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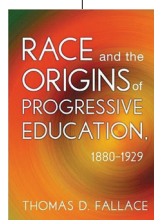
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Can't wait to be a part of this amazing university #wpunj

@MeiLi_22

I love the fact that there's always something going on at my school. #wpunj

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An incredible day at my alma mater @wpunj_edu & @WP_TV6 Smart talented & energetic students & staff! Thanks to all!

Katie Stetser @katiestetser

How appropriate that the sky is orange above Willy P

Warren Sandmann @ProvostWPU

Just an absolutely beautiful early fall afternoon at William Paterson #wpunj

Star @Typically_Nera

College is by far the best thing that happened to me

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Richard L. Smith I always adored the campus. When I was a student, I couldn't wait for the fall to arrive. Without question an awesome looking campus.

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Jennifer Slicks I walked over that bridge a million times. I met my husband in Hobart Hall in 1999. Omg! 😊



Paul Holt I remember walking over that bridge so many times as a Communications major... Class of '86



Steff Hopson Awesome - that's why I chose it...



Laura Trinkle Loved living on campus especially during the fall.

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Dear Friends

Faculty and staff continue to create valuable experiences for students beyond our campus that allow them to demonstrate their academic knowledge in their disciplines and test their skills against their peers. Their success also adds to our institutional pride and visibility.

In just the first two months of the fall 2015 semester, our students have gained attention on the national and regional levels:

- Three communication majors were invited to the White House to interview top Obama administration officials on college affordability and other topics. Students Joel Carasquillo, Michelle Martinez, and Eric Dargis, all members of the University's radio station staff, were accompanied by Rob Quicke, professor of communication.
- Eleven MBA students were chosen to meet billionaire investor Warren Buffett, CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, at his corporate offices in Nebraska later this month, along with students from eight other invited universities across the country. This is the second time William Paterson students have had this wonderful opportunity, thanks to our alumna and adjunct professor Susan Lisovicz '78, a former CNN business reporter.
- Four students received Outstanding Poster Presentation Awards at the 7th Annual Garden State-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (GS-LSAMP) STEM Research Conference held at Rutgers University: Stephanie Costa, Erin Connor, and Eugene Dennis, biology majors, and Erica Wu, a nursing major.
- Our student team of Julian Perez, Camila Mills-Lamptey, Kristen Napoli, and Vincent Stark, all financial planning majors, won first prize in the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators 2015 Annual Conference Retirement Quiz Bowl.
- Anthony Radice, a financial planning major, received a \$5,000 TD Ameritrade NextGen Scholarship, one of only 14 recipients from across the country.



STEM poster winners Stephanie Costa, Eugene Dennis, and Erica Wu

We look forward to many more such accomplishments and opportunities throughout the academic year.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Waldron
President

WPD Newsbeats

\$2 Million U.S. Department of Education Grant Supports Development of Leaders for Urban Schools

A nearly \$2 million Turnaround School Leaders Program Grant to the University from the U.S. Department of Education will support the development of leadership programs at four public schools in Paterson and, in cooperation with Kean University, at several schools in Plainfield.

William Paterson will establish the Turnaround Partnerships-New Jersey project in collaboration with School 6, School 10, School 13, and School 28 in Paterson as well as the district leadership of Paterson Public Schools; Kean University and the Charles H. Stillman School and the Hubbard School in Plainfield and the district leadership of Plainfield Public Schools; the Paterson Education Fund; and the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network.

"I am very pleased that the U.S. Department of Education recognizes the leadership position of the College of Education at our University in developing principals and teachers in urban school districts," says President Kathleen Waldron.

The grant supports graduate coursework for participating Paterson and Plainfield public school district teachers as well as provides funding for embedded professors and leaders in residence in these schools. The funds will also provide professional development for 56 principals, assistant principals, and teacher leaders, as well as scholarships for 20 district educators seeking to earn master's degrees.





Professor Angela DeLaura with Stefanie Fischer

ART STUDENTS DESIGN CAMPAIGN FOR CLIFTON FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



Vivian Semeraro '60 with students (l. to r.) Ashley Green, Ashley Wirsing, and Stefanie Fischer

When Vivian Semeraro '60 needed branded materials to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Friends of the Clifton Public Library, which she serves as president, she thought of Professor Angela DeLaura and her graphic design students.

DeLaura's Visual Communications Laboratory, an intensive three-week course she teaches every summer session, provides graphic design majors with the opportunity to work on a project for a real client.

"It is usually a small class, so it provides a chance for the students to be really focused," says DeLaura. "I structure it so that it really mimics the work environment and what it's like to work with a client who has

specific needs and wants."

The five students—Ashley Green, Ashley Wirsing, Stefanie Fischer, Katie Cousins, and David Kinney—met with Semeraro several times to discuss the project. The result was an entire package of materials, ranging from letterhead and membership forms to fundraising appeals, posters, bookmarks, and pamphlets, all of which have been on display in both Clifton's Main Library and its Allwood branch.

"It has been such a wonderful experience to work with these students who were so professional and creative," says Semeraro. "It was an honor as an alumna to be able to provide these students with a hands-on opportunity."

ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDENTS

Students David Blauvelt '16 and Lisa Albertini '16, the creators of HexaComb Shelving, a hexagon-shaped modular shelving system, won first prize in William Paterson University's fourth annual Business Concept Competition.

Blauvelt and Albertini won the top prize of \$1,200 in the contest. They recently raised more than \$10,000 through a Kickstarter campaign to fund their product, which is made of all-natural materials.

➤ For more, see hexacombshelving.com



Pianist Bill Charlap Named Director of Jazz Studies

Bill Charlap, the internationally acclaimed jazz pianist, has been appointed director of the Jazz Studies Program. He is the fifth world-renowned musician to lead the program, which was founded in 1973. Charlap succeeds the preeminent pianist Mulgrew Miller, who died in May 2013.

Considered one of the world's premier jazz pianists, Charlap has performed with many leading artists, including Phil Woods, Gerry Mulligan, Wynton Marsalis, and Tony Bennett, with whom he collaborated on the just-released CD, *The Silver Lining: The Songs of Jerome Kern*. He is known for his interpretations of American popular songs and has recorded albums featuring the music of Hoagy Carmichael, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin.

In 1997, he formed the Bill Charlap Trio with bassist Peter Washington and drummer Kenny Washington, which is now recognized as one of the leading groups in jazz.

Charlap has received two Grammy Award nominations: for *Somewhere: The Songs of Leonard Bernstein* and *The Bill Charlap Trio: Live at the Village Vanguard*. A Blue Note Records recording artist from 2000 to 2010, Charlap was pianist and musical director for The Blue Note 7, an all-star jazz septet celebrating the legacy of Blue Note Records on its 70th

anniversary. Charlap, who now records for Impulse!, is artistic director of New York City's Jazz in July Festival at the 92nd Street Y and has produced several concerts for Jazz at Lincoln Center. He is married to renowned jazz pianist Renee Rosnes, with whom he often collaborates in a duo piano setting.

"I am honored to join the distinguished faculty of William Paterson University as director of jazz studies," says Charlap. "The Jazz Program at William Paterson is recognized throughout the world as one of the finest learning institutions for the evolving professional musician, and I look forward to continuing and expanding on this illustrious legacy. It is my goal to guide the students towards developing a complete command of their instruments and the tools of improvisation, a comprehensive understanding of the music's history, and ultimately to help them on the road to achieving their own personal vision."





PEDESTRIANS CROSSING INTERSECTIONS SERIOUSLY DISTRACTED BY ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Corey Basch, assistant professor, public health, studied more than 21,000 pedestrians at five dangerous and busy Manhattan intersections and discovered that nearly half crossing on a "DON'T WALK" signal and nearly one-third of pedestrians crossing on a "WALK" signal were wearing headphones, talking on a mobile phone, and/or looking down at an electronic device. "It's clearly a public health concern given that these intersections are incredibly busy and have been singled out as being dangerous," said Basch, whose research was published in *The Journal of Community Health*.



BUSINESS STUDENTS NETWORK AT "BOOT CAMP"

More than 40 Cotsakos College of Business students had an opportunity to network with professionals in the insurance, financial services, and banking industries thanks to a one-week August "boot camp" conceived by Dean Siamack Shojai.

The Crux of Industry Niche (COIN) Boot Camp brought 14 professionals—including seven alumni—to campus to talk about the everyday realities of the workplace in their respective fields.

Shojai says it is critical for today's business students to grasp the realities of the industries they aspire to. "We are seeking new and innovative ways to make sure what we teach is relevant," he told *NJBIZ*. "We really think that in order to offer an excellent business education, we have to bring professionals to classrooms, forums, and boot camps like this."

Chinese Administrators Learn Best Practices

Deans and faculty members from Hunan First Normal University in China spent a week on campus recently learning about best practices in managing student and academic affairs. The program included sessions in higher education administration, faculty assessment, and utilizing technology in the classroom, all taught by faculty and staff in the University's Cotsakos College of Business and the Division of Student Development.



President Kathleen Waldron (center) with (from left) Siamack Shojai, dean, Cotsakos College of Business; Aliyah Xu, associate director, China initiatives; Warren Sandmann, provost; and Zhimin Liu, vice president, Hunan First Normal University

EDWARD OWUSU-ANSAH NAMED DEAN OF CHENG LIBRARY



Edward Owusu-Ansah has joined the University as dean of the David and Lorraine Cheng Library. He most recently served as dean of library and university collections and interim dean of the Graduate College at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. During his tenure at East Stroudsburg, Owusu-Ansah was responsible for planning, budgeting, and

allocations for the library and he was heavily involved in the strategic planning efforts of the university. Previously, he served as chief librarian and chair of the Robert J. Kibbie Library at Kingsborough Community College, and held appointments at Queens College and the College of Staten Island in the CUNY system.

Originally from Africa, Owusu-Ansah earned his MLS degree from Queens College, and holds an MA and a PhD in sociology as well as an MA in library studies from Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary.



TALK SHOW WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

***The Roundabout*, a student-produced television talk show, was the recipient of a 2015 Gracie Award, presented by the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation. *The Roundabout* is one of 68 local, public, and student radio and television award winners that were honored at an industry luncheon hosted by NBC's Tamron Hall at the Hilton in New York City. *The Roundabout* was the only New Jersey student-produced television show to be honored.**



Above: NBC's Tamron Hall with winners Gina Suarez '15 and Emily Schneidman '15

NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING TO OPEN IN JANUARY 2016

University Hall, William Paterson's new academic building, will open in January for the start of the spring 2016 semester, six months ahead of schedule. The \$40 million facility, partially funded by the state's Building Our Future Bond Act, includes general-use classrooms as well as specialized classrooms and clinical spaces for nursing, communication disorders, and public health.

The earlier opening "results from excellent and collaborative work by the general contractor and the University's Capital Planning Department, headed by Rick Stomber," says Stephen Bolyai, vice president for administration and finance. Once the new building is occupied, the University will begin much-needed renovations on the Hunziker Wing and Hunziker Hall academic buildings on the main campus, with completion of both buildings scheduled for fall 2018.



Music Students Study Abroad in India

Five William Paterson music students explored the Hindustani vocal technique known as dhrupad during a month-long study abroad trip to India this past August. The students were led by Payton MacDonald, a composer, percussionist, and associate professor of music, who spent the 2013-14 academic year studying the ancient vocal technique as a Fulbright Scholar.



Alec Goldfarb and Priscilla Cordero buy vegetables at an Indian market



Professor Payton MacDonald (fourth from left) with students (left to right) Priscilla Cordero, Meg Roy, Christopher Mason, Alec Goldfarb, and Brielle Liebman

The students—Christopher Mason, Alec Goldfarb, Megan Roy, Priscilla Cordero, and Brielle Liebman—studied with the renowned Gundecha brothers, who specialize in dhrupad, at their Gurukul, or school, in Bhopal, India. The first William Paterson music students to study abroad in India, they spent their days dedicated to practicing this ancient style of Hindustani classical music which has

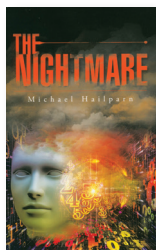
survived until today in its original form.

"It was a total immersion experience for the students, the real traditional way of learning classical Indian music," says MacDonald, describing a schedule that began with group practice sessions at 5:30 a.m. followed by classes, individual practice, concerts, and more practicing. But the students also had an opportunity to explore the local culture, sample

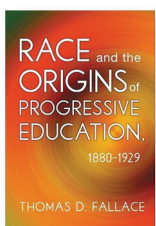
all kinds of Indian food, and visit temples and other architectural sites. Most of all, says MacDonald, "they were able to experience the open hearts and kind souls of the Indian people here at the Gurukul, and got to hang out with Indian students their own age. It was the best."



Latest Books from Faculty Authors

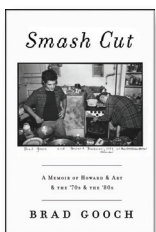


In The Nightmare (AuthorHouse), a new mystery by Michael Hailparn, professor emeritus of philosophy, two detectives seek to find a brutal serial killer. The twist? Their suspect has an airtight alibi: he was home asleep having a nightmare. Hailparn, who has written numerous articles on philosophy and psychotherapy, strives to incorporate these themes in writing detective novels.



