Seeking Justice

Hon. Catherine M. Bartlett ’80 ascends to role as New York State Supreme Court judge
From Cazenovia to Canterbury

Recently selected a College of Distinction (see page 6), Cazenovia College stands proud in its mission to keep students at the center of everything it does. In addition to offering our students a well-rounded liberal arts education – one in which students learn to communicate effectively, think critically and engage in constructive debate – Cazenovia College encourages its students to take an active part in their learning and explore the world through study abroad.

Since 2005, Cazenovia College has enjoyed a collaborative relationship with Canterbury Christ Church University in the United Kingdom, which affords students the opportunity to live in Canterbury, England, and to attend Canterbury Christ Church, a British university.

Just this past September, a group of our students, led by Professor Warren Olin-Ammentorp, departed for Canterbury. After settling into their new living arrangements at Canterbury Christ Church University, our students immediately began to encounter a unique and rewarding international experience. They soon discovered that nothing points out how American you are then fully immersing yourself into a foreign culture. What makes our study abroad experience so unique? Unlike many overseas study programs, Cazenovia College students truly attend a British institution, rather than an American institution located in England. Our students enjoy a cross-cultural experience; they are fully integrated into the Canterbury Christ Church University curriculum and residence life programs. They live in University housing together with their British counterparts as well as students from many other nations.

For the past five years, at both the study abroad informational meetings and just before our students leave for England, I share the following message with them. “As you expand your understanding of the global community through participation in the British system of higher education, as well as through accompanying social and cultural experiences, we look forward to your return in December and the new perspectives you will bring back to campus as experienced international students.”

From Cazenovia to Canterbury and back again, this international experience and complete immersion into a foreign culture undoubtedly changes our students forever.
Breaking the Glass Ceiling
Alumna seeks justice in role as New York State Supreme Court judge

When Catherine M. Bartlett ’80 was a young girl, she aspired to be a referee in the National Football League - to be in a position to always make the right call. Her desire to preside over a fair and level playing field drove her at an early age and intensified as she made her mark on the legal profession.

Fast forward to today and you won’t find Bartlett wearing pinstripes or flagging professional athletes for unsportsman-like conduct on Sundays. Instead, the Honorable Catherine M. Bartlett sports a black robe in her role as a highly regarded New York State Supreme Court judge assigned to Orange County Supreme Court, where she handles civil cases involving torts, contract law, medical malpractice, car accidents and tax certiorari proceedings.

Judge Bartlett’s ascent in the courts culminated in July 2009 when she was appointed to the Court of Claims. First assigned to New York City court (Bronx County), she conducted and presided over jury trials that included murder, rape, drug sales, and grand larceny. Judge Bartlett spent the next four years in Rockland County (NY) presiding over felony-level criminal cases, before being assigned to her current position on the Supreme Court.

Compelled to make sure every human being gets justice, Judge Bartlett says, “When I see a wrong I feel obligated to make it right.” This intense desire to care about what happens to people drives Judge Bartlett every day: yet she finds that balancing the difficult and rewarding parts of the job presents a constant challenge. “The most difficult part of the job is putting someone in jail,” says Judge Bartlett. “I take it very seriously when I take a human being’s freedom away, and I work hard to make sure that it is the right decision.”

The law and the courts are the great equalizer, claims Judge Bartlett, who adds that lawyers are large influencers on society. “Allowing people to have their day in court is the most rewarding part of the job,” says Judge Bartlett, who stresses that “our courts are the most important pillars of our society; we are responsible to make sure all persons who come to court get justice.”

Judge Bartlett is proud of the women who came before her and mindful of the many glass ceilings they broke. Sandra Day O’Connor, the first female member of the United States Supreme Court, is her role model. She thanks her great grandmother, a suffragette from Great Britain, for being a great example. “My great grandmother, a suffragette from Great Britain, was a member of the United States Supreme Court, is her role model. She thanks her great grandmother, a suffragette from Great Britain, for being a great example. “My grandparents were early suffragists, and my mother was a suffragist.”

According to Judge Bartlett, “Cazenovia College helped me develop superb study skills, organizational skills and public speaking skills; but more important, helped me grow up and become a mature and confident young woman.”

Judge Bartlett remembers Dr. Fred Williams, “the best history professor ever, for teaching history so well that he made it exciting and interesting!” She is thankful for learning the hard truths about marketing and the business world that were provided by Professor Robert Miller, and acknowledges Michael Bocketti for being a great public speech professor.

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Cazenovia Selected a College of Distinction

College demonstrates excellence in the four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes

Cazenovia College is now featured in an online guide that takes a fresh look at colleges and universities appealing to students’ unique and varied interests. Based on the opinions of guidance counselors, educators, and admissions professionals, Colleges of Distinction honors colleges excelling in key areas of educational quality.

*Schools selected as Colleges of Distinction create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country,* reports Tyson Schritter, executive editor of Colleges of Distinction. “While each school is one of a kind, they all share a common theme: they are all a great place to get an education.”

In order to qualify, Cazenovia College was required to demonstrate excellence in the four distinctions: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant communities and successful outcomes. The goal of Colleges of Distinction is to provide students, counselors and parents with information about colleges and universities that excel in these four areas. Featured institutions take a holistic approach to admissions, consistently excel in providing an undergraduate education, and have a truly national reputation. Visit www.collegesofdistinction.com for more information.

Dr. Mark J. Tierney, president of Cazenovia College, says, “We are pleased to learn that the goals and objectives we have been pursuing for years are also valued by an organization as highly regarded as Colleges of Distinction.”

