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"I can't think of a better way to have spent the past 18 years than here at Utica College."

President Todd S. Hutton

"The third period of the Utica College story began in 1998. Dr. Todd Hutton inherited all the gains made in the previous fifty-two years, and has made major moves to new heights. He is leading a campaign to lift UC into the world of universities."

- The late Dr. Virgil Crisafulli Professor Emeritus of Economics, from *Reflections: The Early Years of Utica College*, 2000 seems like yesterday that we arrived in Utica from Oregon. Eighteen years later we find ourselves about to depart a place that has become our true home. As two people without genuine roots in any one place in America, we feel that the Mohawk Valley has become just that place. The Utica College family has become part of our family—forever and more.

Even as we begin to turn life's page and to imagine new adventures, we find ourselves experiencing powerfully bittersweet emotions. We know it is time to move on to a community where we will be near family and spend the remainder of our lives, but we also know that we will not be leaving the UC community and the Mohawk Valley. As Professor Emeritus Bill Blanchfield reminded us, we are leaving the presidency, not the College community.

We are deeply grateful to the trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and a generation of students for allowing us to serve the College for these eighteen years. We have seen UC mature as an institution during this time and we are proud to have played a part. As this coming-of-age era in the College's history comes to a close, we have every confidence that under President Laura Casamento's leadership and with the guidance of trustees, support of alumni and friends, and the continued creative and energetic work of our faculty and staff, the College will realize bold new dreams and set ever higher expectations for itself.

Many who have remarked about the College's achievements of the past decade and a half may recall their president's oft-repeated rejoinder that "you ain't seen nothing yet." Institutions become great because they never become complacent, always strive for greater excellence, and sustain collective energy in the face of new opportunities and continuously emerging challenges. We look forward to witnessing (and supporting) the exciting developments at UC over the next decade and a half. Indeed, this college community has not seen anything like it will see in the future as the institution continues to mature and gain greater stature within the higher education marketplace.

Thank you for the fond memories, dear friendships, and opportunity to be part of the wonderful experience of seeing our students grow and mature and become successful in life.

Jold & Jen Hutton



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"This is Laura's opportunity now," Todd Hutton says of his successor, Laura Casamento. "It's the most rewarding job anyone could ever imagine."

TERM OF ENDEARMENT

Since its December 2015 dedication, the Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center has been affectionately dubbed "The Hutt" by students, faculty, and staff.





PLAYING IT COOL

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President Todd Hutton receives a standing ovation at the UC men's hockey game on Feb. 19, where he dropped the ceremonial first puck.

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Does Todd Hutton need a new briefcase? That depends on whom you ask.

According to Todd himself, the case he's had for years will do just fine. Yes, the latch may be broken, preventing the case from closing completely and requiring the Utica College president to fiddle with the thing for a few awkward moments after meetings are adjourned. But it'll do, he tells his wife. Just a couple more months, and the leather case will be relegated to a place deep in his closet, where its mechanical failings will be long forgotten, he says.

Jen Hutton, however, knows better.

Despite her husband's grand, decidedly briefcase-non-requiring plans for retirement—hiking, kayaking, woodcarving— Jen knows that "slowing down" won't come easy for Todd. It's the type of intuition that comes after 36 years of marriage, 18 of which spent as partner to a college president with seemingly limitless energy and passion for the institution he helped build.

While Jen knows that retirement isn't synonymous with slowing down, she's keenly aware that it will mean leaving the couple's home of nearly two decades, a community that has embraced the Huttons—and vice versa—in myriad ways. In their final months in Utica, Todd's retirement still feels "surreal" to Jen Hutton. Each campus event is preceded by the word "last," she explains, stirring a wealth of emotions and a sense of finality Jen admits she's still not quite ready for.

"In some ways, it hasn't sunk in yet," she says. "I'm not sure what life will look like after we leave."

As August inches closer, Jen can't help but look back, she says, recalling the details—and the mixed emotions—of where it all began.

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It was the fall of 1997, and Todd and Jen Hutton were happily settled in Salem, Oregon, where they'd lived for close to eight years. Todd, then vice president for academic administration at Willamette University, received an unexpected call from a recruiter. *Would he be interested in interviewing for a position in Utica, New York?*

"Being on the west coast, you hear 'New York' and think 'City," Jen says. "We knew *nothing* about upstate."

Still, Todd was curious and excited at the prospect of a new position. Jen, though, wasn't overly eager to leave their life in Oregon, the wide social circle they'd established and, more important, her career.

Jen was a licensed massage therapist in the state of Oregon. Her practice,

The Longest Ride

Jen Hutton reflects on nearly two decades at Utica College as she prepares to close one of her life's longest—and most meaningful chapters.

which had relied on word of mouth to grow, had finally built itself to a point of self-sufficiency. Relocating to New York would mean starting from scratch, in a state where earning a massage therapy license would require a complicated application process and thousands of additional training hours.

"I was afraid that leaving Oregon would be like leaving a part of my identity," she says. "Todd and I had always been our own people. My career was important to me, because I never wanted to become 'just the President's left arm.""

But by July 1998, after several successful interviews, and Todd's declaration that he'd "fallen in love with Utica College," the Huttons were finalizing plans to sell their house in Oregon and make a home in New York state.

The cross-country journey to Utica was just that—a fraught road trip in a cherry red Jeep filled with the Huttons' barest essentials: a couple of suitcases, two cats, and a dog. The frequent pit stops, blistering temperatures, and the surprisingly difficult search for pet-friendly hotels made for a tumultuous transition to the Huttons' new life.

"We thought the drive would be a great opportunity to see the country and relax before this big adjustment," Jen says, laughing. "But it was a bit of a disaster." After a rough week on the road, Todd and Jen's arrival in Utica was not unlike a typical underclassman's: On a hot summer afternoon, they unloaded their Jeep and moved into Alumni Hall.

With a house not yet secured, the Huttons' first two weeks at UC were spent as dorm residents. And despite the obvious inconveniences of dorm-living (read: flip flops in the shower), Jen says the arrangement was the perfect way to get acquainted with the College. She fondly remembers early-morning walks through campus with their dog, Motzi, learning her way around, and meeting new people before the crush of students arrived a few weeks later.

But it was also in those first weeks, booked solid with receptions, dinners, and events, when the reality of Jen's new role set in. The continuous socializing and the need to be on guard at all times were a culture shock for Jen, a self-described introvert. The attention, too, was something Jen didn't expect. Unlike Todd's role at Willamette, where Jen happily flew under the radar, the presidency meant a sudden spotlight on the president's spouse and her own career. Massage therapy, Jen feared, wouldn't be regarded seriously by the academic world.





While Jen struggled to find her place in the new environment, Todd jumped in headfirst. He loved UC's story: an institution founded as a place for returning vets and first-generation college students to learn and excel. There was lots of work to be done, but Todd was committed. His passion for the College was instantaneous and all consuming—and while genuine, Todd's tendency to become consumed with a daunting project was familiar to Jen. She'd recognized it in her husband from the moment they met.

It was 1978, and the object of Todd's devotion was

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an old Victorian house in Durham, North Carolina. A doctoral student at Duke University, Todd split his time between working on his dissertation and home improvement projects, part of his effort to restore the Victorian to its original grandeur. The house, though, was too big for one person, and the relatively private quarters upstairs seemed the perfect arrangement for a rent-paying tenant. Todd put an ad in the paper, and within days, Jen knocked on his door.

Jen, a Michigan native who ran a small bookstore near Duke at the time, was struck by this friendly, energetic man. Introductions were made, and he gave her the grand tour, proudly pointing out each renovation he'd completed, demonstrating all of the old house's little quirks.

"I could tell the house was his pride and joy," she says. And so Todd became her landlord, and from there, the relationship "evolved," Jen says. Their connection was evident to everyone around them, and they soon became a couple.

Since leaving North Carolina, the Huttons have lived in Maryland, Texas, and Oregon. The frequent relocations didn't faze Todd, who grew up the son of a U.S. Navy officer, accustomed to moving often. Jen, too, liked exploring new places, learning about new parts of the country. As a couple, it was rare that they landed somewhere with plans to settle in for good.

So it comes as a surprise to Jen, even now, that they've remained in Utica for 18 years. Was there a moment, post inauguration, when she and Todd made the conscious decision to stick around? When they agreed they were in it for "the long haul"? "Not really," she says now. Rather, one year turned into two, then five, then 10, and so on.

In that same gradual way, Jen slowly found her place at UC and in the community. She became involved with the K. Della Ferguson Womyn's Resource Center on campus. She began seeing clients in her home, specializing in women undergoing chemotherapy treatment. For these women, Jen became a confidant and a friend. helping not just with the physical toll of cancer, but the emotional side, as well. She took on leadership roles within the Council

I've built here," she says, recalling the faculty, staff, and members of the College community who've become part of her daily life.

But it's the students, she says, that she'll miss most: the big, family-style dinners at the Hutton home, the evenings spent on campus or at the Aud, cheering on the Pioneers. "We've grown close to so many students. It feels like we have hundreds of 'surrogate children,'" she says. "That will be the hardest hole to fill."

This year's Commencement, Jen says, will be es-

Watching UC students proudly cross the stage is always emotional for the couple. But this time, this *last* time, will be the symbolic closing of a chapter for Todd and Jen Hutton.

of Independent Colleges, which has a group specifically designed for presidents' spouses and partners. With a growing social circle and the return of her professional identity, Jen began to feel at home—a home she'll soon be leaving.

"It's so emotional because I cherish the relationships pecially poignant. Watching UC students proudly cross the stage is always emotional for the couple. But this time, this *last* time, will be the symbolic closing of a chapter for Todd and Jen Hutton. A chapter so difficult to close, that perhaps it's incapable of closing completely. Not all that unlike a certain briefcase.

Spend 18 years as a college president, and you're bound to wear many hats.

But to give each role your undivided attention, energy, and careful thought; to make each person you speak with on a daily basis feel special, understood, and valued; it's a seemingly impossible task that President Todd Hutton managed to accomplish in spades—and for nearly two decades.

He is, at once, a community leader, a driving economic force for the Mohawk Valley, and a prankster, a grown-up kid, joking with students and putting them at ease.

