Holly, Camden, NY, had a son on October 20, 2014.

Andrea J. Blowers and her husband, Codey, Ilion, NY, had a daughter, Nora Anne, on October 2, 2014.

Carrie L. Cohen and her husband, Andrew, Utica, NY, had a son, Michael Richard, on January 8, 2014.

Amber McMichael Gzik and her husband, Michael, Oneida, NY, had a daughter, Rosie Mae, on March 4, 2015.

Peter J. Logue and his wife, Jennifer, Utica, NY, had a son on August 13, 2014.

### Weddings and Anniversaries

#### 1963
Thomas DeGironimo, Clayville, NY, and his wife, Virginia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 30, 2015.

#### 1998
Thomas F. Ray II and Maria Browne, Astoria, NY, were married on June 13, 2015. Pictured are all the UC alumni in attendance.

#### 2003
Jessica (Tripp) Figueroa and Eddie Figueroa, Fairview, NJ, were married on August 6, 2014.

#### 2007
Shana R. Pughe-Dean and Andrew Dean, Waterville, NY, were married on August 8, 2014.

#### 2011
Jordan W. Smithers and Lindsey G. Christian, Heuvelton, NY, were married on July 18, 2014 in New Hartford, NY.

### In Memoriam

Jay C. Anderson ’49, Clinton, NY, August 6, 2014.


Patricia L. Burdick ’52, Syracuse, NY, January 1, 2015.

Sylvia Maria Luebbert ’52, Gilbert, AZ, December 24, 2014.


Gabriel L. Fondario ’53, Utica, NY, August 18, 2014.


Wolodymyra Liszczynska ’54, Utica, NY, February 28, 2015.


Salvatore J. Buttiligieri ’56, Utica, NY, June 17, 2015.


Francesco Manzo ’56, Frankfort, NY, September 8, 2014.

Barbara Waters ’56, Utica, NY, July 12, 2014.


Donald E. Phelps ’57, Waretown, NJ, August 31, 2014.


Richard S. Hauck ’58, Hanford, CA, November 2, 2013.

Nonna Lehmkuhl ’58, Marblehead, MA, September 1, 2014.


Raymond Henry Motyka ’60, Brooklyn, NY, October 17, 2014.

Joseph R. Murnane ’60, Detroit, MI, December 1, 2014.


Alphonse P. Caporale ’63, Utica, NY, July 1, 2014.

Vincent DeBuono ’63, Utica, NY, August 4, 2014.


Donald A. Taylor ’64, Port Orange, FL, July 7, 2014.


Richard P. Linkie ’65, Erie, PA, April 10, 2015.
Ronald F. Draper Sr. ’68, Utica, NY, August 29, 2014.
Lois Jeanne Kay ’68, Clinton, NY, April 24, 2015.
Robert M. Chimileski ’69, Horseheads, NY, June 1, 2015.
Carol J. Swick ’70, Syracuse, NY, July 22, 2014.
Nelly J. Dapice ’71, Utica, NY, June 29, 2014.
Richard J. Barr ’72, Marcy, NY, March 22, 2015.
Albert D. Isereau ’72, Penn Yan, NY, September 11, 2014.
Janice J. Piacente ’73, Utica, NY, June 24, 2014.
George J. Romleski ’73, Durhamville, NY, March 29, 2015.
Stanislaw A. Blaszko ’74, Watervliet, NY, November 27, 2014.
Sabin C. Harris ’78, Utica, NY, November 16, 2014.
Harold J. Jones ’81, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, August 5, 2014.
Elizabeth B. Cook ’90, Lyons Falls, NY, April 19, 2015.
Donald L. Scanlon G’08, Brookings, OR, November 30, 2014.

Faculty and staff who have passed
Evelyn P. Courto, Baldwinsville, NY, former cashier, June 9, 2015.
John C. Ford, Utica, retired as Vice-President and Treasurer, September 4, 2014.

One Gift. Two Causes.

This year, UC’s annual Teddy Bear Toss will support the College’s longstanding tradition of community service while providing scholarship support to the students at the heart of this great tradition. Make a gift to UC on December 4, and in return, the College will toss a bear in your honor at the Teddy Bear Toss hockey game on December 12.

Keep posted for details.

#toss-it-forward
Point of Pride

Adrian Gutierrez presents UC with the flag of his home country, Venezuela, as part of International Students Day.