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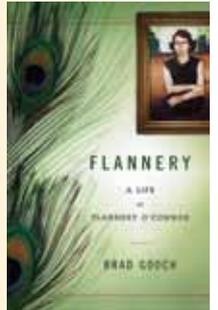
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Dear Friends,

This issue of *WP Magazine* highlights Pioneer Pride by presenting just a few of the many stories of alumni success. Some of our alumni have lived their lives and careers on the public stage. Many have impacted developing lives in classrooms throughout our state and nation. Many have lived more privately, leaving their marks on their jobs, communities, and families.

In New Jersey and throughout my travels, I have listened with enjoyment to stories from you and your fellow alumni about how this institution has powerfully contributed to careers and lives. Our alumni community is connected by a link that extends well beyond our campus. I, and so many of you, know the sense of pride that is experienced when we meet someone and then learn that they're an alum or when we spot someone wearing a William Paterson t-shirt or cap and a connection is immediately established. What we share is a history, environment, and community that have touched our lives and fostered a sense of confidence in ourselves, our education, and our experience.

In May, I announced my plan to retire as president at the conclusion of a national search for a successor. Along with overseeing the University's agenda for the coming year, I am approaching the transition with a sense of sentimentality and reflection. Time after time, my thoughts turn to the sense of pride that I feel at having been part of an institution where the primary commitment has always been to the success of each and every student.

Over the course of my years as president, I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know many of our alumni and watching so many students progress from success on campus to success in the world that surrounds us. The accomplishments of our graduates are a source of pride for the entire William Paterson University community—fellow alumni, faculty and staff, friends, and, of course, current students.

This is a special institution. I was well aware of that when I came on board as an assistant professor of chemistry in 1970 and I know it now more than ever after twenty-four years as president. As I move forward into the next chapter of my life, moving from the public stage to the private, I feel privileged and proud to have been a part of the University community for almost forty years. The University will always be a part of me.

Sincerely,
Arnold Speert
President

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WHO WE ARE



PRESIDENT ARNOLD SPEERT

Arnold Speert Announces Retirement After Twenty-Four Years as William Paterson President

— *President Speert led institutional growth into a comprehensive university*

President Arnold Speert, who guided William Paterson's development into a comprehensive university with an increasing breadth of academic programs and a modernized campus, has announced his retirement after twenty-four years as president.

Under President Speert's leadership, the institution progressed from a college into a university, successfully completed its first major fundraising campaign, and upgraded and expanded its facilities. He became the institution's sixth president on September 1, 1985.

Speert, who made the announcement on May 19 during the annual faculty luncheon held as part of commencement festivities, said he was grateful for the support and

cooperation he has always received from the campus community.

"When I reflect on my years as president, I think about all that has been accomplished through the collaboration of a creative and caring faculty, a skilled and focused staff, a dedicated Board of Trustees, proud alumni, and students who are eager to benefit from the excellence of William Paterson University," he said. "I am privileged and proud to have been a part of this great institution for almost forty years."

President Speert began discussions about his retirement plans with the Board of Trustees four years ago. "I am hopeful that the advance planning will lead to a smooth transition for the new president and for the University," he said. A national search for a new president will begin immediately. Speert plans to remain as president until a successor is appointed.

"In twenty-four years of service as president, Arnie Speert has created an institutional culture and offered a vision that has both motivated and empowered members of the University community to grow William Paterson from a teachers college to a comprehensive university," says Vincent J. Mazzola, chair of the William Paterson University Board of Trustees. "More than the development of new academic programs, the expansion of the campus, and the strong reciprocal relationship with our region, his leadership, civility, and respect for the academic mission make each of us proud to be part of William Paterson University. As a board member, and now chair, I am indebted to Arnie for his work to build a Board of Trustees committed to the success and well being of the students and the institution. His near quarter century of service as president, and nearly forty years as a member of our community, create a strong and stable foundation of success to build upon for William Paterson University's next leader."

In 1997, the institution completed its transformation from William Paterson College to William Paterson University

when the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education accepted the college's petition for university status based on the quality and breadth of its faculty and its strong academic, cultural, and community service programs.

William Paterson's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, completed in 2006, exceeded its goal, raising more than \$40.2 million for capital projects and academic programs. Highlights of the campaign included gifts from Christos Cotsakos and his wife Tami for development of the Financial Learning Center, additional programs at the Cotsakos College of Business, and music scholarships; the Russ Berrie Foundation for



PRESIDENT SPEERT CELEBRATES THE ACHIEVEMENT OF UNIVERSITY STATUS IN 1997

development of the Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales; the John Victor Machuga Foundation in support of scholarships and student programs; David and Lorraine Cheng in support of library programs; and the David F. Bolger Foundation for development of the Nel Bolger, R.N., Nursing Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility that simulates actual clinical environments.

The institution grew significantly under President Speert with the development of new and expanded academic and student development programs. During his tenure, the University expanded from a campus of

250 acres to 370 acres. Highlights include the acquisition and refurbishing of the 1600 Valley Road Building, which houses the Cotsakos College of Business, the College of Education, and the Center for Continuing and Professional Education. The state-of-the-art Financial Learning Center and the Russ Berrie Professional Sales Lab are also part of the Cotsakos College of Business in the Valley Road Building.

The evolution of the campus included the acquisition and development of the Power Art Building as a facility for the studio art program; the development of University Commons, which includes the John Victor Machuga Student Center, Wayne Hall dining facility, and a new ballroom and conference center; construction of the Atrium, home of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences; the expansion of the library, now known as the David and Lorraine Cheng Library, and construction of the Nel Bolger, R.N., Nursing Laboratory. A major project to renovate and expand the Science Building is in progress. The residence life program grew from 1,500 beds to close to 2,700 through the construction of the Hillside, Century, High Mountain East, and High Mountain West residence halls and the renovation of White, Matelson, and Overlook halls.

President Speert has been a member of the campus community since 1970 when he joined the University's faculty as an assistant professor of chemistry. Later that same year, he was named assistant to the dean of graduate and research programs. He was appointed assistant to the vice president for academic affairs in 1971 and became associate dean for academic affairs in 1978. In 1979, he was appointed vice president for academic affairs. During this period, President Speert continued to progress through the faculty ranks and attained full professor status in 1980.

President Speert has been a leader in the higher education community and in a wide variety of community service activities. He has served as chair of the New Jersey Presidents' Council and as a member of the Commission on Higher Education and the Board of Examiners for the New Jersey Department of Education. Previously, he served on the boards of the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce, The Ramapo Bank, Barnert Hospital, State Farm Indemnity Company, Better Business Bureau, Jewish Federation of North Jersey,

YM-YWHA of Northern New Jersey, and the Respiratory Health Association.

A Phi Beta Kappa at The City College of The City University of New York, President Speert graduated *cum laude* with honors in chemistry. He earned a doctorate in chemistry from Princeton University where he was a National Institutes of Health Fellow.

University Confers More than Two Thousand Degrees During 2009 Commencement Ceremonies

Internationally acclaimed artist Ben Jones '63 received the President's Medal and honorary degrees were conferred on Carla Temple, former member of the University's Board of Trustees, Peter Fan, outgoing member of the Board of Trustees, and Bonnie Watson Coleman, assemblywoman and majority leader, New Jersey General Assembly, as part of the William Paterson's 186th commencement ceremonies on May 19.

More than 1,700 undergraduate students received bachelor's degrees during the morning ceremony, held under cloudless blue skies on Wightman Field. Thousands of family members and friends were on hand to celebrate with the graduates.

President Arnold Speert urged the graduates to take advantage of the challenges posed by the uncertain financial environment. "Today's economic situation may necessitate a willingness to change paths in new directions. It is a time for you to make difficult choices and decisions that contribute to the shaping of your future...decisions that have the potential to distinguish you as professionals, as citizens of your communities, of the state, and of our country," he said.

Ben Jones, who graduated from the institution when it was known as Paterson State College, was awarded the President's



ASSEMBLYWOMAN BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN SPEAKS AT THE GRADUATE CEREMONY, WHERE SHE ALSO RECEIVED AN HONORARY DEGREE

Medal for "his significant accomplishments as a painter, sculptor, mixed-media innovator, and curator; and for his strong advocacy that art is a cultural necessity."

In his remarks, Jones recalled growing up in a poor neighborhood in Paterson as one of fifteen children. After graduating from Eastside High School in 1959, he enrolled at the University. "I had barely enough money to take the bus from Paterson," he said. "I learned that if you want to succeed, you have to be three things: disciplined, focused, and committed. I couldn't be who I am today if it wasn't for this school. It made me value my intelligence."

Carla Temple, who served on the University's Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2008, received an honorary doctor of laws degree. Temple recently retired after more than thirty years at State Farm Insurance Company, where she was the vice president of operations and vice president of agency. An honorary doctor of science degree was awarded to Peter Fan, a senior attending surgeon at Hackensack University Medical Center, who stepped down from the Board of Trustees in June after ten years of service.

At the graduate ceremony, held in the



COMMENCEMENT HONOREES (FROM LEFT) DR. PETER FAN, CARLA TEMPLE, AND BEN JONES WITH PRESIDENT ARNOLD SPEERT

late afternoon in the Recreation Center, 314 students were awarded master's degrees. Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, majority leader of the New Jersey General Assembly, received an honorary doctor of laws degree "for her passionate advocacy for those who are in need and marginalized, and for her commitment to finding real and lasting solutions to persistent problems in the State."

Watson Coleman, the first African American woman to serve as majority leader, and the first woman to hold the position since 1964, encouraged the students to participate in public service. "No amount of public service is insignificant," she said. "Anything you do in service to another, your community, or your country will carry with it a positive impact that will spread outwards, positively affecting other people, and hopefully, spurring them into action."

William Paterson University Foundation Raises More Than \$200,000 at Annual Legacy Award Gala

The William Paterson University Foundation raised more than \$200,000 at the Foundation's nineteenth annual Legacy Award Gala and Silent Auction held on April 25 at The Villa at Mountain Lakes. The annual event raises funds to support the University's mission of promoting student success and academic excellence.

Recipients of this year's Legacy Award were Frederick Gruel, president and chief executive officer of AAA New Jersey Automobile Club, and Coca-Cola Enterprises, one of the country's premier beverage companies. Gerry Cottrell '78, vice president



FACULTY SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT CHO KIN LEUNG (SECOND FROM LEFT) WITH DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS (LEFT TO RIGHT) ALFRED W. PIAGET '57, ED.D.; MARILYN DANIELS '79, M.A. '80, PH.D.; CAROL J. OSSI '74; LESLIE D. HIRSCH '74; AND ROBERT D. VANLANGEN '75

for finance, accepted the award on behalf of Coca-Cola Enterprises.

The event also included the presentation of the University's Distinguished Alumni Awards and Faculty Service Award. The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented by the William Paterson Alumni Association to outstanding University alumni in recognition of significant achievement. The 2009 recipients were: Marilyn Daniels '79, M.A. '80, Ph.D., professor, communication arts and sciences, Pennsylvania State University; Leslie D. Hirsch '74, president and chief executive officer, Saint Clare's Health System; Carol J. Ossi '74, executive director, Accredited Health Services (retired); Alfred W. Piaget '57, Ed.D., founder and director, Benway School (retired); and Robert D. VanLangen '75, managing director and chief financial officer, Lynch, Jones & Ryan Inc. (retired).

The Alumni Association Faculty Service Award is given to faculty members nominated by William Paterson alumni in recognition of demonstrated career achievement and commitment to the University. This year's recipient is Cho Kin Leung, Ph.D., retired professor of economics, finance, and global business.

"Support for the Legacy program provides scholarships and other critical resources that help us," says President Arnold Speert. "But the impact goes even deeper. Funds raised by the Legacy Gala help to provide the support and experiences that advance our students on the path to successful careers and lives. We greatly appreciate the participation of our many partners."

"Funds raised by the Legacy Award Gala are an investment in promoting student success through scholarships and academic resources," says Sandra S. Deller, vice president for institutional advancement and president of the William Paterson University Foundation. "Now, more than ever, students need access to a high-quality education, New Jersey needs educated citizens, and New Jersey businesses need an educated workforce."

University Receives Four Grants For Teacher Preparation

William Paterson's College of Science and Health and College of Education are partners in two grant projects designed to improve the teaching of math and science in urban schools, particularly the Paterson and Passaic school districts. An additional \$3 million federal grant will help to address critical



LEGACY AWARD HONOREES FREDERICK GRUEL (FAR LEFT), PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF AAA NEW JERSEY AUTOMOBILE CLUB AND A MEMBER OF THE WILLIAM PATERSON BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AND GERRY COTTRELL '78 (SECOND FROM RIGHT), VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE, COCA-COLA ENTERPRISES, WHO ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF COCA-COLA, WITH PRESIDENT ARNOLD SPEERT AND SANDRA DELLER, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND PRESIDENT OF THE WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION

teacher shortages in high-need northern New Jersey school districts through use of an alternate route teacher certification program. A fourth grant provides nearly \$900,000 in federal funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to recruit and train undergraduate science and math majors to teach in high-need school districts.

"As a public university, we feel an obligation to support educational quality in area schools, as well as to prepare teacher candidates in areas of shortage," says Ana Maria Schumann, interim dean of the College of Education. "Highly qualified math and science teachers are a critical need, and we are committed to working with these school districts to further strengthen the teaching of math and science in these school systems."

The University is stepping up its recruitment of students interested in becoming math and science teachers as a result of a five-year, \$1.6 million Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow: Mathematics and Science Teachers grant from the U.S. Department of Education. "The goal of the grant is to increase the number of science and math majors seeking certification by 60 percent, or forty students, over the five-year period," says Jean Fuller-Stanley, associate dean of the College of Science and Health. "Students who participate will be required to commit to teaching in Paterson or Passaic for two years after graduation."

The University is also working to provide professional development and graduate courses for current Paterson and Passaic teachers to become highly qualified by enhancing their math and science skills. Approximately forty teachers from the two school districts who teach math or science in grades three through eight are involved in the project, which is funded by a three-year, \$1.5 million New Jersey Department of Education grant titled REFORMS: Reclaiming Educational Foundations of Rigorous Math and Science.

William Paterson faculty serve as a coaching team, providing support for the teachers who are incorporating new content and pedagogy into their classes.

The New Vistas Teacher Project, a \$3 million grant, is an alternate route teacher certification program designed to recruit, prepare, and certify college graduates and mid-career professionals. The goal is to certify 220 new teachers in the fields of special education, English as a second language, bilingual language arts,

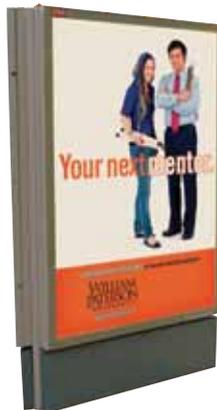
elementary education, mathematics, and science. William Paterson will collaborate with Kean University and school districts in East Orange, Elizabeth, and Paterson, and possibly one more school district.

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented science and mathematics majors and professionals to become K-12 mathematics and science teachers. The program provides funds to institutions of higher education to support scholarships, stipends, and academic programs for undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) majors and post-baccalaureate students holding STEM degrees who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts. William Paterson will recruit at least thirty-eight undergraduate science and mathematics majors and eight professionals into K-12 teaching (specifically grades 5-12). The project is being conducted in collaboration with the Paterson and Passaic Public Schools in northern New Jersey.

Sandra DeYoung, dean of William Paterson University's College of Science and Health, says, "The forty-six teachers, many of whom will be from minority groups, will impact all of the students they teach in ensuing years, enabling those students to be better prepared for our technological world."

New Brand Marketing Campaign Wins Award

William Paterson University's new brand marketing campaign has won a Silver Award in the Twenty-Fourth Annual Admissions Advertising Awards.



KIOSK MALL DISPLAY FEATURING THE UNIVERSITY'S NEW MARKETING CAMPAIGN

The campaign, which uses the themeline "Your Next," placed second in the Best Total Recruitment Package category. The integrated materials, produced in partnership with Lipman Hearne, a higher education branding and marketing agency, include admissions marketing publications for undergraduate student recruitment, a University Web landing page, and advertisements which have been placed in a variety of locations, such as on the sides of New Jersey Transit buses, billboards, mall displays, newspapers, and online on sites such as Google, Facebook, and MySpace.

The awards competition, sponsored by *Higher Education Marketing Report*, is the largest advertising awards competition in the country. This year, more than two thousand entries were received from more than one thousand colleges, universities, and secondary schools from all fifty states and several foreign countries. Judges consisted of a national panel of admissions marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of *Higher Education Marketing Report* (formerly *Admissions Marketing Report*).

2009 Graduate Places Third On America's Next Top Model

A spring break trip to Miami in 2008 turned into an incredible opportunity for William Paterson biology major Aminat Ayinde. A talent scout for the CW11 show *America's Next Top Model* spotted her on the beach and offered her the chance to appear on the hit reality TV show. She accepted, flew to Las Vegas to audition, and was selected as one of the final thirteen contestants.

The Nigerian-born Ayinde, twenty-two, placed third on the show's just-concluded twelfth season, which aired from March to May, 2009. "I'm just so happy to make it this far!" she says. She had no previous modeling experience, but discovered her passion for modeling when she participated in a student-sponsored HASA (Haitian American Student Association) fashion show on campus during her junior year.

A May 2009 graduate with a bachelor's degree in biology and minors in chemistry and African, African American, and Caribbean studies, Ayinde plans to pursue a modeling career before continuing her education and eventually obtaining a doctorate.