He is a business-minded professional, analyzing num-

bers with a critical eye and a vision for growth. A mentor, who takes every opportunity to shape and inspire the young people that surround him. A husband and father, who balances work and family life not by making them adversaries, but by embracing the Utica College community as a *part* of his family.

He is a visionary, who accepted a one-year contract at a small college on precarious financial footing, but saw its potential to become a world-class educational powerhouse—an institution with an identity of its own.

"One of Us"

For generations of Utica College students, their first interactions with UC's

Who is Todd Hutton ? president came not with the pomp and circumstance of the annual convocation ceremony or a formal introduction during freshman orientation. Instead, and true to Todd Hutton's style, these meetings more often occurred in parking lots on move-in weekend, with the President, in a t-shirt and shorts (and sometimes, a "moose hat"), helping lug boxes up stairs. As Keron Alleyne '12 aptly put it, President Hutton "tore down the wall between the administration and the student body," he says. "He was one of us."

My senior year, I was president of my fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma. We had just been reinstated at UC, so we were working on building our numbers and marketing ourselves. The end-of-the-year banquet was coming up, and someone had the idea of asking President Hutton to be the guest speaker. We didn't expect that he'd be able to do it, but we thought, "Why not?" We were trying to put forth an air of professionalism, so who better to speak at our banquet than the college president? We asked him, and he said yes. We couldn't believe it. At the banquet, he had put together this amazing speech with a video. He did research on the background and history of the fraternity, with so much attention to detail. It was amazing that he took the time to do that.

Keron Alleyne '12

I met President Hutton on the day I moved into my

freshman dorm, but I didn't know it then. My parents and I were bringing stuff from the car to my room, and this guy comes over and offers to take my mini-fridge—which was heavy! We looked at each other, thinking, "Who is this guy?" He introduced himself, and then later at convocation, I realized the president had been helping me move in. That was incredible to me. It's something I'll never forget.

Lalah Butler '13

During my last two years at UC, I was editor of The Tangerine. Every April Fool's Day, we'd put out a joke issue, with satiric news stories, called "The Gangerine." One year, we ran an ad that poked fun at the business department faculty, sort of making fun of them for being grouchy. Some people weren't too happy about that, and there was a little controversy. But President Hutton had a great sense of humor about it. A couple days after the issue came out, a few of us went to the Tangerine offices to find the door taped up with yellow police tape, like a crime scene. Next thing we know, President Hutton comes around the corner, laughing. It was a pretty good prank! He wanted to have a laugh at our expense after we had a laugh at everyone else's expense. That's exactly who he was—he had that kind of relationship with students. Even back then, I knew how unique that was.

Cory Lavalette '99

My first time getting to know the Utica College community was at Freshman Orientation. When President Hutton came and introduced himself to the group, he was wearing a moose hat, complete with antlers. Totally straightfaced, he said that all UC freshmen were now required to wear hats like this. I was mortified. But when he started laughing, I realized it was a joke, and I also realized that this president wasn't what I expected.

Before coming to UC, I took myself way too seriously. Today, I would gladly don moose ears with Todd Hutton. I thank him for showing me that the president of an institution can risk their "cool factor," which in actuality, made him even more cool.

MaryEllen Fitzgerald-Bord '16

I am an RA in the first-year buildings, and every year we help residents with the move-in process. For us, this includes checking students in and helping them carry up light items to their rooms. The first time I met President Hutton was my first time helping with move in. When someone mentioned that the president was around, I thought I would see him in a nice suit welcoming students and their families to UC. Well, I was wrong. I looked over, and the president of our college had a bright orange UC shirt on and was carrying a mini-fridge. I swear he must have carried in about 10 mini-fridges that day - I was impressed!

It was amazing to see our president roll up his sleeves and get so involved with his students. From that day on, I've never seen President Hutton miss a Move-in Day, always sporting that orange shirt with his adopted nickname, "The Refrigerator," on the back.

Angela Malaspina '16

When I think about what makes President Hutton unique, I think of his open door policy. Students know they can come to the office, and they can talk to him. I call other colleges and try to set up meetings with their presidents, and it takes weeks, sometimes months. But with President Hutton, you can just pop in and he'll take the time to listen.

Over the years, we've had many work-study students in the office, and at the end of each semester, President Hutton hosts a pizza party to thank them. He gets to know the students and wants to hear their stories—"What are you studying? How are classes going?" He knows them all by name. He's accessible to students.

It's always a big joke in the office when President Hutton says he's going out to grab a cup a coffee. He'll say, "I'll be back in 15 minutes," but we know it'll be over an hour! He stops to talk to everyone. Faculty, staff, and students—he takes the time to talk to them because he cares.

Jacqueline Lynch, Assistant to the President, 1999 - present

Ask UC alumni what they learned from Todd Hutton, and the answers come easily. Many remember specific interactions, when Hutton's words or a gesture made an impression so powerful, the teller can't help but get emotional. Hutton "led by example," said James Barricelli '01, his endless energy and ambition demonstrating what's possible when you're passionate about what you do. Without question, Hutton's lessons, intentional and otherwise, have guided UC students throughout their lives and careers. President Hutton had a way of making everyone feel comfortable. When I was a sophomore, I was president of Woman in a New Direction, and I was part of a leadership retreat weekend. When it was over, President Hutton invited all the student-leaders to his house for dinner. I was very nervous before the day, and so were some of the other students.

When we got there, I think President Hutton probably could sense how nervous we were, so he said, "Let me show you around!" He gave us a tour of the house, cracking jokes the whole way. He showed us his fishing stuff in the basement. It wasn't stuffy or formal at all. My nerves completely disappeared. He made sure we felt welcome. and the dinner was very relaxed and fun. He definitely didn't have to take all that time just to make a bunch of college kids feel comfortable, or to invite us into his home in the first place. But he did.

After that dinner, he remembered me. He'd see me on campus and say hello, ask how my classes were going. He knew my name. That meant a lot. Today, I work in the admissions office at Seton Hall University, and I think about that often. I try to take the time to make people feel special.

Lalah Butler '13

"President Hutton taught me that it's not about about titles or positions. It's about how you carry yourself." Keron Alleyne '12 Todd, I got a firsthand look at his leadership style, and there were many things I learned from him. For one, I saw how many hours he put it in. He worked at least 80 hours most weeks. He put in the time and the energy.

Working so closely with

Todd was a thoughtful leader. He has the rare ability to listen to his audiences and understand them, whether that was students, parents, faculty, or Board members. What made such an impression on me was his drive to innovate, to take things to the next level. He was 100 percent committed to Utica College, and he was always reaching, always pushing. I try to emulate that in everything I do.



I was a senior, and I was with my parents at the awards brunch during commencement weekend. President Hutton was there to give a speech, and before the ceremony, he came and introduced himself to my parents, and we talked for a bit. I noticed a pin he was wearing on his lapel; it was a Utica College pin, but it looked different than the gold ones students get. It was silver and black and really nice. I told him I liked it, and he explained that it's a special pin for the Board of Trustees and top administrators. We talked some more, and the ceremony was about to begin, so we went to take our seats. President Hutton called me back over to him. He took the pin off his suit and pinned it on mine. I couldn't believe it. He said, "Here, you can have this." It was a prime example of how he put students before himself.

The main thing I learned from him was not to take yourself too seriously. It's not about titles or positions. It's about how you carry yourself. He never acted like he was above anybody. I still have that pin, and it's really important to me. It represents the type of leader I want to become.

Keron Alleyne '12

"He can be talking about development downtown, public safety, or a Utica College project, and there's a thirst to listen to him. He speaks from the heart."

- Robert Palmieri, Mayor of Utica

It's the mark of a truly great leader: a college president whose influence extends far beyond the boundaries of campus—and into the entire region. Speak to local elected officials, and it's clear just how much Todd Hutton's leadership has shaped the Mohawk Valley.

His enthusiasm, passion, and vision, says Utica's mayor Robert Palmieri, "brought this city back to life." Thanks to President Hutton's foresight, additions and improvements to Utica College also enhanced the area, bringing notoriety and vitality to a city in need of an energy boost. "Todd Hutton," Palmieri declares, "has been a constant partner in the rebirth of Utica, New York."

I met Todd Hutton in 1998 or 1999, when I was deputy public safety commissioner. I remember thinking that he was the most professional, most energetic guy I had ever met.

Since then, as mayor, I've worked with Todd on a variety of different development projects. He's always had a way of seeing three, four steps ahead. When he brought hockey to UC, he knew how beneficial that would be for the area. He catapulted that program and brought a level of enthusiasm that the Utica Aud hadn't seen in years. Now, UC hockey is a major draw for the Mohawk Valley, and those tax dollars have been extremely beneficial to the region.

Todd is unique. He has this ability to connect with people on every different level. He's gifted. A lot of people, a lot

of leaders, can communicate on only one certain level. He's able to work with everybody, and make them feel good about ideas they bring to the table. He can be talking about development downtown, public safety, or a Utica College project, and there's a thirst to listen to him. He speaks from the heart. To me, his legacy will be that ability to bring people together. That's why he is so beloved, and why it's impossible to fill his shoes.

Robert Palmieri, Mayor of Utica

Todd Hutton came along to the right place at the right time. He was the right person not only for UC, but also for the region. He's been a big part of helping to bring the Mohawk Valley where it is today.

The first time I actually had an in-depth meeting with

Todd was when I was first elected to office in 2011. We had a meeting at his office, and I knew that this was someone who had alreadv done tremendous things for UC. I was struck by his energy, and he had some great ideas for the entire area. That's the best thing about Todd: You can put him in any room, and he's going to be able to communicate with anyone. He's an easy guy to talk to. He shows the same level of interest whether vou're an incoming freshman or an elected official. He treats everyone with the same respect.

Looking back, I don't know if we would be making strides into some of the high-tech areas we are if it wasn't for Todd's vision in those early days, when he started *introducing new programs* to the college. Cybersecurity and Utica go hand in hand now, whereas before Todd, you probably wouldn't see those two words in the same sentence. In the same way, bringing the College's business programs downtown is going to have a lasting *impact. It helps promote the* downtown area as a destination, and that's something more colleges should be looking at it.

Todd Hutton's been a visionary for our region, and we've been very lucky to have him here for so long.

