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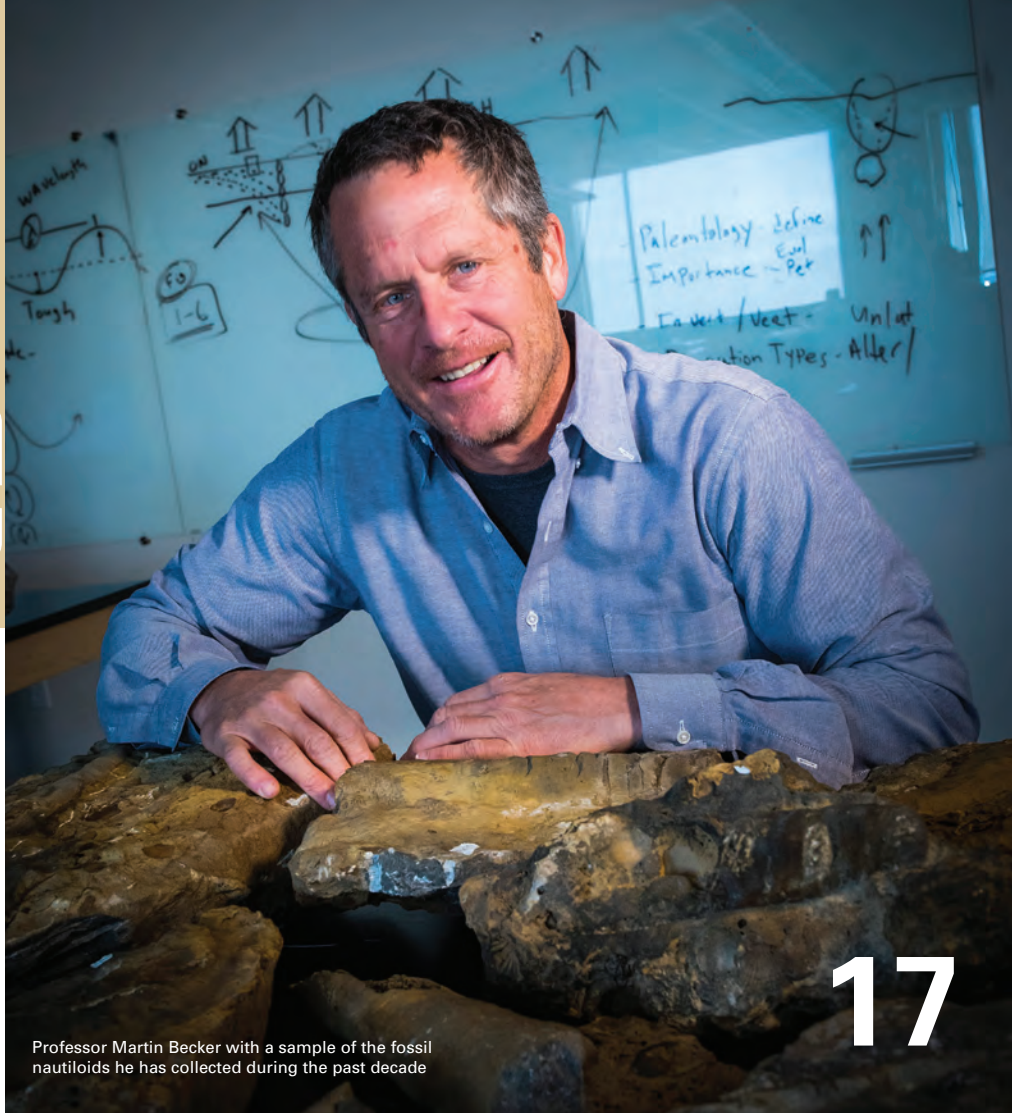


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Dear Friends,

Two months ago, as I welcomed more than 100 attendees to campus for the first symposium of the *Propel Paterson* partnership, I looked out at the audience and thought to myself, this is exactly the type of initiative we should be embarking on as a dynamic and excellent comprehensive regional university. We thrive as a university that develops new academic initiatives that address issues of timely importance to the region and state and provide our students with outstanding opportunities for learning and service.

For *Propel Paterson*, we have joined with Mayor André Sayegh, his administration, and the Paterson community to work collaboratively on research projects in support of the city's revitalization efforts in areas such as economic and workforce development, educational growth, and community action. Students will have opportunities to join with faculty in applying their knowledge to real-world situations for the benefit of the city. Following the initial symposium, we are developing concrete suggestions that will aid in Paterson's revitalization and that can form the blueprint for a plan going forward, which we will share in the coming year.

The legalization of adult use of marijuana prompts widespread issues pertaining to public policy, health, and the economy. In January, the University formed a Cannabis Research Institute designed to provide evidence-based scientific and economic information on subjects related to cannabis, as well as opioid drugs and other substances. The Institute includes a dozen University faculty and staff in a wide range of academic disciplines who conduct research and analyze data on topics related to cannabis. We look forward to sharing information on what is now and will continue to be an important topic in New Jersey.

The University continues to develop degree programs that are designed to meet regional workforce needs in fields of growing significance. We recently received approval for a new bachelor's degree in disability studies—the first in New Jersey and one of only 20 such undergraduate degrees in the nation—designed to meet the growing demand for professionals in all fields who understand the requirements of those with disabilities. In fall 2018, we launched a new master's degree in applied business analytics, and will launch a master's degree in fall 2019 in finance and financial planning; both of these programs provide advanced training in areas of high demand in New Jersey and beyond.

In developing these new programs, our faculty work closely with alumni and business leaders on our College advisory boards, who share their critical and hands-on knowledge about workforce needs throughout the state. I am impressed by these folks' commitment to William Paterson University, and appreciate their partnerships with our faculty. Together we can create challenging academic programs that provide a way forward for our students and for the region.

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD  
President



## Joshua B. Powers, PhD, Appointed Provost and Senior Vice President

Joshua B. Powers, PhD, a prolific scholar in the area of higher education leadership with a strong record of developing and implementing programs that foster student success and enhancing campus diversity, has been appointed as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs following a national search.

In addition to his role as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, Powers will be appointed professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Professional Studies in the College of Education. He will join William Paterson on July 8, 2019.

Powers, who currently serves as an administrative fellow for the Vermont State Colleges System, previously held multiple positions at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, including associate vice president for academic affairs (2012-2018), interim associate vice president for inclusive excellence (2016-2017), special assistant to the provost for academic initiatives (2010-2012), chair of the Department of Educational Leadership, Administration, and Foundations (2006-2010), program



coordinator for higher education leadership (2002-2007), and director of the Office of Educational Research and Evaluation (2003-2006). He is a professor of higher education leadership at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

“Dr. Powers’ impressive career has focused on student success, which is our number one goal.

