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UC MATTERS

THE SOURCE

MAY 2017

UC PEOPLE

Jim Murnane, Associate Director of Athletics

By Briana Greco '18, PR Intern

Q: Tell me a little about yourself and how you came to Utica College.

A: I grew up locally and attended UC, graduating in 1995 with a degree in business administration and playing baseball here for four years. Once I was done with my schooling and

another bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Brockport. After that, I was substitute teaching and became the assistant baseball coach here at UC while looking for a full-time job in the area. Teaching jobs were hard to come by at that time, so I took a position as the recreation coordinator at Herkimer County Community College. I was there for two years and was responsible for running the aquatics program, the recreation events on campus and I was an assistant basketball coach in my final year. Around that same time, Jim Spartano informed me about a job opening for an intramural director at UC. I took that position along with that of head softball coach. I coached softball here from 2000 to 2004 and then began doing more administrative work. Our athletic department was growing rapidly and, with that, my

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baseball career, I started coaching for a couple American Legion teams and for different baseball organizations. That's when I decided that I wanted to teach. I was initially going to become a business teacher, but I decided to go back to school for physical education. It took me two years, but I earned

"Physical activity is so important, especially today, because so much of our students' time is spent in front of a computer, TV or phone screen."

- Jim Murnane



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More than 100 college and high school students from throughout the area showed off their computer and networking skills at the Central New York Hackathon. For more photos visit facebook.com/UticaCollege. 04/21-22

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HR NOTES

New Hires

Heather Breitholz, *Online Instructional Designer, School of Online and Extended Studies*

Andrea Nardi, *Admissions Counselor, Undergraduate Admissions*

Title Changes

Paula Bochniak, *Accounting Specialist, Financial Affairs*

Retirees

Marguerite Plescia, *Director of Government, Corporations, and Foundations Programs, Advancement*

Camille Sciortino, *Coordinator, Corporate and Foundation Partnerships, Advancement*

Thomas Fryc, *Assistant Professor of Philosophy, School of Arts and Sciences*

Lindarae Bauer, *Anatomy & Physiology Lab Coordinator, School of Arts and Sciences*

Dana Hart, *Associate Professor of Health Care Administration, School of Health Professions and Education*

Caroylnne Whitefeather, *Director of the Barrett Art Gallery*



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EMPLOYEES RECEIVING DEGREES FROM UTICA COLLEGE

Stephanie Bonk, *Student Financial Services Counselor, Student Financial Services, M.S. Liberal Studies*

Alexis Cooper, *Assistant Director of Admissions, Undergraduate Admissions, M.S. Liberal Studies*

Megan Dobek, *Administrative Assistant II, School of Health Professions and Education, MBA*

Francesca Dunlevy, *Development Officer, Advancement, MBA*

Ashley Furia, *Assistant Coach-Women's Ice Hockey, Athletics, MBA*

Laurel Pinkley, *Athletic Assistant-Water Polo, Athletics, MBA - Economic Crime and Fraud Management*

Joanne Pluff, *Assistant Director of Admissions, Undergraduate Admissions, M.S. Liberal Studies*

Jennifer Urbanke, *Academic Support/Intern Coordinator, School of Business and Justice Studies, MBA - Economic Crime and Fraud Management*

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is ...

Brett Orzechowski

Congratulations, Brett, and enjoy your \$50 gift certificate to Symeon's Restaurant!

You can access the link below at any time to recognize a colleague for his/her great work:

utica.edu/kudos

"As a faculty member, Brett has gone above and beyond not only in supporting and advocating for his students, but also in collaborating with and connecting students to the Counseling Center in order to make sure they are receiving the support they need. I greatly appreciate your help in making sure our students are successful both academically and personally."

Summer hours and business casual attire will be in effect Monday, May 15 through Friday, August 18. Business hours during this period of time will be from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Employees will be paid through 5:00 p.m. each of these days. Please be sure to note the change in hours for this time period on your voice mail greetings.

MONTHLY SUPERVISOR ORIENTATION

Reminder that the Office of Human Resources holds a supervisor orientation the second Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the ECJSC Seminar Room (209). The next session is scheduled for Monday, June 12. These orientations are for any new supervisors but any current supervisors are welcome to attend. This orientation is separate from the student employment orientations held in June and August.

To register, please visit the Events and Training page on the HR website, utica.edu/hr/training.cfm.

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Human Resource at x3276.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION



UC employees and auxiliary service personnel gather for this year's Employee Recognition Ceremony. **05/02**

AT LEFT: 40 Years of Service.

BELOW:

(TOP ROW, FROM LEFT) 5 Years of Service, 10 Years of Service, 15 Years of Service.

(SECOND ROW, FROM LEFT) 20 Years of Service, 30 Years of Service, 35 Years of Service.