In addition to this reputable distinction, Cazenovia College was ranked, for the seventh consecutive year, among the top baccalaureate colleges in the nation by U.S. News & World Report’s Best Colleges publication. The rankings, released on Aug. 17, list Cazenovia 21st among first-tier colleges in the North.

Tree Campus USA Committee Celebrates Arbor Day

Last May on Arbor Day, students and staff helped to plant a tree on Nickerson Street, maintaining Cazenovia College’s status as a Tree Campus USA, so named by the Arbor Day Foundation for its dedication to campus forestry management and environmental stewardship.

Tree planters were (L-R) Stefan Opanienick, superintendent of grounds; Dr. Sue Berger, executive vice president; Jeff Stocum, plant operations manager; Aimee Sosenko, an environmental studies student who led the College’s tree care and planning effort; Christian Heberle, facility engineer and management officer; Thad Yorks, associate professor of environmental science; and several other students.

Summer Art Series Promotes Local Artists

Annual series culminates with a “Retrospective of Four Fabulous Women” exhibit and auction

Cazenovia College’s Summer Art Series was created in 2007 as an opportunity for the College and community to join together to support the world of art and share the Art Gallery in Reisman Hall with the world outside the College. The series is organized by a committee of College employees and community members and a paid gallery assistant, who plan and staff three summer exhibitions.

Each year local artists or art collections are showcased. This year’s “Collections of Cazenovia” exhibition drew on the art of “Four Fabulous Women,” all artists with connections to Cazenovia College.

Lucy Eliot, a summer resident of Cazenovia for many years, painted Central New York landscapes and industrial buildings. In 2005, she donated many of her paintings to the College. Several have been added to the College’s collection; many, at Eliot’s wish, have been auctioned to support the Summer Art Series. The 2010 auction netted more than $2,500.

Sculptor Dorothy Riester taught at Cazenovia in the 1960s. She and her late husband, Robert, founded Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, near Cazenovia, in 1991. The art park provides workshops and internships for Cazenovia College students.

Prudence Burg Hubbard and Priscilla Burg Jenney Hancock, known locally as “the Burg Twins,” taught art at Cazenovia College in the mid-1980s. They maintained their identical appearance and allegedly stood in for each other in classes without anyone being the wiser.

Other summer shows included an exhibition of photographs taken in Dubai in 2005 by Neil Chowdhury, assistant professor of photography and director of the College’s photography program, and “On My Own Time” – an exhibition that featured the work of Cazenovia College employees.

Among the artist biographies provided for the exhibition were those of: Paul Brooks; Amanda Bury, “79,” Cazenovia Public Library; Neil Chowdhury; Olga Diefendorf ’81; Graham Egeron and Anne Redfern; Jon Hancock; Katherine Hanson; Caroline Jenny; Jim Ladd; Dorothy Riester; Elizabeth Secor; Stone Quarry Hill Art Park; Town of Cazenovia; Doris Eversfield Webster ’46; Sally Webster; Glenda Wetzal; and the Frederic M. and Jean E. Williams archives at Cazenovia College.

Understanding the Death Penalty

Reisman Lecture Series welcomes Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking”

Sister Helen Prejean, author of “Dead Man Walking, an Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States,” continued her crusade against the death penalty at Cazenovia College’s 2010 fall semester Reisman Lecture, “Dead Man Walking: The Journey Continues.”

Noting that virtually every person on death row is poor and that poverty generally leads to less than adequate defense in court, St. Helen urged the audience to think about the reasons people are poor and the social ills created by poverty. “We have a penchant to think we can solve social problems with violence,” she said. “The death penalty is not a peripheral moral issue ... it hits the core and soul of who we are as a society.”

As a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph, St. Helen lived in the St. Thomas Housing Project in New Orleans, and worked at Hope House. She professed a national dialogue on the death penalty, after becoming the spiritual advisor of a death row inmate and witnessing his execution. The play based on “Dead Man Walking” was staged at the Catherine Cummings Theatre this fall.

The Reisman Lectures, a three-year-long series funded through a gift from The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation, features thoughtful discourse on topics surrounding contemporary societal issues, by authors and scholars, leading public figures, and experts from business and the professions.
A Visual Communications Professor’s “Other Life”

Scott Jensen is a cartoonist and greeting card illustrator

Cazenovia College’s art and visual communications professors are active in their fields apart from their work at the College. Scott Jensen, assistant professor of visual communications, writes and draws a cartoon strip “The Hardware Life,” which appears regularly in The Hardware Connection, a digital-format trade publication for independent hardware retailers.

Approached by the editor of The Hardware Connection to write a cartoon series for the publication, Jensen says, “I’ve drawn cartoons for a couple of hardware industry trade magazines over the years, so this is not unfamiliar territory.”

The strip takes a humorous look at the hardware retailing business from a retailer’s viewpoint, using the fictional Digby’s Hardware, a small independent store, as the setting. Ideas come from talking with retailers and Jensen’s own hardware store experiences. “A lot of the themes are fairly universal to any small business or general retailing,” he says. “I try to find the aspects that resonate with someone in the hardware business.”

For nearly 25 years, Jensen has illustrated a line of greeting cards for Oatmeal Studios. He is a former ad agency art director, and continues to provide marketing communication materials for a number of clients, in addition to blogging about corporate logos. This fall, Jensen was accepted as a member of the National Cartoonist Society, established in 1946 with the legendary Rube Goldberg as president. Jensen says, “I’m pleased they found my work worthy, and I’m excited to join a group that has so many of my professional heroes.”

Jensen’s outside interests generally find their way into his classrooms. “I’m interested in corporate identity and what motivates companies to change their logos,” he says. “My students know that’s my thing, and they like to ‘talk logos’ with me and tip me to new ones they’ve noticed.”