His work as a department chair and associate vice president for academic affairs, coupled with his experience in student development, gives him a breadth of experience needed to work collaboratively with faculty, chairs, deans, and the Cabinet to help us meet our strategic goals,” says President Richard J. Helldobler.

“I am very excited to join the William Paterson University community as its

next provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, and to support its mission and commitment to student success,” says Powers. “I look forward to collaborating with campus and community stakeholders, together with President Helldobler, as we move the institution forward.”

Prior to his tenure at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Powers served as special assistant to the chancellor at Indiana University, Bloomington (1995-1998); and assistant director for programs, assistant director for operations, and acting director of the Newcomb Student Union at the University of Virginia (1990-1995).

He served as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow in the Office of the President at the University of Vermont (2010) and Wright State University (2009) and has served as core faculty for ACE’s Leadership Academy for department chairs.

Powers has been the recipient of numerous external grants, including funding from 11 national public and private agencies, totaling \$4.63 million. He has received funds to support student success-related research, accelerating college completion, and preparing and recruiting underrepresented teachers for public schools, among others.

He holds a PhD in higher education and organizational behavior and an MS in college student personnel administration from Indiana University-Bloomington, and a BA in economics from the University of Vermont.





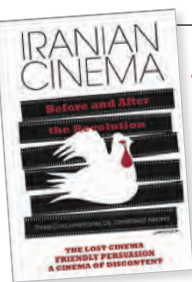
Left: Opening the new Digital Liberal Arts Collaboratory were (left to right), Barbara Suess, associate professor, English; Gamin Bartle, director of instruction and research technology; Wartyna Davis, associate dean, humanities and social sciences; Megan Chesin, associate professor, psychology, and James Miles, director, language lab; Below: Edward Owusu-Ansah, dean, Cheng Library

## COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES LAUNCHES DIGITAL LIBERAL ARTS COLLABORATORY

As part of its efforts to promote teaching, research, and scholarship across the liberal arts, the College of Humanities and Social Sciences has opened a Digital Liberal Arts Collaboratory in the Atrium on campus.

“Tech-savvy graduates get jobs,” says Wartyna Davis, associate dean. “Students with degrees in the humanities and social sciences have knowledge and critical thinking skills that, when combined with digital technology skills, provide an advantage in the job market. The lab will expose students to interesting and innovative ways to engage with their subject matter and gain skills that will give them that advantage.”

The laboratory, launched at the end of the fall 2018 semester, provides space, equipment, and support for digital projects. Faculty and students can use the lab to augment technical skills and critical literacies, develop collaborative projects within and across disciplines, facilitate research, and invigorate classes. Features include 3D scanners and printers, software for developing two- and three-dimensional video games and computer simulations, access to Geographic Information System (GIS) and cartography software, software to enhance accuracy and creativity in writing, digital speech analysis, reference management for papers and research, as well as web design and desktop publishing.



### COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR RELEASES TRILOGY OF DOCUMENTARIES ON IRANIAN CINEMA

Jamsheed Akrami, a professor of communication and one of the world’s foremost experts on Iranian films, has released a two-DVD set, *Iranian Cinema Before and After the Revolution*, which compiles a trilogy of his feature-length documentaries.

The trio includes *Friendly Persuasion* (2000), which gives an overarching portrait of Iranian cinema through interviews with three generations of Iranian directors. *The Lost Cinema* (2007) digs deeper into the Iranian New Wave, which blossomed as a counter-cinema in the 1970s and ended up banned due to

the severely restrictive censorship codes imposed by the Islamic government after the 1979 revolution. The third film, *A Cinema of Discontent* (2013), focuses on contemporary censorship codes as Akrami interviews 12 filmmakers about how they cope with or circumvent these restrictions. Also included is his short film, *A Walk with Kiarostami* (2003), about the New Wave visionary Abbas Kiarostami.

Akrami, who joined William Paterson in 1995, is the former editor of Iranian film magazines. He has published extensively, presented numerous lectures, curated film series, and is a well-known authority on Iranian film.

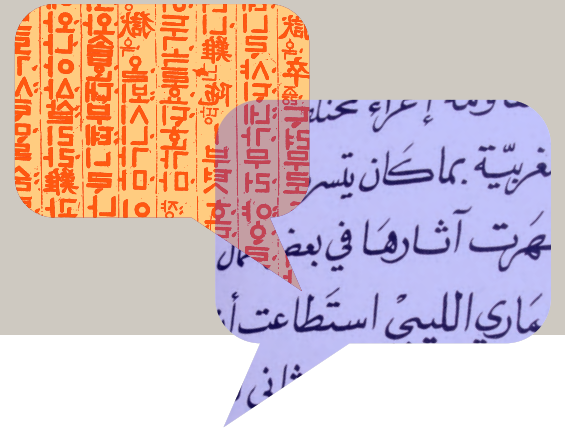


William Paterson’s Cheng Library is providing leadership in a new software purchasing collaboration with four other state university libraries designed to provide easier, more streamlined access to the institutions’ collections of journals and books.

The University is partnering with Stockton University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rowan University, and The College of New Jersey to purchase a software platform that will allow them to share their library catalogs in a common database that will be searchable throughout the state. The platform is expected to launch in June 2019.

“By coming together as a group, we were able to drive down the cost as a participating library,” Edward Owusu-Ansah, dean of the Cheng Library, said in an article published in *NJBIZ*. “The greatest cost benefit was agreeing with shared resources and a shared catalog so the students of all five institutions will be able to search the collections of all five universities and borrow from whichever is convenient to them.”





## Foreign Language Instruction in Middle East and Korean Studies to Expand, Thanks to Grant

The University will strengthen its international studies with foreign language offerings in Middle East studies and Korean studies thanks to a \$190,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The project, “Expanding Vistas: Global Contexts, Local Lives,” will enhance language instruction in Arabic and Korean; both are significant languages in northern New Jersey, which is home to the second-largest immigrant populations in the nation from these global regions. The project will also develop programs to increase understanding and knowledge of the history, culture, and international relations in the Middle East and the Korean peninsula. Kara Rabbitt, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, is the project director, with



From left: Professors Stephen Shalom, Keumjae Park, Dean Kara Rabbitt, and Carrie Hong

faculty members Stephen Shalom, political science, Keumjae Park, sociology, and Carrie Hong, educational leadership and professional studies, serving as co-project directors.

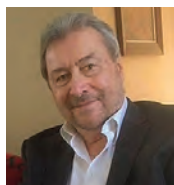
“The Expanding Vistas project is inherently interdisciplinary and will lead

to innovative courses connecting William Paterson students with community organizations and immigrant groups who are themselves connected to global concerns—social, political, economic and otherwise—in the Middle East or the Korean Peninsula,” says Rabbitt.

