The SUNY Tech Lacrosse Club and Alumni Association co-sponsored an Alumni Lacrosse Game on Sept. 30 as part of Fall Fest. Current club members and over a dozen alumni played, including (left photo, l to r): Vladimir Alvarado ’07, Matt DiBella ’07, Lacrosse Club President Dave Trifaro ’07, Mark Joslin ’10, (right photo, l to r) Nicholas Benjamin ’03 wearing UR Lacrosse shirt, Marc O’Shea ’01 running with the ball, Nathaniel Maliwacki ’06, Giuseppe Lapiana ’10, and Chris Dare ’09. Other players included R.C. Witt ’00, Anthony Gaetano ’00, Jeremy Grethel ’02, Chris Hadlock ’00, Long Gu ’03, Bill Colbert ’01, Brian Hurlbut ’03, and Josh Salmon ’04.
Alumni: Here’s what you’re missing if SUNYIT doesn’t have your current e-mail address

- Notice of upcoming events, some of which are only promoted electronically instead of through postal mailings to save time and money
- A reminder to nominate yourself or other alumni for positions as part of the annual alumni board elections
- A request for your input on which faculty member should receive the Alumni Association Faculty Award
- Brief, periodic updates on alumni programs and activities to supplement The Bridge magazine

Send e-mail address updates with your name and class year to: alumni@sunyit.edu

40th Anniversary Yearbook Clearance!

As part of SUNYIT’s 40th anniversary celebration, the Genesis staff and Alumni Office are making available any extra past-edition yearbooks (2003 edition or earlier) found in stock on a first come, first served basis for a nominal fee. If you’re interested in placing your name on the waiting list for any available yearbook(s), please follow the instructions below.

1) Contact the Alumni Office, preferably by e-mail if possible, at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 with a message organized as follows:
- In the e-mail subject line, write only the edition year and the word “yearbook” (for example, to request the 1985 edition, write: “1985 Yearbook”)
- In the body of the e-mail, provide your name, mailing address, and phone number
- By phone, include all of the above information in your voice message

2) Once yearbook inventory is completed, you will be contacted regarding whether your request can be filled and, if so, you will be asked to immediately remit payment as follows: $10 per yearbook or $5 per yearbook for each current dues-paying Alumni Association member, with a lifetime member receiving up to one available edition free of charge.

3) Once payment is received, yearbooks will be shipped. Lack of payment forfeits reservation and the next person on the list will be contacted.

Limited quantities. Only certain years available.

Upcoming Events

Fall Alumni Association Board Meeting: Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Open to all alumni. For details or to get involved with the Alumni Association, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110.

SUNYIT Alumni Study Room Dedication: Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, 5:45 p.m. By invitation from the SUNYIT Foundation

December Recognition Ceremony: Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, 10 a.m. – For December 2006 graduation candidates, their family and friends, and members of the SUNYIT community in the Campus Center gymnasium.

Alumni Basketball Game: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007 – For former members of the Wildcats men’s and women’s basketball team. Alumni play in the afternoon (prior to the SUNYIT vs. Buffalo State women’s and men’s games at 6 p.m. at 8 p.m. respectively) followed by a post-games night-time gathering for alumni, current team members, and family/friends. For details, contact the Athletics Office at (315) 792-7520.

Wealth Management Seminar: Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, 7 p.m. – Open to the general public. Presented by Merrill Lynch in cooperation with SUNYIT’s School of Business. For program details and to register, contact the School of Business at (315) 792-7429.

Talent Night: Date to be announced – Open to all alumni, students, faculty/staff, and family members of the SUNYIT community to watch or participate in one of the following categories: music, dance, airband/lipsynch, miscellaneous. Interested performers should contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 for details. Sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Association.

“Greek” Fraternity & Sorority Reunion: Saturday, April 21, 2007 – For all interested alumni and former members and advisers of Alpha Delta Mu, Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Beta Chi Sisters, Delta Sigma Theta, Psi Lambda Rho Sorority, and Theta Omega Sorority as part of the college’s 40th anniversary celebration in 2006-07. Hosted by Gary Cuda ’79, former URSA President and founder of the SUNYIT chapter of Alpha Delta fraternity, and sponsored by the Alumni Association. All interested attendees are asked to contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 to provide their e-mail addresses and other updated information so they can be sent details on this event.

40th Anniversary Motorcycle Ride: Planning is underway to determine the interest level for holding a Utica-area motorcycle ride in spring or summer 2007 through www.CharityPromotionsUSA.com to benefit the SUNYIT Foundation that provides scholarships and other support for SUNYIT. All interested alumni and friends of the college are asked to contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 to provide their e-mail addresses and other updated information so they can be sent details.

Commencement: Saturday, May 5, 2007, 10 a.m. – For May 2006 graduation candidates, their family and friends, and members of the SUNYIT community at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Want to learn more about upcoming events? Go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and click on “Upcoming Events” – bookmark or add to your favorites – and check it regularly. Even better, send your e-mail address with your name and class year to the Alumni Office to receive e-mail updates, which are increasingly being used instead of postal mailings to more quickly reach alumni and more effectively use college funds in light of budget reductions.
How It All Began
As part of SUNYIT’s 40th anniversary observance this year, we present excerpts from the forthcoming college history: From the Mills to Marcy

Awards Include 40th Anniversary Focus
Utica National Chairman and CEO Doug Robinson ’88, three former Wildcat athletes, 34 other alumni including URSA-SA Presidents, Professor William Langdon, and Eleanor Cirelli are honored

Special Supplement
SUNYIT Foundation Annual Report of Gifts:

Campus News
New academic programs offered, Bill Murabito returns to SUNYIT, two new buildings planned to support student programming and athletics

Coaches’ Corner: Athletics News & Views
Swim teams and men’s volleyball added, 2006 Hall of Fame inductees profiled, winter sports schedules announced, new SID appointed
Established in 1966 by the SUNY Board of Trustees and the New York State Board of Regents, “Upper Division College at Herkimer-Rome-Utica” began offering graduate education classes to graduate students using classrooms at West Frankfort Elementary School in the 1969 fall semester. Some 300 students enrolled in the first available programs: a Master of Science degree in Education, and teacher and administrator certificates.

[After a] regional political debate and expert analysis of several proposed sites, SUNY Trustees approved the selection of a site for the permanent campus at a meeting on October 31, 1969. The choice was Marcy. At Upper Division’s temporary home in West Frankfort, plans were underway for something new: the first classes for transfer students were planned for the 1970 spring semester. Courses would be offered in “engineering science, accounting, social studies, and English.” Area teachers working on a master’s degree through SUNY Cortland’s offerings still made up the majority of the student body.

Moving to the mills
With the addition of undergraduate transfer students, and growing demand from area teachers for graduate courses, the need for more space became evident. Anticipating continued growth, Upper Division moved in May 1971 to a new “temporary” location that would help sustain the institution and educate thousands of students for more than a decade. The college agreed to a three-and-a-half-year lease of the former Glove Mill Factory at 811 Court Street, in West Utica. With 20,000 square feet, Upper Division had space for a library, seven classrooms each seating at least 30 students, 18 faculty offices, administrative offices, and room to grow. The first classes in the new location were offered in a 1971 summer session. From 300 students in 1969, enrollment had doubled, with some 600 students taking classes on Court Street and at Griffiss in the fall of 1971.

