Seniors Play Their Final Season on Christakos Field

Hannah Judd ’12 and Zachary Gerald ’12 close out careers on new turf field
Our Graduates are Achieving Great Success

This tradition has continued to the present day, with increasing numbers of students successfully entering the workforce or continuing their studies in graduate schools. I’m very proud of recent graduate Jacob Brandler ’12, who chose Cornell Law School after being invited to apply to many reputable institutions because of his academic record and high LSAT scores – the highest we know of any Cazenovia student to date.

Another of this year’s graduates, Lisa Jensen ’12, spent a semester at Canterbury Christ Church University in Kent, England, and was accepted at the University of Portsmouth, in Hampshire, where she will continue her interior design studies. She follows in the footsteps of Renee Carmen ’07, who earned a graduate degree at the University of Portsmouth, in Hampshire, where she will continue her interior design studies. She was named a 2011 presidential Management Fellow by the United States Office of Personnel Management, giving her an opportunity to be considered for leadership positions within the United States government, and is currently working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

Kathryn Sepka ’10 went on to the Manhattan School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, where she earned a certificate of advanced study in security studies. She was named a 2011 presidential Management Fellow by the United States Office of Personnel Management, giving her an opportunity to be considered for leadership positions within the United States government, and is currently working with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

I was pleased to learn that Hannah Morse ’10 is currently working with National Geographic photographer Steve McCurry in New York City. She is learning about running a high-end studio and different methods of organization that can be integrated into her own work and studio. She plans to start graduate school at Savannah College of Art and Design in the fall.

Iyanna Henry ’08 is a juris-doctoral candidate at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) School of Law. She earned a master’s degree at the State University of New York at Albany in 2010, and is the first NCCU student to be selected as a 2012-13 Albert Schweitzer Fellow (ASF). The ASF program fellowships provide an opportunity for students to partner with a community-based organization to design and implement a program to meet a specific health need.

This issue of the Cazenovia College Magazine further emphasizes the success of our graduates, such as Christine Carey ’10, who is working for QVC, the multi-national corporation specializing in televised home shopping (see page 20). Christine Macara Driscoll ’73 is vice president and associate broker at Sotheby’s International Realty (see page 16). Then there’s our feature story (see pages 4-5), which highlights alumna Paul McCabe ’90, who went on to graduate and PhD study at Hofstra University and is now a professor in the Department of School Psychology, Counseling and Leadership at Brooklyn College.

About one third of our graduates over the past five years have earned or are now working toward advanced degrees. In the last two years, more than 80 percent of our graduates were employed or attending graduate school within six months of graduation. Of course, regular readers of the Cazenovia College Magazine know that over the past 188 years, many Cazenovia College graduates have achieved great success and those who are featured in this issue are well on their way to doing the same.

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Making His Mark in School Psychology

Dr. Paul McCabe ’90 combines practice, research and teaching at Brooklyn College

He came to Cazenovia College as an aspiring art major intent on pursuing a career in commercial illustration. He left an inquisitive, focused young man, with dreams of making a difference in the world and an indelible mark in the field of school and clinical psychology.

Dr. Paul McCabe ’90, who earned his associate’s degree in early childhood education from Cazenovia College; bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Rochester; and master’s degree and PhD in clinical and school psychology from Hofstra University, is clearly making his mark as an educator, writer, researcher, and practicing psychologist. A full professor in the Department of School Psychology, Counseling and Leadership at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York, McCabe is considered a specialist in early childhood social, behavioral and language development and concomitant problems; pediatric school psychology; and social justice in education and psychology.

He says that his path to success followed a fortuitous route. “My room in Watts Hall over-looked the nursery school playground. I remember watching the children play and thinking to myself. ‘I’ve always liked working with children; why did I never think of this as a career?’”

He soon changed his major to education and felt right at home in courses such as Intro to Psychology, Child Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology, while simultaneously developing a keen interest in the clinical perspective of education. “At a young age, I was drawn to the science of teaching, the psychology of how kids learn, and the serpentine routes in their lives that shape their education.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree, McCabe stayed on for another year at the University of Rochester to work with disturbed children at the Mt. Hope Family Center. His interests in the clinical side of school and clinical psychology were forming, and his teaching skills were taking shape as he enjoyed serving as a graduate teaching assistant and guest lecturer at Hofstra University, while completing his master and doctorate study.

In 1997, as he was wrapping up his clinical doctorial internship working with children and adolescents in a psychiatric facility, a faculty position opened up at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). He applied and was offered the job. “It was supposed to be a one-year experience but a tenure track opportunity came along and my teaching career really took off.”

McCabe, who started out as a visiting professor, was soon an assistant professor in RIT’s School Psychology Graduate Program. He also worked at a preschool, serving children with speech, language and hearing delays, and conducting assessments in order to qualify the children for special services. “It was the best of both worlds; I was conducting research, collecting useful data, and bringing it into the classroom as part of my teaching.”

McCabe’s success led to a faculty position in the New York area, this time as an associate professor at Brooklyn College. Today he feels fortunate that, as a recently promoted full professor at Brooklyn College, he is able to study the interaction between language impairment and socialization problems in early childhood; examine early childhood social competence, developmental psychopathology, and pediatric school psychology; as well as coordinate the training of graduate trainees to serve LGBTQ youth in schools. In addition to his teaching responsibilities that include research in clinical settings, Brooklyn College encourages McCabe to further his professional work, and he serves as a consultant where he evaluates preschoolers with suspected developmental delays.

“Combining practice, research and teaching is what I love doing,” says McCabe. “I teach cutting-edge research, current trends and in turn want my students to be critical consumers of research.”

