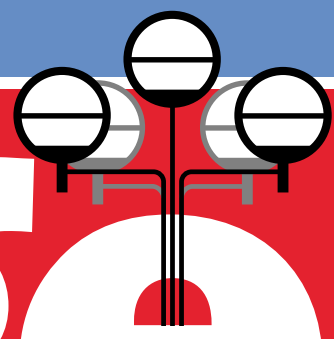


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SUNYIT Dedicates Peter A. Spina Field

Ceremony honors former interim president

President Yeigh welcomed Peter A. Spina, former interim president, back to campus in September 2012 for a ceremony naming the Wildcats new baseball field. The facility, now known as “Peter A. Spina Field,” was named in recognition of Spina’s philanthropic support for SUNYIT, his work as interim president from 2004 to 2008, and his personal performance as a student-athlete while attending the University at Albany as an undergraduate in the 1960s.

“It’s always a pleasure to welcome Dr. Spina back to SUNYIT,” Yeigh said. “This is a fitting tribute for someone who has given back in so many ways, so that future student-athletes will have opportunities for success here.”

Construction of “Peter A. Spina Field,” which was completed in 2011, was part of an upgrade in campus athletic facilities totaling more than \$20 million that also included the new Wildcat Field House and Wildcat Field.

“On behalf of the SUNYIT Foundation, I want to express our appreciation for Dr. Spina’s support,” said Michael Evke ’84, chair of the SUNYIT Foundation. “Thanks to him, the next generation of successful SUNYIT students will get the chance to excel – just as he did as a student, athlete, faculty member, administrator and college president.”

From 1981 to 1999, Spina was president of Monroe Community College in Rochester, N.Y., and his career also included a number of positions at Suffolk County Community College in Selden, N.Y. His academic career began in the West Islip Public Schools in West Islip, N.Y., where he was a high school English teacher.

Peter A. Spina Field is home to the Wildcat baseball team and is also used for intramurals, summer camps and various community groups.



*Above: At the September 29 dedication ceremony: Associate Athletics Director Kevin Edick, College Council Member Dr. Theodore Max, College Council Chair Donald Hanson, former Interim President Peter A. Spina, Director of Athletics and Recreation Kevin Grimmer, President Yeigh, SUNYIT Foundation Board Chair **Michael Evke '84.***

Alumni Spotlight: Successful Leaders in Healthcare



“As an undergraduate, I appreciated the blend of students in my classes. I wasn’t used to having classmates that studied anything but nursing – they brought a new perspective to things.”

Varinya Sheppard '98 G'03

Varinya Sheppard's path to her current executive-level position in healthcare was a natural progression. Decades of professional experience and a meaningful education have made her a well-rounded, successful leader.

After becoming a registered nurse nearly three decades ago, Sheppard accepted her first job as a charge nurse at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica, N.Y. She now is Vice President of Nursing, a role that serves the hospital's nursing departments, pharmacy and rehabilitative services. “Throughout my career at St. Elizabeth, I've worked in almost every department in varying roles. It's shaped me to be the leader I am now.”

Her education has shaped her too. Sheppard earned a B.S. in nursing in 1998 and an M.S. in nursing administration in 2003. “As an undergraduate, I appreciated the blend of students in my classes. I wasn't used to having classmates that studied anything but nursing – they brought a new perspective to things.” She had a similar experience as a graduate student. “I benefited the most from networking with other professionals from different settings in the healthcare field.”

Aside from her full-time job, she works as an adjunct professor at SUNYIT, sharing her knowledge with a new generation of nursing students. Sheppard says the nursing program is, “staying in tune to what is current in industry and academia” and describes it as some would describe her: “ever-evolving.”

Frank Bassett '89

There are many ways to determine a person's success: being the best at something, loving what you do, finding a balance in life, making a difference – and Frank Bassett '89 has accomplished all of these during his 24-year career. He long ago discovered his passion for aging services, and as Director of Long Term Care at Livingston County Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Mount Morris, N.Y., he's making a big impact in the future of the industry.

Bassett's mantra: “I must be willing to challenge convention and lead with the understanding that the culture I cultivate may one day be the culture in which I am cared for.” He has challenged convention by changing the environment of aging services into a neighborhood model that has been widely adopted across the state. “It's great to influence the quality of life that residents experience in a nursing home.” In addition to quality, the model has also proven effective financially and has helped keep his facility public, as more and more counties look toward privatization to survive today's difficult economic times.

Bassett credits SUNYIT with his start in the industry. “Students benefited from how well-connected faculty were. It allowed students to have internships that translated into employment after.” He also credits his leadership skills to his professors and classmates, saying, “They helped me think about persistence and being a change agent.”

And what about SUNYIT today? “Education has to be relevant,” Bassett says. “SUNYIT is not following trends but developing them and engaging students in the learning process – it's cutting edge.”



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Eve Van de Wal G'07 G'08

A single-page résumé would not do justice to Eve Van de Wal. Her career has comprised an array of roles with increasing clout in the healthcare field; a textbook example of climbing the corporate ladder. While her professional impact in the healthcare field is significant, her community involvement and educational accomplishments show a well-rounded, motivated, and driven woman.

Van de Wal began her career as a Registered Nurse working for more than a decade in the Critical Care unit of Utica's Faxton Hospital. In the late 1990s she decided to venture into healthcare administration by taking a position with Excellus BlueCross BlueShield. Over the next 13 years, she would move up the corporate ladder in various managerial roles until being named regional president in 2008.

Before stepping into her role as regional president, Van de Wal pursued not one, but two master's degrees, graduating in 2007 with a M.S. in health services administration and the following year with an MBA. For both degrees, choosing SUNYIT wasn't a difficult decision for Van de Wal. "I could have gone to Syracuse University or Cornell. SUNYIT is local and provided me with an education that I value. I'm proud to have my degrees from such a great college."

One of the experiences she valued most as a graduate student was learning from her classmates, many of whom came from different age groups and backgrounds. "It was a cross-generational group of students. We had different strengths. I learned from them and they learned from me."

Van de Wal is a proponent of education and considers the educational goals of her employees a priority, counseling them individually. How does she find the time in her busy schedule? "Education is never wasted. It's not only valuable to the individual but also positively impacts our company in the best way possible."