2017 RETIREES:

A: Lindarae Bauer **B:** Mike Howarth
C: Johnni Mahdi **D:** Marguerite Plescia **E:** Camille Sciortino

2017 EXCELLENCE IN FOSTERING A DIVERSE CAMPUS COMMUNITY AWARD:

F: Suzanne Richardson

2017 ADJUNCT TEACHING

AWARD: **G:** Tina M. Oyer Ponce
H: Christopher M. Riddell

2017 PROFESSIONAL STAFF ADVISORY COUNCIL EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS:

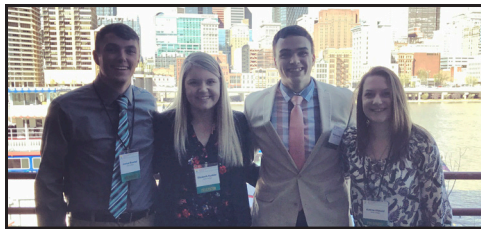
I: Linda Madore **J:** Bob Harvey
K: Camille Sciortino
L: Julie Murawski



A manuscript authored by **Annette Becker**, associate professor of nursing, titled "Personal Transformation In RNs Who Recently Graduated from an RN to BSN Program" was accepted for publication in the Journal of Transformative Education.

- **Annette Becker** also received the Most-Accessed Dissertations and Master's Theses Award by ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Global for "one of the 25 most-accessed dissertations and theses of 2 million full-text graduate works" in September of 2017.

Lawrence Day, associate professor of physics and director of the honors program, and **Leonore Fleming**, assistant professor of philosophy, accompanied four UC Honors Program students to the 2017 Northeast Regional Honors Council Conference in Pittsburgh in April. All four students presented at the conference.



Kyle Green, assistant professor of sociology, received the Ally for Womyn's Empowerment award from the Womyn's Resource Center, and the Excellence in Teaching award from Sigma Alpha Pi, the National Society of Leadership and Success. *4/17*

- **Green** presented an article at the 2017 Eastern Sociological Conference in Philadelphia titled "Finding Meaning and Making Motives on the Mats."
- In addition, **Green's** new article on methods was published. "An Ethnographic Study of Mixed Martial Arts: Experiencing Storytelling on the Mats," was published in SAGE Research Methods Cases.

Assistant Professor of English **Daniel Shank Cruz** recently presented his paper, "This is my body': Ethics in Corey Redekop's Husk," at the Modern Language Association annual convention in Philadelphia and his paper "It was like reading my own life': Teaching Mennonite Literature" at the Associated Writing Programs annual conference in Washington, D.C.

From left, Joshua Moeckel, psychology; Elizabeth Kunkler, health studies - PT track; Anthony Rydell, history; and Katrina Hibbard, nursing

A manuscript co-authored by **Mary Siniscarco**, assistant professor of health studies, **Cynthia Love-Williams**, assistant professor of nursing, and **Sarah Burnett-Wolle**, associate professor of aging studies, titled "Video Conferencing: An Intervention for Emotional Loneliness in Long-Term Care," has been accepted for publication in the peer reviewed journal "Activities, Adaptation & Aging."

Patricia Swann, professor of public relations, has a paper titled "Raymond Simon: PR Educational Pioneer" accepted for presentation at the 2017 Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in Chicago. The paper was also awarded the Museum of PR History Award. *5/11*

Juan Thomas, associate professor of Spanish, gave a presentation at Hamilton College about the local Hispanic community.

Please send information and photos for KUDOS to source@utica.edu.

PRESIDENT CASAMENTO NAMED WOMAN OF DISTINCTION BY NYS SENATE

By Sarah Kupiec, BOCES New Visions Student, Notre Dame High School

President Casamento was nominated by Senator Joseph Griffo as this year's Woman of Distinction, in light of her thorough commitment to making higher education not only financially achievable, but also accessible. Her dedication to strive toward affordable education within her community will positively affect current and future generations.

The award was presented by Senator Griffo at the Capitol, where President Casamento was joined by her husband, Phil. Griffo said, "Laura's leadership at Utica College has not only helped make the college an exceptional institution, but her clear vision has also paved the way for greater opportunity among our youth."

President Casamento said, "To be placed in the company of such remarkable and inspiring group of women is truly an honor. I am touched and very thankful that Senator Griffo and his colleagues saw me as deserving of such an honor."



The State Senate's Women of Distinction program began in 1998 to acclaim exceptional achievement, personal excellence and courageous actions taken by individual women from across the state. Each district is granted one honoree annually, chosen by a state senator.

AROUND CAMPUS

A. More than 25 students were recognized for their contributions to the campus community during the annual Student Recognition Brunch. 4/9

B- E. Synthesizing silver nanoparticles, helicobacter DNA, improving balance and gait in stroke patients, police use of body cameras and so much more during UC's annual Student Research Day! One couldn't help but to be impressed as students shared details of the research projects they have spent the last year developing and executing.