English Professor Earns National Acclaim for First Major Biography of Flannery O'Connor



BRAD GOOCH

Brad Gooch, a professor of English, has gained national attention and enthusiastic reviews for his new book, *Flannery, A Life of Flannery O'Connor*, the first major biography written about the southern writer

who died in 1964 at age thirty-nine.

The book received two reviews in the *New York Times*, one featured on the cover of the *Book Review*, and others in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Review of Books*, the *Washington Times*, *USA Today*, *Time*, the *Star-Ledger*, and *The Record*.

O'Connor, the author of two novels and thirty-two short stories, has been the object of attention for Gooch since 1980 when as a graduate student he first approached the O'Connor estate about writing a biography.

Informed that another biographer was working on a book, he moved on to other projects. By 2003, the other biography had never appeared and he reengaged the idea.

"I had always been a fan of her stories, since I first read them in college," Gooch says. In 2004, Gooch was awarded a prestigious John

Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship Award for his work on the O'Connor biography, becoming the first William Paterson professor to be awarded the fellowship. His research revealed O'Connor to be both complex and talented, with an undeserved reputation as a recluse.

As a woman who was confined by lupus to living on a dairy farm in the middle of Georgia with her mother, O'Connor's life could be construed as narrow, Gooch says. "She was certainly a riddle. But in my research, I found that she was not at all the reclusive Emily Dickinson of Milledgeville. She had a vast correspondence, entertained visitors on her porch in the afternoons, often the literary lights of her time, and went around the country giving over sixty talks to explain her work."

Gooch adds, "Flannery O'Connor is one of the great American masters of the short story, treating the writing of fiction as an extreme

sport. Her characters are indelible—*The Misfit*, *The Bible Salesman*, *O.E. Parker*. Her voice and style are unmistakable. She is also a rare example of a writer whose reputation has continued to grow following her death, until she is now viewed as canonic, unlike many literary reputations that dissipate. She is coming to seem more and more like the 'real thing,' an original, and likely to endure."

"In his engaging, sympathetic, and yet intellectually scrupulous biography of O'Connor, Brad Gooch provides the ideal biographical commentary: his voice is never obtrusive, yet we feel his judgment throughout; his allegiance to his subject is never in doubt, yet we sense his critical detachment especially in his tracing the ways in which 'Flannery'—as Gooch calls O'Connor—seems to have mapped out a strategy of survival for herself."

JOYCE CAROL OATES,
The New York Review of Books

I N M E M O R I A M

It is with great sadness that we mourn the passing of three members of the campus community.



Ellsworth "Pat" Abare, an associate professor of special education and counseling, *emeritus*, died on April 6, 2009. He served on the faculty for more than thirty years. Abare earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of California, Davis, and a doctorate in education from Columbia University. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. Before starting his education Abare was a professional boxer and a harness horse driver, both lifelong passions.

"He was a scholar and an excellent teacher," recalls

Louis Stoia, a retired professor of special education, *emeritus*, and colleague and good friend of Abare. "He had a good rapport with the students and was dedicated to helping children with disabilities."

Stoia adds that Abare was a "good friend to all the faculty in the department and was an asset to the University. He was a leader in the department, and often helped people with their research. He inspired others, and made them stronger teachers."

"He was a wonderful teacher and a good friend," Stoia says. "We used to go fly-fishing together. But what I remember most is his wonderful sense of humor."



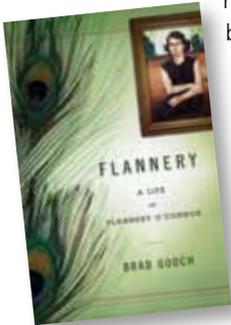
Claude Wesley Burrill, a former member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1972 to 1976, died on October 20, 2008. He served as acting president

from July 1976 to January 1977 when the previous president unexpectedly resigned. He was a professor of mathematics at New York University, and worked at Bell Laboratories and at the IBM Systems Research Institute, one of the first centers for computer education. He was the author of numerous books on diverse topics including mathematics, probability, computer modeling, and project management and quality. Burrill was a Fulbright Scholar and earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in mathematics from the University of Iowa.



Richard L. Reed, a retired professor of art, died on January 23, 2009. He was a member of the faculty of the Department of Art from 1964 to 1997. During his tenure

on campus he served as associate dean of fine arts from 1973 to 1978, after which he returned to the faculty. He was a professor of photography. Reed earned bachelor's and master's degrees in art education from Kutztown University, and an Ed.D. from Teacher's College, Columbia University. He was a former commander and member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.



PIONEER PRIDE

PIONEER:

Leader, Trailblazer, Forerunner, Pathfinder

What is a Pioneer? At William Paterson University, a Pioneer is any one of the institution's more than sixty-two thousand alumni. They can be found throughout New Jersey, the nation, and the world, using their William Paterson degrees and experiences as a springboard to professional accomplishment and personal growth.

Our alumni proudly represent the institution in every discipline. They are leaders in the arts, business, health care, sports, entertainment, the media, and education. They are public servants, artists, musicians, teachers, scientists, television personalities, authors, politicians, crime fighters, and entrepreneurs. Their achievements reflect the University's mission and commitment to preparing graduates for success in their careers, communities, and lives.

All of our alumni have interesting stories that are worthy of celebration. While it was not possible to include everyone in this special issue of *WP Magazine*, we are pleased to pay tribute to some of the many alumni who have distinguished themselves and of whose accomplishments we should all be proud.

Alumni Tour with Pop Sensation Beyoncé

"WOW, SHE GRADUATED FROM WILLIAM PATERSON TOO?" That was the reaction from Tiffany Riddick '04 and Crystal Torres '05 when *WP* contacted them for this story. Both artists are band members on Beyoncé's "I Am..." World Tour. The friends chatted online and saw each other daily, and were happy to discover that they're also both alums.

Tiffany M. Riddick '04

Tiffany Monique Riddick '04 (nee Marshall), a southern-born and northern-bred vocalist, is a member of Beyoncé's background vocalist trio, The Suga Mamas. One of their performances, from the "Me, Myself and I" 2007 tour, was nominated for Best Female R&B Vocal Performance at the 2009 Grammy Awards.

"It's a blessing to have this opportunity," says Riddick, who almost passed up the chance to tour with Beyoncé in 2007 when her son was one year old. Encouraged by her family and husband, Jeffery Riddick '98, Riddick acquired the courage to head in the direction of her lifelong goal.

During her youth, Riddick honed her vocal talents in church and with the daily practice of a gospel ensemble. In college, she and two other singers formed the R&B group, On Point. She has worked with many of today's top recording artists, including Christina Aguilera, Ledisi, Mariah Carey, Kenny Loggins, Michelle Williams, Yolanda Adams, Donnie McClurkin, Regina Belle, Stevie Wonder, Carl Thomas, Faith Evans, Avant, Mya, Cheryl Pepsi Riley, and Melonie Daniels. In 2008, Riddick was the featured vocalist on Jeff Foxx's hit single, "If You Look in Your Heart."

Riddick talks to her son via video chat almost daily and sends him postcards from every country she visits. "Through this opportunity, I hope that I am not only creating a better life for my son, but teaching him to pursue his dreams, no matter how grand," she adds.

Crystal J. Torres '05

"Amazing, exhilarating, and a dream come true," is how Crystal Torres '05, trumpeter, describes the experience of touring with pop sensation Beyoncé. Torres plays trumpet in pop sensation Beyoncé's all-female band; this is her second world tour with the pop star.

Most surprising, says Torres, was opening night in Croatia, a city where nobody knew what to expect. "They were one of the most exciting, amazing crowds to perform for and it was a great way to kick off the European leg of our tour."

"To travel to all of these countries and see people who don't know one word of English singing this music in every single city every night, time and time again, has been incredible," says Torres. "Music is truly the universal language. It has the power to bind people together."

The tours have taken her to six continents, thirty-seven countries, and well over one hundred cities. A native of Philadelphia, Torres has worked with several other Grammy Award-winning artists including Jay-Z, Roy Hargrove, Clark Terry, Paquito D'Rivera, and Destiny's Child.

Torres is also working on a self-produced debut project of original music that will be released in early 2010. It combines the influences of soul, rock, Latin, pop, and jazz into a sound she likes to call "Philly's brown-eyed soul."

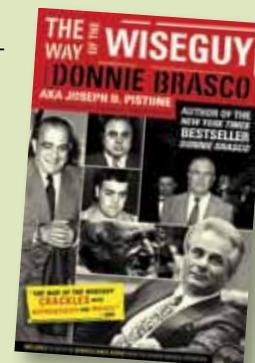


BEYONCÉ (LEFT) PERFORMS WITH TIFFANY M. RIDDICK '04, A MEMBER OF BEYONCÉ'S BACKGROUND VOCAL TRIO, THE SUGA MAMAS. CRYSTAL TORRES '05 IS A TRUMPETER IN BEYONCÉ'S BAND; SEE PHOTO ON BACK COVER.

A.K.A. DONNIE BRASCO

Former Special Agent **Joseph D. Pistone '65**, A.K.A. Donnie Brasco—the only FBI agent ever proposed for membership in the Mafia—has lived with a \$500,000 Mafia contract on his head ever since it was revealed that the man his associates in New York's Bonanno crime family knew as jewel thief and burglar Donnie Brasco was in fact an undercover federal agent. Though he travels under assumed names and keeps his home a closely guarded secret, he has had an impressive career as an

author, television/film producer, and consultant. His remarkable story has been captured in his *New York Times* best-selling book *Donnie Brasco*, the basis of the film of the same name that starred Johnny Depp in the title role. He's since taken the character of Donnie Brasco into three fiction novels, and two follow-up books, *The Way of the Wiseguy* and *Donnie Brasco: Unfinished Business*.



ACTING GIGS



Ian Ziering '87, an actor, Broadway performer, and filmmaker, appeared in twenty episodes of the hit ABC reality show *Dancing with the Stars* from 2007 to 2008. Ziering and his professional partner Cheryl Burke

were among four couples out of the original twelve to advance to the semifinals. Ziering, the former star of the hit TV show *Beverly Hills 90210*, has been acting since age twelve. He has appeared in more than one hundred commercials, in several independent movies, including *Domino*, *Savate*, *No Way Back*, and *Stripped Down*, and in guest roles on TV shows such as *JAG*, among others. He wrote, produced, directed, and starred in *Man vs. Monday*, a comedic short film.

Jesse Corti '79 is a multi-talented actor whose credits include film, television, the stage, and voiceover characterizations. Currently starring in and associate producer of the upcoming crime thriller *Stiletto*, Corti has appeared in numerous films, including *Gone*



in 60 Seconds and *The Incredible Hulk*. A three-year cast member of David Spade's *Showbiz Show* on Comedy Central, for which he provided character voices, Corti has guest starred on television shows including *Heroes*, *Desperate Housewives*, *CSI*, and *24*. An original cast member of the Broadway musical *Les Miserables*, he has performed in numerous stage productions. He also was the voice of LeFeu in Walt Disney's animated feature *Beauty and the Beast*. Corti has performed on the Tony Awards, at the White House, and frequently sings the National Anthem at Los Angeles Lakers and Dodgers games.

Thomas Gatto '84 has worked in the financial services industry for more than two decades as the owner and CEO of Thomas D. Gatto & Associates, Insurance and Financial Services. But he's also the owner and CEO of Jerzy Cat Productions, a screenwriter, producer, and actor. Gatto has acted in several feature films, and has written the screenplay, *The Angel Lounge*, based on the true story of two New Jersey police officers murdered in Lodi in 1963. Previously, Gatto spent more than ten years in law enforcement, including a stint with the United States Secret Service in 1977-78 and with the Lodi Police Department until 1986.

Mr. College Basketball

As the country's best-known college basketball analyst, **Dick Vitale, M.A. '70**, is truly in his element during the "March Madness" NCAA basketball tournament, when the exploits of the nation's best college players cause him to yell out one of his signature phrases, such as "Awesome, Baby!" "Get a TO, Baby!" or "That guy's a PTPer!"

A commentator at ESPN since the network's launch in 1979, Vitale is notorious for his thorough knowledge of the game delivered in an enthusiastic, passionate, sometimes controversial—but never boring—style, which has set the tone for legions of other sports announcers. ESPN's popularity has steadily increased through the years, in large part because of Vitale's broadcasts. Simply put, he is the voice of college basketball, for which he was recognized with induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame last September.

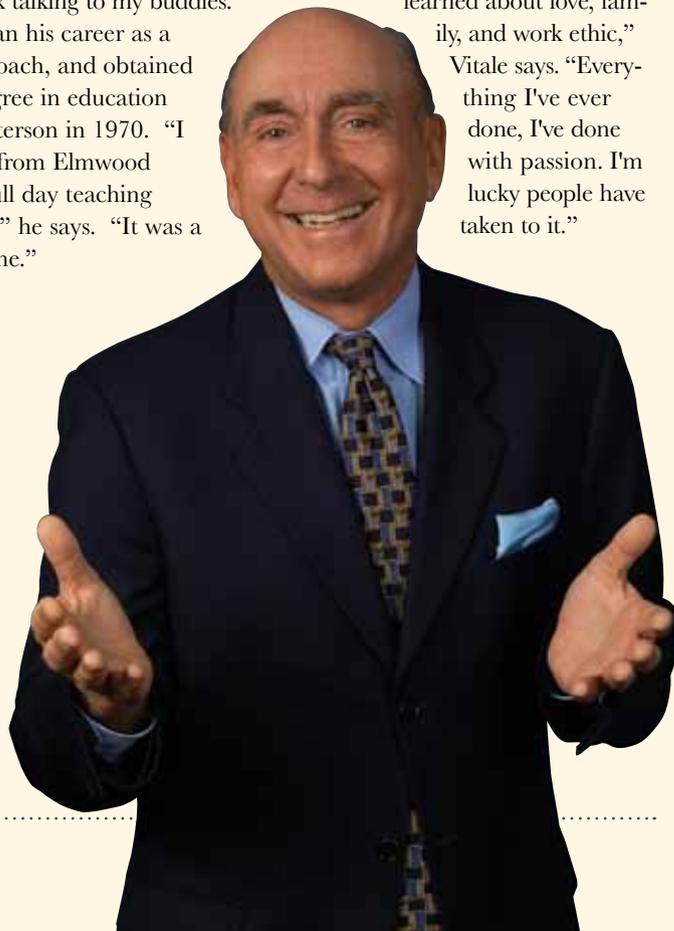
"I'm spontaneous," Vitale has said. "When the red light goes on, I'm always sitting there thinking I'm back in the diners in Paterson, Clifton, and Elmwood Park talking to my buddies."

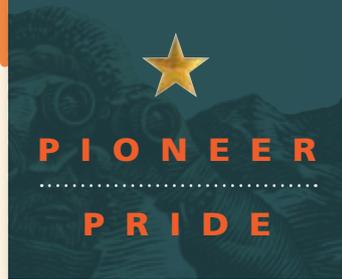
Vitale began his career as a teacher and coach, and obtained a master's degree in education at William Paterson in 1970. "I was traveling from Elmwood Park after a full day teaching and coaching," he says. "It was a very hectic time."

Vitale, who has called close to one thousand games, including NBA contests, is not just known to the ESPN audience. He is an acclaimed motivational speaker, has written seven books, is a columnist for *Basketball Times*, has served as a guest columnist for *USA Today* since 1991, and has been a guest on virtually every sports radio station across the nation. He's made cameo appearances in several movies as himself, including *The Naked Gun: From The Files of Police Squad!* and *To Love and Basketball*. He's even been the subject of a David Letterman Top-10 list: "Top Ten Signs Dick Vitale Is Nuts!" And of course, there's his own Web site, www.dickvitaleonline.com.

He also serves on the board of directors for the Jimmy V Foundation, a charity named for his good friend Jim Valvano, the basketball coach at North Carolina State University, who died of cancer. The foundation has raised more than \$80 million to battle cancer with Vitale's assistance.

"My mom and dad worked in a coat factory in Paterson. From them I learned about love, family, and work ethic," Vitale says. "Everything I've ever done, I've done with passion. I'm lucky people have taken to it."





SCIENTISTS FORGE NEW DISCOVERIES

Regina Bonanno '80, Ph.D.*, a laser physicist, is deputy director for operations for the National Ignition Campaign (NIC) Program at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. Bonanno is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the program, which is a national, multi-institutional effort among scientists and engineers focused on demonstrating thermonuclear ignition and net energy gain in the laboratory. She works closely with the Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Agency and the other NIC participants.



John DeLuca '79* is vice president for research at Kessler Foundation Research Center, which conducts clinical rehabilitation research. In his own research, he oversees a team of scientists and researchers who study disorders of memory and information processing in a variety of clinical

populations, including multiple sclerosis and traumatic brain injury. "We're looking at applying principles from cognitive neuroscience and cognitive psychology to help rehabilitate brain-injured individuals," he explains. DeLuca is also professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation and professor of neurology and neuroscience at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School, and a licensed psychologist in the states of New Jersey and New York. In addition, he is a licensed clinical neuropsychologist. He serves on the advisory board to William Paterson University's College of Science and Health.

MAJOR LEAGUE CAREERS

THEY MAY NOT BE ON THE FIELD, BUT THESE TWO ALUMNI HAVE MAJOR ROLES IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAMS.



Ron Colangelo serves as vice president, communications, for the Detroit Tigers, overseeing day-to-day operation of the club's media relations, business communications, and broadcasting areas. His extensive experience in the sports entertainment industry includes previous positions with the Florida Marlins and the New York Jets.

John Wilson '87 seeks the brightest baseball prospects from Maine to Virginia as a long-time scout for the Minnesota Twins. In addition to traveling throughout the region casting an observant eye for top talent, he runs the New Jersey Twins, a club baseball team for top college prospects that has sent numerous players on to top college teams and the pros.