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Scott Perra '79

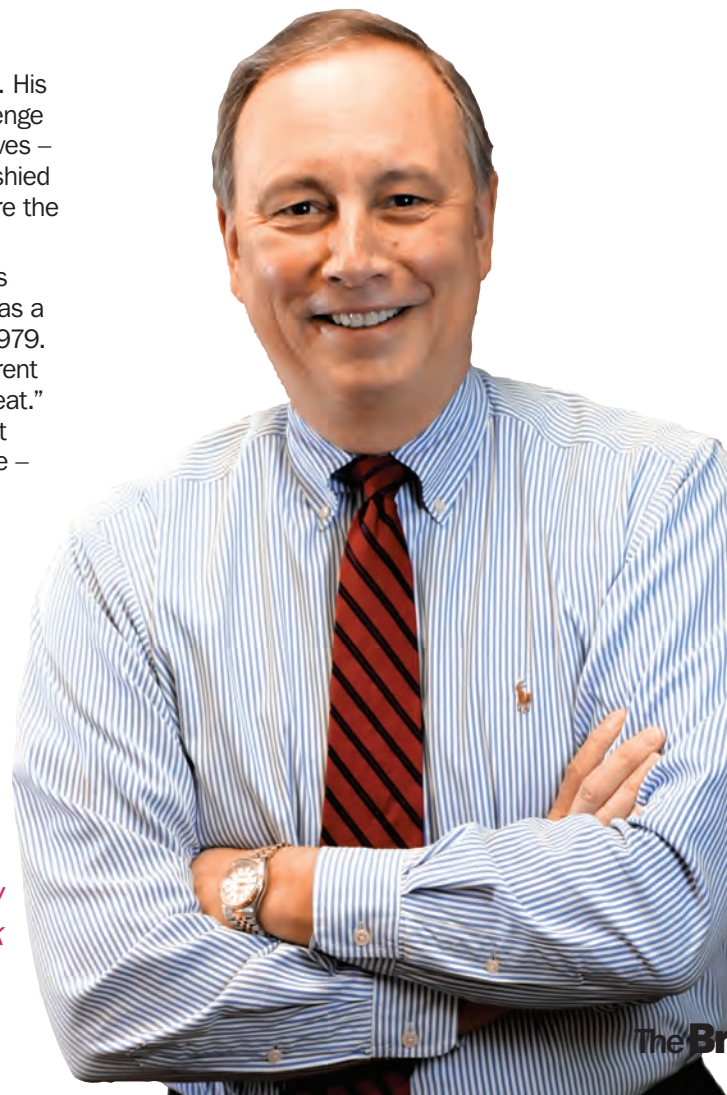
Learning has been a lifelong pursuit for Scott Perra. His motivation to gain knowledge and willingness to challenge himself have helped him accomplish countless initiatives – many that other healthcare administrators may have shied away from. He credits his education: "My degrees were the building blocks for everything. I'm a lifelong learner."

Perra recalls the educational field of health services management just starting to blossom during his time as a student at SUNYIT's West Utica campus from 1976-1979. "My faculty came from varying fields and shared different perspectives. It was a learning environment, it was great." From this he gained an objective view: "SUNYIT taught you how to learn, how to question, and how to analyze – to look at what's in front of you differently."

His learning spirit and critical eye undoubtedly set him apart throughout his career and remain a driving force in his work as President and CEO of Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare.

When asked about SUNYIT today, Perra says current and future students will benefit just as he did: "SUNYIT has been great for me and provides a great education. The school is going in the right direction especially with the nanotechnology emphasis. The sky's the limit for SUNYIT."

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Alumni Spotlight



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Robert Scholefield '86

Robert Scholefield's range of experience in the healthcare field has provided him with a valuable perspective – one he applies to his approach as Chief Operating Officer of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Prior to becoming a hospital administrator, Scholefield '86 began his career as a staff nurse and then became a nurse manager. He looks back on his early career often, acknowledging the importance of his practical experience in his decision-making process: “I have the full picture of how the healthcare system works. The balance is beneficial.”

For Scholefield, it's more than experience. His education helped to support the advancement of his career. “I wouldn't be able to do this job without my education. It helped me understand the business side of healthcare.” He remembers learning from faculty who had worked extensively in the field and included real life applications in their coursework.

Scholefield considers SUNYIT an asset to the community and, as an employer, an important educational resource for his nursing staff. He is often asked about the value of education for healthcare workers: “It's tremendous. Beyond learning from the professor, you can network with people from other places and learn from their challenges and struggles. There are still people that I connect with.”

Barbara Black '77

Barbara Black '77 will always remember her time as a nursing student, especially her harrowing winter commutes from Syracuse to the SUNYIT campus. Smartphone weather apps were unavailable three decades ago making for some “exciting times,” as Black recalls. In retrospect, traveling in Upstate New York's inclement weather was a small price to pay for a great reward: an empowering spirit that guided her through her life and career.

“My classmates and I were pioneers. Thirty-five years ago nurses rarely went on to earn a bachelor's degree – it was an empowering thing,” Black said. “When I graduated I felt like I could do anything.” Her tenacious attitude would eventually lead her to what she was meant to do – help other nurses gain a similar sense of self-assurance through continuing their own education.

Black has spent the last 15 years as the Director of the Center of Continuing Nursing Education at SUNY Upstate Medical University's College of Nursing and has most recently been appointed the Assistant Dean for Continuing Education and External Affairs. The Center's mission is aimed at enhancing the knowledge of practicing nurses with the ultimate goal of improving patient outcomes. Close attention is given to topics that will benefit today's nurses the most – directing continuing nursing education to those areas that would have the greatest impact on their patients.

Directing such a venture is not an easy task. Black has been inspired by her experiences as a Registered Nurse, a clinical instructor, earning two master's degrees, and raising her three children (now grown and working as a doctor, a lawyer, and a journalist). However, when asked about her professional success, she gives a simple, yet bold response: “I understand what it is to educate.” This understanding is reflected in her commitment to inspiring other nurses to continue their education.

Perhaps more poignant than Black's professional drive is her selflessness; she has dedicated years of service in meaningful roles with non-profit groups like the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, American Heart Association, Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse, and 23 years as a member of a local Board of Education – the list goes on and on. With all that she's done, she remains humble. “My education was the foundation for everything I've done. I wouldn't have been able to do some of the things I did without the confidence I gained at SUNYIT.”

Joseph Millard '07

For more than 25 years, Joseph Millard dedicated his life to the science-based responsibilities of a medical laboratory technologist. He has since reinvented himself – a result of an inspiring dedication to the healthcare field and the motivation to grow as a professional.

Changing career paths wasn't without challenges. "Going into an area that you don't know anything about requires you to learn for yourself – you can't stay stagnant." His disciplined attitude and enthusiasm to advance in his career helped Millard earn a master's degree in health services administration.

The attraction to SUNYIT's program was the flexibility of taking courses online. "The online program with some classroom exposure was best for me – it challenged you to stay focused and dedicated." With a full-time job and a family, Millard appreciated the convenience of the program yet stressed the necessity to work hard, "You have to dedicate yourself. There's nobody there to make you do it except you."

After earning his degree, Millard was promoted to the executive team of Carthage Area Hospital to oversee growing business and operational functions. True to his personality, he avoids being stagnant – by challenging himself. His latest project: the formulation and future operation of a new assisted living corporation, Meadowbrook Terrace.

Millard's take on a SUNYIT degree: It's not just the education, but the relevance of the content. SUNYIT is giving students options; they are keeping up with the changing world."



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Suzanna Myalik '13

Hometown: Utica

Major: Nursing

Activities/Hobbies: Member of the Sigma Theta Tau, spending time outdoors, and photography

Scholarships: Edward V. Mele - The Mele Foundation Scholarship, Faxton Hospital Alumni Association Scholarship

"As a Utica native, I feel privileged and honored to be able to work toward my dreams in my own community. Ever since I was a child I knew I wanted to work with people. When the time came to go to college and choose a major, I picked nursing knowing that this would be a career in which I could go far. SUNYIT was affordable and close to home. The programs offered allowed me to pursue both my bachelor's and master's at the same school, which I liked.