The current associate editor of School Psychology Forum, McCabe also serves on the editorial boards of several peer-reviewed publications, and has authored and coauthored a long list of published works on topics such as allergies and their effect on academic functioning, preschool assessment, anti-gay bias in schools, and social injustice. He edited a series of three books titled, “Current Topics and Interventions for Educators,” published by Corwin Press, which focus on pediatric, genetic and psychiatric disorders of childhood. He also finds time to consult with local, state and national associations and legislators on early childhood education and policy, pediatric issues, and advocacy for LGBTQ youth.

McCabe credits the liberal arts college experience and Cazenovia College for helping him to develop socially and academically. “Small liberal arts colleges are so valuable in putting people on the right path to success. Cazenovia College set me in the right direction.”

Originally from Greene, New York, he fit right into the small town, family-type environment. “From the very first day, Caz provided the incremental growth I needed socially as well as real-world, applied learning opportunities.” He points to being editor of the Cazenovian, and a tutor in the academic learning center as catalysts for the person he has become, and fondly recalls professors Marge Pinet, Dominic Catalano and Faith Cobb. “To this day, I still feel it was Faith Cobb, my first psychology professor, who sparked my interest in the clinical perspective of education.”

McCabe looks forward to coming back to his alma mater in the near future to visit with students and faculty in the education and psychology programs. “My advice to all Cazenovia students is to think broadly about your studies. Look beyond the required courses and challenge yourself to expand your knowledge and discover new passions.”

Challenging himself and expanding his knowledge is exactly what Dr. Paul McCabe is doing every day. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he is the current chair of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Early Childhood Interest Group, and has no plans of slowing down on his editorial work either, as he feels it gives him the opportunity to give back to the profession. He served as president of the Association of Early Childhood and Infant Psychology as well as School Psychology Educators Council of New York State, and plans to continue his leadership in the field while remaining focused on research that will benefit Brooklyn College’s School Psychology Program. “I want to play a significant role in growing the program, while making my own mark on the future development of school psychology.”
Cazenovia College has received a $350,000 commitment from the Christakos family of Cazenovia, New York, to officially name the College’s new artificial turf athletic field. The naming is in memory of the late Nicholas J. “Nick” Christakos, former trustee of Cazenovia College and the late Nicholas J. Christakos, a longtime civic and business leader in the Central New York region.

With the help of the Christakos family’s extraordinary generosity, the College will proudly call its new field Christakos Field. The gift—made possible by Nick’s will—will help the institution through a critical time when it faced potential closure. His work on the ad hoc Committee to Save the College in 1974 and then as a member of the board of trustees for almost a decade (chairing the board from 1975 to 1976) was exemplary for both the breadth and depth of his leadership. His involvement continued until 2004, when he helped bring about a cooperative arrangement between the College, the Memorial Association of the American Legion, and the local chapter of the American Legion so that the College’s new turf field, Christakos Field, would be open for both the College’s NCAA Division III baseball and softball teams and for local teams.

“By making this gift to the new turf field, we are pleased to pay tribute to our father and commemorate his work on behalf of Cazenovia College,” says Sparky Christakos. “He loved this area and understood the importance of having a strong, vibrant higher educational institution as a part of and partner with the broader community.”

Mr. Christakos was a lifelong resident of Cazenovia, and the College was one of several organizations to benefit from his interest and support. He became involved with the College in the 1970s and was instrumental in helping the institution through a critical time when it faced potential closure. His work on the ad hoc Committee to Save the College in 1974 and then as a member of the board of trustees for almost a decade (chairing the board from 1975 to 1976) was exemplary for both the breadth and depth of his leadership. His involvement continued until 2004, when he helped bring about a cooperative arrangement between the College, the Memorial Association of the American Legion, and the local chapter of the American Legion so that the College’s new turf field, Christakos Field, would be open for both the College’s NCAA Division III baseball and softball teams and for local teams. 

“Nick Christakos’ legacy at Cazenovia College has been notably honored with this generous gift from his family,” says Brad Wheeler, chair of the College’s board of trustees.
New Assistant Professors Named for Five Programs

Additions to benefit students and programs

By Donald A. McCrimmon, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty

Clairissa Breen will teach in the Criminal Justice and Homeland Security Studies Program. She completed her PhD in criminal justice at Temple University, and holds master’s degrees in public relations management and criminal justice from Buffalo State University. Her research interests include terrorism, hate groups, political and historical crime and criminological theory.

Megan Lawson Clark was a visiting instructor in the Fashion Studies Program prior to joining the full-time faculty. She has a master’s degree in fashion and textile design from Syracuse University, and master’s degrees from Ohio University and Ithaca College. She previously served as an adjunct instructor at Cazenovia College, and has research interests in marriage and relationships.

Rebecca Page Johnson joins the developing Adolescent Education Program, of which she will serve as director. She is completing a PhD in education at Syracuse University, and has a master’s degree in economics from Cornell University. She is certified to teach grades 7-12, was a public high school teacher, a university teacher in China, and private college adviser. Her current research focuses on school assignment and choice.

Venera A. Jouraeva will teach chemistry for the Biology and Environmental Biology programs. She completed both a master’s degree and a PhD in environmental science and chemistry at SUNY-ESF, and has an additional master’s degree in physical chemistry from Kazan State University, Russia. Her research interests are rooted in organic, inorganic and environmental chemistry.

These new assistant professors will enhance the programs they join. In addition, through the appointments of Johnson and Jouraeva, Cazenovia College is moving forward in the expansion of degree opportunities in education and in the biological sciences, both of which are becoming ever more important to our society.

Cazenovia College is dedicated to building futures, one student at a time. Our goal in choosing new faculty members continues to be to select those who share our dedication to preparing each student for the world as it is, and as it will be in the future.

