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Occupational Therapy Program at UC

By Kelsey Carlo '18, PR Intern

This year marks the 100th anniversary of occupational therapy as a profession. It also marks 50 years of OT at UC, and 25 years of the College's OT weekend program. We spoke with Dr. Nancy Hollins, professor and chair of the Occupational Therapy program, and Assistant Professor Dr. Annmarie Kinsella, to get some of their thoughts.

Q: How and where did the

secretary, and four others gathered there in 1917 to discuss the value of using activities for promoting recovery following illness. These six individuals founded what is now known as the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA).

Q: What do occupational therapists do?

A: (NH) In 1917, the word "occupy" was defined as anything someone did to occupy him or herself. To that end, occupational therapists focus on helping their patients perform everyday activities, and much more

(AK) They perform evaluations, plan and execute therapy sessions, and assess progress. They help stroke survivors relearn to bathe, dress themselves and cook; they help newborns in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) with swallowing and feeding; they teach parents of those newborns about positioning. They work with Wounded Warriors

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occupational therapy profession begin?

A: (NH) George Edward Barton, a resident of Clifton Springs, NY, founded the Consolation House - a school, workshop, and vocational bureau for convalescents. Barton, his

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-Brittany Sieczek G'17



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DPT graduates proudly don their new white coats, symbolizing their transition from classroom to clinic. 05/05

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Welcome

Robert Mayton, *Systems Administrator, IITS*

Joseph Gerbino, *Assistant Football Coach-
Offensive Coordinator, Athletics*

Retirees

Johnni Mahdi, *Director of HEOP, HEOP*

Nancy Vaccaro, *Assistant Professor of Nursing,
School of Health Professions and Education*



2017 UTICA COLLEGE CORPORATE CUP

Utica College will again have a Corporate Cup team running in the Boilermaker.

If you are signed up to run the 15K and would like to be a member, you are welcome to join the team; all are welcome regardless of your level of speed and skill. Enrollment is free and members of the team get a commemorative mug.

Runners need to be signed up by June 30, 2017. If you would like to join the team, you need to have been employed at Utica College on at least a half-time basis since June 1, 2017. Please email Sharon Wise (swise@utica.edu) your name and the email that you used to sign up for the Boilermaker and you will be added to the team. You may check your membership by going to:

runsignup.com/RaceGroups/13089/Groups/382441

Happy training!

CONGRATULATIONS!



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monthly drawing winner is...

Bethany Samuels

Congratulations, Bethany,
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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

*"Bethany- thanks for all your help with the
registration list!"*



SUMMER RENOVATION PROJECTS

Big changes are happening on campus this summer. Renovations to the Dining Commons began May 15 and are expected to be completed by August 11. Faculty and staff working in the Strebel Student Center can expect periods of disruptive noise as well as interruptions to utilities such as water and electricity. The contractor responsible for the construction will provide three days' notice before these disruptions are scheduled to take place and employees will be notified by Scott Nonemaker, executive director of student living and college engagement.

During the renovations up until June 30, food will be served a la carte Monday through Friday in the Ellen Knowler Clarke Lounge and the Pioneer Pub will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Common Grounds will also be open Monday through Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

For the month of July through the remainder of the renovations, employees may pay \$6 for an all-you-care-to-eat buffet lunch. Sodexo will work with faculty and staff closely

to ensure that their catering needs are met. They will also prepare an outdoor barbeque lunch on days in which the power is scheduled to be interrupted.

Take a peek at the progress with our 360 degree, live video feed here:

www.utica.edu/academic/iits/computerservices/sodexo.cfm

In addition, the boiler system that provides heat and hot water to the Clark Athletic Center is being replaced. The project is expected to be completed by August 25 and employees can expect no hot water in the building except for in the football and lacrosse locker rooms, which have a separate heating source. The pool will remain open until the water temperature decreases significantly, at which time the pool will close. Neither parking area is expected to be affected during the renovations.

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on everything from functioning in society to learning how to hold their children again if they have lost a limb. They may also work with parent groups, support groups or with the community at large.

Q: How has OT changed over the years at Utica College, and where do you see it going in the future?

A: (NH) Occupational therapy at UC started as a bachelor's program. In 2006 it transitioned into a master's program partly because the sheer volume of material to learn was so great given changes in the field, and partly because the profession called for professionals with greater autonomy and critical thinking. For the future, the OT faculty is working on a doctoral program, with a focus on leadership and advocacy skills. The faculty hopes that the program will be approved and ready to launch within the next two years.

Q: What kinds of opportunities are available for OT grads?