I am paying for college myself, so the scholarships that I have received have allowed me to obtain my education without having to place myself into debt. I am currently employed as a medical surgical RN at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where I work 12-hour night shifts. I was able to obtain this job after my first year at SUNYIT. Thanks to the scholarships that I have received and the ability to obtain practical work experience, I am one step closer to reaching my ultimate goal of obtaining a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree. In the future I hope to stay in the area and give back to the community that has taught me everything that I know."





At the January 28 announcement: President Yeigh, SUNYIT Foundation Board Chair **Michael Evke '84**, John Zogby, **Kathy Zogby '76**, Katherine Bruce, College Council Chair Donald Hanson, Director of Development Peter Perkins.

Zogby Analytics, John & Kathy Zogby '76 Announce Gifts to SUNYIT

Donations to support computer science, nursing scholarships

Zogby Analytics, a polling and research firm started by former employees of Zogby International, is honoring a SUNYIT alumnus with a donation to the SUNYIT Foundation. The money will provide scholarship dollars to future computer science students in memory of John J. Bruce, a Zogby Analytics employee and 1991 graduate of SUNYIT who died unexpectedly on November 11, 2012.

“John utilized his degree in Computer Science to build an important and globally recognized system for measuring public opinion,” said John Zogby, founder of Zogby

International and senior analyst at Zogby Analytics. “His training of younger employees prepared them for an ever-changing industry. SUNYIT meant a lot to him, and it is fitting that an award be made in his name.”

John and his wife, Kathy Zogby, a 1976 SUNYIT alumnus, also made a donation in honor of her parents, George and Emily Ertel, that will support scholarships for SUNYIT nursing students. “Like many parents, they made great sacrifices to secure a first-rate education for me,” Kathy Zogby said. “My education at SUNYIT gave me a great start

in life, and I am very thankful to my parents.” After graduation, Kathy went on to become a special education teacher with the Utica City School District; she retired in 2006.

“We are thankful for the support of corporations like Zogby Analytics and individuals like John and Kathy Zogby,” said Peter Perkins, director of development at SUNYIT. “Their financial support enables the SUNYIT Foundation to invest in our students, making possible their education and future success.”

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Dear SUNYIT Donors,

My name is Dana Parthurst and I am a freshman here at SUNYIT. I am majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology and with this degree I hope to one day design and build sports cars. Your generous donations have made it possible for me to attend school, and it brings me closer to reaching my goals. Thank you so much for supporting me and my education!

Thanks!
-Dana Parthurst '16

Dear Donors

My name is Matthew Biscardi. I am a freshman from New York, New York, and I am currently studying computer science. Eventually, I will become a computer programmer and hope to work on video games. I thank you for this opportunity, and I will not let anyone down.

-Matthew Biscardi '16

Dear Donors,

My name is Abdullah Megid and I am a freshman at SUNYIT studying mechanical engineering technology. I am from Brooklyn, NY and your scholarship has helped me afford school at a time when I was a little sheptical of attending college. I was fortunate to have this opportunity, since it allowed me to live on campus and have some wonderful experiences here at SUNYIT. So thank you for your efforts, I truly appreciate it!

Thank you,
Abdullah
Megid '16

Dear SUNYIT Donors,

My name is Emily Lafary. I'm from Watertown, NY and I am a freshman in Computer Information Systems. I have the joy to be able to go to college for free this year with the scholarship money I have received. I plan to graduate with my major and obtain a job that will allow me to use the skills I learned and work from home to have a career and a family. Thank you for helping me and many others out.

-Emily Lafary '16

Dear Donors,

My name is Kailey Salo and I am from Red Creek, NY. I am a sophomore majoring in accounting and minoring in applied mathematics. I hope to become a CPA and possibly opening my own accounting firm. Thank you so much for allowing me to further my education.

Trunks Again,
Kailey Salo

Dear Donors,

My name is Juan Salguero. I am from Garnerville, NY. I am a sophomore majoring in Electrical Engineering. My dream is to follow the footsteps of my father but become someone greater. With this scholarship, I had the opportunity to pursue my goals and even create my own club on campus. I'm grateful and thankful for being able to have a chance at SUNYIT with your scholarship and will strongly continue moving forward.

Thanks!
Juan Salguero '15

Dear Donors,

My name is Megan Gargas. I am from Rensselaer, N.Y. I am a sophomore in Biology. I am hoping to go into a career working with animals. Thank you so much for the chance to follow my dreams and help make college more affordable.

-Megan Gargas '15

Dear Donors,

My name is Nicholas Corsi. I'm from Norwich, CT. I'm a CID major going into Graphic Design. After college I hope to create advertisements for various people and companies. Eventually, I hope to move to England. Thank you for your help!

Dear Donors,

My name is Patrick Mills. I am from Marlband, N.Y. I am a freshman in Computer Science. With my degree I hope to get a job in the computer field. Right now I don't have what it will be but the computer field is so big it can't be wrong. I thank you very much for the scholarship. It makes paying for college much easier. Thanks again.

Patrick Mills '16

Dear Donors,

My name is Darren Sponable. I am from Plattsburgh, NY. Currently, I am a Junior in the Mechanical Engineering Tech program. With this degree, I hope to get into something with manufacturing and development of products or machinery. I am very thankful for the scholarship. It really helps with being able to afford to attend school, and is one of the reasons I chose to come here. Thanks again.

-Darren Sponable '14

Hello Donors,

My name is Jeremy DelValle and I'm currently a freshman in the Computer Engineering Tech program. Being the son of a single parent led me to make crucial decisions on where I wanted to go for college. The Academic Merit Scholarship allowed me to come to SUNYIT when other universities were unable to help me with my financial situation. For this, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity!

Thanks,
Jeremy DelValle

Thank you!

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Dear SUNYIT Donors,

My name is Craig L. Wells and I'm a recipient of your academic merit scholarship. I can't express my gratitude in receiving the aid that I have been gifted due to your program. It's an amazing opportunity in the work and computer sciences. Your program opened many new opportunities for me that were previously unthinkable due to the investments they required. Thank you for all your good deeds, because of your funds my future is bright and I'm able to get the education I've always dreamed of. Your donations have given me the opportunity of a lifetime. Sincerely,
Craig L. Wells

Class of 2016

Dear Donors,

My name is Devine Jabotic and I am a first-year student at SUNYIT. I am from Saugus, NY, and am studying Mechanical Engineering Technology. The academic merit scholarship is very helpful to me. I am ever so thankful for your organization to help me continue my education. One of the main reasons I chose SUNYIT is because of this scholarship; it made a college education possible here with my budget. Thank you so much!

-Devine Jabotic
Class of 2014

Take a look at some of our recent alumni happy hours!

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Robert Archbald '83, Kristin Glass G'11 and Nick Grimmer '05

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Kevin Grimmer, athletic director;
Nicole Watson '83 and
Walter Bing III '86



Mimi Vence, Jim Vence '85 and Richard Simms '88

Austin



Robin Carpenter-Dengel '94,
Dennis Dengel '93 and
Dana Martin '08

2013 Alumni Happy Hours



Peter Perkins, director of development; **Paul Clements '83**; **John Jefferson '89**; Dr. Peter Spina, Former Interim President; **Kimberly Intino '98**; President Yeigh and **Liz Freitag '93**.



Kaushal Mehta '06, **Hal Sitrin '77**, **Christopher Melito '95**, **Paul Steiner '76**, **Steven Farber '75** and guest.