Anthony Brindisi, New York State Assemblyman

I first met Todd in a way I'll never forget. When he first took office, he started connecting with UC grads that had sort of lost touch with the college. I remember being invited to a lunch with him, and he honestly said, "What are we doing wrong?" He wanted us to feel part of the UC family again, and that meant a lot to me. That was the opening of a door.

Since then, we've worked together in many capacities. I've been especially impressed with the way Todd has grown the cybersecurity program. When I was a criminal justice student. the cybersecurity program wasn't nearly as prestigious as it is today. Todd saw the potential that program had, and he knew the impact it would have on the community. He zeroed in and made it one of the best, if not the best, cybersecurity program in the country.

A true leader takes you places you haven't been before and shows you how to get there. That's exactly what Todd has done. That's what sets him apart.

Anthony Picente '94, Oneida County Executive

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Building a Legacy

It began immediately after he took office. Colleagues recall the easel, situated across from his desk, where Todd Hutton's vision for Utica College was propped on a large poster board. It was a map, illustrating in detail his plan to turn the small campus into a bustling hub for learning, innovation, and energy. He saw more residence halls, vastly improved athletic facilities, state-of-the-art laboratories to support UC's growing academic programs—and trees, lush plants, and flower beds that would inspire calm and fill the campus with natural beauty.

Today, that vision is nearly identical to the map nervous freshmen use to navigate campus each fall.

The physical transformation of Utica College's campus is not the only mark of Todd Hutton's impact, but it's perhaps the most visible and enduring. Here, a look at the changing face of the Utica College campus since Todd Hutton's inauguration in 1998:

- 1. The Cynkus Family Welcome Center, 2015
- 2. Economic Crime, Justice Studies, and Cybersecurity Building, 2009
- 3. F. Eugene Romano Hall, 2007
- 4. Faculty Center, 2003
- 5. Sherwood Boehlert Hall and Conference Center, 1999
- 6. Bell Hall, 2005
- 7. Tower Hall, 2002
- 8. Gary M. Kunath Fitness Center, 2008
- 9. Harold T. Clark, Sr. Team Facility, 2001
- 10. Charles A. Gaetano Stadium, 2002
- 11. Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center, 2015



Charles A. Gaetano Stadium

As home to the varsity field hockey, football, soccer, and lacrosse teams, the stadium made athletics an integral part of campus life in 2002. The facility bears the name of Charles A. Gaetano, a prominent community leader and emeritus director of the Utica College Foundation.

Left

Tower Hall (left)

Named for its four-story clock tower, the 25,500 square-foot residence hall houses upperclassmen in 45 single-occupancy rooms and 12 double-occupancy rooms.

Bell Hall (right)

The centerpiece of Bell Hall is a 600-pound, century-old antique bronze bell donated by Professor Emeritus of Accounting Randy Huta.

Right

Economic Crime, Justice Studies, and Cybersecurity Building

Home to UC's fastest growing programs, the ECJSC Building houses cutting-edge facilities like secure evidence rooms and forensic labs.

Cynkus Family Welcome Center

The 5,000 square-foot facility, dedicated this past fall in honor of trustee Harry Cynkus '71 and his family, features a cozy fireplace and lounge designed to offer visitors a warm welcome at the College's main entrance.











F. Eugene Romano Hall

With 23,000 square feet of classroom, lab, and clinical space, Romano Hall, named for local business leader and benefactor Gene Romano, gives physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing students access to the latest technologies and resources.

Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center

The second largest fully air-supported dome in North America, UC's newest facility boasts an indoor track, four multi-sport courts, and a multi-sport artificial turf practice field. Construction was made possible by a donation from Harold "Tom" Clark Jr. '65, who made his gift in honor of Todd and Jennifer Hutton.





A CANDD CONVERSATION *with* Todd S. Hutton





Todd Hutton once dreamed of becoming a dentist. As a young man, he favored long hair, sandals, and "garish green" neckties. He twice disguised himself as a member of UC's football team, and made it all the way through practice without being discovered. This summer, he's planning to jump out of a plane.

Revelations like these were many in our candid—and sometimes emotional—conversation with President Todd Hutton. Reflecting on the past 18 years, President Hutton opened up about his unlikely path to the presidency and the place he'll "always call home." "In this business, you absorb the energy of students, from having young people around you. That's irreplaceable." **Pioneer:** At this moment, your retirement is less than five months away. Has it sunk in yet?

Todd Hutton: For me, it's more of a neutral feel right now. I've just been too busy, so I haven't had time to feel yet. But there are occasions when it hits me. At the Heart Run and Walk, I was taking a photo with the student-athletes in front of the banner. And for some reason, it hit me emotionally. Suddenly I realized this was the last time. So there are those occasional sparks of real bittersweet emotions. But for the most part, I'm just on the go. I know Commencement is going to be tough for me, because there will be some students that I know pretty well, a couple of employees who are going to walk in this Commencement. It's emotional anyhow. I find myself tearing up at every Commencement.

P: Traditionally, college presidents announce their retirement and spend the next few months tying up loose ends and slowly stepping back. You haven't done that in the least. In September, you announced the tuition reset and made national news.

TH: Well, our signature line, "Never stand still" applies. The tuition reset was something that took on a life of its own. In the early conversations, my colleagues were able to convince me that it was going to be the right thing to do, regardless of the timing. I knew that I couldn't allow my retirement to interfere with what would be something very important for this institution, for our students and campus. We were going to have to behave as though I were not retiring, and fulfill the promise of that possibility. So when I announced my retirement, I laid out for the board a very detailed threeyear plan, quarter by quarter, indicating all the milestone dates, with all the big events occurring. I had a pretty good sense, and the board had a pretty good sense, of what was going to transpire over the next three years.

P: Is that typical of an outgoing president, to leave the board with a detailed plan that far into the future?

TH: The board said they've never seen it. The search consultants said they've never seen it. People have not done that. But that's my personality. It's just who I am.

P: What were your earliest career aspirations?

TH: I thought I was going to be a dentist. My dad was a dentist. I wanted to be a dentist from the age of 10. I was good at science in high school, but I was only fair at science in college. Chemistry and I didn't get along all that great in college, and I realized that science wasn't my passion, and therefore, dentistry wasn't my passion. And I went to the opposite end of the spectrum; I found out that I was pretty good at English. I was teaching high-school English, but I decided to get a degree in school psychology. The

doctorate was another digression, because it was a liberal arts Ph.D. Duke University allowed students to create their own Ph.D., to choose the courses, which is what I did.

P: Was the prospect of a college presidency even on your radar then?

TH: Not exactly. I remember my first job out of Duke; I was the director of a Federal TRIO Program, an outreach program for students. I still had pretty long hair, and I was wearing sandals and this garish, fluorescent green tie, and the assistant to the president at Frostburg State said to me, "Todd, someday you need to consider being a college president." Now. I have no idea how he ever could have seen that in me, frankly, because, if you looked at me at that point in time, there was no way I looked like a college president. But he saw something. And I remember my immediate reaction to him was, "I wouldn't want that job for anything in the world."

P: What changed?

TH: Years later, I worked for the president of Austin College, Harry Smith. He was an ordained Presbyterian minister. He'd been the executive director of the Institute for Values in Higher Education at Yale before becoming president, and he taught me truly what a presidency could be.

P: What was that?

TH: A college presidency is "servant leadership." Serving the people who've entrusted great responsi-



bility in you. To nurture an organization as you nurture a human being, and help an organization grow, and fulfill some of its own promise. Harry Smith inspired me at that point in time to consider a presidency. And what goes along with that is the acceptance of a life dedicated to an institution. You go from having a career to having a lifestyle. That's one of the quantum leaps from a vice presidency to a presidency. Your perspective also gets much broader, with pockets of depth. And there's a responsibility to use that breadth of perspective. The college presidency is a lifestyle. And that's something that my peers talk about all the time, that whatever career they came out of, whether it be academic or enrollment or advancement, they all never envisioned the extent to

which it becomes a lifestyle.

P: Was your father disappointed that you didn't pursue a dental career?

TH: Actually, he counseled me early on not to be a dentist. Even though I don't have big hands, he felt that I didn't have the manual dexterity to be a dentist. So he was telling me when I was in high school, "You should think twice about that." I had a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, and my dad was a career Navy officer. He was a dentist, but he was a career Navy officer. And I turned that appointment down to go to Davidson College. Davidson had mandatory ROTC, so I turned down the Naval Academy to go into the Army, essentially. And my dad, I have to give him a lot of credit. He was very, very supportive of that. **P:** What's been the most important lesson you've learned over the past 18 years?

TH: Surround yourself with the smartest, brightest, most energetic people you can. It took me a while to build the team, and to build some depth in the team. Learning to take some time for self also is important. And then third, I think building a board that's a strong. engaged, and consequential board. No president stays in a job for a long period of time without a strong board, a strong relationship with that board, and a strong relationship with the chairs of the board. And I was blessed to have strong chairs who were very supportive.

P: How have you changed, personally, over the past 18 years?

TH: On a very personal level, I don't perceive myself as having changed a whole lot. A lot of us, when we reach the age I am, you see yourself as being several decades younger than you are. You know, it's that saying: It's not how old you are, it's how you are old. I've tried to live by that. It's why I keep doing weird things. I'm going to jump out of an airplane this summer. With a parachute, I hope. I think I have mellowed. I'm less intense than I was. I still can be pretty intense at times, but I'm less intense. I'm more patient than I was. I suffer fools a little bit more leniently. I can't suit up in a football uniform and go two hours in a practice with our football team anymore.

P: Please elaborate!

TH: I did that twice. The first time was with [Coach] Mike Kemp, and the last one was

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two or three years ago with Blaise Faggiano, as they were practicing in the spring, getting ready to play in Quebec. I suited up and went out for a two-hour practice, the whole two hours. The first time, 10 years ago, none of the students knew it, and they all thought I was a spy from Canada, because I had this black ski mask on to cover my beard. I stayed with the running backs, because there are more of them. This last time. I let the kids know that I was out there. I said, "You're going to have to help me. Lead me through the drills and show me what to do."

P: So what was the big reveal?