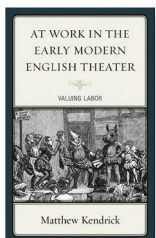
Race and the Origins of Progressive Education, 1880-1929 (Teachers College Press) by Thomas Fallace, associate professor, secondary and middle school education, traces the history of the theory of recapitulation, which posited that the development of the individual retraced the development of the human race, and depicted people of color as inferior. His

book is the first major study to trace the racial worldviews of key progressive thinkers, such as Colonel Francis W. Parker, John Dewey, Charles Judd, William Bagley, and many others.



Smash Cut (Harper), the new book by Brad Gooch, professor of English, is a memoir about life in 1980s New York City and focuses on his relationship with film director Howard Brookner, who falls ill with the mysterious illness that became known as AIDS. The book, the subject of a prominent feature in *The New York Times*, was named a Best Book of the Month:

Biographies and Memoirs by Amazon.com.



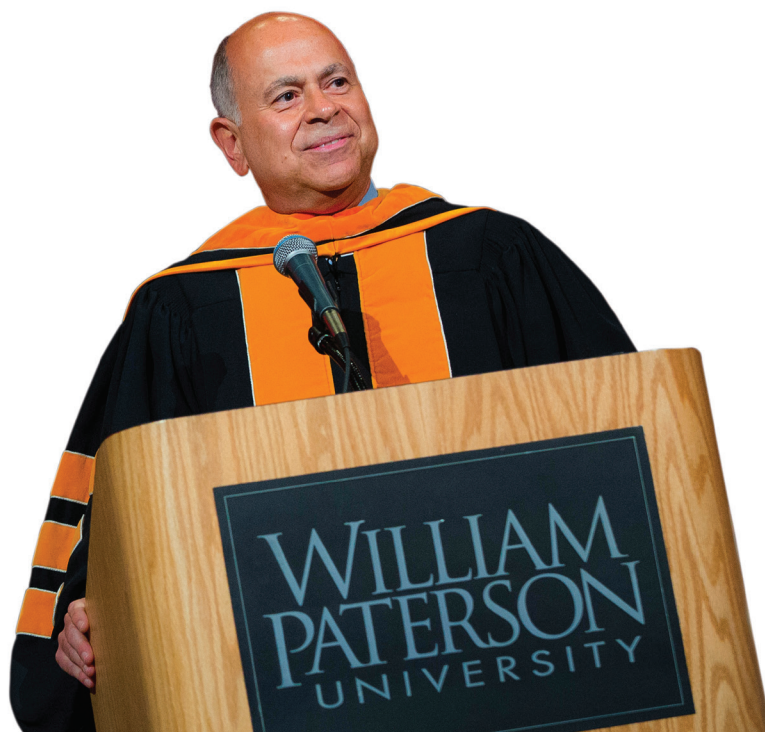
Matthew Kendrick, assistant professor of English, explores the economics of the theater in *At Work in the Early Modern English Theater: Valuing Labor* (Fairleigh Dickinson University Press). Kendrick examines how the stage offered a space in which to negotiate the value and meaning of labor in an increasingly exploitative society in 16th and 17th century England.

WILLIAM PESCE '73 ENCOURAGES GRADS: "LIVE THE LIFE YOU'VE IMAGINED"

William Pesce, the retired president and CEO of John Wiley & Sons, Inc., and a 1973 graduate of William Paterson, told the nearly 2,600 graduates who earned degrees at the University's 2015 Commencement ceremony on May 13 to "live the life you've imagined."

Pesce, the son of a plumber and the first in his family to graduate from college, shared his personal journey with the graduates who filled the Prudential Center in Newark. "Education changes lives," said Pesce, who noted how he worked his way through school and wondered whether he belonged in college. "It changed my life. It will continue to change your lives. This is our story. And this is your time."

"Today, we stand on the rock-solid foundation built by our ancestors," he continued. "They transformed dreams into reality through hard work and strong values, not entitlement. As a result of their perseverance and yours, we share the privilege of being college graduates."



The William Paterson University Foundation netted more than \$230,000 in support of scholarships at the 25th annual Legacy Award Gala, a record-setting total for the event. President Kathleen Waldron (second from left) celebrated with honorees (from left) Barron Wall, accepting on behalf of ICA Risk Management; Michael Allen Seeve, president, Mountain Development Corp. and member, University Board of Trustees; and alumni Nancy (nee Levenstein) Salvini '72 and Emil Salvini '71.



University officials gather earlier this semester with the first students selected as Taub Scholars

Taub Foundation Pledges \$1 Million for Scholarships

The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation has awarded \$1 million to the University to establish the Henry Taub Scholars Program. The donation marks the largest single gift specifically for scholarships in William Paterson University history.

The award will provide \$250,000 per year for four years for scholarships covering tuition and fees for students with financial need, providing critical support for between 30 and 50 students. The first scholarships have been awarded to members of the incoming fall 2015 freshman class. This donation continues University efforts focused on raising funds for student scholarships and brings annual scholarship awards through the University Foundation to more than \$1.1 million this year.

"This is truly a transformative grant for our students," says President Kathleen Waldron. "We recognize that paying for college is a major burden for many of our students and their families, who rely on state and federal support, loans, savings, and full- or part-time jobs to pay for their education. This grant means that these students will not need to take on debt to pay for their tuition. We are most grateful to the Taub Foundation and members of the Taub family for this very generous gift in support of our students and for demonstrating their confidence in the quality of a William Paterson University education."



NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The University continues to expand its academic offerings for students. At the undergraduate level, a new bachelor of science in computer information technology was approved, with the major scheduled to be implemented in spring 2016. New multidisciplinary minors also were approved in American studies, Italian and Italian American studies, public policy and administration, religious studies, Spanish for the professions, and world literature.



Marie Louise McCarthy '44

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED IN MEMORY OF MARIE LOUISE MCCARTHY '44

Joan T. Hall has established a \$200,000 endowed scholarship in memory of her sister, Marie Louise McCarthy '44. The scholarship(s) will be awarded to students who are enrolled full time at William Paterson, maintain a 3.0 GPA, remain on track to graduate in four years, and demonstrate financial hardship. Preference will be given but not limited to students from Garfield High School, where Mrs. McCarthy taught for 40 years.

Sociology Professor Vince Parrillo Films New Documentary

Paterson and Its People, a new documentary by University sociology professor Vincent Parrillo, explores the city's changing demographics from its pre-history as the locale of the Lenape Indians to its present-day diversity. The documentary, screened on campus on September 30, also aired on NJTV.

Paterson at the intersection of Main Street, Broadway, and West Broadway, circa 1890



In spanning the centuries, the documentary features the diversity of ethnic and racial groups that have populated Paterson, beginning thousands of years ago when native Lenape Indians populated the area and continuing on through early English and French immigrants to more recent Hispanic, Arab, and Muslim populations. The film highlights some of Paterson's famous residents and visitors, but focuses mainly on the ordinary people who lived and worked in the city and contributed to its social fabric. Through interviews, historic photos, and on-location footage throughout the city, the story of Paterson's evolution through demographic changes comes alive.

Parrillo served as author, narrator, and co-producer; Jaroslaw Ziaja, with whom Parrillo produced *Gaetano Federici: The Sculptor Laureate of Paterson* (2013), served as co-producer and editor. Rhoderick Holliday, video production coordinator, Instruction and Research Technology, at William Paterson, served as associate producer. Edward Smyk, the Passaic County historian, was a consultant. The documentary was produced with support from the William Paterson University Alumni Association.





Ruth Maher, anthropology, led students on an archaeological dig in Scotland's Orkney Islands



Michael Principe, political science, and students explored comparative politics in Cambridge, England



Professor Carol Frierson-Campbell, music, and several alumni, brought music to Palestine



Peter Griswold, special education and counseling, led students to Windesheim's Honours College in the Netherlands



Professor Zhiyuan Cong, art, and students focused on art in China

WILLIAM PATERSON AROUND THE WORLD

Dozens of students and faculty spent the summer of 2015 gaining an international perspective as part of their education.



CAMPUS RECOGNIZED FOR PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

William Paterson has earned Bronze Level Recognition from the Exercise is Medicine on Campus Program, an initiative calling on colleges and universities to promote physical activity as a vital sign of health. The program is part of a nationwide initiative coordinated by the American College of

Sports Medicine in collaboration with the American Medical Association.

The University's Kinesiology Club took the lead in seeking the recognition, launching a number of activities on campus, including a six-week Pioneer Walking Challenge at Homecoming 2014, educational

sessions regarding diet and strength and conditioning, sports activities such as yoga, basketball, volleyball, and Zumba, and collaborations with the Department of Nursing and other clubs during National Heart Month.

"Faculty, staff, and students were very receptive to learning about a

variety of options to improve their overall health through physical activity," says Toni LaSala, assistant professor of public health and coordinator of the Exercise is Medicine program on campus. "We're looking forward to continuing our mission this academic year."

University Awarded \$1 Million from National Science Foundation to Recruit Math and Science Majors

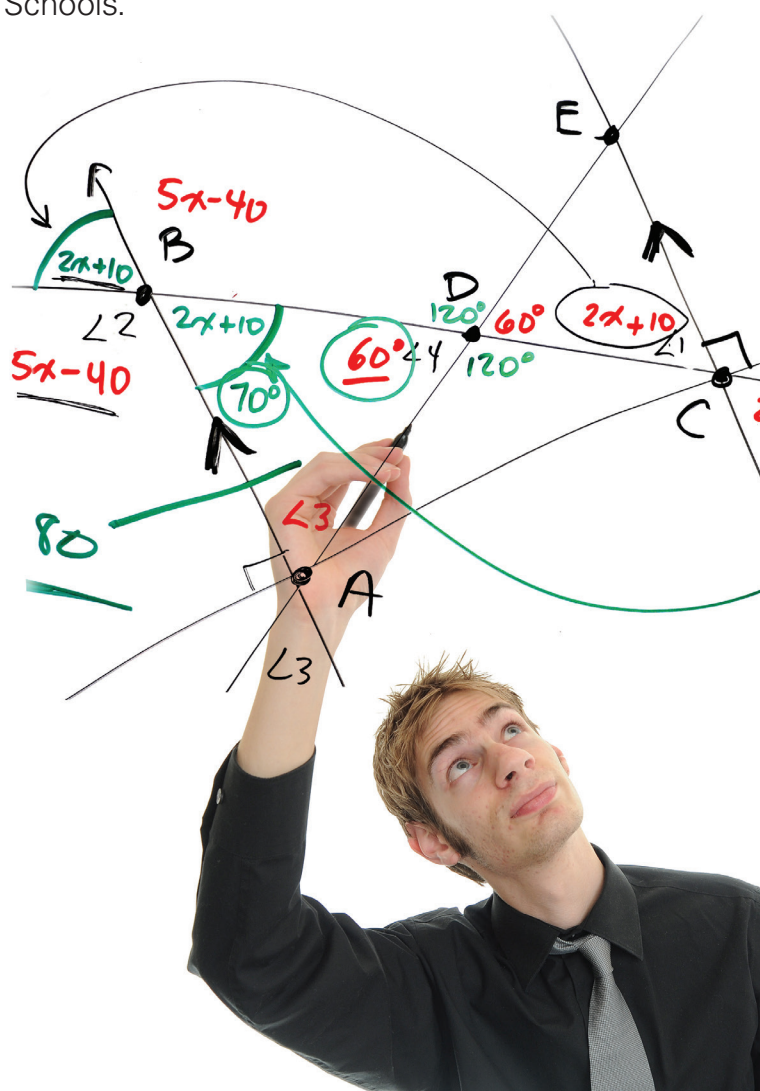
A five-year, \$1,049,996 grant from the National Science Foundation will fund a University project focused on recruiting and training undergraduate science and math majors to teach in high-need school districts. The University will collaborate on the grant project with Mercer County Community College and the Paterson Public Schools.

The Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program seeks to encourage talented undergraduate science and mathematics majors 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 who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts.

"I am proud that the National Science Foundation has chosen William Paterson University for this prestigious grant, which builds on our long-standing partnerships and success in preparing teachers in the STEM disciplines as well as teachers for urban schools," says President Kathleen Waldron. "We are also delighted to expand our partnership with

Mercer County Community College as we collaborate to seek additional STEM majors who wish to become teachers."

With this grant award, William Paterson intends to recruit at least 24 undergraduate science and mathematics majors into K-12 teaching. The project, a joint initiative of the University's College of Education and College of Science and Health, will be led by Djanna Hill, professor of secondary and middle school education, and Jyoti Champanerkar, associate professor of mathematics. Students selected for the program are eligible for scholarships, summer internships, tutoring, and/or teaching assistantships and are provided with mentoring opportunities. The University will collaborate with the Paterson Public Schools to provide student teaching and practicum placements.





NURSING PROFESSOR HONORED

Brenda Marshall, associate professor of nursing, was recently honored with two awards. She received the 2015 ISPN SERPN Jeanette Chamberlain Award, presented to a psychiatric nurse who has contributed to the field through public service, administration, development of healthcare policy, and other service activities. Marshall was also named a fellow of the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education; she is one of just 216 nurse educators across the country who hold this distinguished honor. Marshall, who coordinates the University's doctor of nursing practice program, is a psychiatric advanced practice nurse.

