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## UC PEOPLE

Todd Pfannestiel – Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

*By Kelsey Carlo '18, PR Intern*

**Q: Tell us a little about yourself.**

**A:** Throughout the last 33 years of my life, I have been a college student in various forms. I first attended the University of Arkansas, where I earned my bachelor's degree in history and economics. I then undertook post-

coordinator for academic affairs, dean of the College of Arts, Education and Science, and, my last position, provost and vice president of academic affairs. I am not a "learned individual," as I consider that too much past tense. I'm a "learning" individual, and try to learn something new every day.

**Q: What attracted you to UC?**

**A:** One of the greatest attractions of UC to me was the tuition reset that was implemented by President Casamento. I was also very impressed by UC's ability to maintain strong enrollment year after year. I started to see UC recreating a story for itself, and I wanted to be a part of that story. When I came on the campus visit, I just felt very comfortable. I know it seems cliché to say this, but I was able to see that the Utica College community really is like a family. I just thought to myself, I belong here.

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graduate studies at Duke University and The College of William & Mary, where I received my Ph.D. in American History. While I served at Clarion University, I enrolled myself into several courses in acting and theatre and was privileged to join the marching band. During my 20-year span at Clarion, I was faculty fellow to the president, assessment

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- Todd Pfannestiel



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Construction is well under way for Pioneer Village, slated to open for students in Fall 2019. *7/26*

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# HR NOTES

## Welcome

Jessica Amerosa, Assistant Director of Learning Services, Office of Learning Services  
Jerred Beniquez, Athletic Instructor - Football, Athletics  
Jalyn Brown, Athletic Assistant - Women's Basketball, Athletics  
Edward Campbell, Tech/Media Support Specialist, IITS  
Mary Cooper, Assistant Professor of Accounting, School of Business and Justice Studies  
Jeffrey DeSarro, Payroll Clerk, Office of Financial Affairs  
Richard Duque, One-Year Assistant Professor of Sociology, School of Arts and Sciences  
Douglas Edwards, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, School of Arts and Sciences  
Ariel Gratch, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts, School of Arts and Sciences  
Alexander Hohl, Assistant Professor of Data Science, School of Arts and Sciences  
Sarah Keesom, Assistant Professor of Biology, School of Arts and Sciences  
Dominique Kimball, Admissions Counselor, Office of Admissions  
Matthew Klausner, Art Handler/Installer, Art Gallery  
John Mullane, Athletic Assistant - Men's Basketball, Athletics  
Ugur Orak, Assistant Professor of Sociology, School of Arts and Sciences  
Jane Pagano, Athletic Assistant - Golf, Athletics  
Andrea Palerino, Assistant Professor of Nursing for ABSN, School of Health Professions and Education  
Joseph Perrotta, Athletic Assistant - Baseball, Athletics  
Krystiana Rehrig, Athletic Assistant - Swim, Athletics  
Michael Roberts, Class Tech Support Specialist, IITS  
Brandee Rockefeller, Assistant Professor of Biology, School of Arts and Sciences  
Asia Marie Rosa, Young Scholars Site Assistant, Young Scholars LPP  
Stacie Skidmore, Assistant Coach - Field Hockey, Athletics  
Samuel Smith, Athletic Assistant/Athletic Trainer, Athletics  
Darla Svoboda, Athletic Assistant - Volleyball, Athletics  
Nicholas Therrien, Assistant Men's Ice Hockey Coach, Athletics  
Mark Vrooman, Assistant Professor of Management, School of Business and Justice Studies  
Timothy Wilson, Athletic Assistant - Track/Field, Athletics  
Rachel Wolfe, Assistant Professor of Theatre, School of Arts and Sciences  
Margaret Hemstrought, Assistant Professor of Wellness and Adventure Education  
Robert Swenszkowski, Professor of Practice - Criminal Justice  
Andrew Reeves, Assistant Professor of Mathematics



## NURSING DEPARTMENT “WOW<sup>ED</sup>” WITH SLOCUM-DICKSON GRANT

By Kelsey Carlo '18, PR Intern

The Utica College Nursing Program recently received a grant in the amount of \$10,782 from The Slocum-Dickson Foundation Inc. to purchase equipment that will help the program further replicate a hospital setting.

