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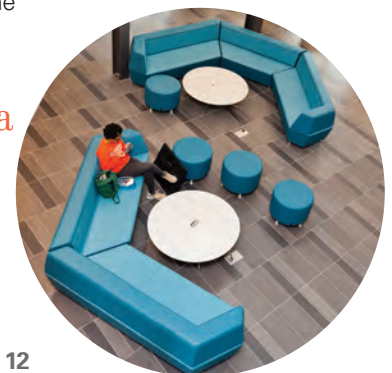
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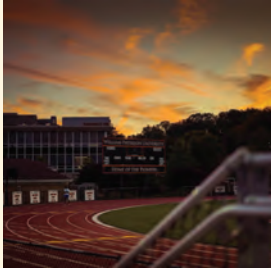
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

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## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As you may have heard through University communications earlier this semester, this summer I informed the Board of Trustees of my intent to retire as president of William Paterson University at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. I will turn 70 next September, a very good time to retire from a demanding position.

The last seven years at William Paterson have been the best of my career. I would like to thank you—our alumni, faculty, staff, students, donors, and friends—for your support, your enthusiasm for the mission of this institution, and your friendship. We have accomplished a great deal together, and I hope the advances we have made are of lasting benefit to the students we serve.

The University's Strategic Plan 2012-2022 is in place to guide the institution forward, and we have made important improvements to the campus infrastructure, including the construction of University Hall and Preakness Hall. Graduation rates have significantly improved while the University has gained recognition for its commitment to developing undergraduate research, civic engagement, and graduate programs that lead to professional careers. The faculty continue to provide outstanding instruction and mentorship to our students while pursuing individual research and creative endeavors. Their achievements contribute to the scholarly enrichment of the academy in general and this University in particular.

A national search for the next president has begun under the leadership of alumna Linda A. Niro '76, a member of the University's Board of Trustees and Foundation Board. Updates regarding the process can be found at the "Presidential Search" link on the University homepage. All members of the University community will have a chance to participate and attend open forums when the candidates are brought to campus.

There is much work to do before my retirement next summer and I look forward to continuing the close collaborations that are crucial to the future of our great University. Our mission remains the same—to ensure the education and success of our students.

*Sincerely,*

Kathleen Waldron  
President



## President Kathleen Waldron to Retire

—She led significant academic and infrastructure initiatives that will impact the institution's students for years to come

President Kathleen Waldron, who has led strategic initiatives that have enhanced academics and infrastructure at William Paterson, announced in August that she will retire effective June 30, 2018 after eight years as president. The University's Board of Trustees has launched a national search for a new president.

"I will turn 70 years old in September 2018 and have had the great honor of being an academic administrator for 20 years," says President Waldron, who became the institution's seventh president on August 2, 2010. "The last seven years at William Paterson University have been the best of my career. We have accomplished so much, and I hope that the advances we made together are of lasting benefit to the students we serve. I am extremely grateful to have the support of an engaged Board of Trustees that cares deeply about this institution and its success, as well as Cabinet members who capably lead their divisions and provide sound advice and counsel. The faculty continue to provide outstanding instruction and mentorship to our students while pursuing individual research and creative endeavors. Our dedicated staff provides the day-to-day academic and business support that keeps the University going and thriving."

"We have been very lucky to have someone as skilled as Kathy Waldron to be a part of the journey of this institution," says Fred Gruel, chair of the Board of Trustees. "Her impact on current and future generations of students is laudable and tangible. She established an ambitious agenda for William Paterson University upon her arrival in August 2010. She has focused the University on short- and long-term planning, and has made a tremendous impact on the University's infrastructure, playing a leading role in the state in securing the *Building Our Future General Obligation Bond* that resulted in funding for University Hall and the renovation of Preakness Hall and Hunziker Hall, which will benefit the teaching and research environment for years to come."

After guiding the development of the University's Strategic Plan 2012-22, President Waldron has led William Paterson to increase its academic offerings, launching the institution's second doctoral program, the doctor of psychology, as well as its first fully online undergraduate degree program and new bachelor's degree and master's degree programs. The University expanded the number of full-time faculty to more than 400. During her tenure, the University

was designated a Hispanic-serving institution. Enrollment of Hispanic students has grown to nearly 30 percent of the overall student population, continuing the University's long-standing commitment to diversity and tradition of educating first-generation college students. The University also has been honored as a "Military Friendly School."

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**—Fred Gruel, chair,  
Board of Trustees**

During her administration, the institution launched an extensive building and renovation project that has transformed the academic facilities at the core of the campus. University Hall, the University's newest academic building, was funded in part by \$30 million from the *Building Our Future* bond, and opened in January 2016. The renovation of two academic buildings, Preakness Hall, which reopened in September, and Hunziker Hall, to reopen in September 2018, received \$7.2 million in funding from the *Building Our Future* bond and the Capital Improvement Fund. The



President Kathleen Waldron with University students

University also completed a \$2.5 million high-definition upgrade to its two-studio TV complex.

President Waldron led University efforts to expand initiatives that provide students with opportunities beyond the classroom. The institution increased offerings for student participation in civic engagement opportunities through academic courses and co-curricular activities, became the first public New Jersey college or university that requires new undergraduates to take a course on civic engagement, and served as a co-founder of New Jersey Campus Compact. William Paterson also enhanced its focus on active involvement by undergraduate students in research and other scholarly and creative activities with faculty, providing additional support for travel to regional, national, and international conferences. The University implemented enhanced career development support for students, including the establishment of the Pesce Family Mentoring Institute, connecting successful professionals as mentors to select undergraduate students.

Long committed to environmental sustainability and energy conservation, the University instituted numerous campus-wide conservation programs, including a solar panel installation that continues to rank as one of the largest university installations in the United States, and other energy efficiency efforts that have resulted in a significant reduction in natural gas and electricity usage and

in carbon gas emissions, as well as more than \$20 million in total energy savings. Most recently, University Hall was certified as LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council. President Waldron signed the President's Climate Leadership Commitment and the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment, became a member of the New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability, and most recently signed on to "We Are Still In," a statement by more than 1,200 governors, mayors,

businesses, investors, and colleges and universities from across the U.S. or with significant operations in the U.S. in support of the Paris Climate Agreement.

Recognized as one of the Top 50 Women in New Jersey by *NJBIZ*, she was honored by the North Jersey Federal Credit Union as the first recipient of the Annual Women History Makers in North Jersey Award and was awarded the 2013 Garden State Green Award, among other awards and honors.

## TIMES SQUARE INSPIRES COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR'S APP-BASED SOUND ARTWORK



Keith and Mendi Obadike

Keith Obadike, associate professor of communication, and his wife Mendi have teamed up with Times Square Arts to create a free, app-based public sound artwork, *Compass Song*, inspired by Times Square's rich history as the "Crossroads of the World."

As someone turns on the app, plugs in their headphones,

and walks through Times Square, a voice will accompany their wanderings with poems about searching for freedom, reflections on navigating the city, and cross-cultural myths about the cardinal directions (north, east, south, and west). All of this is interwoven with quotes from "Walk with Me," the African-American spiritual turned Civil Rights freedom song.

"We kind of anchored *Compass Song* around this," Obadike says. "It's about trying to find your way, and asking for spiritual guidance. . . We broke up that song in different ways, and I really like that about the project—it's literally, 'walk with

me,' but also a deeper call." Obadike continues, "We tend to think of Times Square as a visually driven place, so we hope that people will hear the space in a new way."

Obadike specializes in integrated media art as well as the design and study of sound. The professor and his wife perform under the stage name "Mendi + Keith Obadike," and they have previously exhibited and performed in the New Museum, the Studio Museum in Harlem, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Whitechapel Gallery of London, and the New York African Film Festival, to name a few.



From left, Wayne student Adam (left) works out in the weight room with University students Lawrence Sinclair and Jonathan Avendano as part of the Young Adult Transition Program

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PROVIDE INDIVIDUALIZED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TO LOCAL SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

Through William Paterson's Young Adult Transition Program (YATP), University students majoring in physical education and exercise science are getting hands-on training in how to develop physical education classes for special needs students.

Under the direction of Michael Laughlin, assistant professor of kinesiology, the students work one-on-one with special needs high school students from the Wayne Public Schools, as well as the private Banyan School for special needs students in Fairfield, offering a wide variety of physical education activities, as well as bolstering skills in teamwork and socialization.

Special needs high school students are frequently older than their peers in traditional high school settings, which can lead to more isolation. The William Paterson program pairs these students, who are ages 18 to 21, with a

University student who is closer to their age. "Being around their more typical peers is a big part of this," Laughlin told *The Record*, which covered the program earlier this year. "The socialization aspect is very important."

During their sessions on campus, which last an hour one or two times a week, the students receive individualized physical education instruction based on their abilities and interests. For example, some focus on weight-lifting while others exercise through dance. The program, entering its third year, gives the University students an important experience providing adaptive physical education, which is a growing field nationally. Most important, though, Laughlin says, is providing these special needs students with new skills. "The goal is truly lifelong learning," he says.

## UNIVERSITY HALL WINS NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR GREEN DESIGN

University Hall, the academic building that opened in 2016, has garnered numerous commendations and awards from state and national organizations for its design and construction.

The building has been certified as LEED Gold by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for its sustainability, savings, energy efficiency, and environmental quality. The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system is the most widely used, internationally recognized, third-party verification for green building certification.

"We are very proud that University Hall achieved LEED Gold certification, the globally recognized symbol of sustainability achievement," says President Kathleen Waldron. "At William Paterson, we are committed to making the University a fully green institution, and this beautiful, energy-efficient building is an example of that commitment."

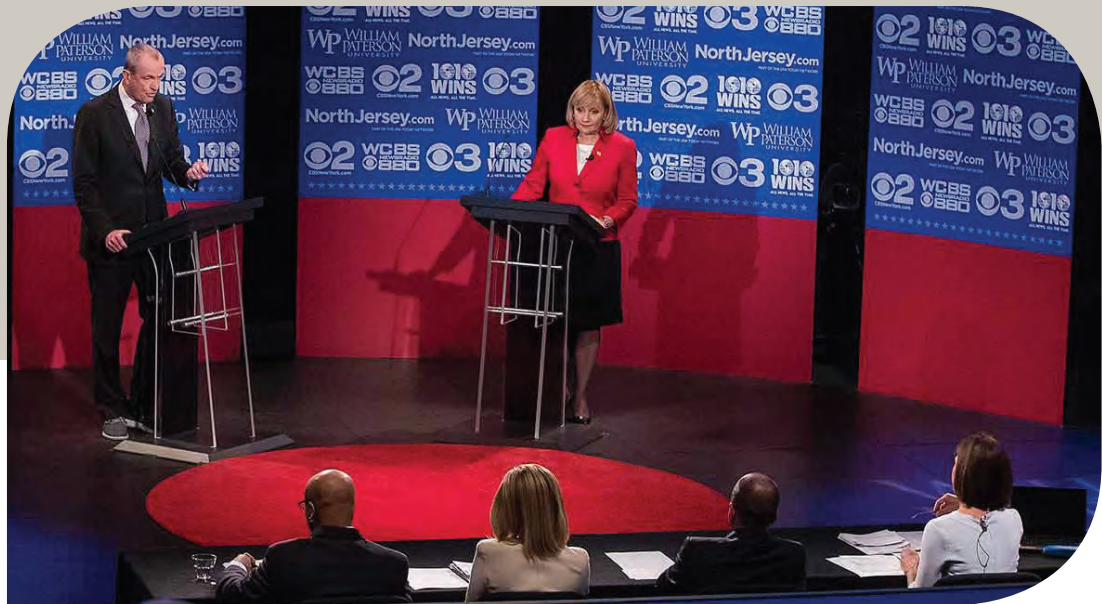
Other commendations and awards include: NJ Green Building Council 2017 Honorable Mention; NJ Alliance for Action 2016 Distinguished Engineering Award; American School & University 2016 Interior Common Space SILVER Citation; *NJBIZ* 2017 Good Neighbor Award; and NJ Board of Public Utilities Paid for Performance Incentives of \$136,000.



The green roof on University Hall



Ambassador Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno during the gubernatorial debate in Shea Center



# University Hosts 2017 New Jersey Gubernatorial Debate

The campus was abuzz on October 18 when the University hosted the second of two 2017 New Jersey Gubernatorial Debates between the Republican nominee, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, and the Democratic nominee, Ambassador Phil Murphy.

The University and its media partners, CBS broadcast affiliates in New York and Philadelphia and *The Record/USA Today* Network, were selected by the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission (ELEC) to sponsor one of the ELEC-authorized gubernatorial election debates. The debate was broadcast live by WCBS-

TV (New York), KYW-TV (Philadelphia), WCBS Radio (New York), WINS Radio (New York), and KYW Radio (Philadelphia) and the CBS broadcast was streamed on Facebook Live and via the websites of *The Record* and its sister Gannett New Jersey newspaper sites across the state. The broadcast was simulcast in Spanish on CBS affiliates.

More than 900 attendees filled Shea Center for the event, during which student Khizar Siddiqui asked the candidates a question regarding student debt. Dozens of reporters and photographers covered the

debate on site, and many others reported from remote sites or picked up syndicated articles, resulting in extensive statewide visibility for the University via the live broadcast as well as coverage in broadcast, print, and digital media.

In addition, a panel of University students held a lively post-debate discussion in the Hobart Hall Martini Center that was moderated by Professor Christine Kelly, political science, and Professor Joann Lee, communication.

➤ For a time-lapse of the debate setup, visit [bit.ly/WPDebate17](http://bit.ly/WPDebate17)

## NEW APPOINTMENTS



**Barbara Andrew** has been named executive director of the Honors College after serving as interim

director since 2015. A professor of philosophy and a member of the faculty since 2002, Andrew served as chair of the philosophy department from 2011 to 2015. She is a specialist in feminist theory, ethics, and social and political philosophy; her most recent publications consider love and freedom as moral principles. Andrew is the co-editor of *Feminist*

*Interventions in Ethics and Politics*, as well as numerous articles, book chapters, and presentations.