The first president
In November, Robert W. MacVittie, then president of SUNY Geneseo, was appointed the first president of SUNY’s new college. He told the Observer-Dispatch he hoped to “develop a long range plan to work on the college.” But six weeks into MacVittie’s presidency, New York State’s looming fiscal crisis prompted SUNY Trustees to consider freezing or abandoning construction; they settled on a year’s delay. MacVittie made plans to hire faculty and staff, and expand operations at the temporary Glove Mill site. SUNY, meanwhile, considered a system-wide plan for zero growth that included cuts elsewhere and the closure of Upper Division. MacVittie said closing was only one option under consideration, and that he was still optimistic.

The New Year arrived, and with it came another blow: a huge cut in Upper Division’s funding in Governor Rockefelller’s proposed budget. Without legislative intervention, the college would get 72 percent less in operating funds in 1972-73 than it had received in 1971-72, $175,000 compared to $624,000. MacVittie made plans to depart after just two-and-a-half months on the job. With planning and funding for the new college apparently stalled, he resigned and returned to Geneseo. By the time the state budget was approved in May, SUNY had secured an additional $400,000, giving the college $575,000 — enough money to operate for another year.

NYS Senator James H. Donovan urged SUNY trustees to appoint a new president, and to restart stalled site work on the Marcy property. SUNY trustees voted to change the college’s name, from Upper Division College at Herkimer-Utica-Rome to the “State University College at Utica-Rome.”

A new president
“The history of ‘Upper Division’ has been up and down until this year,” Observer-Dispatch reporter Mike Woods wrote in February 1973. After some difficult formative years, and several setbacks, so much depended on the naming of a president who would believe in the college’s unique mission — someone with the necessary combination of experience and commitment.

William R. Kunsela had been president of the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Delhi since 1955. With a doctorate in teacher education, he had served on the faculty of Cornell University’s school of education for eight years, and had been a consultant to the United Nations, the World Bank, the government of Israel, and the Ford Foundation. As president of SUNY Delhi he had revitalized the college, developing its curriculum and the physical campus.

On February 28, 1973, SUNY trustees voted to appoint Kunsela president of the State University College at Utica-Rome. The first class of 58 undergraduates began attending classes in the fall; 50 of them were full-time students, and Jerome Donovan – Senator Donovan’s son – was one of the 50.

In 1975, Governor Hugh L. Carey ordered a temporary freeze on construction. With the future campus still a question mark, on May 18, 1975, the college held its first Commencement, honoring 163 graduates at the Stanley Theater of the Performing Arts.
Another first in 1975. Genesis, the college yearbook, was published for the first time. The hundred-page volume documented a developing campus culture. The yearbook’s inside front cover photo depicted the Globe Mill building; the inside back cover photo showed a scale model of the Marcy campus’s first building.

**Marcy campus approved**

In April 1981, the Trustees acted. The Marcy campus was approved, but several programs were recommended to be “gradually withdrawn and transferred to other campuses,” leaving the college to concentrate on mostly technology-related disciplines. Fewer students would be enrolled at the new campus than the college was used to; enrollment would not “exceed 1,400 full-time equivalent students,” according to the resolution. Despite the recommendations on mission and enrollment, supporters of the Marcy campus declared victory. Governor Carey said he would retire in 1982. On July 23, 1981, a few days after Kunsela’s announcement, Governor Carey signed the bill releasing construction funds for the Marcy campus. Hundreds watched the outdoor ceremony in front of downtown Utica’s State Office Building.

**A new president**

With the campus now under construction, the summer of 1982 saw a leadership transition that would shape the institution over its next two decades. Kunsela was succeeded by Peter J. Cayan, who had been president of North Country Community College in Saranac Lake, N.Y., for six years. The first 13 years of his academic career had been spent at SUNY Delhi, where he was a member of the faculty and later dean in the school of business management; Kunsela was president of SUNY Delhi for most of Cayan’s time there. “Bill was always excited when he talked about this college,” Cayan said later. “That was a very encouraging thing when I looked at coming here. I think Bill’s enthusiasm helped the college.”

On the same day a bill-signing ceremony was announced, Kunsela announced he would retire in 1982. On July 23, 1981, a few days after Kunsela’s announcement, Governor Carey signed the bill releasing construction funds for the Marcy campus. Hundreds watched the outdoor ceremony in front of downtown Utica’s State Office Building.

Hundreds attended the long-awaited ceremonial groundbreaking on October 30, 1981, on a portion of the site near Flanagan Road. Because of uncertain weather, a huge tent had been set up for the occasion. “The question was not whether there should be a college but how much we could afford to invest in it,” SUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Donald Blinken told those at the event. “I predict that in the long run the State University Board of Trustees will consider this one of our proudest and most successful achievements.”

On the day following the groundbreaking, the Utica Planter reported: “The campus dedication ceremony was announced, Kunsela announced he would retire in 1982. On July 23, 1981, a few days after Kunsela’s announcement, Governor Carey signed the bill releasing construction funds for the Marcy campus. Hundreds watched the outdoor ceremony in front of downtown Utica’s State Office Building.”

During a 1974 visit to Utica, Governor Malcolm Wilson received a briefing from President William Kunsela on plans for the Marcy campus. The campus dedication

**The campus dedication**

Awaited for so long by so many, the 1985 dedication of the new campus would be no simple affair. A week’s worth of events was planned. The official schedule included a press conference in the Administration-Library-Classroom (ALC) Building kicking off dedication week with the reading of proclamations; a two-day telecommunications conference (“for top-level managers and administrators from business and education”) at Utica’s Sheraton Inn and Conference Center where speakers and panel members will discuss “Acquiring a Communications System,” the dedication of the Gannett Art Gallery, the opening of its first juried show, and an awards ceremony; performances by SUNY Jazz and the SUNY College at Purchase Wind Wind ensemble; and, on Friday, November 8, the campus dedication ceremony and laying of the ALC cornerstone. In the middle of the dedication ceremony, the crowd responded with a standing ovation to the announcement that the ALC building would eventually be named William R. Kunsela Hall in honor of the former president.

“[W]hat really made the difference,” said SUNY Trustees Chairman Blinken, “was the overwhelming desire on the part of the greater Utica-Rome, Oneida County community to have a first-class, modern facility that could effectively serve not only this region, but all the people of New York State.”

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The 2006 Alumni Association/Hall of Fame Awards Event, held Sept. 30 at SUNYIT, included traditional awards, a new faculty award, and a special presentation as part of the college’s 40th anniversary celebration.

The Alumni Association’s top honor, the Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award, was presented to Doug Robinson ’88 (M.S., Business Management), of New Hartford, N.Y., who is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the companies of the Utica National Insurance Group, one of the top 100 property and casualty insurance organizations in the country and among the largest headquartered in New York State, with more than $2 billion in assets.