Honoring Years of Service

Dedicated employees are recognized for years-of-service anniversaries

A highlight of Reunion 2010 was the gathering of current and former members of the faculty at a reception to welcome alumni back to campus. Pictured are (Top Row, L-R) Mark J. Tierno, president; Dr. Bob Greene, Paul J. Schupf professor of history and humanities, Jo Buffalo, professor, art; Kim Waale, professor, art; Jesse Lott, director, Center for Teaching and Learning; John Livermore, assistant professor, mathematics; Eric Boyer, professor, English; Darren Zirbel, associate lecturer, art and design; (Middle Row, L-R) Scottie Ottaviano, professor emerita, interior design; Marge Pinet, professor emerita, English; Fred Williams, professor emeritus, history; Karen Steen, professor, fashion design; Heather Kipping-Regattino, associate professor, human services; Betsy Moore, professor, interior design; Joe Ritter, professor, interior design; (Seated, L-R) Dolly Weiss, professor emerita, psychology; Winnie Coleman, former dean of students and trustee emerita; and Harwant Dosanjh, professor emerita, chemistry.
Realizing Potential to Change the World

by Sharon Dettmer, Ph.D.

I can still see the fine dust on the face of the children who had just been rescued from their jobs as quarry workers. Until their rescue, almost all had been held in bondage for a debt incurred years ago by their grandparents or great-grandparents. Now, at the Rehabilitation Center where they were taken, they would begin their education and eventually return to their village.

Was this the moment when I decided the focus of my teaching and research? On international social justice and humanitarian issues? I am not sure.

It may have happened when I roomed with Yung while in college at Ball State University. Yung, the sister of my friends Trung and Duong, escaped from communist Vietnam under cover of darkness. After enduring treacherous waters and pirate attacks in the South China Sea, she was rescued and sent to a refugee camp in the Philippines. I was fascinated to meet someone who had to learn to sleep in a bed (the first night with us, Yung slept on the throw rug next to the bed) and was overwhelmed by the number of possessions in our typical off-campus home. Our group of friends learned that there was a much larger community of newly arrived refugees in Munice, Indiana, who also needed help, even if that help manifested itself only in the miniscule offerings of poor college students.

Or maybe it was the handshake with Mother Teresa at the opening of a homeless shelter in Rome, Italy, and having the opportunity to talk with other Missionaries of Charity about their work with the desperately poor of the world. Working at Mother Teresa’s Nirmal Hriday Orphanage and House for the Dying in Kolkata (Calcutta) was an experience that would forever influence my future.

Influencing present and future lives of Cazenovia College students is a goal of the social science and sociology curriculum. Becoming ethical and informed global citizens, no matter what a student’s major, is emphasized in courses I teach, such as Contemporary Ethnic Families, Human Rights and Genocide, The Holocaust, and Modern-day Slavery. Students in Contemporary Ethnic Families have the opportunity to meet with families newly arrived in Central New York. Most students have no idea that a few miles down the road from Cazenovia College are families who have experienced trauma and displacement caused by war or political policies that target specific ethnic groups. Having had to flee their native countries, many of the families linger in refugee camps for years, if not generations, waiting for the chance to finally start life over. Listening to the stories of these incredible survivors created an opportunity to go beyond theory, to introduce students to these humanitarian issues of global importance that are easily found here in our neighborhood.

For some of these families from Bhutan, Myanmar, Sudan, and Somalia, Cazenovia College students have helped with setting up apartments, including raising money and buying needed household items. This past year students participated in the Refugee Academy in Syracuse, helping children from preschool to high school age prepare for entering American schools. They introduced children to American culture using games like Uno, Candy Land, and children’s books.

Many of my students were nervous about the initial visit and engaging with people who did not speak any English. Once they started playing games or going to the park with the children, their worries subsided. Even though this was a class project, a number of students returned to work with the families on their own time. This connection was a perfect way to help them overcome their fear of “the other.”

Interactions with families from other countries have not only contributed to discussions about the causes of and cures for oppression and poverty. It has directly led to creation of sustainable change by students, alumni, and others in the greater Cazenovia community. After meeting Gabriel Bol Deng, a Sudanese man who suffered incredible hardship when he lost his family after fleeing his village during an attack, the Human Rights Club, together with fellow students and staff, spent months helping to raise money to build wells that would save lives. Students raised over $3,000 in April 2010 to help build a school in Ariang, South Sudan. Classroom lessons about poverty, health care, and community engagement came to life when the number of deaths from cholera and dysentery in the village dropped from 65 to zero directly because of the students’ involvement.

I am not sure if the Sudanese children now able to attend school, the homeless in Kolkata, Yung and her fellow Vietnamese refugees, the tortured prisoners, or the freed child laborers in India, will ever realize the tremendous influence they have had on me and my students. We have learned about oppression while meeting with people who were oppressed. We have learned that volunteerism isn’t charity; it is focusing on sustaining the lives of fellow human beings who have the right to be educated, receive decent health care, and drink clean water. And I have learned what a privilege it is to be able to teach and interact with committed students who are realizing their potential to change the world.

Sharon Dettmer, Ph.D., associate professor of social science, and chair of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, received her doctoral degree in social science at Syracuse University. She also holds graduate certificates in international development and United Nations studies. She has taught at Cazenovia College since 1995.

Dettmer has spent considerable time overseas, including living and conducting research and interviews with traditional healers, indigenous women and child slaves in Peru, Bolivia, Nepal, and India. She teaches courses related to international human rights, genocide, social stratification and multiculturalism in the United States. She is faculty advisor to Cazenovia College’s Human Rights Club, and is a member of the American Sociological Association; American Anthropological Association; and the Southern Poverty Law Center. She is a founding board member of HOPE for Ariang, helping to bring education to Sudan.

