A "Hands-On" Leader in Education

Carolyn Charles Deacon '66 looks back on a career devoted to the growth and development of her students.
Nod to the Past, Commitment to the Future

In September a storm blew down a large portion of the “Century Maple” tree onto the Withnell Library roof. We fixed the library; we could not fix the tree. It was removed in mid-October and replaced by an American red oak, thereby affirming the College’s respect for the Class of 1905, which planted the maple tree as its class gift more than 103 years ago. To preserve the history of the tree, salvagable wood from the maple will be milled into boards and used for a future campus project.

In this issue of our magazine, as in Cazenovia College’s history, the common theme is renewal. An 1893 graduate of Cazenovia Seminary, Wallace E. Brown, became a bishop and a missionary to China. Now his great-great grandson is becoming more beautiful each year.

One thing never changes: our staff and faculty members continue in their dedication to caring and teaching; their successes are indicated by alumni who have joined the staff and faculty ranks, who are serving on our board of trustees, and on the alumni association board of directors.

On our campus, in our classrooms, and in every community our alumni have touched, Cazenovia’s promise is constantly renewed. We have spent 184 years helping students build successful futures, and we are well-positioned to continue to keep that promise far into the future.

Mark J. Tierno
President
A “Hands-On” Leader in Education
Alumna’s career focused on positive change for students, teachers and administrators

After a twenty-five-year career in the field of education as a teacher, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent, Carolyn Charles Deacon ’66, of Summit, N.J., proudly stands by the belief that it’s not so much what you do, but the impact that what you do has on others, that really makes a difference.

Deacon, who recently retired as the superintendent of the Summit (N.J.) School District, today looks back on a career that was devoted to professional development for teachers and administrators, providing leadership and vision for schools and districts that brought about significant change for students and teachers. “I believe that my ‘hands-on’ approach to leading has helped the districts in which I worked to accomplish many goals and objectives,” she says. Following her years at Cazenovia College, Deacon worked as a retail manager, and over the next decade, she married and had two children. She became very involved in her children’s school activities, volunteering, participating in fundraising activities and then working with small instructional groups of students. Having developed a passion for education, she returned to college, earned a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and was hired by Syracuse University as a teaching assistant while completing her master’s degree in reading education. From there, Deacon set out to make a positive difference in the field of education.

She takes pride in the role she played in the recognition of Summit as one of the best functioning districts and high schools in New Jersey and the country. According to Deacon, “We have become a model for many districts in attaining benchmark status and receiving national recognition in U.S. News & World Report as one of the top 500 high schools in the country.”

She never wavered from her focus on benefitting the student, and some of her greatest accomplishments resulted in a better working and learning environment for staff and students. As a reading supervisor, she wrote a book that became the key component of a reading program for young students in her district and other districts in the area. As a principal, she worked with teachers to change from lecture to cooperative learning instruction methods. As an assistant superintendent, she closed a growing achievement gap between economically disadvantaged students and others; and worked with teachers and administrators to develop a mentoring program that provided students with additional instruction and emotional and social opportunities.

As superintendent, she spearheaded efforts focused on improved student achievement and the integration of technology into all aspects of teaching and learning. She took the lead in the development and implementation of a plan for two primary centers that now allow teachers and parents to focus on early childhood education in an environment designed for young people. Deacon also provided the necessary leadership and support for improvement of all athletics fields in the district; creation of a district emergency management plan; and the coordination of emergency evacuations with local police and fire departments.

Deacon points to completing her doctoral degree in education administration at Seton Hall University, and becoming superintendent of the Summit School District, as her proudest professional moments. She says, “I have been very fortunate to work in a place where the board, city council, families of students and parents have supported my vision and have encouraged me to assert myself as a new type of leader in education.”

On a more personal level of success, Deacon recalls becoming a mentor for an at-risk student at the same time she was developing a mentoring program for the Summit School District. “It helped me understand what an at-risk student needs to be able to succeed,” says Deacon, who remains in contact with her mentee. “She is now a senior in college and I couldn’t be prouder of the independent and successful woman she has become.”

Deacon now looks back to her own college days and realizes how her leadership skills began to take shape on the small campus in Cazenovia. “I attribute much of my success to Cazenovia,” she says. “Due to its small size and nurturing environment, I grew more self-confident, independent and developed many of the leadership skills that have served me well throughout my career.” She recalls Dean Winifred Coleman and President Rhea Eckel as wonderful role models who encouraged her to think “outside the box.”

It is her forward thinking and leadership qualities that have the members of the Cazenovia College family thrilled about Deacon’s new role as a member of the board of trustees. Deacon is equally excited about giving back to Cazenovia. “I feel that I owe so much to Cazenovia College for launching me into a very successful and rewarding life as a lifelong learner and contributing citizen,” she says. “Now it’s my turn to play a role in the institution’s continued success.”

Deacon plans a busy retirement. Traveling and spending time with her husband, Art, their children and five grandchildren are at the top of the list. In addition to serving on her alma mater’s board of trustees, Deacon also wants to continue contributing to advances in education.

Most notable is her desire to work on a program that provides support for women who have demonstrated the potential to be successful students, but lack the support and resources to transition successfully from education to the work world. Deacon hopes to remain involved in media literacy. “The ability to create and intelligently consume media content is emerging as a critical 21st century life skill, with profound implications for the learning experience,” says Deacon. “I would like to assist educators in providing opportunities for students to learn how to create, understand and evaluate information responsibly.”

Going GREEN on Campus

College engages in numerous projects to protect the environment and save energy

All across the country, efforts to go green dominate the landscape. Cazenovia College is no exception as it joins many organizations in making sound business decisions that are both cost effective and environmentally friendly.

Environmentally conscious students are closely involved with the Cazenovia Conservation Corp - a group whose purpose is to further environmental awareness and develop conservation practices on campus and in the community. Its members have had a hand in several of our recent projects.

Dining and Catering services have made significant strides in the implementation of green initiatives. Take a close look and you'll see students and employees getting meals-to-go using biodegradable plates and containers made from sugar cane, grass, and reed plasma, and flatware and cups made from corn resin. A new state-of-the-art dish machine will improve dining room efficiency and will provide more space, and automated temperature and ventilation controls. Thad Yorks, assistant professor of Environmental Studies, says, "This new and improved space will aid our students in conducting research and experiments on a wider variety of plant species."