As Utica National’s CEO, Robinson has led the company to some of its best operating results ever, with Utica National’s Policyholders’ Security Fund growing to a record level over the last three years. These results followed one of the darkest times that Utica National and the property-casualty insurance industry had ever seen, with claims in 2001 from the 9-11 terrorist attack being part of a “perfect storm” that severely affected the industry, which also included the effects of adverse development on existing claims and severely inadequate rates from years of intense competition.

The Distinguished Service Award recognizing service to profession, community, and/or SUNYIT was presented to Mary Kay Driscoll ’95 (B.S., Health Information Management), of Peckville, Penn., and Mike Dumas ’85 (B.T., Electrical Engineering Technology), of Manlius, N.Y.

Driscoll directed the effort that established the current SUNYIT colors, and served as URSA Secretary and Junior Senator, College Council student representative, Cheerleading Captain, Orientation Leader, Residence Hall Council member, and SHIMA member. Her professional accomplishments include writing a training prototype with the Department of Energy for responding to chemical/nuclear/biological terrorist attacks that was implemented into its national operations center, authoring six professional journals in national Health Information Management journals and trade publications, and designing national medical office curriculums.

Dumas served as URSA Senator, College Council student representative, member of the College Association board of directors, President of the Student Activities Board, and was the student-elected Commencement speaker. Since leaving SUNYIT, he has had an exciting and fulfilling career in both the commercial and Department of Defense engineering fields. His accomplishments include managing the development of sales force automation and information security applications for Xerox that are now utilized daily by thousands of sales representatives handling more than 6 million customer establishments.

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient was Stacey Bryden ’02, (B.S., Computer/Information Science), of Herndon, Va.

Bryden has worked steadily in systems-security positions since her SUNYIT graduation, while earning a master’s degree in Network Security and pursuing a doctoral degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Computer and Information Security. She joined Lunarline Inc. in Washington, D.C., as Senior Security Analyst/Contractor Special Security Officer (CSSO) and since May 2006 has simultaneously served as Project Manager for the Institute for Security and Open Methodologies in Washington, D.C., co-managing the project for the Computer Forensics Open Source Methodology.

Commemorating the vital contributions of SUNYIT’s student leaders during its historic first 40 years, a special one-time Alumni Association URI-USA Presidential Pioneer Award was presented to honor all SUNYIT student-governments presidents from its founding to 2006: Thomas William Libous ’75, William John Ryan ’76, Joseph J. Eberle, Sr. ’77.
The Bridge

With URSA, now known as Student Association, playing an important role in SUNYIT's growth and development, those who served as URSA-SA presidents from the organization's founding through 2006 were honored at the Alumni Awards/Hall of Fame Event as part of the college's 40th anniversary celebration. URSA-SA presidents attending the event were (bottom row, l to r) Gary Cuda '79, Terry Burton '99, (second row) Leon Koziol '80, Paul Denninger '84, Keith Johnson '00, '06, (third row) John D’Alessandro '81, Tom Brown '86, Nick Gorczynski '07, (top row) Joe Czechowski '96, '97, Carmella Visconte '87, and (missing from photo) Jerry Talerico '01. (Photo: A. Pilbeam)

Mike Dumas '85, shown with his wife, Julie (Lyng) Dumas '84, received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his extensive student leadership at SUNYIT, professional accomplishments in the commercial and defense engineering fields, and service to the community including his work with autism advocacy. (Photo: A. Pilbeam)
Alumni Association Supports Spring and Fall Events

The Alumni Association in cooperation with SUNYIT’s Alumni Office supported a number of events for alumni, students, parents/family, and friends of the college from April through October 2006, including the 1970-80s Globe Mill Group Reunion that kicked off SUNYIT’s 40th anniversary celebration, which extends throughout the 2006-07 academic year.

Those attending the April 22 “old mill” reunion included: Leon Smith ’76, Connie Ostrander Delfino ’77, Jane Ann Norton ’77, Alan Kempf ’78, Thomas Delfino ’78, William Nygard ’78, Mark Fairbrother ’78, Steven Rys ’79, Dr. Gene and Suzanne ’79 Basualdo, Christopher Dec ’79, Joseph Burke ’79, Jeffrey George ’79, Carol Dela Marter ’79, John LaValle ’79, Jo Ruffrage ’80, David Norton ’80, Dale Pinckney ’80, Michael Stempihar ’81, Vincent Mazzei ’81, Diane Mullally ’82, Jane Rowlands ’82, Tim Converse ’83, Scott Miller ’90, Barbara Godfrey-Miller ’83, Carol Mowry Berger ’84, Kenneth Hassett ’84, Allen Styro ’84, Charles Reilly ’85, Gregory Walsh ’85, Suzanne Fiore Devito ’85, Marge Feeney ’85, Timothy Johnson ’85, Teresa Morelle ’85, Tom Brown ’86, Patricia Nervina ’86, Pat Connolly ’87, and Tim Dennison ’87.

Over 100 alumni and friends registered for the Health Services Management Alumni Event honoring Professor Jim Morey and Program Co-Founder Monte Welker held April 21. The event assisted the HSM program in establishing a Health Service Management Fund for research and continuing education, and resulted in enough gifts and revenues to finish endowing the Health Service Management Scholarship Fund begun by Morey many years ago.

Attendees included Richard Smith ’76, Leon Smith ’76, Donna Testa ’77, Carol Dela Marter ’79, Mary Calahan ’80, Peter Nyland ’83, Dorothy Zegarelli ’83, Michael Roche ’83, Marilyn Holman ’83, Jeffrey Sicklick ’83, Kenneth Persinko ’83, Jeffrey Mark ’84, Bruce Gendron ’84, Russell Grogan ’86, Mark Horton ’86, Theresa Kapes ’86, Carolyn Carleo ’87, Barbara Vogel ’88, Howard Jenkins ’89, Paul Farmer ’90, Melissa Pinke ’91, Wendy Ryder ’92, Deborah Perry ’94, Judith Bender ’95, Jacqueline Turner ’95, Kathleen Carcone Horn ’95 ’00, Ralph Reid ’96, David Gambier ’96, Wade Canipe ’96, Steven Rossi ’96, Barbara McRedmond ’97, Catherine Troha Scherzer ’97, Patricia Gambier ’98, Jane Sullivan ’98, Akihiro Ishii ’01, Bryan Ehlenger ’02, Scham Campbell ’02, William Jowett ’02, Fred Scerbo ’03, Kevin Durgie ’04, Lisa Volk ’04, Angelina Roche ’04, Steven Franchell ’04.

The “SUNYIT in the City” School of Business Graduate-Program Night held in Times Square on June 21 brought together School of Business graduate students, alumni, and those interested in online graduate-degree programs leading to an M.B.A., M.S. in health services administration, and M.S. in accountancy. Attendees included (l to r): Zee Sherine Bullock ’99, Gary Scherzer, Health Services Management faculty member; Dr. Stephen Havlovic, Dean of the School of Business; Asif Latif ’92; Gabriel Rivera ’99; Chris Baptista ’05; Brett Lyon ’05; Vincent Cham ’07 and Brenda Dow, Alumni Officer. A future alumni event is being planned for the New York City area.