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Nyo Thaw Nan and Khim Moh Moh Aye, originally from Burma, captivated the audience with their traditional dress and dances at the Utica Music and Arts Festival.

Collaborative Refugee Project Brings Community Together

By Katie Reilly G'13



The exhibit featured photographs from refugees' Facebook pages, and they reveal the many similarities we all have across cultures and religions.

Celebrating refugee stories through collaboration of faculty, staff, and students

The "Refugees Starting Over in Utica, NY" project was a series of events during fall 2012 that celebrated refugee resettlement in Utica. Refugees are people who have been forced to leave their country of origin and cannot return due to fear of persecution or personal safety. The greater Utica area has welcomed refugees since the 1970s and has continued to be a haven for people in need, responding to U.S. government policy to take in the victims of some of

the world's worst and most violent conflicts. Over the years, more than 14,000 refugees have come to Utica by way of the Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees.

The intention of the project was to increase awareness of the cultures and lives of the refugees who live so close to our campus but with whom many of us, including students, do not have much contact. Events included an Asian Folk Music Hour at the Utica Music and Arts Fest, a lecture about human rights presented by Lindsey Kingston of Webster University, a collaborative art show at SUNYIT's Gannett Gallery, a well-attended gallery opening with food, music, dance, film and storytelling, and finally, a multicultural puppet show for children. In addition to the events, a set of social media activities helped us learn more

Bhutanese-Nepali refugee Pritha Monger holds a Nepali madal drum in preparation for Asian Folk Hour.



about the community, develop content for the exhibit, and publicize the events. Collaboration between students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community members was one of our main goals.

I got involved in the project through Kathryn Stam, associate professor of anthropology, who received a grant from the President's Opportunity Fund to do this project with instructional technologist Kevin Volo. I am from Utica and was interested in learning about the refugees in the city, but I had no idea how many new people I would get to know and how it would change my view of the city I have known for so long.

The project included a wide range of activities and opportunities to try web tools and skills. I developed an online presence for the project, including a website, social network pages on Facebook, YouTube and Twitter, and a blog. As a student in SUNYIT's graduate program in Information Design and Technology program, I am familiar with many information technology tools, but this project gave me the opportunity to develop my skills and figure out how to use them in an integrated way. I also had the opportunity to participate in months of interviews and interactions with different refugees, attend and document cultural events, curate art for the show, host tours of the gallery and coordinate with 30 community partner organizations that work with refugees.

Among the project's highlights:

At the Asian Folk Music Hour and the World Music Events it was so exciting to see how happy and proud the refugees were to practice and share their culture.

The gallery opening was also an amazing event. There were over 200 people in attendance and more than half of them were from the refugee community. It was great seeing students, faculty, and staff talking and laughing with refugee students from Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, Bosnia, Belarus, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, Iraq, and other countries as well.

Overall, I am so grateful to have been a part of this project through SUNYIT!

Update:

The "Starting Over" project received a "Best of Category" award for Community Projects in the SUNYCUAD (State University of New York Council for University Advancement) Annual Awards for Excellence. Photos taken at the Asian Folk Music Hour by **Lynne Browne '04** garnered "Best of Category" in the photography category.

How the Starting Over Project Began

By **Kathryn Stam**
Associate Professor of Anthropology

In August 2011 at a COMPASS Interpreters training for medical interpreting, a fortunate introduction to a Bhutanese-Nepali refugee named Tek Monger was the beginning of the idea for the "Starting Over" project. He told me about the history of his people, their expulsion from Bhutan, the 19 years they spent in a refugee camp in Nepal, and their funny and surreal resettlement to the Utica area. I could hardly believe that more than 35 Nepali families had been living in Utica, just a few miles from campus, for several years, and I had not heard anything about them. I had visited Nepal several times and was interested in all things Nepali, yet had never read or heard about their situation: 100,000 people living in exile and waiting for a new future. I wanted to get to know them and other refugees like them, learn about their culture, and find ways to bring them closer to our students. Since that meeting, I have met refugees originally from Burma (Myanmar), Cambodia, Laos, Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Vietnam, Iraq, Yemen, and Bosnia, just to name a few of the countries. I felt an urgent need to bring their stories and the images of their lives into view.

I hoped that we could use the skills that we teach about information technology and effective design to increase awareness about the refugee community, and I think we were successful in doing that. Katie Reilly's website and other social media outlets were excellent in quality, and we plan to continue to use them for archiving the materials and continuing to promote awareness. The design of the logo, exhibit, and other materials was done beautifully by Kevin Volo and Michelle Sammon. Katie and I spent a lot of time going through photographs from refugee Facebook accounts and securing permission from the photographers.

As an anthropologist, it was very interesting to learn about the cultures and bring those experiences back to my classroom. Working with Katie, Kevin, and the many other faculty and staff involved made the project stronger and more creative. The project was a pure joy for me to do from beginning to end. I am very grateful to the President's Opportunity Fund, the Provost, and the Committee for Cultural and Performing Arts for allowing the project to come into being.



Co-curators Kathryn Stam, associate professor of anthropology, **Katie Reilly G'13**, and Kevin Volo, instructional technologist, in the Gannett Gallery.



Refugee student Pawser Soe from MVCC tells a story about moving to the U.S. from Thailand. Students, faculty, and community members shared stories on the theme of "Starting Over" in Kunsela Lecture Hall as part of a Utica Firefly event on November 30, 2012.



Bhutanese-Nepali refugees from Utica shared traditional songs and dances for SUNYIT and Utica community members at a World Music event on campus on November 30, 2012.



Above and below: On September 15, 2012, the project-sponsored Asian Folk Hour at the Utica Music and Arts festival gave refugee community members an opportunity to share their traditional music and dance.



The project teamed up with the Utica Firefly Storytelling Series to produce the Starting Over film (available at www.startingoverutica.com) about the Bhutanese-Nepali refugee community. Above: Bhutanese-Nepali refugee Tek Monger and local filmmakers Geoff Storm and Ryan Miller.



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Settling in, not down

This past year was the first that all of SUNYIT's 12 varsity athletic teams had full access to new field house and turf field facilities for an entire academic year. Coming off a third-straight NEAC President's Cup win in 2011-12, fall and winter sport teams quickly proved their on-field product would equal, if not surpass, their swanky new homes.

Women's volleyball and men's and women's soccer teams settled into their new digs for their first full seasons, and they certainly liked what SUNYIT "had done with the place." The teams combined for a fall home record of 16-8-2, good for a .615 winning percentage. Among the highlights in 2012-13...

Women's Volleyball

The Wildcats hosted their first tournament in the four-court Wildcat Field House September 28-29, during Wildcat Weekend, and SUNYIT grabbed three victories in front of a packed house. With three courts all playing at once, Wildcat Weekend featured three volleyball matches indoors competing with the two soccer matches outside for the attention of the ample SUNYIT crowd. The Lady Wildcats won three matches on the weekend, all in straight sets, and even took a set from a



formidable RIT squad in the Wildcats' only loss on the weekend.

Behind the inspired play of All-NEAC second team selection Kaitlyn Harrington (Central Square, N.Y. / Paul V. Moore High School), SUNYIT used its success at Wildcat Weekend to propel the team to a 3rd-place finish in the NEAC and a fourth consecutive NEAC Championship Tournament appearance.