She has also directed various service programs in Syracuse, including working with at risk families, educationally neglected children and immigrants from Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe.

Dettmer received Cazenovia College’s Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award in 2009.
Learning the Ropes

Cazenovia College Challenge Course promotes team-building for students and outside groups

Katie O’Brien, associate dean for student leadership and engagement, oversees use of the low ropes course, now called the Challenge Course. "The concept is to improve decision-making, problem-solving, and teamwork skills, and to promote self esteem, cooperation and trust among new students," O’Brien says. "Many groups, in addition to ours, use the course. This past summer, we were double-booked with two groups of up to 150 each day."

Courtney Bruso, a senior majoring in equine business management, went through the course as a freshman, and has been a facilitator as well. As a student, she was excited to meet fellow freshmen, but found some of the course elements difficult. "The Wild-Wopsy involves leaning on a teammate, while both walk on side-by-side wires that gradually separate," she says. "It’s tough to rely on the person on the other wire to not let you fall."

"Many students find the high wall intimidating," Bruso says. "I thought it might be difficult to lift some individuals over, especially the ones who were afraid. It was rewarding to see everyone finally collaborate as a team. Everyone in my group - big, small, weak, strong, brave or afraid - made it over."

This past summer Bruso worked at the Challenge Course instructing groups through the course elements. "One of the best parts of the summer was being on the other side of the ropes course as a facilitator," says Bruso, "seeing students grow and learn to work together through each of the different challenges."

Every year, the Challenge Course hosts groups from area high schools, colleges, companies and organizations for team building exercises. O’Brien notes that each session is tailored to the group, particularly the number of participants, their age and how well they know each other. The first exercise is to learn lifting techniques, to be able to touch and be supported by others without discomfort.

At the conclusion of each exercise the facilitator holds a debriefing session to discuss the obstacles to completing the challenge, and what could have been done differently. The discussions progress to comparing the difficulties of each element to real life situations.

O’Brien says that orientation students are initially hesitant about the Challenge Course, but the experience always receives the highest rank on the orientation survey. "They don’t know what to expect, but after the experience there’s a noticeable boost in confidence and camaraderie."

In the spring of 2010, the Honorable Bernadette T. Clark and H. Thomas Clark, proprietors of the McDonald’s restaurant in Cazenovia, approached our interior design students to offer them a unique learning experience – the opportunity to assist with the design of the recently rebuilt McDonald’s restaurant in Cazenovia.

Under the guidance of Professor Elizabeth Moore and Assistant Professor Grace Baker ‘94, a group of students was assembled to participate in the process of selecting the most promising design proposal for the restaurant. The students – Melissa Patten, Sarah Rosengrant, Christie Seeley, Amanda Thomas, and Kristine Teno – attended the design presentations given by three professional interior design firms. After careful review of the designs presented, the students offered their detailed suggestions and feedback, which were ultimately incorporated by the Clarks into the final plans for the restaurant.

The new McDonald’s opened in June 2010 and includes special features such as a fireplace, varied seating options, and new décor expressed in colors, upholstered patterns and lighting. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on June 28, at which the Clarks presented President Mark J. Tierno with a check for $2,000 in thanks and support of the College.

The addition of display cases inside the restaurant proudly showcases Cazenovia College student artwork. “Cazenovia College is extremely grateful to the Clarks for including our students in such an extensive manner and providing a hands-on, real-life professional experience,” said President Tierno.
Alumni Gatherings

Gatherings held during summer and early fall welcomed alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of Cazenovia College to a variety of venues and activities.

Despite pouring rain, alumni and current soccer team members came together to scrimmage on a Sunday afternoon in August.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

Watch your mailboxes for more information on 2010-11 outreach events in your area!

December 11, 2010
- Alumni Holiday Luncheon
  Buca di Beppo
  Colonie, NY
  11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

January 13, 2011
- Alumni Gathering
  Union League Club
  New York City
  6 - 8 p.m.

February 2011
- Alumni Gathering
  Atlanta, GA
  Date and time TBD

March 2011
- Alumni Gathering
  Philadelphia International Flower Show
  Philadelphia, PA
  Date and time TBD

March 2011
- Alumni Gathering
  Orlando, FL
  Date and time TBD

April 2011
- Studio Arts/Photography Alumni Affinity Reunion
  Location and time TBD

April 2011
- Alumni Gathering
  White Plains/Westchester, NY
  Date and time TBD

June 10 - 12, 2011
- REUNION WEEKEND
  Cazenovia, NY
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The alumni gathering in Saratoga Springs, New York was hosted by Mylea Bunney Aldrich ’76 and her husband, John R. Aldrich. Alumni, parents, prospective students, college counselors and staff enjoyed a reception at the Saratoga Golf and Polo Club. (L-R) Darren Skotnes ’05, Greg Stack ’10, counselors and staff enjoyed a reception at the Saratoga Golf

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Findings His Niche in Sports

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Class of 2010

The Senior Class Gift is an opportunity for graduating seniors, Cazenovia College’s newest alumni, to show their appreciation for the many wonderful experiences the College has provided to members of their class. Led by the Senior Class Gift Committee—Lauren Szczegiel ’10, Shanna Bowman ’10 and Amanda Szymanski ’10—and with volunteers from the Class of 2010, students embraced the opportunity to create a legacy as distinct as the class itself. Members of the committee challenged their peers to participate in the 2010 Senior Class Gift Campaign, which started with a “200 Nights to Graduation” celebration hosted by the Caz Traditions Program. Held at the Bae Loch Inn, seniors were joined by owner and special guest Valerie Frost Barr ’91.