The Alumni Association conducted various contests during the Club-and-Board Showcase sponsored by the Club Funding Board on Sept. 30 during Fall Fest. Robert “Robbie” Pazdur ’07 (left) and Adam Nugent ’07 (right) of the Society of Automotive Engineering chapter at SUNYIT, staffed the SAE’s display of its Mini Baja vehicle as part of the showcase. SAE, Women of Excellence (WOE) and the Asian Club were selected from among the participating student groups to receive Alumni Association ExperienceIT grants. (Photo: P. Duhaime)
Gary Cuda ’79 (far right), founder of the SUNYIT chapter of Alpha Phi Delta fraternity and former URSA President, attended the URSA-SA/Student Leader Reunion and Mixer on Sept. 29, where he spoke with former and current Student Association leaders (l to r) Mike Duffy, Zack Hoffmann ’08, Dan Vidny ’09, and Alan Whipple ’06. The event was co-sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Association. (Photo: P. Duhaime)

Fall Fest’s Saturday activities began with the Alumni Association’s annual meeting at which Allen Harrison ’01, Nathanael Wootten ’03 and Ziomara Zamora ’03, ’04 were elected to three-year terms on the board of directors. Afternoon and evening events included the Alumni Lacrosse Game (see back cover), Alumni Baseball Game, Club-and-Board Showcase, Alumni Awards/Hall of Fame Event (see pages 4, 20), professionally-staged FEUD game show, and Casino Night.

In October, the Alumni Association co-sponsored the BlogIT contest, conducted by the college’s Web Development Team to encourage innovation and recognize the top student Blogs as part of the launch of its innovative, self-created weblog software via the SUNYIT website (blogs.sunyit.edu).
Rooms Dedicated in Cayan Library

Three Ceremonies Celebrate New Scholarships

Three dedication ceremonies were held in summer 2006 to celebrate the naming of rooms in the Cayan Library and the establishment of scholarships.

The Polly C. and Jim G. Brock, Sr. Study Room was dedicated June 1. A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Brock and a bronze plaque were unveiled at the conclusion of the ceremony and are displayed permanently in the room. The Brocks’ son, Jim G. Brock, Jr., is president of the Jim Brock Agency of Utica, Inc., a financial services and insurance agency founded in 1939, and served as Chair of the SUNYIT College Council. He also chairs the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees, and serves on the boards of the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce Faxton/St. Luke’s Foundation, and the Mohawk Valley Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

The Professor Emeritus Albert B. Mario and Rita A. Mario Café and Reading Room was dedicated July 31. Rita Mario, the late professor’s wife of 36 years, was among those addressing the crowd of well-wishers. A photograph of the Marios and a plaque hang in the first floor café and study room located near the library’s main entrance. A second floor study room was dedicated in memory of Professor Emeritus Mario in 2004.

On July 20, a study room was dedicated in memory of Peter A. Donato, Jr., a former student. His family established the “For Pete’s Sake” Association, Inc., for philanthropic purposes. A photograph and plaque were unveiled at the dedication ceremony, which was attended by a large crowd of Donato family members and friends.

From top, scenes from three Cayan Library dedication ceremonies: Polly C. and Jim G. Brock, Jr.; Daniel J. Murphy and Rita Mario; Tammy Donato.
In grateful recognition of the efforts of our many friends and supporters, I am pleased to share with you this measurement of our institutional progress: the Institute of Technology Foundation at Utica/Rome, Inc., report for 2005-06. This report is a reflection of the generosity of those who care deeply about SUNYIT. You and many others have demonstrated a continued commitment to our growth and development over the past four decades.

SUNYIT is an institution with a bright future. The physical campus continues to develop, as evidenced by two new planned buildings—a $20 million field house and a $13 million student center—continuing growth in enrollment, and the increasingly comprehensive nature of our academic offerings. With ongoing support through the efforts of the Foundation, these developments will further enhance our ability to fulfill our mission: to provide opportunities for high-quality, affordable education to our region and our state.

The contents of this report are ample evidence of how the efforts of many can help shape the lives of deserving students. On behalf of all members of the SUNYIT family, I offer my thanks for your past and future support.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Spina
SUNYIT President
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Year in Review: 2005-06

2005

July
SUNYIT students create a business plan in class that makes the finals in Mohawk Valley EDGE’s annual competition.

V. K. Kool, professor of psychology, receives a Fulbright Award—the second in his career—and plans to travel to India during the 2005-2006 academic year to collaborate on a book concerning the psychology of nonviolence.

Faculty and staff welcome members of the Class of 2009 and their parents to campus for orientation.

U.S. Department of Defense awards $19 million contract to federal data analysis center consortium headquartered at SUNYIT.

August
Charles T. Lanigan, former Rome mayor and Oneida County Executive, is honored at a dedication ceremony in the Cayan Library.

Hillary Kelly of Little Falls, a graduate student, receives a statewide honor: the Sandra F. Shaw Outstanding Nurse Practitioner Student of the Year Award.

September
Utica Art Association hosts its 20th annual Tri-County Art Show at SUNYIT’s Gannett Gallery.

A ceremony in the Cayan Library honors a $25,000 scholarship contribution from the Utica Credit Bureau Fund.

Larry Hash, associate professor of telecommunications, receives national recognition when he is named Wireless Educator of the Year.

Office of Continuing Education receives a statewide 2005 Best Practices Award for its ‘digital towpath’ project.

Alumni honored during Fall Fest 2005 include a 2004 graduate killed in the Iraq war.

October
SUNYIT’s student newspaper, the Factory Times, is named a silver medalist by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a program of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

“Discovery Day” brings prospective freshmen and their parents to campus on Columbus Day.

Sema Dube, assistant professor of finance, receives the Chancellor’s Award for Internationalization, and plans SUNYIT’s first summer study abroad program in Turkey.

Student and alumni jobseekers attend Career Fair in the Campus Center.

November
Nursing students observe National Domestic Violence Awareness month by collecting and donating cell phones to the Mohawk Valley YWCA.

Steven M. Schneider, associate professor of political science, is honored at a SUNY Research Foundation tribute in Albany.

SUNYIT is among businesses and organizations recognized by Smoke-Free Mohawk Valley for upgrading internal anti-smoking policies.

“Next Step” town hall forum is broadcast live from Kunsela Hall.

December
Team of SUNYIT students announces plans to build off-road vehicle for national competition.

Graduates are honored at December Commencement in the Campus Center Gymnasium.

2006

January
Oneida County Executive Joseph Griffo announces a government consolidation summit will be held at SUNYIT in March.

The Juggler Classic, a high school basketball tournament, draws players, parents and fans to the SUNYIT Campus Center.

Congressman Sherwood Boehlert announces $173,600 in federal funding for the National Information Technology Apprenticeship System (NITAS), the information technology training project operated by SUNYIT’s Office of Continuing Professional Education in conjunction with the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Herkimer, Madison and Oneida Counties.