Women's Soccer

The 2012 women's soccer season was Erin Schurr's first as head coach of the Wildcats. Schurr, an assistant for the team since 2010, took over a team in 2012 searching for an identity after the graduation of SUNYIT all-time leading scorer Nicole DiNitto in 2011.

Under Schurr's guidance, the team quickly found it: returning juniors Stephanie Wurz (Whitesboro, N.Y. / Notre Dame High School) and Abbey Hanehan (Stillwater, N.Y. / Stillwater High School) emerged as SUNYIT's go-to scoring tandem early in the season, while newcomer Dakota Hanley (Franklin, N.Y. / Franklin Central High School) came on strong in the second half of the season, including an incredible six-game scoring streak in which the junior-transfer scored 9 goals and helped guide SUNYIT to a 4-2 record over that stretch.

Wurz, Hanehan, and Hanley would all be named to NEAC All-Conference Teams at the end of the season, but the most impressive feat of the season would belong to the Wildcat team as a whole. An underdog heading into the NEAC Tournament, the Wildcats upset the favored Penn St.-Abington Nittany Lions in the first round of the conference tournament in a 1-1 game that was decided by penalty kicks.

SUNYIT would go on to lose to eventual tournament runner-up Penn St.-Berks, but 2013 looks bright for the Lady footballers: the Wildcats will have 14 juniors returning for their senior season next year.

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team was poised to continue the success of the previous two seasons, in which SUNYIT captured the NEAC Championship and advanced to the NCAA tourna-

ment. Ultimately it was not to be, as the men lost to Penn St.-Harrisburg on penalty kicks in the first round of the NEAC tournament. The season was still a decided success, with the SUNYIT men turning in several memorable performances in front of capacity crowds.

Chief among these was the Wildcats' 2-1 victory over Clarkson in early September. The Wildcats had a one-goal deficit for the first 85 minutes of the game; but with just 4:49 seconds remaining in the contest, first-year player Anthony Surber (Miller Place, N.Y. / Half Hollow Hills) brought the crowd to its feet with an incredible pass from just a few paces inside the mid-line. Surber placed the long pass perfectly on the head of a streaking Josh Kimber (Chittenango, N.Y. / Chittenango), who headed it home to tie the game 1-1.

Of course, great plays were made on both ends of the pass, as the junior Kimber's header was truer than gravity, soaring crisply into the right side of the net. Wildcat star Diego Montaleza (New York, N.Y. / MLK) finished off the SUNYIT comeback, beating the keeper at the 86:03 mark - not even a minute after Kimber's goal. Montaleza was the beneficiary of a great touch by senior Mario Gomez (Rome, N.Y. / Rome Free Academy), who kept the ball alive after the Wildcats booted it deep into Golden Knight territory.

Men's soccer was well-represented on the post-season awards ballots. For the third-straight year SUNYIT keeper Malick Faye (Bronx, NY / MLK) received the NEAC Goalkeeper of the Year award, while teammates Montaleza, Kimber, and defenseman Tyler Fleming (Groton, N.Y. / Tompkins Cortland CC) were named to various All-Conference teams.

Women's Basketball

The 2012-13 women's basketball season was Lyndsey Brognano's swan song. A four-year starter, the Rome, NY native graduated from SUNYIT as the most decorated female athlete in the school's history.

Last year's NEAC Player of the Year, Brognano garnered first team All-Conference honors again this season, and was even named a second team All-ECAC selection, an honor

bestowed upon the best basketball players in the region.

With the signature class of her seven years at SUNYIT set to graduate, it was fitting that SUNYIT women's basketball coach Jessica Skelton picked up her 100th win in 2012-13. Skelton has breathed new life into the SUNYIT basketball program since taking over the team in 2006. Under her leadership the team increased its season win total every year from the 2006-07 season right up through 2011-12, when the Wildcats set a school record by going 22-5, winning the NEAC regular season title, and hosting the NEAC Championship Tournament.



Seniors Kayla McNeil, Ashley Schmidt, Lauren Marleau, and Lyndsey Brognano

The women's basketball team cemented their status as a beloved part of the SUNYIT family, due in no small part to the Wildcats four seniors: Kayla McNeil, Ashley Schmidt, Lauren Marleau, and Lyndsey Brognano.

The team finished with a 15-9 overall record while once again dominating conference play by going 13-4 in the NEAC. Ultimately SUNYIT fell in the NEAC Championship Tournament to Wells College, but not before giving the SUNYIT faithful a few more unforgettable victories over the likes of Cortland, Lancaster Bible College, and cross-town rival Utica College, whom the Wildcats defeated for the second straight season, 76-70 on January 2.

Men's Basketball

The SUNYIT men's basketball team made great strides after a rebuilding season, nearly doubling their win total while exhibiting flashes that will make them a definitive threat to take home the NEAC Championship in 2013-14.

The Wildcats grabbed their first win over MCLA at the 9/11 Heroes Tournament at Staten Island College. It was SUNYIT's first year participating in the annual tournament, which commemorates several members of the Staten Island team who were victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Finally back on their home court after nearly three weeks on the road, the Wildcats defeated Utica College at home on January 2, 88-75. SUNYIT would later rattle off three straight victories at home in January, and finished the season winning 6 of 10 at home.

The season's end saw the departure of just one senior from the young Wildcats, good news for SUNYIT's future but disappointing for all those with the privilege of watching Derek

Rowe (Mexico, N.Y. / Mexico) over the past four years. A two-sport athlete for SUNYIT (basketball and lacrosse), Rowe was one of two SUNYIT athletes to win the Northwestern Mutual Student-Athlete of the Month award for the month of February, and he graduated in May with a double major in electrical engineering technology and computer engineering technology.

Men's Cross Country

Derek Struck (Knox, N.Y. / Berne-Knox-Westerlo) burst onto the SUNYIT cross country scene in the team's first meet of 2012, at home for the sixth annual SUNYIT Invitational. The 5' 11" freshman dominated, setting a course record in the team's first race. Struck was incredible as a rookie, finishing either first or second overall in three of the team's first four races of 2012, including a record-setting performance in the home opener. In his record-setting performance at home, Struck broke the SUNYIT course record despite unseasonably hot temperatures, finishing the 6-kilometer course in 19 minutes, 53 seconds.

Dylan Parry (Voorheesville, N.Y. / Voorheesville) emerged as a veteran leader. The junior stepped into his role by making incredible gains in 2012, turning in personal-best finishes of eighth place at the Wildcat Invitational and even beating out Struck for fifth place at the NEAC Championship Race at the end of the year, where the Wildcats placed third.

For his efforts, Parry was named to the NEAC All-Conference first team along with Struck, while sophomore Cody Russell (Fonda, N.Y. / Fonda) and freshman Sean Reynolds (East Berne, N.Y. / Berne-Knox-Westerlo) made the second and third teams.

Women's Cross Country

The SUNYIT women's cross country team competed hard in 2012-13, as first-year runner Carli Rogan (Colonie, N.Y. / Colonie Central HS) led the Wildcats throughout the season. SUNYIT's best performance came at the Penn St.-Abington Invitational, where they raced to a sixth place finish as Rogan finished 20th overall with a time of 29 minutes, 11 seconds on the 5k course.