UNIVERSITY APPLIES FOR FIRST PATENT



William Paterson has submitted its first provisional patent application for Emmanuel Onaivi, professor of biology. Guided by legal counsel, the University worked with Onaivi and his external research partner to submit this application, the first step in a series that will lead to a patent for the creation of a new mouse model for studying substance abuse and other conditions. A highly respected scholar, Onaivi recently spent a year

at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia, where he lectured and conducted research as a Fulbright Scholar. His work is currently funded by a three-year, \$350,000 grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health.

LIBRARIAN HONORED FOR SERVICE

Richard Kearney, the electronic resources librarian in the Cheng Library, received the 2015 Library Service Award from the New Jersey Library Association. Known as a tireless advocate for libraries, Kearney was honored for his efforts to advance interlibrary cooperation throughout the state, as well as his advocacy for the expansion of services to libraries and patrons alike. Kearney has been a member of the campus community since 2000.

In Memoriam

IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE MOURN THE PASSING OF A MEMBER OF THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY...



Mary E. Patrick, former professor of nursing, died March 7, 2015. She was 75. Patrick, who joined the faculty in 1983, served for 28 years before her retirement in 2011. She held nursing positions as Paterson General Hospital, Barnert Memorial Hospital

Center in Paterson, and Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital in Morris Plains. She held a doctorate in education from Teacher's College, Columbia University.



On the Forefront of Climate Change Research and Education

By Mary Beth Zeman

Professor Nicole Davi demonstrates tree core sampling with a class on campus

On a sunny morning, environmental science assistant professor Nicole Davi leads the students in her Hydrogeology class across campus and up the steep steps to a wooded area adjacent to the Pioneer and Hillside student residence halls.

Davi stops by a chestnut oak at the edge of the woods, and takes out an increment borer, a special tool used by foresters, researchers, and scientists that will allow her to extract a section of the tree's core with relatively minor damage to the tree itself. After demonstrating how to use the tool, she encourages the

students to take a turn using the very research instrument an environmental scientist might use in the field.

What can a tree's core sample tell us? A tree records information in its annual rings about the environmental conditions in which the tree lives, providing crucial data about precipitation, temperature, and other climate-based phenomena. For Davi, who also holds a position as an adjunct associate research scientist at the Tree-Ring Lab at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University, the core samples extracted using this seemingly simple yet sophisticated tool

have been the basis for a large body of research focused on understanding the Earth's climate.

That hands-on approach to learning is a hallmark of the University's environmental science department, which has imbedded field and laboratory experiences in every course the department offers.

"A lot of students haven't had much hands-on experience before they arrive on our campus," says Davi. "We want to get them excited."

Their approach is paying off. The number of students choosing to major in the department's degree programs—



A close-up view shows visible narrow and wide rings from Siberian Larch samples from Mongolia, where Davi has conducted research

A COMMITMENT TO BEING GREEN

William Paterson's dedication to sustainability, which extends back more than a decade, was reaffirmed as part of the University's Strategic Plan 2012-22, which noted the institution's determination to become a "green" campus by substantially increasing recycling and energy efficiency programs.

The University's "Green Team," comprised of a group of concerned faculty, administrators, staff, and students, continues to make recommendations that are charting the direction for ongoing sustainability efforts. Recent energy conservation initiatives include the installation of filtered water fountains in the University Commons and the residence halls for students who wish to fill water bottles, leading to less use of plastic water bottles. The University is also working to reduce the use of non-recyclable items, including sending food waste out for composting instead of discarding it as trash.

The Pioneer Parking Garage, which opened in September 2014, garnered a Green Design Award from the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders for its energy-efficient LED lighting technology. Similarly, University Hall, the new academic building currently under construction, is being designed for efficiency, and will include a "green roof" that will be planted with grass. The University plans to seek LEED Gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council once the building is completed.

Five charging stations for electric vehicles are now available in Parking Lot 4 through a program administered by Public Service Electric & Gas. The charging stations provide free electricity in these dedicated parking spaces for electric vehicles operated by University faculty, staff, and students.

The University continues to pursue opportunities to enlarge its nationally recognized solar panel installation by expanding to additional locations on suitable building roofs on campus. The installation continues to rank as one of the 10 largest on the campus of a four-year college or university in the United States.



earth science, environmental science, and environmental sustainability, which was launched in 2012—have increased more than 40 percent since 2010 and currently number about 120 students. And the job outlook for environmental scientists and specialists, which range from field researchers to public policy advisors on climate science issues, is positive, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, with employment expected to grow 15 percent over the decade from 2012 to 2022, faster than the average for all occupations.

Among the attributes that set William Paterson's graduates apart as they start

to seek employment in the field is the program's unique combination of hands-on learning in coursework, a required internship or field experience, and a senior practicum in which senior students participate in a common practical project that simulates the working conditions of a professional consulting team.

But even more critical are the opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in original field or laboratory research with the department's active climate research faculty, who are engaged in cutting-edge research on the regional, national, and international



STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Danielle Nichols '15 originally came to William Paterson as an art history major, but after taking an environmental science course her freshman year to fulfill a science requirement, she realized she had found her passion. "I just fell in love with the subject," she says.

Encouraged by the faculty, Nichols became involved in the department's partnership with the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park helping to develop curriculum for local students and visitors. "This is an important collaboration for our students because the time students spend on the project is considered as time working for the National Park Service (NPS), which provides them with a leg up when seeking internships or employment," explains Nicole Davi, assistant professor of environmental science.

Nichols used her experience as a springboard to apply for additional NPS opportunities. She was accepted to participate in the Student Conservation Corps National Park Service Academy New York Harbor Orientation, an internship program designed to foster diversity within the NPS. The program led to a summer 2014 internship conducting cave tours at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. This past summer, Nichols worked as a visitor use assistant at Cape Cod National Seashore in Massachusetts. Nichols, who is currently taking a year to teach English in Japan, plans to study environmental law and then pursue a career in the Park Service.

Three other William Paterson students were able to land Park Service positions this past summer. Evan Gerry '15, who interned at Great Smoky Mountain National Park in 2014, interned as a trail crew member at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. Aimee Aquino '16 was a biological intern at Cape Lookout National Seashore, while Jessica Geary '17 served as an interpretive ranger at Jewel Cave National Monument in South Dakota.

Above: Danielle Nichols '15 with George Price '73, superintendent of Cape Cod National Seashore

levels, and whose projects span a timeline from millions of years ago to hundreds of years ago.

"We want our students to work on original research—collect fossils in the field, run fancy instrumentation in the lab," says Martin Becker, professor of environmental science. "These are the types of opportunities that are so essential to undergraduate education."

Davi concurs. "We want them to have a first-hand experience asking scientific questions or generating data," she adds. "It helps the students build the basics for jobs, which is very important."

Becker's principal research is focused on fossil shark teeth found in locations hundreds of miles from the shoreline. "The sea level has changed drastically over time," he explains. "We use fossil shark teeth as an indicator to study ancient climate." Becker has traveled across the United States to inland areas from Arkansas to South Dakota and Utah to collect fossils, which allow researchers to develop climate timelines from millions of years ago.

Closer to home, Becker has gathered fossils right in the University's own backyard on the 1,800-acre High Mountain Park Preserve that borders the campus and provides a significant field site. Known as glacial erratics, fossils contained in these boulders represent early sea creatures that lived near Albany, New York and were transported more than 100 miles to our area during the last glaciation. "The facts are undeniable that the climate has changed," says Becker. "What

we are trying to get a handle on is the rate of change."

Assistant professor Mick Griffiths travels to caves in remote mountains in Laos, Indonesia, and other countries in Southeast Asia in order to better understand the role of the tropics in global climate change over the past 100,000 years. Griffiths collects samples of the stalagmites that develop in caves and analyzes the geochemistry, in particular isotopes of oxygen and carbon, to gain a better understanding of the nature and causes of rainfall variability in the past. This information is critical to reducing the uncertainty of future projections of monsoon variability, especially in light of an ever-warming planet.

"Because the stalagmites in this region possess the extraordinary ability to preserve the chemistry of the above-cave rainfall, they present us with a natural rain gauge with which to look into the Earth's past," Griffiths says of his work, which is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation in collaboration with Kathleen Johnson from University of California-Irvine. "Indonesia is one of the most populous countries and they rely on the monsoon season for agriculture. If we can improve our understanding of the factors that influence the monsoon climate, we can reduce the uncertainty in climate model simulations, which are used to predict future changes in temperature and rainfall variability."

Becker and Griffiths are also working together on a project using Becker's collection of fossil shark teeth in order to gain a greater understanding of ocean



Professor Martin Becker in Alabama sifting for shark tooth samples

temperature. “The enamel of the teeth has been shown to accurately preserve the composition of the seawater at the time the tooth was formed,” Griffiths explains. “By analyzing the tooth geochemistry, we can potentially gain an insight into past ocean temperatures and seawater composition, along with the migratory patterns of the sharks.”

The pair have teamed up with a group of scientists at UCLA and Rutgers University for the analysis, and with a grant from the American Chemical Society, they have been supervising numerous undergraduate students from environmental science, biology, and chemistry to characterize the chemical and mineralogical composition of the samples.

Davi’s research has taken her to remote areas of Mongolia and Central Asia, where few long-term climate records exist, and where the population is extremely vulnerable to drought and climactic change. “The area we have focused on is one of the coldest regions in central Asia, where the trees are extremely slow-growing and long-lived,” Davi explains. “In this harsh environment, trees can fall over and remain on the mountain top without decaying for 800 to 1,000 years. By using a combination of living and dead wood we can create millennial-length records of temperature.”

Most recently, she and her research collaborators published a paper in *Quaternary Science Reviews* describing a millennium-length temperature chronology for the region that confirms that recent decades have been the warmest period in the last 1,000-plus years. “We are placing recent warming trends in a long-term context, which will be critical for a region where herding is still a cornerstone of the culture, and climate change can lead to disastrous livestock mortality,” she says.

In addition to the opportunity to study and pursue research projects with top climate science faculty, students can also benefit from the University’s collaborative partnership with the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park, just three miles from the University.



Professor Mick Griffiths in a cave in Laos, where he has collected samples of stalagmites

Through a grant from the Landsberger Foundation, students are helping to develop science-based curriculum packages for Paterson students in grades three through 12 that focus on topics evident in the park such as geology, hydrology, and ecology. “The Great Falls is really a living classroom where we can emphasize hands-on learning for these students,” says Davi. “It also makes it possible for our undergraduates to have hands-on opportunities working with science content, especially those who plan to become science teachers, as well as explore the potential for National Park Service careers.” (See page 18)

Alumni and students point to the experiences they gained in the department’s programs as providing a critical edge as they pursue employment or graduate study. Ralph Scimeca ’15 worked closely with Becker on expeditions to gather fossil shark teeth, traveling to sites in Alabama and Arkansas. A new seventh grade science teacher in the Randolph school district, Scimeca says his research experience was critical to his current role.

“Working with Dr. Becker in these situations opened my eyes to how true scientific field work is conducted and has been instrumental in my future career in education,” he says. “Every day in the classroom as a seventh grade science teacher I relate content directly back to those experiences I had while researching with him.” Scimeca also plans to pursue a graduate degree at Brooklyn College beginning in spring 2016.

Rose Oelkers ’15, who has worked with Davi on her tree-ring research, is currently serving as a staff research associate at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. She continues to collaborate with Davi on a new technique to measure tree-ring data known as blue-light intensity, which provides a more precise measurement. “Rose was instrumental in helping me to develop this technique,” says Davi.

“Our program is all about applying what you learn,” says Griffiths. “We are truly giving our students a real-world experience.”



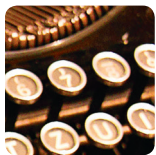
Professor Nicole Davi and her research colleagues on site in Mongolia

NEW GARDEN SEEKS TO ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES

One recent project of the Climate Action Committee has been a new butterfly garden near the University’s iconic water tower. The Monarch Butterfly is a pollinator that needs help due to exposure to insecticides and habitat loss, especially in the Midwest where large farms are located. The new garden is planted with milkweed and other plants attractive to the butterflies.



➤ To see more images of environmental science faculty and students, check out their Instagram page at [instagram.com/explore/tags/wpueenvsci/](https://www.instagram.com/explore/tags/wpueenvsci/)



**By Samantha DeMuro
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Meeting Students Where They Are: William Paterson Harnesses the Power of Social Media



In many classrooms, leaving your phone out on your desk might be taboo. But for Wendy Christensen's students, a smartphone, with its instant access to the Internet and other social media platforms, is often an integral teaching tool.

Christensen, a William Paterson assistant professor of sociology, integrates social media into all of her classes, including courses in social stratification, research methods, and the sociology of social movements. She encourages her students to take out their phones and research current news stories, sociological concepts, and memes (images with text shared widely across social media) during class, providing her the opportunity to give students real-time examples



Professor Wendy Christensen

of how social media can be used to engage with the media and comment back on issues of the world.