Cazenovia’s Associate Dean Earns National Distinction

Katie O’Brien is recognized by The National Society of Leadership and Success

Katie O’Brien takes time before the Commencement procession to congratulate the graduates.

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Cazenovia College’s Associate Dean for Student Leadership and Engagement Katie O’Brien has been the driving force behind delivering programs that promote learning and development in students. O’Brien, employed at the College since 2001, was recently recognized by The National Society of Leadership and Success for her commitment to supporting the growth of our students.

In a letter recently received from The National Society of Leadership and Success, it was noted that “Katie has volunteered countless hours to reviewing students’ personal reflections and coaching them toward further growth ... and fostering a strong sense of community service and entrepreneurship in your students.” It was also stressed in the letter that “If the quality of a college or university’s employees is any indication of the school’s programming, and I believe it is, Cazenovia College has clearly surpassed many other institutions in building the leaders of tomorrow.”

Cazenovia College Vice President for Student Development Joseph Behan joined in the praise for O’Brien, thanking her for her dedication to developing a campus culture that accentuates student learning, leadership and success.

Digital Illustration Students Enter Logo Contest

Winning design featured on Cazenovia July 4th Foot Races t-shirt

Students in Professor Laurie Selleck’s Digital Illustration class had the opportunity to donate their talents to support a local tradition – the Cazenovia July 4th Foot Races. Twelve visual communications students submitted custom illustrations for a chance to have their work displayed on a t-shirt to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the event.

At the beginning of the spring 2012 semester, race committee members asked the class to adhere to specific design parameters, and Selleck added some additional requests to form a unique class assignment. “The project was simple at the onset, but became much more complex as time went on,” said Selleck. “It was a welcome challenge for the students, and it was a great opportunity for students to work with a real client with defined needs.”

Senior Megan Buckner created the winning entry, and committee members noted that they were drawn to her use of fireworks in the sketch. Three of Buckner’s classmates also received a pleasant surprise. Race committee members selected three additional designs by seniors Michael Rohr, Kiley Barr and Jamie Siorcito to be considered for future race apparel.

“We received an assortment of designs, and to have such a choice was a real bonus,” said Evelyn White, committee member. “We are always pleased to partner with artists who have a Cazenovia connection.”
Encouraging Critical Thinking

How do you know what you don’t know?

By Karin D. Bump, PAS, PhD, professor, Equine Business Management

Early in my academic career I realized there is a tendency for people to believe what they read and hear, particularly when it is within the framework of a familiar and trusted environment such as the classroom. As a result, I push my students to question whether or not what they are exposed to is an accurate and complete representation of the topic under discussion. I want them to actively question things – including the things I have them read and the things they hear me say. Just because I stand in front of a class and take the leadership role in guiding student learning doesn’t mean I know everything; and the more I have learned, the more I realize just how little I know. And that, quite frankly, is invigorating.

While students in our equine business management specialization are learning about equine anatomy, nutrition and disease management, and coupling that knowledge with skills in marketing, finance and strategic planning, they are also challenged to think critically about divisive topics facing the equine industry. They listen, read, discuss, interpret, draw conclusions, and generate questions – then repeat that cycle in order to support or contradict their earlier conclusions and assumptions. This kind of learning cycle reinforces the idea that the more you learn, the more you know how little you really know, and causes students to ask questions like: What makes this person believe this? What are the other sides/views in this discussion? What do I really know and believe about this topic? What are the possible actions and consequences (intended and unintended) that could occur as a result of my beliefs?

Three courses that embrace this learning cycle are: Horses, Humans, Politics, and Pressure (a first year seminar course); Politics and Lobbying in the Equine Industry (a junior seminar course); and the senior capstone seminar that involves research and application of findings to business planning. These classes begin with an “information overload” premise that limits thoughts, beliefs, and assumptions. This idea was supported by University of California researchers (Science, 2011) who found that every day we are exposed to the equivalent of 174 newspapers averaging 85 pages each. The importance of being able to employ critical thinking skills to decipher, question, research and reflect is crucial when we are faced with controversial and divisive topics.

There is no shortage of these topics in both the general media and the media pertaining to the equine industry. The welfare of unwanted horses in the United States is one perfect example: it is a controversial topic; there is no shortage of misinformation; and there is a real debate about the extent to which the information is accurate, reliable, and comprehensive enough to make a substantive and lasting impact on the welfare of these horses. While there is a general idea of what is occurring with unwanted horses, there is much left to understand.

This semester I was involved in an email exchange on this topic with a reporter at an online equine publication that became a living example of the importance of not assuming what you hear or read is accurate and complete, even if it does come from a recognized source. The reporter contacted me to find out if I could comment on whether the figure of 100,000 abandoned horses, which he recalled reading in a recent study, was reliable. I was unfamiliar with that figure but had presented a paper at a forum in Washington, D.C., that summarized a variety of published figures relating to the welfare of the unwanted horses. I sent him a copy of my paper and encouraged him to read the original sources. This exchange is an example of the importance of thinking critically about the points being made rather than accepting information at face value. Subsequent class discussions pushed students to further their own understanding of the topic by considering multiple pieces of information.

This preparation helped when my students and I attended an event in Albany to discuss the benefits of the horse industry for the New York State economy. A legislative official spoke of his interest in equine welfare, his views that horse slaughter is inhumane and, regardless of whether or not horses were unwanted, slaughter should not occur in the U.S. The students understood this view very well but at the same time were able to offer important questions: “If unwanted horses don’t go to slaughter, what should we do with them?” ($7 million to $10 million each year) Where can we find money to care for them, ($7 million to $10 million each year, doubling and tripling in subsequent years), or to euthanize them (estimated at $2 million each year)? It was a point of view I felt was important to ponder, but one he took seriously and was anxious to learn more about. I feel strongly that the students helped him learn something that day – and I am confident he felt the same.