The grant enabled the College to purchase four Workstations on Wheels (WOWs), which are easy-to-maneuver healthcare carts that feature sit-to-stand adjustment, an adjustable keyboard tray and an auto-locking medication drawer system that will enable students to replicate the efficient management of non-controlled medications. Each WOW is outfitted with an HP notebook-style computer with a washable, antimicrobial, medical-grade keyboard, a USB mouse and a bar code scanner that will be integrated with the existing medication dispensing system.

Utica College's nursing program aims to better prepare graduates for the technology-rich post-graduation healthcare environment where nurses are challenged to provide patient-centered, caring and therapeutic bedside practice while working with technologies. Beginning this fall, the equipment purchased will help the nurse-educators provide the demonstration, training and practice time on bedside technology to approximately 100 nursing students and 30-50 other healthcare-related majors.

## New Titles

Nicholas Accordino, Director of Leadership Gifts, Office of Advancement  
Michael Badolato, Success Coach, Center for Student Success  
Monica Brown-Hodkinson, Success Coach, Center for Student Success  
Nicole Cornacchia-Morgan, Assistant Director for Student Success Operations, Center for Student Success  
Frank Percacciante, Success Coach, Center for Student Success  
Charleen Sangiacomo, Success Coach, Center for Student Success  
James Teliha, Dean of the Library and Learning Commons, Library Operations  
Jenna Urbanke, Success Coach, Center for Student Success  
Michelle Nunno-Evans, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy  
Brittany Simpson, Professor of Practice-DPT  
Laura Salvaggio, Faculty Theater Director



**Q:** How do you feel UC needs to position itself in regards to the recent struggles faced by private institutions?

**A:** Well, I think that UC has already positioned itself well in spite of Excelsior; enrollment remains strong. Utica College set a new standard by being one of the first colleges to break the tuition barrier with its tuition reset. It is important to look at what students can afford and give them the price for their education that represents both the excellence and value of our programs; and that's what UC did. Beside the value proposition, it is important to position the College and show prospective students that UC should be their top choice. Many times students ready to go to college may have UC third or fourth on their list. We need to look at how to get those students to put UC as their top choice.

**Q:** What opportunities do you see for the College academically?

**A:** First off, there are some excellent academic programs at Utica College. I think one way is to grow the opportunities for students within their program, for example, gaining more internship opportunities for students is important. Internships help grow the academic experience for students in college. I think another thing is to continue to look at what programs we could explore to expand both our undergraduate and graduate offerings. Listening to new program ideas from professors is crucial to see where we can go next with our current programs. Stabilizing enrollment year after year is always an important factor, but since UC has done a great job with that thus far, it's not so much about fixing problems but what we should be doing next.

**Q:** What are you most excited for during your chapter at UC?

**A:** I would love to create more opportunities for our students, faculty, and staff and see a great college grow greater. I just hope that it becomes an even better college for everyone. If I could be remembered for anything it would be that UC is a better place because I helped everyone be better at everything they do. I would also love the opportunity to be able to teach again someday, and am very excited for hockey season to see the men and women Pioneers on the ice, as well as all of our athletic teams and other student groups perform and express themselves!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The Kudos Card program monthly drawing winner is...

**Amanda Tutino**

Congratulations, Amanda,  
and enjoy your prize!



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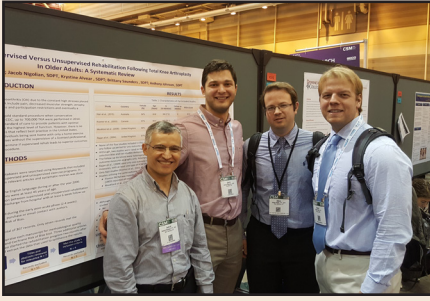
# IN THE NEWS...



WUTR Eyewitness News reporter Marlee Tuskes spoke with Angel Rivera, associate professor of computer science, about 3D printing. 7/27