"I use social media in the classroom because that's where our students live, it's their world," she explains. "I like to remind people, social media is not better or worse communication; it's just different communication. It has its benefits and drawbacks."

Christensen provides her students with a list of accounts to follow that have significant social media presences, including the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*. "I try to encourage them to be good consumers of media, and learn what's going on in the world, but also how to critique the media."

The power of social media

Like colleges and universities across the country, William Paterson is focused on providing its students with an engaging, positive experience—in the classroom, on campus, and in the broader community. And social media now plays a significant role in the life of today's typical student. Students are talking about the University, tweeting, and posting about their experiences to their friends, family, and networks—providing a variety of opportunities to build pride and visibility for the campus, but also to leverage the academic potential of technology that is now a way of life.

It's no secret that today's college students are heavy users of social media. According to a 2015 Pew Research Center study, 92 percent of teenagers report going online daily, 56 percent of them go online several times a day, and 24 percent say they go online "almost constantly." Seventy-one percent of online teens report using more than one social network site, and 52 percent of online adults use more than one social media site. According to eMarketer's *U.S. Digital Media Usage Report*, 28.3 million 18 to 24 year olds are using social media regularly.

At the University, social media platforms are active and rapidly gaining momentum. Thousands of students and alumni are engaged on the University's various official Facebook pages, while Instagram followers have jumped by 181 percent and Twitter followers have increased by 148 percent since fall 2014.

Social media as an educational tool

Technology in the classroom used to mean a smartboard or a laptop computer. Today, with 85 percent of people age 18 to 24 owning a smartphone, a powerful tool is literally in their hands. Tapping the potential of that tool by using social media for hands-on and practical use means that faculty members need to explore new teaching strategies and ways to engage students in the classroom.

"Social media, when used well, helps our students understand that what they are learning in the classroom reflects what is hap-

pening outside the classroom," notes Warren Sandmann, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs (and also a professor of communication). "Social media helps us connect the timeless lessons of our disciplines with the 'right now' of what is happening in the world, and helps students see the impact of what they are learning."



Professor Hilary Wilder

Hilary Wilder, a professor of educational leadership and professional studies, has long integrated various forms of technology into her teaching. This past summer, she specifically created a closed group in Facebook so that students in her graduate course in educational technology could share in a discussion with peer students in the African

nations of Namibia and Guyana.

"The students in all three countries worked together via Facebook to develop professional development workshops for other non-technology-using teachers in Guyana and Namibia that would help them use technology in the classroom with K-12 students," says Wilder. "Facebook was really the best way to collaborate because it is easily accessible by everyone, even students in these developing countries who might not own a smartphone."

Wilder, who also teaches in the University's new graduate program in higher education administration, says all students in the program are required to have a professional LinkedIn account. "They need to use it both for their own professional development and also to represent their respective institutions," she says. "It's an important way to meet current students, prospective students, and all stakeholders."

In the Department of Environmental Science, an Instagram account, #wpuenvsci, which currently includes more than 500 images, serves as a way to encourage student engagement in the major, which includes hands-on projects in every course (see feature on page 18). "It's a great way to capture images of students doing amazing things in the field, or giving a presentation, or graduating," says Nicole Davi, assistant professor of environmental science.

"It creates a sense of community," adds Martin Becker, professor of environmental science. "We take our students out on many field trips, and they are instantly posting pictures of the cool fossils they find or the research they are involved in."

In Digital and Social Media, taught by Angie Yoo, assistant professor of communication, students are learning how to use social media as professionals. "Most of the students in my class began using social media as middle school or high school students when it was just for fun," says Yoo. "But when they know their professor will see their content, the way that they create content will be a little different. It helps them understand that social media is not just their own personal place; it can be used professionally, for businesses and organizations, and for reputation management."



Professor Angie Yoo

"Using social media in my class also helps me find new trends and articles," adds Yoo. "Sometimes I'll try to explain a concept and one student will share another example or will quickly pull up an article on their phone, and then they'll say, 'Oh! I understand!' It helps me teach better."

Social media also can play a role in related academic experiences outside the classroom. For example, the William Paterson University Galleries presents numerous exhibitions of contemporary art, as well as educational programs, all designed to support courses in the Department of Art as well as foster a community dialog about the visual arts and culture. This fall, the Galleries have collaborated with exhibiting artist Raymond Saá by posting photos to Instagram to encourage students to visit the gallery and learn about various art forms.



An Instagram post by artist Raymond Saá following his lecture to students on campus

"We've posted photos with hashtags like #collage, #colortheory, and #painting—all related to Raymond Saá's work—which allows us to direct students to collections of images focused on various art mediums and give them more information about what they can see in person," says Kristen Evangelista, gallery director.

Giving students an increased sense of belonging

While faculty are just beginning to integrate social media into their courses, social media is already a critical tool for driving social engagement on campus.

"Social media is an extremely useful tool to stay in touch with all of the things that are happening on campus," says Sandmann, who maintains a blog and actively uses Twitter (his handle is @ProvostWPU). "One of the best benefits of Twitter is that it gives me an opportunity to offer kudos, a congratulations, or a retweet," he says. "It makes people aware that I'm paying attention."

For Miki Cammarata, vice president for student development, being active on social media (@cammaratam1) is another opportunity to be accessible. "What I love most is the personal interaction with students," she says. "I go to events and programs, but social

media is another way for students to get to know me. For administrators who use these platforms, it gives us a chance to say we're human, that we have some of the same ideas and thoughts, and that we're interested." Being active on social media, she continues, is just another layer of support, accessibility, and interaction. "It's really for students and that's why it's important," she adds.

While social media does not replace face-to-face interaction, it has the ability to enhance interactions. What begins with a post or a tweet sometimes ends in a face-to-face meeting or attendance at a campus event. "In our field in particular, student development, we have to go where the students are, but that doesn't mean that we have to abandon everything we've done before," says Cammarata.

Cammarata oversees the Office of Campus Activities, Service, and Leadership, which recently encouraged student leaders to participate in social media leadership training. At the workshop, student ambassadors learned how to use social media for engagement and pride building. "As a result, athletics has seen an uptick in support and attendance of games," says Cammarata. "All these efforts to engage with our students have proven effective."

Jaclyn Antonacci '14, a graduate assistant in marketing and public relations who is pursuing a master's degree in professional communication, is researching how student interactions with their university on social media affects their sense of belonging. Although her research is still in the preliminary stage, Antonacci believes the study will show that social media is effective at helping students feel that they have value. "Even when a university is speaking to many students via social media, it's reaching them in a way that is personal and less rigid. It gives students individual attention, it values



Miki Cammarata
@cammaratam1



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Miki Cammarata, vice president for student development, takes to Twitter to boost campus pride before Homecoming 2015

their voice, and it allows them to share and get excited about our University community," she says.



Jaclyn Antonacci '14

Providing answers to questions online is one way an institution can show its students that it is listening and cares, Antonacci continues. "Even if students don't get an exact answer immediately, or a university staffer must refer the student to someone else, the online response provides a human touch. Students may be more likely to reach out again if there is an issue, and it allows for a university to be proactive," she says. Students often retweet a university response, which goes out to their personal networks and feeds, and shows other students and people that the university is responsive, caring, and informative, and that students matter.

"William Paterson University does a great job of making students feel their voice is heard," says Antonacci. "It is about celebrating together, but it's also great for customer service, problem solving, and resource and information sharing. It relates to the student experience in a way that really can't be done in traditional media."

Meeting students now and after graduation

Social media can also be an important tool in recruiting prospective students. When a high school student tweets, "William Paterson is my dream school," and the University tweets back: "Great! We look forward to having you as a student on campus. Let us know if you have any questions," that positive interaction could be viewed as an unsolicited online endorsement.

By creating a hashtag, #WPAccepted, prospective students this fall were able to meet other students online, and share their excitement for attending William Paterson across Twitter and Instagram.

When students graduate, social media is the main means through which they can continue to stay in touch with their classmates and their *alma mater*.

"Social media has been so valuable for us," says Janis Schwartz, executive director of alumni relations. "Alumni have been able to find each other online years after graduating. They are connecting with each other on LinkedIn and sharing what they have been doing since they've graduated."

It's also been an effective way to keep alumni up to date with the latest University news and events, whether it's Homecoming, a job fair on campus, an alumni music performance, or even a reminder to tune in to the SyFy channel to catch Ian Ziering '88 in the pop culture movie phenomenon *Sharknado*.

"For the current and incoming generation of college students, we feel, and have always felt, comfortable sharing our experiences online," says Antonacci. "It only makes sense for our University to meet us where we are."

➤ To see the full range of William Paterson University departments on social media, visit our Social Media Directory: <http://wpunj.edu/socialmedia>

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WP's Unique Take on Social Media

One way the University seeks to boost Pioneer pride on campus is through TwillyP, a multiplatform social media initiative created for students by students and specifically designed to build community and encourage school spirit among students.

Using the hashtag #TwillyP, a student team supervised by the Department of Marketing and Relations has created videos, social media posts, and contests to encourage students to connect with the University. In less than three years, TwillyP has amassed more than 3,000 Twitter followers and a large, loyal audience of students on Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat, and Google+. Referred to as the "official unofficial" voice of William Paterson, the student team of four uses memes, jokes, Internet slang, photos, and videos to connect with students.

"TwillyP does social media in a way that is more friendly and casual than the academic voice normally assumed by higher education institutions," says Jaclyn Antonacci '14, one of the founders of TwillyP. The key to TwillyP's success, she says, is that it is directed and maintained by students who have an understanding of both campus and youth culture.

UNIVERSITY'S PRE-LAW PROGRAM LEADS TO SUCCESS

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN AND
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During her third year as a business major at William Paterson, Valerie Gross '03 was debating what type of career to pursue. Donna Perry, a professor of English who had Gross in a writing class, urged her to speak with Michael Principe, professor of political science, who had established the pre-law program at the University. Perry told her, "I have a feeling that you would make a pretty good lawyer." Gross wasn't sure about the idea, but followed through on the suggestion.

"If you had asked me back then (at William Paterson) what I wanted to be, I would have said for sure that I didn't want to be a lawyer," says Gross. But despite her reservations, she spoke with Principe and he walked her through the program. "His



Professor Michael Principe

energy and love for the field was a bit contagious," she says. "I became excited about the career path and the idea of going to law school."

Gross graduated *magna cum laude* from William Paterson, and went on to earn her degree from Cornell

University Law School. Today she is a corporate attorney with McCarter & English, LLP and works in the Park Avenue offices of one of New Jersey's largest law firms, where she focuses her practice on business technology and outsourcing transactions and also advises on general corporate matters.

For students who wish to further their education by attending law school, the right preparation as an undergraduate can be the key to admission—and law school success.

"A pre-law program can provide valuable information to students, from law school acceptance rates and rankings, average LSAT scores, and special programs within law schools (such as healthcare, environmental, comparative, international, or human rights law focuses), to guidance for coursework, LSAT preparation, and the law school application process," says Principe, who has served as the University's pre-law advisor since he joined the faculty in 1998. "It helps students understand how the process works and how to properly prepare for law school."

William Paterson's program, which Principe developed, provides students with the foundational legal knowledge and critical thinking skills necessary for success in law school. Open to students majoring in any discipline, the program provides a variety of recommended courses and workshops intended to prepare students for the rigors of law school.

The result? Increasing numbers of program participants have gained acceptance and found success in law schools including Cornell Law School, Fordham Law School, Cambridge University Law School, Seton Hall Law School, and Rutgers Law School.

"Most recently, we've sent three students to West Virginia Law School, and all three have been named to law review—which is a highly prestigious accomplishment," he says.

Principe brings a unique perspective to his role as pre-law advisor. "While many pre-law advisors are genuinely interested and do a fine job helping students prepare for law school, I found that very few have actually attended law school or taught at a law school," he says, noting that he holds a law degree from the University of Washington, and previously taught as a professor at Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University. "I believe my experience gives our students a tremendous advantage in that I can lift the veil and let them know what law school is really like from both the student and faculty perspective."

The program includes a number of core courses such as Constitutional Law: Judicial Process and Constitutional Law: Civil Liberties. Principe teaches these classes the same way he did as a law professor. "I combine the traditional law school method of teaching—examining cases via a process of asking questions—with lectures, and administer law school-type essay exams," he

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explains. "I believe that by using this method, our students are better prepared for the rigors of law school."

For Frank Ducoat '03, those courses were critical to his preparation for law school. Interested in the law since a high school class in constitutional law, he had found his niche as a philosophy major, where he did a lot of reading and debating. When he heard about the University's pre-law program, he enrolled.

"The courses that Dr. Principe teaches and the other pre-law courses in the program are just like law school courses in that it's the same kind of work," he says. "You read some cases, summarize them, and talk about how they would apply to more recent situations."

Ducoat, who went on to earn his JD degree at Rutgers University-Camden School of Law, is currently an assistant prosecutor and director of the Appellate Division in the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. In his position, Ducoat supervises and manages appellate prosecutors and support staff. He also briefs and argues cases in the Supreme Court of New Jersey and Appellate Division and federal courts.

"Learning to get at the meat of a case...that's a skill that we use every day here," he says. "You read the case, and find out what's important and use it to your advantage."