E-Business Visionary

Christos Cotsakos '73, Ph.D.*, is considered to be one of the visionaries, architects, and entrepreneurs of e-commerce and e-finance. He has been advocating for the use of advanced technology for nearly two decades, including leading E*TRADE Group, Inc., in pioneering the personal investment market.

Today, as founder, chairman, and CEO of Pennington Ventures, a digital media and strategic management company, he is seeking to help businesses and entrepreneurs use technology, especially digital media tools, to enhance their businesses and become more competitive and successful.

"Digital media and their social media and social commerce tools provide a company, regardless of size, with opportunities for global reach, infinite accessibility, simple usability, and immediate impact at minimal cost," says Cotsakos. "With the advent of digital media, one-to-one marketing has now become a reality for both business and the consumer."

A decorated combat veteran who grew up in Paterson, Cotsakos enrolled at William Paterson upon his return from Vietnam, and he continues to speak eloquently about the role the University played in his life. "William Paterson gave me a 'character-defining chance' that opened up a whole new world of possibilities," he has said. Following graduation, he went to work at Federal Express for nineteen years, where he rose from the position of cargo handler to a number of senior executive positions, and then at AC Nielsen, where he became global co-CEO, president, and COO.

For Cotsakos, business is a family affair. His wife, **Tami Cotsakos '71***, who earned a bachelor's degree in music and has previous experience in design, retail, and education, serves as co-founder and president of Pennington Ventures, and is co-managing partner of its children's education practice. Their daughter, **Suzanne Cotsakos, M.B.A. '09**, serves as co-founder and director of investments for Pennington and co-managing partner of the company's new media practice.

Cotsakos credits William Paterson with fostering his entrepreneurial spirit and skills, and has generously given back to the institution that gave him his start, providing \$8.3 million to support the College of Business, which was named in his honor in 2001. "William Paterson has a great location with rich facilities, a wonderful faculty and staff, and a diverse student population who are engaged, interested, challenged, and challenging," he says. "It's a special place to be."

Serving Those Less Fortunate



As executive director of the National Resource Center for Hispanic Mental Health and deputy director of the New Jersey Mental Health Institute, **Henry Acosta '94** is working to address the behavioral health needs of the Hispanic population. His efforts have garnered national and international recognition and awards, and he is a highly sought after trainer, author, and expert on Latino mental health issues. In 2008, *Hispanic Business Magazine* named Acosta one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics in America" for his efforts.

Coordinating volunteers, soliciting donations, and accepting the challenge to create affordable housing in Morris County are all in a day's work for **Blair Schleicher-Wilson '95**, the executive director of the Morris Habitat for Humanity since 2004. The international, faith-based organization enhances lives and strengthens communities, a challenge Schleicher-Wilson readily accepts. Under her direction, the affiliate has built sixteen homes in partnership with the families who will live in the homes.



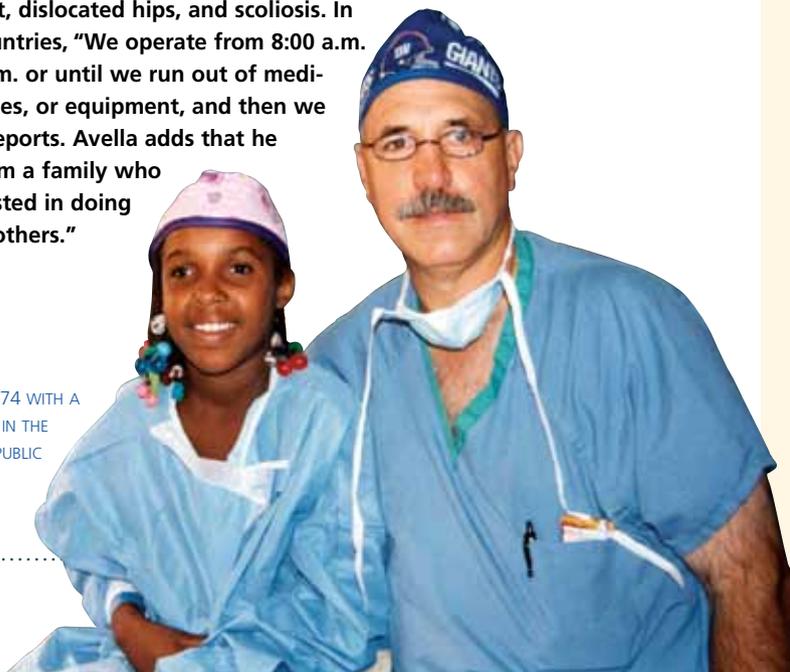
Stacy Lewis '96 brings her community health education background to her role as vice president of programming for the New York-based Young Survival Coalition (www.youngsurvival.org). Lewis seeks to serve young women, particularly those under age forty, who have been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Gregory C. Scott '93 is president and chief executive officer of the Weingart Center Association in Los Angeles, which provides comprehensive programs and services to the city's homeless men and women, giving them the skills, tools, resources, and hope they need to break the cycle of homelessness and lead self-sufficient lives. Weingart is the largest human services agency of its kind in Los Angeles, with a facility that houses six hundred men and women every day.

SWEET CHARITY

Douglas G. Avella '74, M.D., a pediatric orthopedist, has performed surgery on hundreds of children, in addition to those he heals in his Ridgewood practice, under the auspices of Healing the Children, a nonprofit volunteer organization dedicated to healing children around the world. Most common are operations for clubfeet, dislocated hips, and scoliosis. In foreign countries, "We operate from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. or until we run out of medicine, supplies, or equipment, and then we stop," he reports. Avella adds that he "comes from a family who was interested in doing things for others."

DOUG AVELLA '74 WITH A YOUNG PATIENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC



WELCOMING GUESTS

INNKEEPING HARKENS BACK TO ANCIENT TIMES AND TWO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI HAVE CHOSEN THIS PATH AS A CAREER.

Diane Carl '79, along with her husband **Mitchell**, has run a nine-room guesthouse, Hawthorn House on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts, since 1984. The inn has been featured in *Boston Magazine*.

Dennis Kaloostian '92 chose the Jersey Shore to operate his thirty-room, Victorian-style bed and breakfast hotel. He runs The Ocean House, built in 1876 and located in Spring Lake, with his wife, Nancy.

A TITANIC FOCUS

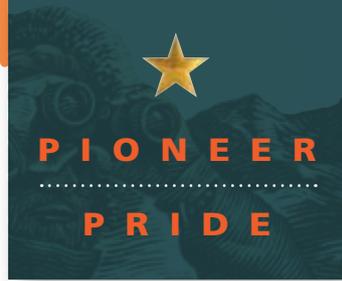
Charles Haas, M.A. '94, learned about the *Titanic* after his grandfather loaned him a copy of *A Night to Remember*, the famous book about the disaster. That launched a lifelong interest in the famous ship, and eventually led Haas, a teacher at Randolph High School for thirty-six years, to co-found the Titanic International Society, of which he has served as president since 2006. Haas has made two dives to the *Titanic* wreck site, in 1993 and 1996; narrated the Discovery Channel program *Titanic: Untold Stories*; and was a member of the 1998 expedition to the wreck. With co-author John P. Eaton, he has written five books, including: *Titanic: Triumph and Tragedy*.



CHARLES HAAS, M.A. '94, ON THE FRENCH SUBMERSIBLE NAUTILUS DURING A 1993 DIVE TO TITANIC

IMPROVING SECONDARY EDUCATION

An appointment as executive director and president of the Middle States Commission on Secondary Schools in 2005 capped a thirty-five year career in education for **Henry G. Cram '71**. Prior to this position, he was involved with the Middle States Association on various committees, teams, and conferences. During his career, he has held a number of teaching and administrative positions in New York and New Jersey, making him uniquely qualified for overseeing which schools obtain certification from this prestigious organization.



Developing News Is His Business

Forty-three floors above Sixth Avenue in New York City, **John A. Byrne '75*** is currently helping readers and Web visitors navigate the stagnating economy as executive editor/editor-in-chief of *BusinessWeek.com*.

He's using his bachelor's degree (along with a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri) and his almost thirty years of experience as a journalist covering business news to help others keep up with the enormous changes in how audiences receive news in 2009. "*BusinessWeek* is a brand under which we have many ways to deliver news, analysis, opinion, advice, and investigative journalism," he says. "Some news goes online in story form, or as a video or podcast, or a slide show, or via some other interactive tool to engage the reader. Some content gets delivered via mobile blasts, emails, or newsletters."

Podcasts—digital media files shared over the Web, which can be downloaded onto digital devices such as an iPod or a Blackberry—are an increasingly popular way of reaching out to *BusinessWeek.com* users. Currently, one million podcasts are downloaded from the *BusinessWeek.com* site each month. "A podcast is just another method of storytelling," Byrne explains. "It allows people to listen and learn from us while in the gym, or on a jog, or commuting to work. They have enormous influence."

This year, Byrne was elected to the Digital Hall of Fame by *Media Industry News* for his leadership role in championing user engagement and creating community.

FIRST FULBRIGHT

Tamara Issak '08 made history before she even graduated, becoming the first University student to receive a prestigious study and research grant from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, which is administered by the Institute of International Education.

She has just returned from Syria, where she spent the 2008-09 academic year conducting research and exploring Circassian culture.

"I spent the year learning about Circassian culture in Damascus by conducting interviews and

attending all sorts of cultural events such as lectures, music festivals, dance performances, and weddings," says Issak. She also studied Arabic while conducting her research.

Beginning this fall, she will attend Rutgers University to pursue a master's degree in English as the recipient of a Ralph Bunche Fellowship.

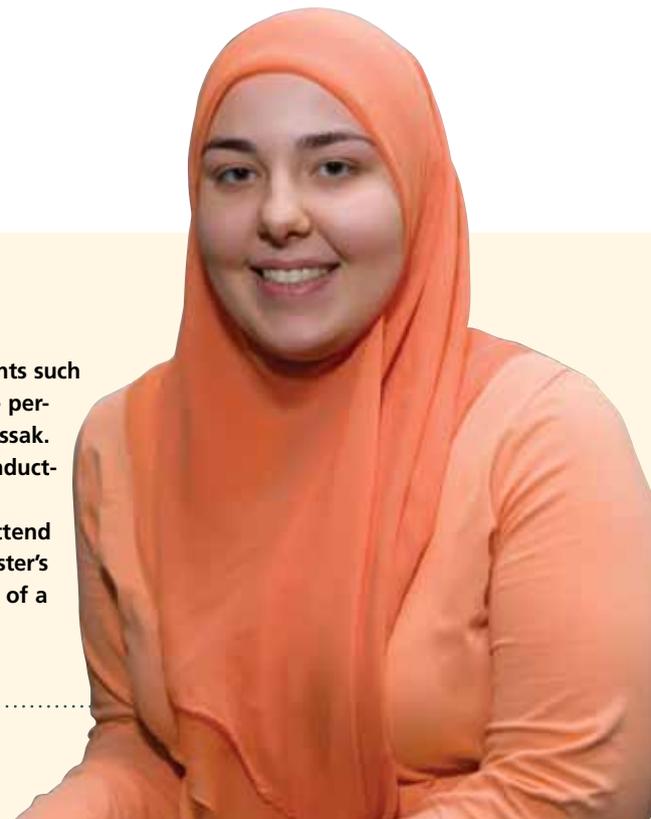
TELLING STORIES

What do *Ally McBeal*, *The Practice*, *Northern Exposure*, *American Dreams*, and *Boston Legal* have in common? All are successful network television shows, and all have been touched in some way by the multitasking **Bill**



D'Elia, M.A. '72*. At various times, on various shows, he has worked as an executive producer, producer, director, and writer, as well as developing his own projects. He has been nominated for four Emmy Awards, television's highest accolade, for his efforts on *Boston Legal*, and was nominated twice for a Producer's Guild award for his work on the show. D'Elia was one of the first recipients of the Television Academy Honors given by the Academy of Arts and Sciences for producing "television with conscience," and also won a prestigious Peabody Award, given for excellence in radio and television, all for producing *Boston Legal*.

Recent projects include directing several television pilots (new shows) including one which featured actor Jeff Goldblum in *Law & Order: Criminal Intent*, producing a comedy special featuring the stand-up comedy of Dov Davidoff, directing an episode of *Grey's Anatomy*, and prepping for a feature he will direct called *4/12 Minutes*.



PUBLIC SERVANTS



Rhoda Mae Kerr '70 made history earlier this year when she stepped into the chief's position at the Austin Fire Department in Texas. She is the first female fire chief in the department's history. She comes from a firefighting family, following her great grandfather, grandfather, and father into the fire service. Among her goals for the department are safety and diversity.



George Price Jr. '73 is the superintendent of the Cape Cod National Seashore, a forty-four-thousand-square-mile park within the National Park Service, a position he has held since 2005. He has made resource conservation and visitor services a priority, and has developed other initiatives to increase visitors to the seashore.

Giving Shelter

Nationally, almost two million children are homeless. In fact, according to **Ralph da Costa Nunez '72***, president of the Institute for Children and

Poverty (ICP), a think tank, the "typical homeless person today is a nine-year-old child." In addition to ICP, he runs Homes for the Homeless, which operates four American Family Inns, housing an average of 550 families with approximately two thousand children per night in New York City. He also runs an assisted living facility for seniors that supports the work of ICP and Homes for the Homeless.

Nunez is a longtime champion for the homeless, and pays particular attention to the needs of the children who are caught up in the system. "This is a challenge," he says. "But when an issue is about children, then you know what you have to do."

To raise awareness about the plight of America's poor children, Nunez has written several books for children about homelessness in America and how it affects children. His latest book

is *Mango's Quest*, the story of a classroom hamster who must leave his comfortable cage in Room 222 and find a new home for himself. Continuing the

theme, Nunez's other books highlight the social issues of homelessness. Departments of education all over the country have selected many of these books.

"A simple idea became a good tool for teaching about homelessness to young children," he says.

Nunez has dedicated his life to helping homeless families and finding a way to ameliorate the growing problem.

"This is an amazing period in America," he says. "We're looking at the Great Depression in contemporary terms. People are living in tents, cars, abandoned buildings, and in shelters all over the country. This is a more permanent situation than anyone believes. It's a long-term problem, and there's not a great hope to solve it. The question is how best to manage it, but it will get worse before it gets better."



DELIVERING THE NEWS

ALUMNI ARE VERY MUCH IN THE NEWS, PARTICULARLY AS PROMINENT REPORTERS AND ANCHORS:

Rod Daniels '75, anchor on WBAL-TV in Baltimore, holds the record for being the longest continuing anchor in the Baltimore market, where he has worked for twenty-five years.

Tom Fitzgerald '89 is the political correspondent for WTTG-TV in Washington, D.C., where he covers the White House, Congress, and the Supreme Court. He has won two Emmy Awards and several Associated Press reporting awards.



TOM FITZGERALD

Cora-Ann Mihalik '76*, reporter for Fox 5 News and My 9 News on WWOR-TV in New York and host of the station's public affairs program "New Jersey Now," is an Emmy-winning anchor/reporter who served as the first female news anchor at three commercial television stations.

Nick Toma '87, weekday co-host of "Good Day Sacramento" on CBS13, helps viewers in California's capital city start off their workdays.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON THE FIELD AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Altarik White '95 set records for rushing and scoring during his years as a football player at William Paterson. He packed away his dream of playing in the NFL after separating his shoulder in the Miami Dolphins training camp, instead returning to his hometown of Newark to pursue a career as a teacher, substance abuse counselor, and head football coach at Weequahic High School. In 2006, he led Weequahic to the state Group 2 championship. Now, he has added the title of entrepreneur, opening and managing a Subway shop in Newark's South Ward on the other side of Weequahic Park from the high school where he coaches. White is committed to helping his community.



HONORING OUR BEST TEACHERS

From its beginnings as Paterson Normal School in 1855, William Paterson has been dedicated to educating the teachers who change the lives of schoolchildren in New Jersey and around the country. Here are just a few of the celebrated teachers who are University alumni:

Marjorie Heller '62*, retired, served as superintendent of schools in Little Silver for more than nine years. A classroom teacher for many years, she worked her way up to leadership positions in administration. "No other work is as important or rewarding as teaching," she says.



Joyce Powell, M.A. '80, is serving a two-year term as president of the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), the state's largest teachers union with two hundred thousand members. She previously served as NJEA vice president

and secretary-treasurer. Powell is on leave from her position as a teacher and chairperson of the special education department at Vineland High School South. One of her highest priorities is the advancement of educational opportunities for students with special needs.

Peggy Stewart '91 teaches world history and U.S. history at Vernon Township High School. She was named New Jersey Teacher of the Year and Sussex County Teacher of the Year for 2004-2005.

Guiding the University

When it comes to the future of William Paterson University, alumni **Vincent Mazzola '73*** and **Will Pesce '73☆** have a unique perspective—their past. As chair and vice chair, respectively, of the Board of Trustees, these two men bring their experiences on campus and in the business world to the table as they help to chart the direction of the institution.

Both were first-generation students. "I benefited from the opportunity William Paterson gives to completely change your socioeconomic path," says



VINCENT MAZZOLA AND WILL PESCE

Mazzola, a retired Lucent Technologies telecommunications executive who rose to become president and CEO of Lucent India during a nearly twenty-five-year career with the company. "My education here allowed me to realize my potential. Not all institutions can really give you that chance."

Pesce, who is the president and CEO of John Wiley & Sons, a top publisher of educational materials, has a similar story. "When I attended the college, it was unimaginable that I would be the CEO or contribute to the Board," he says.