When students actively ask questions and seek more information because they realize they don’t know all there is to know about a topic, and no one else does either, it fuels the fire to learn more. They end up with more questions than answers – another invigorating situation.

About the Author: Dr. Karin Bump, professor of equine business management at Cazenovia College, earned her bachelor of science and master of science degrees from the University of Illinois, and her doctoral degree from the State University of New York at Albany. She is a certified professional animal scientist through the American Registry of Animal Scientists.

In addition to her role as a faculty member, Dr. Bump served as director of the Equine Business Management Program for 13 years, was a co-chair of the Cazenovia College Strategic Planning Committee and served two terms as Chair of the Division of Business and Management, and three terms as chair of the Cazenovia College Faculty. In 2011, she received the Cazenovia College Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award. Dr. Bump is current- ly the director of the National Association of Equine Affiliated Academies, a member of the board of the Equine Science Society, and chair of the Equine Committee of the New York Farm Bureau.
For Cassandra J. LaPorte, an interior design major at Cazenovia College, some luck, along with talent and skill, made her 2011 interior design internship a success. Luck was on her side when she emailed Christine Jones, of CJ Interior Design Studio in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, asking if an internship was available, and again when Jones was selected to design rooms in a home for HGTV’s Showhouse Showdown. All the rest was talent and skills learned in her classes.

LaPorte assisted Jones with many projects, one of which was preparing design renderings and assisting with collecting furnishings for the Showhouse Showdown project, filmed in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. The house for which LaPorte prepared renderings of the design concept was selected as the winner by area residents who toured the homes. (www.hgtv.com/showhouse-showdown)

Cazenovia’s Interior Design Program attracted LaPorte because of her love for art and her desire to have a definite structure to guide her work. She says, “I have a tendency to start something on a whim and never want to stop. There are very few things I don’t enjoy, and the longer I stayed with interior design, the more I loved it. As an art major, being able to work one-on-one with professors is so important that I couldn’t imagine a school that didn’t work like this.”

LaPorte, who graduated this past May, says her internship duties and the television show gave her a broad overview of what running a small business is like. She is interested in designing for the health care field, but says, “I love having to work within strict guidelines, while still making spaces fun and inviting, so I would be happy doing anything in the commercial field. I don’t have my heart set on one particular thing, but look forward to where this field takes me.”

To read more, visit www.cazenovia.edu/magazineExtra.

International travel is something new for Cazenovia College’s Alternative Breaks @ Cazenovia (ABC) Program. Last spring, 10 students traveled to the Dominican Republic to help build a house for a family affiliated with Village Mountain Mission (VMM) in Luperon. The trip was inspired by Cazenovia alumna Loryn Pinney ’06, a former ABC member, who started the VMM C.A.R.E. Project, a preschool for local children, where she is now a teacher.

Pinney visited Katie O’Brien, associate dean for student leadership and engagement, the group’s adviser, to suggest the VMM as a destination for ABC. After discussion that spanned an entire semester, the group planned the trip for spring 2012.

Maryellen A. Egri ’12, of Middletown, Connecticut, played a large part in planning the trip. A human services major who graduated in May, she is an experienced member of the ABC Program, and says, “In spite of their daily struggles, the people we were helping have high spirits and happiness about life. Some of the people only had one pair of shoes, and some children did not have any; some children wore the same shirt for the entire week they stayed there. These little things made me realize how much we take for granted. I believe that many people in our society need to experience trips like this that give you a different outlook on your own life and the way other people live.”

Pinney gave the ABC students an opportunity to experience a different lifestyle during the trip. In addition to her role as a teacher, she sometimes assists with other VMM projects.

The students spent their break without housing, electricity, or running water. They slept in hammocks under a shelter provided by VMM, and their diet consisted primarily of the same rice and beans available to the local residents.

In addition to Egri, students who traveled to the Dominican Republic were Ashley L. Crider ’12, international studies; Hilary Hexx, senior, business; Kerry A. MacHugh ’12, visual communications; Christy Martinez, sophomore, criminal justice and homeland security studies; Megan E. McDermott, senior, human services; Sally J. Powis ’12, psychology; Shana L. Ralston ’12, fashion design; Tramaine D. Rogers, junior, criminal justice and homeland security studies; and Samantha Young, junior, communication studies.

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The tradition of Reunion Weekend has grown stronger each year because of the excitement and enthusiasm of Cazenovia College’s alumni and friends. Reunion 2012 welcomed more than 185 Wildcats from across the nation (some traveled all the way from Alaska and California!) to reconnect on campus and celebrate their alma mater.

To view additional photos from Reunion 2012, visit www.cazenovia.edu/reunion or join the official Alumni Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cazalumni.
After earning her associate's degree in liberal arts from Cazenovia College in 1973, Christine continued her studies and earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University. Yet, she was most driven by two tragedies that occurred during this time in her life: experiencing the death of a dear friend with lupus, and her father's illness and subsequent death in 1976. These difficult times drove her to want to “do everything I can to make the most of my life.”

Determined to take on the world, she ventured off to New York in 1978 with hopes of becoming an actor. She took acting classes and soon found herself starring in a number of commercials promoting Miller Beer, Citibank, Avon, among others. She represented products at toy fairs, was a shoe model, appeared on billboards, and when there was time she worked some catering jobs. She worked long hours, a lot of jobs, hoping her solid worth ethic and growing net-work would lead to something big.