In response to the growing number of William Paterson students interested in attending law school, the University developed a major in legal



Frank Ducoat '03

studies that was launched in 2012. In just four years, the number of majors has more than tripled, from 22 to 78, and the program added a new faculty member, Ryan Rebe, who also holds a law degree.

"An integral part of the program is that it is an interdisciplinary major, involving such disciplines as political science, philosophy, English, women's studies, psychology, sociology, criminal justice, anthropology, environmental science, and business," says Principe. "Law does not exist in a vacuum so I felt it important to give our students a broad academic foundation before starting law school."

At the core of the major are a variety of public law courses that give students substantive knowledge of various aspects of law they will encounter in law school, such as the American judicial system, constitutional law, international law, comparative rights, administrative law, philosophy of law, judicial process, and the right to privacy. Courses offered by other disciplines give students a perspective on law that enhances their understanding of how law intersects all aspects of life.

In addition, Principe provides a series of workshops each year for students, inviting various guests such as lawyers, judges, and law school administrators to talk to William Paterson students about a variety of topics, from how to prepare for law school to the aspects of various specialties within the law, such as public law or corporate practice. Each year, alumni come back to speak to current students; both Gross and Ducoat have been among them.

"It was good to learn about all different types of law so I could decide what to go into," says Ducoat about the workshops. "It probably solidified my plan to go into public service." He tells today's students to make sure that a career in law is really what they want to do. "It's a commitment, both financial and mental," he says. Once they do know, he tells them to give it everything they have, and then focus on what's next.

Having attended William Paterson on a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship, Gross has kept close ties to the University. "I'm not sure where I would be without that scholarship," she says. "William Paterson made it all possible, and this is where I give back." Gross has donated scholarship money to the University's Summer Program at Cambridge University in England, a four-week summer program that Principe leads

each year, making it possible for a number of economically challenged students to participate in the program.

"I'm so excited to see where the pre-law program is going and just the fact that it's now also a major," says Gross. She enjoys connecting with current students. The legal field is going through a lot of changes, she explains, and attending law school is such a big decision. "When I speak with students, I encourage them to speak to their professors," she says. "You just never know what may happen."

Valerie Gross '03

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President Kathleen Waldron and Alumni Association President Domenic Di Maio '97 (far right) with Athletic Hall of Fame inductees (left to right) Meghan Hall McEvoy '09, Louis Cirangle '58, Cynthia Laudien Faiella '00, Vojtech Karas '10 and, accepting for Michael Gagg '88, former head baseball coach Jeff Albies

Five New Members Inducted in Athletic Hall of Fame

Louis Cirangle '58 (men's basketball), **Michael Gagg '88** (baseball), **Meghan Hall McEvoy '09** (field hockey), **Vojtech Karas '10** (men's swimming), and **Cynthia Laudien '00** (women's soccer) became the newest inductees of the William Paterson University Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame when they were enshrined on October 11.

During an era that pre-dated the shot clock and three-pointer, **Cirangle** (1954-58) became the

fourth player in William Paterson history to score 1,000 career points, and the first to reach the milestone during his junior year. His 1,528 career points placed him second on the school's list at the time, and still rank seventh in Pioneer history.

Gagg (1985-88) was one of the Pioneers' all-time greats on the mound, posting a 19-2 record, 3.69 earned-run average, and 132 strikeouts to finish his career second in winning percentage (.905), third in both appearances (44) and victories, and

fourth in innings pitched (190.2). A 1987 all-region selection and a first-team all-New Jersey Athletic Conference pick in 1985 and 1987, he was the winning pitcher in the 1985 NCAA Regional Tournament championship game.

As a senior, **Hall McEvoy** (2005-08) was selected to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) All-America First Team, Womensfieldhockey.com All-America Second Team, NFHCA All-Region First Team, All-NJAC First Team, and All-ECAC Second Team. She was named the NJAC Attack Player of the Year and played in the NFHCA National Senior All-Star Game. In 74 career games, she posted 42 goals and 32 assists for 116 points to rank first in assists and third in both goals and points.

Karas (2006-10) broke six school records, establishing new top times in the 50 freestyle (20.69), 100 backstroke (52.91), 200 individual medley (2:00.54), 200 freestyle relay (1:26.78), 200 medley relay (1:37.84), and 400 medley relay (3:37.32). Third all time in points scored (547.25), he placed 28th in the 50 freestyle at the 2010 NCAA Championships, and won the 2010 Metropolitan Conference Dick Krempecki Outstanding Senior Award.

Laudien (1996-99) was the first Pioneer women's soccer All-American, earning a spot on the 1998 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-America First Team as well as the NSCAA All-Region and All-NJAC First Teams. In 70 career matches, she posted 24 goals, 13 assists, 61 points, and seven game-winning goals to rank third in goals, tied for third in points, tied for fourth in game winners, and fifth in assists.



Katelyn Miele '14 and Wes Ostrzycki '14 on the field and in clinical settings in their respective physical therapy programs

Paying It Forward: Former Pioneers Are Physical Therapy Doctors in Training

By Heather Brocious

Two former Pioneers who have benefited from the care of talented physical therapists during their athletic careers will soon be paying it forward to help other athletes. Softball shortstop **Katelyn Miele '14** and men's soccer midfielder **Wes Ostrzycki '14** are both currently completing their second year of physical therapy school.

Miele knew early on she wanted to pursue a career in a medical field, and discovered that physical therapists get to spend more time with their patients while also leading more active lifestyles during their workdays. Her desire to eventually attend physical therapy school helped narrow her college search.

"A lot of schools I looked at weren't very interested in having an athlete who was going to pursue physical therapy or biology as a major, just because of the time commitment it would require on the academic side," she recalls. "I knew academics were going to come first and softball second, but I did want to compete on the college level. After meeting with softball head coach Hallie Cohen and finding out the kind of person she was, I knew I would have the support I needed at William Paterson, and I would be close enough that my family would be able to watch me play."

The Flanders native initially considered enrolling in an accelerated bachelor's/doctoral program that would fast track her undergraduate degree completion, but realized she didn't want to skip her senior softball season. The Pioneers are certainly glad she stayed, as the four-year starter was an unquestioned leader on and off the field. A four-time all-conference and three-time all-region selection, Miele helped the Pioneers secure a berth in the 2014 NCAA tournament as a senior while compiling career numbers that rank her among the program's leaders in nearly every offensive category.

"Katelyn excelled academically while also becoming an immediate impact player and leader," says Cohen. "She was the youngest captain to ever fill that role, and earned recognition as one of the top players in our conference and region. She always strived to be better every day and helped to leave this program better than she found it. Katelyn never chose the easy path, instead pursuing an extremely demanding schedule and set of standards for herself when she could have easily opted to focus solely on her academics."

Miele enrolled at the Rutgers School of Health Related Professions in fall 2014, and following a year spent in classrooms and laboratories, she completed a clinical rotation at Chilton Hospital

in Pequannock last summer. More classroom work and lab hours on campus this academic year will lead to three clinical rotations, followed by board examinations. While the program has been rigorous and demanding, she felt well prepared, thanks to her experiences at William Paterson.

"As a biology major, I know the anatomy and how to read and understand medical literature, which has been a big help," says Miele, who was a Dean's List student and Honors College graduate. "As a student-athlete, you have to learn to use your time wisely and be disciplined, to get your work done on the weekends or when you have any little bit of downtime. Now I'm in class from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and I have to be just as disciplined about getting my studying finished."

"We know our program prepares students academically, as the courses are difficult and the program is quite rigorous," says Claire Leonard, a William Paterson professor of biology and the College of Science and Health's pre-professional advisor, who has seen nearly 20 former students continue on to Rutgers' physical therapy program. "Katelyn always knew she wanted to go to physical therapy school, and she was an energetic and animated student who was more

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than willing to help her peers. I always thought she would be a perfect candidate for a career in physical therapy because she has that love for athletics. She lives and breathes it."

Physical therapy is a wide-ranging field, encompassing specialties from "pediatrics to geriatrics," as Miele explains, and she is keeping her options open as she progresses through her program of study. Ostrzycki is focused on a career in sports rehabilitation after he graduates from the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. When the Edison native transferred to William Paterson from Monmouth University in 2011, he determined that he wanted to study kinesiology, choosing to major in athletic training.

"I knew I didn't want the kind of job where I would be sitting behind a desk all day," the two-year Pioneer soccer starter explains. "My favorite part of the program was being in the athletic training room, developing treatment plans and helping athletes return to competition. That's a real passion of mine, and that experience helped to solidify my decision to go on to physical therapy school."

A certified athletic trainer, the Dean's List student felt he was ahead of the curve when he began his graduate work, due to the knowledge he gained as an undergraduate at the University.

"I already knew the anatomy and how the body works and moves, so I have been able to help some of my current classmates," he says. "I have even had the opportunity to help teach some of the classes I am in now at Miami, like orthopedics, taping, and evaluation. And it wasn't a culture shock for me to work hands-on with patients in the classroom or clinical settings because it's what you do every day as an athletic training student."

"Wes always maintained high academic standards, and was self-motivated to complete all his course requirements and athletic training clinical experiences in an exceptional manner," says Linda Gazzillo Diaz, professor of kinesiology and director of William Paterson's Athletic Training Education Program. "In fact, during his senior year, he was awarded the prestigious Eastern Athletic Trainers' Association District 2 Kent Scriber Scholarship, and he passed the athletic training Board of Certification examination on his first attempt. Most notably, he was accepted into Miami's doctor of physical therapy program, which is one of the top 10 programs in the country. I know that Wes's intelligence, professional skills, and work ethic will promote his future success."

"After meeting with softball head coach Hallie Cohen and finding out the kind of person she was, I knew I would have the support I needed at William Paterson..."

KATELYN MIELE

Less than a week after earning his bachelor's degree at William Paterson, Ostrzycki was in Miami to begin the program with a full year's worth of classroom and lab work. Now in the midst of an eight-week clinical rotation at the Sports Physical Therapy Institute in Hillsborough, he will return to South Florida for more classes before beginning three consecutive eight-week internships next fall.

"We have the opportunity to take electives, which is rare for physical therapy schools,"

Ostrzycki explains. "There are so many little niches, so an elective like going out and sailing with amputees can give you a good idea of where you want to take your career."

When he is not working as a certified athletic trainer with Miami's club teams or helping out the Pioneers part-time when in New Jersey, Ostrzycki is involved in the University of Miami community, participating in programs like the Hurricane Challenge with Miami-area schoolchildren. The demands on his time are challenging, but nothing new.

"For student-athletes, time management and discipline are big," he says. "You have to be self-motivated to succeed, or you will fail. I learned that from being a soccer player, and because of what I experienced when I was injured, it helped me realize this is what I want to do. There are several other former student-athletes in my program, and I believe we have a distinct advantage over our other classmates because of the skills we developed as college athletes."

William Paterson soccer head coach Brian Woods, who began coaching Ostrzycki on the youth level, has not been surprised by his former pupil's achievements.

"Wes is one the most conscientious, self-driven people I have ever been around, both academically and athletically," Woods says. "His intensity on the field was second to none, and he always knew how to take care of his body as an athlete. Wes has accomplished every goal, whether it was playing college soccer, having the highest GPA of his graduating student-athlete class, or getting into one of the top physical therapy programs in the country. I have no doubt that he'll be just as successful after he graduates."

Alumni Connections



Pioneer Power is on Display at Homecoming 2015

Hundreds of alumni and members of the campus community turned out to celebrate Homecoming 2015 on October 10 and 11. Events included a pre-football Pioneer Midway party with game booths, prizes, ziplining, a rock wall, and lots of food; tailgating in Lot 5, and the traditional Homecoming football game against Frostburg State. Other events included evening stargazing on Wightman Field, a cabaret performance in Shea Center, a screening of a new documentary on Paterson by sociology professor Vincent Parrillo, and a “mash-up” event in the University Galleries featuring alumni Derek DeAngelis '04, an actor and comedian, and Renee Garcia '11, a powerlifter. The weekend wrapped up with the induction of five new members of the Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame (*see story on page 26*).



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Domenico Di Maio '97

New Alumni Association President Seeks to Build Alumni Pride

Domenico Di Maio '97 has a very specific goal in his new role as president of the Alumni Association: build alumni pride. A vice president and financial advisor for J.P. Morgan Chase, Di Maio enjoys telling people that he graduated from William Paterson and encourages all alumni to do the same.

For Di Maio, William Paterson is a "home away from home." He met his wife of 15 years, Iris (nee Torres) '96, during his freshman year. Today they live in Wayne with their three children, Luciano, 13, Graciella, eight, and Rosairis, seven. As students, they both worked as resident assistants and were very involved in campus activities. Shortly after graduation, Iris began working at the University and is now manager of youth programs in the Center for Continuing and Professional Education. His

father, Luciano Di Maio, recently retired from William Paterson after nearly a decade with the Facilities Department. "I have a lot of connections to the University," says Di Maio. "It's like family."

"I have big shoes to fill," says Di Maio, referring to former Alumni Association President Doug Hamilton. "He was passionate about building campus pride and stressing the importance of giving back to the University. Giving back does not only mean in a financial way but can mean staying in touch with the University, and simple things, like attending Homecoming or going to a jazz concert."