**Sandra Hill** has been appointed associate provost for academic affairs. Hill, who has extensive faculty and

administrative experience, previously served as assistant to the provost for assessment and accreditation at the University of Baltimore and as associate dean of the Yale Gordon College of Arts and Sciences. Prior, Hill held a number of positions at the

University of Louisiana at Monroe, including associate director of the School of Humanities, program coordinator and head of the English department, and director of the professional writing program. She holds a PhD in English from the University of Maryland, College Park.



**Venkat Sharma**, a respected biologist, educator, and administrator, has been appointed dean of the College

of Science and Health. Sharma previously served as founding

dean of the School of Natural and Mathematical Sciences and professor of biology at SUNY Oneonta. Prior, he was dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of West Alabama, and associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of biology at the University of West Florida. Sharma has more than 25 years of teaching and research experience in immunology, nano-immunology, the biochemistry of leukemia, and biomedical ethics. He has served as a research scientist at the Arthur James Cancer Center at Ohio State University and a project investigator/post-doctoral fellow at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.



food for thought

**CAMPUS SERIES EXPLORES TOPICS AROUND FOOD**

The culture, politics, and science of food are being explored through a year-long series of events on campus including talks, theatre and musical performances, panel discussions, workshops, and art exhibits.

Titled *Food for Thought*, the series is designed to supplement courses in a wide range of disciplines, from chemistry and communication to public health and women's studies, with complementary events that address the topic of food.

Highlights of the early fall included a theatrical presentation by the Guerrilla Girls focused on women, food, and body image; a foraging expedition in search of edibles on campus led by "Wildman" Steve Brill; a lecture by noted food critic and author Ruth Reichl; and the first of several meal and lecture events titled "We All Eat," focused on Cuba.

Upcoming events include a talk by Jen Chapin, the singer, food activist, and board member of WhyHunger, on February 22, 2018; a panel discussion on the business of food on February 21, 2018; a Distinguished Lecturer Series lecture by Alice Waters, founder of the farm-to-table movement, on March 2, 2018; and "We All Eat" meal/lecture events focused on the food of Syria on March 21, 2018, and food in the United States on April 18, 2018. All events are open to the public.

➤ For a complete list of upcoming events, visit [wpunj.edu/food-for-thought](http://wpunj.edu/food-for-thought)

## Weather Station on Campus Feeds Real-Time Data to University Website

The local weather report just got really local for the William Paterson community.

A weather station has been installed at the Alumni House on Oldham Pond, which, later this fall, will feed real-time, high-level weather data to the Environmental Science Department's web page. In addition to air temperature, the station reads wind speed and direction, relative humidity, barometric pressure, solar energy, rainfall, and water temperature of the pond.

The weather station, which runs on solar power, is under the direction of Jennifer Callanan, assistant professor of environmental science, and Michael DaSilva, the department's laboratory technician.

"Curriculum was a big push," Callanan says, noting the department's courses in Soil and Water Analysis, Global Climate Change, and Senior Practicum, as the most direct beneficiaries of the station. "Overall, in our department, we place a lot of emphasis on hands-on and field experiences."

Also, using raw data in any science classroom is invaluable, she explains, because it introduces students to the process of data acquisition and management. Instead of the prepackaged graphs and charts found in textbooks, students can create their own

graphical representation using real-world data.

With this new technology, the University will contribute to the Northeast Regional Climate Chapter, where weather data is shared among partner universities. According to DaSilva, although there are other weather stations in

Passaic County, there is a data void around the campus which this station will fill.

Callanan and DaSilva, in collaboration with the Bureau of Forestry at the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, have set up a second, mobile soil monitoring station at one of the professor's prescribed fire research sites in the Delaware State Forest in Pennsylvania. That station will measure soil hydraulic conductivity, soil temperature, fuel moisture (an important aspect of forest

fires), and volumetric water content. This information will be

incorporated into two courses Callanan teaches about soil.

Zack Biskup '18, an environmental science major, is one of the students who worked to set up the weather station this summer, functioning as team engineer. "When you walk into a classroom, and you know that professor works in the field, it makes an immense impact," Biskup says. "You know that professor will bring so much hands-on knowledge to the course."



Jennifer Callanan and Michael DaSilva with the weather station



David Demsey conducts the WP Jazz Orchestra

## JAZZ ROOM CELEBRATES 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The William Paterson University Jazz Room series, the longest-running program of its kind in the United States, is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of presenting performances by the top luminaries in jazz on campus.

The Sunday afternoon concert series was launched on April 2, 1978, when the acclaimed jazz pianist Joanne Brackeen presented a solo performance on campus. Since then, the Jazz Room has welcomed more than 475 jazz artists to the University's Shea Center stage, including legends such as Sonny Rollins, Wynton Marsalis, Wayne Shorter, Joe Williams, Marian McPartland, Slide Hampton, Kenny Burrell, Joe Lovano, Kenny Garrett, Clark Terry, Michael and Randy Brecker, and the Vanguard Orchestra, encompassing the entire spectrum of jazz, from early jazz and swing to avant garde, and from intimate solo performances to big bands.

In addition to drawing legions of jazz fans to the campus for four decades, the performance series provides support for the University's internationally renowned Jazz Studies Program, founded in 1973, which attracts students from across the United States and abroad under the current direction of Grammy Award-winning pianist Bill Charlap.

Music professor David Demsey, coordinator of jazz studies, who co-produces the series with music professor Pete McGuinness, calls the Jazz Room "a very precious commodity." Each concert in Shea Center includes a performance by a University student jazz group and is preceded by a meet-the-artist session. "This is a rare chance for our students, and our audience, to get up close and personal with the renowned artists who perform on the series. The seating in the performance space is so intimate,

and the pre-concert "Sittin' In" meet-the-artist sessions are as much fun for Pete McGuinness and me as they are for the audience."

The fall season launched on October 8 with jazz vocalist Nancy Marano and her quartet, followed by world-renowned Chilean tenor saxophonist Melissa Aldana. The WP Jazz Orchestra and special guests celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 5 with a performance of compositions by current and former faculty composers including Rufus Reid, Cecil Bridgewater, Jim McNeely, Pete McGuinness, Bill Mobley, and founding director Thad Jones. Other upcoming concerts include the Horacee Arnold Trio on December 3, and a holiday celebration with the WP Jazz Orchestra on December 9.

➤ *For a complete listing and tickets, visit [wpunj.edu/wppresents/jazz.html](http://wpunj.edu/wppresents/jazz.html)*



### PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR AWARDED WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION CAREER ENHANCEMENT FELLOWSHIP

Stephanie Rivera Berruz, an assistant professor of philosophy, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship. She is one of 30 junior faculty members across the country selected for the prestigious honor.

The Career Enhancement Fellowship, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, creates career development opportunities for selected faculty fellows with promising research projects. The program provides fellows with a six-month or one-year sabbatical stipend of up to \$30,000, as well as a research, travel, or publication stipend, mentoring, and participation in a late summer professional development retreat.

Rivera Berruz, who joined the William Paterson University faculty in 2014, is a specialist in Latin American philosophy, Latina feminism, and the philosophy of race, gender, and sexuality. The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship will support the completion of a book, *What Is Latin American Philosophy?* She is also completing an invited article on Latin American feminism for the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, one of the foremost public resources for philosophy globally.

"Ultimately, my identity as a scholar revolves around making philosophy a more diverse space with the hope that when Latinx people or people of color more generally arrive at our discipline, they see themselves represented and reflected as part of the field," she says.



## Alumni Raise \$4,000 and Fly to Mexico to Help Earthquake-Ravaged Villages

Civic engagement is a core value at William Paterson—and one that alumni Kevin Guerrero '15 and Sebastian Escobar '15 continue to exemplify. Together, with 10 friends and family members that Guerrero recruited, the duo traveled to earthquake-ravaged parts of Mexico, spending three days making as much positive change as they could.

Guerrero has family living on the outskirts of Mexico City, in Moreles, which was fortunately spared by the earthquake on September 19. His heart went out to the those who were impacted, and a few days after the quake, he asked his mother if she would make a trip with him to help out in some way. Days later, they were booking flights and a group of 10 friends and family, including Escobar, decided to join them.

Each volunteer started using social media to collect funds for supplies to distribute in Mexico, and by the time their flight touched down there on September 29, the group had raised \$4,000.

"We were thinking of bringing supplies down with us, but then we decided we'd rather spend the money in Mexico, to help the Mexican economy," Guerrero says. The group set up camp in his family members' homes, and quickly purchased water, oil, rice, beans, bread, blankets, and



Sebastian Escobar '15 (standing, far left) and Kevin Guerrero '15 (crouching, right) with other volunteers during their trip to help Mexican earthquake victims; Above: Locals work on one of the ravaged buildings in Mexico

clothing which they assembled into about 120 care packages that they distributed across villages in need. They personally prepared 200 hot meals for distribution.

"The biggest surprise for me when we were there was hearing from people that the government didn't offer enough assistance to those living outside of Mexico City, in harder to reach areas," Escobar says. "And then I noticed: In Mexico City, there were rescue crews, volunteers, tents, donation centers, people going through the rubble. But in the outskirts, that help wasn't really present there, and they got hit the hardest."

Escobar, the manager of William Paterson's WPSC FM radio station, was so moved by what he saw in Mexico that he decided to use his trip to educate others.

In a four-hour window between volunteerism efforts, he interviewed local officials and residents, and put together a 10-minute news report. His report aired on college radio stations across the globe during College Radio Day on October 6.

Guerrero, a producer and DJ for 92.3 AMP Radio, says, "I left there thinking, 'There's still so much to do.' It was a really eye-opening experience. I'm happy to

have been a part of it and to see that we had so much support from friends, family, even strangers...it was just amazing."

Guerrero has learned about a school in San Antonio Alponacan, Mexico, which was entirely destroyed and will be out of commission for approximately eight months. He is in the process of working with school officials and his fellow volunteers to organize a fundraiser that would support the school's move into a temporary space, as well as its construction efforts. He hopes to visit Mexico again for the school's grand re-opening celebration.

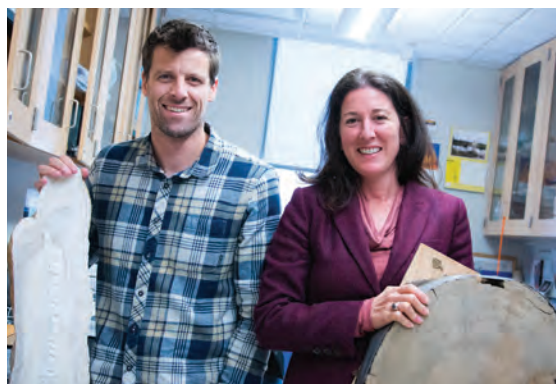
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N.J. State Sen. Paul Sarlo delivers the 2017 commencement address



## ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE PROFESSORS AWARDED NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANT

### N.J. STATE SENATOR PAUL SARLO ADVISES GRADS: "TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNEXPECTED"



Michael Griffiths with a speleothem sample and Nicole Davi with a tree-ring sample in their lab on campus

Environmental science professors Michael Griffiths and Nicole Davi have received a \$234,000 research grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). William Paterson is the lead institution on the project, "Calibrating South East Asian Proxies: Speleothems and Tree-Rings," in collaboration with researchers from the University of California-Irvine and Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO). The three institutions received a total of \$815,000 in NSF support.

The researchers aim to create and analyze a millennium's worth of historic temperature and precipitation records for northern and southern Laos, as evidenced in the atmospheric and land surface signals transferred to cave stalagmites and trees.

"For the first time, we will be combining these records in order to better understand the dynamics of hydroclimate over the past 1,000 years in a region where millions of people depend on monsoon rains to grow their food," Davi says. "Our research will also advance knowledge on how best to combine these different proxies, since they each have their own nuances. The information will help inform future cross-disciplinary research."

Griffiths and UC-Irvine's Kathleen Johnson are speleothem experts, while Davi and

Columbia's Brendan Buckley are tree-ring experts. Together, according to the researchers, tree rings and speleothems offer the best prospects for reconstructing Southeast Asian monsoon history because each absorbs evidence of various meteorological indicators.

"Trees are likely to be biased toward their distinct growing season while speleothems may be biased toward the period of peak monsoon rainfall, when a greater fraction of water infiltrates to the cave," Griffiths explains. "The positive aspect of analyzing these differences is that we can construct a more detailed and relevant portrait of climate variability."

Due to the various logistical challenges in accessing the remote caves in Laos' rugged terrain, where mountains still house unexploded bombs from the Vietnam War, there is a paucity of paleoclimate records in the area. Therefore, Griffiths and Davi hope these natural archives of rainfall variability will better constrain future projections in southeast Asia, a region occupying approximately 9 percent of the world's population.

This work will present and support extensive undergraduate research opportunities at William Paterson and Lamont-Doherty. At least two students per semester will serve as the professors' main research assistants on this project.

William Paterson's ties to this project also extend beyond the campus. Kyle Hansen '16 and Rose Oelkers '15, environmental science majors and students of Griffiths and Davi during their undergraduate careers, will contribute to this research, and serve as co-mentors to the undergraduate assistants along with Griffiths and Davi, through their current positions as full-time technicians at Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. The research skills they acquired from their professors landed them each a job at Columbia's Tree-Ring Laboratory.

N.J. State Senator Paul Sarlo told the Class of 2017 to be open to the unexpected and embrace the opportunities that come their way during his keynote address at William Paterson's 2017 undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 19 before more than 10,000 family members and friends at Newark's Prudential Center.

Sen. Sarlo began his college career at William Paterson as a biology major planning to become a doctor, and was a member of the baseball team under legendary coach Jeff Albies. But he injured his knee and chose not to pursue medicine so he transferred to NJIT where he earned a degree in engineering, became chief operating officer of a construction company, and later was elected to the New Jersey Assembly and Senate.

"None of this was what I expected," he said. "I thought I was going to play baseball and be a doctor someday. Then life happened and threw me a curve ball. I'm a very lucky and blessed person because in my own way, I have been able to make a difference in people's lives."