TH: They all huddled in the middle of the field at the end of practice, and they'd do a "1, 2, 3, Go Pioneers!" They called Blaise back into the middle. So he had all the players with the space in the middle, and they pushed me out and said, "Take off the helmet!" I took off the helmet and the mask and Blaise just couldn't handle it. He was in disbelief. It was so much fun.

P: Wow! What was the hardest part of the practice?

TH: The squat lunges, when we had to kind of lunge forward in a squat. That was the hardest because of my knee replacement. But I made it!

P: What will you miss most about Utica College?

TH: The students. I'll miss colleagues a lot, but in this business, you absorb the energy of students, from having young people around you. That's irreplaceable. And I'll find other challenges. I'll always have my colleagues here and my friends in the community. Those connections will be lifelong.

P: What are the individual moments, happy and sad, that stand out in your memory?

TH: The deaths of people we've known, who I care about a lot, have been the saddest moments. One of the real surprising things about this job is the hundreds of funerals that you go to, that we've gone to. over an 18-year period. That's including students, unfortunately. Joe Chubbuck, a student who passed, stands out. So you revisit those sad moments. But the happiest moments tend to be around things with students. There are just so many of them. Kwanzaa is a good one. Jennifer and I really enjoy Kwanzaa. We went to one of the student dinners and dances three weeks ago, and I danced a little. Alumni events are highlights for us. I really enjoy getting out and meeting people at alumni events.

P: How would you describe your legacy at Utica College?

TH: Well, the students asked me that last year, when I announced my retirement. And I get teared up a bit. But I said, it's them. It's the students. That's part of what being a servant leader is. You take pride in seeing people grow. The College is an organism, and you take pride in seeing it grow up over an 18-year period. It still has a long way to go. But I hope that's my legacy. There's the other stuff buildings on campus. Yes, that's nice, but buildings don't mean anything unless

something rich is happening inside, and that richness is growth and learning. I wrote in a vision statement back in 1999 that we'd be one of the finest small universities in America. Today, Utica College is a small university. I don't know that we're one of the finest yet. We aspire to be. But we are a small university now.

P: What's your advice for your successor, Laura Casamento?

TH: Be yourself. She's funny. She has a great sense of humor. All the attributes that everyone sees that will make her a successful CEO, but I tell her to let people see her as she really is, herself. And then get to know students. And take time for herself. It can be a crushing job if you don't take that time.

P: Ten years from now, how will you look back at this period in your life?

TH: I'll cherish it. I'll quietly stay in touch with the College, but this has to be Laura's opportunity. This will be the institution for her to nurture for however long she stays. But I'll take great pride, 10 years from now, on what happened over that 10 years. It's going to be an exciting time in the College's history with the changes, the economic changes, with nanotechnology. The tuition reset is going to impact this institution in very positive, unintended ways. We don't know exactly what that's going to be. You know, having been a Navy brat, I don't have roots. Anywhere I go, I hang my hat, that's home. But here's where we've put down roots. So this will always be home.



Where credit is due.

When Linda Gigliotti '69 signed up for her first course in accounting back in 1962, she did so as a favor to a friend who didn't want to attend night school alone.

"My friend dropped out after four weeks," she recalls, "and I kept going for another 16 years, eventually earning my M.B.A. and Ph.D. I just loved it."

The only woman in UC's accounting program at that time, Linda studied part-time under Professor Joseph Bialek, who introduced her to computer technology, training her on a massive Univac that filled an entire room at his accounting firm. "With computer training in the morning, my job in the afternoon, and classes at night, I was really on the run for about six months, but that's how I got into teaching business students how to use computers," says Linda. After graduating, she taught business computing at Utica College, then took a full-time faculty position at MVCC where she served for 22 years before retiring as an emerita professor in 1998. And through it all, Linda has never lost touch with where she started – that's why she supports the College through the Heritage Society.

"I owe my career and everything I've done to Utica College. I received an outstanding education there. UC allowed me to get my start, and once I started I just kept going. Now I'm paying it forward by helping women return to college and earn their degree, like I did," she says.

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In 1997, more than 50 years after Utica College's founding, the College was tasked with choosing a president for the first time. Previously the work of Syracuse University, UC's first presidential search was approached with "great consideration and careful thought," says Larry Bull '74, then board chair. "We didn't have the resources to withstand a hiring mistake."

The search committee, comprised of trustees, faculty, staff, and students, knew that the right candidate would need a special set of skills. At a pivotal moment in the College's history, the right president would help UC to forge an identity separate from Syracuse and devise a plan for the future. The right choice, they knew, would be someone ready for a challenge.

Today, 18 years later and on the eve of President Todd Hutton's retirement, we asked members of that first search committee to reflect on the decision-making process—and the energetic candidate from Oregon who turned out to be the perfect person for the job.

James F. DuRoss Jr., Board of Trustees

We took this search very seriously from the first meeting of the search committee. It was the first time we would be appointing our own president, and everyone felt the weight of that task.

We received 113 resumes, and we read them all, which was time-consuming because some were as long as 30 pages. By the time we narrowed the pool down, there were a few candidates who stood out. We interviewed Todd several times, but the one that I remember so well was the airport interview in Syracuse. Todd had flown across the country and he was not feeling well. He mentioned that he was getting over the flu, and you could tell he was tired and felt awful. We met with him in a conference room at the airport, and in the room next to us, a Mary Kay Cosmetics convention was going on. They were screaming and yelling and laughing, and it was hard to hear in our room. Poor Todd. He did his best. He didn't exactly "wow" us during that interview, but a lot of us could sense there was something there. We liked the guy.

We invited him back, and under better circumstances, he made a great impression. He was very clearly intelligent, but not condescending. We all felt we could relate to him easily. He came across as genuine and strong. We made the decision shortly after that interview.

Later, Todd had been in office a few weeks, and it was the first formal board meeting with him as President. He came in and completely took control. He was a strong presence, which the board needed at that time. We all looked at each other and thought, "I guess we picked the right guy!"

From those first meetings, Todd recognized where we stood. He understood the financial issues we had. He helped us all to understand that in order to get where we wanted to be, we'd need to separate from the mother ship, Syracuse University. He knew we needed to get to a point where we could stand on our own two feet, fulfilling the mission we set out to achieve in 1946, educating first-generation students and giving them opportunity.

We all felt confident that Todd could get us there, and over the past 18 years, he has.

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- Rob Woods

Rob Woods, Vice President Emeritus for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

Todd was one of three finalists we brought to campus, and he stood out in my mind. He was someone who had real vision, a real idea of where we needed to go. He's led us there. His sense of vision is what's made him so successful.

One really good example of that is the massive expansion of the athletic program. We take it for granted now, but it was responsible for a lot of the growth in enrollment and the campus spirit we now have. That wasn't always the case. At the time, we saw hockey, lacrosse, a turf field—they seemed like distant dreams. He took those ideas seriously and shepherded them through.

Todd was also instrumental in improving the governance of the institution. The Board of Trustees was brand new when he came on, so Todd had a really big hand in organizing and helping the trustees see what their role is. He helped us develop a strategic planning initiative, which was hugely beneficial to the College, and still is today.

But as for the intangibles, he gave people the confidence to realize the College could be successful. From the moment I met him, I knew he saw big things in Utica College's future.

With Todd, you get what you pay for. He's very transparent and honest about what he's doing and why he's doing it. I've appreciated his sense of humor—he's a very funny guy! He loves to play practical jokes. We would have these retreats for senior staff, and he was always pulling pranks. You had to watch your back around him!

That's something remarkable about Todd: He's kept his sense of humor, even in difficult times.

Larry Bull '74, current trustee and founding member, Utica College Board of Trustees

From the point of view of the institution, this was a crucial decision for us. We had become independent the year before, and it was a difficult time; we were a fledgling institution trying to survive in a very tough market. Looking back, I'm not sure UC would have survived if we had made the wrong choice.

That first meeting, he had a bad cold. We joke about it now; I tell him, if we had had to make a decision that day, we would not have hired him. But all of us saw something in Todd that made us want him to come back a second time. As history shows, we're very glad we did.

In that second interview, he overwhelmed us with the strength of his personality and his convictions, his visions for what UC could be.

After he was hired, the work started immediately. At the first board meeting, the trustees asked Todd to put together a strategic plan and have it enforced in 90 days. Todd told us it couldn't be done. He put it bluntly. What he would do, he said, was put together a plan of action and start the process of implementing a strategic plan. I think he thought the board might end his career right there. But they soon realized that he had the experience, and he knew what he was doing. He showed us that those major changes take a year, at least. He helped us see the bigger picture.

Early on, a lot of different constituencies wanted to see UC become a (purely) liberal arts school. Todd encouraged us to see things differently. We could encourage and embrace a strong liberal arts core, but we still had to be a school that prepared students for a career. That's been our saving grace in recent years, when other private colleges are struggling to stay afloat.

When Todd started talking about athletics, it wasn't a popular idea. He showed us how we could integrate athletics into a college curriculum, and how athletics could create a richer student experience and build a sense of school spirit. He was exactly right.

Over the years, Todd has had a distinct way of reinventing himself. After someone's in a job for so many years, they tend to think, "I've done my best work, now it's time to move on." They get in a rut. That never happened to Todd. He would go on vacation or take a short break, and come back refreshed with a new set of ideas. He would take a deep look at where the College needs to go and make it happen.

When we hired Todd in 1998, I don't think any of us could have imagined where Utica College would be 18 years later. Back then, our head was down, and our focus was on surviving certainly not on thriving. Todd allowed us to look beyond where we were, and he laid out a course to take us there in a way that pretty much assures success in the long-term future.

As chair of the Board in 1998, I won't take personal credit for selecting Todd, but I will say this: It was great honor and a great opportunity to be a part of it. 4.5

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- Carol Mackintosh

Carol Mackintosh, Vice President Emerita for Planning and Analysis

The thing I remember most was Todd's energy. When we interviewed him on campus, he was particularly well prepared. He saw the challenges the search committee outlined, and he was just looking forward with energy, enthusiasm. He had pizzazz. That's maybe the best word for it.

I came to Utica College in 1974, and by 1998, we needed to take the College in a new direction. And if you want to go in a new direction, that means coordinating financial resources with academic goals. That was impossible with the way we were organized. The Foundation Board was most interested in the future of the College, but the finances and academic decisions had to go through Syracuse. It was disjointed. It's a complex issue, but when you can't put your physical resources and fundraising in line with where you want to go academically, you're pretty stuck.