A business opportunity came along in the early 1980s when Christine landed her first full-time job as an assistant to the director of research at an investment bank in Manhattan. She would later become a special events coordinator — planning events for special, high-end clients and arranging tours of New York City, or visits to The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Temple of Dendur, and even of Art, the Temple of Dendur, and even New York City. She is also fond of the Ansonia, an extraordinary building once built as a hotel. It is now a condominium, where she recently closed on an eight-room apartment to a family from California.

A twist of fate occurred in 1989, when she ran into the very same person whom she first met when she arrived in New York City 11 years earlier. A dear friend to Christine today, “she told me about a real estate firm at which she was working … they were hiring.”

“Real estate … for me?” Christine asked herself. “I was most gratifying. A family relocating to Manhattan was looking for a property that would provide access for their son who has cerebral palsy and is confined to a wheel chair. Christine was able to help them locate a match – a place that was comfortable and conducive to their every need. “The most rewarding deals are the ones that have impact and help to change people’s lives for the better.”

Christine is married to “a wonderful gentleman” — Alex Gigante, the general counsel of a major book publisher– whom she first met at a publishing party. Together they love to cook, travel and read. Christine hopes to someday hike in Switzerland and take up ballet again, as her love of dancing has never faded. She thinks fondly of her time at Cazenovia. “I was a shy person and someone in my high school thought Cazenovia would be perfect for me. She was right. I knew Cazenovia was the right college for me the moment I got there.” She felt that all those around her at Caz, especially her best friend Connie Gorey ’73 and roommate Cheryl Berendt ’73, were a part of family, and recall how many came to her dad’s funeral.

“It was hard for me to leave Caz; that was a special time in my life, a place where I formed special friendships, was cared for deeply, and began to dream about my future.”

It’s been more than 30 years since she ventured off to New York City. She began the journey alone but well prepared... ready to make a difference, an impact and build a future for herself. Christine has done just that and looks forward to the next several chapters in her life, hoping to continue to make the most of her life.

SPOT THE MAGAZINE

Greeting on vacation? Heading to a major sporting event? Climbing a mountain? In whatever interesting location you find yourself, why not take along an issue of the Cazenovia College Magazine? Pose with your alma mater’s magazine and you could someday find yourself among the pages.

Please send your photo(s), a caption and any photo credit to communications@cazenovia.edu or Office of Communications, 22 Sullivan St., Cazenovia, NY 13035. Let’s see where you’ve been!

CLASS NOTES

1966
Phyllis Marks Dollar ’56 shares, “We went on a Christmas Cruise with our family (14 of us) to the Western Caribbean for our 50th wedding anniversary. We had such a wonderful time and our grandchildren want to know when the next cruise will be. Since our family does not live close it is not often that we get together; so it was an extra special time.”

1961
Gloria Grosso Alibrandi ’61 and husband, Ben, visited their grandparents Thomas, 4, and Ben, 5, in Nashville, TN, for Thomas’ fourth birthday party.

1966
Lynn Odell Thomson ’66 shares that she has been married 42 years this July to John, Jr. (known as Tommy) and has six children: four boys and two girls; 11 grandchildren: nine girls and two boys; and two great-grand-daughters. Lynn has lived on Shelter Island, NY, since April 1971. She writes, “We are not retired; tried it and didn’t like it. Tommy works for the North Ferry Co., Inc., which travels back and forth from Shelter Island to Greenport (Long Island). Each way is approximately 10 minutes. I work at Blis’ Department Store, a small island store that carries everyday clothing and of course souvenirs. Remember to have some fun each and every day!”

1967
Judith Sterrett ’67 shares that she is quietly retired in Charleston, SC, where she has lived since 1980. She enjoys catching up on news with Theodore “Teddy” Sherwood ’67 from time to time.

Share Your News for Class Notes!

Please help keep our office and friends up-to-date by sharing recent information. Have you moved? Changed jobs? Been promoted? Received an award? Said, “I do”? Welcomed a new baby? If so, please send us the details and include your name, address, the year you graduated, telephone number and email address. Please identify individuals in photographs.

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Send the information to: Marcia Neumiller, Alumni Relations, 22 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia, NY 13035. Or, email mneumiller@cazenovia.edu Thank you!

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CLASS NOTES

1918
Robert H. Wright ’18 shares that he is relaxing in Florida and is in good health. He is still golfing, reading and watercolor painting.

1940
C. Erwin Rice ’40 writes, “There is not a lot of activity from this source. Turning ninety years old last October might have something to do with it. We do have a grandson, Ben Bagley who graduated from high school this May and was accepted to Chapman University in California. He is his father’s number one member (the tallest boy) of the AGT prize-winning Sioulettes was a big help. My wife, Gwenn, and I went to Fort Collins, CO for his graduation. Physically, Gwenn and I are both in reasonably good health. I’ve started my garden, and because of the early warm weather our radishes are growing. So far, they have survived the frosts. I plan to take part in the Empire State Senior Games again this year. They usually are held the first week in June, also class Reunion time.”

1961
Judith Speegle Lunger ’61 writes, “There, writes, ‘Hi to all, especially Paula, Joan, Beth, Nancy, Sue, and my roomie, Mary. I can’t believe how many years have passed since graduation. I continue to miss Pindy’s occasional notes and calls. She left us too early. My husband, Michael, and I have been retired for nearly eight years, and we’re enjoying our time together. I’m painting, making jewelry and in a memoir writing group, and making up for all the lost time I spent behind a desk in the family business. My husband has discovered furniture-making and is creating masterpieces. My best to everyone - here’s hoping you are all healthy and enjoying life to its fullest.”