F. Congratulations to Kathleen Freebern '17, Fraud and Financial Crime (BS), winner of the Martin T. Biegelman Award. The recipient of this award is selected based on academic achievements, service to the college and community, and membership in the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. From left: Rick Fenner, professor of economics and dean of the School of Business and Justice Studies; Ray Philo, professor of practice in criminal justice and ECCI director; Hayden Freebern, future fraud and financial crime specialist, age 9; Freebern; Bernard Hyman, professor of practice for economic crime investigation; Martin T. Biegelman, chair of the ECCI Board of Advisors. 4/6

G. More than two dozen students receive awards and scholarships from the Raymond Simon Institute for Public Relations and Journalism during the institute's annual awards ceremony. 4/1



AROUND CAMPUS



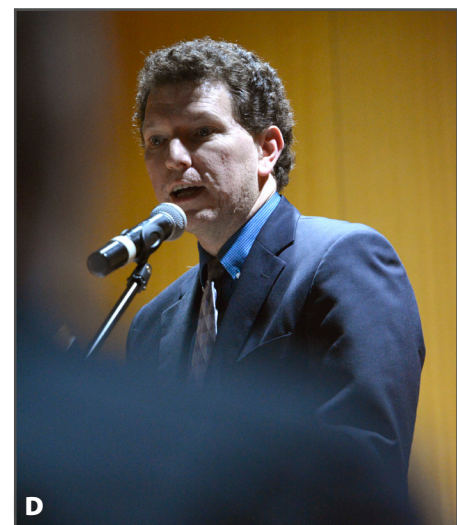
A-B. John Rizzo, former general counsel for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), spoke at UC April 5. Rizzo spent 34 years in the Office of General Counsel at CIA, culminating with seven years as the agency's chief legal officer. Since retiring from the CIA, he has served as senior counsel at the Washington, D.C. law firm, Steptoe & Johnson, where he is a member of the National and Homeland Security practice and the firm's International Department. As senior counsel, Rizzo provides legal advice and policy counsel to clients on matters related to national security.



C. Poet Adam LeFevre reads from his book, "A Swindler's Grace." LeFevre was selected as the 2017 recipient of the Eugene Nassar Poetry Prize. The award recognizes Upstate New York's most outstanding poetic talent. [4/11](#)

D. Gary Leising, professor of English, speaks at a reading by poet Adam LeFevre, recipient of the Eugene Nassar Poetry Prize. [4/11](#)

E-F. Students loved the chance to relieve some stress when a life-size "petting zoo" came to campus. [4/27](#)



Q: What are your primary duties here?

Q: What do you like best about your job? What are some of the challenges?

Q: How important is physical education and sports,

A: While many students have overcome challenges and impressed me, one in particular stands out. This young man, on the autism spectrum, was involved in nearly every intramural activity at UC. He worked in our sports information office and is now the sports information director at another college. He worked very hard, used his passion for athletics, and has excelled as a result.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

Please visit utica.edu/hr/training for updates and to register.
For Health and Wellness events, visit utica.edu/hr/wellness

June

- 06/09/17 uPreview.** 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 06/12/17 Supervisor Orientation.** 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.;
ECJSC Seminar Room (209).
- 06/13/17 uPreview.** 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 06/16/17 uPreview.** 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- 06/16/17 Saturday @ UC.** 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- 06/20/17 TIAA Individual Meetings.** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
Strebel Student Center, Room 105 C
- 06/22/17 Student Employment Training, Session I.**
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.; Hubbard Hall, Room 115
- 06/23/17 Transfer Orientation.** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

July

- 07/03/** College Holidays
07/04/17

ENJOY SUMMER WITH UC HEALTH & WELLNESS



2017 CSA Vegetables

New season runs June - October 2017

SIGN UP NOW - Contact Caren: cbsummers@utica.edu

Weekend Adventure with UC Health & Wellness

Soap Making Class Saturday, June 24
at the Soap Studio in Chenango Falls.

Email Caren if interested: cbsummers@utica.edu

UC Garden Club in full swing

Contact Jessica Skeldon for more information:
jeskeldo@utica.edu

2017 PIONEER HALL OF FAME

Thomas Fiesthumel '80, Marcus Maroney '08, Joe Pruckno '12 and Katie Kutas '09 were inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame on Thursday, May 5 at the Hall of Fame and Senior Student-Athlete recognition ceremony at the Harold T. Clark Jr. Athletic Center. The Class of 2017 was inducted in front of a crowd of 220 UC student-athletes, coaches, staff, families, alumni, board members and friends of the program.

The Pioneer Hall of Fame was established in 2008 to celebrate the dedicated student-athletes, coaches, administrators, and benefactors whose extraordinary achievements express the values of Utica College in the spirit of competition within a lifelong learning environment.

To view the full photo album, please visit the **Utica College Facebook page**.