February
Christopher Urban, lecturer in computer science, advises parents how teens and younger children can be safe on “social networking” websites in a WKTV interview.

The School and Business Alliance appoints six new board members including Peter A. Spina, SUNYIT president.

March
Mohawk Valley Technology Education and Pre-engineering Showcase at SUNYIT highlights area middle and high school students’ work.

Two Small Business Development Center staff members travel to New Orleans to assist hurricane victims.

Nursing students hold annual Health Fair in Campus Center.

Top winter athletes are honored at annual winter sports banquet.

April
State legislators approve $20 million for a campus field house.

Spring open house brings prospective students and families to campus.

SUNYIT hosts 11th annual scholarship 5k run.

Alumni gather for 40th anniversary reunion activities on the Marcy campus and near the former Utica campus.

Ronald Sarner, distinguished service professor of computer science, receives the 2006 Chugh/University Faculty Senate Outstanding Service award.

May
Conmed founder Eugene R. Corasanti receives the 2006 Distinguished Service Award at Commencement; more than 350 graduates honored at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Area officials hold a summit session on campus to discuss government consolidation.

Holocaust survivor Helen Sperling is honored by Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement at SUNYIT.

June
First of two orientation programs for fall semester brings new transfer students to campus.

Assistant professor of biology Laura Erlandson works with Utica Marsh Council and area high school students to reduce purple loosestrife in Utica Marsh.
Two New Yorkers with extensive SUNY experience have joined the SUNYIT family to help guide the campus in several key areas. Utica native William J. Murabito, who served as vice president for student affairs and director of admissions during the college’s “mills era,” has been named vice president for student affairs, enrollment management and development effective June 29. Joiel Ray-Alexander, former assistant vice chancellor for enrollment programs and School College Relations at SUNY, has been appointed interim assistant vice president for enrollment management.

“I would like to thank President Spina and Chancellor Ryan for this opportunity,” Murabito said. “SUNYIT is special in many ways for me, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to give students a truly unique and rewarding campus experience.”

Associate vice chancellor and assistant to the provost at SUNY since 2004, he also served as executive director for university technology colleges (1999-2002), associate vice chancellor of university life (1993-99), and assistant vice chancellor of student affairs (1983-93). In addition, he was SUNY Cobleskill’s interim president (2002-03), and served as CEO/office-in-charge at Rockland Community College (2003-04).

During SUNYIT’s “mills era,” he was the college’s director of admissions (1973-77) and vice president for student affairs (1977-83). He served as director of counseling services at SUNY Alfred’s vocational division (1972-73), director of development for Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois (1970), and was director of financial aid at Mohawk Valley Community College (1967-69).

Murabito holds the following degrees: Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Illinois; M.S. in Student Personnel and Guidance from SUNY Albany; and B.S. from SUC at Buffalo. He is a member of numerous professional and community organizations, among them: the College Student Personnel Association of New York State, Inc. (past-president); New York Special Olympics Board of Directors (member, 1984-2004; chair, 1991-97); and the New York State Commission of National and Community Services (chair, 1994-present). In addition to his administrative duties, Murabito has taught graduate-level courses at SUNY Albany and the College of St. Rose.

Ray-Alexander manages and oversees all enrollment-related functions, including admissions, registrar, bursar, financial aid programs and scholarships. She also works to develop public relations and marketing programs initiatives related to enrollment, and a student success plan for SUNYIT.

“I’m thrilled to join SUNYIT’s administrative staff,” said Ray-Alexander. “I’m looking forward to the rewards of helping SUNYIT achieve its goals for enrollment.”

At SUNY, Ray-Alexander was appointed assistant vice chancellor for enrollment programs and school college relations in 1996 and served in that capacity until 2004. From 2004-2006, Ray-Alexander was appointed Assistant Vice Chancellor for Public Relations. Prior University experience includes Director of School College Relations (1991-1996), Director, Digital Program Service at New York Network in 1999, head of the centralized Application Services Center in 2003, and she began her career with the State University of New York as an Admissions Advisor/Counselor at the State University of New York at Fredonia (1986-1991).

Ray-Alexander’s career in university enrollment has been marked by numerous successful recruitment programs, including recruitment of out-of-state students and students from a wide cross-section of NYS markets, campaigns for high achieving students and underrepresented populations. She has received recognition for her accomplishments in enrollment management including The Presidents Award (NYSACAC), Achievement Award for Outstanding Contribution and Exceptional Service to the High School Counseling Community (SUNYCAP), Governor’s Tribute to African American Leaders of Excellence in State Service Honoree (2005), Visions For Life Award (Albany Chapter of the NAACP) and was inducted into the New York State Employee Honor Roll in 2005. She is a member of several professional organizations, including the Association of Chief Admission Officers of Public Universities (ACAOPU), The College Board and the New York State Association of College Admission Counselors. A New York native, Ray-Alexander earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in speech communications at SUNY Brockport and SUNY Fredonia.
The Bridge

Planning for two major campus projects got underway during SUNYIT’s 40th anniversary celebration. In the spring, state lawmakers supported $20 million for an athletic field house on the SUNYIT campus to the 2006-2007 state budget.

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Three Inducted Into Wildcat Hall of Fame

Three former SUNYIT student-athletes were inducted into the Wildcat Hall of Fame during Fall Fest. Toni Darling Johnston, Sarah Schiavone Lidbom, and Mark Sierak were honored at a September 30 awards ceremony.

Toni Darling Johnston ’99

During her two-year softball career at SUNYIT, Toni pitched all 32 victories for the Wildcats and as a senior led SUNYIT to its best record (19-16) to date. She was named to the All-SUNYAC softball team as a senior, helping the team to its school-best 19-16 record. She hit .427 with 29 RBI en route to SUNYIT’s first winning SUNYAC season. From 1997-98, Sarah averaged a double-double for the basketball team with 15.1 points and 12.9 rebounds per game, both top 10 in SUNYAC competition.

Mark Sierak ’00

After attending Coastal Carolina University where he majored in professional golf management, Mark arrived at SUNYIT and, as a junior, tied for medalist honors in the ECAC golf Qualifier on his way to placing 22nd in the ECAC Championships. His senior season as captain was highlighted by winning the individual title at the Hartwick Invitational. Mark was also a stand-out bowler and helped develop the bowling program at SUNYIT during its early years.

Sarah Schiavone Lidbom ’99

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Wildcat News

Three new sports on the horizon: Men’s and Women’s swimming, Men’s volleyball added

Swimming

New Hartford native Kelsey Finegan has been selected as the aquatics director and swimming coach at SUNYIT.

“Kelsey has had outstanding success as a local high school and college swimmer and as a young coach,” said Kevin Grimmer, director of athletics. “We are very excited to have Kelsey begin building our new men’s and women’s swimming teams and creating more programming for our pool.”