So, in a president, we were looking for someone who could coordinate an entire college so we could move off the dime. We were looking for someone who could put all aspects of the institution together with a purpose; to point us in a direction of our own, with an identity of our own. From those early interviews, we knew Todd had a good idea of how to put together a strategic plan. He knew how to pick a direction and then marshal all parts of the institution in that direction, including the trustees. We began talking about expanding programs, and creating our first master's programs. These things were huge issues, and decisions that would impact the institution's health. That's the process of building a strategic direction, and Todd had that skill. He had a purposefulness about him, a direction. In meetings, I remember thinking, "OK, now we're on our way." He had the passion and enthusiasm to get the community on board.

This is the best way I can think to describe Todd Hutton's presidency: He took an institution that was a teenager and turned it into an adult. There was the promise of good things before he arrived, yet it was an institution that hadn't done the "grown-up stuff" yet. It hadn't managed its own finances. Hadn't chosen a career path. Hadn't done any of those things. It was an institution full of energy that wasn't directed. Todd helped it grow and mature.

As much as we chose Todd during that search, he chose us, too. He knew he wasn't coming to a college that was comfortable and settled. It was an opportunity to shape something. It was the perfect match.

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- James Ruotolo '99

James Ruotolo '99, G'03, former president, Utica College Student Senate

I was a junior and president of the Student Senate when I was approached to participate in the presidential search. I was excited that the school was interested in what the students thought as part of the search process. I remember my friends and I feeling that our opinion was really valued.

When I first met Todd Hutton, my perception was that he was probably the warmest and friendliest of the candidates. I thought, "This is a very likeable guy." I found him to be very straightforward, forthcoming, and approachable. I liked him instantly. Must have been the beard. Clearly, what's transpired since we selected him is proof that we made the right choice. Now I love seeing Todd at alumni events. I always tell him, "I helped get you hired!" We've traded a few jokes about that.

Today, I'm the director of product management for fraud and security intelligence at SAS. I do a lot of traveling, and when I tell people where I went to college, they're impressed. They know Utica College is one of the leaders in the economic crime field. That's largely due to President Hutton, that Utica College is now such a recognizable name. That's been hugely helpful to me in my career, and I have President Hutton to thank for it.

Nancy Hollins, Professor and Chair of Occupational Therapy

From the beginning of the search, I think we all had a pretty good sense of the type of personality that would fit, the types of values we were looking for. We all wanted somebody student-centered. We felt that was important to Utica College. We wanted somebody that would understand the small community the College was at that time. You have to remember that in 1998, there was no e-mail, so meetings were always in person. The faculty was very close-knit. Everybody knew everybody, and we wanted a president who would be part of that environment. Todd impressed me as someone who could do that. When I first met him, he had that leadership persona. That really impressed me, even at the airport, just walking in. He had that kind of assurance and confidence, a calm presence about him. Other candidates were anxious and over eager, but he waited for us to ask our questions, and he answered them in a very articulate, very measured way. He still does that.

On the search committee, we had one faculty member from each of the schools. There was still that tension between liberal arts and professional education, and one of the things I came in looking for was someone who had some experience in professional education. That was my piece of the pie, I think. I wanted someone with experience in accredited education and professional programs. All the faculty members wanted somebody who knew what it was like to be in a classroom, and Todd had that. He knew what the life of a faculty member was like, in terms of research and service. That appealed to us.

You're taking a gamble on any new hire. You do the best you can. The committee did a lot of really hard work. What I remember now is the phenomenal number of hours we spent, how tired we were, how we kept pushing. We got into some knockdown arguments, in part because we were so tired. Now, I take pride in that we were part of the first search, and we did a good job.

When Todd came to Utica College, we were really brand new as a college. UC was a baby, and he brought us into young adulthood. We've got processes in place now, a way of thinking about programs and support for students; a way of thinking about diversity of revenue with graduate, online, and blended programs. It's not the buildings themselves and athletics or the academic programs that will be Todd's legacy. It's the fact that all those things began on his watch because he helped us move from childhood as an institution to an independent, well-functioning institution. All of the rapid growth of the past 18 years would not have happened without Todd. 🗖





A Sense of Ourselves





professor of anthropology. After nearly 40 years on campus, he has witnessed—and been an integral part of— UC's transformation from "Syracuse University's stepchild" to a fully formed institution with an identity of its own.

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Here, Johnsen reflects on the many ways Todd Hutton helped usher in a new era for Utica College—and the drastic culture shift he says students, faculty, and staff shouldn't take for granted. Todd Hutton's appointment in 1998 was an important milestone because he was our first independent president. All of our presidents before that had been appointed by the chancellor of Syracuse University, and they were clearly the chancellor's people in every respect. While I think most of them did a fairly good job for us, when push came to shove it was clearly the chancellor whose interest they had to curry. And that had reached a point where the College's health, in every respect, but particularly financially, was really in jeopardy. So, understandably we had lofty expectations for our first president, and what a president needed to mean to the institution.

On the part of the faculty, there was a sense that this is the turning of a new leaf. This is a new beginning for the institution, but we weren't entirely sure what it was going to mean, how painful it was going to be, and ultimately what the benefit was going to be. The hopes were high, the expectations were high, and I think the potential for failure was high. The fact that Todd has been the most successful president in Utica College's history says an awful lot about Todd and what he was able to bring to that task.

In Syracuse's Shadow

Todd once told me that had he known the true state of the College's finances, he may not have accepted the job. Perhaps he was joking, but I don't think he was. The financial situation was pretty dire. I had been here since 1977, and I loved Utica College - I loved my colleagues, and I loved our students - but it didn't have a substantial "college feel." The campus was not particularly attractive; it wasn't particularly built up. Space was an issue. Most faculty members shared offices, and classrooms were quite substandard spaces. There was not a particularly robust student life. I think we always felt like a stepchild to Syracuse University. I know that was true of the faculty.

Many of us had formed fairly close collegial relationships with people at Syracuse or with people at other institutions and looked to those for a great deal of fulfillment of our own academic experiences. Even well into the 90s, I worked quite a bit with the anthropology department at Syracuse. In terms of my own professional involvement, I certainly turned to them much more readily than I turned to other people here at the College. So it was a very different kind of place culturally, certainly financially, but also in the way we thought about ourselves at that time. Our circumstances within the structure of Syracuse University made our previous presidents more focused on the larger university structure than on Utica College as an entity.

Signs of Success

The growth and the transformation of campus - the number of new buildings. for instance – are a part of Todd's success, no question about it, but I think it's many other things as well. One is our sense of ourselves. The people we are hiring now have no idea about what we were like as an institution 20 years ago - how much of a sea change there has been in just our sense of ourselves as an institution of higher education. In no

way do I want to minimize the significance of the "Pioneer" generation of faculty and administration, but I think there is a sense of self respect among us as an academic institution that is significantly greater than what it was in the first 20 years that I was here.

A very large portion of our current faculty has been hired since Todd got here. Over the past four years, for example, the faculty has grown by 22 percent, so we've got a lot of people who are new to the institution. What people coming into the institution now will see is a much more stable institution - not that we don't still have financial challenges - and an institution that functions much more closely to the mainstream of American higher education; an institution that is out in front, in many respects, of American higher education.

You can find instances in our past when we were also leaders. Utica College was a national leader, for example, in equity for women in sports and, of course, we think of people like Professors Crisafulli and Simon and other faculty members who were giants in their

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field. Now, in many respects due to Todd's leadership, we've become a leader in terms of the ability of our institution to diversify its approach to higher education with online and blended programs as a way of exploring new possibilities of reaching students.

Growing Big and Staying Small

What Todd has done extremely well is to allow us to sustain the really very precious heritage of the on-campus experience. Todd has always been very clear about that. It is not always obvious when the emphasis has been on adding new online programs and opening locations in Syracuse and St. Petersburg, Florida, for example. This is not in any way to suggest that we don't have a very strong obligation to and sense of fondness for our online students, but much of the expansion opportunity over the years has been in order to ensure that we don't lose the ability to maintain this campus community and to have the kind of impact on the students who are members of the physical campus community that we want to have.

Thanks in large part to Todd, there's a greater complexity in terms of the array of programs we offer. There's a richer potential for fulfilling that vision of what we can do with students. The fact that we have increased our size, increased our complexity, and still maintained the kind of faculty-student ratios that we have in the classroom and the kind of direct contact between students and faculty, I think makes us a destination for a lot of people.

The Heart of the Job

Todd is most at home in small group interactions with faculty and students talking about what their educational experience has been. I've seen him tear up at induction ceremonies for academic honor societies as well as at athletic contests. He gets very emotional when students realize and go beyond the goals that we have for them. That has always been the heart of what Todd has wanted out of the iob. I'm convinced. And it's always been at the heart of what he's tried to bring to the job.

To me, Todd's greatest accomplishment is something that's still largely invisible to many members of our community because we take it for granted, and that is helping us as an institution navigate the increasingly turbulent waters of American higher education. He's had a good grasp of how things were shifting and changing, certainly for much longer than I have. He was entrepreneurial enough to understand we had to change in response to that, and traditionalist enough to understand that we have to be careful not to lose our soul in the process. With the pace at which things have been changing in American higher education, it's very easy to lose your way, and Todd has not lost his way. He has helped us create a response to challenge that allows us to preserve what's best about our heritage, and I think that's his greatest accomplishment.



"My experience has taught me that a basic impulse at Utica College is to include rather than to exclude. It is one reason why we have the rich campus culture that we have today."

– Dr. Todd S. Hutton, 2003

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Utica College names Laura Casamento ninth president

After an exhaustive, 11-month national search, the Utica College Board of Trustees on Feb. 8, 2016 announced the selection of Laura Casamento as the College's ninth president. Effective August 1, 2016, she will be appointed president and the first female chief executive officer in UC's history.

Casamento began her career at Utica College in 2004 as vice president for institutional advancement; she now serves as the institution's executive vice president and chief advancement officer, where she has played an integral role in increasing external funding, strengthening the College's financial position, and developing the recent tuition reset strategy. Prior to joining UC, Casamento was president and chief operating officer of Herkimer County Trust.