After fifty-one of their classmates joined the Junior 1824 Society with leadership level gifts ($18.24 or more) to support the 2010 Senior Class Gift, the class decided on a project that would be special to them. As part of the Coleman Lounge refurbishment, the Class of 2010 purchased artwork from the collections of senior students Sarah Manning ’10 and Megan King ’10 to be displayed outside of the Coleman A, B and C classrooms. By celebrating their classmates’ talents and the College’s tradition of excellence in the area of art and design, the Class of 2010 is the first class to arrange for student art to be displayed permanently within Cazenovia’s main campus.

Students who participate in their class gift effort are joining loyal alumni, families and friends who support Cazenovia College each year through a tradition of philanthropy. For many, it is the first step in a lifetime of giving to Cazenovia College, creating their own class tradition by ensuring opportunities and success for future students.

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ALUMNI NEWS

Our picture is proof that we are still alive and kicking. We enjoy getting together and having many laughs. We are in the tri-state area—would be nice to hear from any and all of you. Choppie and Kit.

Barbara Faranda Schwartz ’54 writes, “I had a spectacular summer on Cape Cod—lots of tomatoes on the vines! I am looking forward to the holidays at home. Then off to Sanibel to get out of the winter. Regards to all!”

Barbara Marsha Johnstone ’57 writes, “I have been selected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of Cazenovia College this coming academic year. What an honor! I cannot wait. I was awarded the Rockford College Distinguished Alumni award on October 15, 2010, in Rockford, Ill., at my 50th class reunion. I will be presenting at a round table discussion at the International Fulbright in early November 2010 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.”

Karen Rossiter Baums ’62 has started a new career in sales with Macy’s in Guil- derland, NY.

Barbara Menera Ryner ’65 writes, “In 2000, we retired to St. Simon Island, GA. For the past six years, I have been working as the assistant director of a Montessori school, a second career for me. We continue to spend our summers on Cape Cod. Our grandson is nine and our granddaughter is six. Jan Van Antwerp Ankler ’65 has visited several times. Life is good! My e-mail is bmryner@gmail.com. It’s hard to believe it has been 45 years since graduation.”

Cheryl Harter Creekmore ’67 writes, “Hi alumni friends! My husband, Phil, and I sell real estate. We are affiliated with Realty USA in Manlius, NY. We love our business! By the way, we have three beautiful grandchildren.”

Bob and Bobbie are recognized for “giving back” and improving the quality of life for others.

Presented by the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees, the Distinguished Service Award recognizes individuals whose generosity has improved the quality of life for others. At this year’s Commencement ceremony, the 2010 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Robert S. and Barbara “Bobbie” Constable.

Bob and Bobbie’s support has been invaluable over the years for numerous College improvement projects, including a renovation project at the Catherine Cummings Theatre, a major gift in support of the construction of Reisman Hall, and a generous gift toward the College’s recent elevator project. They also donated the house and property at 3 Sullivan Street, which bears the name Constable Hall, to serve as the College’s Admissions Office.

“Bob and Bobbie are, fittingly, recognized by Cazenovia College’s employees, students and alumni as a team whose commitment has made Cazenovia College a better, more beautiful and more successful higher education destination,” said Richard Smith, immediate past chair of the Board. “I know of no individuals more deserving of this honor than Cazenovia’s own Bob and Bobbie Constable, whose spirit of community and many acts of philanthropy are worthy of our collective praise.”

CLASS NOTES

1946
Doris Webster ’46 writes, “Don’t forget our 1946 class reunion this next year; our 65th. Oh my! I never thought I would be talking about 65 years. I hope you can make plans to come. If it is not possible to come, send the Alumni Office or me a note about what you have been doing and we will share it with the class. Our 1946 scholarship has been awarded to two students each year and has been very much appreciated. I always receive a thank you note. It is a great gift to the College and the students. Hope to see you next year.”

1952
Marilyn Lambek Leeds ’52 and Catherine Ottavio Nelli ’52 write, “Dear Classmates and Friends,

Richard Smith, immediate past chair of the Board; and 2010 Distinguished Service Award recipients: Bobbie and Bob Constable
Still an Athlete, After All These Years

C. Erwin Rice is an Empire State Games medalist in age 85 - 89 category

A recent return to campus for an alumni reunion sparked memories for Rice of his introduction to athletics when he came to Cazenovia Seminary in 1938. "All I wanted to do was go to college," he says, but he was recruited for the football team. "The first football game I'd ever seen was that fall, sitting on the bench," he says. He joined the track team the following spring, and in his second year at the Seminary he joined the baseball team, "and I earned a letter for three semesters of sports," he remembers.

He left the Seminary for a stint as an instructor in the United States Navy, and then earned a bachelor of science degree in forest management from the State University of Environmental Science and Forestry in 1949. He worked in the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program for 30 years and ran a small Christmas tree farm for nearly that long.

"Now," he says, "all I do is take care of the house, yard, garden, camp and help around the Millis First Presbyterian Church. In my early seventies, I did renew my pilot's license but stopped flying soon after because rentals were too expensive."

He also puts in a few hours a week sorting photos at the Natural Resources Conservation Service office. In 2009, Rice was honored by the United States Department of Agriculture as one of the two soil scientists from New York State who had surveyed one million acres or more in the National Cooperative Soil Survey Program. "And, of course, he is keeping hope for next year's Empire State Senior Games."

He says, "When I was 65, I received an invitation from my income tax man to sign up for the senior division of the Empire State Games. He was 70 at the time and was once qualified to take part in the Olympics in discus and shot put events. He offered to coach me, and with that kind of an instructor who could say not?"