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And there is more to come. Last spring the New York State Collaborative Working Group conducted an Opportunity Assessment on campus. Representatives of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York made recommendations on "green" choices. Executive Vice President Sue Berger says, "We now have some area-specific options that we weren't aware of before ... all focused on taking positive, proactive steps toward energy efficiency and other greening strategies."

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Cazenovia College will host the 5th Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century on April 17, 2009.

This year's symposium will focus on Smart Growth & Transportation and will include presentations and discussion on solutions and options for energy conservation, as well as sustainability for small and large communities. Visit www.cazenovia.edu/energy for more information.

Energy in the 21st Century

Cazenovia is #21 of baccalaureate colleges in the north

Each year, US News & World Report surveys colleges and universities in the United States and ranks them based on a number of factors including average graduation and freshman retention rates, class sizes, student/faculty ratio, alumni giving, and peer institution assessment. In the 2009 edition of "America’s Best Colleges," Cazenovia College remains #21 in the top tier of the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the North. The magazine’s ranking confirms Cazenovia College’s standing as one of the nation’s leading independent institutions. “Cazenovia College continues to place student success at the center of our mission,” said Robert Croot, vice president for Enrollment Management at Cazenovia. “Our faculty and staff are dedicated to maintaining a supportive learning community with close faculty-student relationships and a wide variety of both liberal arts and professionally oriented courses of study.”

M&T Bank Gives $50,000 to Cazenovia College

Multi-year grant will assist with Morgan Center remodeling

Cazenovia College has received a $50,000 grant from M&T Bank for the improvement of the Morgan Center, a multi-use room for large group meetings in Hubbard Hall. “This grant will help us meet the challenges of our changing campus and of the surrounding community,” said President Mark J. Tierno.

The gift will enable the College to create conference space suitable for College and community events, seminars and presentations. The project will include a new wall to create a hallway running from the back door of Hubbard Hall to the stairwell and Harden Room lobby, which will enclose the new conference room. Removal of two walls will enlarge the room and new lighting, carpeting, wall and window treatments will make it attractive for all types of events. Air conditioning was installed last summer.

The Morgan Center, named in honor of former trustees Charles B. and Elsbeth W. Morgan, was for many years the College’s student center. In 2005, the Chapman Gallery and Art Center buildings were renovated to house a new student center and student life offices, leaving the Morgan Center available for other uses.

In making the gift, Allen Naples, M&T Bank regional president, said, “This is an opportunity to assist Cazenovia, which has proven its worth to the community and continues to expand its reach. As a community, we are all in this together.”
Missing Cazenovia and the Classroom

Alumna comes back to teach at alma mater

“After graduation, I went to work as an interior designer and found that I missed the classroom environment,” says Grace (Fisher) Baker ’04. She returned to Cazenovia College in 2007, and will become an assistant professor of interior design and the Classroom in December. Recently, the College partnered with the Village and added three flower beds on Seminary Street. Flower beds have also been added in front of Williams Hall, Eckel Hall and under the new Bell Tower, and a rose garden has been added to the sitting area by Park Hall. Next time you are on campus, take a close look at the beauty these dedicated employees have created.

Grounds Crew Excels in Keeping Campus Beautiful

For those of you who have visited the campus recently, you’ve been fortunate to see the accomplishments of our grounds crew over the past several years. New flower beds, enhancements to our existing landscaping, and regular pruning and maintenance of the trees have added to the spastic beauty of the College.

Ritter’s suggestion.

Baker’s new capacity has highlighted the changes brought to the program by the Art and Design Building, which was completed during her senior year. She says, “I believe the new building’s design, and the technology it houses have a profound impact on the students. Their creativity and technical skills have soared because of it.”

“I’m grateful to be back at my alma mater and to know that I can help my students become successful as well,” Baker says. “My professors at Cazenovia helped me choose a career path that would lead me back. The people who were my teachers are now my colleagues; we encourage each other to continue learning and growing in our own professional development pursuits.”

“Difficult Can be Wonderful”

Caring is an important part of teaching

One of the hallmarks of a Cazenovia College education is the relationship faculty members maintain with students. There are few who understand this better than Assistant Professor Maureen Louis, whose essay on issues relating to care roles and academia was published in the “Journal of Women’s Studies in Communication, Summer 2008.” Louis wrote the essay, “Walking the Walk: My Autistic Son and the Scholarship of Empathy,” because she realized that taking care of her autistic son, Sam, has enhanced her role as a teacher.

“Caring has been seen as a woman’s issue,” Louis says. “The effect of balancing family and professional life doesn’t usually appear on academic resumes; but on our campus, we’re a ‘family’ and I think the same ethic we apply to caring for our children or aging parents is prevalent here.”

Louis says, “Sam’s well-being is dependent on daily structure; I don’t travel frequently to present at conferences because it takes six weeks to prepare him for my absence for just one night. Does this hurt my teaching career?” She believes the opposite. “The skill-set I’ve developed in dealing with autism feeds my skill-set in the classroom. I teach in the area of Communication every day and Sam helps me to do that with greater empathy.”

Because she must manage her time efficiently, Louis wrote, “I have learned that difficult can be wonderful. My patience and flexibility have increased. I have learned the benefit of humor as a calming agent. I can more easily read and respond to distress; I am able to provide more perspective to my students and appreciate different types of talent. I consider this professional growth of the most important variety.”

To view the article, visit www.cazenovia.edu/Louis-essay.

New Faculty Members Welcomed

Nine new full-time faculty members joined Cazenovia College at the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

They are (back row, left to right): Bonnie Everhart, assistant professor, director of the Sport Management Program; April Yannarelli, instructor, English; Scott Jensen, assistant professor of Visual Communications; Kim Wiecezek, associate professor of Education; (front row, left to right) John Lerner, instructor, Mathematics; Mona Ivey-Soto, instructor, Education; Grace Baker, instructor, Interior Design; Christine Geyer, assistant professor of English, director of the Academic Writing Program; Matthew Hildeck, assistant professor of Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies.