Now, in their roles on the Board, both are dedicated to continuing the

University's mission as a comprehensive, public higher education institution that continues to serve many first-generation students.

"We are constantly asking how to keep the William Paterson experience affordable for our students," says Mazzola, pointing to the difficulty of declining state support and the current economic environment. "We want to continue to provide students who demonstrate potential with an opportunity to achieve."

They both realize that as alumni, their view of the institution takes on a special meaning. "You bring an emotional connection," says Pesce. "I walked those halls, took those classes. That's a very powerful thing when you are making forward-looking decisions. I try very hard to think about the student perspective. At the end of the day, I'm here to make a difference."

"William Paterson was a special place. I was embraced by the institution, my fellow students, faculty, and administrators," Mazzola adds. "This institution was such an important part and contributed so much to what we do today. What we do is personal."

SECURITY IS HER TOP PRIORITY

After a twenty-nine-year-career, **Barbara Pecuch '79** still finds joy in her job. For the last two years she has served as one of three directors of security, and the only female one, for Foxwoods Resort and Casinos and the MGM Grand at Foxwoods, a six-casino resort with more than forty thousand visitors each day.

Overseeing more than five hundred officers and other staff at Foxwoods, where she has worked for seventeen years, Pecuch, whose days can include surprises of many sorts including fires, hotel evacuations, petty crimes, and suicides, recalls a recent day where a potentially serious event turned innocuous. "Someone had left a suspicious package in one of the garages," she says. "We sent in a robot to blow it up with a water cannon. It exploded with a lot of noise, but it turned out to be a metal suitcase filled with toys. So there were bits and pieces of many small toys, including stuffed animals, all over."

DISTINGUISHED PRINCIPAL IS A TEACHER FIRST

"I have always believed that an educational administrator and leader should remain a teacher first and maintain direct contact with students," says **Mary Orr '60**, who has served as principal of Abraham Lincoln School in Wyckoff since 1987. Orr puts that philosophy into action on a daily basis—facilitating her school's student council, participating in classroom activities, cruising the hallways to keep tabs on her four hundred students.

Her commitment to her students has led to many accolades, most notably selection as New Jersey's 2007 Distinguished Principal by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. The program recognizes educational excellence for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade principals and is awarded annually to one public school principal in each state. Orr was recognized for her use of technology to help students learn.

Orr has spent her entire professional career in Wyckoff, where she taught grades three, four, five, and seven before becoming principal. A proponent of lifelong learning, she holds a master's degree in language arts from William Paterson, a doctorate in education administration from Rutgers University, and is pursuing a master's degree in educational technology at Ramapo College. She is also dedicated to community service, serving as an active member of the local Rotary Club.

Melva Cadmus Radcliffe, Paterson Normal School, 1919 108 Years Young

When Melva Cadmus Radcliffe turned 108 years young on March 3, 2009, she "partied for a week and soaked up every good cheer," according to stepdaughter Suzanne Maddux '71. She was also among the one hundred-and-over birthday celebrants featured on NBC's *Today Show* with Willard Scott.

Radcliffe graduated from Paterson Normal School at the top of her class in 1919. She taught first through fourth graders at School No. 13 in Paterson from 1919 to 1963. As a teacher she often went the extra mile, once setting up her classroom to resemble the inside of a plane to share her love of travel.

All told, she has traveled to forty countries, forty-four states, and forty-some islands. Her travels included Europe, Asia, South America, and Africa. At sixty-eight, she married James Radcliffe. The marriage lasted seven years before he passed away in 1976. Nine years later, she married her husband's brother, Hartley, in another happy marriage that lasted eleven years until his death.

"I've had a wonderful, wonderful life," says Radcliffe, who has an amazing gift for remembering details about growing up in Paterson, her world travels, and forty-five years of teaching.



CASINO EXECUTIVE



Barry Shier '78 is considered a leading authority in the gaming and hospitality industry. Currently the managing principal of The Partner House, LLC, in Las Vegas, Shier has worked with industry pioneers in the resort, gaming, and entertainment sectors. He spent fifteen years with Mirage Resorts, serving as chairman and CEO of the Golden Nugget Las Vegas, and chairman and CEO of Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi. He recently served as COO and a member of the board of directors of FXRE, an entertainment destination company.

TEACHING LEADERS TO BE EFFECTIVE MANAGERS

Under the leadership of **Robert Devine '74** as president and CEO of Hartz Mountain Corporation, America's largest pet supply brand and manufacturer, sales increased 80 percent.

Now, as president of Devine Strategic Leadership, he's helping business leaders with strategy, execution, and change. With almost thirty years of general management, marketing, and financial experience in both consumer products and financial services, Devine uses his vast experience to build motivated, results-oriented organizations.

LET'S GO TO THE VIDEOTAPE

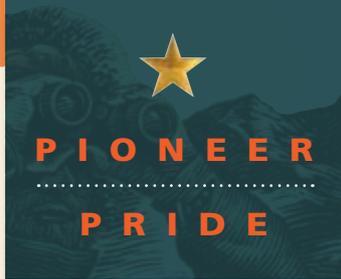


DAVID DESPOSITO '93
REPRESENTS THE SAINTS
AT THE NFL DRAFT

David Maltese '93 and **David Desposito '93** are part of an exclusive group. They are among only thirty-two people in the world who serve as video directors for an NFL football team. Maltese, heading into his eighteenth season with the New York Giants, and seventh as video

director, and Desposito, in his seventh season with the New Orleans Saints, provide a crucial service to the coaches, owners, and scouts of their respective teams.

With responsibilities that include overseeing the filming of all games and practices and editing the video on a daily basis for the coaches, scouts, and front office personnel to evaluate, it's time-consuming work that involves late nights and tight deadlines. The game film that they generate is also shipped to future opponents.



PUBLIC AFFAIRS EXPERT AND UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Ronald Berkman '73 has spent virtually his entire career using academia to find solutions for problems in urban centers. Just named the president of Cleveland State University after serving as provost of fast-growing Florida International University in Miami, he has researched and written on urban politics and economic development. He plans to lead the sixteen thousand-student university in supporting Cleveland's renewal and help make Cleveland State a premier urban research university.

INSURING SUCCESS

Stephen Collesano '74* is senior vice president, research and development, for the ACE Group, a leading global insurance and reinsurance organization. A specialist in research methods who teaches graduate courses at New York University, Collesano is also known for his community service. A founding member of the DACKKS Group for Supportive Housing, an organization that provides affordable housing, he serves on the boards of two other nonprofit organizations: Partnership for Community Health and the Insurance Education Foundation.

GOLD MEDAL TALENT

The University's one and only Olympic athlete, **Herb Perez '92**, who won a gold medal in the 1992 summer games in Barcelona for the sport of taekwondo, continues to exhibit the leadership that is symbolized by his Olympic achievement.

Still heavily involved in the sport, he now coaches younger athletes, not only in the United States, but has also helped athletes in Iraq to build up their own taekwondo teams for Olympic games. He has traveled to Kuwait and Iran for the Olympic organization. He now works as a staff member of the Olympic Council of Asia, the governing body of all sports in Asia, and a regional division of the International Olympic Committee. In addition, Perez is the owner of Gold Medal Productions, a film and video production company that distributes training tapes for athletes.



POLICING AMERICA'S FIFTH MOST DENSELY POPULATED CITY

As commissioner of the City of Cambridge Police Department in Massachusetts, **Robert Haas '80** is responsible for the safety of more than one hundred thousand citizens—including more than thirty thousand students—all living within 6.5 square miles, making the city the fifth most densely populated in the United States. Haas, who previously served as Secretary of Public Safety under former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney, has made news for being a visible member of the Cambridge community since starting the position just over two years ago, as well as for increasing foot and bicycle patrols in the city. "I think there's an appetite to have more contact with police," Haas told the *Cambridge Chronicle*. "The community is much more attuned to what's going on in their own neighborhood and what's out of place."

Health Care Leadership In the Twenty-First Century

WITH HEALTH CARE AMONG THE MOST CRITICAL ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES, OUR ALUMNI ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.



Les Hirsch '74* became president and CEO of Saint Clare's Health System in May 2008 after leading Touro Infirmary in New Orleans through the ravages of Hurricane Katrina. "Saint Clare's has a very substantial charitable mission, a responsibility to provide for the poor, for those without insurance," he says. "It's a challenge to balance our mission, which is to deal with the human condition, with the realities of the current economic climate."



As vice president for patient care services and chief nursing officer at New York's Hospital for Special Surgery, **Stephanie Goldberg '81*** is the institution's senior nursing executive. Under her direction, the hospital has been granted through 2011 the prestigious Magnet Award for Excellence in nursing, an honor held by only 5 percent of all health care organizations in the U.S.

Edna Cadmus '76*, senior vice president for patient care services at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, has won numerous awards, including the Nurse Executive Award presented by the Organization of Nurse Executives of New Jersey. She also led her hospital to Magnet Award designation twice.

Carol J. Ossi '74* served as co-founder and executive director of Accredited Health Services, Inc., a company dedicated to the nursing care of the sick in a home care setting. The company, which was sold in 1999, had served the people of northern and central New Jersey for twenty years.

William Reitsma '76 is director of clinical services of the New Jersey Organ and Tissue Sharing Network, a non-profit, federally certified, state-approved organ procurement organization responsible for the recovery of organs and tissue for the 4,300 New Jersey residents currently awaiting transplantation. Reitsma, who has worked for the network for more than two decades, has received numerous awards, including the Association of Organ Procurement Organizations' Excellence in Management Award, the highest honor given by this national organization.

THE FINANCIERS

WORKING GLOBALLY, THESE EXPERTS IN FINANCE AFFECT ECONOMIC CHANGE ON THE HIGHEST LEVELS.

Dewey Imhoff '74, an expert in insolvency and corporate finance restructuring, is senior managing director at FTI Consulting, a multidisciplinary global business advisory firm dedicated to helping organizations protect and enhance enterprise value in an increasingly complex legal, regulatory, and economic environment.

Linda Niro '76, executive vice president and chief financial officer of The Provident Bank since December 2007, and executive vice president of Provident Financial Services, worked her way up from a position as a teller. She is also a member of the bank's Executive Leadership Team, as well as the University's Board of Trustees and Foundation Board.

James Terrile '87 is senior vice president for Capital Research and Management, a subsidiary of Capital Group Companies, Inc. The company manages the investments of individuals and large institutions through mutual funds, separately managed accounts, and pooled investment funds.

Joseph Velli '80 is chairman and chief executive officer of ConvergeX Group, one of the world's leading global agency brokerage and investment technology companies. The firm provides trading and technology solutions in more than one hundred international markets with offices in fourteen cities. He also serves on the board of Paychex, Inc.

A SPIRIT OF INVENTION

What does it take to be an entrepreneur and an inventor? According to **Robert Batchko '87**, it takes passion, dedication, a high tolerance for risk, and a love of learning and creating value. A saxophonist who earned a bachelor of music degree in jazz performance from the University, Batchko also had a passion for science, and an idea for an invention that could revolutionize imaging technologies.

His journey led him to night school physics courses, an apprenticeship as a machinist in Chicago, a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford University, and to eventually founding several of his own companies. Today, he holds nearly a dozen patents and is the co-founder and CEO of Holochip Corporation. Holochip develops and commercializes adaptive polymer lenses, which change their focal length in a way similar to that of the human eye, for researchers and manufacturers of cameras, medical and military equipment, and other products.

OVER THE AIRWAVES

WHETHER THEY'RE BEHIND THE SCENES OR ON THE AIR, WILLIAM PATERSON GRADS PLAY IMPORTANT ROLES IN THE RADIO INDUSTRY.

Judy Farah '77 is news director/senior editor for KFBK-Radio in Sacramento, where she edits several news broadcasts. She has won three prestigious Edward R. Murrow Awards, including one for best writing, as well as two awards from the Northern California Radio and Television News Directors Association for Best Series and Best Newscast.

Rich Kaminski '95 is the afternoon on-air personality on New York's 106.7 Lite FM. Previously, he was on the air at New York's WPLJ-FM (95.5), and on The Point in Philadelphia, where he won an A.I.R. Award for "best afternoon show" in 2002. "My wife (Tracy Kaminski '97) is who I broadcast to," he says. "That way, what I'm saying comes out like a conversation. It's comfortable."

Breaking Business News

In the current economy, the stock market is the epicenter of business news, and at CNN **Susan Lisovicz '78*** is the cable network's primary correspondent on the stock market, making her one of the most prominent television reporters in the nation.

Each day, she reports the latest news on the vagaries of the global market's rise and fall from CNN's New York City bureau. She also reports for CNN International, HLN, and CNN Radio. Lisovicz has interviewed many high-level executives including Bill Gates and Warren Buffet about breaking business news.

She has covered numerous general assignment stories including the September 11 attacks, the death of Pope John Paul, Hurricane Katrina, political conventions, and media mergers.

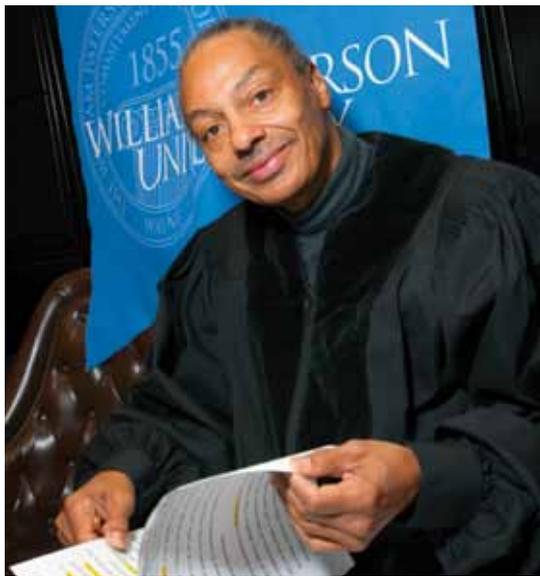
Lisovicz knew from an early age that she wanted to be a journalist. As a student, she worked on *The Beacon*, the campus newspaper, while taking classes in journalism, television, and radio. She started her career as a freelance reporter covering town meetings for a radio station in Tom's River that led to a permanent position as the weekend anchor.

The lure of New York City's media world called, and she crossed the river and started writing for the Associated Press and WABC-TV, gradually rising to the top of her profession.

"I really love my job," Lisovicz says. "It enriches me on a daily basis. And it's as unpredictable as life itself. One of the best things in life is to know what you want to do and be paid to do it."



Fine Art



BEN JONES '63 PRIOR TO RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE AT THE 2009 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY. SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE.

What does it take to be a successful artist for more than forty years? **Ben Jones '63*** would argue that it takes “discipline, not just talent, and you have to work hard, make it a lifestyle, and work at it whether you get acknowledgement or not.”

A talented artist, he has had numerous solo and group exhibitions over the years, including a one-person exhibit in January 2009 at the Jersey City Museum. *Deliverance*, which featured forty-five works chronologically spanning his long career, was reviewed in the *New York Times*.

This summer, Jones will have a solo exhibit, “Chango-Change,” at Galerie Siguaraya in Berlin. “The pieces in this exhibition are a metaphor for power; to empower us to work for better things in the world.”

Throughout his career, Jones, an activist, has created artworks that have underscored his interest in African American ideals. He describes his art as “trying to understand the relationship of African belief systems and lifestyles to today’s and tomorrow’s living.”

“Artists relate to their background and experience,” Jones says. “My art uses ‘Africanisms’—a particular way of looking at the world universally, culturally, or spiritually—to show that there are still issues that should be at the forefront such as race or poverty. We’re still in a struggle. In my own small way, my art tries to bring in more humanism and inclusion, and to show people as equals.”

THE CHALLENGE OF FUNDRAISING

IN A DIFFICULT ECONOMY, RAISING FUNDS IS EVER MORE CHALLENGING. YET TWO ALUMNI ARE AMONG THOSE DEDICATED TO SEEKING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WORTHY CAUSES.



LISA MANTONE VILARDI

Funding the arts grows increasingly difficult during harsh economic times, but **Lisa Mantone Vilardi '84, M.A. '85**, who works as director of development for the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, welcomes the challenge. “Good fundraising is about respecting donors of all levels,” she says. “I enjoy the interaction and getting to know who our donors are, and matching them with the things that are important to them.”

Patricia Evert '68 serves as vice president of donor resources for the Gill Foundation in Denver, Colorado, one of the nation’s largest private foundations focused on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights. Evert seeks to identify and cultivate new individual, foundation, and corporate funders; increase donations from current funders; and, match donors with causes that are strategic and meaningful. She also directs the Foundation’s highly regarded OutGiving conferences for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied philanthropists. Prior to joining the foundation she was president of Patricia Evert Productions, her own successful event fundraising company based in New York City. Over the years, Evert has raised more than \$150 million for progressive organizations and candidates.

MEET THE MAYORS

TWO OF THE TOWNS CLOSEST TO WILLIAM PATERSON’S CAMPUS BOAST ALUMNI IN THE POSITION OF MAYOR. **MOHAMED KHAIRULLAH '98** IS MAYOR OF PROSPECT PARK, AND **DOMENICK STAMPONE '94** IS MAYOR OF HALEDON.

Khairullah, a Syrian-born Muslim, set a precedent by becoming New Jersey’s first elected Arab American Muslim mayor. A high school business teacher, volunteer firefighter since age eighteen, and member of the Borough Council, Khairullah was unanimously selected to be mayor in 2005 to fill the remaining term of the previous mayor when he moved out of town. Khairullah was then elected to his first full term, which will expire in December 2010.