1966
Barbara Bub Pecknapp ’65 shares that she lost her husband, John, in August and began a new chapter in her life. She writes, “John always loved our visits to Caz, as his daughter spent two years there in the 80s. Thank goodness I have friends like my roomie, Betty. Betty Clarke Lappas ’65, to see me through the whole ordeal! She and her husband spent a month on Pine Island, FL, where I live, and it was such a wonderful treat to spend that month together.”

1965
Phyllis Marks Dollar ’56 shares, “We went on a Christmas Cruise with our family (14 of us) to the Western Caribbean for our 50th wedding anniversary. We had such a wonderful time and our grandchildren want to know when the next cruise will be. Since our family does not live close it is not often that we get together; so it was an extra special time.”

1966
Lynn Odell Thomson ’66 shares that she has been married 42 years this July to John, Jr. (known as Tommy) and has six children: four boys and two girls; 11 grandchildren: nine girls and two boys; and two great-grand-daughters. Lynn has lived on Shelter Island, NY, since April 1971. She writes, “We are not retired; tried it and didn’t like it. Tommy works for the North Ferry Co., Inc., which travels back and forth from Shelter Island to Greenport (Long Island). Each way is approximately 10 minutes. I work at Blis’ Department Store, a small island store that carries everyday clothing and of course souvenirs. Remember to have some fun each and every day!”

1967
Judith Sterrett ’67 shares that she is quietly retired in Charleston, SC, where she has lived since 1980. She enjoys catching up on news with Theodore “Teddy” Sherwood ’67 from time to time.

In Fond Memory

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

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Evelyn Lambrecht Mills ’41  Joan Beaudry Oltz ’48
Joan Lake Deugaw ’56  Beverly Orton Harden ’40
Patrick Hanlon James ’52  Ruth E. Warter ’49
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A Focus on Fashion

QVC internship leads to full-time position for alumna Christine Carey ’10

Christine Carey ’10, has had a focus on fashion since the first time she helped her mother make Halloween costumes and matching Christmas dresses for her and her older sister. Fast forward to today, and we find Carey, working as an assistant buyer for the home shopping powerhouse QVC.

Carey’s first steps into the fashion world began at a young age in her hometown of Newark Valley, New York, where her mother taught her the valuable craft of sewing. That special mother-daughter lesson is a vivid memory for Carey; it also proved to be an influential moment that sparked her interest in all things fashion-related.

“My mom taught me the basics—cutting patterns, sewing clothes, and everything in between,” says Carey. “I’m surprised that I didn’t become a designer!”

Although she always thought she’d someday be a kindergarten teacher, a high school fashion class brought her back to those times she shared with her mom at the sewing machine. The class strengthened Carey’s love of the trade and made her realize where her heart always belonged.

As a young child, Carey set her sights on Cazenovia College and soon found herself immersed in an ideal blend of business and fashion courses. “Choosing Cazenovia was an easy decision. The individualized attention and welcoming atmosphere made me feel right at home,” says Carey.

As her College days progressed, Carey sought to deepen her industry experience and accepted an internship at QVC headquarters in West Chester, Pennsylvania. The founding fashion principles she learned from her mother coupled with her comprehensive Cazenovia education allowed her to jump right into the fast-paced culture of QVC, without missing a beat.

She was soon attending vendor meetings, creating on-air content, processing product samples and negotiating prices alongside her mentor. “My college courses provided me with essential knowledge that was vital in my internship. I was prepared and poised to tackle each new day,” says Carey.

After she completed her internship, Carey headed back to campus with not only the same feeling she had when she first visited Cazenovia—she felt at home. As fate would have it, Carey was set to graduate in December 2009, and QVC was on the lookout for someone with a similar background.

Carey’s success story is a tale of trusting that your heart will point you in the right direction. Each assignment makes me excited about the next,” said Carey. “I’m right where I need to be.”

The class notes continued...
Looking Ahead ... Building Futures

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Please contact Darcy Nolan at 315.655.7042 or email at danolan@cazenovia.edu.

CLASS NOTES

Amelia Slobodian Berezein '00 and husband, Jeff, with their son, Orion

2000

Amelia Slobodian Berezein '00 and her husband, Jeff, welcomed their first son, Orion, to the world on Sept. 7, 2011. Orion was a healthy 9 lbs. 7 oz. and 21 1/2 inches long. The Berezeins currently live on Long Island, NY. After returning from maternity leave, Amelia was promoted to social work supervisor for the Bridges to Health Program.

2002

Damara Canery '02 writes, “Graduated from Cazenovia in 2002 – 10 years! I am working full-time as a summer camp director for Camp Fire USA. Last year was a busy one as I welcomed my daughter, Avery, into the world on Aug. 26, 2011. In December 2011, I was engaged to my boyfriend of three years, Hugh Allen. We will be married Oct. 7, 2012.”

2009

Avery Amelia Allen writes, “Graduated from Cazenovia in 2002 – 10 years! I am working full-time as a summer camp director for Camp Fire USA. Last year was a busy one as I welcomed my daughter, Avery, into the world on Aug. 26, 2011. In December 2011, I was engaged to my boyfriend of three years, Hugh Allen. We will be married Oct. 7, 2012.”

The wedding party will include the following family and friends of the bride and groom from Cazenovia College: Heather Domonick '07, Brian Petrick '07, Ashley Warner '07, Zachary Hooker '09, Zach Strehmeyer '09, Jennifer Mondazzi '09, Cassandra Gazley '11, and Ashley Rasberry '11.

Cazenovia College has received gifts from alumni and friends:

In Honor of:

Lindsay Denhoff '12
Val Dunn '12
Lisa Marie Gouden '12
Lindsey Matousek '12
Joseph M. Nichols '11
Kimberly Norton '12
Sally Powis '12
Mr. & Mrs. Tacea
Stephanie C. Turcotte '12

In Memory of:

Barbara Wemple Ann '52
Joan Austin
Beverly Orton Harden '49
Pamela Rosenfield Levin '65
Martha Papworth O'Neill '00
Lynn Reynolds '04

For information on making gifts in honor or in memory of a classmate, professor or a local- or campus-related group, contact Joan Brooks, director of development, at 315.655.7108 or johnkins@cazenovia.edu.