According to Maureen Louis, J.D., who also serves as director of the Communication Studies Program and co-chair of the College Debate Society, “Traditional academic pursuit is not the only thing that shapes us or improves our ability to perform well as teachers and scholars.”
The Search For Justice: John Doe’s Story

By: Stewart L. Weisman

Gang violence. Warrantless searches. Serial killers. Terrorism. The death penalty. High-speed police chases. False arrest. During the course of their four years at Cazenovia College, students pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies are exposed to an infusion of scholarship and real world experience that includes all these situations, and more.

One such tale is the false arrest and imprisonment of a Syracuse resident we’ll call John Doe. I find that John’s story serves as a vehicle to introduce students to the criminal justice system with all of its intertwined parts. As they say in the movies, the following is based on a true story.

John Doe, a thirty-two-year-old African-American, was arrested for possessing a large amount of marijuana. He pleaded guilty to Criminal Possession in the First, which is a felony in New York, and was given an indeterminate sentence of two to seven years. The sentencing range is a mechanism that correction officials use to control inmates by granting release at the low end of the range for those who follow the rules; and the upper limit for those who violate prison rules or commit crimes while incarcerated.

After sentencing was imposed, John was led away in handcuffs and taken to Elmira. John was led away in handcuffs and brought before a judicial magistrate. The false accusation, John did not report the attack to prison officials out of embarrassment, and fear of retaliation from the raptor or from other inmates who did not take kindly to informants.

Some might say that John got what he deserved, (“the dirty drug dealer”). But who among us would say that possession of marijuana, or a similar non-violent offense, can ever justify brutality and rape as a consequence?

Fortunately, John was moved to A Block at Elmira, where he made friends with other inmates from the Syracuse area. With their assistance he was able to steer clear of the raptor, but as time passed, his anxiety grew. He wondered whether he had any purpose in life. He began to question his own sexual orientation. He had nightmares in cold sweat with the sheet drenched. He thought of suicide.

Despite the unholy initiation, John was a model prisoner. He served the minimum sentence and was released into parole supervision. During the next two years, he overcame his debilitating thoughts and resumed the beat of normal life. But, through no fault of his own, his life soon became far from normal.

During John’s parole, the New York State legislature adopted The Drug Law Reform Act, “following years of criticism that the prior mandatory prison terms under the Rockefeller drug laws were onerous and ineffective.” 1 One of the changes enacted limited parole supervision to two years with respect to certain marijuana offenses. 2

More than six months after John completed the legal maximum of two years on parole, the Division of Parole accused him of violating parole by not reporting to his supervising officer. As a result of the false accusation, John was arrested and brought before a judicial magistrate. So began the odyssey of John Doe’s false arrest.

Having little means, John was assigned an attorney, but for some reason, neither the Division of Parole nor John’s assigned counsel was aware of the change in the parole law. Perhaps the Division failed to update the data base, perhaps his case just fell through the cracks, or perhaps there remained a vestige of the racism that was once endemic to the criminal justice system.

John had no way of being aware, but had the court or his court-appointed attorney showed any interest, John would have been set free immediately. Instead, the magistrate found that he had violated parole. For the second time in his life, John was handcuffed and leg cuffed, and transported back to Elmira. This triggered flashbacks of the brutal attack that he had worked so hard to suppress.

Months dragged by. Eventually, John was lucky enough to meet a jail house lawyer—an inmate knowledgeable about the law—who suggested that he submit to the court a petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus, based on the change to the parole law that apparently had eluded everyone else. John prepared and filed a handwritten petition.

At the hearing on the petition, the Division of Parole was represented by a lawyer from the Attorney General’s office who concluded that John was right and consented to his release. After 105 days, John was set free.

Not long after his release John retained me as his lawyer; we sued New York State for mental and emotional harm he suffered from the 105-day ordeal. The presiding judge granted our motion for summary judgment on the issue of liability against the state, and we await a hearing on the amount of damages.

Dr. Martin Luther King noted in his April, 1963, Letter from Birmingham Jail, “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” This is why I teach. I share John Doe’s story, and others like it, with my students, hoping to instill in them a sense of compassion, a desire to seek truth, and a passion to ensure that justice ultimately prevails.

2. NY State Legislature (2007)
She Walks Where her Great-Great-Grandfather Walked

First year student, Madison Beck, follows great-great-grandfather to Cazenovia

Beck’s first love is art, but her Cazenovia College visit made her realize that she was more interested in interior design and architecture than in the graphic design program that brought her to Cazenovia. “I used to play on the computer with my father’s ‘3-D Architect’ program instead of video games,” she laughs. She comes by her interest honestly; one grandfather was an architect in Manlius, N.Y., and her father designs and builds houses in the Buffalo area.

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Alumni Gatherings

Alumni, trustees and friends of the College gathered in Guilford, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa., and Montclair, N.J., in April 2008 to reconnect and reminisce.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Watch your mailboxes for more information on 2009 outreach events in your area.

- **February** - North Carolina
- **March/April** - Hartford, Conn./Springfield, Mass.
- **March/April** - Rochester, N.Y.
- **April 25** - Cazenovia, N.Y., Young Alumni Gathering before the Easter Ball, 6 - 8 p.m.
- **April** - Cape Cod, Mass., and Washington, D.C.

* For further information please contact Director of Alumni Relations Shari Whitaker at 315.655.7332 or sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu

If in Memory

Cazenovia College notes the deaths of the following alumni and friends:

- Elizabeth “Betty” Law Eufinger ’40
- Ruth “Club” Bryant Woodbury ’48
- Susan Swan Becker ’51
- Bernice “Bobbi” Brudie Slomski ’58
- Edith Hocher Fagot ’64
- Laura Gerry ’69

Please continue to keep us informed by forwarding information to Shari Whitaker in the Office of Alumni Relations at 315.655.7332 or sswhitaker@cazenovia.edu.

At the Service of Alumni and Parents

Keeping the lines of communication open

Two faces familiar on the Cazenovia College campus have become a team in the Offices of Alumni and Parent Relations. Shari Whitaker, formerly the alumni and parent relations associate, is now director of alumni relations. Laura Benoit, formerly assistant director of communications, has been appointed director of parent relations.