- **Dave Roberts**, adjunct professor of psychology, wrote an article for *Medium*, "Supporting Faculty After Traumatic Loss." 6/10
- *Observer-Dispatch* reporter Amy Neff Roth spoke with **Dave Roberts**, adjunct professor of psychology, about his reflections upon speaking to faculty, staff and students from Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School after the shooting, and his experience when he traveled to Parkland, Florida to participate in "A Day of Hope & Healing." 6/12
- **Chris Tingley**, assistant professor of marketing and strategy, was a guest on *WKTV News Channel 2 at Sunrise* with Katrina Smith to discuss what happened to Toys R Us as a major toy retailer and what trends to look for moving toward the holiday shopping season. 6/14
- *Observer-Dispatch* reporter Amy Neff Roth spoke with **Chris Tingley**, assistant professor of marketing and strategy, about older Americans working longer, filling volunteer positions after retirement, and spending money on charities and taxes. 6/17
- *Observer-Dispatch* reporter Greg Mason spoke with **Luke Perry**, professor of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, about Claudia Tenney and the NY-22 Congressional Race. 6/17
- *WalletHub* reporter John Papas spoke with **Suzanne Lynch**, professor of practice of economic crime, about secured credit cards. 6/20
- *WKTV News Channel 2*, *The Central New York Business Journal* and *The Rome Daily Sentinel* ran stories about the UC business school achieving accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). 6/21
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Ben Dennis spoke with **Dave Roberts**, adjunct professor of psychology, about video game addiction. 6/22
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Marlee Tuskes spoke with **John Rowe**, executive director of graduate admissions, and **Kathleen Cullen**, professor and chair of education, about a shortage of special education teachers. 6/27
- **Daniel Tagliarina**, assistant professor of government, was a guest on *WUTQ Talk 100.7 FM* to discuss retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy and the makeup of the Court. 6/29
- **Brett Orzechowski**, assistant professor of management and media, wrote a column for *The Daily Gazette*, "FOIL's future is on trial." 7/8
- **Daniel Tagliarina**, assistant professor of government, was a guest on *WKTV News Channel 2 at Sunrise* and *WUTQ Talk 100.7 FM* to discuss President Trump's nominee for Supreme Court Justice. 7/10
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Marlee Tuskes spoke with **Anthony Martino**, director of the Northeast Cybersecurity and Forensics Center at Utica College, about the likelihood of hacking of key fobs. 7/11
- *The Observer-Dispatch* ran a story about **Blaise Faggiano**, head football coach, along with 30 current UC players and coaches who hosted the annual "TNT High School Football Team Camp" where they look to make an impact on football in the Mohawk Valley. 7/12
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Marlee Tuskes spoke with **Donald Rebovich**, professor of criminal justice and director of UC's Center for Identity Management and Information Protection, about the corporate fraud study UC did with Protiviti. 7/13
- *The Rome Daily Sentinel* and the *Observer-Dispatch* ran stories about **James Smith**, professor of physical therapy, for receiving the New York State Physical Therapy Association's Dr. Marilyn Moffat Distinguished Service Award. 7/16
- *WRVO Public Media* reporter Payne Horning spoke with **Luke Perry**, professor of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, about the Tenney/Brindisi race as the New York 22 election approaches. 7/17
- **Luke Perry**, professor of government and politics and director of UC's Center for Public Affairs and Election Research, was a guest on "First News with Keeler in the Morning" radio show on *WIBX* to discuss national impacts on the NY-22 Congressional Race. 7/19

## DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL THERAPY HIGHLIGHTS



Professors **Ashraf Elazzazi, Molly Hickey, Ashraf Elmarakby, David Schilling and Gabriele Moriello** collaborated with five groups of students to co-author their papers as posters or platform presentations at the American Physical Therapy, Combined Sections Meeting in New Orleans. This is the third year in a row that all or almost all of our faculty and third-year DPT students presented at this national conference, the largest national annual meeting.

In addition, Professor **Ahmed Radwan** presented a paper with his students at the national Applied Ergonomics conference in March in Atlanta and Professor **Thomas Crist** co-authored a poster presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

## JIM SMITH IS GOING TO NEED A BIGGER SHELF!

**Smith**, professor of physical therapy, has garnered multiple awards as of late.

Smith has received the New York Physical Therapy Association's (NYPTA) Lucy Blair Service Award and the Academy of Acute Care Physical Therapy's Lecture Award. These were on the heels of the NYPTA Dr. Marilyn Moffat Distinguished Service, which he was awarded in June.

**Smith** was selected for the Lucy Blair Award for going above and beyond to advance and promote the profession of physical therapy. For the Lecture Award, he was honored for his excellence and leadership in acute care physical practice and for his distinguished contributions to the Academy.

**Smith** also co-published a systemic review in the journal of Physical Therapy, "Physical impairments associated with post-intensive care syndrome (PICS): Systemic review based on the World Health Organization's International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health Framework," focuses on identifying the scope and magnitude of physical problems associated with PICS during the first year after critical illness and using the framework to elucidate impairments.