Casamento is completing her Doctor of Education in the Executive Doctorate in Higher Education Management program at the University of Pennsylvania, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2016, and she holds an M.B.A. in management from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. "I want to thank the Board of Trustees for this opportunity," Casamento said in a Feb. 8 news conference. "As a lifelong resident of the Mohawk Valley, I have enormous respect for what Utica College means to this region, to generations of alumni, and to the unbelievably dedicated faculty and staff who have so passionately served the College since its founding. I consider it a great honor to partner with the entire Utica College family and lead the effort to achieve even greater levels of success for our students and the communities we serve."

Board of Trustees Chairperson Mark Pilipczuk '88 said, "Eleven months ago, when the Board put together this presidential search, we were determined to find a dynamic, future-focused leader who could support and build upon this institution's current trajectory as a leader in an innovative approach to higher education, and, working together with our faculty and administrative team, lead us into a new era. The Board strongly believes that we've found such a leader."

Look for a more in-depth profile of Laura Casamento, UC's ninth president, in the next issue of The Pioneer.

AROUND CAMPUS



UC Receives \$2.5 M Grant

On Thursday, Feb. 4, New York State Sen. Joseph Griffo and Assemblyman Anthony Brindisi announced that Utica College has been awarded \$2.5 million in matching state funds for improvements to the Clark Athletic Center and the Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Dome.

The grant is provided through the Higher Education Capital Matching Grants Program (HECap), which provides funding to private colleges and universities in New York State for projects that enhance economic development and growth. HECap matches \$1 in state funding for every \$3 raised by Utica College. The funding, says President Todd Hutton, will help support continued improvements to the recently opened Dome, as well as renovations to the Clark Athletic Center.

"In recent years, Utica College has grown by leaps and bounds to become a premiere educational institution," said Assemblyman Brindisi. "This project will be a huge addition to the College's outstanding athletic programs, allowing it to provide state-ofthe-art facilities for a variety of sports and athletic programs

For Sen. Griffo, the funding is good news not just for UC, but the entire Mohawk Valley.

"Utica College has shown outstanding leadership on behalf of its students by lowering tuition and expanding its educational programs," said Griffo. "So I am pleased that this grant will help the campus become an even more valuable presence in our region's revitalization."

Brothers of Alpha Chi Rho Raise Funds, Awareness with Annual 'Deep Freeze for Cancer'

With mild snowfall and temperatures in the low teens, early March in Utica may not be the best time for camping. But for the brothers of Alpha Chi Rho (AXP), that's exactly the point.

From Feb. 29 until March 5, members of the fraternity set

up camp outside the Strebel Student Center in an effort to raise funds for the Central New York Chapter of the American Cancer Society. Throughout the week, the brothers collected donations in person and online, and raised a total of \$4,424, which will support cancer research and education.

"We're here to raise funds and awareness for the fight against cancer," said Alexander Hodkinson '15. "It's been cold and windy, but the struggles we face are nothing compared to the cancer patients and their families."

Since its inception in 1999, the Deep Freeze has helped raise more than \$10,000 for the American Cancer Society.



Kevin Carroll to Speak at Undergraduate Commencement

Kevin Carroll, founder of Kevin Carroll Katalyst/LLC, will speak at Utica College's undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 8, 2016.

Former head athletic trainer for the Philadelphia 76ers, Carroll parlayed his experience in sports performance into a career with Nike, serving as a creative consultant from 1997 to 2004. He has since been a part of campaigns for The National Hockey League, ESPN, Starbucks, The National Basketball Association, The Walt Disney Company, Mattel, Hasbro, Procter & Gamble, The Discovery Channel, and Capital One.

Carroll holds a M.S. in Health Education from St. Joseph's University, a B.A. in Speech Communication with a minor in Physical Education from Angelo State University, and an Associate's Degree in Interpreting and Translating from the Community College of The Air Force. He is the author of *Rules of the Red Rubber Ball, What's Your Red Rubber Ball?*! and *The Red Rubber Ball at Work*, published by ESPN, Disney Press and McGraw-Hill.

Kujtim Cashku and Father Paul Drobin to Receive Honorary Degrees

Utica College will confer two honorary degrees at its commencement ceremonies on May 8, 2016.

Father Paul Drobin will receive the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology. Drobin, known to the campus community as "Father Paul," has been chaplain of the Newman Center since 1999. He has served as teacher, mentor, and a community leader, known for his down-toearth humor and open-mindedness to people of all beliefs. Drobin will celebrate 50 years as an ordained Catholic priest in May 2016.

Kujtim Cashku is an internationally recognized filmmaker and human rights activist. He served as Vice President of the Albanian Helsinki Committee and helped to launch the Human Rights Advocacy Program in collaboration with Utica College. In 2006, along with UC Professor Theodore Orlin, Cashku founded the International Human Rights Film Festival Albania, raising awareness for victims of human rights violations around the world. Cashku will receive the Doctor of Letters.

Chemistry Student Lana Nitti Named Finalist for Science Ambassador Scholarship

UC junior Lana Nitti is a finalist for the Cards Against Humanity Science Ambassador Scholarship. The scholarship, funded by the popular card game, provides full undergraduate tuition to women studying science, math, and engineering. According to the scholarship website, the ideal candidate is "someone passionate about discovery who shares their excitement with others."

For the past two years, Nitti has been studying lead levels in the Utica area, which are higher than average, according to the Department of Health. In an effort to involve the community in her research, Nitti, a chemistry major from New York City, is developing ways for local high school students to safely and easily test soil for lead. The goal, Nitti explains, is twofold: find ways to decrease cases of lead poisoning in Utica, and teach local students how science can impact their everyday lives.

"It's easy to look the other way when the problem doesn't affect you," says Nitti, "but by getting these kids out in the field and into the lab, we're closer to finding a solution."

At the time of publication, winners of the Cards Against Humanity Scholarship had not been announced. Check utica.edu/news for updates.

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Physical Therapy Professor James Smith Receives National Award

In February, James Smith, associate professor of physical therapy at Utica College, received the prestigious James Dunleavy Distinguished Service Award during the proceedings of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Combined Sections Meeting in Anaheim, California.

Smith was honored for distinguished service to the Academy of Acute Care Physical Therapy. Smith is a past president of the academy, and during his presidency he and his team were presented with the APTA's Outstanding Section Award, based on their many projects, membership activities and comprehensive communication strategies.

Smith has served on the National Quality Forum's "Patient Safety Measures: Complications Endorsement Maintenance" steering committee, with the mission of improving American health care. He is the principal investigator of an interdisciplinary team that is developing a clinical practice guideline on post-intensive care syndrome.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in physical therapy from Northeastern University, a master's in psychology from the University of Hartford in Connecticut, and his doctorate in physical therapy from Simmons College in Massachusetts. He worked for 12 years in a hospital-based practice, and as many years in part-time practice. At Utica College, Smith teaches in the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program.

'Writing the Book' on Cyber Ethics

When staffers in the U.S. Department of Defense want the latest information on cybersecurity best practices, they'll likely reference the work of five Utica College students.

Last spring, a team of cybersecurity students worked with Joseph Giordano, UC professor of practice and chair of cybersecurity programs, to co-author a paper titled "Ethical Considerations in the Cyber Domain." The paper was a chapter in a book, *Evolution of Cyber Technologies and Operations to 2035*, recently published by Springer.

The co-authors, who each earned bachelor's degrees in cybersecurity from Utica College in 2015, are Justin M. Hubman, Boonville, N.Y.; Zachary B. Doyle, West Hurley, N.Y.; Robert L. Payne III, Duanesburg, N.Y.; Thomas F. Woodburn, West Islip, N.Y.; and Branden G. McDaniel, Sherburne, N.Y.

The paper, Giordano said, examines the increasing risks of Americans' dependency on Internet-connected devices and explores potential vulnerabilities to exploitation, theft of critical information, terrorism, and espionage.

"Technologies are changing so quickly," says Justin Hubman, now a senior analyst at Frontier Communications and a graduate student in UC's cyberpolicy program. "There's not a huge amount of information out there about the ethical guidelines of using the Internet—where we're going wrong and putting national security at risk."

This made the research process "challenging," but for Hubman, it also added to the project's appeal. "We're really forging new territory with this type of research and laying the groundwork for the future," he said. "It's exciting."

Thomas Woodburn, also a cyberscurity graduate student at UC, says the opportunity to work on the paper boosted his confidence — and influenced his ultimate career goal.

"I never imagined that my work could be used by the national government," he says. "Now that I see that's it's possible, I want to contribute to more publications. It was a lot of hard work, but it's something I'm incredibly proud of."

Utica College was recently designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense Education (CAE IA/ CD) by the National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The College has also earned designation as a National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence (CDFAE) by the Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3). "I never imagined that my work could be used by the national government. Now that I see that's it's possible, I want to contribute to more publications. It was a lot of hard work, but it's something I'm incredibly proud of."

- Thomas Woodburn UC Graduate Student

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Women's Hockey Enjoys a Season of 'Firsts'

The UC women's hockey team enjoyed its most successful season ever, advancing to the ECAC West championship game and earning Top 10 recognition in the final regular-season national polls.

In a season of memorable moments for the Pioneers, perhaps none was more thrilling than the team's February 13 4-2 victory over then nationally-No. 1 ranked and defending national champion Plattsburgh. The victory, only Utica's second-ever against Plattsburgh, ended their conference rival's 33-game winning streak.

Three weeks later, Utica defeated Elmira, the No. 2 ranked team in the national polls, to earn a spot in the ECAC West finals. The Pioneers were the only team to defeat both of the teams who competed for the national championship.

"I think the theme for us this year was one of firsts," says head coach Dave Clausen. "This was the first time we've ever won two games in the playoffs. It was the first time we've won 19 games in a season. It was the first time we've won 13 league games. There were a lot of firsts, and certainly you have to attribute that to the leadership within the (locker) room.

"To a player, this team bought into what they needed to do in order to win, and they bought into holding each other accountable. And the results came from that."