Whitaker, employed by the College since 2003, attended Cazenovia College in 1979 and is currently enrolled in the business management program. She also served as assistant to the director of Library Services at Cazenovia College before joining the Institutional Advancement Division. Whitaker will oversee alumni-related events such as the annual alumni reunion, and affinity and regional reunions, and work with other College constituencies to plan, develop and implement programs and activities for alumni. She said, “I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to work more closely with alumni and future alumni. I’m now able to build on recent accomplishments and take them to a new level. This is not just a job to me - my commitment and enthusiasm are focused on making Cazenovia College the best it can be.”

Benoit, in the newly created position of director of parent relations, will oversee parent-related services and outreach. She will also be responsible for coordinating volunteer leadership, including working with the Parents Council. “I look forward to connecting with Cazenovia College parents and developing programs that encourage their participation,” said Benoit, who has been employed by the College since 1994. “It is important to keep the lines of communications open between parents and the College community.”
Great Major Gifts Wing to Campus Accessibility Project

E alder this year Cathy McFarland Hamberger ’68 made a signifi-
cant gift to Cazenovia College to help improve accessibility on campus. With her gift of $246,000, Hamberger has established the Cazenovia College Elevator Fund. “Cathy is responsible for moving this campus priority from the capital ‘needs list’ to the capital ‘planning list,’” said Development Director Joan Brooks. “Gifts to the fund will help make our classroom buildings in the Hubbard/Eddy and Coleman/Williams building complexes more accessible for people of all abilities,” Brooks continued. “With Cathy’s gift, and the additional com-
miment of $100,000 from Trustee Emeritus Bob Constable and Bobbie Constable, this major project, estimated to cost $550,000, is now under way.

Several members of the Class of 1968, who were on campus in June to celebrate their 40th Reunion, learned about Ham-
berger’s generosity and decided they should share her story with the rest of their classmates (see Class Notes, 1968). Hamberger was last on campus in 1998 for her 30th reunion, and was unable to attend Reunion this year because of her medical condition.

According to Sue Berger, executive vice president and chief operations officer, the project to install elevators in the Williams/Coleman/Eddy/Hubbard complex has been awarded to Tristich-Kent Architects of Cazenovia. The firm is preparing the engineering plans and permit documents and a prelimi-
nary schedule. The installation of the elevators will begin toward the end of the 2008-09 academic year, and a dedi-
cation ceremony to recognize donors will be planned in 2009.

CLASS NOTES

Share your News for Class Notes!

Please help keep our office and friends up-to-date by sharing recent informa-

If so, please send us the details and include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and e-mail address, so that we can include as many individuals in photographs. Photographs will not be returned. Send the information to: Shawhiskler, Alumni Relations, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia NY 13035. Or e-mail to shawhiskler@cazenovia.edu. Thank you!

Class of 1954

1958 50th Honored Year
Judith Bond Clarke ’59 and Mary Burton Thompson ’59 write, “At-
tention Attention! Coming soon to the Cazenovia College campus, the Class of 1959’s 50th Reunion! Start making your plans to return to Cazenovia the weekend of June 12-14, 2009. We would like to get everyone back on campus. The Class of 1958 had 40% of their class who came for this past June. Let’s do better than that! Lodging will be available in the new Shove Suites and a special 50th honoree reception will be held at the President’s House. Be looking for a letter from us with addition-
al details. We hope to see you there!”

Katherine Lee Kearney Vink ’59 writes, “I’m the ‘townie’ that lived on Lincladd Street when and I am enjoying my retirement and his semi-retirement having made a 6,000+ mile trip in June-July 2008. We left N.J. for Madison, Wi, where Walt taught a short course at the Uni-
versity. Then on to the Black Hills of S.D. for Mr. Ruhmorne and Chief Crazy Horse. Then we traveled to Wyoming for Denii’s Tower and a fantastic week at Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons. Looking forward to seeing you at our 50th college Reunion June 12-14, 2009.”

Susan Wagner Reis ’59 writes, “I was widowed last summer after 45 years of marriage to a College mat that I met two years after graduation. Blind date on April Fool’s Day! We have three girls and a boy. Two of the girls are married and each has three children. My son was mar-
ried but no children. My third daughter, Debbie, is a 36-year-old Down Syndrome woman. She volunteers 15 hours a week at a Pre-K Special Ed. program in a local elementary school and has 4,500 hours under her belt! I speak occasionally to Barbara Jonas Johnson ’59 and Marilyn Muller Oestreich ’59. Also have found Pricilla Abbott Searcy ’58 who didn’t know she was lost. We speak to e-mail on a regular basis. Pric introduced me to her husband.”

1959 60th Honored Year
Laurie Clute ’69 writes, “Laura Gerry ’69, class agent, classmate and friend, passed away August 16, 2008 in Omaha, Neb. Last fall some of the Park East family members came to Cazenovia for our own small Reunion. The weekend was filled with stories and laughter of our days together. We were planning another Caz reuni-

on for the fall of 2008, and we’re still going to have it in honor of Laura and Linda Polchlopek ’69, wingmen and big pieces of our life at Caz.”

Nancy LeValley Farley ’69 writes, “We have created a Web page, ‘Our Class of 1969′ Check our www.
cazenovia.edu/1969 for updates and information about our 40th Reunion.”

1960 60th Honored Year
Linda Frazer Latimer ’60 writes, “At the Class of 1948, The Class of 1958 and The Class of 1968, we all have children. My two sons, Jon, 27 (San Diego, Calif.), and Chris, 22 (Boca Raton, Fl), keep Lee and me traveling. Lee is a fi-
nancial planner and I volunteer and am on the board of directors of the University of Rochester Golisano Children’s Hospital.”

Jo Schlacta Allsopp ’71 writes, “I was surprised to see that Alad Sidd-
off Cuss ’71 and I are working in the equity frenzied financial field. She’s doing great work with horse rescue and I’m teaching riding. It’s the best retirement job, plus it sup-
ports my horse habit. My students range in age from eight to 61 years young! I just love sharing the joys that horses can bring to your life. This past winter my husband and I spent time with Ali Fletcher Rixmann ’71 and her husband, Jim. We always have a good time teaching up on each other’s lives. I can be reached at crazyskylark@yahoo.com.”