An exceptional swimmer for perennial power New Hartford Central School, Finegan went on to become a four-year letter winner and team captain as a senior at Hamilton College. Upon graduation in 2002, she became a graduate assistant at Wagner College, elevating to the position of assistant women’s swimming coach for its NCAA I scholarship program.

Prior to receiving her M.S. degree in 2005, Kelsey also served as assistant aquatics director at Wagner, coached for the Wagner Aquatic Club and was head coach of the Hillside Swim Club, leading over 200 swimmers to three consecutive championships in the Staten Island Interclub League.

Finegan will be responsible for recruiting for the new SUNYIT swimming program and coaching the club team prior to intercollegiate competition. She will also develop all aspects of a vibrant aquatics program, featuring learn-to-swim and recreational sessions, plus community and group use of the SUNYIT pool.

Volleyball

Don Perkins is the new men’s and women’s head volleyball coach.

Perkins comes to SUNYIT after spending three seasons as a head coach with the North Country Albany Juniors Volleyball Club, where, in 2005, he led the NCAJ 17 and under team to a Silver Medal at the Regional Championships.

Also with NCAJ, Perkins served as Tournament Director of the Great Nor’easter tournament which became one of the top tournaments in the Northeast, featuring teams from throughout the northeastern United States and southern Canada.

Basketball

Kevin Grimmer will once again assume head coaching responsibilities for the men’s basketball program.

Grimmer, director of athletics, takes over for Tom Murphy, who resigned recently to become assistant coach of Northeastern University. Murphy, who served as associate head coach under Grimmer in 2004-05, led the Wildcats to a 16-12 record and a berth in the SUNYAC championship contest last season.

Grimmer has coached basketball at SUNYIT for 21 years, beginning in 1984 as an assistant men’s coach. Stan “Buddy” Evans, the legendary former Rome Free Academy boys’ coach and assistant for Murphy at Hamilton and SUNYIT, will remain as assistant coach for the Wildcats.
New Sports Information Director Helps Get the Word Out

Brandon Holt of Sherrill, N.Y., has been appointed sports information director at SUNYIT.

"Brandon will help promote SUNYIT sports as we continue to develop and grow," said Kevin Grimmer, director of athletics. "He has made significant improvements to our web site and will publicize the great success of our student-athletes."

Holt comes to SUNYIT from WKTV in Utica where he serves as a photographer and editor for the news and sports department. He received a bachelor's degree in public relations from Utica College in 2005. While at Utica College, Holt served as the sports and managing editor for the school's weekly newspaper, The Tangerine.
1970s

Jeffrey B. Andrus ‘77 has joined the law firm of Hiscock & Barclay, LLP as a partner.
David J. Jones ‘77 has joined ProRealty of New York Inc. as a licensed sales associate.

1980s

Karen Grena ‘80 has been promoted to clinical nurse manager of the Visiting Nurse Association of Central New York, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.
Lt. Joseph J. Goss ‘81 was named Chief of Police for Watertown, N.Y.
Mary Kay Pisaneschi ‘81 has been appointed day nursing supervisor and staffing system administrator at Rome Memorial Hospital, Rome, N.Y.
John W. Ruszala ‘82 has been named chef de cuisine for the Corner Market and the Event Center at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino, Verona, N.Y.
Shelley Falticco ‘84 has been appointed the director of program development and support services at Genesee ARC, Batavia, N.Y.
Dolores (Dee) Pfohl ‘84, RN, BSN, MS, has been made nurse manager for the OR/PACU departments at the St. Luke’s Campus of Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare, New Hartford, N.Y.
Robert Scholfield ‘86, vice president at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Utica, N.Y., has been assigned new responsibilities. He will oversee capital projects, which includes the new Emergency Department/Trauma Center. Additionally, he will be responsible for Case Management, Environmental Health & Safety, Laboratory, Mohawk Valley Heart Institute (MVHI) at St. Ei, Pharmacy, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Quality Management and Respiratory Services.
Bruce J. Karam ‘87, principal at John F. Kennedy Middle School in Utica, N.Y., has been named the 2006 New York State Middle Level Principal of the Year.
Henry Visalli ‘87 has been appointed program director of the Enriched Living Center at the Rescue Mission of Utica, N.Y.
J. Douglas Robinson ‘88 has been named Chairman of the Board of the companies of the Utica National Insurance Group.
Rodney Misich ‘89 is CEO of Fruta Vida/RPTS International.
Steven Mitchell ‘89 has been appointed lead pastor of the First Free Methodist Church.

1990s

Kim Cuccaro ‘90 has been appointed manager for business development and call center operations at Research & Marketing Strategies, Inc.
Michelle Selden ‘91 has been named medical staff quality administrator for Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare.
Christine Russo ‘93 is working with special-needs children ages 3 to 5 in Forever Growing, a pre-school program at Demi Elementary School, Rome, N.Y.
Terry M. Fellows ‘94 has joined the New Hartford office of TFG CPAs as a staff accountant.
Todd H. Kelsey ‘94 is a plumbing designer at Beardsley Design Associates Architecture, Engineering & Landscape Architecture PC.
Melissa F. Jurgelson ‘95, PHR, has been promoted to human resource administrator at Media Logic, Albany, N.Y.
Jennifer E. Wilson ‘95 has joined Dermody, Burke & Burke, CPAs, LLC, as a member of the firm’s governmental-specialty niche and not-for-profit niche.
Anthony Carvelli ‘97, Oneida County Finance Commissioner, temporarily assumed chief of staff duties for County Executive Joseph A. Grillo.
Victoria Gildner ‘97 is a child protection services caseworker with the Cattaraugus County Department of Social Services.

2000

Lori Asperschlager has been named assistant registrar at Cornell University’s College of Human Ecology.

2001

John Lavalette has joined Osmoste Utilites Services, Inc., as a software engineer.
Kathleen A. Marollo has joined the Family Practice Department of Slocum-Dickerson’s Ilion office.
Lawrence Mennig was appointed the new administrator at the Franklin County Nursing Home.

2002

Mike R. Smith was promoted to staff writer, Office of Public Affairs, National Guard Bureau, Washington.

2003

Ronaldo Moskala has been appointed field director by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, The Zoller Group.

2004

Iris L. Buczkowski is a Financial Planning Consultant with Strategic Financial Services, LLC.
Allison Drake, RN, BS, CM, has been promoted to clinical educator at Eddy Visiting Nurse Association.
Scott H. Hale, site manager of the New Carriage House and Clinton House Apartments, has earned the Accredited Residential Manager (ARM) certification from the Institute of Real Estate Management, an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.
David M. Krause is co-chair for training/communications at Amalgamated Transit Union 580.
Nicholas F. Laino has been appointed dean of administration at Herkimer County Community College.
2005

Wendy J. Chandler has been appointed human resources manager of Oneida Savings Bank.

Thomas Gabriele is a mechanical engineer at Benet Laboratories, Watervliet, N.Y.

Jill Hutchinson is the central journalist at Sak's Fifth Avenue Enterprises in New York.

Amy Krause, MS, RN, has accepted the position of director of adult day services at St. James Mercy Health System.