"As an engineer, I know that the quality that gives steel its strength is not that it is rigid, but that it can flex and bend without breaking. That's a lesson I put to use in government and in life," he added. "Be true to your ideals and advocate for the values you believe in, but do not be averse to compromise. Be open to different people and different ideas."



## RENOVATED PREAKNESS HALL FEATURES LATEST TECHNOLOGY

**P**reakness Hall, the new academic facility on the campus housing four top-of-the-line kinesiology laboratories, 14 smart classrooms, a 90-seat auditorium, numerous small and large group study rooms, the Writing Center, and faculty offices for the Department of English and Department of Philosophy, is up and running as of the start of the fall semester.

Construction on the adjacent Hunziker Hall has already begun, and is planned for completion in summer 2018. That building will house additional smart classrooms and offices, group study rooms, a keyboard lab, a creative commons space, and the Black Box Theatre.

The combined cost to renovate both buildings comes to \$31

million, \$7 million of which is covered with bonds issued by the State of New Jersey.

Taking the place of the more than 50-year-old Hunziker Wing, the new space is rich with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. Preakness Hall's kinesiology labs are respectively tailored for the study and research of body composition, human performance, human motion, and motor control. Each classroom has a high-definition projector with a 133-inch projection screen, and many boast an additional 90-inch flat screen display. The group study lounges are equipped with wireless collaboration pods—meaning students no longer have to worry about carrying cables and adapters for their electronic

devices. If they have a document or PowerPoint presentation on any such device, all they need to do is log onto campus WiFi in order to feed that information onto a large display for their peers.

“We set out to create a space that, by incorporating modern design with the latest technology in higher education, will encourage interaction between students and faculty,” says President Kathleen Waldron. “With spaces meant to accommodate our smaller class sizes, several rooms dedicated to group study, and additional, more functional offices for faculty, I am confident that Preakness Hall will positively impact our students’ academic experience for many years to come.”

➤ For a video of the opening of Preakness Hall, visit [bit.ly/WPPreakness](http://bit.ly/WPPreakness)



Cutting the ribbon at the opening of Preakness Hall were (from left) Ian Marshall, chair, English department; Andrew Massefski, student representative, Board of Trustees; Fred Gruel, chair, Board of Trustees; President Kathleen Waldron; John Galandak, member, Board of Trustees, Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Assemblyman Kevin Rooney, Kathy Gill, chair, kinesiology department. Right: Students in one of the new kinesiology labs



## Education Professors Awarded Fulbright-Hays Grant for Group Study in Senegal

University students pursuing careers as K-12 teachers, as well as teachers working in the Paterson School District, will have the opportunity to travel to Senegal and The Gambia in summer 2018 through a Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Kabba E. Colley and Darlene V. Russell, professors in the College of Education, have been co-awarded \$99,000 to lead the 12-week group research project. The grant seeks to advance teachers' global and cultural awareness of and interdisciplinary STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) instruction about Senegal and Africa. This is the first grant for a long-term group research project received by William Paterson University from the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program.

While in Senegal—the epicenter of art, culture, education, and science in Africa—the participants will focus on the Senegambia River Basin region, where they will conduct environmental field observation, interact with agro-ecological communities, visit historical and cultural sites in Senegal and The Gambia, and attend seminars and classes at the host

university, University of Thies. They also will collaborate with that university's students and faculty on STEAM curriculum design and instructional activities relating to the region.

Before the trip, those attending will be required to take French language classes, as well as cross-cultural sensitivity training and research methodology seminars. Following the trip, participants will be charged with creating a STEAM curriculum guide, and preparing research reports and presentations for both national and international conferences and discussions at both William Paterson and the Paterson School District.

In recent years, there has been a push in American schools to “internationalize” classrooms and curricula, the professors say, noting that many school districts



Kabba E. Colley and Darlene V. Russell

have instituted global studies requirements. The activities and travel funded through this grant, Colley and Russell say, will enhance participants' understanding and appreciation of New Jersey's diverse student body, which includes significant and growing proportions of African students. They note that Paterson's schools, from which teachers will be invited to apply for the project, house a significant population of students from the African diaspora.

### JOSEPH VELLI '80 JOINS BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Joseph Velli '80, a retired financial services and technology senior executive, has joined the University's Board of Trustees.

“We are delighted that Joseph Velli has joined the William Paterson University

Board of Trustees,” says President Kathleen Waldron. “As an alumnus with more than three decades of experience in financial services and technology, he brings great expertise to our Board as well as in-depth knowledge in many of the academic

business programs that we offer our students. We look forward to his important counsel in his role on the Board.”

Velli, who earned a bachelor's degree in accounting at William Paterson, has more than 30 years of financial services and technology experience. He served as senior executive vice president of The Bank of New York, where he was a member of the Bank's senior policy committee. During his 22-year tenure there, Velli headed numerous services, and formed and headed the bank's global marketing and sales sector. Most recently, he served as chairman and CEO of

Convergex Group, a global provider of execution, software, and technology services.

Velli currently serves on the board of directors of Paychex, Inc., where he chairs the corporate development (M & A) committee, and Computershare, where he chairs the remuneration committee. He is also a member of the board of directors of Foreside Financial Group LLC. Velli serves as a senior advisor to Lovell Minnick Partners LLC, an independent private equity firm specializing in the financial and business services sectors. In addition to his degree from William Paterson, Velli holds an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

## DR. HENRY PRUITT JR. NAMED TRUSTEE *EMERITUS* AFTER 33 YEARS ON BOARD



Fred Gruel, chair of the Board of Trustees, and President Kathleen Waldron with Dr. Henry Pruitt during his retirement celebration

**D**r. Henry J. Pruitt Jr., who recently retired from the University Board of Trustees after 33 years of service, has been named trustee *emeritus* by the Board. He is the longest-serving board member in the University's modern history.

Pruitt, who joined the Board in 1983, served in numerous leadership roles, including chair of the Board from 1991 to 1993, and chair of several key committees, including the Educational Policy and Student Development Committee, the Finance and Audit Committee, the Minority Affairs Committee, and the Personnel and Compensation Committee. Beyond the University, Pruitt served as chairman of the board of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities (NJASCU), the agency that advocates on behalf of public higher education in New Jersey, from 2001 to 2003.

"I leave this college in good hands and I am confident that any issues of concern that might arise will be handled efficiently and effectively," says Pruitt. "I wish William Paterson University the best and I will be watching as this institution continues to prosper in the future."

Fred Gruel, chair of the Board of Trustees, served with Pruitt for 27 years. "Henry Pruitt is a dedicated public servant who has been an integral part of the governance of William Paterson University for 33 years," he says. "He has provided guidance for the NJASCU, including its chairmanship, and has maintained an active role in higher education in New Jersey. His fellow trustees and I will miss his wisdom and good counsel."

President Kathleen Waldron also praised Pruitt and his record of service. "Henry Pruitt's commitment to William Paterson University, and to the students of New Jersey, is laudatory and speaks to his unfailing dedication to learning as a lifelong educator," she

**"We are a better institution because of him."**

**—President Kathleen Waldron**

says. "We are a better institution because of him. The faculty, students, and administration thank him for his service, and wish him well in his future pursuits."

A tireless advocate for students, and especially students of color, Pruitt focused on the intellectual, cultural, and personal merits of diversity and led William Paterson University to achieve one of the most diverse student bodies in the state and region as well as a diverse faculty and staff. During his tenure on the Board, he oversaw the significant expansion of the institution's student body, growth in the number of faculty to more than 400, the creation of a residential campus, the construction of major new facilities including academic buildings and residence halls, and the acquisition of the Valley Road campus.



# WWD Sports



## FIELD HOCKEY ALUMNA MCKENNA REYNOLDS '16 LIVES HER DISNEY DREAM BY CASEY SCHERMICK



Walt Disney World. The name evokes a vision of a magical place, from the exciting rides and numerous hotels and restaurants to those iconic Disney characters.

For many people, the opportunity to join the more than 62,000 people who make Walt Disney World “The Happiest Place on Earth” is a dream come true. That’s certainly the case for former William Paterson student-athlete McKenna Reynolds ‘16, who combined her bachelor’s degree in management with the leadership skills gained as a four-year member of the field hockey team to land a position there.

Just a year after graduation, Reynolds is a full-time staffer at

Disney’s All-Star Music Resort, where she is a main pool attendant and relief coordinator, responsible for pool maintenance, setting daily lifeguard rotations, and supervising all operations of the resort pool to ensure that guests have the best possible experience. She also provides training to the resort’s new lifeguards.

Reynolds discovered her love for Disney during family vacations there. “Disney was always our big vacation spot. Every year we would take a trip down here, and I fell in love with it,” she says. Before entering William Paterson in 2012, she learned about the Disney College Program, which offers college students from around the world paid semester-long internships at the resort.

“As a freshman, I already knew it was something I wanted to do. I just had to find the right time to do it,” she says. Being a four-year member of the Pioneer field hockey team also was a priority. So, during fall of her senior year she applied for the spring internship and was accepted as a recreation cast member at Animal Kingdom Lodge and Coronado Springs Resort.

“In December of my senior year, I packed everything up and moved

down to Florida. I still had one class left to complete during the internship and I was able to do that online so I could still graduate in four years,” she says. Reynolds spent seven months in the college program, and decided to pursue a position at Disney after graduation. She landed a part-time position in August 2016, and moved up to her current full-time role nine months later.

Reynolds says she uses many of the leadership skills she gained while playing field hockey at William Paterson in her role at Disney. “The field hockey program and athletics as a whole were a big driving force for me because they helped me understand how people work,” she says. “I really learned a lot from (William Paterson Head) Coach Lindsay Balfour. We did a leadership program when I was on the team, and I learned how to communicate with people. I use that now within my current role because I work as part of a team every day.”

The leadership skills that have helped her advance at Disney were in evidence during her four-year Pioneer career. She made a major impact, producing 13 goals with six assists for 32 career points. As a senior, she helped guide the team to berths in

the New Jersey Athletic Conference and Eastern College Athletic Conference Mid-Atlantic tournaments.

“I was constantly asking for more from her,” says Balfour. “In her senior year, she stepped on the field day one with a new drive, a fresh intensity, and a fearlessness to climb the ladder of success. She grew to be a leader for our program by taking initiative and building relationships with her teammates.”

Reynolds says she also learned many valuable lessons in the classroom as a management major and three-year member of the William Paterson Honors College. “My major helped me see the big picture of how a business operates—I understand how things are run and can apply that knowledge in my own operation,” she says.

Reflecting on her four years at William Paterson, Reynolds says she can identify many of the experiences that contributed to the success she has already achieved in her young career. “At William Paterson, I was definitely motivated to be the best person I could be,” she says. “Whether that was in field hockey or in the classroom, I was pushed to grow into the young adult I am today.”

# Five Alumni and 2001 Softball Team Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Inductees (left to right) Grace McKay '10, Michelle Pellichero '09, Amanda Kurdyla '09, Julian Valerio '11 and Kelly Helfrich '10 (far right) with President Kathleen Waldron and Alumni Association President Domenico DiMaio '97



Kelly Helfrich '10, volleyball, Amanda Kurdyla '09, women's soccer, Grace McKay '10, women's swimming, Michelle Pellichero '09, women's basketball, Julian Valerio '11, men's soccer, and the 2001 Pioneer softball team became the newest inductees into the William Paterson University Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame on October 15.

The 2009 New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) Player of the Year, **Helfrich** was a member of the All-NJAC First Team during each of her three seasons in Wayne (2007-09). She finished her career as the William Paterson leader in block solos (227), total blocks (299), and blocks per set (1.01), and ranked among the top 10 in kills, block assists, kills per set, hitting percentage, service aces, and aces per set. Her 117 total blocks during the 2007 season were the most recorded by a Pioneer during a single year.

**Kurdyla** (2005-08) was the 2008 NJAC Co-Offensive Player of the Year, the 2007 NJAC Offensive Player of the Year, and the 2005 NJAC Rookie of the Year, earning first-team all-conference honors three times (2006-08). A member of the 2006, 2007, and 2008 National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-Region Third Teams, she owns the William Paterson career records for goals (66), points (149), and game-winning goals (22) while finishing sixth with 17 assists (now eighth).

**McKay** (2006-09) competed for three seasons in the William Paterson pool, establishing school records in the 50 backstroke (27.20), 100 backstroke (57.73), 100 butterfly (58.39), 50 freestyle (24.48), 100 freestyle (53.42), 200 freestyle relay (1:40.28), 400 freestyle relay (3:39.85), 200 medley relay

(1:50.69), and 400 medley relay (4:04.02) as a senior. She qualified for the 2009 NCAA Championships, finishing 26<sup>th</sup> in the 200 backstroke, 36<sup>th</sup> in the 100 backstroke, and 44<sup>th</sup> in the 100 butterfly. As a senior, she was second in the 100 backstroke, third in the 200 backstroke, and fifth in the 100 butterfly in the Metropolitan Championships A Finals, and helped the 200 freestyle, 400 freestyle, 200 medley, and 400 medley relays finish fifth in the A Finals.

The greatest three-point shooter in school history, **Pellichero** (2004-08) finished her career sixth in school history with 1,359 points (now ninth). On the William Paterson career charts, she finished first in three-point field goals made (272) and attempted (692), free-throw percentage (.801), games started (106), and minutes played (3,432, now second). Her 86 three-pointers made as a junior still top the William Paterson single-season list. A member of the 2007-08 All-NJAC First Team and All-Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association Second Team, Pellichero helped lead William Paterson to berths in the 2007 and 2008 NCAA Tournaments, as well as the 2007 NJAC Tournament championship game.

The first male Pioneer to be named to the NSCAA All-America Team, **Valerio** (2007-10) was a first-team honoree in

2010. The NJAC Midfielder of the Year as a senior, he was selected to the 2008 and 2010 NSCAA All-Region First Teams, the 2009 NSCAA All-Region Second Team, and the 2008-10 All-NJAC First Teams. The William Paterson career leader in assists (35), he ranks third in points (99) and is tied for fifth in goals (32). His 18 assists during the 2008 campaign are the best single-season total in school history, and he helped lead the team to the 2008 ECAC Metro Region Tournament title.