Stampone, an attorney, was elected mayor of Haledon in 2007. Prior to his current position, he was assistant county prosecutor as well as the municipal prosecutor of Paterson. He served as president of the William Paterson Alumni Association Executive Council from 2004 to 2009. He began his involvement with the Association in 1991 when he was appointed to the Alumni Executive Council as a student representative. He is also a member of the William Paterson University Foundation Board and a trustee of New Jersey Bar Association.

JAZZING IT UP AT JUILLIARD

LOCATED AT LINCOLN CENTER IN NEW YORK CITY, THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL IS ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS PERFORMING ARTS CONSERVATORIES. AND, TWO OF THE UNIVERSITY'S ALUMNI CURRENTLY HOLD CRITICAL POSITIONS IN JUILLIARD'S JAZZ STUDIES DIVISION.



Carl Allen '83, a drummer, bandleader, entrepreneur, and educator, is artistic director of jazz studies at Juilliard. A faculty member since the inception of Juilliard's jazz program in 2001, Allen has served as musical director for Freddie Hubbard for eight years, and has performed with Benny Golson, Jennifer Holliday, Rickie Lee Jones, Sammy Davis Jr., Branford Marsalis, Kenny Garrett, Lena Horne, and Herbie Hancock, among many others. He also co-founded Big Apple Productions in 1988 with saxophonist Vincent Herring, produced recordings for several Japanese labels with future stars Roy Hargrove, Cyrus Chestnut, and Nicholas Payton, and created *The Art of Elvin*, a tribute band dedicated to his two drum influences.

Laurie A. Carter, M.A. '87, holds two diverse and important job titles at Juilliard: vice president and general counsel and executive director of jazz studies. Since joining Juilliard in 1988, Carter has been instrumental in the development of student life and educational outreach programs, and built the school's legal department from the ground up. Carter, who holds a juris doctor degree from Rutgers Law School, was honored as one of the 2004 Outstanding Women of the Bar by the New York County Lawyers' Association.

KEEPING NEW JERSEY SAFE

As deputy director of New Jersey's Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, **Drew F. Lieb '74, M.A. '79**, works to guide a 105-member agency in intelligence operations, investigations, tips and leads, and gathering information to help ensure the safety of the state's citizens. Appointed to the position in 2008 after more than three decades in law enforcement, Lieb has extensive experience in homeland security, counterterrorism, and intelligence issues. A former State Police deputy superintendent, Lieb was an intelligence officer who served two years of active duty in counterterrorism and counterintelligence in the Afghani and Iraqi theaters of operation and is a current captain in the Naval Reserves. He was the first reservist to receive the Naval Criminal Investigative Service's 2003 Special Agent of the Year Award for Counterterrorism. "It's all encompassing," Lieb has said of the threat of terrorism. "We have to be better than the terrorists all the time. They only have to be right once."

Photographers Enrich the Culture

Ellen Denuto '74, M.A. '96, is a commercial photographer whose work has appeared on many magazine, book, and CD covers and product promotional posters; her clients include *New Jersey Bride*, Penguin Books, Target, Starbucks, and Horizon Healthcare. She has taught and lectured about photography, and volunteered with the Special Needs Foundation, the Paterson Youth Photography Program, and by shooting portraits of children with cancer for Flashes of Hope at the Valerie Clinic. A founding member and current vice president of the New Jersey chapter of the American Society of Media Photographers, she created the society's annual fine art competition and student scholarship fund.

Susan Hammond '01, M.F.A. '05, is an illustrator and professional photographer. Her work has appeared in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and she has been published with Nikon and Canon, and, most recently, in *The Art of Seeing*, a book promoting photographers throughout the U.S. She coauthored a book, *Artists' Guidebook to a New Creative Life*, with fellow artist Alice Harrison. She is president of the National Association of Women Artists (NAWA).



Ira Rosen '75, author and photographer, spent fifteen years working as a manufacturers' representative before turning his hobby of photographing sports stadiums into a business. In 1990, he founded Stadium Views, Inc., which supplies posters and limited edition photographs to the art and framing industry. Rosen is the author of *Blue Skies, Green Fields. A Celebration of 50 Major League Baseball Stadiums*, and *The American Game: A Celebration of Minor League Baseball*.

Salvatore Marchese-Vasapolli '83 photographed the highly acclaimed large format table-top photographic book, *Montana*, with text written by Montana's former congressman, John Patrick Williams. The book, which depicts the state's people, natural, historical, and city landscapes, won both the 2004 North American and World SAPPI publishing Gold Awards. He also produces several state and national park calendars, and his fine art photography hangs in private collections, corporations, galleries, and museums coast to coast. His work has also appeared in notable publications such as *Audubon*, *National Geographic*, *Ski*, *Outside*, *Backpacker*, and the *New York Times*, among others. Marchese-Vasapolli has also received seven ADDY awards, advertising's highest honor.



ELLEN DENUTO

Among a Universe of Jazz Stars

Some of the world's finest jazz musicians made their start in William Paterson's Jazz Studies Program, one of the few in the country with an emphasis on small-group playing and a genuine commitment to the jazz tradition. Here are some of our notable jazz alumni:



Eric Alexander '90, one of the top tenor saxophonists in jazz, is praised for his warm, finely burnished tone and his bluesy swinging way with the standards. After placing second in the 1991 Thelonious Monk International Saxophone Competition, Alexander threw himself into the whirlwind of a professional jazz musician.

Alexander has performed as leader, sideman, and producer on more than seventy albums. He signed an exclusive contract with HighNote Records in 2004,

and has amassed a considerable discography of critically acclaimed recordings. Most recent among them is *Temple of Olympic Zeus*, *The Battle* with Vincent Herring and Mike LeDonne, and *It's All in the Game* with longtime collaborator and piano great Harold Mabern. Alexander continues to tour the world to capacity audiences. With New York City as his home base, he can be seen in the New York clubs including ongoing appearances at Smoke.

Johnathan Blake '00, a Grammy-nominated drummer and composer, was introduced to the world of jazz music by his father, world-renowned jazz violinist John Blake Jr. The recipient of a 2006 ASCAP Young Jazz Composers Award, he has been a first-call drummer for many notable jazz musicians including Tom Harrell, David Sanchez, Russell Malone, Kenny Barron, Randy Brecker, and Oliver Lake, to name a few.

Blake is currently a member of the Tom Harrell Quintet, Russell Malone Quartet, and Kenny Barron Trio. His own group often sells out premier venues such as The Jazz Gallery and Smalls in New York City. He is planning to record his debut CD in fall 2009.

A unique approach to playing the drums has earned **Mark Guiliana '03** international acclaim both as a leader and a sideman. As an outlet for his compositions, Guiliana created HEERNT, an "experimental-garage-jazz" trio based out of New York. The band's debut record, *Locked in a Basement*, received praise from critics and musicians alike.

Guiliana also has been a member of world-renowned jazz bassist Avishai Cohen's band since 2003. He has appeared on Cohen's last three studio albums and the soon-to-be-released *Live at the Blue Note*, which will be released as a live record and DVD. The band has performed on some of the world's most important stages including the Blue Note Jazz Club in New York and Tokyo, the Joy of Jazz Festival in Johannesburg, South Africa, the North Sea Jazz Festival in Holland, and many more. Guiliana has also recorded and/or performed with Meshell Ndegeocello, the Jazz Mandolin Project, Bobby McFerrin, Jason Lindner, Branford Marsalis, and James Williams.



Tomoko Ohno '93, born in Tokyo, Japan, entered the University's Jazz Studies Program when she moved to the United States. She is a member of DIVA, an all-women jazz orchestra, and has performed with the Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars, Slide Hampton, Claudio Roditi, Wynton Marsalis, Andres Boiarsky, Harlem Spiritual Ensemble, and Spirit of Life Ensemble.

She has performed at Lincoln Center, Weil Recital Hall of Carnegie Hall, and the Blue Note, among many other famous venues.

Ohno was also showcased on live radio broadcasts by WBG0 and WNYC.

Ohno also leads her own group, and has released three CDs on the Japan-based Tokuma label: *Powder Blue*, *Affirmation*, and *Natural Woman*. In 2004, while performing with saxophonist Andres Boiarsky in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she recorded *Shadows of Spring* for MDR Records. She is one of the main music instructors at the New York Pops Musical Mentor program and holds a teaching position at the Dwight Englewood School in New Jersey.

Sam Barsh '03 (Barsheshet), piano/keyboards, the Sam Barsh Band, debut album, *I Forgot What You Taught Me*; member of the Avishai Cohen Trio (2003-06) and recorded three records and a live DVD; has performed at many of the world's biggest jazz festivals

Tom Brislin '96, piano/keyboards, produced his own CD; regular keyboardist, music director, and recorded for Meat Loaf; keyboards with Rick Wakeman and Yes

Bill Evans '80, saxophone, numerous recordings under own name; Miles Davis, Mahavishu Orchestra, Elements with Mark Egan, Michael Franks, Herbie Hancock, Lee Ritenour, Andy Summers, Dave Grusin, George Gruntz Orchestra

Joe Farnsworth '94, drums, one of the most recorded drummers on the scene, with more than seventy CDs for musicians such as Wynton Marsalis, Cedar Walton, Pharoah Sanders, Eric Alexander, and Benny Golson; a regular on the jazz festival scene; has played with Benny Green, Diana Krall, Curtis Fuller, and Barry Harris

Dan Faulk '92, saxophone, taught at SUNY Stony Brook and CUNY; tours and recordings with J.J. Johnson, TanaReid, Lewis Porter Quintet, and James Spaulding



ANAT FORT

Anat Fort '96, piano, ECM recording *A Long Story* accompanied by Paul Motian; also recordings, tours with Ratzo Harris, Al Grey, her own CD *Peel*

Sunna Gunnlaugs '96, piano, born in Iceland, her quartet has performed in ten states, seven countries in Europe and Canada, albums include *Mindful* and *Fagra Verold* (Sunny Sky 720)

Dana Hall '94, drums, University of Chicago, full-time faculty; music director, Chicago Jazz Ensemble with Jon Faddis; formerly with Carnegie Hall Jazz Orchestra; Yamaha, Pro-Mark clinician

John Hebert '94, bass, worked with Andrew Hill, Lee Konitz, Paul Bley, John Abercrombie, Kenny Wheeler, Paul Motian, David Liebman, Uri Caine, Greg Osby, Bill Stewart, Marc Copland, Fred Hersch, and Maria Schneider; leads his own group, Byzantine Monkey; has performed around the world at festivals

Matt King '86, piano, Blood Sweat & Tears, Joe Lovano, Chris Potter, Rufus Reid, John Patitucci, Jon Hendricks, and Bob Moses; North Sea Festival; New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival

Joe Martin '94, bass, tours and recordings with Jane Monheit, Andy Bey, Kurt Rosenwinkel, Bill Charlap, member of Joel Frahm Quartet, solo CD *Passage*

Adam Niewood '00, saxophone, Bill Charlap, Jim McNeely, Rufus Reid, Warren Vache, Vic Juris, Steve Gilmore, Gene Bertoncini; widely known woodwind mouthpiece technician; own group, Adam Niewood's Rabble Rousers

Kay Wolff Niewood '01, jazz library director, Jazz at Lincoln Center

Tyshawn Sorey '04, drums, *That/Not* 2007 debut recording, his band Fieldwork has new CD, *Door*; collaborates with Muhal Richard Abrams, Ray Anderson, Wadada Leo Smith, Steve Coleman, Peter Evans, Mario Pavone, Ellery Eskelin, Dave Douglas, Mark

Helias, and Butch Morris; received grants and commissions from the Van Lier Fellowship and Roulette Intermedium

Bill Stewart '88, drums, John Scofield, Joe Lovano, Larry Goldings, Lee Konitz, Maceo Parker, James Moody, Richie Beirach, Marc Copland, Lew Tabackin, appearances on albums by Michael Brecker, James Brown TV special

Mark Tonelli '95, guitar, his group has two CDs, *The Mark Tonelli Group* and *Chasing The Myth*; worked with Jon Faddis, Randy Brecker, Ed Soph, Frank Mantooth, Steve Turre, Gregg Bissonette, Byron Stripling, Dan Haerle, Billy Cobham, Lynn Seaton, Denis DeBlasio, Marchel Ivery, and the Les Elgart Orchestra; instructor and author of the *MTonal Guitar Method* and articles in *Guitar Player*, *Down Beat*, and other publications.

THE CREATIVE MULTI-TASKER



A passion for music journalism and promoting unknown bands has been the driving force behind **Joelle Caputa '04** since high school, when she became a member of *TEEN People's* news team. She struck out on her own even before graduation and started Planet Verge, which covers independent rock bands through an online magazine, blogs, and Web-TV episodes—all produced by an all-female staff. But that's not all. She also launched AudioCrush PR to help talented indie artists get the recognition they deserve, writes freelance personal-ity profiles, and contributes articles for Venuszine.com, a leading source for coverage of women in music, art, film, fashion, and culture. And, she works for the Music Resource Group, producers of the Independent Music Awards. It's clear that Caputa is running full-speed ahead.

THE WRITE STUFF

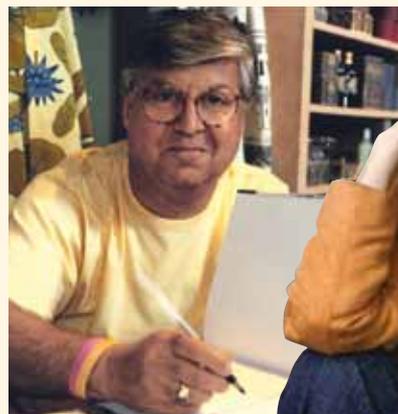
WORDS IGNITE THE IMAGINATION OF MANY WHO ASPIRE TO WRITE. BELOW ARE FOUR ALUMNI WHO CHOSE THE "WRITE" PATH.

Robert Brink '98, M.A. '01, a staff writer for *Skateboard* magazine, tries to emphasize the fun in skateboarding for his readers. He says he's been able to make "a career out of the one thing I love more than anything in the world."

Theresa DiGeronimo '75, M.A. '84, is a freelance writer of more than sixty nonfiction books and numerous other publications. She is currently chief copy editor of *MDAdvisor*.

Maryann McFadden, M.A. '00, a novelist, hit the bestseller list with her first book, *The Richest Season*. Her new novel is titled *So Happy Together*.

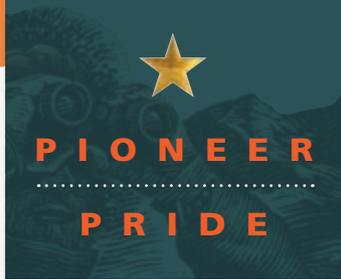
Emil Salvini '71, owner of a printing company, Wheal-Grace Corp., has written several books about the New Jersey shore, and other books about New Jersey history.



EMIL SALVINI



MARYANN MCFADDEN



TOP DOCS

ALUMNI HOLD PLACES OF EXCELLENCE IN VIRTUALLY EVERY FIELD OF MEDICINE, FROM CARDIOLOGY TO PEDIATRICS. HERE ARE A FEW WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES:



Sherita Latimore-Collier '91 is an internist in Camden, where she and her husband, Terence, a nurse, have opened their own medical clinic, Parkside Adolescent and Adult Medical Clinic. She previously practiced medicine in Philadelphia at a federal, nonprofit, community-based organization in an inner city neighborhood, where many of her patients were substance abusers.

Christopher Houlihan '81* is a maternal-fetal medicine physician at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, where he serves as director of obstetrical simulation. Over the years he has received numerous honors and awards, including the Council on Resident Education in Obstetrics and Gynecology National Faculty Award in 2007, and was co-recipient of the OB/GYN Resident Teacher of the Year from Saint Peter's University Hospital in 2006 and 2007.

Suzanne Kabis '75* annually lands on the list of Top Doctors in New Jersey compiled by the likes of *New Jersey Monthly* and *New York Magazine*, ranking as one of the best nephrologists, or kidney specialists, in the state. A senior attending physician at Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) University Hospital and St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick, she is a clinical associate professor at RWJ Medical School, and president of the Renal Group of Central New Jersey. She has been honored by the National Kidney Foundation of New York and New Jersey, and is the New Jersey spokesperson for the Kidney-Urology Foundation of America.

Matthew Samra '94 is an associate attending vascular surgeon in the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills, the only cardiac and pulmonary specialty hospital in New Jersey.

Howard Straub '70*, a board certified ophthalmologist in Las Vegas, Nevada, has taught and performed surgery in ten countries, supervised FDA clinical trials, and has written a textbook chapter on LASIK eye surgery.

CHANGING COMMUNITIES

Stephen T. Boswell '76, president and CEO of Boswell Engineering, a family-owned engineering and construction management firm, and **Karen Axberg Boswell '74, M.A. '95**, take on the task of changing communities in different ways. Stephen Boswell, through his successful company, builds roads and other major municipal and state projects that have changed the topography of the tri-state region. Karen Boswell, a former English teacher and assistant editor of *Home* magazine, uses her time and skills as a volunteer in the community: tutoring students in English and serving on the board of trustees of her church, among other activities.



*DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT
 ✧ LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENT



YOUNGEST ALUMNA STUDIES MEDICINE

As the youngest alumna to graduate from the University at the tender age of sixteen, **Hoda Bastani '02** continues to break barriers as she pursues an education. In 2008, she graduated from Penn State's Milton S. Hershey Medical School, and began a three-year residency in pediatrics at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Fall's Church, Virginia.

MAKING THE MARK INTERNATIONALLY

William Paterson alumni live in more than thirty countries. Here are a few who have risen to the top of their professions in jobs outside the United States.