Kathy Millard was named 2005 employee of the year at Lewis County General Hospital.

ENGAGEMENTS

Carla Surace ’95 and Samuel S. Burruchich III. An April 28, 2007, wedding is planned. She is employed by Hair Studio 5 in Camillus, N.Y.

Robert J. Raffie ’96 and Amy M. McClellan. A June 16, 2007, wedding is planned. He is the assistant executive director at the Masonic Care Community.

Jennifer Sargent ’97 and Pasquale Damotto. A July 2006 wedding was planned. She is a math teacher at T.R. Proctor High School, Utica, N.Y.

Ronald M. Fontaine ’99 and Brienne Hyatt. A September 15, 2007 wedding is planned. He is employed by the Town of New Hartford, N.Y.

Lynn Hidaysz ’99 and Ken Osaki. A September 23, 2006 wedding was planned. She is a manager at the Plaza Package Store of Great Barrington, Mass.

Kevin Rathbun ’99 and Jennifer Benedict. A September 1, 2006 wedding was planned. He is a coding specialist at Clifton Springs Hospital.

Adam Stroud ’02 and Sabrina Holcomb ’02. A 2007 wedding is planned. He is a software engineer with BAE Systems, Burlington, Mass.; she is a staff accountant with Bingham McCutchin LLP, Boston, Mass.

Paul Coleman ’00 and Chrystal Heath. An August 2007 wedding is planned. He is a computer programmer at Lockheed Martin in northern Virginia.

Ryan Bents ’01 and Heather Dombrowski. A July 29, 2006 wedding was planned. He is an instructor at New Horizons.

Tatum Brauer ’01 and Kenneth Grobasky. An August 2007 wedding is planned. She is a convention service manager for Hyatt Hotels & Resorts.

Steven Ferris ’01 and Janelle Halbert. A July 29, 2006 wedding was planned. He is a mortgage consultant at Home Funding Finders, Syracuse.

Daniel R. Ashworth ’02 and Holly L. Brough. An October 2006 wedding was planned.

Brian Bridenbecker ’02 and Eileen Anderson. A fall 2006 wedding was planned.

Sue Elinskis ’02 and Derek Spencer. A September 2, 2006 wedding was planned. He is a sergeant in the Army National Guard, serving as a medic, and is also employed by Faxon-St. Luke’s Hospital.

Caleb J. Flint ’02 and Rebecca Marie Flesser. A September 16, 2006 wedding was planned. He is employed by the Walt Disney Company in Celebration, Fla.

Elizabeth A. Henry ’02 and Sean P. Campbell. A November 18, 2006 wedding was planned. He is employed as a liability claims representative at Preferred Mutual Insurance.

Charles “Chuck” Scroger ’02 and Kelly Kennerknecht ’02. A September 23, 2006 wedding was planned. He is employed by Lockheed Martin; she is employed by Crouse Health Foundation.

Mathew R. Ercoline ’03 and Michelle J. Moore ’03. An October 21, 2006 wedding was planned. He is a consulting engineer for a technology firm in Boston; she works in the department of student activities at Brandeis University in Boston.

Christopher J. Hanson ’03 and Julia C. van Kessel. A June 2006 wedding was planned. He is currently pursuing a B.S. in graphic design at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh.

Andrew Longway ’03 and Michelle Hance. A summer 2007 wedding is planned. He is employed as a mechanical design engineer in Utica and works as an adjunct instructor at MVCC.

Jeremy D. Nash ’03 and Kelly A. King. A June 2, 2007 wedding was planned. He is employed by the City of Utica.

Deana Olivella ’03 and Richard Zajac. A July 8, 2006 wedding was planned. She is employed at MGR Heating and Air Conditioning.

A. Mark Cavalier ’04 and Christine L. Talierico ’04. He is a regional sales manager with Eastern Copy Products LLC; she is a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Jason R. Cornish ’04 and Jessica Fay Galepian. A July 2007 wedding is planned. He is a tech support engineer for CXTech.

Peter Gillander ’04 and Megan Lovejoy. An August 5, 2006 wedding was planned. He teaches technology education at Strough Middle School in Rome, N.Y.

Stephanie L. Madison ’04 and Eric M. Gray. A July 2007 wedding is planned. The couple owns Gray’s Garden and Greenhouse in Oppenheim, N.Y.

Marlie E. Malowski ’04 and Christian G. Lawton. An August 9, 2006 wedding was planned. She is a design consultant with Case Supply Co. of Syracuse.

Brian R. Potaczala ’04 and Danielle M. Cantello. An August 5, 2006 wedding was planned. He is employed by MetLife in Oriskany, N.Y.

Michael J. Tedesco ’04 and Janna Beth VanHeertum. A 2008 wedding is planned. He is employed at Crain Communications in New York, N.Y.
WEDDINGS
Mark A. Enjem ‘96 and Jennifer L. Bradish, September 24, 2005. He is employed with Enjem’s Carpets of Utica.
Larry M. Peters ‘98 and Karen M. Martynowicz, May 12, 2006. He is a programmer at MGM Consulting, Albany, N.Y.
Tracy A. Tagliaferri ‘98 and Mark J. Melone, May 20, 2006. She is employed with the Rome City School District, Rome, N.Y.
Sarah B. Smits ‘00 and David B. Filippini, July 1, 2006. She is chief financial officer of Stay on Line Corp., Raleigh, N.C.
Andrea C. Swartz ‘00 and Jonathan K. Shaffner, September 6, 2003. She is employed by the State of Hawaii as a job retention counselor.
Michael Williams ‘00 and Jennifer Gossin ‘01, October 1, 2005. He is employed as a computer technician; she is employed as a staffing coordinator at Staffworks, Inc.
Erik M. Halbrend ‘01 and Sarah E. Wasson, August 20, 2005. He is employed by the Guilderland School District.
Heather F. Mundy ‘02 and Ralph B. Burgdorf, Jr., July 1, 2006. He is employed as a staff accountant at Utica First Insurance Co.
Joshua E. Pickup ‘02 and Heather A. Loewel, December 18, 2004. He is pursuing a master of business administration at Penn State College and is employed by Cammins, Inc., as a controls engineer.
Edmund Wiatr III ‘02 and Colleen Morgan, November 26, 2005. He is employed as a case manager with MetLife.
Stephen A. Bergholtz ‘03 and Kristin K. Coleman, September 10, 2005. He is employed by Paychex, Inc. in Rochester, N.Y.
Brian Scoones ‘03 and Judith Miller, October 8, 2005. He is a math teacher for the Rome School District, Rome, N.Y.