The 2001 **William Paterson softball team** posted a school-record 39 victories (39-10) en route to the program's first appearance in the NCAA Championship Finals (College World Series). Playing on its home field, the team came out of the loser's bracket to win its first NCAA Tournament East Regional title and advance to the final eight of the national tourney. Led by National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America selections Lauren Hertzberg (first team), Diane Naugle (first team; NJAC Player of the Year), and Morgan Dunlap (second team) as well as NJAC Coach of the Year Hallie Cohen, five different Pioneers garnered all-conference laurels. Hertzberg, Naugle, and Courtney Heller have already earned individual enshrinement in the Athletic Hall of Fame.





# The Collective Commitment To Pay It Forward

## INVESTING IN EDUCATION; INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

BY MARIA KARIDIS DANIELS

**M**AKING A POSITIVE CHANGE IN THE WORLD OFTEN BEGINS WITH MAKING A POSITIVE CHANGE IN ONE PERSON'S LIFE. MANY MORE LIVES AT WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY WILL BENEFIT FROM SUCH CHANGE THANKS TO THE MOST RECENT, GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR EXTENDED FAMILY.

TWO YEARS AGO, THE UNIVERSITY COMMITTED TO RAISING \$10 MILLION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS, AND NEARLY \$6 MILLION HAS ALREADY BEEN SECURED TOWARD THAT END.



"We hope to reach our goal of \$10 million by the end of the year, and encourage campus friends and alumni to continue to come together in support of our students," says Pam Ferguson, vice president for institutional advancement. "Through these scholarships, doors of opportunity open and promising futures flourish."

This year, the University has awarded more than 550 scholarships that were funded by donors.

"William Paterson University is dedicated to providing an outstanding and affordable education for our students, nearly 30 percent of whom are the first in their families to go to college," says University

President Kathleen Waldron. "When we created the University's 10-year Strategic Plan, we set out to devote a substantial part of our future fundraising efforts to providing scholarships for a diverse group of students. I am proud to say we are making significant progress in achieving that goal."

## The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation

Marking the largest single gift for scholarships in William Paterson University history, The Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation, in honor of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, pledged \$1 million—\$250,000 per year for four years—to establish the Henry Taub Scholars Program.

Directed to freshmen with financial need, the gift was first distributed to 32 students in the 2015-16 academic year. The Henry Taub Scholars Program is expected to cover tuition and fees for between 30 and 50 students in each year of the four-year pledge.

"These scholarships are very special to us," says Steven Taub, president of the family foundation. His father Henry Taub (1927-2011), the grant's namesake, was the first in his family to attend college—"like many of today's students at William Paterson," he explains. Henry Taub grew up in Paterson, the son of immigrants, and used his education to start a business that today operates worldwide.

"Our family values education... We hope that these scholarships will make it possible for students to attend college, and help them work less and study more in order to get the best from their college experience," Steven Taub says.

*We hope that these scholarships will make it possible for students...to get the best from their college experience.*  
—Steven Taub.



Angelica Martinez-Analco

Angelica Martinez-Analco '19, a criminology major from Freehold, is a first-generation college student, Mexican immigrant, and Henry Taub Scholar.

During her freshman year, in order to keep up with tuition payments, Martinez-Analco worked two jobs and commuted to campus to save on residence hall fees. Meanwhile, her parents picked up extra shifts at their jobs while trying to juggle the needs of their two younger sons. Heading into sophomore year, Martinez-Analco's parents told her they could not

go on in such a fashion. She, however, refused to give up her dream of graduating from William Paterson.

"I didn't want to go to community college. I knew what I wanted to do; I wanted to be here," Martinez-Analco explains. She subsequently decided to secure a third job. Then, she was named a Henry Taub Scholar.

Because she no longer had to work so many hours, in her sophomore year, Martinez-Analco was able to join various student organizations and clubs, including the Criminal Justice/Sociology Club and Greek Life. She kept her grades up, secured several leadership roles on campus, and had her scholarship renewed for junior year. Now, she can afford to live on campus for the first time, and is happily doing so as a resident assistant no less.

## Frederick and Susan Gruel Endowed Scholarship Fund



Susan and Fred Gruel

Fred Gruel, chair of the University's Board of Trustees since 2012, and his wife Susan have pledged \$100,000 to support a full-time, first-generation student who demonstrates academic excellence and financial need. Gruel previously served as chair of the Board between 1996 and 2000, and vice chair from 2000 to 2004. All told, he has been a member for more than 20 years.

"During my tenure here, I have had many interactions with the students of this University. I know firsthand of their financial struggles to complete their

education," says Gruel, a first-generation college graduate. "And, I do not hesitate to say their struggles in today's economic environment make those I faced seem small by comparison."

Early in his career, Gruel spent 10 years working in higher education and eventually retired in 2013 as president and CEO of AAA New Jersey Automobile Club.

"I have always believed that the best gift anyone can receive is the gift of an education," Gruel says. "And knowing what I know about William Paterson University, there was never any doubt as to where our donation would reap the most benefit for the most deserving."

## Linda Niro

Linda Niro '76, a member of the University's Board of Trustees and treasurer of its Foundation Board, has committed \$102,000 to endow a scholarship for students demonstrating both need and academic promise.

"As a first-generation student at William Paterson, I relied on scholarship money, student loans, and income from working during school in order to attend college," Niro says. "Although I didn't realize it at the time, my educational experience was life changing."

Niro, who has worked in leadership positions in the banking industry for almost 40 years, recently retired as chief accounting officer at 1<sup>st</sup> Constitution Bank in Cranbury. She previously served as chief financial officer with The Provident Bank and Grand Bank.

Through her post on the University's Board of Trustees, Niro is chairperson of the group's Finance, Audit, and Institutional Advancement Committee. "I see firsthand, at the annual tuition hearing meetings, the struggles of so many working students to stay in school," she explains. And, through that same role, she says she has had the privilege of meeting scholarship recipients and hearing "with such passion" their stories of struggle and success.



Linda Niro

"I have been fortunate to have had a long and successful career in banking," Niro says, "and it is important to me to give back to the students of William Paterson University."

## Aaron Van Duyne III



Aaron and Jacqueline Van Duyne

Aaron Van Duyne III '75, MM '08, chair of the University's Foundation Board, adjunct professor of music management, and mentor to our students through the Pesce Family Mentoring Institute, is responsible for not one, but three endowed scholarships on campus. And, thanks to both his generosity and influence, all three of those scholarships have recently doubled in size.

"William Paterson University was good to me," Van Duyne says, noting his successful career as a certified public accountant. For more than 30 years, he has worked with

professional athletes and entertainment icons—such as the rock group KISS and musician Dave Matthews— providing tax preparation, estate planning, and management services. A veteran, Van Duyne attended William Paterson for free via the GI Bill, and says he now feels compelled to help other students receive the quality education he received.

The Aaron and Jacqueline Van Duyne Oncology Nursing Scholarship supports full-time nursing students dedicated to oncology nursing. Van Duyne and his wife Jacqueline, a breast cancer survivor, just made an additional \$50,000 pledge for the 10-year-old fund, bringing the total to \$100,000.

Van Duyne is senior principal of Van Duyne, Bruno & Co., an accounting firm based in Pine Brook. This year, his firm doubled the nine-year-old scholarship bearing its name, bringing the total to \$50,000. Also among the firm's principals is Ray Pinglora III '02, a fellow alumnus of the University's accounting department.

Moreover, The Better Life Foundation Endowed Music Scholarship, which originally sat at \$25,000 when it was born in 2012, has also just increased to \$50,000. The Better Life Foundation is run by the rock group 3 Doors Down, one of Van Duyne's clients. He was pivotal in encouraging the group and its foundation to make the initial scholarship donation, and then double it.

Through his roles on campus, Van Duyne says he sees firsthand how worthy William Paterson students are of financial support. "I have personally witnessed students both on the undergraduate and graduate level that really want to learn, and really want to succeed," he says. Not only do they work hard in the classroom, he adds, most of them work one or more jobs to cover their tuition costs.

But for upperclassmen in the nursing program, who are required to spend two days a week learning in an area hospital—on top of their two to three days of rigorous classroom learning on campus—finding time and energy for a paid job is a challenge. Kayleigh Orocchi '17, of New Milford, can attest.



Kayleigh Orocchi

"As a nursing student, you really can't work that much, so paying for school is very difficult," she says. Orocchi, who was part of the Honors College, was subsequently relying on loans to pay tuition. Thanks to receiving the Van Duyne nursing scholarship as both a junior and senior, which she calls "a tremendous help," Orocchi did not need loans for her final year of studies.

"If you can donate, it definitely helps so much, and the students really do appreciate it," she says. "Thank you to all of the donors, especially the ones who helped me succeed during my time at William Paterson University."

## Kathleen Waldron



President Kathleen Waldron and Kellyn Barnes

University President Kathleen Waldron recently renewed a previous \$100,000 scholarship gift she made, doubling her commitment to \$200,000. The funded scholarships are designated for high-achieving incoming students who demonstrate financial need, and the awards are renewable each year so long as recipients maintain a full course load and good grades.

The ability to help incoming students, Waldron says, is very personal.

As a high school senior, she was awarded a full Regents Scholarship that covered her undergraduate tuition at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. "That was the only way I was going to be able to go to college. Period," she explains. "For me, it was make or break. I have two sisters and a brother, and my parents didn't have enough money to send us all to college. That scholarship was a big deal."

The decision to pursue a university degree, in the face of the personal and financial commitment it requires, can be scary. Therefore, lending support to students as they prepare to make that jump, Waldron says, is particularly important.

And, from her support, she has seen dividends. Every November, Waldron attends the University's scholarship dinner, where donors and recipients get to meet. The president had a whole table full of scholarship recipients last year. Speaking with each of them about how they were working hard to keep that scholarship, and how grateful they were for the opportunity, was "priceless," Waldron says.

One such recipient was Kellyn Barnes '19 of Sturgis, Michigan. A Dean's List student pursuing music management, Barnes is already starting to live out her post-graduation dreams, working part-time with Warner Music Group as a college marketing representative. Were it not for the scholarship she is now receiving for a third year, such an opportunity may not have been an option. Barnes says she would likely have to work full time, on top of taking out loans.

"With scholarships like this, students can actually learn and follow their dreams, really—they can push forward and become who they truly want to be," Barnes adds. "The fact that I'm an out-of-state student especially, what the president has given me has really helped; it's lowered my tuition costs substantially...I knew William Paterson had a really great communication department and really great music business department, which isn't a thing really in the Midwest."

The president has met students from innumerable institutions throughout the course of her own advanced education, her almost-20-year career in higher education that brings her to events across the nation, and her 17 years' experience in international banking—which often put her in the

position of recruiting candidates from across the globe.

William Paterson University students, she says, are special. "Our students come to university with a very clear understanding that getting a degree is their shot; it's their chance to improve their lives and the lives of their families," Waldron says. "I keep coming across that again and again."

Since making her gift toward student scholarships, the president says, Commencement has become even more meaningful for her.

"When I hear my scholarship recipients' names called, and I watch them march across that stage at the Prudential Center, I feel like a beaming parent. I take their graduations very personally."

## Joan and Jack Hall



Jack Hall, Esilona Kristani, and Joan Hall

In 2015, Joan Hall established a \$200,000 endowed scholarship in memory of her sister, Marie Louise McCarthy '44.

"I went through college on a complete scholarship; my husband went through college on a complete, Navy scholarship. We were very fortunate," says Joan Hall. "We would not be where we are without that help. So, with this donation, we're kind of giving back. My sister really worked hard to get a degree."

Marie Louise McCarthy came of age during the Great Depression, and the start of World War II only made her journey to graduation more difficult. She attended Paterson State by taking courses at night or anytime she could, while working in a defense factory at night or taking care of her younger sisters at home. She finally achieved her degree with much determination in 1944. That began her long career in education.

Esilona Kristani '19, of Garfield, is now in her second year as a recipient of the McCarthy scholarship. A double major in English literature and secondary education, with an endorsement as Teacher of Students with Disabilities and a psychology minor, Kristani dreams of becoming a teacher at her *alma mater*, Garfield High School—where McCarthy was a teacher and principal for 40 years.

Inspired by the gift bearing McCarthy's name, Kristani says she plans to someday start a scholarship for Garfield High School seniors. She was especially inspired when she got to meet Joan Hall at a scholarship luncheon on campus last year. "It makes me feel like I'm not a number; I'm someone that people know," the scholar explains.

Less than a year after Joan Hall committed \$200,000 to the University, her husband Jack Hall donated \$100,000 to the Give Something Back Foundation—which provides scholarships and mentoring to help lower-income students make higher education a reality—with the stipulation that the foundation direct that money to William Paterson. Then, Give Something Back Foundation president and founder Robert Carr matched the gift, bringing the total to \$200,000 for future GSBF high school scholars to attend the University.

Jack Hall, like his wife, did not attend William Paterson University, but he grew up in Paterson, down the street from the institution's previous location. He associates the former Paterson State College with his youth, and has kept up with University happenings through the years.

"I think William Paterson has done a fine job; I have respect for the leadership of the school," Jack Hall says. "And, I want to give something back to kids who might not be able to go to college, particularly kids from Paterson and Passaic County."

## Morris County Record Operation Sunshine Endowed Scholarship



Fredric Sirota

Thanks to the work of Fredric (Rick) Sirota, a member of the University's Scholarship Campaign Leadership Committee, William Paterson has received a \$277,000 gift to establish the Morris County Record Operation Sunshine Endowed Scholarship, which will support students in need who come from or graduated high school in Morris County.

Operation Sunshine, an overnight summer camp program for children in Morris County, had worked with the Morris County *Daily Record* newspaper for more than 25 years, raising money to send underprivileged children to camp. When the determination was made to close the program, its trustees sought a recipient for the fund that would continue to provide benefits to Morris County young persons.

Sirota, a partner at the law firm of Wiley, Malehorn, Sirota, and Raynes, in Morristown, suggested an endowed scholarship at William Paterson University for students from Morris County. The program's trustees agreed.