**Hossein Behforooz**, professor of mathematics, has a paper titled "On the approximation of inverse of band matrices in local splines," published in the Journal of Communications in Numerical Analysis, coauthored with T. Zhanlav and R. Mijiddorj. He has also edited a book "Approximating by Integro Splines," authored by T. Zhanlav and R. Mijiddorj.

**Behforooz** also presented two talks at the International Conference On Missions (ICOM) 2018 in July held at the Faith Sultan University in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Brett Orzechowski**, professor of management and media, was nominated for campus connector for the 2018 Venture Ecosystem Award from Upstate Venture Connect.

**Sara Scanga**, associate professor of biology, provided a peer review for the publication "BioTime: A database of biodiversity time series for the Anthropocene" in Global Ecology and Biogeography with 250+ coauthors.

**Steven Specht**, professor of psychology, was one of a group of exhibitors this summer at the Broad Street Gallery in Hamilton. Specht's collages were part of the exhibit, "Gathered Visions."

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- **Nathaniel Richmond**, professor and chair of government and politics, was a guest on *WUTQ Talk of the Town 100.7 FM* to discuss foreign policy. 7/26
- **Dave Roberts**, adjunct professor of psychology, wrote an article for *The Ascent* titled, "3 Suggestions to Help Individuals Look at Bereavement Differently." 7/27
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Marlee Tuskes spoke with **Pamela Matt**, executive director of Young Scholars Liberty Partnerships Program, about the Young Scholars STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) program and their summer learning poster presentations. 7/27
- *WUTR Eyewitness News* reporter Marlee Tuskes spoke with **Angel Rivera**, associate professor of computer science, about 3D printing. 7/27
- *Big Frog 104* reporter Luke Austin ran a story about UC students returning to campus with renovations of the basketball court, the chemistry lab in Gordon Hall, remodeling of the lounge in South Hall and the new construction management building will be completed this fall. 7/31

## UPCOMING EVENTS/TRAINING

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### August

**08/24/18** New Student Orientation

**08/24/18** College Picnic. 11:00 a.m.; Strebel Lawn  
(inside Strebel Student Center in the event of rain)

**08/24/18** Convocation. 3:30 p.m.;  
Clark Athletic Center Gymnasium

**08/27/18** Classes Begin

**08/29/18** Unity Walk. 3:00 p.m.; Duffy Plaza

Check out HR's new page for training and development:  
[utica.edu/hr/trainingopp.cfm](http://utica.edu/hr/trainingopp.cfm)

## AROUND CAMPUS



**A.** After three weeks of learning college-level classes and materials, Young Scholars LPP of Utica students presented their final projects on 7/27. Brandon Tran, YS class of 2021, explains his project on facial aesthetics to M&T Bank Market President David Manzelmann at the YSLPP STEAM program poster fair. Young Scholars would like to thank both M&T Bank/Partners Trust Charitable Fund and the Mele Family Foundation for underwriting the 2018 STEAM Scholars Program through donor-advised funds of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties Inc. 7/30

**B-C.** Utica College's Clark Athletic Center gymnasium is looking fresh these days, thanks to the support for the Miga Basketball Court Fund. 6/29

## UC HEALTH & WELLNESS

### UC Health & Wellness 2018 Farmers Market



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

10AM to 2PM

ELLEN KNOWER CLARKE LOUNGE - STREBEL STUDENT CENTER

Flu Shots by appointment or walk-in

To make an appointment click [Flu Shot appointment](#)

For UC faculty/staff/employees and students

**FLU SHOTS WILL ALSO BE OFFERED ON 10/1 and 10/2**  
from 12-4pm in Strebel Lounge

10-20 min. Chair Massage by [appointment](#) \$1/minute

Select ONE time slot for your flu shot appointment & bring your insurance card with you.

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Rite Aid offering flu shots

Root Farm

Mom & Pops Homestyle Popcorn

Rainforest Spices (flavored honeys, also)

Full of Beans Coffee Company

UC EMT-check your blood pressure

10 min. Chair Massage by appointment \$1/minute

Snacks from Sodexo

Excellus Blue Cross-Sign up for Telemedicine

UC logo 100% cotton market bags for sale @ \$10 each

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