The grant will allow the University to expand language offerings in Arabic and Korean beyond the current intermediate offerings to advanced-level options, and support development of a new Korean studies minor within the existing Asian Studies Program. Students in pre-professional majors, especially in teacher preparation, will have the opportunity to participate in summer study abroad programs in Amman, Jordan or in Seoul, South Korea in summer 2019 and summer 2020.



**KEVIN BURKHARDT '97, NK ARCHITECTS, AND PROFESSOR VINCENT PARRILLO TO BE HONORED AT LEGACY AWARD GALA**



Alumnus Kevin Burkhardt '97 and Vincent N. Parrillo

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Alumnus Kevin Burkhardt '97, play-by-play announcer and studio host at Fox Sports, and NK Architects, an award-winning full-service design firm, will be honored as the William Paterson University Foundation hosts its 29<sup>th</sup> annual Legacy Award Gala on Thursday, April 25, 2019 at The Grove in Cedar Grove. Burkhardt will be honored as Distinguished Alumnus and NK Architects will be honored as a Distinguished Organization.

Vincent N. Parrillo, professor of sociology and director of the Paterson Metropolitan Region Research Center, will receive the Distinguished Faculty Service Award, given to faculty members

in recognition of demonstrated career achievement and commitment to the University.

The gala is the Foundation's largest event to raise funds to support the University's mission of promoting student success and academic excellence through student scholarships.

“Support for the Legacy Award Gala can truly make a difference in the lives of our students, most of whom rely on scholarships to complete their studies,” says Richard J. Helldobler, University president. “All proceeds directly benefit student scholarships.”

“Our annual Legacy Award Gala provides us with a wonderful opportunity to honor the

accomplishments of our dedicated alumni, faculty, and friends of the institution,” says Pamela Ferguson, vice president for institutional advancement. “On behalf of the entire University community, I thank them for their partnership, leadership, and friendship.”

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## GRAMMY NODS

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The University was once again a presence at the Grammy Awards. Alumnus **Alan Hicks '07** won a Grammy Award for Best Music Film for *Quincy*, a documentary he co-wrote and co-directed about the life of the American record producer, singer, and film producer Quincy Jones. Jones's daughter, Rashida Jones, was the co-writer and co-director. Hicks, a drummer and native of Australia who graduated from William Paterson with a bachelor's degree in jazz studies, won recognition and multiple awards for his 2014 documentary, *Keep On Keepin' On*, which spotlighted the poignant relationship between the late jazz legend and permanent University artist-in residence Clark Terry and jazz pianist Justin Kauflin '08.

Jazz studies director **Bill Charlap** was nominated for his third Grammy Award in as many years for his work as an artist, arranger, and co-producer on the 2018 album by Tony Bennett and Diana Krall, *Love Is Here to Stay*. The album was nominated in the Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album category. "S'Wonderful," a song from the album, was also nominated in the Best Pop Duo/Group Performance category. Charlap, who joined William Paterson University in September 2015, won a Grammy in 2016 for *The Silver Lining: The Songs of Jerome Kern*, a collaboration with Tony Bennett.

**Dante Portella**, an audio technician in broadcast and production services at the University, served as sound engineer for Lansing McLoskey's oratorio *Zealot Canticles: A Musical Plea for Tolerance*, which won a Grammy Award for Best Choral Performance.



### LAURA HERTZOG APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL

Laura S. Hertzog, Esq., has been appointed general counsel to the University and the Board of Trustees. Hertzog replaces Glenn R. Jones, who retired on December 31, 2018.

Hertzog brings an extensive legal background in higher education to the University. Since 2013, she served as special counsel to the president and dean of faculty and staff relations at Hunter College, City University of New York, providing legal advice for litigation, employment and labor law, governance, fundraising, and contracts, among other duties. She also served as the labor designee and chief ethics officer at Hunter.

Prior positions include director of EEO/diversity and inclusion executive education programs at Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations, dean for diversity and compliance and special assistant to the president for campus relations at Hunter College, and director of global diversity at Credit Suisse First Boston/NYC. Hertzog was a litigator at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, and has worked as a litigator and administrator at other firms, as adjunct faculty at Fordham University School of Law and Brooklyn Law School, and as a full-time faculty member at New York University Law School. She served as law clerk to the Honorable Mary Johnson Lowe, USDJ in New York.

Hertzog earned an AB in East Asian studies from Princeton University, JD *cum laude* from the University of Michigan Law School, where she was a member of the law review, and an MA in history from Montclair State University. The current president of the Montclair Board of Education, she is a member of the Executive Thought Leaders Advisory Board for the National Executive 50 Senior Leadership Academy. Hertzog was formerly a trustee for the Adult School of Montclair, member of the Montclair Achievement Gap Advisory Panel, and commissioner and vice chair of the Montclair Township Civil Rights Commission. She was a founding advisory board member and champion of the International Society of Diversity and Inclusion Professionals and has been an invited speaker at national and international venues.

## BRAVE NEW RADIO CELEBRATES 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Three generations of alumni returned to campus last December to celebrate the 30th anniversary of WPSC 88.7 FM Brave New Radio as an FM-licensed radio station.

The festivities included an alumni “takeover” during which more than 50 alumni DJs returned to the station’s airwaves for two-hour shifts throughout the week of December 3. Each day revived the sound of an era for 24 hours. “It was very exciting and also an honor to be able to come back and recreate the Hit Radio format that we had when we were students here in the ‘90s, and we have a great deal of gratitude towards the University for making this happen,” says Mike Bonte ’00.

This was the first time that the station recreated the sound for each format throughout the years, including WPSC 59 AM Radio, WPSC-FM AP Radio, Laser Hits PSC, 88.7 Hit Radio, North Jersey’s Independent Rock, and the current Brave New Radio. “It was great for our current students to meet and work with those former students who paved the way for where WPSC is today,” says Sebastian Escobar ’15, WPSC’s station manager.

The events culminated with an alumni luncheon on campus during which the station also celebrated its recent selection as the winner of the 2018 Marconi Radio Award for non-commercial station of the year.

A radio station scrapbook with memorabilia from the late 1970s



## MILITARY MOTHERS MAY BE PRO-WAR ON THE SURFACE—BUT LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING, SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR SAYS



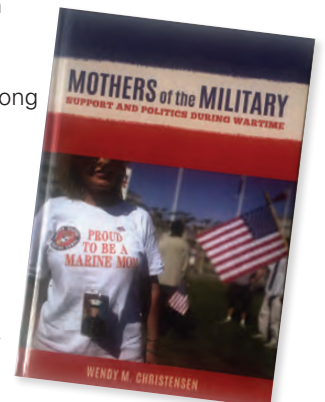
For more than a decade, sociology professor Wendy Christensen has researched the impact mothers of U.S. service members have on war—and the way the war impacts them. She follows military mothers through the stages of recruitment, deployment, and post-deployment in her recent book, *Mothers of the Military: Support and Politics During Wartime*.