Daniel Ganev '01, who came to William Paterson as an international student, returned to his native Bulgaria, where he headed a project to establish the country's first domestic equity fund: Advance Invest Mutual Fund. Today, he is the CEO of Karoll Capital Management and portfolio manager of Advance Invest, one of the best-performing investment vehicles on the market. An expert in the Bulgarian stock market and emerging Europe, he is a member of the board of directors of the Bulgarian Association of Asset Management Companies.

Colin Sung '92 brings a wealth of experience in the U.S. public markets, including comprehensive corporate communications, to his role as chief financial officer and president of China Cablecom Ltd., an emerging consolidated cable network operator in the highly populated Shandong Province in the People's Republic of China. Based in China, Sung is working to advance the growth of technology in the world's largest country.

Jeffrey Millar '80* is in his twenty-fifth year with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, UFJ. In March 2008, he returned to New York following the completion of a two-year assignment in Shanghai, China, where he served as a regional relationship manager covering multinational corporate banking clients. He is currently a vice president in the Bank's U.S. Corporate Banking Group managing some of the Bank's most important U.S. corporate banking clients.

A Marriage Made at *The Beacon*

Susan Kelliher met Colin Ungaro on campus in 1971. They both worked on the student newspaper, *The Beacon*, and graduated together in 1975. Two years later, they married, and this year will celebrate their thirty-second wedding anniversary. Theirs is a symbiotic relationship, Colin says. "I help her with the business side of things, she helps me with editorial issues." They have three children, Ryan, Matthew, and Christina.

Susan Ungaro '75*☆

As president of the James Beard Foundation, Susan Kelliher Ungaro '75 mixes philanthropy with the culinary arts. More than three years into the job, Ungaro, formerly editor-in-chief of *Family Circle* magazine, is enjoying the challenges and opportunities of running a non-profit organization.

The foundation, a prestigious institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating America's culinary heritage, also sponsors numerous events that include educational programs, food industry awards, publications, a Web site, and more than two hundred fundraising dinners at the historic James Beard House in Greenwich Village.

"I have one of the greatest jobs working with the most creative chefs in the country," she says. "Not only am I running a restaurant, but also a foundation that has given out \$2.2 million in scholarships since 2001 to high school students or people who want to change their careers."

Ungaro is offering a dinner at the James Beard House for the membership price (\$75 to \$150) to all William Paterson alumni who contact her at sungaro@jamesbeard.org

Colin Ungaro '75☆

Even though Colin Ungaro admittedly has "ink in his veins" after a more than thirty-year career in publishing, he is now a firm proponent of throwing



out old business models that rely on print publishing and using an integrated media approach that strongly embraces the Web to reach the consumer. As president of Ungaro Associates, the media consultant says, "I'm convinced that business models have to change or businesses will die. Advertising in print is not coming back;

print magazines and newspapers are just not good propositions right now."

Ungaro's ideas are based solidly on his vast experience as president and CEO of various media companies he managed since he moved away from the editorial side of publishing to the business side. As a media consultant, he now advises publishers on how to meet the demands of the current economic situation. "I meet with people, analyze their businesses, and provide customized advice," he says.

His advice to publishers in these economic times: "Take a cleaver to print and invest in the Web, embrace new ways of doing things, serve your audience, look at your staff, and don't be afraid to make changes."

PROPERTY MANAGER

As president and principal of Wentworth Property Management Corp., Michael Mendillo '87 presides over a family of real estate service companies, including the largest residential community management organization in the United States. Wentworth Group serves clients in fourteen states and manages more than three hundred thousand residential units and two million square feet of commercial space, and has been named one of the "50 Best Places to Work in New Jersey" by *NJBIZ* magazine. In addition to developing and facilitating leadership programs for Wentworth's associates, Mendillo is a distinguished public speaker on topics such as corporate culture, business success, change leadership, and customer service.

ALUMNI IN ACADEMIA

MANY ALUMNI ARE DISTINGUISHED FACULTY MEMBERS AND EXPERTS IN THEIR FIELD AT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

Peter Chabora '62*, professor of biology, Queens College

Henry F. Edelhauser '62*, Ferst Professor of Ophthalmology and director of ophthalmic research, Emory University

Vincent Fitzgerald '78, M.A. '84, associate professor of communication, College of Mt. St. Vincent

Raymond Frey '79, professor of history, Centenary College

Bruce Larson '83, associate professor of political science, Gettysburg College

Gwendolyn Pough '92, associate professor of women's studies, writing, and rhetoric, Syracuse University

Yvonne Raley '93, associate professor of philosophy, Felician College



GWENDOLYN POUGH



ROBERT TALISSE

Robert Talisse '93, associate professor of philosophy and political science and director of graduate studies in philosophy, Vanderbilt University

Frank Varney '98, assistant professor of history, Dickinson State University, North Dakota



Technology Wizards



Catherine Ryan Callagee '83* is vice president, information services, operations for United Parcel Service (UPS). The first female vice president in information technology at UPS, she has five hundred staff members who report directly to her. In charge of package operations and scanning systems, she is responsible for developing the package operations and planning systems, scanning applications, international operations, automation systems, and production flow systems used at UPS facilities throughout the world. Callagee also runs a women's leadership group at UPS, and acts as a mentor to company employees to encourage them to succeed.

Maureen A. Conway '66*, who retired in 2005 from her position as vice president of emerging market solutions for Hewlett-Packard Company, pioneered a new approach that applied technology and business model innovation to the social and economic needs of developing economies. Her work received many awards in India and the Republic of South Africa. In 2005, the approach, results, and impact were described in Thomas L. Freidman's best-selling book on globalization, *The World is Flat*, as well as the 2007 sequel, *The World is Flat 3.0*. Earlier, Conway served as vice president and chief information officer for HP; she received the Solomon Smith Barney CIO of the Year Award in 2002.



Helena Wisniewski '71, Ph.D.*, currently serves on the board of directors of Greatbatch, Inc., a publicly traded company on the NYSE that develops and manufactures implantable medical devices. Appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to serve on the Naval Research Advisory Committee, she recently served as vice president for university research and enterprise development at Steven's Institute of Technology. A technological entrepreneur for more than twenty-five years, Wisniewski has held executive positions at

the CEO and vice president levels in industry and leadership positions in government, and has received awards from government, industry, and organizations for her significant contributions to science, technology, and leadership.

MAGIC MAN



On any given night, he levitates a woman ten feet into the air, makes vehicles disappear, and involves the audience in mentalist tricks. For **Michael Turco '04**, magician and illusionist, this is all in a night's work. Fascinated with magic from the age of five, he has turned his obsession into a highflying career with shows in such nightspots as Atlantic City.

The love of magic came from visits to Atlantic City with his parents to see various magic and variety shows over the years. He remembers seeing old school magicians who he found inspiring. Although many have since left the business, they left an impression on the young boy who has now conjured up his own career as an illusionist.

THE CANDIDATE

Steve Lonegan '80, a Republican who served as mayor of Bogota for twelve years, made his voice heard throughout the state of New Jersey this year as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor in New Jersey. An outspoken conservative, Lonegan ran the anti-tax group Americans for Prosperity before entering the governor's race.

A frequent guest on radio and television, Lonegan ran in the Republican primary for governor in 2005 and for New Jersey Senate in 1997. He made an unsuccessful bid for U.S. Congress in 1996 against Rep. Steven Rothman.

Lonegan earned a B.A. in business administration from William Paterson, where he was football team captain and an All Conference Division center, later earning an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. After graduating, Lonegan built and managed retail, custom homebuilding, and manufacturing businesses that employed dozens of workers. He lives in Bogota with his wife, Lorraine (Rossi) '80, and two daughters.

Now, Lonegan is finishing a book, titled *The Left Marches On*, and pursuing the possibility of a talk-radio show. Whether or not he runs again for office, Lonegan still plans to be a voice for conservatism.

AS SEEN ON TV

Snap Hook. Gopher. Glass Wizard. Dryer Balls. Iron Gym. Swivel Sweeper. You've seen the products on TV, perhaps on HSN or QVC, or in a major national retail chain such as CVS, Walgreen's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, and Target. The person behind the products? **CHUCK KHUBANI '83**, president and CEO of Ontel Products Corporation, a multimillion dollar business and a leader in the direct response and retail industry. With innovations such as the short form infomercial and products from housewares to hardware, this pioneer in the "As Seen on TV" industry is consistently and successfully providing consumers with solutions to their everyday problems.

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Supporting the Next Generation of Alumni

They came, they studied, they graduated, they headed to graduate school—and then they returned to their alma mater to share their knowledge and their stories of pride in their own William Paterson educations as members of the University's distinguished faculty and staff. This partial list includes alumni employees whose impact can be witnessed in the classroom, on athletic courts and fields, and in support of the growth and development of our future alumni.

- Rachel Anzaldo '80**, coordinator, testing and placement
- Colleen Barbarito '81**, associate professor, nursing
- Richard Blonna '73**, professor, public health
- Michael Boroznoff '75**, associate registrar
- Denise Callanan '80**, instructor, nursing
- Anthony Cavotto '76, M.B.A. '88**, director, hospitality services/ University Commons
- Anthony Coletta '64***, professor, elementary and early childhood education
- Donita D'Amico '72**, associate professor, nursing
- Angela DeLaura '85**, professor, art
- Jonnine DeLoatch '95**, director, Educational Enrichment Center
- Francisco Diaz '86, M.A. '88**, assistant vice president, campus life
- Nancy Einreinhofer '77, M.A. '78**, director, Ben Shahn Galleries
- Sandy Ferrarella '75**, head volleyball coach and assistant director, admissions
- Anna Freund '63**, professor, communication, *emerita*
- Pam Fueshko '77, M.A. '79**, director, telecommunications
- Barbara Grant '54**, professor, curriculum and instruction, *emerita*
- Michael Horvath '82, M.A. '84**, assistant vice president, public safety and emergency management
- Susan Jackson '84**, assistant professor, nursing
- Nina Jemmott, M.Ed. '74**, associate vice president and dean, graduate studies and research
- Mike Lauterhahn '97**, head baseball coach
- Erin Monahan '91**, head women's basketball coach
- Timothy Newman '90**, assistant professor, music
- Carmen Ortiz '88, M.Ed. '90**, director, Educational Opportunity Fund
- Elizabeth Rinaldi '37**, associate professor, elementary education, *emerita*
- Arlene Scala '71, M.A. '81**, professor, women's and gender studies
- Robin Schwartz '79**, assistant professor, art
- Denise Stone, M.A. '78**, assistant professor, special education and counseling
- Ron Verdicchio '65**, associate professor, elementary and early childhood education



FRANCISCO DIAZ

GUARDIAN ANGEL

With their ubiquitous red berets, The Guardian Angels are well known for their original focus on community safety patrols. Leading the way as executive director and chief operating officer is **Mary Sliwa '76**. The organization now provides training, support, and community empowerment programs throughout the world focusing on community safety, professional development for educators, school-based anti-bullying coursework, and Internet safety. And, under Sliwa's leadership, CyberAngels, The Guardian Angels' Internet safety initiative, was honored with a President's Service Award for volunteer community service in 1998.



FREEDOM THROUGH BOOKS

Scott Sailor '86 is living proof that following one's own path through life can

bring the type of freedom that others can only dream about. He opened Bruised Apple Books and Music, a successful independent bookstore, in Peekskill, New York, in 1993. There, he buys, sells, and trades books, old and new, including rare and out-of-print titles, as well as maps, CDs, and movies. The store contains about fifty thousand titles that are organized into two hundred subject headings. Running the bookstore gives him the freedom to do other things—whitewater kayaking, mountain biking, and of course, reading books. "It's not about the money," he says. "It's about the lifestyle."

ON THE HILL AND IN THE HALLS

CAMPAIGNING FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS KEEPS TWO WILLIAM PATERSON ALUMNI BUSY:

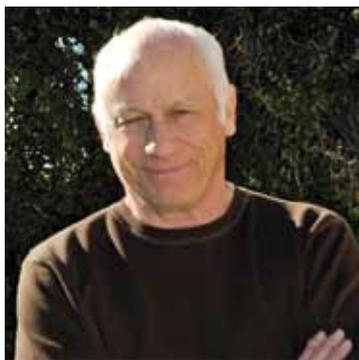


Judith A. Buckalew '74* is principal/director of policy and legislation at the health-and education-focused law firm of Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville P.C. in Washington, D.C.

Dennis F. Marco '75 is the executive vice president for Porzio Governmental Affairs, LLC, a subsidiary of the law firm Porzio, Bromberg & Newman P.C. in Trenton.



Using Filmmaking to Help the Developmentally Disabled



Born into a show business family, **Joey Travolta '74**—yes, he's the oldest brother of John Travolta—has had a long career as a recording artist, actor, writer, producer, and director. But he may have made his biggest impact when he founded Inclusion Films to help individuals with special needs develop self-esteem, confidence, and creativity through acting, improvisation, and digital filmmaking.

Travolta first combined his William Paterson degree in special education with his love for filmmaking five years ago, when he

helped a young man with autism make a documentary about life with the disorder. Afterward, he was asked to conduct courses on the craft for those with disabilities, so he founded Inclusion Films.

"I had a great experience at William Paterson," Travolta says. "Teaching was the last thing I thought I would do, but I took a few special education courses and it changed my whole perspective. I always knew my education would pay off."

Now, he runs workshops, many in California, to train developmentally disabled adults in specific tasks in the film industry, and conducts film camps at sites across the country for children and teens who are autistic or developmentally disabled. In recognition of his work, the 2009 Garden State Film Festival presented Travolta with a Broader Vision Award.

"We try to stretch what people can do," Travolta told the *Bakersfield Californian*. "I never think that people can't do something." Two graduates of Inclusion Films now work for Travolta, one as an editor, another as a scriptwriter. "It's giving people with disabilities a voice."

SMART ADVICE FOR ENTREPRENEURS



"Entrepreneurs do not grow by working harder. They grow by working smarter," says **William Corrente '91**, a business coach and professional speaker who teaches other entrepreneurs how to manage, market, and grow their businesses.

Corrente developed his own success strategies as a lifelong entrepreneur with experience in business start up, organization, and management. In addition to coaching and speaking, he is the managing partner

of Very Important Paws (V.I.P.), a luxury dog daycare, grooming, and training business with locations in West Palm Beach and Wellington, Florida. He proved his knack for entrepreneurship when he was still a student at William Paterson, becoming a partner in a successful lawn care business and turning a mom-and-pop cleaning service into a full-time operation with multiple employees.

As president and founder of Operation Entrepreneur, Corrente now offers entrepreneurs and small business owners his unique training, speaking, and consulting services on a national level. He is the author of *Power Squared — the Ultimate Entrepreneur Success System*, an e-book that teaches entrepreneurs how to maximize their time and efficiency for maximum profitability; it is available on his Web site, www.operationentrepreneur.com.

PATERSON CONNECTIONS

A PASSION FOR THE PAST CONNECTS THESE ALUMNI TO PATERSON, WHICH SHARES THE UNIVERSITY'S ROOTS AS THE CITY OF ITS FOUNDING IN 1855.

The city of Paterson looms large in the hearts and minds of many in the North Jersey area, but none more so than four alums who have dedicated themselves to the preservation of the history of Paterson. **Vincent Waraske '57**, a schoolteacher by trade, and a collector of all things Patersonian, lives with many mementos in his home of Paterson in its heyday as the "Silk City." So focused is his collection and knowledge of the city, the Paterson City Council named him the city's official historian in 2003. Over the past fifty years, he has lectured to numerous groups on Paterson's past.



BRUCE BALISTRIERI AND GIACOMO DESTEFANO IN FRONT OF AN EARLY AIRCRAFT ENGINE IN THE PATERSON MUSEUM

The Paterson Museum, which is housed in the former Rogers Locomotive plant, is run by **Giacomo DeStefano '87**, its executive director since 1989. The museum's curator is **Bruce Balistrieri '88**. DeStefano was born in and grew up in Paterson; Balistrieri is also Paterson-born but grew up in Wayne. Both men are fascinated by Paterson's history and share that enthusiasm with the many visitors to the museum each year.



Jane Haw '87, M.A. '89, an artist, is the gallery curator of Passaic County Community College's three galleries. In addition to caring for its permanent collection, which houses many artworks inspired

by the city, Haw presents several shows each year in support of the college's programs.

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The Sportscasters

THEY ARE THE STORYTELLERS, WHO GIVE SHAPE AND COLOR TO THE EXPLOITS OF SOME OF THE TOP SPORTS TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY.

Richie Aduato '59* has spent more than thirty years in professional basketball, including head coaching stints for three NBA teams: the Detroit Pistons, the Dallas Mavericks, and the Orlando Magic—and then with the WNBA's New York Liberty and Washington Magic. Now, this former head coach puts his spin on the game as radio on-air analyst for the Orlando Magic. A standout Pioneer athlete, he was a 1991 inductee into the University's Athletic Hall of Fame for basketball and baseball.

Kevin Burkhardt '97 provides the inside scoop on the New York Mets as the Mets field reporter for SNY. During the off-season, he serves as host of "Mets Hot Stove," and contributes to other SNY programs including hosting "SNY Spotlight" and filing news reports for the network's "Geico SportsNite" show. Prior to joining SNY, Burkhardt could be heard on WFAN-Radio, where he emerged as one of the station's rising stars.



Anthony "Footh" Fucilli '88 has been breaking news on the New York sports scene for more than twenty years as a hustling reporter/field producer for MSG Network. He currently reports on all the New York sports teams, contributes to MSG.com, and does work for MSG's "Boomer Esiason Show," helping to track down stories and line up guests. Fucilli can also be heard on the Giants game day show on NBC, and as the sideline reporter for Rutgers Radio (WOR 710 in New York). He was the host of the "Seton Hall Basketball Report."