Among the many individual player achievements, Morgan Reed '16, Janessa Haasbeek '16, Gabrielle Schnepp '17, Keira Goin '17, Lauren Patterson '19, and Kayla Dion '19 earned All-Conference selections. Patterson, who earned ECAC West Rookie of the Year honors, was the nation's leading scorer among freshmen. Reed, an All-American selection, was fifth in the nation in scoring, while her linemate Schepp finished third in assists. Goin, a junior goaltender, posted a team single-season record seven shutouts, including a fourgame shutout streak.

Clausen is optimistic about the prospects for next season.

"I'm excited about having only two seniors and being able to return the core of this team," He says. "Certainly Morgan (Reed) and Janessa (Haasbeek) are incredible players, and we'll miss them, but with the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors we had on the team this year, the talent that's there, and the experience they've gained, it's going to be a very deep and hopefully very good team next year."

UC Hosts First Track and Field Meet

UC's track and field teams are perennial "visitors" no more.

The program debuted in 2009. Seven seasons later, the Pioneers held the first-ever track and field meet on the College's campus, inaugurating their new home, the Todd and Jen Hutton Sports and Recreation Center, during a Dec. 12 invitational also named for the retiring UC president and his wife.

"That first meet was a great experience," says head track and field coach Eric Parker. "Our team was so excited. They didn't have to wake up at 6:00 a.m. and travel two or three hours for a meet. They were able to roll out of bed at 8:00 a.m., get breakfast in the dining commons, and walk across campus to the meet."

"It was a long time coming," Dave Fontaine, director of physical education and athletics, says of both the historic first home meet as well as the impressive, 82-foot high, air-supported dome structure that hosted it. "It's such an enormous addition, literally and figuratively. To have such a first-rate facility – to say that we have the second largest facility of its kind in North America – is really something special."

More than a competition site, the "Hutt," as it has become popularly known on campus, has provided a premier training venue for student-athletes in each of the College's 26 athletic programs. For the track and field program, which has produced several All-Americans over the years despite less-than-ideal and, in some cases, makeshift facilities, gone are the days of training sprinters in the hallways of Clark Athletic Center or busing the team to nearby institutions for odd-hour practices.

"It's given us legitimacy as a program," Parker says. "When a team doesn't have one place to call home, it's hard to feel like a high-caliber program. Now, having a facility like this, and knowing when and where we're going to practice, has given us the consistency in training to develop and maximize all the talent we have on campus. That has been a huge point of pride."

Sideline Report

Robert Tutein '16 hit a game-winning, buzzer-beating shot from well beyond the three-point line against Elmira, earning the senior guard national attention in the form of ESPN *SportsCenter's* popular Top 10 segment as well as a nomination for Geico's Basketball Play of the Year.

Sarah Wiatr '16 earned All-American honors in the triple jump at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships. Wiatr is a five-time national meet qualifier, and now a two-time All-American selection. Last year she became the first female in program history to earn All-American recognition.

Nick Woodman '16 participated in workouts and drills for 13 NFL scouts during Fordham University's Pro Day. The defensive end and NFL Draft hopeful concluded his college career as UC's all-time leader in sacks.

Nicodemus Gambill '17 was named U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Atlantic Region Track Athlete of the Year. He set a new school-record in the 60-meter dash at the NCAA Division III Track and Field Championships in Grinnell, Iowa. The junior sprinter also qualified for nationals in the 200-meter dash, and finished first in the second heat of the 200-meter preliminaries.

Abby Monroe '16 became UC's career strikeout leader, breaking the mark set by Pioneer Hall of Famer Bobbi (McMail) Simon '98. Monroe also holds the program's record for career wins.

The men's hockey team advanced to the ECAC West Hockey Tournament championship game for the fourth time in program history after defeating Elmira and Manhattanville in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds, respectively. The team garnered consideration in the national coaches' polls.

Nicole Kieffer '15, a former Pioneers defensive standout in both field hockey and ice hockey, is UC's new head field hockey coach. Kieffer served as the team's assistant coach this past season. As a player, she helped lead UC to three Empire 8 conference championships and three NCAA tournament appearances, including two "Sweet 16" runs.■







CLASS NOTES

Dr. Phylis J. Philipson '61, Lighthouse Point, FL, has announced the publication of her book, *Awareness in Action, Self-Awareness and Group Process,* which is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. The publication is geared toward undergraduate and graduate students pursuing mental health degrees and other human relations professions.

Ronald A. Cuccaro '66, Utica, NY, President and CEO at Adjusters International, has been elected chair of the board of trustees at The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties Incorporated.

John M. Convertino Jr. '67, Utica, NY, has been selected as a Genesis Group Celebration of Education honoree.

Daniel Hayes '69, Middleton, NY, is grateful to Dr. Edward B. Cutler, marine biologist and later Utica College Science Chairman, for hiring him as his research assistant while he was an undergraduate student. Hayes has worked 42 years in secondary education, 31 years as a fulltime educator and 11 years as a part-time educator.

Timothy D. Burback '72, Waterville, NY, has retired as president and CEO of Madison Mutual Insurance Company, Chittenango, NY.

David A. Dudajek '72, Whitesboro, NY, has been named a 2015 recipient of the Genesis Group's Joseph R. Carucci Legacy Award.

David Mathis '72, Utica, NY, Director of Oneida County Workforce Development since 1986, was named a Richard W. Couper Living Legend by the Oneida County Historical Society.



Bruce A. Brodsky '73, Utica, NY, was selected by Scholarship America as one of two national finalists for the 2015 Ralph "Cy" Seifert National Volunteer of the Year for

his work with its local affiliate, Utica Dollars for Scholars.

Dr. Thomas C. Curnow '73, Whitesboro, NY, was named executive director at Herkimer County HealthNet.

Nicholas P. Montesano '73, New Hartford, NY, received the Agency Hands in the Community Award for his commitment to volunteering in the community.

Roger E. Leone '75, Santa Clara, CA, has been named chief information officer (CIO) at Silicon Valley Bank, where he will direct the company's global information technology initiatives.

Nancy DePaolo Pattarini '77, Utica, NY, The Paige Group President and CEO, was a recipient of the 2015 Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.



Scott A. Weisman '77, New York, NY, chairman of Etico Captial LP, captained The Pterodactyl off the shores of Newport last summer.

James M. Hamer '84, New Hartford, NY, has been named business development specialist at Pathfinder Bank.

Theresa Bell Nagle '84, Marshfield, MA, is the owner of the private practice Occupational Therapy Clinic, which recently celebrated its eight-year anniversary.



Dr. Brian J. Jackson '85, Utica, NY, spoke at the University at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine in Buffalo, NY. Dr. Jackson presented at the UB Implant Study Club on several of his publications

concerning small diameter implants. The topic was titled, *Predictable Treatment Planning Strategies with Small Diameter Implants.*

David P. Anthony '87, Lafayette, NY, has been appointed assistant vice president for finance and budget for Upstate Medical University.

Andria L. Heath '87, Utica, NY, s a finalist for the 2015 Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award. John F. Kenealy '87, Syracuse, NY, has joined Chicago Title as vice president and district manager of Syracuse and Oswego branches.



Jonathan L. Schloop '87, Cassville, NY, has been named senior account manager in the Commercial Lines Division at Gilroy Kernan & Gilroy.



Dr. James C. Brown '88, Clinton, NY, presented at the Annual Conference of the New York State Criminal Justice Studies Technical Education Career Instructors Association in Albany. The

presentation was titled, *Broken Branches: Our Duty as Criminal Justice Educators.*

Celeste M. Witchley '90, New Hartford. NY, joined M. Griffith Investment Services as an accountant in the operations department.

Gina M. Ciaccia '91, Utica, NY, executive director of The Abraham House, received the 2015 Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award.

Wendy R. Goetz '91, Utica, NY, has been named the new administrator at Rome Memorial Hospital's Residential Health Care Facility.

Christy A. Deep '92, West Hartford, CT, was hired at The First Tee of Connecticut as manager of development and events.

Annette Jimenez Gleason '92, Rochester, NY, a staff writer for *El Mensajero Católico,* won third place from the New York Press Association (coverage of education, division 3) for her 2014 coverage of the Rochester School District.

Jennifer A. Herzog '97, Verona, NY, was selected as a Genesis Group Celebration of Education Honoree.



Daniel S. Cormican '98, Pittsburgh, PA, graduated from medical school at SUNY Stony Brook in 2009. He later went on to complete his residency in



Anesthesiology at University of Pittsburg Medical Center. In 2014, Cormican completed his fellowship in Critical Care Medicine at University of Michigan and in Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology at Cleveland Clinic. Currently, Daniel is now a Cardiothoracic Anesthesiologist and Critical Care physician at Allegheny General Hospital.

Stephen T. Surace '98, Utica, NY, has been elected as a vice president of The New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants Board of Directors.

Cory Lavalette '99, Raleigh, NC, has joined *North State Journal,* a new statewide newspaper, as Carolina Hurricanes beat writer and weekend editor. He and wife, **Barbara Lavalette '99,** have a daughter, Isabelle, 13, and son, Brodie, 8.

Roy A. Miller '02, New Hartford, NY, was promoted to principal at D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP.

Brian D. Agnew '03, Piscataway, NJ, is a new National Advisory Committee member of the New Jersey Health Initiatives (NJHI).



Ashanna R. Carmichael '04, Brooklyn, NY, working as an IITS helpdesk supervisor, traveled to India

to assist with their team's transition to become a 24-hour call support center for North America.

Dr. Ahmed M. Rezk '06, New Hartford, NY, joined Slocum Dickson Medical Group with the specialty of Family Practice.

Nicole L. Deveny '07, Utica, NY, has been promoted to the position of Mohawk Valley regional manager/assistant director of youth services at ACR Health.

Eric D. Longway '07, Rome, NY, has been promoted to partner at D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP.

Joseph E. Stabb '07, Buffalo, NY, has been hired by Canisius College as a research analyst.

Edward E. Carlson '08, Marcellus, NY, joined Pinnacle Investments, LLC as a financial advisor in its new office in Marcellus.

Andy Rubin's Next Big Idea

For most tech entrepreneurs, creating an operating system that effectively transformed the way more than 1 billion (yes, billion) people use technology would be a career-making achievement. Or, at least, an excuse to take a break.