Born in this country to Italian immigrants, Di Maio spoke only Italian when he entered kindergarten and was the first in his family to attend college. After majoring in liberal arts, he pursued a career in corporate business and later found his true calling as a financial advisor. "I'm a people person," he says. "I love interacting with people and helping them, so joining the investment world is a good fit."

Having worked for major firms like Pfizer and Morgan Stanley Smith Barney during his career, Di Maio noticed how colleagues would often display banners of their *alma mater* on their office walls. Some of them graduated from schools like Columbia University, New York University, or the U.S. Naval Academy. "One day I decided to put up a William Paterson banner in my office," he recalls. It was an immediate conversation starter and Di Maio was amazed to discover how many of his colleagues also graduated from William Paterson.

Di Maio encourages fellow alumni to display their banners too. "We should be proud that we graduated from William Paterson, just like the graduates of those other fine institutions."



The Class of 1965 gathers in the University Commons

Class of 1965 Celebrates Fiftieth Reunion

Members of the Class of 1965, who graduated when the University was known as Paterson State College, returned to the campus May 11 to 13 to celebrate their fiftieth reunion. Events included a luncheon and attendance at Commencement ceremonies at the Prudential Center, where they joined the academic procession.

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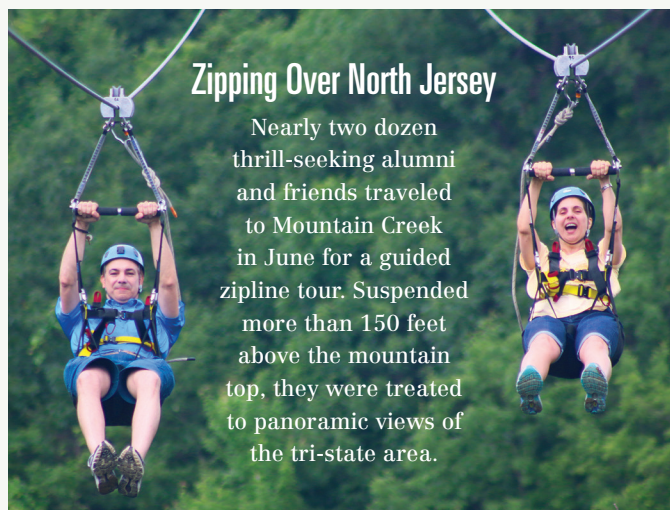
Alumni Root on the Mets A group of alumni witnessed Major League Baseball history when Mets pitcher Steven Matz became the only major-league pitcher to drive in four runs in his first career game while leading the team to a 7-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on June 28.



Lakisha Kincherlow '14, Seth Warren, Sarah Warren, Neil Warren



Catherine Scott '96 and her son, Colby



Zippering Over North Jersey

Nearly two dozen thrill-seeking alumni and friends traveled to Mountain Creek in June for a guided zipline tour. Suspended more than 150 feet above the mountain top, they were treated to panoramic views of the tri-state area.



Wakisha McKoy '13 and Olga Correa '12

Young Alumni Enjoy Annual Event at Bar A

Nearly 100 University alumni gathered on a hot Saturday afternoon for an annual tradition: the Young Alumni Chapter's Summer Bash, held July 18 at Bar A in Lake Como. Attendees caught up with old friends while enjoying a barbecue and drinks, beach games, and WP giveaways.

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We will miss...



Charles Helwig '61 of Little Falls died June 23, 2015. A veteran who served in the U.S. Navy after high school, Helwig attended William Paterson on the G.I. Bill. He was a member of the fencing team, the choir, and the men's double quartet, a Pioneer Player, and a member of the SGA, History Club, and the Student Education Association. He also met his wife Mary Louise (Maccarillo) '61 at William Paterson, and they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A retired Allstate Insurance agent, Helwig was past president of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, and continued to sing with several choirs. He had been a dedicated member of the William Paterson Alumni Association Executive Council since 1991 and frequently attended University events.



Helen Braviak Horack '35, '72, died April 30, 2015. She was 101. Horack, whose 100th birthday celebration was featured in the Spring 2014 issue of *WP Magazine*, was a lifelong resident of Clifton. She received her teaching certification in 1935 from what was then Paterson State Normal School. She began her career teaching English and mathematics to foreign-born individuals seeking American citizenship in an adult evening school program in Clifton sponsored by the Works Progress Administration developed by President Roosevelt. She later taught kindergarten and first grade in the Clifton schools for many years, and returned to William Paterson to earn her bachelor's degree in 1972. After retiring from teaching in 1984, Horack was involved in numerous education organizations and also served on Clifton's 75th Anniversary and Parade Committee, the SUCCESS program at Clifton High School, Clifton College Women's Club, and the Board of Elections.



Paul Nixon '52 of Manchester died May 27, 2015. He was 97. An Army veteran of World War II, he was awarded both the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. After graduating from William Paterson, he was a teacher at Passaic Valley Regional High School for 30 years, and also served for a time as assistant principal. Following his retirement in 1982, Nixon became a well-known figure on New Jersey stages, acting in dozens of local productions. In 2005, the New Jersey Association of Community Theatres presented him with a Perry Award for Best Actor for his role in *Visiting Mr. Green*. He continued to remain active, appearing in a 2014 production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at Ocean County College.

Mourning the loss of...

- '32** ERNESTINE (LIEGEOIS) ANDERSON, BS '39
Vernon, NJ
January 3, 2015
- '45** ELEANOR WIEGAND
West Caldwell, NJ
June 18, 2015
- '53** ALAN W. LITKE
Montvale, NJ
June 14, 2015
- '54** JAMES HARAKA, SR.
Clifton, NJ
July 31, 2015
- '56** EARL ROBERT MEGE
Bradenton, FL
March 13, 2015
- '57** STEPHEN ICZKOWSKI SR., MA '62
Wayne, NJ
April 5, 2015
- '58** ELIZABETH MELNECK, MA '70
Little Falls, NJ
July 11, 2015
- ANNA WALTKE PAGNOZZI
Piermont, NY
August 21, 2015
- '59** JANET CHOCIEY, MA '70
Wayne, NJ
June 15, 2015
- '60** CAROL (HENSEL) AQUE
Pine Township, PA
February 19, 2015
- KENNETH W. HAYDEN
Lavallette, NJ
July 3, 2015
- '61** BERNICE S. SMITH
Raritan Township, NJ
July 28, 2015
- '62** PATRICIA FRYDENDAHL
Manchester, NJ
March 15, 2015
- ANTHONY V. SCOLLANTE
East Hanover, NJ
May 21, 2015
- '64** MAY KARPEN LAZER
La Jolla, CA
March 22, 2015
- '68** DOROTHY E. HUTCHISON, MA '70
Doylestown, PA
January 1, 2015
- PATRICIA (MCGOWAN) ROBINSON
Pequannock, NJ
June 19, 2015
- JULIUS W. SELLITTI
Bloomingdale, NJ
March 6, 2015
- '69** PHYLLIS J. DANLEY
Dover, NJ
January 24, 2015
- JOYCE C. GROENDYK, MA '75
Cedar Grove, NJ
May 26, 2015
- DAWN CAROL (HENNINGER) LAGRECA
Vernon, NJ
January 8, 2015
- SHIRLEY (ZIMMER) LAZAR
New York, NY
August 5, 2015
- MARY LOUISE (DUNHAM) WEYAND
Berkeley Township, NJ
March 8, 2015
- '70** SR. MADELINE KENNEDY, MA
Convent Station, NJ
January 2, 2015
- JOSEPHINE ANN GUIDE SAPP
Summit, NJ
July 12, 2015
- '71** JOAN ALEXANDER CLARK
Plattsburgh, NY
June 11, 2015
- ELIZABETH HELEN MARTIN
Lewes, DE
June 6, 2015
- '72** BEVERLY R. ANDERSON, MA
Cherry Hill, NJ
March 27, 2015
- GLORIA (FRIEDMAN) BYER, MS
Fair Lawn, NJ
June 9, 2015
- JULIE HARRIS
Lincoln Park, NJ
March 30, 2015
- '74** DIANE KISH
Fords, NJ
January 23, 2015
- '75** JUNE W. BACH, MED '86
Newton, NJ
January 26, 2015
- DENNIS HUGHES
Fair Lawn, NJ
May 19, 2015
- MARIA T. PARISE
Kinnelon, NJ
February 5, 2015
- JOANNE B. VAN STEYN, MED '81
Pine Brook, NJ
May 11, 2015
- '76** DAVID W. GILLESPIE
Rockaway Township, NJ
April 13, 2015
- JAMES MATHEW LANDY
Point Pleasant, NJ
February 9, 2015
- JACQUELINE LOUISE MOORE, MED '82
West Chester, PA
May 15, 2015
- '77** JOAN E. (THOMAS) CAPUANO
Paramus, NJ
March 4, 2015
- JOHN C. KEDASH SR.
Hamburg, NJ
July 25, 2015
- GEORGE KING
Kearny, NJ
June 29, 2015
- SYLVIA (FEINSTEIN) KLAUBER
Worcester, MA
August 15, 2015
- RICHARD GARY PEKARSKY
Clifton, NJ
February 26, 2015
- '78** JOHN KELLY SR., MA
Mahwah, NJ
April 6, 2015
- '79** JAMES S. BYRNE
Ramsey, NJ
July 18, 2015
- ANNE VANDER-ROLL
Newark, DE
February 16, 2015
- '80** PATRICIA E. MANN, MED
Wilmington, NC
March 12, 2015
- ROBERT WAYNE SISS
Morristown, NJ
March 17, 2015
- PHYLLIS (GREENE) WHALL
Bradford, NH
February 7, 2015
- '82** HELEN FLORENCE MEYERS
Wayne, NJ
February 17, 2015
- '84** CORY ANN REBOLI
Lopatcong, NJ
August, 2015
- '85** LOUIS DEMARTINO
Millburn, NJ
July 24, 2015
- '86** PAUL TRAVISANO
Cedar Grove, NJ
December 29, 2014
- '87** ROSEMARY CURRAN, MA
Nutley, NJ
June 20, 2015
- '88** DEBRA LYNN (ALTMAN) DAVENPORT
Rockaway Township, NJ
March 18, 2015
- CATHERINE A. FLAGG
Montvale, NJ
March 3, 2015
- '90** JEAN E. BRIEDE, MED
Batesburg, SC
June 21, 2015
- '92** WILLIAM C. BANTA
West Milford, NJ
June 3, 2015
- '94** CATHERINE PAVLICA
Atlantic Highlands, NJ
June 17, 2015
- '95** THOMAS E. WELTS
Bloomingdale, NJ
January 9, 2015
- STEPHWN YALICKI
Wayne, NJ
April 24, 2015
- '98** DENISE IRAN (PARS) TABACCHI
Closter, NJ
February 5, 2015
- '99** CARLA ELIZABETH VITACCO
Midland Park, NJ
June 18, 2015
- '06** BRIAN ROBERT RAPP
Union Township, NJ
August 10, 2015
- '07** ROSEMARY BYRNE GREENBAUM
Ridgewood, NJ
March 13, 2015

The William Paterson Alumni Association will host various alumni receptions. Details on specific dates and locations, as well as information about spring break William Paterson baseball and women's softball games in Florida, will be announced soon!

Class Notes



1956 PATRICIA (KRZEMINSKI) OLSEN, EVELYN (SZILAGYI) McDONALD, LORRAINE (SCHOEFFEL) HOLL, PATRICIA (NIEWAROSKI) CONFRANCISCO, JEANNE (ZANONI) SCHWARZ, and JANET (SMYTH) HILDEBRAND gathered together to celebrate MARGE (RYAN) KANE's 80th birthday.

1960 KENNETH KURNATH, MA '65, was inducted into the Clifton High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Born in Passaic, he moved to Clifton early in life and graduated from Clifton High in 1950 where he was on the school's baseball team.

1970 GARY COOPER is a contributing writer for *Outlook-12 Magazine*. He pens "Making the Grade," an advice column for education professionals. . . MARY ANN ROSS COOPER is the new editor-in-chief of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine*. She was previously the magazine's senior editor. Cooper is also a member of the William Paterson Alumni Association Executive Council.

1971 RICHARD SPONZILLI was honored with the 2015 Dean McNulty Award, given by St. John's Cathedral in Paterson. The annual honor is presented to "one outstanding community leader for unrelenting dedication and hard work."

1973 CYNTHIA HOWARD HILL has written her first book, *Care for the Caregiver: Comfort and Encouragement for the Journey*. Published by Westbow Press, the book is the result of Hill's 30-plus years of personal and professional experience as a caregiver. . . DANIEL DI GUGLIELMO has been named interim assistant principal of Glen Rock High School. . . MICHAEL KENNEY was recognized by Oxford Central School in Vineland for his excellence as the educational services professional working with students there for more than 13 years.

1974 IRIS WECHLING-KARNAS has retired from her position as director of education for the West Milford public schools.

1975 ROD DANIELS has retired after 30 years as the anchor of the news at 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. on WBAL-TV in Baltimore, Maryland. Daniels, who joined WBAL in 1984, held the record for the longest continuing anchor in the Baltimore market.