NEW ARRIVALS
Nicholas Tyler to Susan Pepper Tyler ‘92, February 10, 2006
Alexander James Coon to Melissa M. Coon ‘95 and Travis J. Coon ‘97, April 10, 2006
Amanda Catherine Purdy to Kevin J. Purdy ‘95 and Karen Purdy, August 26, 2004
Aaron Charles Purdy to Kevin J. Purdy ‘95 and Karen Purdy, June 13, 2006
Kali Elizabeth Green to Aimee (Golden) Green ‘96 and David Green, April 5, 2006
Savannah Stella Thompson to Jeannine Usisk-Thompson ‘97 and Matt Thompson, April 19, 2006
Gavin Stone to Jennifer Stone ‘98 and Harold Stone, Jr. ‘01, April 14, 2005
Ava Louise Hilton to Pamela Hilton ‘00, February 1, 2006
Cooper Jose Connor to Katherine Connor ‘03 and Scott Connor

DEATHS
Amanda E. Anthony ‘03
May 30, 2006

DEATHS
Richard P. Aust ‘83
March 30, 2005
Sandra L. Howlett ‘90
May 28, 2006
Kevin G. McDermott ‘79
March 12, 2006
Patricia Ann Morrison ‘81
February 10, 2006
Steve A. Nemier ‘90
July 8, 2006
Vita N. (Ciaccia) Nicotera
Faculty/Staff
August 25, 2006
Arthur Pereira ‘77
December 20, 2005
Ronald Mark Procopio ‘96
May 16, 2006
Nicholas (Nick) Radomski ‘05
July 3, 2006
Barbara A. (Wolf) Roberts ‘02
July 8, 2006
Margaret Mary (Peg) Snyder
Faculty/Staff
March 15, 2006
Nancy Ann Vanderpool ‘89
November 24, 2004
Richard L. Vernold ‘92
February 20, 2006

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Name ___________________________ Class Year _____________
Social Security No. ________________
Spouse/Partner ______________________
Home Address: _________________________________
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Personal Phone: ____________________________
Personal E-mail: _____________________________
Work Address: _______________________________
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Work Phone: _________________________________
Work E-mail: ________________________________
Membership:
❑ Lifetime ($325)
❑ 3-Year ($65)
❑ 1-Year ($25)
Alumni: Here’s what you’re missing if SUNYIT doesn’t have your current e-mail address

- Notice of upcoming events, some of which are only promoted electronically instead of through postal mailings to save time and money
- A reminder to nominate yourself or other alumni for positions as part of the annual alumni board elections
- A request for your input on which faculty member should receive the Alumni Association Faculty Award
- Brief, periodic updates on alumni programs and activities to supplement The Bridge magazine

Send e-mail address updates with your name and class year to: alumni@sunyit.edu

40th Anniversary Yearbook Clearance!

As part of SUNYIT’s 40th anniversary celebration, the Genesis staff and Alumni Office are making available any extra past-edition yearbooks (2003 edition or earlier) found in stock on a first come, first served basis for a nominal fee. If you’re interested in placing your name on the waiting list for any available yearbook(s), please follow the instructions below.

1) Contact the Alumni Office, preferably by e-mail if possible, at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 with a message organized as follows:
   - In the e-mail subject line, write only the edition year and the word “yearbook” (for example, to request the 1985 edition, write: “1985 Yearbook”)
   - In the body of the e-mail, provide your name, mailing address, and phone number
   - By phone, include all of the above information in your voice message

2) Once yearbook inventory is completed, you will be contacted regarding whether your request can be filled and, if so, you will be asked to immediately remit payment as follows: $10 per yearbook or $5 per yearbook for each current dues-paying Alumni Association member, with a lifetime member receiving up to one available edition free of charge.

3) Once payment is received, yearbooks will be shipped. Lack of payment forfeits reservation and the next person on the list will be contacted.

Upcoming Events

Fall Alumni Association Board Meeting: Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, 4 to 5:30 p.m. Open to all alumni. For details or to get involved with the Alumni Association, contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110.

SUNYIT Alumni Study Room Dedication: Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, 5:45 p.m.
By invitation from the SUNYIT Foundation

December Recognition Ceremony: Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, 10 a.m. – For December 2006 graduation candidates, their family and friends, and members of the SUNYIT community in the Campus Center gymnasium.

Alumni Basketball Game: Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007 – For former members of the Wildcats men’s and women’s basketball team. Alumni play in the afternoon (prior to the SUNYIT vs. Buffalo State women’s and men’s games at 6 p.m. at 8 p.m. respectively) followed by a post-games night-time gathering for alumni, current team members, and family/friends. For details, contact the Athletics Office at (315) 792-7520.

Wealth Management Seminar: Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, 7 p.m. – Open to the general public. Presented by Merrill Lynch in cooperation with SUNYIT’s School of Business. For program details and to register, contact the School of Business at (315) 792-7429.

Talent Night: Date to be announced – Open to all alumni, students, faculty/staff, and family members of the SUNYIT community to watch or participate in one of the following categories: music, dance, airband/lipsynch, miscellaneous. Interested performers should contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 for details. Sponsored by the Alumni Association and Student Association.

“Greek” Fraternity & Sorority Reunion: Saturday, April 21, 2007 – For all interested alumni and former members and advisers of Alpha Delta Mu, Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Beta Chi Sisters, Delta Sigma Theta, Psi Lambda Rho Sorority, and Theta Omega Sorority as part of the college’s 40th anniversary celebration in 2006-07. Hosted by Gary Cuda ’79, former URSA President and founder of the SUNYIT chapter of Alpha Phi Delta fraternity, and sponsored by the Alumni Association. All interested attendees are asked to contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 to provide their e-mail addresses and other updated information so they can be sent details on this event.

40th Anniversary Motorcycle Ride: Planning is underway to determine the interest level for holding a Utica-area motorcycle ride in spring or summer 2007 through www.CharityPromotionsUSA.com to benefit the SUNYIT Foundation that provides scholarships and other support for SUNYIT. All interested alumni and friends of the college are asked to contact the Alumni Office at alumni@sunyit.edu or (315) 792-7110 to provide their e-mail addresses and other updated information so they can be sent details.

Commencement: Saturday, May 5, 2007, 10 a.m. – For May 2006 graduation candidates, their family and friends, and members of the SUNYIT community at the Utica Memorial Auditorium.

Want to learn more about upcoming events? Go to www.sunyit.edu/alumni and click on “Upcoming Events” – bookmark or add to your favorites – and check it regularly. Even better, send your e-mail address with your name and class year to the Alumni Office to receive e-mail updates, which are increasingly being used instead of postal mailings to more quickly reach alumni and more effectively use college funds in light of budget reductions.
The SUNY Tech Lacrosse Club and Alumni Association co-sponsored an Alumni Lacrosse Game on Sept. 30 as part of Fall Fest. Current club members and over a dozen alumni played, including (left photo, l to r): Vladimir Alvarado ’07, Matt DiBella ’07, Lacrosse Club President Dave Trifaro ’07, Mark Joslin ’10, (right photo, l to r) Nicholas Benjamin ’03 wearing UR Lacrosse shirt, Marc O’Shea ’01 running with the ball, Nathaniel Maliwacki ’06, Giuseppe Lapiana ’10, and Chris Dare ’09. Other players included R.C. Witt ’00, Anthony Gaetano ’00, Jeremy Grethel ’02, Chris Hadlock ’00, Long Gu ’03, Bill Colbert ’01, Brian Hurlbut ’03, and Josh Salmon ’04.