This is the second gift to the University in which Sirota has been instrumental. In 2013, he and brother Bobby donated \$25,000 to establish the Charlotte P. and Louis. Y. Sirota Endowed Scholarship, named in memory of their parents, who graduated William Paterson in 1959 and 1941, respectively. Every year since 2013, the Sirota brothers and their children have added more money to the endowment, bringing the current total to nearly \$40,000.

"Our continued interest is based upon what we found here," Rick Sirota announced to students and fellow donors at a recent scholarship dinner. "The student body is composed largely of young people with the ability and ambition to overcome barriers, obtain a college degree, and to advance themselves socially and economically... The success of these students makes William Paterson University an extraordinary place; one valuable and important to the continued success of our country."

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# Scott Warnasch '91: BRINGING STORIES OF THE DECEASED TO LIFE

BY MARIA KARIDIS DANIELS



Warnasch works from his home in Bloomfield

In 2005, as Americans affected by the tragedy of 9/11 were trying to rise above the horror that befell our nation, Scott Warnasch '91 was just starting to dig into it.

An anthropology major at William Paterson, Warnasch went on to become a forensic archaeologist—a career that eventually put him at the heart of the Human Remains Recovery Operation at Ground Zero.

Warnasch had previously worked as an archaeologist on both U.S. and European shores, and became a sort of specialist at unearthing and handling skeletal remains on historic and prehistoric cemeteries. He was subsequently hired by the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to work with human remains recovered at the World Trade Center site. In addition to handling the actual remains, Warnasch was responsible for working with the lab to coordinate new DNA matches, communicating with the families of victims that requested their loved ones' remains, and facilitating release to funeral homes.

"Talking to the families, and talking about the remains, was very emotional and nothing I ever thought I'd be in the position to need to do," Warnasch says. "The methodology used to conduct this

forensic excavation versus a traditional archaeological dig are basically the same—just on a larger scale with a lot more pressure. That part was relatively easy once I was sort of accepted into the Ground Zero domain, which had been run before that by police, the fire department, and other agencies that had been there since day one."

Then, in 2006, a surprising discovery was made: excavations on a street surrounding Ground Zero, not on the main foundation where the Twin Towers once stood, turned up additional human remains. An extensive assessment and excavation of the surrounding streets commenced and Warnasch was appointed to direct much of the excavation, which spanned the next eight years.

"The perimeter of Ground Zero included private properties, so there had to be a lot of coordination with city agencies and private businesses. We couldn't do everything in one consecutive sweep," Warnasch says. "Some sections only became accessible little by little over time. It wasn't constant excavation that whole time."

During Warnasch's tenure at Ground Zero, more than 1,000 human remains belonging to 9/11 victims were recovered.

Through his work for the medical examiner, Warnasch also was frequently called in to conduct research for the city's cold cases and unidentified persons investigations, and he worked as part of the recovery teams following the explosion and collapse of an East Harlem building in 2014, the Metro-North train derailment in 2013, and Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

"I love them both," Warnasch says of traditional archaeology as compared to forensic archaeology. "But the forensic side impacts the living and everyday people more directly than the historical things, which people like to think about, but that don't affect their everyday lives in the same way."

He left his post in New York City in 2015, after the Ground Zero excavations were completed and after the repository of human remains was successfully relocated from the medical examiner's office to the on-site facility downtown. Warnasch has since founded his own consulting firm, concentrating on archaeological projects, writing, and lecturing. He is currently consulting on a headline-making project in Philadelphia. This past spring, construction in the Old City unearthed hundreds of graves from the mid-1700s to 1800s. In certain situations, laws in Philadelphia do not protect cemeteries from being bulldozed, and when contractors started doing just that, a legal and ethical battle ensued. Warnasch has been involved with the project ever since.

"It's a tough field to get into," the alumnus says of archaeology. "Stay open minded about it," he advises the younger generation. "I succeeded because I was pretty flexible. I didn't become a Mayan specialist, or concentrate on any particular culture or time period. I didn't have a deep knowledge of any particular area when starting out that someone else might, but that gave me different opportunities

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Photo by Christopher Rainwater

Scott Warnasch, seen here in 2011, examines a mummiform-shaped coffin recovered in Elmhurst, Queens. The coffin dates back to the mid-1800s and contained a young, yet-to-be-identified African American woman who apparently died of smallpox.

# THE POSTER AS

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN



## UNIVERSITY COMMEMORATES WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL WITH EXHIBITION OF HISTORICALLY IMPORTANT POSTERS

It's an iconic American image. Uncle Sam, dressed in a top hat, points a finger at the viewer. In bold lettering, the type reads, "I Want You for U.S. Army."

Probably the most famous war poster ever produced, the poster, by James Montgomery Flagg—who drew himself as Uncle Sam—first appeared on the cover of *Leslie's Weekly Magazine* on July 16, 1916 to inspire military preparedness. World War I had been raging in Europe since 1914, requiring an enormous military and financial commitment. While America would avoid the war until April of 1917, the effort to engage the support of American citizens, using the new techniques of advertising through the mass distribution of posters, was well underway.

"Since total war required the absolute commitment of a nation's citizens, propaganda emerged as a vital new weapon in the war's arsenal," says George Robb, a William Paterson professor of history who is a specialist in British and American culture of the time period. "The U.S. government and its allies in business, the press, churches, and schools bombarded Americans with patriotic parades, speeches, sermons, pamphlets, magazines, music, films, and especially, posters."

The "Uncle Sam" poster, part of a collection acquired during World War I by John Cotton Dana, then director of the Newark Public Library, and 25 additional posters from the Special Collections Division, are on view through December 13, 2017 in the William Paterson University Galleries in an exhibition titled *For Home and Country, World War I Posters from the Newark Public Library*, as part of the University's commemoration of World War I. Many of the posters in the William Paterson exhibition have not been on public view in nearly a century.

Curated by Robb, with research assistance from graduate students Sarah McCoy, MA '17, and Nicolette Solomita, MA '16, the exhibition is a graphic example of the major role of propaganda posters during World War I.

"Today, posters are a cultural standard in terms of political advertising," Robb says. "World War I was the beginning of what we now take for granted." The U.S. government issued more than 20 million copies of 2,000 different posters during 1917 and 1918, America's years in the war. Citizens were exposed to them everywhere, from store windows, churches, libraries, offices, and factories, to billboards and exterior walls of buildings.

During World War I, the Committee on Public Information (CPI) recruited more than 300 artists, illustrators, and cartoonists to design propaganda posters

for the government. They ranged from fine artists such as Arthur Dove and N.C. Wyeth to illustrators and advertising artists including Howard Chandler Christy and J.C. Leyendecker. At the request of the CPI, an exhibition of 40 posters was organized by Dana to tour the nation; it was so successful, a second larger touring show was organized in 1918.

Gallery director Kristen Evangelista, along with Alejandro Anreus, professor of art and an art historian, and former art faculty member Thomas Uhlein, a graphic designer, helped Robb select the posters included in the exhibition. "We wanted to offer viewers a variety of different artistic styles and different aspects of the war," Evangelista explains.

In addition to posters recruiting soldiers to join the Army or Navy, many focus on ways to aid the war effort: buying "liberty bonds," conserving food and other scarce



Kristen Evangelista and George Robb with some of the exhibition materials



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resources, planting victory gardens, and joining the Red Cross. Others urge Americans to support freedom and democracy. “The topics and imagery in these posters are immediate,” says Robb. “They still work the way they did 100 years ago.”

Solomita and McCoy spent a semester researching the posters as part of a graduate seminar on World War I. “World War I was the first time the United States was involved in a war centered around the idea of the preservation of democracy across the world,” Solomita says. “Since the war was in Europe, Americans didn’t have the same sort of personal involvement, but the country’s role was critical—by the time the war ended, 52 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product was dedicated to the war. For example, every town in New Jersey had a quota for how much to raise for victory bonds.”

The two graduate students assisted Robb with writing biographical sketches on each of the artists, which appear in the exhibition along with the posters, and provided recommendations on how to categorize and display the works by theme. “It was exciting to be able to explore World War I in depth through this project,” Solomita says.

Along with the posters, the exhibition includes a selection of related materials including books, postcards, and sheet music of wartime songs, mostly drawn from Robb’s personal collection of World War I artifacts. In addition to an opening reception featuring a performance of vocal music from the era performed by alumna Lucy Yeghiazaryan ’14, the Galleries has hosted a number of events in conjunction with the exhibition, including a lecture by Robb on “Artists at War,” and a lecture by Daryl Moore, dean of the College of the Arts and Communication, on the posters and design.



For Robb and Evangelista, the exhibition’s greatest value is as a tangible teaching tool for students throughout the University, including disciplines such as art, history, psychology, and women’s studies, among others. “We are proud to provide the University Galleries as a venue for dialogue about issues of national importance and to expose audiences to a significant historical moment through the eyes of artists,” says Evangelista.

As Robb notes, while the poster as a medium of communication might seem old-fashioned in the Internet age, its development in wartime marked the beginning of a modern American visual style. “Commercial and political advertising have become bolder, more outrageous, and psychologically manipulative,” he says. “Propaganda hasn’t gone away—however much we might condemn it.”

## THE IMPACT OF WAR TODAY

As a counterpoint to *For Home and Country*, the University Galleries is providing opportunities for the community to explore the impact of recent military conflicts on the U.S. and its citizens.

On view in the University Galleries is the *Veterans Book Project*, a collection of 50 books authored collaboratively by visual artist Monica Haller and people affected by the recent American wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many of whom are veterans, their family members, or citizens and refugees from places of war. One book, for example, is by the mother of a soldier, another by a brother whose sibling was killed in combat. The exhibition space is set up as a reading room, where visitors can read the various stories. The exhibition is located and administered by the Weeks Gallery at Jamestown Community College.

The University Galleries also presented the Human Library, which offered individuals the opportunity to connect one on one with members of the public and share their diverse stories. This presentation, held on November 4 at the Paterson Public Library, focused specifically on the range of ways people are affected by war and military conflict. The format involved “books”—individuals who verbally shared their knowledge of life—with “readers,” visitors who listened and then engaged in dialogue during a 20-minute session. The event was made possible by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities.



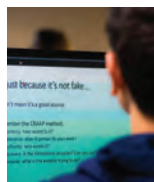


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# TRANSFORMING 110 ITSELF IN A 10010110 DIGITAL WORLD 1011

BY THERESA E. ROSS '80

**On a warm September day at the start of the fall semester, a group of first-year William Paterson University students gather in the David and Lorraine Cheng Library for a class on how to identify real information. Teaching “information literacy”—how to find and evaluate sources in a world overwhelmed with information—is one of the top priorities for today’s academic librarians.**



Cara Berg, reference librarian and co-coordinator of user education, looks forward to teaching classes like this one, geared to first-year students who grew up in a world with Google. In a library instruction class, students learn about subjects such as how to evaluate websites, plan a research project, and differentiate between scholarly and popular articles. The Cheng Library’s 17 faculty librarians participate in teaching an average of 360 classes a year, often partnering with faculty who bring in their classes for an instructional session.

Cheng Library is at the forefront of a modern, 21<sup>st</sup> century academic library, where up-to-date resources are available at one’s fingertips. As students begin doing research for their courses, help is available in-person, via online tutorials, and through the 24/7 chat service as they navigate hundreds of databases, thousands of scholarly articles, and other online tools.

“What we’re trying to do here is provide people access when they need it and where they need it, and offer more access to the highest-quality information possible to support research, learning, and student success,” says Edward Owusu-Ansah, dean of the Cheng Library. “Students, faculty, and other users—from the comfort of their homes, anytime, whether it’s midnight or later—can wake up and write that paper and still have access to information.”



Cara Berg teaches a library instruction class

Owusu-Ansah has been the chief administrator for library services at William Paterson since the fall of 2015. Through his leadership, and that of his predecessor, Anne Ciliberti, who served as director and dean of the Cheng Library from 2001 to 2014, along with a team of accomplished faculty librarians, the Cheng Library has earned its reputation as a leader and innovator.

“There are more initiatives in the Cheng Library relative to its size and reputation than perhaps any other academic library in New Jersey,” says Owusu-Ansah. He points to William Paterson’s role in establishing the Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE) in 1998, a New Jersey consortium that helps the state’s college and university libraries acquire electronic journals and databases at more affordable prices. The consortium provides collaborative opportunities for virtually all aspects of academic librarianship, including cataloging, resource sharing, cooperative collection management, and electronic resource licensing.

William Paterson librarians still dominate as presenters at the annual VALE Users’ Conference, he says, which draws more than 300 college and university librarians from around the state for a day-long event showcasing dozens of poster sessions and breakout presentations. “Our faculty librarians pride themselves on being recognized, and make a constant, ongoing effort to be on the cutting edge of things,” he says.

“We really try to be professionally active at the state level,” says Richard Kearney, reference and electronic resources librarian at Cheng, who has co-chaired the VALE Users’ Conference. Kearney and colleague Nancy Weiner, assistant director, access and information services, have also served as past presidents of the

College and University Section of the New Jersey Library Association. In addition to being active, says Kearney, Cheng librarians are also eager to introduce new initiatives, such as being one of the first academic libraries to offer the state-wide virtual reference service. “We’re willing to take a chance on things,” he adds.

## GOING DIGITAL

Through VALE and other efforts, the Cheng Library has steadily transitioned to digital services. “This is something we’ve already achieved in the article environment, and it is now being achieved with a transition to e-books,” Owusu-Ansah explains.

Within the last six years, the Cheng Library e-book collection has grown from nearly 5,000 to 200,000 e-books. “In the print world, it would have taken us about 30 to 40 years to build that kind of collection,” says Owusu-Ansah. And the cost, he adds, would be prohibitive. “Now, especially with e-book packages, the library is able to leverage the technology, the platform, and the new dynamics of information distribution to provide more for its users at a reasonable price.”

The library has nearly 300,000 print books, he continues, but it is prioritizing and preferring the electronic version whenever possible. Unlike print, the e-version often offers the advantage of allowing multiple readers at the same time.

The Cheng Library is also focused on helping faculty publish their research in “open access journals,” another academic trend to circumvent the prohibitive cost of proprietary journals. “Open access journals charge less, they’re supported by a community of peers, and offer the same quality of articles. As a University, we want to support our faculty and showcase their work in forums that will be widely read,” says Owusu-Ansah.