1976 LINDA PIRONE MARKERT has retired from the Paterson public schools after more than 35 years of service to the children of Paterson teaching grades one through five. She is now a realtor/sales associate with Prudential/Damiano Realty.

1977 ANTHONY SELIMO, founder of the Sussex County Community College radio program, is building a wide-ranging FM station at the school which will be operational on 97.5 WAMJ-FM. . . JOYCE ADRIAN SOMERVILLE has joined the CPA firm Holman Frenia Allison, P.C. as a manager of the firm's litigation support and business valuation division.

1978 LINDA BOWDEN, MA, is included in *New Jersey Business* magazine's Power 100 list. She is the New Jersey regional president of PNC Bank.

1979 JOHN DELUCA, senior vice president for research and training at the Kessler Foundation in West Orange, has received the

International Neuropsychological Society Benton Mid-Career Award for his research in cognitive rehabilitation. . . JOHN DISTASO has joined WMUR-TV ABC 9 as a political reporter. WMUR is New Hampshire's only statewide news-producing television station affiliated with a major network. . . ALFRED GETLER has been named president and publisher of the *Burlington Free Press* in Burlington, Vermont. He previously served as group publisher of North of Boston Media Group. . . VINCENT VARCADIPANE, MA '83, has retired from his position as Totowa school superintendent. He served the Totowa school district for 22 years, including 16 years as superintendent.

1981 THOMAS J. ALTONJY is the new principal of Academy of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Franklin Lakes. Previously, he served as superintendent of schools for the Warren Hills Regional School District in Washington.

1982 KAREN KURZYNSKY HACKES was promoted by Valley National Bancorp to first senior vice president – director of training and development. She began her banking career at Valley National Bank in 1996.

1984 MARK COSTANTINO, head coach of the Shore Regional High School football team in West Long Branch, has been inducted in the Shore Conference Football Hall of Fame. He has guided Shore Regional to seven state championships in 23 seasons. . . LISA MANTONE VILARDI, MA '85, has been named senior vice president of institutional advancement for the New York Philharmonic. Previously, she was the director of development at the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

1985 MARY CONNELL DAVIDSON was honored by the Essex County Board of Chosen Freeholders for her nearly 13 years of service as a member and for her eight years of service as president of the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education. . . JOANN PAKURIS GRAZIANO has been appointed vice president, finance and administration, at A.J. Connor and Associates. Previously, she was in charge of accounting and office operations for the Chatham United Methodist Church.

1986 CATHERINE COX CHAMPON was named as the 2015 Region 11 Elementary Teacher of the Year. She is an elementary school teacher in Timber Creek, Texas. Champon has taught since 1984. . . CESAR CUEVAS

joined the Passaic County 200 Club, an organization whose members, in their professional capacities, stand ready to provide financial assistance to the families of law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service workers. Cuevas is a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Wayne. . .

JOHN J. MAIELLO received the Educator of the Year Award from the Nutley Jaycees. Maiello is a teacher and director of bands at Nutley High School. . . BETH CATALANO NOCENTE has been promoted to vice president/management information systems and manager of the Data Operations Department at Sussex Bank.

1987 ADDY BONET is the new executive director of the Jewish Vocational Service of Metro West New Jersey. She is the first female to hold the position at the 75-year-old agency. She was previously the New Jersey director for the March of Dimes. . . WILLIAM DROZDOWSKI has been appointed interim chief financial officer for Hampshire Group, Limited, a provider of fashion apparel.

1988 CHRISTOPHER RYAN was named top associate for Century 21 Worden & Green. Ryan has been in real estate for 28 years. . . JIMMY BROWN released a new Guitar World DVD, *Mastering Arpeggios 3*, an instructional guide. Brown is the instructor on the video. . . Actor IAN ZIERING starred in the cult television franchise film, *Sharknado 3*.

1991 RICHARD SOLEIMANI has joined Americana Bank in New Castle, Indiana as assistant vice president and West Carmel banking center manager. . . LYNN ANN BELL WARE was inducted into the National Association of Professional Women's VIP Woman of the Year Circle. Ware is a medical services nurse consultant at Community Options, Inc., which provides residential and employment support for people with severe disabilities.



1992 DENISE DEBIASI CONSTANTINO and her writing partner Ann Brasco have published the children's book, *Sweetie's Search for a*

Forever Home in the Garden State. The book, which Constantino illustrated, is based on the true story of a rescue dog named Sweetie. A portion of the book's sales benefit Eleventh Hour

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Joey Travolta '74 Recognized by Autism Light Joey Travolta '74, founder of Inclusion Films, has been named an Autism Light. He has been recognized as one of 427 autism heroes around the world by Autism Light, a blog focused on shining a light on the people, organizations,

corporations, and resources that are making a difference for autism. Travolta's company offers workshops for adults with developmental disabilities that provide an introduction to film production. He also conducts camps across the country to give children with autism opportunities to learn film industry skills. Travolta, whose work was recently featured on NBC's *Today Show*, is releasing a documentary later this fall, *Lights, Camera, Independence*, that focuses on six individuals with developmental disabilities who are hired to work as crew members for Travolta's summer camps across the country and grapple with what independence means. Travolta, who is an actor, singer, producer, director, and screenwriter, graduated from William Paterson with a degree in special education.

Rescue, a New Jersey volunteer organization that rescues dogs and cats... **BRIAN LEARY** was chosen to head up the varsity football program at Highland Regional High School in Gloucester Township... **DAVID PATERNO, MA '93**, earned his doctorate in communications and anthropology at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand. He was also appointed student success advisor at Massey University in Wellington, New Zealand.

1993 DAVE DEINHARDT, JR. has been accepted as the Ocean County Arts Guild's first woodcarving artist. The guild sponsored an exhibit of his work earlier this year... **TOMOKO OHNO** performed at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge as part of the Women of Jersey Jazz concert series... **GREGORY C. SCOTT**, president and CEO of New Directions for Veterans, was presented with the "Local Hero Award" by the National Black MBA Association, Los Angeles Chapter, for his efforts on behalf of veterans... **BILL WOLAK, MA**, has published his 12th book of poetry, *Love Opens the Hands* (Nirala Press). He teaches creative writing at William Paterson and was a featured poet at the Hyderabad Literary Festival.

1994 DANA HALL, a drummer who has performed world-wide with well-known musicians, conducted an all-day musicians clinic with the Mundelein High School jazz bands in Chicago, Illinois... **KATHY HILL** is the new head coach of Passaic Valley High School's softball team. This is her second stint as Passaic Valley's head coach. Her previous tenure was from 1993 to 1999... **STANTON M. PENDERGRAST, MA**, has been named superintendent of the Morris School District.

1995 CHRISTOPHER BUDINICH, a playwright, made his debut at the Legacy Theatre in Tyrone, Georgia, along with his musical co-creators Homer Hickam, Diana Belkowsky, and Dan Tramons for a run of *Rocket Boys, The Musical*... **PATRICIA PAWLIKOWSKI, MA '03**, was named Educational Service Professional of the Year by West Essex Middle School. Pawlikowski is the middle school student assistance counselor... **SUZANNE SHACK** was honored by Lakeland Bank in Oak Ridge for ten years of service as a commercial loan processor.

1996 LAURIE GAZDALSKI GENNA, a veteran science teacher at Schuyler-Colfax Middle School in Wayne, won the Teachers Who Rock

contest sponsored by New Jersey radio station WDHA-FM 105.5. The contest recognizes teachers who "rock" in their approach to teaching and inspiring students.

1997 TED DALTON, senior vice president of corporate partnerships and business development for the NBA's Boston Celtics, spoke to the students at Alabama State University as part of the school's lecture series, Advice from the Pros... **ROSA CRUZ DIAZ** was promoted to assistant superintendent for Carteret Public Schools. She is the youngest and first Latina in that position... **HELEN KELLAM** signed up to run the New York Marathon to benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention... **NICOLE STEFINO MALINO** has been named vice president, digital and brand marketing, at Marketsmith.

1998 JENN ROBINE PAPANDREA was presented with the Special Education Teacher of the Year Award by the Sussex County Association for Retarded Citizens. Papandrea is a special education teacher at Lounsberry Hollow Middle School in Vernon... **LEN ZDANOWICZ** has been named Brick Township's head football coach. He has been a physical education teacher in the district since 1998.

1999 MEREDITH COOPER, MA '01, has been promoted to editor-in-chief of *Outlook-12 Magazine*, a creation of *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine*... **ADAM LINZ**, bass player, performed at Minneapolis, Minnesota's Jazz Central Studios.

2000 MATTHEW HALPERN has been named executive director of Temple Beth Shalom in Livingston. He assumed this position after 16 years in part- and full-time roles at Congregation Beth Shalom in Teaneck, most recently as its executive director... **FRANK MAURIELLO** has joined the Verona Public Schools as director of special services. He previously spent 15 years as an educator in the Ridgewood Public Schools... **SONIA TORRES** has been named vice principal of Teaneck Community Charter School.

2002 LISA SCIANCALEPORE has been chosen as the new clerk to the Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders... **JOHN SCRAN** has been appointed district athletic director for the Central Regional School District in Bayville. Scran, who has served as head baseball coach at Central Regional High School for the past eight seasons, has been on the Central Regional staff for 13 years, the first five at Central

Regional Middle School... **LEAH TOMAINO** served as judge for an exhibit by the Art Association in Roxbury featuring the work of numerous local artists. The exhibit was hosted by the Visual Arts Gallery at County College of Morris. Tomaino is an artist and adjunct professor of visual arts at County College of Morris.

2003 MATTHEW COPPOLA, MBA, has been named vice president and territory sales manager for the Paterson market of Valley National Bank, the wholly owned subsidiary of Valley National Bancorp. Coppola joined Valley in January, bringing 10 years of banking experience to his position... **LINDA J. EDWARDS, MA '03, MA '09**, has been appointed director of special services by the Glen Rock Board of Education. Edwards came to Glen Rock from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District, where she served as director of special services since 2013... **MARGIE GUREVICH GELBWASSER, MA**, did book signings for her new middle school book, *Chloe by Design: Making the Cut*... **SHANNON FRANKENBUSH MASTIN** is an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

2004 JAMEEL ROBERTS was nominated for two Grammys as co-writer and co-producer of Usher's Best R&B-nominated song, "Good Kisser."

2005 RYAN BROOKS, co-founder of Flying Giant Productions, presented his work at the monthly meet-up of The Photo Brigade at Adorama in New York City and discussed moving from stills to video and building his production company... **CARRIE GILBERT** has been selected as recipient of the Governor's Educational Services Professional Award by the Byram Township Board of Education. She serves as the Byram Intermediate School learning disabled teacher consultant... **DANIEL HOPPE** was promoted to lieutenant with the South Plainfield Police Department. He is a 13-year veteran of law enforcement... **FERNANDA MENEGASSI** is the founder and owner of North Fork Natural, an organic soap store in Cutchogue, New York... **CRISTINA MARIE PRIMERANO** earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington.

2006 CRAIG CARACCOZZA, a cancer survivor, has dedicated his life to health and fitness by opening his gym C-Results Fitness in Fairfield. Caracozza was diagnosed with Stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2001 and after two years of intensive treatment, he beat

the disease... **DIANE MARDY, MA '06**, was named superintendent of the Ho-Ho-Kus School District. Mardy, who most recently served as principal of Waldwick's Crescent Elementary School, previously spent more than 30 years in the district as a teacher and administrator at the Ho-Ho-Kus School... **SHANNON MARIE SNOOK**, a former deputy coordinator with the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management, recently joined the Somerset County Sheriff's Office.

2007 DAN GOTTLIEB, the lead singer and guitarist of Irish acoustic rock band Danny and the Boys, performed at Krogh's in Sparta as well as Thatcher McGhee's in Pompton Lakes and Grasshopper in Newfoundland... **ERIC HAYES** released his latest song, "Let It Go," on iTunes and Amazon Music... **VERONICA SANCHEZ** completed officer training at the Connecticut National Guard's Regional Training Institute at Camp Niantic... **ELIZABETH SISCA** was voted into the Sussex County Sports Hall of Fame. A 2002 graduate of Newton High School, she was a captain for field hockey, basketball, and softball and earned 12 varsity letters. She will be inducted on November 6... **DAN WEISS** is the new associate editor of *SPIN* Magazine. He has previously written for *Salon*, *Billboard*, and the *Village Voice*.

2008 ROXY COSS of the Roxy Coss Quintet performed at the Palace Theater Pol Club in Waterbury, Connecticut. Coss began playing the piano and composing at age six... **VICTORIA SALEMI** wrote her first article for *Cracked*. com... **NATALIE TALOCCI**'s paintings were featured in a one-person exhibition, *Penguins in July*, at Gold Light Gallery in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

2009 CARLOS D. CANO was elected as a delegate to the National Association for College Admissions Counseling National Assembly. He is an admissions counselor at William Paterson... **STEVEN MATOVSKI** has joined Redwood Realty Advisors as a director. He is spearheading the firm's expansion in Hudson County... **CASEY REZNIK** wrote and self-published a children's book, *The Bunny Rabbit in the Flower Garden*... **JAMES WEBER** premiered his film, *Aphasia*, at the TriBeCa Film Festival in New York City... **TATEV YEGHIAZARYAN** performed traditional Armenian songs as part of the group the YY Sisters at Pacem in Terris in Warwick. The event commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and paid tribute to its victims.