Cazenovia College has received gifts from alumni and friends:

In Honor of:
The Class of 1948
The Class of 1958
The Class of 1968
Linda Frazer Latimer ’60 (1966-1968)
Azam Niroomand-Rad ’66 (1966-1968)
Reunion 2008
Dolores “Dolly” Weiss

In Memory of:
Margie B. Cole 1946-1995
Lynn Reynolds ’04 Peg Rickett
Harry Thomas
Alice Thompson
Dorothy Crouse Witherill
Ruth Bryant Woolsey 1948

For information on making gifts in honor of or in memory of a classroom, professor or loved one, please contact Joan Brooks at 315.655.7108 or jbrooks@cazenovia.edu.
Trustee Eric Brown ’97  

(l-r) Rob Scolaro, John Bertrand, Mike Johnson and College Winners of the 7th Annual Cazenovia College Golf Open are  

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lumna serves as Albany attorney  

Alice K. Berke P.C. ’82 is a successful lawyer, real estate investor, educator, advocate, and parent. She received an associate’s degree in merchandising at Cazenovia College, and says, “The nurturing environment prepared me for the large schools I attended later; I would never again, though, know the feeling of an intimate college where the chef knew my name and prepared a cake on my birthday.”

Berke earned her law degree at St. John’s University School of Law, Queens, N.Y., and began her career at the New York State Department of Investigation. She is a member of the New York State Bar and City Department of Investigation. She is an officer of the New York State Bar Association’s Real Estate Committee, and serves on the board of the Capital Owners, as well as the boards of a number of health, criminal rehabilitation and real estate organizations. She teaches law to practicing attorneys at Lorman Educational Services and Sterling Educational Services, and has taught a variety of legal subjects elsewhere. Her column, “Alice in Legaland,” answers general legal questions.

Among Berke’s numerous awards is the 2002 Capital District Business Review “40 Under Forty.” Award for making a difference in business and the community. In her free time, Berke enjoys spending time with her two children and writing poetry. As a licensed Albany County Foster and Adoptive Parent, Berke has also experienced family court as a litigant. She says, “At Cazenovia I learned to stand up for myself and others - and for the things in which I really believe. This is what makes me a successful attorney. Most recently, I successfully fought to adopt my foster child.”

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Alumni Deliver Convocation Keynote Address  

Dominic Smith ’94 (right) and Professor of Philosophy Bruce Roig. Smith credits Dr. Roig for helping him raise his intellectual acumen to a higher level.

The Seventh Annual Cazenovia College Golf Open was held on August 11, 2008, at the Cazenovia Country Club. Despite cloudy skies and threats of rain showers, nineteen foursomes teed off for a good day of golf. The tournament raised more than $12,000 to benefit Cazenovia College.

Golf committee members included tournament chair Eric Brown ’97, Bette Brown Carpenter ’48, Sandy Diefendorf ’82, Nancy LeValley Farley ’69, Rob Kenna, John Lehmann, Kendra Reichert, Carol Sacchwell, Pat Stacy ’62, Mary Burton Thompson ’59, and Shari Whitaker.

Dominic Smith ’94 urges first year students to “find their voices”  

Cazenovia College’s Convocation Ceremony, which annually serves to launch the official start of the academic year, this year featured an inspirational address by alumnus Dominic Smith ’94.

His speech centered on the advantages his education has given him. “I was just a kid from the Bronx,” he said, “not a great student.” With help from the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), Smith excelled. “I found my voice at Cazenovia,” he said.

Smith received a bachelor of arts degree from Cazenovia College in 1994 before going on to Syracuse University’s College of Law. He is currently a litigation manager for Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc., overseeing litigation for owned and managed hotels.

An avid traveler, Smith’s love of music has taken him to some of the most remote regions in the world, including China and the Tibetan Plateau, and most recently to the Sahara Desert where he slept under the stars with the Tuareg, a nomadic Saharan tribe. Smith has an interest in holistic health and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in naturopathy.

He urged students to take advantage of all the opportunities at Cazenovia. “It’s not just about going on to get a job,” he said. “Use this opportunity to find your voice, to be the best person you can be.”

Class Notes  

1972 Robyn Berger Perry ’72 and her husband have relocated to Lake Worth, Fla, to help take care of her mother. Robyn has started a new career helping people with debt settlement.

1973 Carol Zygo ’73 was appointed superintendent of schools for the Herkimer Central School District in February 2006.

1973 Terry Petranchuk Drake ’73 writes, “Just beginning my 35th year of teaching and still enjoy it as much, if not more, than the first year I taught - so many new and innovative strategies to teach. My husband, Allen, retired in June 2007 so there is lots of time for him to do the things in and around the house that I used to attempt to get done while working, including the cooking! He and I are grandparen ts to two beautiful boys, Jared and Jordan. They keep us young and energetic. We enjoy yearly trips to Myrtle Beach and Reno and the Lake Tahoe area. The older I get, the more I think of Cazenovia friends from Watts. I hope all are doing well.”

1978 Ann Lass Woodfield ’78, and her husband, Dan, recently moved from New York to Trinity, Fla.

1978 Mary Pat Spellman Rhodes ’78 writes, “Thirty years seems so long ago. I live in South Florida with daughter Kate Ashlyn who is nine years old. Currently I am in college studying computer science and expect to graduate in December 2008. For work I substitute teach and am a full-time Disney Vacation Planner. I love the Disney job as I have been there 87 times to date and can’t wait to go for 68! I have shared a few dinners, memories and laughs with Michele Donnell Romano ’77. She hasn’t changed and her great humor is still intact. Hey Girls of Classes 1977, 1978 and 1979 - drop a line once in a while!”

1981 Denise Hoiniski Flint ’81 writes, “Our kids are young adults now, marrying off our oldest, Holly, last year, with two sons in college and a daughter in high school. Home schooling done too. Happily married for 25 years to Michael. I’m now a PT Psych Nurse in a local community mental health center. Also just began my own business selling Mary Kay! Hello
CLASS NOTES

2008 25th Honored Year
Brenda Bolliere ’84 lives in Syracuse and has been working in the Landscape Architecture Department at SUNY ESF for the past two years. Brenda writes, “I had a nice visit this past winter with Pamela Ventre Frutiger ’84 after having not seen each other for at least 10 years. We picked up right where we left off and had a great time. I’ll be getting married in May 2009 to David Flanders. Our eight cats are very proud!”