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- Quiet study area on second floor
- Triple the number of computer terminals compared to 2014
- The most popular printing hub on campus

➔ To hear Dean Owusu-Ansah talk about the Cheng Library, visit [bit.ly/WPCheng](http://bit.ly/WPCheng)

Edward Owusu-Ansah

## A GATHERING PLACE FOR STUDENTS—PIZZA ALLOWED

“Interestingly enough, the more the library has become virtual, the more it has become a gathering place for students,” says Owusu-Ansah. Students flock to the library to study, use the computers, and do their printing. The Cheng Library has doubled its group study spaces—private study rooms that can be reserved online—in the last two years, from 11 to 22 rooms. It also nearly tripled the number of desktop computers, which are heavily used and almost all taken during the semester, according to the dean. During the semester, the library is open until 11:45 p.m. And when students study for final exams, the library stays open 24/7 during the last two weeks of the semester. “We do walk-throughs after midnight and still have students here from 2:00 to 4:00 a.m. studying, so we know there is a need,” he adds.

Cheng Library has also relaxed its policies regarding food and drink, and study groups can even share a pizza. The

dean wants students to feel at home and comfortable. “It’s a very natural thing to sit down, drink your coffee, and read,” he adds. “We want students to avail themselves of the opportunities that are here...the learning environment and the support personnel, such as our reference librarians.”

While national trends show declining circulation figures and gate counts in academic libraries, Cheng Library has steady numbers in both categories, says the dean. Other data on use of the facilities shows an uptrend. “There is a positive high correlation between library use and student success,” he adds. “Students who use the library graduate faster and earn better grades. National studies have shown that.”

Many first-year students may never have seen a librarian because they might not have had one in high school, explains Berg. “I’m on the school librarian task force of the state organization, and those positions are either being cut or not replaced when school librarians retire. Students are expected to do college-level research but often lack the foundation,” she notes.



“Learning how to use the tools of the library is essential, not only while students are in college, but as they move forward in their careers and organizations,” says Robert Laud, associate professor, marketing and management. In classes from marketing to entrepreneurship, Laud sends students to the reference desk to research questions like: What is the competitive analysis for this industry? What are the latest innovations? How does this company rank in their financials? “The only place you can find that information is by researching a myriad of resources including databases, research reports, academic and trade journals. And librarians are the most knowledgeable people to guide you,” he says.

## NEW 3D PRINTING AND MODEL-MAKING LAB REVOLUTIONIZES THE CLASSROOM



Lab technician Chris Webber works with a student in the “Design, Build, and Learn Lab.”

enrolled in classes in the School of Continuing and Professional Education quickly learned how to create their own toy-sized models of houses, airplanes, and other objects.

Jeung Woon Lee, associate professor of biology, is proposing a new core curriculum course in 3D printing

and biomechanics, where he could apply more understanding to lessons in biology by printing bones. “Human anatomy and physiology is all about motion – how your arms work and your joints rotate. Students have always been taught from a picture, but being able to create a model and show them how it is actually connected and moves, is the easiest, most direct way of teaching anatomy,” he says. Lee also uses the printers to create tools for his research in physiology and neurology, such as slide holders and forceps.

The lab is comprised of four 3D printers (replicator+) and two computer stations for users to model and print their own projects using available software such as Autodesk Fusion 360 and TinkerCad. Users can also capture their own real-world data with two available 3D scanners.

A 3D printing and model-making lab, known as the “Design, Build, and Learn Lab,” brings increased access to 3D printing by the University community as faculty begin integrating it into their classes this fall. The lab is located in room 120B of the Instruction and Research Technology wing of the David and Lorraine Cheng Library.

“While art students in the University’s Center for New Art in the Power Arts building have been using the technology for a few years, there is growing demand for low-cost printing technology across the curriculum,” says Chris Weber, lab technician.

In the classroom, the 3D technology will help students better understand human anatomy, print out complex molecules in chemistry, and recreate historical artifacts for anthropology, among other uses. During the summer, high school students

## AN INTELLECTUAL, CULTURAL HUB FOR WILLIAM PATERSON AND THE COMMUNITY

“We’re trying to change the perception of what a library is, what a library does, and show students that we’re not scary or intimidating,” says Berg. “We invite students to come and visit us because we want to help them. Your information might come from books, or the web, or it might be found on one of our databases. We’re here to help you identify what is best for your needs.”

“I like to think of the David and Lorraine Cheng Library as an intellectual, cultural hub for William Paterson and the surrounding community,” says Owusu-Ansah. “When it’s all said and done, it’s about people. It’s really all about engaging the community of users in a way that best serves them and helps them reach their objective. I think that’s what we do best.”

# The Debate Over Marijuana

With legalization spreading across the country, three University experts consider the issues

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN

One of the hottest political issues across the country is whether states should fully legalize marijuana. Since 2012, eight states and the District of Columbia have passed laws fully legalizing marijuana for both recreational and medical use. Twenty-nine states—including New Jersey, where the issue of full legalization has become increasingly contentious, and a focus of the recent gubernatorial campaign—have legalized marijuana for medical use. On the federal level, the use, possession, sale, cultivation, and transportation of marijuana is illegal, yet states can pass laws to decriminalize marijuana for medical or recreational uses if a regulation system is in place.

*WV Magazine* gathered three campus experts to discuss the wide-ranging issues around the topic: Emmanuel Onaivi, a professor of biology and Fulbright Scholar whose research on the impact of cannabis on the human brain has been funded by the National Institutes of Health; Aleksandar Kecojevic, an assistant professor of public health who has published research on substance abuse in journals such as *Addiction*; and Siamack Shojai, a global economist and dean of the Cotsakos College of Business who has been widely quoted in the media on many topical economic issues. They started the discussion with a question: Why are we trending toward legalization at this point in time?

**Kecojevic:** The percentage of Americans in favor of legalization continues to rise. The latest surveys show that more than 60 percent are in favor; certainly, the trend is being driven by young adults. Eight states have also legalized recreational use of marijuana along with the District of Columbia, and our neighboring states of Pennsylvania and New York are also on the path toward full legalization.

**Onaivi:** There has been an explosion of new knowledge about the marijuana plant, as well as about the human body. Research has found that the body contains its own marijuana-like system—the endocannabinoid system—the endocannabinoid system, which secretes a natural marijuana-like substance in the body and the brain. The marijuana-like substances are called endocannabinoids, and activate cannabinoid receptors encoded in our genes, on chromosomes one and six. Research has found endocannabinoids are important for human reproduction, as they are involved in fertilization and implantation of the fertilized egg in the uterus. Endocannabinoids are also found in breast milk, and help to stimulate appetite in a newborn.

**Shojai:** From an economic point of view, one must look at the externalities of an issue. Externality refers to society—what is the cost or benefit of an activity that affects another party. For example, the cost to society based on the fact that marijuana is illegal could be higher than if it was legal. Because it is illegal, there are the related costs such as prosecution and incarceration, among others. That aspect of the debate is pushing the trend toward legalization and leaving the decision about its impact up to the individual.

**Kecojevic:** There are always costs and benefits to consider. Data from Colorado and Washington, for example, have shown an increase in revenues from taxes, which include excise, state, and sales taxes, which is a benefit to these states and their economies.

**Shojai:** Costs are definitely there. But the U.S. has a tendency to criminalize what is legal in many other countries.

**Onaivi:** In terms of recreational use, marijuana has been legal since 1977 in the Netherlands. Kids are not allowed to use it. There are beneficial uses—for example, it could have an impact on the opioid epidemic. While opioids are among the most potent painkillers, especially for acute pain, addiction to these drugs is very high and has led to the public health emergency over the opioid crisis. The



Emmanuel Onaivi



reason they are so dangerous is that the receptors for opioids are very densely localized in the area of the brain that controls breathing. So as people develop a tolerance for opioids and take more in order to have the same effect, it is easy to overdose and stop breathing. Marijuana use could help limit the use of opioids for pain. Also, the area of the brain that controls respiration is sparsely populated with receptors for marijuana, so it is safer medicine and does not cause respiratory depression like opioids. Addiction to alcohol and opioids is also more severe, and withdrawal from marijuana use is easier.



Aleksandar Kecojevic

**Kecojevic:** A recent study in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)* showed that states with legalized medical marijuana had a 25 percent lower annual opioid death mortality rate than states without those laws. Also, a new study in the *American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)*

found that opioid-related deaths in Colorado decreased 6 percent in the two years following legalization.

**Shojai:** I have visited Amsterdam in the Netherlands and people were smoking marijuana everywhere...so here is a question: could using marijuana lead to a tendency to use other drugs?

**Kecojevic:** You are talking about the gateway hypothesis—that experimenting with a lesser drug like marijuana leads to the use of other harder drugs like heroin. That has certainly been debated. It is true that the most people using opioids start with marijuana as the first illicit drug, but it is also true that most youth who use marijuana never progress to opioid use. Hence, marijuana may offer a protective effect against initiating other, harder drugs.

**Shojai:** From an economic point of view, when you make something illegal, the underground economy puts a high premium on the price. By legalizing, assuming the same amount of use, you would assume the price would come down, and that some of the profit would instead go to taxes. Legalization could also generate new jobs, such as for growers

and distributors, and for health care professionals. You also lessen the cost to society and to individuals, such as the cost of incarceration, although there would be cost for those who drive under the influence.

**Kecojevic:** Studies have shown a racial disparity in terms of arrests for marijuana. For example, a report from the ACLU found that in 2013 in New Jersey, there were 24,067 arrests for marijuana possession, and African Americans were three times more likely to be arrested than whites. Legalization would eliminate the criminalization of these people, which has a large impact on their access to health care, employment, and overall, social justice.

**Onaivi:** The ultimate question is, is marijuana legalization good or bad?

**Kecojevic:** It's a mixed answer. Driving under the influence may be an issue; alcohol is easier to detect. With marijuana, you have to send a sample to a lab, which has a higher cost, and many police are not trained in how to detect marijuana use. Edible products pose a danger as many are not regulated and these can lead to poisoning in children. Teens who smoke heavily tend to do poorly in school. The average potency of marijuana has also risen—it has doubled or tripled since the 1970s. You also have the issue of second-hand smoke and how to regulate it. At the federal level, marijuana is classified as a Schedule 1 drug, the same as heroin, which can create conflict between federal and state laws. Finally, in terms of the science, marijuana has only been legal in a few states for a few years, so we need more data.

**Shojai:** The data is so limited now—there is not a large enough sample to make any true social science analysis of the causes and effects related to marijuana legalization. You need 10 years' worth of data for a true analysis.

**Onaivi:** In cancer patients, marijuana reduces nausea; for AIDS patients, as part of their drug cocktail, it can increase appetite. It also can help those with multiple sclerosis and other conditions like epilepsy. These medical benefits are being seen in many other countries that are moving to legalize, such as Canada, Chile, and Uruguay. Some of the side effects are beneficial for certain medical conditions. Research needs to be done on the specific ingredients in marijuana to identify which ingredients benefit which conditions, but it is hard to do clinical studies since marijuana studies

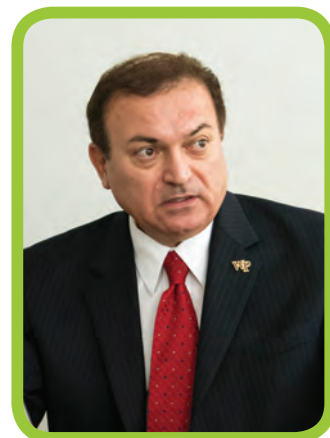
can't receive federal funding due to its Schedule 1 classification.

**Shojai:** Does legalization reduce illicit sale?

**Kecojevic:** We will never eliminate those sales completely. But if marijuana is legalized, we can control its potency, what products are sold, eliminate contaminants, regulate the age of buyers, and set policy on sales, packaging, and advertising.

**Shojai:** There would have to be a great deal of legislation and policies put in place.

**Onaivi:** But it is true that we must consider the impact of people who are high—for example, what are the consequences of driving under the influence of marijuana?



Siamack Shojai

**Kecojevic:** Medical marijuana is legal in New Jersey but it is really difficult for patients to gain access. It is severely restricted, and each time a disease or condition is added to the list of those that qualify, it is a very difficult process. Legalization would help that. Approximately 4 percent of the New Jersey population over age 21 says they use marijuana on a monthly basis. More than 24,000 people are arrested each year for marijuana violations, at an estimated cost of \$150 million to the state's taxpayers.

**Onaivi:** We need to look at states that have already legalized it, as well as at countries like the Netherlands where it has been legal for 40 years. What are the consequences and what are the benefits of legalization?

**Kecojevic:** It will be critical to monitor its use in households and high schools, the amount of sales, the number of cannabis plants planted in the state, the number of car accidents and emergency room visits, any increase or decrease in addiction treatment services, and the prevalence of youth in legal or health services. In Colorado, so far, those numbers have trended in a positive direction.

**Shojai:** In economic terms, this is called event analysis—you look at studies of what happened before and after a specific event occurs. You need a long set of data to see what variables had an impact.

# WP

# Alumni Connections



## Alumni Celebrate Homecoming 2017

William Paterson University welcomed alumni back to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2017 on October 14 and 15. Events included an Oktoberfest carnival featuring food, games, and giveaways, and WP's first Biergarten, featuring craft beer tastings, both on the Practice Field, all leading up to the Homecoming football game against Frostburg State and a men's soccer match versus Stockton. Other events included a Kinesiology Open House in the department's new labs in Preakness Hall and the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony (see story on page 16).



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## ZBT Members Hold Reunion

Alumni from the 1980s and 1990s who were members of the Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity met with their brothers for a campus tour and barbecue. Pictured are Andrew Feller, Michael Sartini, David Mathias, John Harrison, Rob Meskin, Saul Simon, Glenn Molnar, Chris "Zip" Garcia, John Blake, Peter McNerney, Dave Maltese, Ira "Sluggo" Schulman, Rick Notar, and Terrance Romney.