KEEPING US SAFE



Tom Patire '81 is one of the most-recognized authorities on child safety, personal safety, and security in the world. Known as America's Leading Personal Safety Expert®, he has dedicated his life to the

protection and safety of individuals. The author of the top-selling *Personal Protection Handbook*, Patire heads State of the Art Security, an international security firm, and runs self-defense training seminars throughout the country at his licensed Family Safety Centers. His child safety program has won an Emmy Award nomination for educational programming, and he has been featured in the national media, from MSNBC and the *CBS Morning Show* to *USA Today* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

MANAGING THE BUSINESS OF MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

AS ONE OF ONLY ABOUT FIFTY COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY OFFERING PROGRAMS IN MUSIC MANAGEMENT, THE UNIVERSITY HAS ALUMNI IN ALL AREAS OF THE MUSIC BUSINESS.

Jim Caparro '73* has achieved international recognition for repeated start-up and turnaround success. He is the chairman and CEO of Creative Partners, a holding and investment company focused on online media and entertainment opportunities. He also founded Island Def Jam Music Group, one of the largest and most profitable record labels, and PolyGram Group Distribution, which became one of the largest and most-respected full-service entertainment distribution companies in the United States.

Rob Fusari '08 is a songwriter and producer who has worked with a wide range of artists in the pop, rap, R&B, and dance genres, including Beyoncé and Destiny's Child, Will Smith, Whitney Houston, the Jonas Brothers, Jessica Simpson, Britney Spears, Gloria Gaynor, and the O'Jays. Currently, his main direction is developing artists, including the hot new pop diva Stefani Germanotta, also known as Lady GaGa.

As executive vice president of pop promotion for Zomba Label Group, **Joe Riccitelli '85** has executed successful radio promotion campaigns for Britney Spears, Usher, R. Kelly, Nick Lachey, Backstreet Boys, Chris Brown, Ciara, and Three Days Grace. Most recently, he spearheaded the campaign for Justin Timberlake's *FutureSex/LoveSounds*.

Sean Rosenberg '02 is vice president of mobile business across RCA/JIVE Label Group, where he heads up mobile strategy for a diverse roster of artists including the Dave Matthews Band, Pink, Whitney Houston, Jordin Sparks, Kings of Leon, and Justin Timberlake. In addition to overseeing sales and marketing plans for these artists, he led RCA/JIVE in being the first label group to launch artist-branded applications on the iTunes App Store.

George Tortarolo '93 serves as general manager of We 3 Kings, Inc., an award-winning Los Angeles-based custom music creation house and one-stop music hub. The company provides song writing, multimedia, music production, and artist development services; credits include multiple television and film compositions. He previously worked as an artist manager for Madonna, among other high-profile artists.

Aaron Van Duyne III '75* wears two hats: senior principal with Van Duyne, Behrens & Co., P.A., a certified public accounting firm, and as a founding member of White Hat Management Services, LLC, which offers business management services to the entertainment and sports industries. He is the business manager for bands such as KISS, the Dave Matthews Band, and 3 Doors Down.





LINKING THE HUMANITIES TO TELEVISION

True success is built on a strong foundation. For **Ron Scalera '85**, part of that foundation came from enrolling in the University's Humanities Honors Program, a group of courses that are intellectually stimulating and interdisciplinary in approach. He believes the program gave him "a sense of pride and self confidence that will last forever."

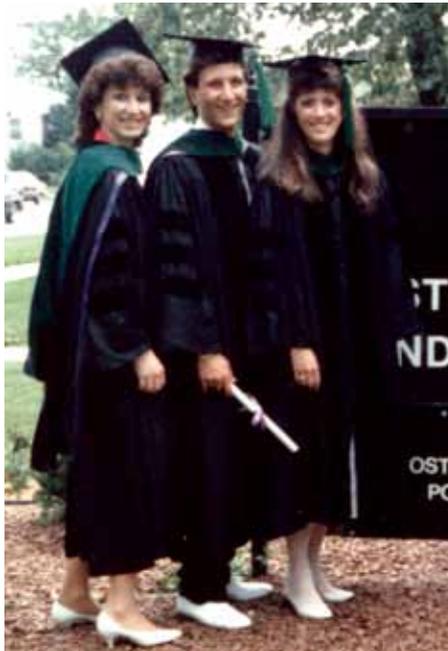
Scalera is now executive vice president and creative director for the CBS Marketing Group in Los Angeles and he applies what he learned to his current position, by understanding how information is linked. Scalera is responsible for promotional advertising for various television shows including *CSI*, *Amazing Race*, *Two and a Half Men*, and *The Mentalist*, for which he has won several industry awards including Brand Builders.



ELBOW GREASE: PURE AND SIMPLE

Getting sick was an inspiration to **Dawn Fitch '89**. It was a diagnosis of hypoglycemia several years ago that motivated her into experimenting with aromatherapy, oils, and other natural products, which she couldn't find in stores. Mixing natural products in her own kitchen for her own use, beginning with the best-selling cream, "Elbow Grease," eventually led to starting her own company, *Pooka Pure and Simple*, which features all-natural bath and body products and employs ten people. You can find her products at selected Whole Foods stores and online at www.pookapureandsimple.com.

Family Practice: Three Siblings, Three Medical Degrees



DONNA NICKLES '74, STEVEN NICKLES '83, AND JULIE NICKLES '78 CELEBRATE STEVEN'S GRADUATION FROM MEDICAL SCHOOL

How does one family produce three physicians? For three siblings who achieved that goal, **Donna Nickles '74**, an obstetrician and gynecologist, **Julie Nickles '78**, and **Steven Nickles '83**, both family practice physicians, the answer may lie in their strong family values.

Their father, Gus Nickles, was a pharmacist who worked for Hoffman-La Roche for twenty-eight years. "He encouraged our interest, but allowed us to pursue what we enjoyed," says Steven.

Those interests included biology, and all three earned bachelor's degrees in biology from William Paterson on their way to medical degrees from the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Dentistry (now renamed Des Moines University). Their mother, Dita Nickles, was a homemaker who provided a solid

base for the family. "She took care of the family, and was the glue that kept us together," Steven says.

To honor their father on his retirement from Hoffman-La Roche and to give something back to the University, the siblings funded a conference room (with a matching grant from the company) for the College of Science and Health in 1998 that provided a space for presentations, and a place to enhance student research and encourage independent studies, filling a longstanding need.

This was a group effort for the family who all say they became physicians to help people.

Donna, who knew as far back as the fifth grade that she wanted to be a physician, had a solo practice for sixteen years, but now practices as part of Valley OB/GYN Associates in Paramus.

The parents worked hard to put their children through college and medical school and Donna, the eldest of the three, says that when her own son, Michael, was born, her parents "both retired from their own professional lives to help watch the grandkids. It would have been harder for me to work without that family support." She also has a daughter, Stephanie.

Julie chose family practice medicine as her career. She has run a solo practice, Julie Nickles, D.O., P.C., in York, Pennsylvania, for almost twenty-six years and decided to become a physician because of some coaxing from her father. "He wanted us to be financially independent and always encouraged us. I love dealing with people and making them comfortable." She has two daughters, Ashley and Christine.

Steven chose to be a family practice physician because "I'm more of a people person," he says. "I enjoy working with a wide scope of medical conditions, and I like interacting with all ages: grandparents, parents, and children." His schedule allows him to spend time with his wife, Debi, a nurse, and attend sports activities of his four children, Dean, Alex, Greg, and Kali. He practices in Ramsey.

SPOTLIGHT

A L U M N I N E W S

Dear Alumni:

Did you know that the efforts of the William Paterson Alumni Association contribute to the success of today's students?

This year, thanks to the generous donations by our alumni to the Alumni General Fund, the Alumni Association will award more than \$100,000 in scholarships to meet the financial need of many of our exceptional undergraduate and graduate students. Alumni Association grants, also made possible by your generous donations, underwrite University projects, programs, and events that have a direct impact on student programs and services.

In addition, all Alumni Asso-



ciation events—regional programs, homecoming, career networking opportunities, reunions, and unique alumni-only opportunities—are underwritten by donations to the Alumni General Fund.

Our Alumni Association Executive Council works diligently, not

only to make an impact on current students, but to serve alumni, too.

Shortly after graduation, all alumni receive an alumni identification card in the mail that gives them access to campus facilities and services including borrowing privileges at the Cheng Library, entrance to career workshops and job fairs, a 10 percent discount on William Paterson Continuing Education classes, free or discounted admission to Pioneer athletic events, and discounted rates on home and auto insurance. Please call the Alumni Relations Office at 973.720.2175 or email alumni@wpunj.edu if you wish to receive a duplicate alumni identification card.

Discover William Paterson alumni on the Internet! In addi-

tion to finding information about upcoming alumni events and opportunities at our alumni Web site, www.wpunj.edu/alumni, you can discover your classmates online at Facebook at www.facebook.com/WPUNJ, the William Paterson University (WPUNJ) Official Alumni Page. If you are interested in online alumni networking, join the William Paterson University of New Jersey group on www.linkedin.com.

As always, I welcome your input and ideas for making our Alumni Association better able to serve you.

Janis Schwartz
Executive Director
Alumni Relations

Your next celebration!

HOMECOMING, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

William Paterson welcomes alumni and families back to campus

Noon:

Volleyball vs. New York City Tech
REC CENTER

Women's Soccer vs. The College of New Jersey
PIONEER SOCCER PARK

12:30-3:30 p.m.

Homecoming Carnival featuring amusements, games, food tastings, contests, demonstrations, pre-game social and step show
ZANFINO PLAZA

\$10 per person in advance, \$15 per person Homecoming Day; FREE for children age twelve and under with accompanying parent

4:00 p.m.

Football vs. The College of New Jersey
WIGHTMAN STADIUM



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Also

Reunions for Student Government, Residence Hall Leaders, Beacon, and Radio and Television Alumni.
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

(Please call the Alumni Office at 973.720.2175 if you are interested in serving on the Reunion Planning Committee.)

For more information visit:
www.wpunj.edu/alumni.

Online registration for alumni events will be available in August 2009.

Class of 1959 Celebrates Fiftieth Reunion

Members of the Class of 1959, who graduated when the University was known as Paterson State College, returned to the campus May 17 to 19 to celebrate their fiftieth reunion. Events included a dinner dance, held in the University Commons Ballroom; tours of the campus; attendance at the annual Senior Send-Off reception; and a lunch at the Allan and Michele Gorab Alumni House. *W*



GAIL (COHEN) NEIMAN '59, HELEN (WIENKE) MAULT '59, ELAINE (TICOLA) REICH '59, AND MARSHALL NEIMAN



SHIRLEY (STAAS) KEYSER '59 AND JACK KEYSER '59



A COPY OF THE *PATERSON EVENING NEWS* CELEBRATES THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CLASS OF 1959



A 1959 CLASS JACKET AND BEANIE ON DISPLAY



THE CLASS OF 1959 GATHERS FOR A GROUP PHOTO. SEE PAGE 34 FOR NAMES

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PETER GRISAFI, M.A. '69, recently retired after forty-one years of teaching in the Bergenfield Public Schools.

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AUGUST DEPREKER, after retiring as superintendent of the Midland Park School District, is now serving as interim superintendent of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District...**IRENE (HOFFENBERG) RESNICK** retired on July 1, 2008 as principal of School No. 9 in Passaic after a forty-year career in education.

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JILL LEWIS recently opened the Nanny's Nest Nursery School at the Church of the Epiphany in Allendale...**GERI STOLZ** was selected as Teacher of the Week for Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Lodi where she has been a science teacher for the past fourteen years.

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RITA BRAUTIGAM, M.S. '80, was recognized as Teacher of the Week for the Carlstadt School District where she serves as a speech-remediation instructor...**ROBERT PETILLO** retired after thirty-two years of teaching. He now presents illustration workshops and teaches at the annual Art Educators of New Jersey Conference.

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PATRICIA FARINA has been appointed interim district director of special programs for the Waldwick School District...**GEORGE MABIN** has joined Shat-R-Shield as vice president of sales and marketing.

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CAPT. DAVID BARBER is the new police chief of Millburn Township...**DENNIS MARCO** was elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association.

19 seventy 6

MARGARET PEGO was appointed to the Board of Trustees of The College of Saint Elizabeth in Morristown...**STEPHEN WELSH**, who previously served as a councilman in Morris Plains Borough, has been appointed administrator for Mine Hill Township.

19 seventy 8

EILEEN HOOPER was recognized as Teacher of the Week for Hackensack High School where she has been teaching three different levels of chemistry for the past sixteen years...**DONNA MOSER** is the director of Randolph Rompers Preschool in Randolph, a position she has held for the past eleven years.

19 seventy 9

YOLETTE ROSS, who previously served as deputy chief of staff to a former New Jersey governor, has been named acting chair of the State of New Jersey Parole Board. She will be the state's first African American woman to lead this agency.

19 eighty 5

MICHAEL KAHN has joined Greater Community Bancorp as assistant vice president and branch manager of Bergen Commercial Bank.

19 eighty 6

ROBERT ROCCO was recently promoted to colonel in the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the Bronze Star medal for his actions in Afghanistan.

19 eighty 7

JO-ANNE MITCHELL has been named president of the Passaic County Board of Realtors...**BRIAN JERRY WOOD**, who has been working with Waste Management for the past six years in operations management positions, is now the company's Western Group safety director supervising territory in the western United States and British Columbia in Canada.

19 eighty 8

RAY SCARPA graduated from the University of Medicine & Dentistry of NJ in May 2008 with a doctorate in nursing. This is the first doctor of nursing program in the state...**FRANK WEBER** was promoted to the position of first senior vice president for Boiling Springs Savings Bank.

19 eighty 9

MARY MURRIN has been recognized as Teacher of the Week for Haskell Elementary School where she has been teaching literature, language, and social studies for the past twenty-five years.

19 ninety

DANIEL LUBINER is an instructor of theater arts classes for children with Asperger's, pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS), and non-verbal learning disorder (NLD). He believes these classes will increase the children's social and communication skills while building their self-confidence...**KAREN YOUNG** joined Burgdorff ERA as a sales associate in the Hillsdale/Woodcliff Lake office.

19 ninety 3

PATRICK A. AMBROSIO has been appointed director of athletics and supervisor of health and physical education at Fort Lee High School. He also married his wife, Marisa, in the summer of 2004, and they now have two children, Alana Rae and Luke Patrick...**JUDIANNE (COLTENBACK) BISCEGLIE** is currently married with one daughter. She is living in Secaucus and is working for an Internet company...**YVONNE RALEY**, an associate professor of philosophy at Felician College, has co-edited a book, *Philosophy of Education in the Era of Globalization*, which will be released this summer.

19 ninety 5

MARY TIRITILLI, M.A. '03, is a tutor at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Florida, and is taking art classes at the Art School of Boca Raton Museum of Art...**MIKE WAINTRAUB** opened a new business, Captain Dry Clean, which is the first toxin-free dry cleaning service in New Jersey.

19 ninety 6

WILLIAM BELLUZZI has joined the Montvale Board of Education as the new district superintendent...**KARINA INFANTE** joined the Ridgewood office of Terrie O'Connor Realtors as a sales associate.

19 ninety 7

ALEX MALINO and **NICOLE (STEFANO) MALINO** have announced the birth of their second child, Brooke Lynn Malino, on January 15, 2008.

19 ninety 8

JEFFREY BITTNER led the Salem County Honors Band at the annual Salem County High School Music Festival...**AGNES FISHER** has written a novella entitled *No Other God: Westie* and she is preparing to write a sequel...**JIM MCMULLAN** has been coaching cheerleading for the past eleven years at Indian Hills High School. Last year he led his squad to win the national title for cheerleading...**DR. JERALD TSEKAS** received his doctorate in education from the University of Florida, and is currently an administrator for the New York City Department of Education.

19 ninety 9

DAMIEN MACIOCI has been appointed the athletic director at West Essex Regional High School.

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CAROLYN GARZONE is working as the assistant dean at Christ Hospital School of Nursing and teaches as an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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DAVE O'NEILL is a graphic designer who recently illustrated the children's book *I Met a Moose in Maine One Day*.

2 thousand 2

VICTOR H. MACUCACHI has received recognition by his firm, the Law Offices of Michael S. Lamonsoff, for outstanding performance as a paralegal. However, he is now hoping to make a career change into the field of education...**DIANE NAUGLE** was named the 2008 All-Daily Record Field Hockey Coach of the Year...**JEFF RADIGAN** is the head coach of the Lyndhurst High School boys basketball team.

2 thousand 3

CORRIGAN LEWIS has, for the past two years, worked as a video game developer for Digital Embryo where he is currently developing Wii video games.

2 thousand 4

SCOTT MCGOWAN has been hired as a police officer for Montville Township.

2 thousand 6

JASON BAUM has joined the Commercial Finance Association as a manager of chapter relations.

2 thousand 7

VERONICA ALCURI is the new music teacher at Village School in Holmdel...**MATT HARTKE** is a national touring artist and played a "Back to My Roots Show" in Montclair where he was joined by friends and other artists. He will also be headlining a thirty-show college tour...**SANDRA QUEST**, who works at Exit Realty Gold Service with her husband, recently won \$10,000 in the MasterCard Business Monthly Sweepstakes.

2 thousand 8

PHIL VEINOTT has decided to return to Vietnam after he had initially visited with his employers' family for two weeks. He is returning in hope to help further develop schools and the educational system for children.