Christensen gives an inside view of military recruitment, finding it is heavily geared toward convincing fearful mothers to support enlistment of their children. She also takes a look at the racial divide in recruitment, finding that single black and Latina mothers of sons are more actively sought by recruiters, where messages are repositioned to emphasize how the military will serve as the father figure a son needs.

Once their children are deployed, Christensen found that military moms quickly and painfully become separated not only from their children, but from their entire social circles. As a result, many military mothers turn to Internet-based groups, such as Semper Fi—explicitly recommended by military recruiters, in an effort to provide moms with some type of support.

Many mothers subsequently report feeling like they need to be the face of the war, organizing care package drives, having school children write holiday cards for troops, and sending letters to the editors of local newspapers. “A militaristic kind of motherhood surfaces,” Christensen explains, where mothers feel like they must be pro-war publicly in order to support the troops. “But while many of these mothers in their in-person and online social groups seem very patriotically pro-war on the surface, many confide that they grapple with the idea of war and feel our country was wrong to get into it.”

Overall, Christensen says she was surprised to learn, through writing this book, how complex a relationship mothers have with political activism and the military during wartime. She hopes her work will shed light on such for the civilian population, while helping military mothers feel like they are not alone.







## Kevin Lenahan '90 Supports Two Things He Values Most with Scholarship

"Having done it firsthand, I know how difficult it is to work and go to school full time," says alumnus Kevin Lenahan, a member of the William Paterson Board of Trustees who graduated from William Paterson in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

To help students facing a similar financial challenge, he and his wife Dawn gave the University a generous leadership donation to establish the Lenahan Family Scholarship. The endowed scholarship will help support students majoring in accounting or nursing—two fields that are especially meaningful to him.

Lenahan is senior vice president, chief financial officer, and chief administrative officer of Atlantic Health System. He joined the University's Board of Trustees in 2016, and serves as chair of the finance committee.

"I believe that it's important to give back when you can," he says, explaining that his education at William Paterson gave him a great foundation. Nursing is also equally important to Lenahan, having spent the majority of his career in health care.

"I have a passion about the quality of care we provide for our patients here at Atlantic Health System. Morristown Medical Center won a prestigious Magnet Award for the fifth consecutive time. Nursing is very important. It's what keeps hospitals and physicians' offices going—nurses are the linchpin of health care," he adds.

Lenahan began at Atlantic Health System in 1995 at the system's Morristown campus and has served the organization in numerous capacities over the past 20 years, becoming chief financial officer in 2010. He also holds the positions of president and chair of Atlantic Health Management Corporation, president of Atlantic Insurance Company, Ltd., and president of Atlantic Ambulance, as well as treasurer of the Atlantic Health System Board of Trustees.

Lenahan was named "CFO of the Year" by *NJBIZ* within the large, not-for-profit category, and in 2018 was honored with the CFO Excellence Award by CFO Studies. He was named by *Becker's Hospital Review* as one of its "150 hospital and health system CFOs to know" in 2017 and 2018.

"It's been fascinating to learn about the University by serving on the Board of Trustees, and being part of the community," he says. "The people on the Board are great, and everyone has the best interests at heart for the University."

Lenahan was also one of the business leaders who spoke at the Cotsakos College of Business's Crux of Industry Niche boot camp last summer, and is currently serving

as a mentor to his second student through the University's Pesce Family Mentoring Institute.

"I was also first in my family to attend college," he adds, recognizing that he shares the profile of many University students. "I think anything we can do to help William Paterson students succeed is important. It's all about giving back and sharing the knowledge, and I've enjoyed doing it."





## COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR EXAMINES INFAMOUS REBRANDING OF NEW YORK ISLANDERS HOCKEY TEAM

When Nicholas Hirshon, assistant professor of communication, became a fan of the New York Islanders hockey team in 1999, he remembers seeing other fans wearing different-looking jerseys with a fisherman logo. When it was time to write his dissertation at Ohio University, Hirshon decided to examine the Islanders' rebranding, which he discusses in his new book, *We Want Fish Sticks: The Bizarre and Infamous Rebranding of the New York Islanders*.

The book by Hirshon covers a tumultuous time for the team, when it struggled after winning four Stanley Cups in the early 1980s. During the "Fisherman" era, from 1995 to 1997, the team switched from a classic logo to one that drew comparisons to the mascot for Gorton's frozen seafood, causing opposing fans to taunt the team with chants of "We want fish sticks!"

A former reporter for the *New York Daily News* who grew up in Queens, Hirshon interviewed numerous players and personnel from the era. "It's such a funky story and I loved that nobody had told it this way yet," he said in an article that appeared recently in *Newsday* on Long Island. "As I was writing it, I thought back to the times at Nassau Coliseum and it was nostalgic for me."



## RECENT GIFTS FROM BOARD CHAIR MICHAEL SEEVE AND ACTING PROVOST SANDRA DE YOUNG DRIVE SCHOLARSHIP CAMPAIGN FORWARD

The William Paterson University Foundation recently received several notable gifts from faculty, staff, and friends that will establish endowed scholarships.



**Michael A. Seeve**, chair of the University's Board of Trustees, made a generous commitment of \$100,000 to establish the Seeve

Family Endowed Scholarship at William Paterson. He is also a member of the Foundation Board and served as its chair for six years.



**Sandra DeYoung**, acting provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, has established her second endowment

at William Paterson, the Sandra DeYoung Endowed Honors Excel Scholarship. In 2012, while serving as dean of the College of Science and Health, she established her first, the Sandra DeYoung Endowed Undergraduate Research Scholarship.

A gift from the estate of **Jane Voos**, professor *emerita* of biology, will establish



an endowed scholarship in biology in her name and will provide program funding for the Department of Biology. Professor

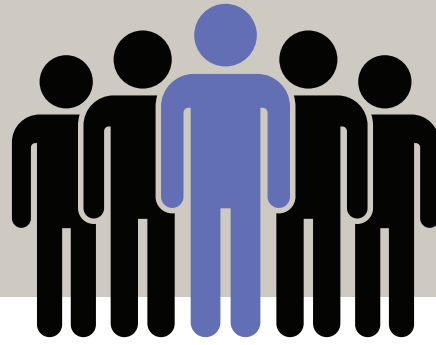
Voos, who taught at William Paterson from 1968 to 2004, was instrumental in developing the University's programs in environmental science and electron microscopy, and served for many years as chair of the biology department.