**Summer Bash 2017** Alumni enjoyed fun in the sun at the Annual Summer Bash at Jenkinson's Boardwalk in Point Pleasant, where they enjoyed food, Frisbee golf, trivia, and a WP scavenger hunt on the beach.



Top: Olga Correa '12; Bottom left, from left: Luca Esposito, Tejash Bhoola, Jared Coalmon '15, Roshni Patel, Mohammed Albidah, MBA '17, Davonna Approvato '13, MBA '17, Ritu Mishra; Bottom right, from left: Julia Saulenas '16, Jackie Bermudez '17, Carla Lezin '17, Dana McStowe '17, and Tim Malone '17





**Class of 1967 Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion** Members of the Class of 1967, who graduated when the University was known as Paterson State College, returned to the campus on May 17 to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. Alumni gathered for a special luncheon on campus and also attended the undergraduate commencement ceremony at the Prudential Center on May 19.



Yvette (Segall) Gutkin, Mike Russo, Institutional Advancement, Nadine (Horoschak) De Carlo, and Gloria Nolan; Top right: Robert Schnare and President Kathleen Waldron; Bottom right: Dr. Josephine (Galofaro) Eicher and Therese (Kamphausen) Janssen



**Class of 1966 Establishes Endowed Scholarship** Members of the Class of 1966 Reunion Committee gathered at the Alumni House at Oldham Pond to formally present their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion class gift to William Paterson University President Kathleen Waldron and Vice President for Institutional Advancement Pam Ferguson. Their \$25,000 gift will fund the Class of 1966 Scholarship Endowment. Members of the Class of 1965 spearheaded a similar campaign and successfully raised \$25,000 for their Class of 1965 Scholarship Endowment class gift to the University.

Class of 1966 members (from left) Ann Stroppa Felice, Caroline Lembo Knauss, Dr. Bill Joosten, Art Rittenhouse, Peter Grisafi, Catherine Wehrer, and Joe Dziezawiec, with President Kathleen Waldron and Pam Ferguson, vice president for institutional advancement



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## Mourning the loss of...

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| '52 EILEEN A. ETNA<br>Waldwick, NJ<br>January 26, 2017               | THOMAS E. MILLER<br>Mountain Lakes, NJ<br>March 31, 2017      | CARRIE LOWERY-GANTT<br>Sumter, SC<br>April 17, 2017        |
| '59 MADELINE G. HOLTERHOFF<br>Wayne, NJ<br>February 7, 2017          | '75 LLOYD BOSCA<br>River Vale, NJ<br>March 27, 2017           | JEANETTE MILNE<br>Livingston, NJ<br>April 5, 2017          |
| '66 BEVERLY CLAIRE EARLE<br>KOSAROWICH<br>Miami, FL<br>March 5, 2017 | ROBERT G. MCLAIN<br>Lincoln Park, NJ<br>May 13, 2017          | '79 ARNOLD STEIN<br>Wayne, NJ<br>March 2, 2017             |
| '69 HELEN MAY GOEHRY<br>Lakewood, NJ<br>May 9, 2017                  | '76 CAROLE PAYNE GARLING<br>Goshen, NY<br>April 2, 2017       | '80 ELLEN (KERN) CHMIEL<br>Monroe Twp., NJ<br>May 4, 2017  |
| WILLIAM J. MINERY JR.<br>Ramsey, NJ<br>January 1, 2017               | FRANK H. HALLORAN<br>Clark, NJ<br>February 14, 2017           | '81 MIRIAM GREENHOUSE<br>Passaic, NJ<br>January 19, 2017   |
| '72 THELMA J. NUNERY<br>Englewood, NJ<br>July 20, 2017               | EUGENE "BINK" ROMANICK JR.<br>Hampton, NJ<br>January 17, 2017 | '83 BARBARA KIRKLAND<br>Vienna, VA<br>February 7, 2017     |
| '73 LINDA CAPPADONA<br>Fort Lee, NJ<br>February 2, 2017              | DOROTHY VOORMAN-FISH<br>Wyckoff, NJ<br>July 4, 2017           | '90 MICHAEL E. PORTER JR.<br>Clifton, NJ<br>March 7, 2017  |
| ARTHUR F. CARROLL JR.<br>Hampton, NJ<br>June 30, 2017                | RONALD AUSTIN WILD<br>Lincoln Park, NJ<br>May 20, 2017        | '00 NANCY MARIE O'BRIEN<br>Liberty, NY<br>January 27, 2017 |
| '74 ALVIN MARTIN HOLTZ<br>Plantation, FL<br>March 2017               | '77 NICHOLAS IRONS<br>Sparta, NJ<br>June 28, 2017             | '01 CYNTHIA MCDOWELL<br>Ramsey, NJ<br>February 2, 2016     |
|  | '78 ANNE FLYNTZ<br>Barnegat, NJ<br>February 18, 2017          |  |

## We will miss...



**Tom Fleming '73, MA '75** of Bloomfield died April 19, 2017. He was 65. Fleming, who was a fourth grade teacher at Montclair Kimberley Academy as well as the school's varsity cross-country and track and field coach, won the New York City Marathon in 1973 and 1975. He began his competitive distance running career in his junior year at Bloomfield High School and continued his career at William Paterson, where he was a four-time NCAA All-American, a conference champion for four consecutive years, an NAIA All-American in 1970, and received the Special Achievement Award from the N.J. Sports Writers Association in 1973. Fleming also twice was the runner-up at the Boston Marathon, won marathons in Cleveland, Washington, Los Angeles, and Toronto, and finished fifth in the marathon at the 1976 Olympic trials. He was the USA Track and

Field national distance coach from 1991 to 1997. Fleming was inducted into the William Paterson University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1980, the Road Runners Club of America Distance Running Hall of Fame in 2013, and the National Distance Running Hall of Fame in 2014.

## Class Notes

**1963 DON KOMMIT, MA**, resident artist of Paterson, was featured in a newspaper article entitled "The Beat Goes On," by Christopher Maag for *The Record*.

**1965 JANET KRAEMER** celebrated her 50th anniversary as an educator at the Lafayette School in Chatham. She was honored at the school in a program hosted by principal Cheryl Russo and was given a standing ovation by students and staff.

**1971 SYLVIA PETILLO** was sworn in as a freeholder for the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Formerly, she was a member of the Hopatcong Board of Education for nine years.

**1974 JOEY TRAVOLTA** helped Lodi, California students produce the film, *The Bizarre Zone*. The film was produced by students from the town's Lincoln Academy and his company Inclusive Films.

**1975 JOANNE ROBINSON**, the inaugural dean of Rutgers School of Nursing, has been named as one of nine fellows of the National League for Nursing's Executive Leadership in Nursing Education and Practice Program...

**MARK PILIPSKI's** estate in Westbrookville, NY is the home for the Blackfeather Artists and Writers Colony where artists can admire gallery exhibits and participate in weekly events. His company, Barns Are Noble, can be found at [www.spiritcrow.com](http://www.spiritcrow.com).

**1976 EDNA CADMUS** received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her years of dedication and unreserved support for New Jersey's nursing program. She has been clinical professor specialty director at Rutgers School of Nursing and executive director of the New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing.

**1977 NANJI WOODMAN PERLSTEIN**, a registered nurse with more than 39 years of experience in her field, has been welcomed into the International Nurses Association with her publication in *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*.

**1978 KAREN NELSON NEMETH** has received the President's Award from the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators.

**1979** ROBERT CECERE is serving as executive vice president of sales for Lifescript in the greater New York area... WENDY WOWK, owner of Jewelry By Wendy, conducts classes in jewelry making, painting, and metalworking. She has more than 40 years experience in making jewelry. For more information, visit [www.jewelrybywendy.com](http://www.jewelrybywendy.com).

**1980** JIM CAPIZZI has been hired as director/general manager of Expert Warehouse, BrandSource's distribution arm... JODY DENURE WHITSELL offers "Painting Pets with Jody" sessions to share her joy of painting with others. Her artwork hangs in animal hospitals and restaurants all over the United States... MARK WILSON has been appointed as a managing director for the Hovde Group, a full-service investment banking firm.

**1981** MARY JO BERNARDO is director of performance improvement and compliance at the Maryville Addiction Treatment Center in Gloucester County.

**1983** CARL ALLEN, a drummer, entrepreneur, and educator, headlined the Eau Claire Jazz Festival at The State Theatre in Eau Claire, Wisconsin... PETE DOLACK has published the book, *It's Not Over: Learning from the Socialist Experiment*, available through Zero Books... BARBARA FROELICH served as advisor and mentor to the East Orange Stem Academy's Robotic Team 5310 Eagles Aspect, who were finalists at the Duel on the Delaware in 2016.

**1984** ELAINE G. SINISI is the owner of Valley Girl, a boutique in Upper Montclair, on Valley Road... LISA MANTONE has been named senior vice president of development for the New York Philharmonic... BOB ZIRKEL was promoted to vice president of the Arts & Culture Division of EW Howell Construction Group.

**1985** DANIEL SINCLAIR was elected president of the New Jersey School Boards Association. He previously served on the Wanaque Board of Education as its president.

**1987** LAURIE CARTER was named as president of Shippensburg University, a public university in Pennsylvania. She was previously the executive vice president and university counsel at Eastern Kentucky University.

**1988** CHRIS AMELAR, pianist and co-founder of the group 3D Rhythm of Life, released a new video single entitled "Fantasy," also

## Louis Ruggieri '76 Honored for 50 Years of Public Service



Louis Ruggieri '76 Was honored for his 50 years of public service as an employee of the U.S. Postal Service during a ceremony in March 2017 at the Orange Main Post Office. Ruggieri was presented with a 50-year pin and congratulatory letter from Postmaster General Megan Brennan.

He joined the U.S. Postal Service in November 1966 as a part-time flexible letter carrier. He completed the Postal Service's supervisory training program, and earned an associate's degree from County College of Morris and a bachelor's degree from William Paterson. He served as a letter carrier for 18 years, as a supervisor of customer service for 29 years and as an acting manager of customer service for three years. Currently serving as a customer service supervisor, Ruggieri says he has no plans to retire.

the title of their new album... NANCY DAVIS retired from the River Edge School District. She had served as the school nurse for the Roosevelt School since 1996... HELENE HERBERT was sworn in as Waldwick's new municipal court judge. She is a partner at the law firm Herbert & Weiss... LISA M. QUATROCCHI announced the opening of *Paintings Inspired by Nature's Gift*, an art exhibit created by Lisa and her daughter Nancy. It was held at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown.

**1989** SUSAN PAYNTER has been named interim head of school at the High Meadow School in Stone Ridge, NY. She has a 30-year career in children's education... RASHAD SHABAKA-BURNS has been named director of the newly created Office of Probation Services in the Administrative Office of the Courts.

**1990** MARIA BECKER-ROLLINS has been named managing partner of KRS CPAs, LLC in Paramus... MICHAEL DANDORPH was promoted to president of Chicago's Rush University Medical Center in 2016. He was previously senior vice president of strategy and business development with the University of Pennsylvania Health System... GINO GIACUMBO was named general manager of the SMG-managed Blue Water Convention Center in Michigan... DAVID GORDON has joined the STIGroup, Ltd, as president, leading sales, business development, and marketing.

**1991** RICHARD SLIFKIN has joined the Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Carolinas

Realty team as a broker/realtor in their Lake Norman, NC office.

**1992** JOANNE KESTEN was selected as one of the winners of the Educators of the Year award for Randolph Township. This is her 23rd year teaching in Randolph... MAURIZIO SCROFANI has been appointed vice president with ALTO USA, a company that works to reduce retail theft and pursue criminal prosecutions.

**1993** KIMBERLY KIENTZ was named chief financial officer for the township of Livingston. She brings 20 years of experience in financial matters specific to municipalities to her new role.

**1994** BOBBY SYVARTH and his band performed at Maxfield's on Main Street in Boonton... DAN SZOT was appointed vice president of sales for the life science division of Cambridge Semantics.

**1995** PAUL SEMENDINGER has published his first children's book, *Principal Sam and the Calendar Confusion*, which was released through Ravenswood Publishing... RAE-SHAN NATE is the co-host of Chick Chats, an internet radio program.

**1996** JENNIFER QUIRK was hired by the township of Livingston as its full-time adaptive recreation coordinator... SHARON RYAN, MA, was awarded National Board Certification by the American Association of Bariatric Counselors. She specializes in the care and treatment of patients with bulimia, anorexia,

binge eating disorders, and related mental illnesses.

**1997** NICOLE FRITZ was appointed to the West Milford Board of Education. She is a 30-year resident of West Milford... DAVID L. MCMILLAN has successfully defended his doctorate dissertation in history at Drew University... DAWN RUSSO has been invited to conduct the New Jersey Region Symphonic Band.

**1998** JAMES CALASKI discussed the case of Carl Schiphorst, a Glen Rock resident investigated by the FBI, in his presentation "Someone Talked! The Nazi Spy from Glen Rock," in a lecture at the borough's library... ALEXIS COLE performed with her trio at the Chappaqua Station in New York.

**1999** HIPATIA LOPEZ, who invented the empanada fork, a utensil that is used to seal the edges of dough, presented her product on HSN... CHRIS VANCHERI was appointed to the town council of Little Falls. He has been a resident of Little Falls since 2004.

**2001** ELIZABETH MEYER organized the Women's March on New Jersey to rally in solidarity with marchers at the Women's March on Washington on January 21, 2017.

**2002** PAUL D'ERRICO has been named head basketball coach of Pascack Hills High School in Montvale. He is a health and physical education teacher at Norwood Public School.

# WV Alumni Connections

**2003** ALESSANDRO CONTE has become a shareholder and executive vice president at the commercial real estate and brokerage firm, Blau & Berg Co., which is headquartered in Short Hills... JACAM MANRICKS and his quartet performed at the CLARA Auditorium in Sacramento, California in an event sponsored by the Sacramento Jazz Co-op.

**2004** SHIRANTHA BEDDAGE, composer, saxophonist, and teacher, was nominated for a Juno award for Jazz Album of the Year... GINA BAKAJ, MA, joined the faculty of the Chatham Schools' "String Fever and the Performing Arts," a program for grammar school students.