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Margaret Messenger '69 met with "Bobbie" Barbara Miller Morton '69 and Karen Lekander Pieper '69 for a get together reunion this past summer in New Jersey.

1940 40th Year

Deborah Greely Paul '71 writes, "I went to Haiti in April and helped to set up a hand therapy clinic at the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. The mission is 30 years old without having any occupational therapy. I presented at the International Hand Therapists Conference in Orlando. We are trying desperately to continue the services that we started. In 1977, I lived in Haiti with my husband, so my love of the Haitian people has deep roots. The people we treated were very grateful for anything that we did. The Haitian people are very gentle and kind. I wrote a story and took many beautiful photos."

Scottie O'Toole '71 writes, "Greetings from Hotlanta! I am now a business/leadership coach in addition to my role as a human resources manager for a company here in Atlanta. I am in the process of obtaining my certification through Coaches Training Institute (CTI). Coaching refers to helping people in business get to the next level, find the work they were meant to do, design retirements. Even those who do not need a coach can use one to achieve results. I can be reached at scoo703@bellsouth.net."

Laura Dillingham-Mailman '71 writes, "Hello to everyone! I have been the director for the Merrimac Council on Aging and Senior Center (Massachusetts) for over 17 years now. I have built a new senior center, was awarded Director of the Year in 2002 by the state association of Mas..."
Century Maple
Returns to Campus

A portion of the Century Maple tree is back on our historic campus. Damaged in the fall of 2008 by a wind storm, salvageable wood from the trunk of the Century Maple has been transformed into a coffee table that was delivered and placed in the Witherill Library this past September.

The tree-to-coffee table transformation process took two years. Tim Hughes and his team at Cazenovia Cut Block were commissioned by the College and given full artistic license to create whatever would make the wood look the most beautiful while preserving its history. Cazenovia Cut Block had to leave the cross-section of the trunk outside – covered with a tarp – to air-dry for a year and a half. It was then kiln dried for one month during which time a steel band was wrapped around the wood to prevent cracking. A special frame was built to plane three inches off the top in order to create a flat surface. This process took a full week to complete as only a quarter of an inch was taken off at a time – that’s more than 10,000 passes with the router! Once the top was level, a spray finish was applied more than five times to fill in all of the natural cracks. Hand turned cherry legs were crafted as the finishing touch to the one-of-a-kind coffee table that now resides in our Witherill Library.

Continuing to pay tribute to the Century Maple – in the form of this coffee table – affirms the College’s respect for the Class of 1905, which planted the maple tree as its class gift more than 105 years ago,’ said President Mark J. Terry. ‘I hope all members of the Cazenovia College community will enjoy this new addition to our campus while the young American red oak, planted by the Class of 2009 to replace the Century Maple, grows and thrives into the next century.”
Two and Two Equals a Budding Fashion Career

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Ashley Kirchbaum ‘09 learned to sew early in life and by the time she got to high school she was wearing her own creations and making clothing for her friends. “I put two and two together and decided that fashion design would be a fun major,” she says. “My older sister was best friends with Amanda Jensen (a 2006 alumna who now teaches fashion design at Cazenovia), and during my senior year in high school I went to the fashion show at Cazenovia College.”

Kirchbaum was sold not only on a career in fashion, but on Cazenovia College. “It was probably because we already had that personal connection from spending so much time around each other. Who would have thought that she would eventually be teaching my classes! I also fell in love with the town, so small and beautiful, only 40 minutes from home.”

“I loved how hands-on my major was,” says Kirchbaum. “I was always creating new outfits. I told my friends that while they were sitting in a science class, I was sewing; and that was so neat to me and it excited me that someday my career would be so different from all of my friends’ careers.”

Kirchbaum says her greatest regret, and the thing she would change if she could, is that she didn’t join the lacrosse team until her sophomore year. “I had never picked up a stick until the beginning of my sophomore year. I wouldn’t have traded my time on that lacrosse team for anything in the world.”

Internships played a large role in determining the direction Kirchbaum’s career has taken. “I spent a summer working alongside Betsey Johnson and her design team. I also interned at Lillie Jean in Cazenovia. Both internships made me a stronger designer – a fashionista, even!”

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“I know now that it was my commitment to work hard, not my statistics, that ensured my legacy. It is that same work ethic I learned here at Cazenovia that I have implemented into my everyday life since. It has allowed me to be a successful student, athletics director, coach, husband, and father,” shared Brooks. “Today, I empower you to embrace the complete power of the freedom that is now in your hands. I implore you to enjoy your mistakes, but more importantly, to exercise your freedom, your right, to be great.”

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2007


Jessica Hanley Johnson ’07 writes, “Brendt Johnson ’06 and I are very excited to announce that we were married on June 5, 2010, surrounded by our many Cazenovia College friends. We were married at my mom’s B & B. They say that rain on your wedding day is a good sign; well we had a tornado warning on ours, so needless to say we think we have good luck for the next 100 years! Brendt and I own a house in Central New York. Brendt owns his own insurance agency and I work at a government relations/PR firm in Syracuse. We are sorry we missed Reunion this past June; we were honeymooning in Jamaica, but heard it was a good time!”

Alyssa Piccoli ’07 and Devin Roban ’07 became engaged this past summer!

2009

Erik P. Tice ’09 writes; “I have moved to Phoenix, AZ, and am attending Grand Canyon University online in pursuit of my MBA in leadership. I also work for Grand Canyon University as a finance counselor. I work closely with students concerning their financial aid. I also volunteer as an assistant coach for the men’s soccer team.”

Erik Sauer ’09 writes, “I miss you Cazenovia!”