Karen Chrismer Hogan ’84 and husband, Tom, have been married for 20 years and have two boys, ages 10 and 7, and an 11-year-old Chocolate Lab named Hershey. Karen works for an office supply dealer as their furniture manager. This keeps her busy but she does find time to do some horseback riding. Karen would love to hear from anyone at kchogan03@twcny.rr.com.

1985 Kim Pakkala Trabucco ’85 has been promoted to accounting supervisor at the USA Today’s Nashville Payment and Collections Center in Franklin, Tenn. Four years ago she moved to Tennessee so that her husband, Tom, could pursue his songwriters dream. Kim writes, “The move has been wonderful for everyone. My children really love being so close to the music city. I still keep in touch with Shelly and Lynn but would love to hear what everyone else is doing. Yes, Michael, I even you. It’s hard to believe it’s been over 20 years since I’ve been in Caz.”

1986 Mary Beth Meehan Mullen ’82 writes, “We had our annual summer Caz girls get-together, spending a weekend at a camp on Skaneateles Lake. One of our girls (Kim Hoyle Kohler ’82) couldn’t make it this year so we sent her a message. Those in attendance from the Class of 1982 included Robin Seiber Myers, Joan Van Kampen Lemme, Helen Kozlowski Purcell, JoAnn Zulkiewicz Purcell, and Colleen Clancy Kavanagh.

1987 Tara Winn Arensdorf ’82 says “Hi” to all I1st floor Farber and 3rd floor Warz Saturdays. She would love to hear from you. Tara says that all is great at the Jersey Shore!

Jennifer Douglas Elgrimb ’82 writes, “Greetings Cazenovia graduates! It’s all well here on the Jersey Shore. Gary and I celebrated our 21st anniversary. Matthew, 15, is going to be in 10th grade and is very involved in football. Sarah, 9, is going into 4th grade and is quite the little gymnast and softball player. I am still teaching in Long Branch at the high school. I have been with the district for 20 years and still love every minute of it! Would love to hear from any of my ‘shove buddies.’ E-mail me at teacher, please contact me. I’d love to hear from you at sunfurs@sbgglobal.net.”


1989 20th Honored Year
Alison Payette Lovely ’89 writes, “Hello Class of 1989. Next year is our 20th class Reunion. It would be nice if a bunch of us attended. We would have a blast! I have attended several Reunions every five years or so and it’s a great chance to hangout in Caz again. I hope to see a lot of you, especially my Hubbard Hall roommates Suzanne, Christine and Amy. I know Susan, from my second year, is already planning on attending Take care everyone and I hope to see you back in Caz in June 12-14, 2009!”

1990 Suzette Evans-Sarju ’90 moved to Georgia in 2005 for an opportunity to work as the assistant CFO in Hank Aaron’s Automotive Management Company. In January 2007, Hank Aaron sold his dealerships. Suzette is currently the CFO of the company and continues to work on a contractual basis for the company, wrapping up details associated with the sale.

1991 Lady Kayla-Elan Sarju, age 3 and Master Isaiah Sarju, age 5
Cheryl Suntop Furstoss ‘85 writes, “I have been in the Chicago area for nearly 13 years and have a 15-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. Time flies way too fast; however Shove 2nd Hall girls are always in my heart. To Laura, Sue, Dawn or any Shove 2nd floor girls, if you read this to Marge, Annie, Deb, Cindy, Leanne, Dolly Turner and Sandy Palmer!”

Pam Turner ’81 would enjoy hearing from everyone she didn’t catch up with over the years. Pam writes, “I can be reached via my work e-mail at ptturner@brockport.edu, but please keep it short and not too personal.”

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1994 Michelle Bieber Stanton ’93 writes, “Hello to my fellow Classmates from 1993. I am sorry I missed everyone at our 15th Reunion in 2008. Some news from my home front: I said good-bye to my husband, SSG Lawrence V. Stanton, on June 27, 2008, for the next 10 months. He is now in the Middle East. I am still working in a local school with special education students and the local kennel. I would like to say hello to my classmates Teresa, Colleen, Amy, Stef/April, Debbie, Kristen Y, Jennifer D., Karen M, Katie, Watts Hall 2nd Floor (1993-1993), Joyce M, Janice (my roommate sophomore year), Dave Brown ’93 and crew! Hope all is well with you and life is great! Keep in touch. My e-mail is mzkittie9@yahoo.com.”

1995 Justine Adair Sciera ’86 and family
Christine Walsh Hudson ’93 and family
Christine Walsh Hudson ’93 writes, “We recently celebrated our son Chad’s graduation from Air Force Basic Training. He is cur...
of all the men and women serving overseas. There are a few alumni I speak with who have lost ones in the service that they are missing, and I’m sure many more have similar situations. My thoughts are with them as they endure multiple deployments. I hope others wish them well and support them (no matter how they feel about war itself) as it does them so much good to know everyone back home loves them. Also wondering if anyone has heard from Stacey Rideout ’93.Where did that wild woman go? Hello to April, Michelle, Theresa, Dacia, Molly, Andrea, Liu, Julie, Denise, Debbie, Kim and all the others that made Camp Coz so much fun to be a part of!"

Bonnie Wood Prince ’93 is looking to get in touch with all of her former Farber friends. She can be contacted by e-mail at Bonnie.prince@umr.roches-
ter.edu. Bonnie writes, "I was married in 1999 to Troy Prince. Former roommates, Heather Hansen ’93 and Susan Lohret ’93 were in attendance. We now live in Rochester where I am a com-
pliance administrator in the Graduate Med-
cal Education Office at the University of Rochester. We have two boys: Preston, age 4 and Payden, age 16 months."  

"1994 15th Honored Year

Teresa Iacovangelo Ciejk is ’94 joy-
ed the summer with her kids and kept busy with swimming, tap, ballet and cheerleading classes. Teresa writes, "Natalie will be six and has started kindergarten. Audrey will be three and is in preschool. I would love to hear from everyone else in our class. Let me at freear-
grn@aol.com.""

Ruth Farrell Cerotto ’94 was married to Joseph Cer-
etto in April 2008. They are expecting their first child.