**2005** MICHELLE MALONE is the new head librarian of the Belleville Public Library. Previously, she was the head of the library's children's department... BRIAN MCCARTHY, MM '07, a jazz saxophonist, released a new album, *The Better Angels of Our Nature*, which takes its title from Abraham Lincoln's First Inaugural Address... MALIKA OYETIMEIN directed the world premiere of *White*, which opened at the Theatre Horizon.

**2006** ADAM CARELLI, an alto and tenor saxophone player, performs as part of the musical group Tigerman... MELISSA STEWART DEGANNES celebrated her 10th anniversary as a family service worker with the Essex County Welfare office... TIMOTHY

GOURAIGE graduated from Seton Hall University with a doctorate in education... DANIEL ORTEGA was a guest speaker at the Hudson Valley Construction Industry Partnership Annual Mid-Winter Meeting.

**2007** THERESE FRIEND received the Governor's Educational Services Professional Award for the Byram school district. She was acknowledged by the township's Board of Education for her excellence as an educator who inspires and influences her students to learn... ERIC HAYES, singer, was one of eight featured speakers at the second TEDx Morristown conference at the Morris Museum's Bickford Theatre in Morris Township.

**2008** JASON CAMERON has been hired as football coach at Jenkins High School in Savannah, Georgia... CHELSEA DALLAS FALATO wrote, directed, and starred in the amusing and relatable short film, *Making Friends*, which was screened at the New York Short Film Festival... ROB FUSARI served as the musical director of William Paterson's special event, "I Want My '80s: The Best of MTV's Early Years," which supported the University Music Department Scholarship Fund... JUSTIN KAUFMAN, jazz pianist, gave a jazz workshop at the University of Arkansas... CRAIG SORKIN, of the Riverside Medical Group in Jersey City, has joined The Expert Network, an invitation-only service for distinguished professionals.

**2009** JUAN GIRALDO was The Center for Photography at Woodstock Artist in Residence and the recipient of the Dwight D. Follett Fellowship Full Tuition Award... JULIE KESTER, a guidance counselor at Sandshore School, has been named the Budd Lake school's Teacher of the Year.

**2010** B.J. JANSEN, baritone saxophonist, released his 10th recording, *Common Ground*.

**2011** AGNES CISEK is the second woman police officer in the history of the Chatham Borough Police Department. She was hired as a probationary officer... ALISON GOMER organized a Zumba fundraiser to benefit North Plainfield High School... MAUREEN KROOG was appointed director of curriculum and instruction for grades K-12 in Harrison... DIANA JEAN PUGLISI was awarded a New Jersey State Council on the Arts Fellowship in sculpture... TODD SCHEFFLIN and JACOB WEBB formed the JT Project, a musical collective incorporating talented jazz and soul musicians in New York City.

**2012** NATE GIROUX, saxophonist and clarinet player, performed at the Lee Congregational Church in Lee, Massachusetts... NATE HOOK performed with his musical group, The Nate Hook Group, at Chris's Jazz Café in Philadelphia. He plays the saxophone.

**2013** FORREST DIEDOFF was sworn into the Paramus Police Department... JONATHAN DONADO was sworn in as a police officer in Wayne. He is a Wayne Valley High School alumnus... BILLY MAROULIS was sworn in as a full status police officer in Montclair... AMANDA PULLIZZI has joined Peapack-Gladstone Bank as assistant vice president, senior personal custody officer, private wealth management. She is pursuing an MBA in business finance at William Paterson.

**2014** LADAN ABBASI, a nurse practitioner, was welcomed into the International Nurses Association and will be featured in the publication *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*... SEAN HIGGINS was sworn in as a member of the Pequannock Police Department.

**2015** TINA DIFRANCO served as a summer associate for the law firm of McElroy, Deutch, Mulvaney & Carpenter... VUYO SOTASHE, jazz vocalist, performed at Ginny's Supper Club in New York City... CHRIS SZCZYPALA was a guest lecturer for photography students at Sparta High School. He is the media coordinator for Monticello Motor Club as well as a freelance photographer and videographer.

**2016** STEFANIE BAROUTOGLU is administrative paralegal with the legal firm of Malesardi, Quankenbush, Swift, LLC... DASHAWN JOHNSON has signed with the

## Angela Cleveland '00 Named New Jersey Counselor of the Year



Angela Cleveland '00, the school counselor at Auten Road Intermediate School in Hillsborough, has been named the 2017 New Jersey School Counselor of the Year. Nominations for the School Counselor of the Year awards program were submitted by the state school counselor

associations. State representatives were selected based on several criteria, including: school counseling innovations, effective school counseling programs, leadership and advocacy skills, and contributions to student advancement. Cleveland was named 2016 Somerset County Counselor of the Year.

"As school counselors, we make sure our students have a place in our world, in our district, in our community, in our state, our country and our world—we make sure everyone is included," she told the *Hillsborough Beacon*. "Being a school counselor is a huge responsibility and a great honor."

Cleveland, who holds a bachelor's degree in English and secondary education, has 15 years of experience as a professional school counselor. She is an executive board member and webmaster for the New Jersey School Counselor Association. Cleveland is also the co-founder of ReigningIt, a non-profit dedicated to creating a STEM dialogue inclusive of women, and she advocates for equity and access to STEM opportunities through numerous organizations. Cleveland also holds master's degrees from The College of New Jersey, Rider University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

## Alumni Network in New York

On October 25, a group of William Paterson alumni met for a Business Leaders Networking Breakfast at the offices of Robert Devine '74, consulting partner, Grassi & Company. Special guest Christos Cotsakos '73, PhD, and Cotsakos College of Business Dean Siamack Shojai were present to provide remarks. Pictured here are: Seated, left to right, Elizabeth Weinmann, Mary Kay Scucci '86, PhD, Judy Linder, director of development, Cotsakos College of Business; Standing, left to right, Jeffrey Millar '80, Dean Siamack Shojai, LeRoy Wilde '86, Ernest Scheidemann '82, Gary Nazare '82, Murat Senyigit '92, Christopher Cieszko '82, Robert Devine '74, and Mark Wilson '92. Also in attendance but not pictured, were Christos Cotsakos '73, Daniel Fletcher '90, Harold Mandelbaum '93, and Pam Ferguson, vice president for institutional advancement.



Champions Indoor Football team Bloomfield Edge... SHAKIRA JONES joined the staff of Kiddie Academy, a preschool in Hamilton... RANDALL SANDERS, Passaic Valley High School environmental science teacher, spearheaded the school's STEM summer

program... ROB PASTERNAK participated in the Autism Awareness Baseball Challenge game in North Brunswick. Pasternack was a four-year baseball letter winner at William Paterson.

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to move around within the discipline. Skeletons are kind of universal in the business."

Warnasch is also busy writing a book that he hopes to release in a year or so. The book reflects on two projects he's worked on: the discovery of two, 150-year-old cast-iron coffins in Newark—found in 2005 during construction of what is now the Prudential Center—and the unearthing of another such coffin in Queens in 2011, discovered during an unrelated homicide investigation.

The particular type of cast-iron coffins he's studying were used only briefly in the mid-1800s by both the wealthy and those that needed to quarantine bodies that may have died from epidemic diseases that were common at the time. The state of preservation of the yet-to-be-identified "Queens Mummy" was so remarkable that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had to be called in to confirm the smallpox virus, of which the woman had apparently passed, was not still alive. The New Jersey coffins contained 38-year-old Capt. William Pollard, the deputy sheriff of Hudson County who is believed to have died of cholera in 1854, and 88-year-old Mary Camp Roberts, a descendant of the original Connecticut colonists that settled Newark in 1666. She died of natural causes in 1852.

In addition to the stories of the three mummified time travelers, Warnasch's book also focuses on the cast-iron coffins themselves and the reasons why they were created at that specific time in American history. "It's as much a general history book examining larger societal trends such as changes in cemetery practices and attitudes about death and the afterlife in the early 1800s as it is about archaeology," the author explains. "The book also has a healthy dose of forensic science in there as well."

During a recent visit to the William Paterson campus, Warnasch says, he was most struck by the University's push to foster interdisciplinary studies. "I like the idea that they're trying to branch between the different disciplines...it's the idea that things really are much more connected. I appreciate that they're trying to get students together for more interdisciplinary projects because I feel like, in my work, I do that, too."

## Daniel Sinclair Elected President of the New Jersey School Boards Association



Daniel Sinclair, MEd '85, a member of the Lakeland Regional Board of Education, has been elected president of the New Jersey School Boards Association. He will serve a two-year term in the volunteer position. Sinclair previously served on the Wanaque Board of Education, including six years as its president. With his service on the Lakeland Regional

board, he has a total of 18 years of experience as a local school board member.

Sinclair had served as NJSBA's vice president for county activities since 2014. Prior to that, he was a member of the NJSBA Board of Directors for six years, and he chaired the NJSBA Training Task Force. He has also served on numerous NJSBA committees, and holds the designations of Certified Board Member, Master Board Member, and Certified Board Leader through the Association's Board Member Academy. He has served as a group trainer at NJSBA orientation programs for newly elected and newly appointed school board members.

Sinclair, who holds a master's degree in administration and supervision from William Paterson and a bachelor's degree from Rowan University, is retired as a cooperative industrial education coordinator with the Bergen County Special Services and Technical School, a position he held for 39 years.

## Wedding bells for...

2007 GREGORY LOFFREDO to Lauren Quirk, November 18, 2016



## **Fall Arrives on Campus**

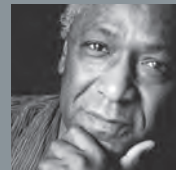
Students walk on Zanfino Plaza in front of the University Commons on a brilliant October day.  
Photograph by Bob Verbeek.

# WP Events

Share Fare tools



Horacee Arnold



Alice Waters



The Moscow Ballet



## ART

UNIVERSITY GALLERIES  
Ben Shahn Center for the Visual Arts

Monday through Friday,  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm

November 5 and 12, and December 3,  
noon to 4:00 pm

Admission is free.

### **For Home and Country: World War I Posters from the Newark Public Library**

Through December 13, 2017  
SOUTH GALLERY

### **Veterans Book Project**

Through December 13, 2017  
EAST GALLERY

### **Breaking Bread: Artists Explore Food Practices**

Through December 13, 2017  
COURT GALLERY

## MUSIC

NEW MUSIC SERIES

### **Professor Jeffrey Kresky Retirement Concert**

November 27, 2017, 7:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!

### **Glen Burtnik's Summer of Love Concert**

December 2, 2017, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

### **Winter Choral Concert featuring WP Chorus and Warren Helms, organ**

December 5, 2017, 7:30 pm  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, RC  
CHURCH, WAYNE

### **William Paterson Wind Ensemble**

December 7, 2017, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!

### **The Doo Wop Project**

December 8, 2017, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

JAZZ ROOM

### **Horacee Arnold Trio with Buster Williams, bass**

December 3, 2017, 4:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

JAZZ ROOM

### **Holiday Celebration with WP Jazz Orchestra and Guests**

December 9, 2017, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

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### **Get the Led Out**

December 16, 2017, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

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### **Jen Chapin Band**

February 23, 2018, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

## THEATRE AND COMEDY

### **Fiction by Steven Dietz**

November 16-19, 2017  
SHEA CENTER

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### **The Moscow Ballet Presents The Great Russian Nutcracker**

November 30, 2017, 7:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

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### **Theater for Children with Autism Presents Theatreworks USA's Junie B. Jones**

December 4, 2017, 10:30 am  
SHEA CENTER

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### **A Literature of Life Stage Presenta- tion of The Giver**

December 6, 2017, 10:30 am  
SHEA CENTER

### **The Stand-Up Show: TWO**

December 9, 2017, 5:00 pm  
GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

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### **The Christmas That Almost Wasn't**

December 10, 2017, 2:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

### **The Comedy Improv Show**

December 13, 2017, 7:00 pm  
HOBART HALL

### **The Sketch Comedy Show**

December 15, 2017, 7:00 pm  
HOBART HALL

### **The Stand-Up Show: ONE**

December 16, 2017, 5:00 pm  
GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

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### **The Moscow Ballet Presents Swan Lake**

February 7, 2018, 7:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

## LECTURES & CONFERENCES

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY GALLERIES

### **The Great War Through Women's Eyes, Michelle Moravec, Rosemont College**

November 13, 2017, 11:00 am  
SOUTH GALLERY, BEN SHAHN CENTER

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual National Sales Challenge**

November 15-17, 2017  
1600 VALLEY ROAD BUILDING AND  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS

### **37<sup>th</sup> Annual Bilingual/ESL Conference**

December 1, 2017, 8:30 am-3:30 pm  
1600 VALLEY ROAD BUILDING

39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
DISTINGUISHED LECTURER SERIES

### **Alice Waters, American chef and food activist**

March 2, 2018, 7:30 pm  
SHEA CENTER

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **194<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremonies**

#### **Graduate Ceremony**

May 16, 2018, 7:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

#### **Undergraduate Ceremony**

May 18, 2018, 9:00 am  
PRUDENTIAL CENTER

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### **Pioneer Society Luncheon**

December 1, 2017, noon  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

### **Class of 1968 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

May 16, 2018, noon  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

### **Class of 2018 Senior Send-Off**

May 15, 2018, 7:00 pm  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

## SAVE THE DATE

### **Regional Alumni Networking Events**

March 9, 2018: Washington, DC  
March 13, 2018: Boca Raton\*  
March 15, 2018: Naples\*

\*Attention Snowbirds: Please contact the alumni office via email: [alumni@wpunj.edu](mailto:alumni@wpunj.edu) with your Florida address to receive an invitation

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**Alumni Events:** Office of Alumni Relations, 973.720.2175, [wpunj.edu/alumni](http://wpunj.edu/alumni)

**Art:** University Galleries, 973.720.2654, [wpunj.edu/coac/gallery](http://wpunj.edu/coac/gallery)

**Conferences:** Center for Continuing and Professional Education, 973.720.2463, [wpunj.edu/cpe](http://wpunj.edu/cpe)

**Music, Lectures, Theater & Comedy:** Shea Center, 973.720.2371, [wp-presents.org](http://wp-presents.org)

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