ABOUT THE HERITAGE SOCIETY

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designed to support the academic and personal success of rising eighth and ninth graders.” For more information, please contact her at ijhenry@yahoo.com.

Alumni events that took place during the winter and spring months brought together alumni, trustees, parents, staff, faculty, current students and friends of the College. Gatherings were held throughout New York.

Alumni events

New York Athletic Club

Alumni, trustees, faculty, staff, current students and parents gathered at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. The alumni reception was co-sponsored by Trustee William Eberhardt.

Upcoming Alumni Events

The Alumni Relations Office is busy planning outreach events across the country. States under consideration for possible alumni gatherings include:

- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Florida
- Massachusetts
- New Jersey
- New York
- North Carolina
- Pennsylvania

• For more information on 2012 events in your area, watch your mailboxes, visit www.cazenovia.edu/alumni or contact Shari Whitaker, director of alumni relations, at 315.655.7332 or swhitaker@cazenovia.edu.

Wildcats Lacrosse – 10th Anniversary

Alumni lacrosse players returned to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Wildcats lacrosse at Cazenovia College.

CLASS NOTES - continued
Coleman’s Irish Luncheon

Alumni gathered at Coleman’s Irish Pub in Syracuse, NY, for an authentic Irish lunch hosted by Winifred Coleman, former dean of students.

(L-R) Mary Jo, Peter, and Winifred Coleman, former dean of students

Fashion Show Reception

The Offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services hosted a reception at the Lincklaen House for fashion designers Jennifer Diederich and Wesley Nault, and current fashion design and fashion merchandising students. Ms. Diederich was the guest speaker at the 2012 Cazenovia College Fashion Show.

(L-R) Emily DiSiena ’12, Koriana Cichocki ’12, Samantha Salzarulo ’12, Stephanie Sobiech ’12, Wesley Nault, Jennifer Diederich, Emily Travis ’12, Katelyn Murray ’12

Annual Fund

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Hats Off to Our Graduates!

On behalf of the Office of Alumni Relations and the thousands of Cazenovia College alumni, congratulations to the graduating Class of 2012 – the newest members of our alumni family.
Betty Ogletree Roberts ‘70 brings her career full circle

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Believe in Yourself and Others Will Believe in You

In her office at Alcorn State University, Trustee Betty Ogletree Roberts ‘70, senior vice president for administration and chief financial officer, looks back on her career.

As vice president for administration at the University of Central Missouri, Roberts saw a career highlight, assisting with oversight of a $36 million energy retrofit launched in 2009, now nearing completion. She says, “It was a great project and still stands as the largest energy retrofit in higher education.”

Now senior vice president for administration and chief financial officer for Alcorn State University, she says, “This job brings me full circle. I have the opportunity to give back to the academic community. My early role was to create a sense of belonging for students – now I do almost the same thing on an institutional level.”

Roberts says her experience serves her well as a Cazenovia College trustee. “My role is to help steward the continued growth of the College, to provide knowledge and expertise, and to support the president in guiding and understanding the institution.”

“In 2001, the college appointed me to the Board of Directors, a position that was opening the doors for diversity, I discovered that I could.”

“You can’t expect others to believe in you if you don’t believe in yourself. Some students just don’t get that. Of my ten black classmates, Roberts says, “I was one of four who graduated. I got it: Cazenovia planted the seed, gave me the foundation, and those principles have stayed with me. You have to know your goals; you have to be a door.”

To read more, visit www.cazenovia.edu/magazineExtra.
Wildcats Host NEAC Swimming and Diving Championships

Swim team garners two awards

In the women’s championship competition, the two favorites, Wells and Cazenovia, tied at 150 points after the first day of competition, and were separated by three points after day two with Wells edging ahead 307.5 to Cazenovia’s 304.5. On day three, Wells took the lead (405.5) to win the championship, with Cazenovia second at 421.5, Gallaudet third (404), Cobleskill fourth (399), and St. Elizabeth (262) fifth.

In the men’s competition, many of the races came right down to the wire, resulting in several individual NEAC records being broken. In the end, defending NEAC 2011 champion, Gallaudet, swam away from the field again with 580.5 points, with Wells at 481, Cazenovia at 326.5, and Cobleskill at 277.

The Wildcats’ swimming and diving program has continued to achieve success under the guidance of Head Coach Bill House, who was selected by his peers as the NEAC Women’s Swimming and Diving Coach of the Year.

Also selected for a top conference award was freshman Laura Krasniqi (Montrose, NY), who was selected as the conference’s inaugural Rookie of the Year. Krasniqi earned a place on the all-conference first team in the 100 and 200-yard breaststroke, setting conference and NEAC championship records. She earned second team recognition in the 200 and 400-yard medley relays, as well as third team in the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Other swimming and diving team members who earned NEAC all-conference recognition:

- Charles Saidel (Gouverneur, NY), First Team - 200 and 400-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Second Team - 800-yard freestyle relay.
- M. Sawyer Ballance (Spartanburg, SC), First Team - 200 and 400-yard freestyle relay; First Team - 50 and 100-yard freestyle; Second Team - 200-yard medley relay; Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Second Team - 800-yard freestyle relay.
- Van Scholten (Nashville, TN), First Team - 200 and 400-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Second Team - 800-yard freestyle relay; Third Team - 1,650-yard freestyle relay.
- Alyssa Moseley (Livingston Manor, NY), First Team - 100-yard breaststroke; Third Team - 200-yard medley relay; Third Team - 200-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 200 and 400-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Second Team - 800-yard freestyle relay.