2010

Amanda Szymanski ’10 writes, “On May 3, 2010, while the sun was setting over Cazenovia Lake, Kaleb Wilson ’07 got down on one knee and proposed to me. Our wedding will evolve around our love of the campus, having the ceremony on the quad and the reception in the College Dining Hall. A June 2012 wedding is planned.”

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2007


Jessica Hanley Johnson ’07 writes, “Brendt Johnson ’06 and I are very excited to announce that we were married on June 5, 2010, surrounded by our many Cazenovia College friends. We were married at my mom’s B & B. They say that rain on your wedding day is a good sign; well we had a tornado warning on ours, so needless to say we think we have good luck for the next 100 years! Brendt and I own a house in Central New York. Brendt owns his own insurance agency and I work at a government relations/PR firm in Syracuse. We are sorry we missed Reunion this past June; we were honeymooning in Jamaica, but heard it was a good time!”

Alyssa Piccoli ’07 and Devin Roban ’07 became engaged this past summer!

2009

Erik P. Tice ’09 writes; “I have moved to Phoenix, AZ, and am attending Grand Canyon University online in pursuit of my MBA in leadership. I also work for Grand Canyon University as a finance counselor. I work closely with students concerning their financial aid. I also volunteer as an assistant coach for the men’s soccer team.”

Erik Sauer ’09 writes, “I miss you Cazenovia!”

2010

Amanda Szymanski ’10 writes, “On May 3, 2010, while the sun was setting over Cazenovia Lake, Kaleb Wilson ’07 got down on one knee and proposed to me. Our wedding will evolve around our love of the campus, having the ceremony on the quad and the reception in the College Dining Hall. A June 2012 wedding is planned.”
**REUNION 2010**

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Join fellow alumni and friends for a star-studded WEEKEND EXTRAVAGANZA! Plans are under way to make REUNION 2011 a spectacular event where YOU are center stage.

Make your reunion special! You’ve been cast to come back to campus to reminisce and reconnect at your alma mater where the spotlight is always on Wildcat spirit.

Plan action-packed activities and help us write the script for this year's Reunion story.

Visit www.cazenovia.edu/reunion for a list of coming attractions and the ever-growing list of Cazenovia Celebrities.

Contact Director of Alumni Relations Shari Whitaker at 315.655.7332 or sswitaker@cazenovia.edu for more information about how YOU can play a leading role in REUNION 2011.

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(L-R) Cathy Erb Boothby, Tina Fonda-Casper, Brynn Raab, Jill McNamee Nielsen

(L-R) Jim Chimes, Shari Whitaker, director, alumni relations; Steve Grover, Andy Koba, Shawn Berberick

(L-R seated) Leane Sayer Somers, Penny Radley Davis, Michele Reese, Patricia Smith Mansmith

(L-R standing) Eric Hentz, William Heitz, Don Geisendorfer, Barbara Lent Scheeler, Joe Stevenson, Rodney DeLee, Joyce McGovern Miller

(L-R) Elisa Colon Cassidy and Amy Mason

(L-R) Dan Riordan ’06, Darren Slotnes ’05, Kaleb Wilson ’07, Pete Way ’03, director of the annual fund; Brett Carguello, assistant director of admissions

Monica Everdyke ’02, Kristie DeMarco, Brenda Kitchen ’03

Classes from the 2000s

(L-R) Joanne Marycella Perez ’90, Wendy Boyer Beale ’94, Mary Dieffenbacher Holmes ’90

Classes from 1983 and 1995

Classes of 2002 and 2003

Classes of 1985

Classes of 1970

Classes of 1989

(L-R) Class of 1985

Class of 2007

(L-R) Class of 1989

(L-R) Class of 2007

(L-R) Class of 1985
A Board Member Reunion

Special reception is held in honor of former trustees

On Friday, Sept. 24, former trustees of Cazenovia College gathered in the Art Gallery in Reisman Hall for a special reception in their honor. The evening’s program included an update on enrollment from Bob Croost, vice president for enrollment management, and a current report on the College from President Mark J. Tierno. The former trustees, who collectively represent service to the College spanning more than three decades, were also greeted by College faculty and staff as well as a student representative of the College’s Student Legacy Council.

Members of the College’s former trustee committee, who organized the event, include: Robert S. Constable, chair, Mary Burton Thompson ’59, Margaret Walker Harris ’67, Nancy LeValley Farley ’69, Doris Eversfield Webster ’66, Deana Boone Stringer ’64, John H. Koerner, Elaine Small Hortsmyer ’55 and Charles B. Morgan.

Margie Dobin Sivin Miller ’69

is the newest member of the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees. She was seated for her first Board meeting in October 2010, and serves on the Audit, Institutional Advancement, and Student Life committees.

Miller, of Baldwin, New York, was an administrator and teacher at the Congregation B’nai Israel Hebrew School, a licensed real estate broker, and program coordinator for the Family Outreach and Adult Program at the World Trade Center Family Center following the events of 9/11.

She is a member of the board of directors for the Women’s League of Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), a non-profit religious organization, and sits on the board’s executive committee. She is also the lead trainer for leadership seminars throughout North America for WLCJ.

Miller received an associate in arts degree in liberal arts from Cazenovia College and a bachelor of arts degree from Hofstra University, majoring in sociology and psychology.

Dick Alberding, Dick Scolaro and Dick Smith served three three-year terms together

They were all elected to the Cazenovia College Board of Trustees in 2001. Nine years later, this past May, Richard Alberding, Richard Scolaro and Richard Smith stepped down from the Board having completed the maximum three-year terms as trustees.

“These three gentlemen have made immeasurable contributions to Cazenovia College and played a significant part in the success of the institution over the past nine years,” said President Mark J. Tierno, who points out that during their time on the Board the College has constructed the Art & Design building (Reisman Hall), transformed the former art gallery into the J.M. McDonald Student Center, renovated the Dining Hall, built Shoove Suites, and opened a new admissions house ( Constable Hall) at 5 Sullivan Street.