A: (AK) While some OT grads will work in homes, schools and hospitals, there are also so many more opportunities working in and with the community. In addition to traditional therapy settings, more and more OTs are finding positions in the community in mental health, substance abuse clinics, family education and support, parent education and counseling, and other less traditional settings. The possibilities are endless.

We spoke with Jackie Warmuth, adjunct instructor at UC and vice president of Clinical Development at Sitrin Health Care Center, along with recent graduates Tiffany Rivenburgh G'17 and Brittany Sieczek G'17, to get their thoughts on what is special about our program.

Q. How does UC's OT program stand out from others?

Jackie: UC's OT Weekend Program is one of only 15 such programs in the country, providing a unique opportunity for working professionals to obtain a master's degree in this field. We have students drive and fly from all over the U.S. and Canada. The OT program also offers students a trip to the Dominican Republic, which is great for expanding their professional and cultural knowledge. Perhaps most important, over the last four years, the passing rate of the National Board for Certification of Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) by UC students averages 97 percent.

Tiffany: Our program is great at giving us the countless opportunities to gain hands-on experiences here in the community. Plus the OT professors are awesome; they each have differing clinical backgrounds, which is great for students since they all have something different to bring to teaching.

Brittany: The two main things that stand out to me about Utica College's Occupational Therapy Program are that you can achieve your bachelor's and master's degrees within five years, and how each and every professor is there for you every step of the way. When I was looking at colleges and universities with occupational therapy programs, a lot of them only provided undergraduate work, forcing me to go elsewhere for graduate school. With UC, it's a package deal. As for the professors, they truly are a perfect mix – not only personality-wise, but expertise-wise as well, which only enhances the overall learning experience.

Pictured on page 1: OT faculty and students participated in a parade in Clifton Springs, the birthplace of OT. 6/13

COMMENCEMENT 2017

A. Master's and Doctoral Commencement at The Stanley. **B.** UC Board Chair Mark Pilipczuk congratulates graduate students. **C.** Chuck Schumer, senior United States senator for New York, addresses masters and doctoral candidates. **D.** Graduates ready for commencement. **E.** Master's and Doctoral keynote speaker and alumna, Jaime (Meyer) McHale '04 and G'06.

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F. Undergraduate keynote speaker and alumnus, Rob Flaherty '81.

G. Once a pioneer, always a pioneer.

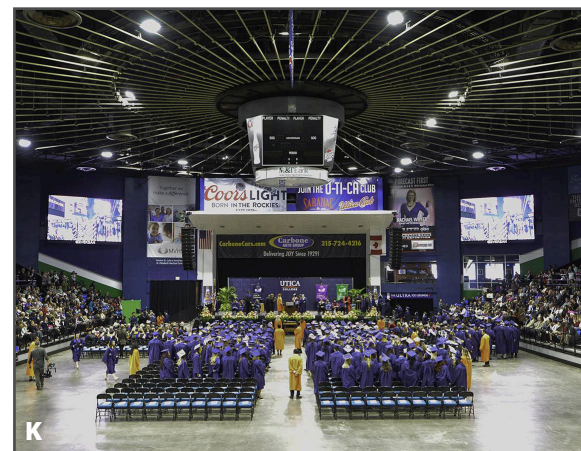
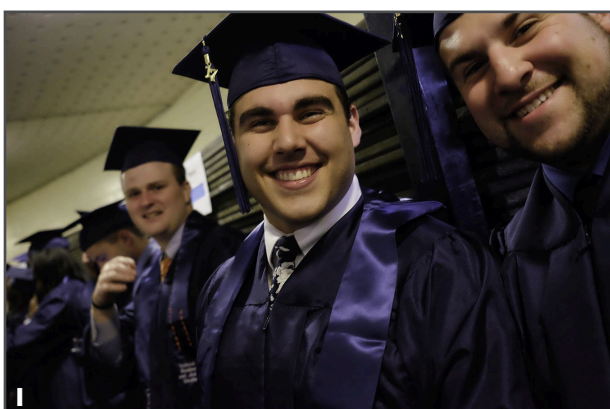
H. Grad uses commencement – and her cap – as a chance to express appreciation to her parents: "Thanks mom and dad for giving me the world."

I. Look out world, here we come!

J. Undergraduates all smiles before the ceremonies.

K. Undergraduate Commencement at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

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CRISAFULLI DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD PRESENTED TO LEVERING

By Hayley Pudney, visiting Hofstra student



The Dr. Virgil Crisafulli Distinguished Teaching Award is widely recognized as the College's most coveted tribute to faculty members.