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Class of 2017 Profile

This fall, SUNYIT will welcome its 11th freshman class. To see what SUNYIT and the Class of 2017 look like, check out the snapshot below.



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Class Notes and SUNYIT Memories

1970s

Victor Markowitz '75 retired in 2011 after 30 years as an Instructor for NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Victor lives in Spring Glen, N.Y.

Kim Schwartz '77 is the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Population Services International (PSI), a global health organization dedicated to improving the health of people in the developing world by focusing on serious challenges like a lack of family planning, HIV and AIDS, barriers to maternal health, and the greatest threats to children under five, including malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia and malnutrition.

Jack Harris '78 sends his memories: "I had a really great time working as

Patricia Hryzak Lind '78 and **Peggy Greene Gigstad '78** had their second SUNYIT nursing reunion in Tucson, Ariz. Peggy teaches as an adjunct professor for the University of Arizona College of Nursing after retiring from a full-time position there. Pat is the Nurse Executive at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center. SUNYIT provided them with a great start and a great friendship!

1980s

John Paoni '80 was appointed as program director at Advanced Wound Care of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in New Hartford, N.Y. John lives with his wife, JoAnn, in Ilion, N.Y.

Kim Richards '82 has been hired as the psychiatric nurse practitioner for Community Health Center of

Robert Brown '84 is an engineering specialist at General Dynamics Electric Boat and lives in Groton, Conn. He would like to send his appreciation to Dr. Dey, Dr. Tadros and Dr. Das for providing him with an excellent engineering foundation.

Michele LaPorte '84 was honored as the recipient of the 2012 Lynda Ford Award for Lifetime Achievement in Human Resources by the Mohawk Valley Society for Human Resource Management and the Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce. She has over 32 years of experience in the HR field and is currently the facility labor relations manager for the New York Power Authority. She also received a master of science with a concentration in human resources management from Binghamton University and is a certificated Professional in Human Resources (PHR).

James Stewart '85 has joined Utica School of Commerce as an adjunct faculty member. He is a management consultant and life and health insurance broker in his consulting firm, Stewart Associates.

John Schneider '85 writes: "I just retired last June after 27 years with General Motors. Effective October 22, 2012, I have accepted a new position with Johnson Controls here in Detroit, Michigan. I will be assuming the role of Health and Safety Engineer." John fondly remembers Dr. Hamid Parsaei, Robert Zech, Eileen D'Agostino and Dr. Rahman Rabie.



Melinda (Hayes) Mackesey '86 writes: "I am a 1986 SUNYIT graduate and a Wildcat women's basketball alumna from back in the Mill days. In winter 2011, the History Press in Charleston, SC published my first book "Adirondack Exploration for Kids and Families: History, Discovery and Fun!" The publisher is promoting my book through many of the New York State museums including: Museum of Natural History (New York City), New York State Museum Cultural Education Center (Albany, NY), Blue Mountain Lake Museum (Blue Mountain Lake, NY), the Wild Center (Tupper Lake, NY), Albany Institute of History and Art (Albany, NY) to name a few."

Hank Visalli '87 says "Hello All."

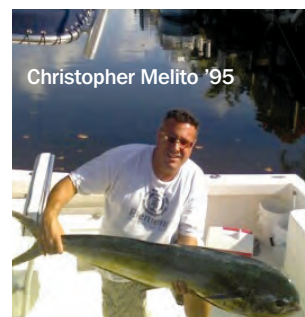
Dennis Elsenbeck '87 is a regional executive for National Grid and lives in Buffalo, N.Y. His areas of expertise are integrated energy management and community engagement. Dennis also received an MBA from the University of Rochester.

1990s

Joyce Kapral '91 has joined the teaching staff at Mohawk Valley Community College where she will be teaching nursing classes. She holds a master of science degree in nursing from SUNY Health Science Center at Upstate Medical University and lives in Canastota, N.Y.

Laurie Nichols '92 was recently appointed as Director of Human Resources at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group in New Hartford, N.Y. She is a member of the National Society of Human Resources Management and the Mohawk Valley Society of Human Resources Management.

Nancy Winch G'94 retired in November 2012 after 20 years of service as the director of public health for Columbia County. In retirement, Nancy will pursue becoming a master gardener through Cornell Cooperative Extension, explore her Dutch-Irish genealogy and spend more time with her family of three grown sons and four grandchildren.



Christopher Melito '95 works as a member of the loan modification team for Bank of America in Sunrise, Fla. He sent this picture to show off a catch he made in December 2012.

Filomain 'Fil' Talerico '95 is the trauma and emergency preparedness coordinator at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica, N.Y. She is responsible for the coordination and care for critically injured trauma patients. She is a member of the Board of St. Elizabeth College



Friends, co-workers and family of Mollie Wertheim celebrated her 100th birthday with a party May 6 in the Student Center multipurpose room. A familiar face in the admissions office since 1976, Mollie was already retired when she started work at SUNYIT's former campus during the college's "mills era" through a local community program for retirees.

the editor of the Genesis yearbook and I really enjoyed going to school in the Old Mill. I was even a bartender at "The Loading Dock," the place brings back really great memories. I met people at Upper Division College (as it was known back then) that have been my close friends for all of my adult life."

the North Country in Canton, N.Y. Kim also completed the psychiatric nurse practitioner program at SUNY Upstate Medical University and holds a master of science degree from Stony Brook University.

Luke Tetreault '83 is a senior database administrator at Key Bank and lives in Albany, N.Y.

of Nursing, St. Elizabeth Alumni Association and Mohawk Valley Emergency Nurses. In October 2012, the Mohawk Valley Chapter of New York State Women Inc. honored Fil by presenting her with its "Woman of the Year Award."

Amy Shaver '96 G'98 has joined Alfred State College as associate professor of nursing. Previously, she was director of the nursing program at Maria College. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from SUNYIT and a doctorate in rural nursing from Binghamton University. Amy lives in Albany, N.Y.

Brenda Carney, MS, RN, FNP-C '97 G'08 has joined Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare's Adirondack Community Physicians in Boonville, N.Y., as a family nurse practitioner.

Patricia Robinson '97 is a special consultant to help with marketing for the Peacemaker Program, Inc. in Utica, N.Y. She is also a New York State certified mediator and arbitrator.

Daniel Naugle '98 is an engineering manager, dynamic sealing products at Garlock Sealing Technologies.

Kevin Mereness '98 is a manufacturing engineer at ConMed and lives in Utica, N.Y.

2000s

Jordan Ross '01 was recently promoted to manager of Indium Corporation's engineered solders and thermal materials. He will also be responsible for new product launches and the development and execution of regional and application strategies.

Pauline Mack G'02 has recently been promoted to data-warehouse architect in the information technology systems department at the Utica National Insurance Group in New Hartford, N.Y.

Allison Greco '02 is a tax manager for D'Arcangelo & Co., LLC in Rome, N.Y. She was recently designated a certified valuation analyst by the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts. Allison is married with three children and is a native of Utica, N.Y.

Antonius "Tony" Rivera '02 G'05 is now the assistant director for academic community engagement/coordinator of Bonner Service Leaders for Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y.



Lynne Browne '04 received the John Hubbard Memorial Award in the Faces of Central New York Portrait Category at the 10th Annual Danella Photographic Weekend for her photograph "First Time for Everything."