2010 MARY CRONIN AZZOLINI, MA, has been appointed the supervisor of special services for the Livingston public schools. She has been a member of the child study team there for the past five years as a learning disabilities teacher... **THOMAS R. KIRK III** was sworn in as a member of the Ho-Ho-Kus Police Department. He was previously a dispatcher for the borough for two years... **WILLIAM TODARO** is a new member of the Bloomfield Fire Department.

2011 SHADRINA C. LOCKHART has joined Alfred Sanzari Enterprises as residential leasing agent. In her new role, Lockhart will oversee all leasing activities for the company's residential property portfolio, which encompasses approximately 540 luxury and garden-style apartment units throughout Bergen County... **ALEXIS J. RIOS** has joined Anita International in Florida to pursue a career in public relations and marketing... **VINCENT TROYANI** and his band, The Highland Society, performed at a gala for the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children in Bridgewater... **JOANNE VICTORIO** has been appointed the coach of the Belleville High School crew team. Victorio is a 2007 graduate of Belleville High and a former rower for the team.

2012 DANIEL BRIGHT has been hired as a project manager for Reed-Lane, a New Jersey-based contract packaging provider that serves leading drug manufacturers... **CHRIS CONNOLLY, MA**, a Coastal Carolina University lecturer who specializes in low brass, presented a recital of French music for trombone and euphonium by Saint-Saëns, Casterede, Guilmant, Martin and Fauré... **STEVEN LARTIGA** has been a realtor with Rosa Agency for nearly six years. This past year, he earned the New Jersey Association of Realtors Circle of Excellence Bronze Award and totaled more than \$2.6 million in sales... **JOHN T. LA BARBERA, MA**, who plays the mandolin, performed with his group, Quintetto Sincopato, at the Abendmusik concert series hosted by the Morristown United Methodist Church... **JON MILANO** screened his film, *Straw Dolls*, in Los Angeles to mark the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide... **KATE VICTOR** performed traditional Armenian songs as part of the group the YY Sisters at Pacem in Terris in Warwick. The event commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and paid tribute to its victims.



Martha Geaney '78, MA '80, Named Dean of College of Business at Kutztown University

Martha M. Geaney has been appointed dean of the College of Business at Kutztown University. Geaney, who joined Kutztown in 2013 as associate dean of the College of Business, led a team that gained

accreditation from the Association for the Advancement of Collegiate Schools of Business. She also developed and launched three new minors, entrepreneurship, business and supply chain management and logistics. Previously, she was associate dean of the graduate business programs at Felician College.

The author of *Bring Your Spirit to Work: One Woman at a Time* (Nolan Publishing, 2010), Geaney has more than 20 years of experience in management consulting. A graduate of William Paterson with bachelor's and master's degrees in English, she holds a doctorate in interdisciplinary studies with a specialization in business administration from the Union Institute and University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

2013 JAIMIE HINSELWOOD was appointed aquatic director of the Gateway Family YMCA-Rahway Branch. Most recently, she was the acting aquatic director at the Ocean County YMCA in Toms River... **PETER ROMERO** was appointed as a police officer in Saddle Brook... **ALLAN SIMON** has joined The Ivy League as a communications and championships assistant. He previously served as assistant sports information director at Muhlenberg College.

2014 ABELITA MATEUS, MA, a pianist, performed at the Bergen Performing Arts Center in Englewood as part of the Brazilian Jazz Trio... **NATHAN MOLINARI** was hired by CPR Strategic Marketing Communications as account coordinator... **LUCY YEGHIAZARYAN** performed traditional Armenian songs as part of the group the YY Sisters at Pacem in Terris in Warwick. The event commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Armenian genocide and paid tribute to its victims.

2015 MARK TRAVIS RIVERA gave a keynote speech at the Historic Black Gay Coalition 2015 Youth Empowerment Conference. Rivera is an award-winning activist, choreographer, dancer, speaker, and writer.

Wedding bells for...

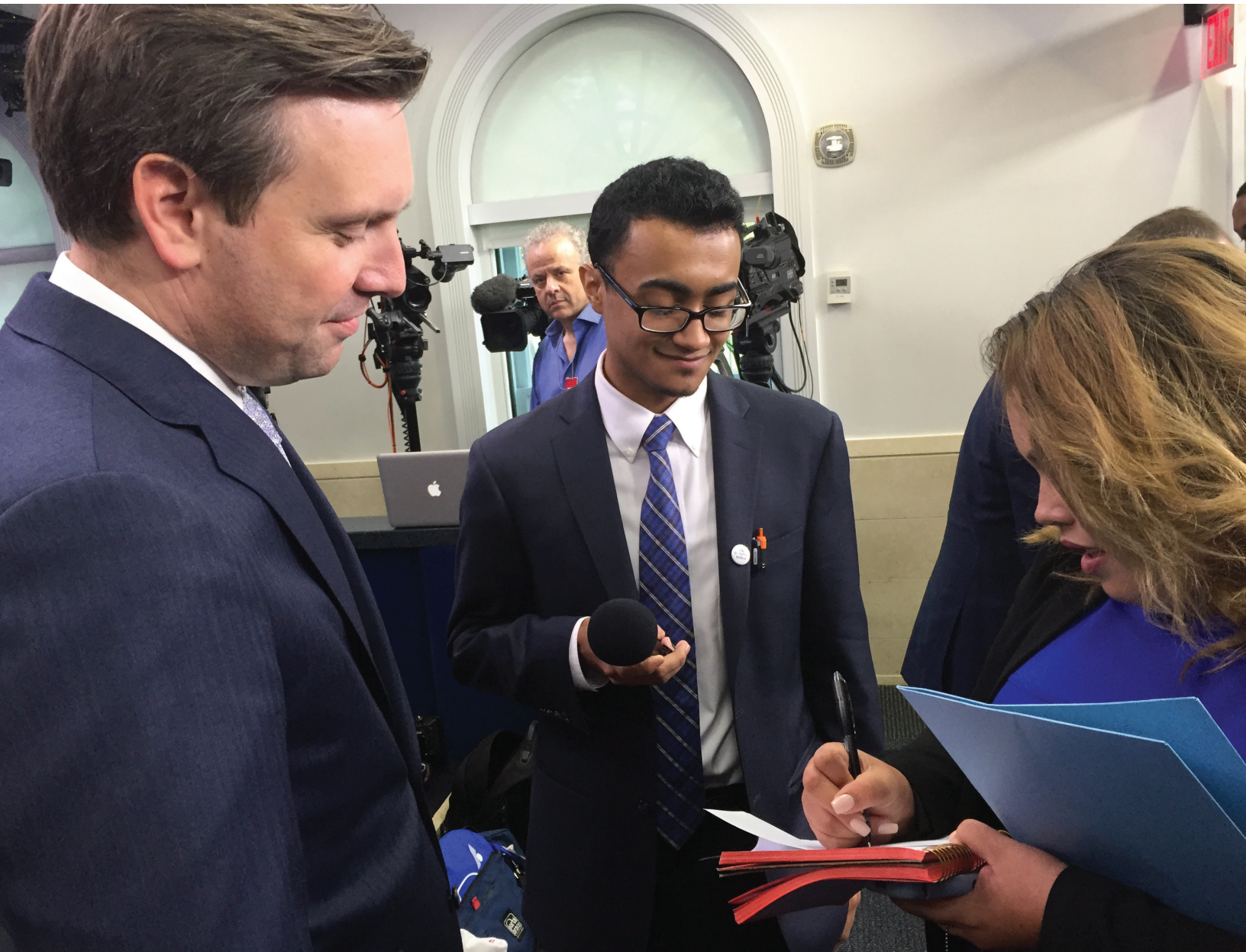
2005 SHANNON GROTTENDICK to Randy Moldovany (10/18/14)

2007 RICK RIGNATELLO to JUSTINA KLECHA '09 (8/2/14)

Golden Anniversaries

SHIRLEY (REIMERS) MUTCHLER '63, MED '77, and her husband David celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 26, 2016. Shirley taught elementary school for 39 years before retiring in 2003. The couple, who reside in Madison, have two children and one grandson.

AL GARTH '59 and his wife Carol of Bloomfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 7, 2015. Al was a sixth grade teacher at Brookdale Elementary School in Bloomfield for 35 years and is also a retired U.S. Marine. They have five children and eight grandchildren.



PROMOTING COLLEGE RADIO AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Students Joel Carasquillo and Michelle Martinez, both members of the University's radio station, WPSC 88.7 FM, interview Josh Earnest, assistant to President Barack Obama and press secretary, during a visit to the White House on September 24. The students, along with fellow student Eric Dargis and faculty member Rob Quicke, associate professor of communication, were invited to the White House to discuss college radio, campus topics, and college affordability. In addition to Earnest, the group met with Valerie Jarrett, senior advisor to the president, Kyle Lierman, associate director of public engagement and senior policy advisor, Cecelia Munoz, assistant to the president and director of the Domestic Policy Council, and James Kvaal, deputy director of the White House Domestic Policy Council.

WP Events

Jangarh Singh Shyam



Richard Davis



Fancy Nancy



Judy Collins



ART

UNIVERSITY GALLERIES
Ben Shahn Center for the Visual Arts
Monday through Friday: 10:00 am
to 5:00 pm
Admission is free.

Recent Indigenous Art of India
November 2-December 11, 2015
COURT, EAST, AND SOUTH GALLERIES

Panel Discussion
November 18, 2015
4:15 to 5:30 pm
SOUTH GALLERY

MUSIC

William Paterson Brass Ensembles
November 19, 2015, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

JAZZ ROOM
**Bassist Richard Davis, Drummer
Andrew Cyrille, Violinist Aska Kaneko,
and Pianist Angelica Sanchez**
Live CD Recording Session
November 22, 2015, 4:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

NEW MUSIC SERIES
November 23, 2015, 7:30 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
Collage 2015!
December 4, 2015, 7:30 pm
SHEA CENTER

JAZZ ROOM
Saxophonist Charles McPherson
December 6, 2015, 4:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

William Paterson Wind Ensemble
December 10, 2015, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Christmas in Italy with Will and
Anthony**
December 12, 2015, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Celebrate the Holidays with
Judy Collins**
December 19, 2015, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Classic Albums Live Performs Pink
Floyd's *The Dark Side of the Moon***
February 12, 2016, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Onstage Café at Shea Presents
Catherine Russell**
February 13, 2016, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Onstage Café at Shea Presents
Fiddler's Feast**
March 5, 2016, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

THEATRE AND COMEDY

**To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday by
Michael Brady**
November 17-22, 2015
HUNZIKER BLACK BOX THEATRE

WP PRESENTS!
**Childsplay in Dr. Seuss's
*The Cat in the Hat***
November 21, 2015, 2:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Vital Theatre Company Presents
*Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas***
December 5, 2015, 2:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

The Stand-Up Show: TWO
December 5, 2015, 5:00 pm
GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

WP PRESENTS!
**Theater for Children with Autism:
Theatreworks USA's *Fly Guy and
Other Stories***
December 7, 2015, 10:30 am
SHEA CENTER

The Comedy Improv Show
December 9, 2015, 7:00 pm
HOBART HALL

The Sketch Comedy Show
December 11, 2015, 7:00 pm
HOBART HALL

The Stand-Up Show: ONE
December 12, 2015, 5:00 pm
GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

WP PRESENTS!
**Theater for Children with Autism
Presents Theatreworks USA's *Junie
B's Essential Survival Guide to School***
March 18, 2016, 10:30 am
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
Ladies of Laughter
March 19, 2016, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Theater for Children
with Autism Presents
Theatreworks USA's
*Seussical***
April 22, 2016, 10:30 am
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
**Hugo y Ines, Mime and Body Puppet
Theatre from South America**
April 23, 2016, 12:30 and 3:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

9th Annual National Sales Challenge
November 18-20, 2015

**6th Annual Educational Technology
Conference**
November 20, 2015, 8:30 am-4:00 pm
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

35th Annual Bilingual/ESL Conference
December 4, 2015, 8:30 am-3:30 pm
1600 VALLEY ROAD BUILDING

SPECIAL EVENTS

192nd Commencement Ceremonies

Graduate Ceremony
May 18, 2016, 7:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

Undergraduate Ceremony
May 20, 2016, 9:00 am
PRUDENTIAL CENTER

ALUMNI EVENTS

Pioneer Society Luncheon
December 4, 2015, Noon
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

"It's a Shore Thing"
Alumni Networking Event
December 11, 2015, 7:30-9:30 pm
TUN'S TAVERN ATLANTIC CITY

Class of 1966 50th Reunion
May 16, 2016, noon
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

Class of 2016 Senior Send-Off
May 19, 2016, 7:00 pm
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Alumni Events: Office of Alumni Relations, 973.720.2175, wpunj.edu/alumni

Art: University Galleries, 973.720.2654, wpunj.edu/coac/gallery

Conferences: Center for Continuing and Professional Education, 973.720.2463, wpunj.edu/cpe

Music, Lectures, Theater & Comedy: Shea Center, 973.720.2371, wp-presents.org

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Draws Hundreds
in Celebration