Nicholas Barkley ’94 has been married to Cath-
erine for five years. They have two-year-old twin girls, Ava and Lily. The family currently lives in Bostom. Two-and-a-half-years ago, Nik was promoted from art director to creative director at DBNora, Bonnister & Random."

Melissa Horine Ritzi ’94 writes, "I wanted to pass along that we had our second little boy Sami, in May 2008. He joins his big brother Ahmed (10 years old)."

Rebecca Denman Creighton ’94 lives in Raleigh, N.C., with husband Josh and two daughters, Abbey (4 yrs.) and Caityn (3 yrs.). Prior to being a stay-at-home mom, Rebecca worked in the medical field. Josh is the deputy director for Wake County Emergency Management.

Courtney Coogan ’95 had a baby girl on November 6. 2007. Alexa Raynor was born at 2:51 p.m. and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Patti Eck ’96 had a great time at Reunion 2008 but missed some folks. She writes, "Believe it or not we’re engaged! Steve and I are looking to plan a fall 2009 wedding in Indiana. Feel free to contact us at treesrgrn@aol.com."

Alex Coogan and Lily and Ava Barkley

Berenice, Kiana Alexis and Anna Jones ’97

Kristin D’Angelo Clark ’99 and family

Lily and Ava Barkley

Ahmed and Sami Ritzi

Melissa Horine Ritzi ’94

 kristin diehl ’93 worked for a few years with Onondaga ARC. in 2005 she went back to school and earned an asso-
ciate’s degree in medical administrative assisting. Kristin is currently working for POMCO as a claims processor.

Richard Beckstrand ’03 is currently living in Utah and working at Ciribank. In October 2006 he married Deena and gained stepchildren Brandi, Chelsey and Alex. Richard and Deena’s first son, Gabriel Martin, was born in August 2007. Richard still remembers the special peo-
ple from Cazenovia: Matthew, Gregory, John, Justin and teachers Kim Walke and Laurn Seilec.

Nathaniel Bull ’03 was married to Erica Newman in June 2008. Among the attendees at the wedding were fellow Cazenovia alumni Erin Boyle ’03 and Tom Lincoln ’93. The couple currently resides in San Diego, Calif. Nathaniel is an art director for DBBS Rogers Townsend where he works on various national and regional accounts. His work has been reviewed and featured in PDN Magazine, Adweek and most recently in Commu-
nication Arts.

Ashley Stoddard ’07 writes, “I’m working very hard toward my goals. I have Cazenovia College and Maureen Louis to thank.”

Kari Cadettte Eckid ’07 and Scott Eckid ’07 were married in April 2008 in Lee Center, N.Y.

Clancie McCormick ’07 is the marketing coordinator at Times Square Lighting in Stony Point, N.Y.
REUNION 2008

Once again alumni were celebrated during Cazenovia College's annual Reunion Weekend. This year’s event welcomed more than 175 alumni and guests back to campus.

Please mark your calendar now for next year’s Reunion Weekend: June 12 - 14, 2009.

Class of 1933
Standing: Carol Satchwell, VP for Institutional Advancement
Seated: Lois Waltermier Mausert '33

Class of 1948
Seated: Jacqueline Shields LaPenna and Joan Christian Daily
Standing: Marge Kramer Burch, Joyce Gleason MacClay, Suzanne Agnew Elliott, Marion Lewis Merrill, Bette Brown Carpenter and William Evans

Class of 1956

Class of 1958 50th Year Reunion

Class of 1956
Left to right: Marline Fornos Hammond, Gwenyth Caccamise Conners, Margay Davies Armstrong, Carol Safford Norton

Left to right: Diane Blakey Minutilli, Juanita Ares Critz, Susan Tomaselli

Class of 1978

Classes 1988 & 1991
Left to right: Matt Karoglanian '88, Karl Schay '88, Victor Thogode '91, Terry Vestal '88

Class of 1999
Left to right: David Carrier '99 and President Mark Tierno

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...to ALL ALUMNI who make a difference by supporting Cazenovia College's Annual Fund. On behalf of the students who benefit from your generosity, thank you for giving back. Remember, the size of the gift is not as important as your participation!
Every member of the board of directors serves on several committees, depending on his or her knowledge of that committee's area of oversight. The expertise these 12 alumni bring to the board includes law; business development; financial aid; fundraising; banking; finance; and investment; venture capital; as well as several areas of education administration. President Tierno believes that the assistance of alumni who are willing to serve their alma mater is vital to the success of Cazenovia College. This is especially true in the College's degree in business, law, independent colleges, and independent boards. In the College's governance structure, alumni have a vested interest in the College’s success. “The value of a Cazenovia College degree is not, as the College positions itself as one of the nation's leading independent colleges,” said Tierno, “and alumni are well-suited to help set the course for the future success of our College.”

Every member of the board of directors may have a direct correlation to the College’s increasing stature in the educational community.

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The 1824 Society

Twelve alumni currently serve on the College Board of Trustees

TRUSTEE HIGHLIGHTS

The 1824 Society was created by the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees to encourage leadership giving that helps to advance curriculum offerings, diversify campus life and create partnerships between the College and the community. This highly successful initiative is invaluable to the College; the generosity of caring alumni and friends greatly enhances our students' educational experience.

Gratitude from the entire College community is extended to the members of The 1824 Society for their leadership commitment to Cazenovia College. Gifts and pledges received since the fiscal year began July 1, 2008 are indicated with an asterisk.*
Baseball Team Wins NEAC Regular Season Championship

Just a few months after the men’s basketball team captured the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) regular season title, the Cazenovia College Baseball baseball team found themselves sharing that same distinction. A nearly unblemished conference record culminated the Wildcats to the top of the league making them the NEAC baseball regular season champs for the first time since 2004.

By compiling a 13-1 conference record in 2008, the Wildcats hosted the NEAC post-season tournament as the No. 1 seed. The team shut out Keuka College in the tournament’s opening game, but faltered in their next two contests, and was knocked out of the double elimination tournament. Although falling short of their goal to win the post-season tournament and earn the automatic qualification for the NCAA tournament, the Wildcats overall record of 21-12 was one of the best in the history of the program.

The team’s success did not rest on one aspect of the game, but rather a combination of all of its facets. The Wildcats 21-12 record was one of the best in the history of the program.