But for **Andy Rubin '87**, founder of Android Inc., staggering success only has him looking for the next adventure. In a February issue of *Wired*, writer Jason Tanz details Rubin's latest project, whose potential impact is on par with the mobile operating system that made smartphones integral to modern life.

"Rubin has a theory that humanity is on the cusp of a new computing age," writes Tanz. "...he thinks the forces are in place to begin a decades-long transition to the next great platform: artificial intelligence."

In 2015, Rubin helped launch Playground Global, the apropos name for a company that serves as a workshop for engineering startups. Playground's focus is on "smart hardware," devices that gather sensory data and anticipate our needs. Rubin predicts that these "intelligent machines" will surround us in the not-sonear future, the same way smartphones have become ubiquitous circa 2016. And with a visionary track record like Rubin's, it's a prediction worth betting on.

Read the full article at utica.edu/wired

Michael S. Parslow '09, Utica, NY, received a First Year Family Medicine Resident Award for Excellence from the St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Family Medicine Residency program.

Sara L. Truax '09, Utica, NY, registered nurse, was named orthopedic program coordinator for Mohawk Valley Health System.

Amanda Joy Lampman '10, Woodgate, NY, has joined the staff at Boonville Family Care.

Mary Beth McEwen '10, Oriskany, NY, Interim Director of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County, has been selected as a finalist for the 2016 Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year Award. Amanda A. Godkin '12, Utica, NY, passed the bar examination.

Victoria L. Cruz-Griffith '12, Port Chester, NY, has joined Fabrication Enterprises as a marketing coordinator.

Amber C. Recio '12, New York, NY, has joined Coloring by the Book as an office manager.

Michael C. Gaetano '13, Utica, NY, was hired as a new media buyer at MPW Marketing.

Alissa M. Scott '13, Utica, NY, is now Education Reporter at the *Observer-Dispatch.*

Danielle M. Ambrose '14, Auburn, NY, has been named executive director at E. John Graves Center. **Colleen Bierstine '14,** New Hartford, NY, has joined Indium Corporation as a marketing communications specialist.

Bryan R. Habick '14, Washington, PA, became the assistant men's lacrosse coach at Washington & Jefferson College, September 2015.

Nicole D. Kieffer '15, Rome, NY, has been appointed Utica College interim field hockey head coach.

Christopher M. Pawlikowski '15, Vernon, NY, was hired at The Bonadio Group as an assistant on the Small Business Advisory team.

Births and Additions

Sarah A. Goldstein Moss '99, and her husband Kevin Moss, Charlotte, NC, had a daughter, Arlie Gretchen, on July 10, 2015.

Christina A. Kress '03 and Kevin M. Kress DPT '07, Little Falls, NY, had a daughter on November 4, 2015.



Brian M. Kaley '04, and his wife, Kate, Mamaroneck, NY, had son, Jack, on May 29, 2015.



Benjamin M. Schoen '04, and his wife, Kristen M. Schoen '05, Whitesboro, NY, had a daughter, Alexandria Marie, on July 24, 2015.

Ian G. Crawford '05, and his wife Adrianna, Lowville, NY, had a daughter on July 20, 2015.

Kristen M. Schoen '05, and her husband, Benjamin M. Schoen '04, Whitesboro, NY, had daughter, Alexandria Marie, on July 24, 2015.

Edward J. Waskiewicz '05, and his wife Sarah, Deerfield, NY, had a daughter on July 24, 2015.

Jessica L. Manganelli '06, and her husband, Bradley, Utica, NY, had a son on July 16, 2015.

Ashley M. VanDentop '06, and her husband Karl, Utica, NY, had a daughter on June 28, 2015.

Kevin M. Kress DPT '07, and Christina A. Kress '03, Little Falls, NY, had a daughter on November 4, 2015.

Adam R. Beyer DPT '08, Saint Johnsville, NY, had a son on June 10, 2015.

Judy L. Dacey '08, and her husband, Bryan, Rome, NY, had a son on June 17, 2015.

Vladimir Zhushma '08, and his wife, Elina, Rome, NY, had a son on July 4, 2015.

Stephanie Kelps Burke '09, and husband, Daniel, Blossvale, NY, had a son, Dylan Daniel, on January 20, 2016.

Travis L. Olivera '09, and his wife, Marissa, Utica, NY, had a son on July 19, 2015.

Christopher J. Roy '09, and Cati Audette, Whitesboro, NY, had a son on January 12, 2016.

James V. Giruzzi '10, and his fiancé, Gianna Latella, Utica, NY, had a daughter on November 5, 2015.

Shauna L. Goggin '10, and her husband, Colin Douglass, Utica, NY, had a son on July 15, 2015.

Morgan A. Joy '10, and her husband, Chris, Ilion, NY, had a son on August 10, 2015.

Christy Landry-Pitcher 10, and her husband, Blake Pitcher, Herkimer, NY, had a son on September 10, 2015.

Alyssa S. Nicholson Smith '11, and husband, Andrew Smith, Rome, NY, had a son on January 5, 2016.

Ashley M. Powers '13, and husband Scott, Sauquoit, NY, had a son on December 15, 2015.

Jessica L. Rosato '13, and Dave Bumbolo, Utica, NY, had a son on August 4, 2015.

Nastassia N. Alger '14, Boonville, NY, had a son, Aiden Richard, on December 14, 2015.

Heather D. Meenan '14, and her husband, Jason, Vernon, NY, had a daughter on June 16, 2015.

Weddings and Anniversaries

Jessica Fairchild '09, and her husband, Skylar, Fairbanks, AZ, were married on September 5, 2015.

Jaime L. Loreto '14, and her husband, Christian Paul Giardino, were married on October 3, 2015.

In Memoriam

Dr. Albert H. Shaheen '49, Utica, NY, July 7, 2015.

Gregory F. Esposito '50, Rome, NY, February 2, 2016.

Thomas C. Graziano '50, Victor, NY, October 19, 2015.

William W. Schneible '50, Rome, NY, August 6, 2015.

Robert L. Dondero '51, New Hartford, NY, February 21, 2016.

Frank Scalise '51, Utica, NY, November 2, 2015.

John M. Moffett '52, New Hartford, NY, January 16, 2016.

Owen Comora '53, Sarasota, FL, January 27, 2016.

Elias A. Casper '54, Annapolis, MD, January 22, 2016.

John B. Aliasso '55, Tewksbury, MA, December 10. 2015.

Henry F. Coupe '56, Utica, NY, December 17, 2015.

Vincent Dawes '57, New Hartford, NY, January 17, 2016.

Peter A. Greci '57, Utica, NY, November 15, 2015.

Kevin M. Kelly '57, New Hartford, NY, July 15, 2015.

Basil McHarris '57, Naples, FL, September 24, 2015.

Stanley Slusarczyk '57, Prospect, NY, January 30, 2016.

Louis A. Barile '59, Utica, NY, October 16, 2015.

Mary K. Carrig '59, Rome, NY, January 23, 2016.

Helene G. Combopiano '59, Binghamton, NY, December 19, 2015.

Donald A. Gigliotti '59, Utica, NY, December 30, 2016.

Robert E. Hall '59, New Hartford, NY, August 20, 2015.

Robert G. Lockrow '59, South Glens Falls, NY, July 11, 2015.

Dorothea L. Moore '59, Sunnyvale, CA, July 9, 2015.

William D. Burnap '60, New Hartford, NY, July 22, 2015.

Alexander F. McFaul '60, Oviedo, FL, July 13, 2015.

Bruce Zeplin '61, Forestport, NY, February 18, 2016.

Frank W. Jennings '62, Ilion, NY, January 11, 2016.

Earl E. Joslin '62, Clinton, NY, January 4, 2016.

Joseph W. Martuscello Sr. '64, Dolgeville, NY, October 31, 2015.

John R. Kondel '65, Pleasanton, CA, June 29, 2015.

Neil R. Meislin '65, New Hartford, NY, February 15, 2016.

Robert A. Borgovini '66, Myrtle Beach, SC, June 16, 2015.

Joanne M. Cardarelli '66, Myrtle Beach, SC, August 21, 2015.

Mario A. Gottuso '66, Marcy, NY, December 27, 2015.

Jeffrey L. Hopkins '66, Phoenix, AZ, July 28, 2015.

William J. Joseph '66, Utica, NY, February 28, 2016.

Cynthia G. Burritt '67, New Smyrna Beach, FL, July 2, 2015.

Vito J. Getti Jr. '67, Utica, NY, December 5, 2015.

James Rizzo '68, Wellesley Island, NY, December 14, 2015.

Dennis F. Foresti '69, New Hartford, NY, November 9, 2015.

Francis A. Minicozzi, Jr. '70, Stuart, FL, January 11, 2016.

Anthony Cuda '71, Liverpool, NY, December 9, 2015.

Benedict A. Gerardi '71, New Hartford, NY, November 15, 2015.

Donald J. Gregory '71, Schenectady, NY, December 25, 2015.

Atis Reinfelds '72, Utica, NY, January 15, 2016.

Ralph E. Godemann '73, Stone Mountain, GA, July 14, 2015.

Suzanne Lavin '74, Utica, NY, July 19, 2015.

John R. Sabis '74, Utica, NY, June 20, 2015.

Gerald Stover '75, Egg Harbor Township, NJ, August 18, 2015.

Susan E. Dudajek '76, New York Mills, NY, January 8, 2016.

Celia M. Chiffy '79, New Hartford, NY, January 11, 2016.

Robert Heilig '80, North Syracuse, NY, November 29, 2015.

Katherine Montano '80, Sauquoit, NY, February 24, 2016.

Richard Reittinger '85, Austin, TX, December 30, 2015.

Joan I. Moylan '87, New Hartford, NY, October 21, 2015.

James A. Whitlock '87, Lake Worth, FL, January 8, 2016.

Delores Y. Critelli '88, Utica, NY, June 29, 2015.

Jack C. Day '15, Ilion, NY, August 7, 2015.

Faculty and Staff Who Passed

Kay Franz, Utica, NY, worked in Registrar's office, September 4, 2015.

Christiane Montany, Utica, NY, French instructor, December 30, 2015.

Teresa Sheehan '92, Boulder, CO, administrative assistant in the Office of the Dean of Students, January 10, 2016.

Kalixt "Kal" Synakowski, Utica, NY, Associate Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, December 29, 2015



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