This year's recipient, Marijean Levering, is a dedicated associate professor of theatre. Joining UC in the summer of 2000, Levering earned her bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago, her master's degree from Michigan State University and her doctorate from Wayne State University.

Levering's own statement gives a perfect description of her teaching philosophy. She believes that being able to engage students and awaken a spark of excitement within them allows the students to interact with the material on an entirely different level. "We all live for those eureka moments when you see the light go on in a student's eyes," Levering said.

Thinking about the role that mentors have played in her own life, Levering is happy to take on this role for her students. "I want them to know that I am paying close attention to what they are doing, that I care about them as individuals and that I am equally invested in their future," she said.

Dave Fontaine, director of physical education and athletics, was elected second vice president of the Empire 8 Athletic Conference by his peers. He will hold the post for the next two academic years.

Adam Pack, professor of biology, has been appointed to the NCAA Women's Water Polo Committee. No stranger to college athletics, Pack swam while a student at SUNY Binghamton, later serving as a swimming and water polo coach. Currently pre-med adviser and a faculty athletics representative at UC, Pack will serve a four-year term on the committee.

Christopher Riddle, associate professor and chair of philosophy and director of the Applied Ethics Institute at UC, published an article in the premier journal "Bioethics." The article, "Assisted Dying and Disability," explores critiques of assisted dying from a disability rights perspective. Riddle has spoken and written extensively on the topic, including his book, "Human Rights, Disability, and Capabilities" (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016).

Congratulations to professors achieving tenure:

- **Joseph Ribaud**, associate professor of physics
- **Christopher Riddle**, associate professor of philosophy
- **Mary Siniscarco**, assistant professor of health studies
- **Xiao Xiao**, associate professor of mathematics

Kudos to those professors who have been promoted:

- **Daniel Cruz**, associate professor of English
- **Leonore Fleming**, associate professor of philosophy
- **Denise Nepveux**, associate professor of occupational therapy
- **Peter DeSimone**, associate professor of history
- **Jessica Thomas**, associate professor of biology
- **Annette Becker**, professor of nursing
- **Luke Perry**, professor of government and politics
- **Terri Provost**, professor of biology
- **Adam Schoonmaker**, professor of geology

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

YOUNG SCHOLARS STUDENTS OFF TO COLLEGE

Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program (YSLPP), a collaborative project between Utica College and the Utica City School District, is designed to motivate diverse and talented students to stay in school, earn a New York State Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, and pursue post-secondary education. Fifty-seven Young Scholars are set to graduate this June and 52 of them will be college-bound come fall. While most will attend college in the Mohawk Valley, (19 at Utica College, seven at SUNY Poly, and seven at Mohawk Valley Community College), others will attend colleges around New York State and some out of state, including Arizona State, Clark Atlanta, Howard University and Tuskegee University. Selection of majors by those attending Utica College includes biology, criminal justice, occupational therapy, physical therapy and more. Thirty-seven percent of YS students are in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

In addition to their studies, Young Scholars students completed more than 6,000 hours of community service during the past school year. Some include Wiggle Waggle Walk-A-Thon, Fall/

Spring Clean Up, Aids Hike for Life, Making Strides Walk to End Breast Cancer, America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk, Multiple Sclerosis Walk, Feed Our Vets, raising \$1,300 for Domestic Violence Awareness Month for the Mohawk Valley YWCA, food drives, toy drives, Christmas Cards for Troops and other events.



IN THE NEWS...



Alfonzo Whitehurst '18, the young man they call "Mr. Utica College," was interviewed by multiple news sources about his story of success at UC. Here he is participating in the annual Snowball Softball Tournament in 2014.

- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch*, "Trump needs some sort of life raft." 4/2
- *Targeted News Service* ran a story about Utica College hosting the 39th Annual Regional Science Fair. 4/4
- **Austen Givens**, assistant professor of cybersecurity, guest on "First News with Keeler in the Morning" radio show on *WIBX*, to give perspective on the law passed to block FCC regulations to restrict the sale of browsing information to corporations. 4/5
- *Targeted News Service* ran a story about UC to Host Third Annual Relay for Life. 4/5
- *Rome Sentinel* highlights Utica College, SUNY Poly advancement to the final round of the statewide New York Business Plan Competition. 4/7
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch*, "Gorsuch not the main problem for Democrats." 4/9
- *Targeted News Service* ran a story about guest lecturer Nicole Hassoun, a professor from Binghamton, on "Individual Responsibility for Promoting Global Health: The case for a New Kind of Socially-Conscious Consumption," part of the Applied Ethics Institute's colloquium series of public lectures. 4/10
- *Madison County Courier* ran a story about Utica College choir to perform at Utica Public Library. 4/11
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch*, "You're only as good as your people." 4/16
- *Observer-Dispatch* reporter Amy Roth spoke with **President Casamento** about the free tuition Excelsior Scholarship. 4/17
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch*, "Trump foreign policy becomes major focus." 4/23
- *WIBX News Radio 950* ran a story about Utica College 2017 Valedictorian and Remsen native **Melanie Carlson '17**. 4/25
- *The Rome Daily Sentinel* ran a story about the undergraduate commencement speaker, UC alum and now Ketchum CEO, **Rob Flaherty '81**. 4/29
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, wrote a column for the *Sunday Observer-Dispatch*, "Analyze president based on the facts." 4/30