A pending gift from the estate of **Lois Wolf**, professor *emerita* of political science, will establish an endowed schol-

arship with preference given to minority and non-traditional students. Professor Wolf, who was a member of the political science faculty from 1964 to 2004, was a specialist in American politics and was the first woman to chair the University's Faculty Senate.





**One out of every five adults in the U.S. has a disability**

# New Bachelor's Degree in Disability Studies Is First in New Jersey

An innovative new bachelor's degree—the first in New Jersey—will be launched next fall to meet the growing demand across all industries for professionals who understand the needs of those with disabilities.

The multidisciplinary program, also among the first 20 undergraduate degree programs in the country, proactively explores the nature and meaning of disability as a social construct instead of a medical deficit, and examines laws, policies, culture, and history as a way to de-stigmatize disease, illness, and impairment across all areas of society.

According to a 2015 report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of every five adults in the U.S. has a disability, with the rate of disability on the rise due to an aging population and increases in chronic health conditions.

"As the number of individuals with disabilities increases, there is a growing demand for graduates who are well-prepared to work directly with individuals with disabilities across the lifespan

within an academic framework that will help to remove the physical, legal, and attitudinal barriers that have continued to marginalize individuals with disabilities from fully participating in society," says Amy Ginsberg, dean of the College of Education, which will house the new program. "We are excited to be the first university in New Jersey to offer such an important new degree."

The program draws from multiple disciplines in order for students to view issues of disability through their own experiences and potential career interests. The program, which builds on the University's very popular minor that launched in 2017, includes required courses in anthropology, philosophy, psychology, and public health, and electives from those disciplines as well as disability studies, kinesiology, and sociology. Students will study topics such as lifespan development, the philosophy of justice, and ethical issues in disability studies.

In addition to preparing graduates for careers in direct support of individuals

with disabilities, such as in education and human services, the disability studies degree will prepare students for careers or graduate studies in interrelated fields such as law, public health, public policy, government, business, law enforcement, mental health counseling, and social work.

Courses will be offered in multiple formats including fully online, hybrid, and in-person in order to accommodate the needs of many different students and faculty.

A required civic and community engagement course embedded in the program will help students explore the concept of social justice through active participation in community organizations that serve individuals with disabilities. The program will also include a study abroad option through the University's international exchange agreement with Windesheim University in the Netherlands, which is currently also developing a diversity program.

## UNIVERSITY ACCEPTED TO *PI GAMMA MU*, PRESTIGIOUS SOCIAL SCIENCES INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

William Paterson has been accepted as a new member of *Pi Gamma Mu* International Honor Society in Social Sciences, based on the exceptional quality and quantity of the University's student and faculty research in the social sciences track of the University's Honors College.

"We are honored to house the New Jersey *Zeta*

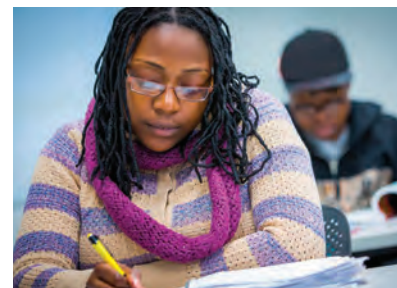
Chapter of *Pi Gamma Mu*," says Barbara Andrew, dean of the Honors College. "Our acceptance was supported by faculty and student research and the quality of the coursework available in the social sciences honors track and the associated majors."

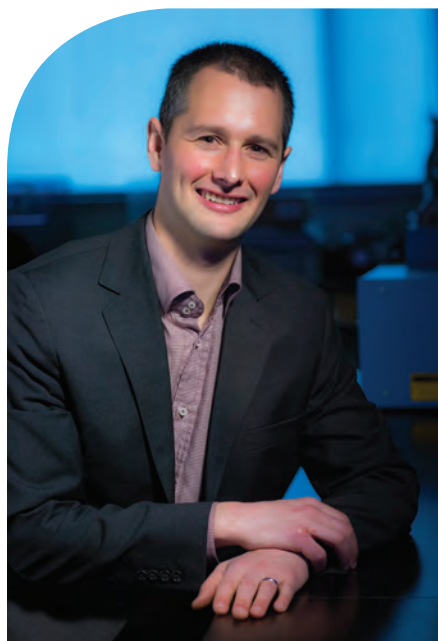
William Paterson students who are invited to join the local chapter will have the

opportunity to attend regional, national, and international conferences. They may be invited to present their senior capstone projects from their major or their honors research thesis findings.

*Pi Gamma Mu* stresses scholarship through its guest lectureship program, by publishing articles by students and faculty in its flagship

journal, the *International Social Science Review*, granting scholarships for graduate study, and offering opportunities for students to present papers at regional meetings and triennial conventions.





## Chemistry Professor Receives 2019 Cottrell Scholar Award for Integrating Science Teaching and Research

Jay Foley, an assistant professor of chemistry, is one of 24 scientists nationwide named as recipients of the 2019 Cottrell Scholar Awards presented by the Research Corporation for Science Advancement, the country's first foundation dedicated wholly to science. He is the only recipient at a college or university in New Jersey.

The Cottrell Scholar Awards provide \$100,000 to each recipient identified as a leader in integrating science teaching and research at a top U.S. research university or a primarily undergraduate institution. The Cottrell Scholars Program champions the very best early career teacher-scholars in chemistry, physics, and astronomy by providing these significant discretionary awards.

"Professor Foley has been critically involved in curricular developments in our Department of Chemistry that use computational modeling problem solving and design to enhance the teaching and learning of chemistry," says Venkat Sharma, dean of the University's College of Science and Health. "He is an outstanding teacher-scholar and we are very proud that he has received this prestigious award."

Foley studies how energy flows through molecules and nanostructures. "Chemists are used to thinking about how light can provide energy to start a chemical reaction; this is essentially what happens in photosynthesis where sunlight provides the energy to kick off reactions that allow plants to convert carbon dioxide and water into sugars and oxygen," he explains. "Under very special circumstances, light doesn't just give energy to molecules to start a reaction, but actually merges with molecules to form hybrid light-molecule states called polaritons that can react in completely different ways than molecules alone."

His project, *Polaritonic Chemistry with Hybrid Nanoparticles*, proposes a new route to creating polaritons using a composite nanomaterial with very small light-absorbing nanoparticles decorating the surface of a much larger non-light-absorbing nanostructure to mediate the specific interactions between light and molecules that are required for polariton formation.