Lisa Volk, RN, LNHA '04 has been named executive director of St. Luke's Home for Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare in Utica, N.Y. St. Luke's home is a 202-bed nursing home on the St. Luke's campus of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare and also includes a 40-bed subacute rehabilitation unit and an adult day care program.

Jessica Wilbert, RN, MS, FNP-BC '07 has joined the office of Dr. Emile Wassel at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare as a nurse practitioner. Jessica is also a nursing instructor at St. Elizabeth College of Nursing in Utica, N.Y., and is currently pursuing a post-master's certificate in nursing education from SUNYIT.

Stephen Surace, CPA G'06 is the senior vice president and chief operating officer of Adjusters International/Basloe, Levin & Cuccaro. He recently achieved the Certified in Financial Forensics (CFF) credential through the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Stephen is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and is president of the Utica chapter of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Cathy (Dell'Anno) Soldato '06 is a care assistant for Seniors Helping Seniors and lives in Cocoa, Fla. She fondly remembers Dr. Veronica Tichenor. Cathy would also like to announce she recently married Dominick Soldato.

Cheryl Aupperle '07 lives in Liverpool, N.Y., and is a senior product information acquisition specialist for Virtucom Group. She writes: "I would like to announce that I have started my own business. As of September 2012, I am an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics."



Bill Read, **Amy Mlynarczyk '13**, and Peter Perkins at the recognition for the establishment of the Day, Scarfile and Read Scholarship



Dina Radeljas '05 G'08

Dina Radeljas '05 G'08 was hired as the assistant director of vocational services for The Arc, Oneida-Lewis chapter of NYSARC, Inc. In her new role, Radeljas will provide for the development and implementation of vocational and clinical programs. She is currently pursuing a doctorate in psychology from Capella University and is also an adjunct instructor at Mohawk Valley Community College.

Maureen Carney '08 has been promoted to controller of Mohawk Valley Economic Development Growth Enterprises Corporation (EDGE), where she will oversee the financial affairs at EDGE, its subsidiaries and other economic development organizations that contract with EDGE for staff support. She has been with EDGE since 2011 and lives in Ilion, N.Y.

Kyle Reybitz '09 is an officer in the U.S. Air Force and lives in Woburn, Mass.

Jeffrey Moro '09 was named client relations manager for the finance team of Blue Ocean Strategic Capital LLC, of Syracuse, N.Y. Jeffery will provide client account support and maintenance and develop financial plans to meet client goals.

Jacklyn Rosemyer '09 is an account executive at the Fortus Group in Utica, N.Y. She will oversee a variety of key accounts nationwide. Jacklyn received the Fortus Group's "Top Recruiter" Award for 2012, placing the most candidates over the year.

Edward Benn '09 joined INFICON as an IT support technician.

Dan Levett '10 has accepted a job at Community Bank, N.A. as a commercial credit analyst. Dan is engaged to Honora Gaffney '10 and they will be celebrating their wedding on August 17, 2013.

Cory Wiest '10 is a senior programmer analyst at Albany Medical Center and lives in Albany, N.Y.

Justin Hayduk '10 is a designer at Bechtel and lives in Glenville, N.Y. Justin is pursuing a graduate degree in mechanical engineering at Union Graduate School.

Armela Bostandzic '10 is a data information clerk at BNY Mellon and lives in Utica, N.Y.

Peter Nuzzolo '10 is a computer instructor at City College of New York and lives in Staten Island, N.Y. He is pursuing a graduate degree in communication arts at New York Institute of Technology.

Michelle Camarda '10 is a family nurse practitioner at the Richard E. Winter Cancer Center of Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg, N.Y. She lives in Hammond, N.Y., with her husband Tom.

Aubree Chandler '10 is a procurement specialist at CXtec and lives in Rome, N.Y.

Kathryn Mannella-DeRosia '10 is an administrative assistant at Indium Corporation and lives in Utica, NY.

Crystal Chapple '10 is an R.N. staff nurse at Oneida Healthcare Center and lives in Sherrill, N.Y. She is a student in the M.S. in family nurse practitioner program at SUNYIT.

William Bass '10 is an environmental scientist at Saudi Aramco and lives in Saudi Arabia. He is pursuing a graduate degree at King Abdullah University of Science and Technology.

Amy Rochford '10 is a clinical research specialist at Synta Pharmaceuticals and lives in Southborough, Mass.

Tanya Marr '10 is a PSL trainer at Upstate Hospital and lives in Whitesboro, N.Y. She is a student in the M.S. in family nurse practitioner program at SUNYIT.

Matthew Lacy G'10 is a district executive at Boy Scouts Of America and lives in Lowell, Mass.

Ernest Puig G'10 is an EEDP Software Security Engineer at General Electric - Energy Management and lives in Atlanta, Ga.

Ayush Sahay G'10 is a software engineer at Lionbridge.

Diane Wicks-Miller G'10 is a senior manager, solution development at NTT America, Inc. and lives in Richfield Springs, N.Y.

Joe Albano '11 is a senior programmer analyst at Albany Medical Center and lives in Ravena, N.Y.

Crystal Rickard '11 is employed by American Mobile Healthcare and lives in Cold Brook, N.Y.

Sean Peterson '11 is a PC Tech at Aspen Dental and lives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Matthew Brown '11 is an associate embedded systems engineer at ATTO Technology Inc.

Amanda Duell '11 recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Amanda completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Patricia Timmler '11 is a customer service representative at Axa Equitable and lives in Oneida, N.Y.

Nicole Clinch '11 is a geek squad consultation agent at Best Buy and lives in Medford, N.Y.

Michelle Lewis '11 is an office assistant at Carbone Auto Group and lives in Clark Mills, N.Y.

Susanna Tom '11 is a benefits representative at ConMed Corporation and lives in New York Mills, N.Y. She is pursuing a graduate degree in human resource management at SUNY Oswego.

Jessica Bezon '11 is a clinical instructor at Crouse Hospital College of Nursing and lives in North Syracuse, N.Y. She is pursuing a graduate degree in nursing education at SUNYIT.

Justin Hayes '11 is a sales manager at Dave Hayes Appliance Center Inc. and lives in New Hartford, N.Y.

Deborah Chirillo '11 is an R.N. at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare and lives in Utica, N.Y.

Melissa Klock, RHIA '11 is a release of information specialist II at Healthport and lives in Edwards, N.Y.

Matthew Crumb '11 is an identity engineer at Identropy and lives in Austin, Texas.

Allan Sundberg, Jr. '11 is a resident case worker at John Bosco House, Inc. and lives in Rome, N.Y.

Julianne Breen-Carney '11 lives in Clinton, N.Y., and remembers Dr. Laura Francis-Gladney.

Kathryn Freisatz '11 is a recruiting and research coordinator at KCO Resource Management and lives in Schenectady, N.Y. She is pursuing an MBA and an HR Certificate at Union Graduate College.

Devin Will '11 is a customer service associate at Lowes and lives in Remsen, N.Y.

Cynthia De Leon '11 G'13 is a counselor/tutor/coach at Manhattan Youth After-School Program and lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Olga Gonzalez '11 is a diagnosis-related group validator at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and lives in Copiague, N.Y.