Men’s team members who earned NEAC all-conference recognition:

- Jenn Foley (Plymouth Mtg., PA), Third Team - 200-yard breaststroke; Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Third Team - 400-yard freestyle relay; Third Team - 200-yard freestyle relay.
- Kory Parsons (Holland Patent, NY), Second Team - 200-yard breaststroke; Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Second Team - 800-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 200-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 1,650-yard freestyle relay.
- Alyssa Moseley (Livingston Manor, NY), Second Team - 400-yard medley relay; Second Team - 200-yard freestyle relay; Second Team - 1,650-yard backstroke.
- Emily Thomas (Plymouth Mtg., PA), Second Team - 1-meter diving.

McDermott Joins 1,000 Point Club

This past February, Cazenovia College women’s basketball stand-out Megan McDermott (Greene, NY) joined the 1,000 point club in blue and gold. McDermott is the 14th female to do so.

In her senior season finale on this day proved to be monumental. For her 18th point of the contest, McDermott sank what she thought was just another free throw. This free throw, however, also represented her 1,000th point scored during her illustrious career under the guidance of Head Coach Bill House.

It is even more impressive that McDermott has reached this plateau in only her junior year. With feats like this, the future looks bright for McDermott, as well as for the women’s basketball program at Cazenovia College.

Perry Joins McDermott on All-Conference Team

Matt Perry (Massena, NY) and McDermott each earned a spot on the North Eastern Athletic Conference all-conference third team for men’s and women’s basketball respectively. Perry led the men’s team in scoring this year, netting just under 14 points a night in addition to collecting 6.6 rebounds per game.

McDermott led the Wildcats this year in most statistical categories, including 14 points per game, 8.8 rebounds per game, 2.5 assists per game and 1.9 steals per game.
SPOTLIGHT

ASHLEY CRIDER – ONE WOMAN’S PERSONAL CRUSADE

“Cazenovia’s internship requirement gives students the chance for an experience of a lifetime.”

In a 2011 summer internship, Crider taught conversational English to both children and adults in Haiti, and says it gave a new spark to her passion for her future career in international humanitarian aid. She notes that the major issues in Haiti are lack of health care and education, and deficient agriculture. “I was devastated to see their way of life,” she says, “but it’s what they are accustomed to. The Haitian people are so great – their situations are extremely hard and yet they are constantly working to survive. For me it was a very humbling experience.”

Perhaps the most important thing Crider learned in Haiti is what one person can achieve. She says, “My hardest working student’s dream is to become a nurse.” Because medical assistance is very limited in Haiti, Crider believes helping young people is desperately important, so much so that she raised money to help the student achieve her goal. Crider went to Haiti this past January to present the money, and returned to teach again this summer.

Seeing people living in poverty, in Ghana, Haiti, and last January in the Dominican Republic, has given Crider a great appreciation for her life in America. “Being surrounded by individuals who are so poor and yet so thankful for everything in their lives made me think about how lucky I am,” she says. “Being able to help individuals who are so desperate, and yet so proud and grateful, changes you as a person.”

Visit www.cazenovia.edu/magazineExtra to read the full story.

The Saidel Family Scholarship:
The Saidel Family Scholarship will be awarded to a returning Art & Design student this fall, and to other deserving students over a five-year period.

Create a Term Scholarship at Cazenovia College

Donors can make an immediate difference in a student’s access to the Cazenovia College experience through the new Term Scholarship Program. Your gift of $1,000 a year for a minimum of three years will directly benefit a student by providing much-needed financial aid.

Cazenovia College parents Rob and Rita Saidel recently created the College’s first term scholarship in honor of their son, Charlie, who graduated in May 2012 with a bachelor of fine arts degree in visual communications, and their niece, Simone Saidel, a 2008 alumna with a bachelor of fine arts degree in interior design.

We are grateful to the Saidels for helping Cazenovia College students pursue and attain their educational goals.

To learn more about the Term Scholarship Program, please contact Joan Brooks, director of development, at 315.655.7108 or jbrooks@cazenovia.edu.

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isasters change people, not only those who suffer, but those who gave their time and effort to facilitate recovery. Ashley Crider ’12, of Lake Clear, New York, saw the face of disaster when she traveled for the first time to Mississippi to assist with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts. In addition to braving gangs and packs of homeless and hungry dogs, she confronted the pain of people who had lost loved ones, homes and possessions. The experience changed her life.

This past May, Crider received a degree in international studies, specializing in humanitarian services. As a member of the College’s Human Rights Club and the Alternative Breaks @ Caz (ABC), she completed many humanitarian aid projects. A trip to Ghana, she says, “was my first time experiencing widespread extreme poverty.”

(Left) Charlie Saidel ’12 with parents Rita and Rob

(Left) Ashley Crider ‘12 with Berline Louis. Crider raised money to assist Louis with nursing school tuition.

(L-R) Charlie Saidel ’12 with parents Rita and Rob

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Make Plans to Attend Homecoming/Family Weekend!
Sept. 28-30, 2012

Be a part of this festive weekend and enjoy the many planned activities on campus including:

- Alumni Welcome Reception
- Parent Mixer
- Brunch with the President and Faculty
- Soccer Games & Cross Country Homecoming Invitational
- Kickoff Celebration of the College Campaign
- Dedication Ceremony for Christakos Field
- Inaugural Appearance of the Wildcats mascot ZAC!
- Blue & Gold Dinner
- Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

For a complete schedule of events or to register, visit www.cazenovia.edu/homecomingfamilyweekend.