Part of the award will support the development of a suite of interactive simulation tools that will be deployed in several key stages of the chemistry curriculum where foundational concepts about light-matter interactions are introduced. The award also will provide financial support for several William Paterson undergraduate and graduate students to be actively engaged in Foley's research, including development of the simulation tools.

Foley joined the University in 2015. A graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, he earned a doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Chicago, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Nanoscale Materials at Argonne National Laboratory. He is the recipient of an American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund Undergraduate New Investigator Award. His research has been published in numerous journals including *Journal of Physical Chemistry*, *Solar Energy*, and *Advanced Energy Materials*, among others.





Front row, seated: Peter Jarvis, Ray DesRoches, David Saperstein, Gary Van Dyke; Back row, standing: Michael Barron, Frank Fagnano, John Ferrari, Joshua Dewald, Charles Descarfino, Doreen Holmes, Carl Bolleia, Jesse Gerbasi, David Philp, Payton MacDonald, Elena Bocchino, Joe Passaro, Alex Bocchino, Michael Aberback, Lou Oddo, Elise McAloon, Ken Piascik, Michael Frasche, and Glen Fittin

## DOCUMENTARY CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF NEW JERSEY PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

The New Jersey Percussion Ensemble, a groundbreaking percussion ensemble in residence at the University founded 50 years ago in 1968, is the subject of a new documentary by Payton MacDonald, professor of music.

*Ringing Changes: 50 Years of New Jersey Percussion Ensemble* chronicles the development and five-decade history of the ensemble, with extensive interview footage from members of the group including founder Ray DesRoches, a professor *emeritus* of music, as well as noted contemporary composers Charles Wuorinen, Robert Pollock, David Saperstein, and others. The film also includes historical footage and new performances.

The New Jersey Percussion Ensemble, under the current direction of MacDonald and Peter Jarvis, a longtime adjunct music professor, has been on the forefront of the percussive arts since 1968. Numerous pieces have been written for, premiered by, and recorded by the ensemble, which has performed throughout the United States and Europe as guests of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, the San Francisco Symphony, the Gaudeamus Foundation, Radio Denmark, Composers Concordance, and countless others. The group can be heard on Nonesuch, Composer's Recording Inc., Music and Arts, Koch International, Desoto, New

World, NAXOS, the Composers Guild of New Jersey, Capstone, and other recording labels.

This is MacDonald's second documentary. His first film, *Sonic Divide*, chronicled his 2016 mountain bike trip along the U.S. Continental Divide, during which he premiered 30 new works by 30 contemporary composers. *Sonic Divide* was accepted in six international film festivals and won Best Documentary at the Helper Utah Film Festival and an Honorable Mention at the Backpackinglight.com Film Festival.

➤ To see a trailer for *Ringing Changes*, visit [njpercussionensemble.com](http://njpercussionensemble.com).



Rafael Soriano, *Retrato de un Intelectual*, 1995

## UNIVERSITY GALLERIES EXHIBITION FEATURES WORKS BY IMPORTANT CUBAN-BORN PAINTER

More than 20 significant artworks by the Cuban-born painter Rafael Soriano (1920-2015), one of the major Latin American artists of his generation, are on view in the University Galleries through May 8. The exhibition, co-curated by Alejandro Anreus, a William Paterson professor of art, and Kristen Evangelista, director of the University Galleries, marks the first devoted to Soriano's

important series of paintings of heads.

According to Anreus, a scholar of Latino art who was also born in Cuba, Soriano stands apart from his peers because he developed his own visual vocabulary informed by abstraction yet steeped in metaphysical meaning. The canvases of heads included in the exhibition, many of which are larger than life, "express deep existential concerns regarding

freedom, identity, and the desire to communicate with a sense of reality that is not simply material," he explains. "Few depictions of the human head in the past 30 years achieve the rich pictorial density of these works."

Soriano, who was a co-founder and later director of the Matanzas School of Fine Art in Cuba, went into exile in 1962, settling in Miami, where he worked as a graphic

designer and taught until his death. The works included in the exhibition are on loan from the Rafael Soriano Foundation.

➤ Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, April 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Admission is free.

# W.P. In Memoriam

THE UNIVERSITY MOURNS THE PASSING OF FIVE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY...



**Tobias "Toby" Barboza IV**, who served as the University's head athletic trainer for 37 years, died on May 31, 2018. He was 72. Barboza, who joined the University in 1974, coordinated medical care for all of William Paterson's student-athletes including first aid, rehabilitation, and injury prevention. A graduate of Springfield College, he held a master's degree in sports medicine and athletic

training from the University of Virginia. Barboza implemented the University's academic athletic training program and served as its director for eight years. He taught in the program from its inception, and continued to teach as an adjunct faculty member following his retirement from the University in 2011.



**Catherine Barry**, retired professor of languages and cultures, died July 26, 2018. Barry, whose 44-year career in education included teaching in elementary, high school, and college, joined William Paterson in 1970 as a professor of French and chaired the languages and cultures department. She retired in 1991. Barry, who was a member of the Sisters of Mercy for

23 years, was a graduate of Salve Regina University and held a master's degree from Assumption College and a doctorate from Fordham University.



**Geoffrey Pope**, professor of anthropology, died February 17, 2019. He was 68. Pope, who joined the faculty in 1992, was a world-renowned paleoanthropologist who contributed important research on the origin of modern humans. One of the first outside researchers permitted to study archaeological sites in China, Pope was the recipient of numerous awards, fellowships, and grants from the National

Geographic Society, the Getty Foundation, and the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, among others. He also was the recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship to the University of Indonesia. Pope, who was fluent in Chinese and several other languages, was the author of numerous articles in scholarly journals. "He loved teaching and students loved his classes," says Balmurli Natrajan, professor and chair of anthropology. "His knowledge, wit, and humor were legendary, as was his vivid storytelling about our shared human past." He held a doctorate in anthropology from the University of California at Berkeley.



**Alvin Shinn**, professor *emeritus* of biology, died July 15, 2018. He was 95. Shinn, who served in World War II with the renowned 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division ski troops, worked as a scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. He joined the faculty at William Paterson in 1970, and later served as dean of the School of Science. He retired from the University in 1991. Shinn was a graduate of the

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, and held a master's degree from the University of Colorado and a doctorate from the University of Kansas.



**Robert Taylor**, who served the University as a member of the Board of Trustees for 22 years, died on January 27, 2019. Taylor, who retired from the board in 2012, was the first board member to gain the designation trustee *emeritus* in recognition of his years of dedicated service leading the University.