A nearly unblemished record in the conference catapulted the Wildcats to the top of the league since the program began.

Team success often comes with individual success, and that was the case for the Wildcats in 2008. Five players received All-Conference honors along with three All-Region selections, one ECAC All-Star and one d3baseball.com All-American, giving this year’s squad the most individual post-season honors of any team to date.

Junior Chad Salls (Little Falls, N.Y./Herkimer CCC) put together a season on the diamond that will not soon be forgotten at Cazenovia College. The Herkimer County Community College transfer was the team’s most productive offensive player, helping to lay the foundation for what the program has become. Sitting at fifth all-time in games played with 127, Salls was the top five in over 20 statistical categories and is the career leader in runs (137) doubles (43) and total bases (282). He owns a .400 career batting average and has the second most career home runs, RBIs and stolen bases in the history of the program. Covey was the leading rebounder for the 1983 team. Salls broke Cazenovia single-season records for batting average, hits, total bases and stolen bases.

Salls was voted NEAC Honorable Mention, ABCA First Team All-Region, d3baseball.com All-American Honorable Mention and ECAC First Team All-Star. His selection as an All-American Honorable Mention by d3baseball.com makes him the first student-athlete at Cazenovia College to receive All-American distinction.

The Wildcats... shattered the single-season mark for stolen bases with 108.

Chad Salls posted a .924 fielding percentage in 2008

Second Class Inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

The Cazenovia College Department of Athletics proudly inducted the members of the Class of 2008 into the Wildcats Hall of Fame at the second annual Blue and Gold Dinner on Saturday, September 27, during the College’s Homecoming/Family Weekend.

Former student-athletes Marc Covey ’00, Terri Mancinelli ’83 and Melissa “Missy” Starr ’04 were all honored for their commitment and excellence as Cazenovia College student-athletes.

Covey attended Cazenovia from 1996-2000 and was a member of the Wildcat baseball program in its infancy, helping to lay the foundation for what the program has become. Sitting at fifth all-time in games played with 127, Covey appears in the top five in over 20 statistical categories and is the career leader in runs (137) doubles (43) and total bases (282). He owns a .400 career batting average and has the second most career home runs, RBIs and stolen bases in the history of the program.

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His 27 stolen bases out of 28 attempts, were tied for the team lead, and he registered at least one hit in 30 of 32 games in 2008, including 27 straight at one point during the season. Salls broke Cazenovia single-season records for batting average, hits, total bases and stolen bases.

Senior shortstop receives All-American distinction

Two four-person boats from the crew team traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., in early May to compete in the Dad Vail Regatta, the largest collegiate regatta in the United States.

The equestrian western riding teams’ Perry Dicicco (Wethersfield, Conn.) placed ninth overall in the collegiate riding championships at the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) Derby in Oklahoma City, Okla., on June 28.

Spring Happenings

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Student-Athlete Witnesses 2008 Olympics First Hand

Women’s basketball player and sport management major Emilie Welch traveled to Beijing over the summer as part of an internship. We recently sat down with Emilie and asked her to share her experiences with us.

Q: What was the purpose of traveling to Beijing for the Summer Olympics? 
A: I was given this opportunity by Tiffin University to join a group of students from all over the country to travel to Beijing, China to study the cultural and event management aspects of the Olympic Games. I used this as one of my required internship credits at Cazenovia College.

Q: Could you describe the trip to China? What was it like? 
A: The flight was very long; it was a 14-hour, non-stop flight from Toronto to Beijing. I think that the trip there seemed to go by somewhat fast because of all of the excitement. There were Olympic athletes from Cuba and Brazil sitting in my section of the plane, along with members of the American Olympic Committee and family members of Olympians. After watching about four or five movies and maybe getting a total of one hour of sleep, we made it.

Q: What activities did you do while in Beijing? 
A: My group was fortunate enough to be given tickets by the American Olympic Committee for events such as beach volleyball, indoor volleyball, boxing, basketball and handball. I also could not go to China without climbing the Great Wall, along with seeing the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and the Panda Bears at the zoo. I found plenty of time to do some shopping at the traditional Chinese markets and malls.

Q: What can you tell us about the people and culture of China? 
A: I think that the Chinese culture is amazing; they live so differently than we do in the United States. I didn’t really know what to expect in terms of the people accepting us in their country, but they were more than hospitable. The Chinese citizens were so friendly and excited to see Americans. Many came up and asked to take pictures with me and others in my group. It was unreal to see how much patriotism and excitement was going on in Beijing during the Olympics. I also noticed that the Chinese seemed to be very content with a simple lifestyle and many wanted up and asked to take pictures with me and others in my group. It was unreal to see how much patriotism and excitement was going on in Beijing during the Olympics. I also noticed that the Chinese seemed to be very content with a simple lifestyle and many wanted.

Q: What was the most memorable experience or moment while in Beijing? 
A: It’s hard to pick out one memorable experience, but I would have to say going with 18 complete strangers halfway around the world and coming home with many great friendships.

Eight from Baseball and Softball Named All-NEAC

A total of eight players from the Cazenovia baseball and softball teams were named to All-Conference teams in the North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) for 2008.

Sophomore Joanna Gilford (Twinewowns, Md./Franco Scott Key) and freshman Maureen Brosan (Drumore, N.Y./Drumore) were both selected as All-NEAC Second Team members. Gilford recorded Cazenovia single-season records with a .489 batting average and .769 slugging percentage, and also led the team with 35 hits and 20 RBIs. Brosan registered a team-high 11 doubles and hit .309 with 25 hits and 18 RBIs as a freshman. Junior Kaifa Buffis (Portfield, N.Y./St. Joseph) was named Honorable Mention after leading the Wildcats with four home runs.

The Richard H. Hawks Scholarship: 
Established in memory of Richard, by the Hawks family, this scholarship is awarded to a student who exemplifies the caring, strength of spirit and devotion of Richard Hawks.

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- Hannah Tauroney, Class of 2009

Seven members of the Hawks family have attended Cazenovia College. In 1997, they created this scholarship to honor the memory of their father and grandfather, for his support of their education at Cazenovia College.

You can honor a loved one and also provide the opportunity for more students to experience the value of a Cazenovia College education. That’s what “Building Futures” is all about.

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