Brett Patten '11 is a software quality assurance engineer at Navicure and lives in Duluth, Ga.

Shanta Sanders '11 is an accounts receivable specialist at Northeast Parent & Child Society and lives in Schenectady, N.Y.

Michael Shue '11 is a computer operator aide at Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES and lives in Port Leyden, N.Y.

Christina Perri '11 is a coder/abstractor I at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center and lives in Scarsdale, N.Y.

Wayne Pritchard '11 is a production worker at Remington Arms Company LLC and lives in Frankfort, N.Y.

Aaron Swancott '11 is an admissions counselor at SUNYIT and lives in Utica, N.Y. He is pursuing a graduate degree in sport management at SUNY Cortland.

Liz Berry '11 is a financial aid officer at SUNYIT and lives in Canastota, N.Y.

Lindsay Berardino '11 is a server at The Tailor and The Cook restaurant and lives in Utica, N.Y.

Michael Garling '11 is an IT administrator at Thomas Electronics Inc. and lives in Canandigua, N.Y.



President Yeigh, Peter Perkins, **Nick Alger '96**, **Michele Salisbury '94**, John Marsh, **Mike Evke '84**, and Provost William Durgin at the establishment of the NYSTEC Scholarship.

Robert Everetts '10 is an applications/developer engineer at ITT Exelis and lives in Rome, N.Y. He is pursuing a graduate degree in computer and information science at SUNYIT.

Jamie Griffin '10 is an intensive Case Coordinator at Liberty Resources Inc. and lives in Frankfort, N.Y. Jamie is pursuing a graduate degree in social work at Syracuse University.

Afrodita Puris '10 is a claims examiner at MetLife and lives in Utica, N.Y.

Erik Lanahan '10 is a senior construction supervisor at O'Brien & Gere Engineering and lives in Utica, N.Y.

David Paciello '10 is a reimbursement analyst at Upstate University Hospital and lives in Remsen, N.Y. David is pursuing an MBA at SUNYIT.

Alex Sarkozi '10 is an engineer and lives in New York, N.Y.

Abdelhak Hajjari '10 is pursuing a graduate degree in civil engineering at Norwich University.

Joseph Murphy G'10 is an applications engineer at Ametek Rotron and lives in Athens, N.Y.

Amy Lamberto G'10 has joined D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP in Rome, N.Y. as a staff accountant.

Sowmya Prabhala G'10 is a developer at Azonic and lives in Chicago, Ill.

Desiree Mendoza '11 is employed by UCP and lives in Camden, N.Y. She is pursuing a graduate degree in clinical mental health counseling at Syracuse University.

Edin Music '11 is a Training Coordinator at Walmart Stores Inc. and lives in Utica, N.Y. Edin is pursuing an MBA at SUNYIT.

Latisha Daughtry '11 lives in Brooklyn, N.Y. She is pursuing an MBA at Long Island University Brooklyn Campus.

Jeanyhwh Desulme '11 lives in Rochester, N.Y. He is pursuing a graduate degree in information technology at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Dan Staloch '11 lives in Iliion, N.Y., and is pursuing an M.S. in computer and information science at SUNYIT.

Julie (Barber) Rose G'11 is an admissions counselor at Alfred State College and lives in Hornell, N.Y.

Danielle Martorella G'11 is an office coordinator at Assist2Sell and lives in Utica, N.Y.

Bryce Oleski G'11 is a business account executive at AT&T and lives in Holland Patent, N.Y.

Danielle Laporte G'11 is an information assurance analyst at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Linda Young G'11 is a nurse practitioner at Ellis Medicine and lives in Schenectady, N.Y.

Tracey Wuest G'11 is an energy efficiency analyst at National Grid and lives in Sherrill, N.Y.

Melissa Breault G'11 is a family nurse practitioner and R.N. at Seton Health/St. Peter's Partners and lives in Waterford, N.Y.

Ellen Herritt G'11 is an RN home telehealth care coordinator at Stratton VA Medical Center and lives in Albany, N.Y.

Kristin Glass G'11 is the assistant director of admissions for marketing and communications at SUNYIT and lives in New Hartford, N.Y.

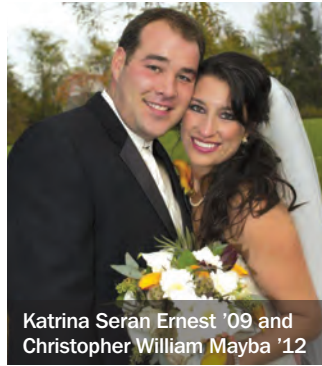
Katherine DelPrato G'11 is an FNP at Upstate Hospital and lives in Syracuse, N.Y.

Sonja Nelson G'11 is a Supervisory Accountant at US Army and lives in Bel Air, Md.

Daniee Hurlbert '12 is public relations and development director at the Utica Zoo and lives in Utica N.Y. She writes: "As director, I supervise the revenue center, membership department, donor management, advertising and graphics, special events, and community relations. I work directly with the executive director of the Zoo and I am part of the management team, which is composed of directors from animal care, education and grounds departments." Daniee is also currently pursuing a Network + Certification through MVCC.

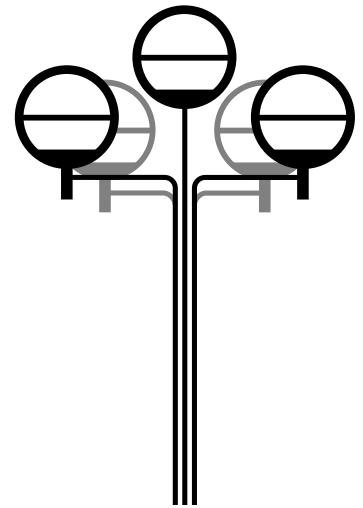
Frank Aceto '12 was recently promoted to assistant manager of First Niagara Bank in Barneveld, N.Y.

Sarah Lalonde '12 G'12 recently joined E.J. Noble Hospital as the nurse practitioner for the Russell Clinic and the Hermon-DeKalb School based clinic. She lives in Ogdensburg, N.Y.



Katrina Seran Ernest '09 and Christopher William Mayba '12

Katrina Seran Ernest '09 and Christopher William Mayba '12, both graduates of SUNYIT, were married on October 13, 2012, at St. Peter's Armenian Church in Watervliet, N.Y. Fellow SUNYIT alumni and volleyball teammates of the bride **Courtney Ruether Harrigan '10** and **Lindsay Meislin '10** were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were SUNYIT alumni **Colleen Caraher '09, Justin Harrigan '11, Nick Hagerbaumer '09 and Conor McGuigan '09**. The bride is working as a Project Coordinator for AWS Truepower, LLC, and the groom is working as an Inside Engineering Sales Coordinator for ATCO Emissions Management, both located in Albany, N.Y. Following a honeymoon in Aruba, the couple resides in The Capital Region.



Faculty Note

Russell L. Kahn, associate professor of communication, has published an article entitled "A Taxonomy for Choosing, Evaluating, and Integrating In-the-Cloud Resources in a University Environment" in the 2012-2013 edition of the Journal of Educational Technology Systems, Vol. 41, No. 2. The article describes how teachers can choose Web 2.0 resources to meet the needs of students' different learning styles. Kahn has been a member of the SUNYIT faculty since 1990.

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