Taylor joined the Board of Trustees in 1990. He served as chair from 2004 to 2008 and vice chair from 1998 to 2000. During his tenure, he provided leadership as chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Nominations and Governance Committee, and as a member of the former Student Affairs Committee. He also chaired the Search Committee for the new president of William Paterson in 2010 and was instrumental in the decision to expand the University's residential population with the addition of new residence halls. "He advocated for enrollment growth while improving admissions standards, counseled for careful spending while keeping debt to prudent levels, and always insisted on high levels of integrity in a collaborative community," says Robert Seal, chief of staff to the president and Board of Trustees. "His influence is noticeable throughout the evolution of the institution from college to university."

He also exerted great influence on the development of higher education policy in New Jersey. Prior to joining the William Paterson board, he served for 11 years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Thomas A. Edison State College. He also chaired the board of the New Jersey Association of State Colleges and Universities and played a critical role in the efforts that led to the passage of the New Jersey Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994.



# WV Sports



## Alumna Maria Nolan '74 Has Made Coaching Career a “Grand” Experience

BY KENNETH SINATRA



Maria Nolan '74 is congratulated by one of her players following her 1,000th win

As she had done all season, William Paterson alumna Maria Nolan '74 preached patience and confidence to her players. Then she went out and made history.

On October 28, 2018, Nolan, a former volleyball player for the Pioneers, captured not only the sixth Bergen County title of her illustrious career as the head volleyball coach at

Immaculate Heart Academy, but also her 1,000th victory. Already a prep coaching icon with a career spanning four decades, Nolan added to her legacy this past fall by becoming just the third Garden State coach to reach the millennial mark, joining a pair of New Jersey basketball legends—Pascack Valley's Jeff Jasper and St. Anthony mainstay Bob Hurley.

There was a time in Nolan's coaching career, which began in 1975, when she could never have dreamed that she would reach the prestigious 1,000-win plateau. Following a decorated tenure at Secaucus High School where she logged 520 wins and 17 league, 15 county, and 16 New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) titles, Nolan made the hard and emotional decision to step away from the school and program she loved and helped build. At a crossroads in her professional and personal life, Nolan opted to leave coaching, turning her attention to her family, particularly her two children—Joe, a former football player at Penn State and Hofstra, and Andrea, who has followed in her mother's footsteps and just completed her second season as the head volleyball coach at Division I Fairleigh Dickinson University.

“At that time I was taking care of my mother who was

battling Alzheimer's, and trying to juggle practices, game preparations, and my family, so I had to retire from coaching,” says Nolan, fighting back tears even after all these years. “When I walked away from Secaucus I thought my coaching career was over. I never thought it was going to happen again.”

It turns out her departure from Secaucus was not the finale, but rather the opening act. In the two years following her retirement from the high school coaching scene, Nolan stayed active in the sport she loved, starting the Maria Nolan Volleyball Camp, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year. But she still had the desire to coach, so perhaps what happened next was inevitable. While searching for a location to host her upcoming camp, Nolan came across Immaculate Heart Academy, an all-girls preparatory school in Washington Township and one of the state's premier high schools for athletics.

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As it happened, the Blue Eagles' coach there at the time, Brielle Tacconi, was in search of some much-needed coaching assistance.

"Brielle called me over the summer and said, 'Do you think you can help me?'" Nolan recalled. "After agreeing to help out, she contacted me two weeks later and informed me that she was expecting twins and couldn't resume her role as head coach."

Returning to the sidelines solo was not ideal for Nolan, so she turned to a former Secaucus student, Mike DeCastro. In the decade that followed, the "co-head coaches" guided IHA to six Tournament of Champions (TOC) trophies in a seven-year span before DeCastro left to take a position with the International Olympic Committee. Through it all,

Nolan has remained the constant of the program. Since her arrival in 2004, she has recorded 486 victories and 12 state titles, while nine of her squads have won the TOC crown. Despite all of her achievements on the court, Nolan has remained humble about her accomplishments, often showering praise on her incredible support system of family, former players, and coaches.

The road to 1,000 wasn't always smooth, but Nolan was able to draw on the lessons she instilled in her players to move her career forward. Transforming herself into the most successful volleyball coach in the state's history has turned out to be an incredible journey, filled with patience, confidence, and above all, perseverance.

## WP's 40/40/40 Club

During the 2018-19 academic year, William Paterson Intercollegiate Athletics will see two of its current head coaches complete their 40th seasons, giving the department the unique distinction of having three active coaches with a tenure of at least 40 years.



Now in her 25<sup>th</sup> season in the Pioneers' dugout, and her 40<sup>th</sup> overall, softball head coach **Hallie Cohen's** career is nothing short of remarkable. A four-time New Jersey Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, Cohen began the 2019 season with an overall record of 838-482-5, with 643 of those victories at William Paterson. To put her wins into perspective, Cohen's record places her seventh among active Division III coaches for victories. Cohen also coached the Pioneers' field hockey program for nine years and owns more than 200 victories.



Having completed her 40<sup>th</sup> season at William Paterson this past fall, head coach **Sandy Ferrarella** is as synonymous with Pioneer Volleyball as she is with winning. Having just registered the 14<sup>th</sup> 20-win season of her illustrious career, Ferrarella's record now stands at 697-430, good for eighth place on the active Division III coaches wins list.



After 43 years at the helm of the men's and women's swimming and diving programs, **Ed Gurka** continues to demonstrate the passion and dedication that has made him one of the most decorated figures in the sport. The first swim coach in NCAA history to win 100 meets with both the men's and women's teams at one school, Gurka holds an overall record of 740-383-3 at William Paterson.

"It is remarkable to have three coaches in the athletic department serve student-athletes and the University for so many years," says Sabrina Grant, director of athletics. "When you consider how many student-athletes' lives have been impacted by Coach Cohen, Coach Ferrarella, and Coach Gurka, you realize how fortunate we have been to have three quality people maintain their passion and commitment to the programs they lead."

## SENIOR CHRISTINE GRIFFITH WINS OUTSTANDING ATHLETE AWARD



Senior volleyball middle hitter and softball infielder Christine Griffith was recognized by the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJIAIW) as the recipient of William Paterson's 2019 Woman of the Year Award. She was honored at New Jersey's 27<sup>th</sup> annual awards luncheon in celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day on February 3 at Seton Hall University.