Tierno added that Cazenovia College has been recognized by U.S. News & World Report as one of “America’s Best Colleges” for the past seven consecutive years - during the same time Alberding, Scolaro and Smith served as trustees. “Cazenovia College has prospered in countless ways thanks to the governance of dedicated trustees like Dick Alberding, Dick Scolaro and Dick Smith,” said Tierno.

Alberding, of Cazenovia, New York, retired from Hewlett Packard in 1994 after a 33-year career. He continues to be active in the business world as director of several technology firms. He served as chair of the following Cazenovia College committees: Audit, Committee on Trustees, Academic Affairs, Executive, and Governance. Alberding was also elected secretary of the Board (2005) and vice chair (2008).

Scolaro is a founding shareholder of Scolaro, Shulman, Cohen, Fetter and Burstein P.C. His practice areas focus on real estate law, estate planning, business transactions, federal taxation, state taxation, corporate law, partnership law, limited liability company law, mergers and acquisitions. He served as chair of the College’s Audit, Finance and Strategic Planning Committees, and was elected treasurer of the board (2003).

Smith – a practicing lawyer for 40 years, and a senior member of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC – served as chair of the Board of Trustees from May 2008 – May 2010. He was chair of the following committees during his nine years on the Board: Committee on Trustees, Enrollment Management, Executive, and Presidential Compensation. Smith was elected vice chair of the board (2005) prior to being named chair of the Board of Trustees.

As outgoing chair, Smith commented on how much he has enjoyed playing a role in helping students prepare for life by ensuring they get a quality education. He also stressed the importance of continued leadership and support from the Board of Trustees. Smith said, “The stewardship of Cazenovia College deserves more attention now than ever, to ensure that the College continues to be financially strong and an educational destination of increasing quality.”
For the Love of the Game

NCAA Division III athletics programs designed to complement academics and student life

Cazenovia College has about 290 student-athletes, with 30 percent of the student body on Varsity athletics teams. Thirty-four students received NEAC academic honors last year, and last spring the women’s volleyball team earned the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for their achievements over the 2009-10 academic year.

C. Joseph Behan, vice president for student development and dean for student life, notes that if Cazenovia College’s 18 NCAA Division III teams maintained a grade point average greater than 3.0 during the 2010-11 academic year, Behan says, “I am very proud of the statement these numbers convey as they relate to the priorities of our athletics program.”

The academic standing of Cazenovia’s student-athletes speaks to the effectiveness of a philosophy called RACE² (RACE squared), designed by the Athletics Department to ensure that the needs of student-athletes are being met by their coaches and professors.

“Adherence to RACE²,” says Rob Kenna, director of athletics, “assures that we will see our student-athletes through to graduation; that alumni involvement assures support for future athletics programs; and that coaches and professors will guide student-athletes in becoming invested in all aspects of the Cazenovia College community.”

With the goal of a transformational college experience culminating in a baccalaureate degree, the members of the award-winning women’s volleyball team and all Cazenovia College’s student-athletes participate in Division III sports, not for financial gain, nor for personal honors, but for the teamwork and love of the game.

Cazenovia’s logo and name: A shield with a C on top, a football, baseball, and basketball in the middle, and a maple leaf and laurel leaves in the bottom.

For more information about The 1824 Society, please contact the Cazenovia College Development Office at 315.655.7369 or visit www.cazenovia.edu/1824society.
Nine Hundred Kids and Counting...

The mail room job is a family affair for Mailroom Mary

She’s known on campus as Mailroom Mary, and she takes care of more than 900 students, as well as every faculty and staff member at Cazenovia College. Mary Hess, mailroom manager, grew up in Cazenovia. After working on the cleaning staff for 15 years, she accepted the mailroom position when the previous mailroom manager moved on to manage the College bookstore.

“I mostly taught myself how to run a mailroom,” says Hess, “but, in those days the bookstore was right across the hall so it was easy to get questions answered. I also helped with bookstore tasks – marking textbooks and supplies, and doing paperwork.”

Then, as now, the mail room was a busy place – hundreds of letters and packages pass through every day. Hess has dealt with some strange packages over the years. “Recently someone sent a pineapple, with the postage stapled on. I remember a painted coconut, with stamps taped on. We’ve received car parts – not in boxes, mind you! There was even a blown up beach ball with postage, sent from a mom to a senior with a message attached that read “have a ball with your last year!”

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Hess says that generally by the end of each semester she no longer needs the list that matches names with box numbers. Since students keep the same mailbox for all their years at Cazenovia, she need only remember the names of incoming students each year.

She has several work study students each semester to assist with sorting and delivering mail. “I love working with the students,” she says. “I hear about their boyfriends, girlfriends, roommates, their families. Some students I’ve worked with still keep in touch, and a number of former faculty members too,” she says.

Working at Cazenovia College has been a family affair for Hess. Her husband, his brother and aunt worked at Caz; Hess’s mother was a housekeeper and her brothers worked in the kitchen. She doesn’t have children of her own, so when a student asked how many children she has, Hess told her “I have about 900 or so - you guys are all my children.”

Nine Hundred Kids and Counting...
A new online community will bring together more than 11,000 Cazenovia College alumni living across the U.S. and the world. Search for friends, update your alumni profile, submit class notes and photos, support Cazenovia College, see what exciting alumni events are taking place on campus or in your area, and more! 

Coming Soon ...

The Cazenovia College Online Community! Stay tuned for more information as we roll out this official online link to campus and all things alumni.