- *The Rome Daily Sentinel* ran a story about Utica College top scholars for the Class of 2017. [4/30](#)
- **Luke Perry**, professor and chair of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, and Paul Joyce '17, government and politics major, wrote a column for *The Washington Post*, "In 3 charts, here's how President Trump' ..." [5/2](#)
- **Mikhail Bushinski**, Utica College 2017 Salutatorian, guest on "First News with Keeler in the Morning" radio show on *WIBX*, to talk about his future and interesting entrepreneurial past. [5/5](#)
- **Rob Flaherty '81**, Ketchum CEO, wrote a post on his blog *Ketchum Blog*, about his thoughts at delivering the keynote at his alma mater, at the 2017 Utica College Commencement Ceremony. [5/5](#)
- *Observer-Dispatch* reporter Alex Gerould spoke with **Melanie Carlson**, valedictorian of the class of 2017 at UC, about her time at Utica College and plans for the future. [5/8](#)
- *The Rome Daily Sentinel* writes about Utica College grad student **Nick Gilberti** who testified regarding evidence from cell phones, computers and electronic devices in the Conley murder trial. [5/8](#)
- *The Rome Daily Sentinel* ran a story about Utica College and Mohawk Valley Community College bands combining to play together at the MVCC Schafer Theater. [5/8](#)
- *Observer-Dispatch*, *Rome Sentinel* and *WIBX News Radio 950* ran a story about Utica College **President Laura Casamento** named New York State Senate 2017 Woman of Distinction. [5/10](#)
- *The Buffalo News* reporter Sean Kirst writes about **Alfonzo Whitehurst '18**, "Raised amid struggle, sheer joy on graduation day." [5/21](#)
- *Observer-Dispatch* ran a story about Utica College as colleges and higher education winners for the Heart Run & Walk Team Challenge. [5/22](#)
- *PRWeb*, an online press release distribution service, ran a story about the new online bachelor of science in criminal justice offered at Utica College August 2017. [5/24](#)
- "First News with Keeler in the Morning" radio show on *WIBX*, ran a story about Utica College **Alfonzo Whitehurst '18**, "Keeler Talks with Young Man they call "Mr. Utica College." [5/24](#)
- *Times Telegram* ran a story about many area high schools seniors attending Utica College post-graduation.
- *Observer-Dispatch* and *WUTQ FM* ran a story about former Utica College grad and current graduate student, **Tony Nguyen**, appointed the city's deputy budget director. [5/31](#)



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

06/22/17 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

7/25/17 TIAA Individual Appointments, Strebel Student Center,
Room 105C

Check out HR's new page for training and development:
utica.edu/hr/trainingopp.cfm

AROUND CAMPUS



Incoming first-year students were given an opportunity to meet with members of various Campus offices, and prepare for the Fall semester, during Summer uPreview days. The Office of New Student Programs will be going on the road next month for another uPreview event for students unable to attend one on-campus. 6/9, 13, 16



ENJOY SUMMER WITH UC HEALTH & WELLNESS



Stay on track this summer with fun programming from the UC Health & Wellness Committee.

Pre-registration may be required for some events.

Visit utica.edu/hr/wellness/ for more information and to register.

Food Truck Wednesdays

Various food trucks on campus
Wednesdays through August 23.

11-2 p.m.; Parking Lot B
across from Gordon Science Center

2017 CSA Vegetables

Not too late. Sign-ups will be pro-rated.

Contact Caren: cbsummers@utica.edu

Weekend Adventure with UC Health & Wellness

Soap Making Class Saturday, June 24
at the Brookside 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

UC Knitting Club

Meets every Friday Beginners and Pros are welcome

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.; Frank E. Gannet Memorial Library

Get-Back-on-Track Yoga Series

6-Week Session

with Sharon Kanfoush, Professor of Geology

Mondays and Fridays, 12-1pm July 10-August 18

Boehlert Conference Room

Contact Caren for more information cbsummers@utica.edu