Marrriages

1988

Joyce Lomauro
to Peter Leonard Barlow
August 30, 2008

1993

Michael Nevedomsky
to Elizabeth Carlson
August 29, 2008

1995

Nancy Carol Gabriel
to Jeffrey Alan Di Bernard
September 6, 2008

1999

Gregory Behnke
to **Lauren O'Donnell '07**
September 13, 2008

Jennifer Mocera

to Robert Morris
March 2009

2000

Jessica J. Pres
to Paul E. Natalizio IV
September 13, 2008

Susan Schuler

to Joseph Alfieri
August 8, 2008

2002

Lori Ann Pepe, M.Ed. '08
to Peter Schmatz
August 2007

2003

Jesse Hendrix
to Prescy Danko
September 22, 2007

Alana Huston

to Robert Basile
August 24, 2008

Diane Zisa

to Curt Bose
September 12, 2008

2004

Allen Hiller
to Susan Linden
October 12, 2007

Chrystal McLaughlin

to Robert Curci II
August 29, 2008

2005

Lauren Alles
to William Bonnema
October 18, 2008

Tina Marie Graci

to Jason Calo
July 2009

2006

Samantha Del Ben
to Matthew Decker
August 1, 2008

2007

Jessica Bovee
to Jason Tangney
October 4, 2008

Melissa Carter

to Jason Skei
May 30, 2008

Dana Moakley

to James Payne
November 29, 2008

Abigail Zsenai

to Brian Holden
November 15, 2008

2008

Scheherazade Kardell
to David Frese
June 2008

Raymond Katinsky

to Kimberly Easterhoff
June 2008

Krista Anne Sobiechowski

to Scott Rogalski
August 31, 2008

Radio Station Alums Hold Reunion



WPSC-FM ALUMNI GATHER FOR A REUNION AND A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO MIKE "SPYDER" MCGUIRE '76, THEIR CLASSMATE AND FORMER WPSC DJ, WHO DIED IN MARCH. PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT WERE: *BACK ROW:* TONY TELLADO '77, KEVIN FREEMAN '76, JACKIE ROSE '76, TIM KENNEDY '78, RICH DONZELLA '76, JOHN FAHEY '76, RICH GRALERT '76, JIM SEAMAN, RON MORANO '80, M.A. '81, VINCE FITZGERALD '78, M.A. '84, GEORGE KOODRAY '78, CHERI (JOHNSTONE) YACONO, TOM NUNZIATA '78, STEVE EMBLEY '77; *SECOND ROW:* RUSSTI (CARLSON) MARACLE '77, KATHY MILLAR '81, ROBIN (PAXTON) MANSFIELD '77, RAY FERRERA '76, CAROL TATAR- IAN '76, MARK KOZAKI '79, M.A. '80, MARGE (WALTERS) SELFRIDGE '77, BEN BENCIVENGA '78, M.A. '79, STAN GARBOWSKI '79, DIANE (DLUGOKENCKI) TUCHOLSKI '77, VERONICA JAMES '82, ADELE PENZA '79, M.A. '80, JAN SWEET '80, RANDY FELDMAN '79, SARAH (SCIBETTA) NUNZIATA '82; *SEATED:* DENISE (BERERETON) WOOD '76, GARY YACONO '79, MASSIMO MARINI '76, M.A. '78, BILL KEHLBECK '77, MIKE RHEA, DR. ANTHONY MALTESE, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF COMMUNICATION, ANITA MCGUIRE (MIKE'S MOTHER), SHARON (MCGUIRE) MCANDREW '72, M.A. '80 (MIKE'S SISTER), KERI MC ANDREW (MIKE'S NIECE), KELSEY MCANDREW (MIKE'S NIECE), BRIAN MCANDREW (MIKE'S BROTHER-IN-LAW), AND MARY-KAYE (LANZETTA) DOMBROWSKI '78; *IN THE FRONT, SEATED BY HERSELF:* GAYLE MILLER



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1959 GATHER FOR A GROUP PHOTO: 1. HERB BOTBYL 2. JOHN WOOTTON 3. MARJORIE (SUTTON) KORTEWEG 4. DONALD ROBINSON 5. HENRY LAUFENBERG 6. ARLENE (MCCOY) BAKER 7. PATRICIA (RUANE) KRAUSE 8. THOMAS DALY 9. DIANNE (MORRIS) GREFF 10. MAGDALEN (KLIPPEL) CIRIGNANO 11. MARLENE (MIKLUS) KROEL 12. GRACE (SCHULZ) FAILLACE 13. BEVERLY (PATTERSON) LANG 14. LORRAINE (OSEKOWSKI) WELAND 15. MARJORIE (KOVALYCSIK) LYMAN 16. BARBARA (ZALAREN) KASHTAN 17. RUTH (HASHAGEN) TEL- GHEDER 18. BARBARA (COSTA) TROCANO 19. MADELINE HOLTERHOFF 20. AL GARTH 21. BEVERLEE (NEVARD) SCHWEIGHARDT 22. PATRICIA (FERRO) ROSS 23. MARJORIE (HAFT) LIPSON 24. JACK KEYSER 25. ELAINE (TICOLA) REICH 26. LENA (DEBRULYE) O'CONNOR 27. CHARLES ANZOLUT 28. GAIL (COHEN) NEIMAN 29. PAULINE (DERFUS) NAZZARI 30. SHIRLEY (STAAS) KEYSER 31. DANIEL WARNER 32. DARTH (TUNIS) PIAGET 33. NICOLETTE (GRIFONE) BASTANTE 34. ROSEMARY (VANNATA) LA CONTE 35. MARILYN (CLEENPUT) BERGIN 36. HELEN (WIENKE) MAULT 37. CAROLE RITTENBERG 38. FRANK KIPPEL 39. MARGARET (TARSITANO) HASKO

- '32 EVA ROMANO**
Ormond Beach, FL
March 14, 2008
- '35 LILLIAN (CERRUTI) COZZOLINO**
Oakland, NJ
October 10, 2008
- '43 LILLIAN WENNERHOLM**
Allendale, NJ
August 6, 2008
- '61 DOROTHY (PERKEL) SACKS**
North Hills, NY
October 3, 2008
- '62 GEORGE SMITH JR.**
Peapack, NJ
December 30, 2008
- '64 CARMELA KRUESER**
Totowa, NJ
January 26, 2009
- '70 DORIS (GORMAN) OWINGS, M.ED. '73, M.A. '79**
Southern Plains, NC
December 17, 2008
- '72 ELLA ROSE DOLINSKY**
Berkeley, NJ
January 15, 2009
- CHARLOTTE PANNE**
Bradenton, FL
September 4, 2008
- '73 JUDITH RANGES**
Wood-Ridge, NJ
October 14, 2005
- '74 GILBERT OLIVI**
Piscataway, NJ
January 15, 2009
- '75 SALVADOR MADAMA**
Totowa, NJ
October 14, 2008
- '76 ROBERT (DALLEY) HORN**
Monroe Township, NJ
February 23, 2009
- '78 LORETTA BRADLEY**
Passaic, NJ
November 1, 2008
- '81 CARLIN HEERSCHAP**
Lewes, DE
January 14, 2009
- PATRICIA (RAFF) KESTER, M.ED.**
Brunswick, ME
October 14, 2008
- PATRICIA MASTROMARINO, M.A.**
Wayne, NJ
November 1, 2008
- '82 FRANK LATONA**
Wayne, NJ
November 13, 2008
- '83 MICHAEL KOCHKA**
Clifton, NJ
December 14, 2008
- SHARON LEINKRAM, M.A. '92**
Passaic, NJ
July 15, 2008
- '84 ELAINE MARTINO**
Wayne, NJ
December 23, 2008
- '86 PAMELA STEVENS**
North Haledon, NJ
December 7, 2008
- '90 JOHN CZETERKO, M.ED.**
Rockaway Township, NJ
January 21, 2009
- '93 PERRY WAGNER**
Maywood, NJ
October 2, 2008
- '96 ROBERT BLASSER**
Albrightsville, PA
October 15, 2008
- '00 SHAWN SIMA**
Somerset, NJ
2008
- '06 PARIS MOORE**
Bloomfield, NJ
January 9, 2009

It is with great sadness that the Alumni Association mourns the death of two alumni.

Coleman Mellett '96, a jazz guitarist who was a member of Chuck Mangione's band, was killed in the crash of Continental Airlines Flight 3407 on February 12, 2009, which was en route to Buffalo, New York, where the band was scheduled to perform with the Buffalo Philharmonic. He was thirty-three.

Mellett, who had been playing with Mangione's band for nearly ten years, worked with numerous jazz greats, including Joe Williams, James Spaulding, Frank Wess, Doug Lawrence, Etta Jones, Christian McBride, and others. He also performed in a trio with organist Adam Scone

and drum legend Ben Dixon.

The jazz guitarist distinguished himself during his years at the University; a natural talent, he displayed a deep and passionate commitment to the music. "He was a star student, even in the atmosphere that's William Paterson, where everybody is so strong," says David Demsey, professor of music and coordinator of the Jazz Studies Program. "Coleman was always the picture of confidence."

Mike "Spyder" McGuire '76, a long-time Jersey Shore radio personality, died March 15, 2009. He was fifty-five.

McGuire worked as a deejay at many radio stations on the East coast, including WAYV in Atlantic City, for more than eighteen years. For the last ten years, he was the afternoon host at WJRZ in Manahawkin. An avid Beatles fan who held an extensive collection of Beatles memorabilia, he also hosted the station's weekend "Beatles Brunch."

"I transferred to William Paterson as a junior in 1975. I joined WPSC my second week at school and never looked back," says Kathy Millar '81, a Shadow Traffic reporter for WHUD 100.7 FM, who was among a large group of alumni

who paid tribute to McGuire at a radio station gathering in April. "Mike McGuire was one of the people who not only helped me to figure out my direction in life; his enthusiasm, patience, mentoring, and love of radio rubbed off on me, and led me to make it my life's work as well. He was one of a kind, and I was very fortunate to have reconnected with him a few months before he passed. I will treasure his warmth and his friendship forever."

Another friend, Marge (Walters) Selfridge '77, says, "Spyder and I had been friends since our college days on WPSC radio. He was the veteran deejay

who taught me how to run the board and cue up a record. I survived my first college radio show because of his patience and help."

Mark-Antonio Grant '77 calls McGuire's death "a sobering reminder that all any of us have is the moment. His life is a reflection of the beauty and joy one can celebrate with that moment. His infectious enthusiasm, his passion for life, and his love of the human spirit was so genuine and so natural. When listening to his radio shows, you always knew he was talking to only one listener—YOU."

Alumni Association Executive Council Election Ballot

The Alumni Association Executive Council Nominating Committee has endorsed the following alumni to serve as officers and members for the terms indicated:

At-Large Council Members – Term 2009-2012 (vote for seven)

- Tony Ardis '77
- Kim Campigotto '89
- Debbie Gantert '77
- Rola Hannoush '88
- Chris Mulrine '77, M.A. '84
- Domenick Stampono '94
- Write-in-Candidate _____

Name (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____

Your name will be used by the Alumni Relations Office to authenticate your vote, which will be considered at the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association on October 22, 2009.

Please fax your completed ballot to 973.720.3202 or mail to:
William Paterson University Alumni Association
Allan and Michele Gorab Alumni House
42 Harmon Place
North Haledon, NJ 07508

Deadline for submission is October 12, 2009



ALUMNI SWEETHEARTS MARY ANN (ROSS) COOPER '70 AND GARY COOPER '70
SHARE SPECIAL BOND

Whether they met in a classroom, a residence hall, or in the Student Center, more than 1,300 alumni couples have a special story to tell about meeting their soulmate on the University's campus. In a recent contest on the University's Facebook site, Mary Ann (Ross) Cooper '70 shared this winning entry:

"It was the Ides of March 1969 and all I had on my mind was getting a good grade on a project I was doing for my directing class that I took as part of what was called a speech arts major at Paterson State College. I had two actors in my care acting out a scene from *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and it wasn't going well. It was supposed to be a scene where an older woman (Martha) puts her arms around the younger man (Nick) and tries to seduce him. The only problem was that the scene seemed almost robotic.

In desperation, I looked to the small audience of students watching this obvious train wreck and asked a rhetorical question that changed my life. I said, 'Doesn't anyone understand what I'm trying to do here?' A young man I had never seen before stepped out from the shadows. He came up on stage grinning from ear to ear. I thought, 'Okay, let's see if he gets this.' I said, 'What would you do if I put my arms around you?' He needed no further encouragement. All of a sudden he swept me into his arms and started

kissing the living daylights out of me. Everyone in the room started clapping and yelling. I was too stunned to be mortified. Then, just as quickly, he was gone.

A day later he tracked me down again and said, 'Let's get married.' I asked, 'Are you on drugs?' (It was the '60s, after all.) He assured me he wasn't. He explained the minute he kissed me he knew he wanted to marry me. I said, 'How can I marry you? I don't even know your name.' That's when he said, 'My name is Gary Cooper.' I was sure he was putting me on and I wasn't amused. 'Right, and I'm Grace Kelly.' He had to show me his driver's license before I'd believe him.

Well, six proposals and four years later, I finally said yes. Gary Cooper married Mary Ann Ross (not Grace Kelly) in 1973. Gary says his only regret is that we didn't get married sooner. Looking back now on the wonderful life we've shared – including the birth of our daughter, Meredith (a William Paterson B.A. and M.A. graduate, by the way), I have to agree."

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUR GUIDE TO CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY



LIZ MITCHELL



AFRICAN ART

ART BEN SHAHN GALLERIES

Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free.
For further information, call the galleries at 973.720.2654

September 14-October 16, 2009 Court Gallery: Annual Art Faculty Exhibit—Works of Art in All Media; South Gallery: Paterson: The City as Metaphor; East Gallery: Alaine Becker—The Way Things Are

October 26-November 23, 2009 South Gallery: Liz Mitchell—Musings, a Multimedia Installation

October 26, 2009-March 26, 2010 Court Gallery: Objects of Power—Selections from the Joan and Gordon Tobias Collection of African Art

October 26, 2009-Spring Break 2010 East Gallery: Collection in Progress

MUSIC

VISTAS SERIES Shea Center,
973.720.2371 for tickets and
information



CLUB SWING

October 3, 2009 Five By Design in *Club Swing*

October 10, 2009 Los Lonely Boys and Alejandro Escovedo

December 6, 2009 Cherish the Ladies, "Celtic Christmas"

February 6, 2010 The Dixie Hummingbirds

JAZZ ROOM SERIES Shea Center, 4:00 p.m.; "Sittin' In" pre-concert lecture, 3:00 p.m., Shea 101, 973.720.2371 for tickets and information

October 4, 2009 Mulgrew Miller and Friends

October 11, 2009 Bassist Ben Allison

October 18, 2009 Carl Allen and Rodney Whitaker

October 23, 2009 Paul Meyers: World on a String Quintet

November 1, 2009 Vocalist Carrie Jackson

November 8, 2009 Saxophonist/Flutist Frank Wess

THEATRE

FAMILY SCENE SERIES,
Shea Center, 973.720.2371 for tickets and
information

November 22, 2009 *Little Red Riding Hood*

December 13, 2009 *The Elves and the Shoemaker*

February 20, 2010 *Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type*

March 6, 2010 *Peter and the Wolf*

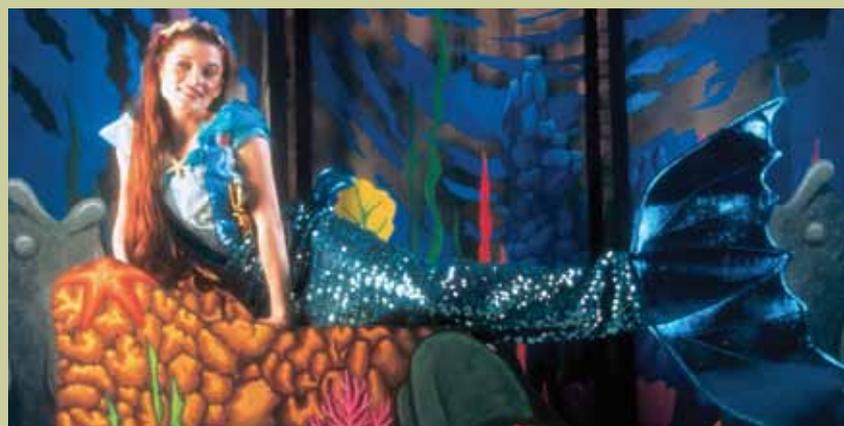
March 27, 2010 *The Little Mermaid*

April 24, 2010 *Bradley Fields: Out of Thin Air*

April 25, 2010 *The Amazing Adventures of Peter Rabbit*



LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



THE LITTLE MERMAID

ALUMNI EVENTS

September 12, 2009 Young Alumni Chapter End-of-Summer Bash, 2:00-8:00 p.m., Joe Pop's, 2002 Long Beach Boulevard, Ship Bottom

September 22, 2009 Alumni Career Networking Event, 6:00 p.m., The Villa, 90 Route 46 East, Mountain Lakes

September 30, 2009 Pioneer Society Induction Ceremony, noon, University Commons

October 17, 2009 2009 Homecoming, featuring Homecoming Carnival, 12:30-3:30 p.m., Zanfino Plaza; Pioneer Volleyball Team vs. New York City Tech, noon, Rec Center; Women's Soccer vs. The College of New Jersey, noon, Pioneer Soccer Park; Pioneer Football Team vs. The College of New Jersey, 4:00 p.m., Wightman Field; Various reunions, TBA, University Commons

October 18, 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 11:30 a.m., University Commons

October 22, 2009 Alumni Association Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m., University Commons

Visit the Alumni Web site at www.wpunj.edu/alumni for further details and online registration. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 973.720.2175.



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President Speert Retires