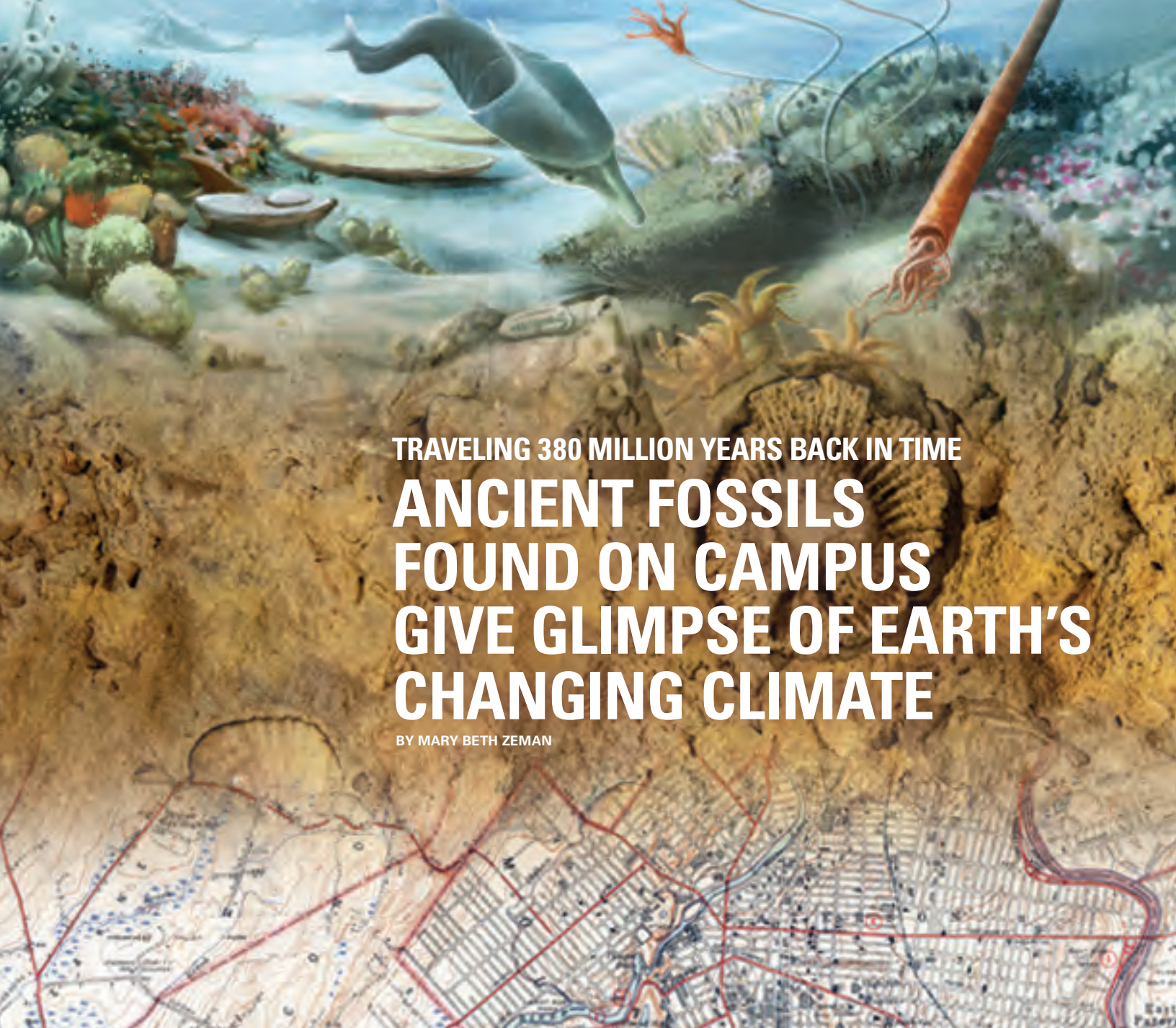
As a four-year member of the Pioneer volleyball program, Griffith started 87 of 107 appearances, registering 1,066 digs, 574 kills, and 124 blocks.

On the diamond, Griffith was a National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) second-team all-region selection in 2017 and has twice garnered first-team all-New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) accolades. A career .388 hitter across 219 at-

bats, in 96 games, and 65 starts, she has registered 85 hits, 73 RBI, 56 runs, 15 doubles, 15 triples, 10 home runs, 19 stolen bases, a .731 slugging percentage, and a .430 on-base percentage for the Pioneers.

A Dean's List student every semester of her collegiate career, Griffith will graduate this spring as a double major in philosophy and psychology.





# TRAVELING 380 MILLION YEARS BACK IN TIME ANCIENT FOSSILS FOUND ON CAMPUS GIVE GLIMPSE OF EARTH'S CHANGING CLIMATE

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN

If you are walking along the road from Parking Lot 6 to the Ben Shahn Center for the Arts on campus, you may very well have walked right past a 380-million-year-old fossil of an ancient sea creature.

On a cold sunny day in early December, Martin Becker, professor of environmental science, and Harry Maisch IV, an adjunct professor of environmental science, expertly scanned the non-descript looking rocks scattered throughout a grassy area along the sidewalk and easily found yet another specimen, adding to the rich crop of fossil nautiloids—squid-like

animals found in ancient seas—they have uncovered right here in our own backyard.

“When you are going into the field, you train your eye to identify different kinds of rocks, and which ones are likely to hold the fossils,” says Maisch, a paleontologist who recently completed his doctorate in earth and environmental sciences at the City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center.

An article detailing the fossil find, which includes the work of undergraduate student researchers Christi Kline '19 and Clint Mautz '19, was recently published in *Palaeontologia Electronica*, the largest

electronic paleontology journal in the world. The article describes nearly a decade's worth of research documenting the source of the fossils—a small outcrop in Clarksville, New York, about 25 miles west of Albany. The article marks the first time that scientists have documented the climactic forces that resulted in the deposit of the specimens on and near the University campus.

The project has provided a significant field study opportunity for students in a range of environmental science classes. Becker and Maisch regularly take students fossil hunting on campus, giving them a





Christi Kline '19 and Clint Mautz '19 with fossils in the lab

hands-on look at the campus as a field laboratory. “This is a jewel of a campus to teach environmental science,” says Becker, noting the location adjacent to High Mountain Park Preserve, as well as a watershed on the property.

The fossils are known as glacial erratics. “Upstate New York was covered by a shallow sea 380 million years ago,” Maisch explains. “As these sea creatures died and fell to the sea floor—and sea levels rose and fell—the nautiloids were buried and eroded and then brought back to the surface.”

Eventually, the ancient sea retreated, and an ice age developed, with a glacier covering the region as far south as what is today central New Jersey. “When the glacial ice began to move over the source of these fossils, it plucked out chunks of rock and essentially sent them down along what today is the New York State Thruway over a period of about two million years,” says Becker.

When the glaciers began to melt, the glacial erratics were left behind, “like the sprinkles that are left after your ice cream melts,” Maisch says. The fossils were concentrated within a cone that extends

from the source in New York, to the pinpoint bottom, which is, essentially, the campus.

New Jersey’s slightly acidic soil has helped these paleontologists more easily locate the fossils. When the soil reacts with the limestone that holds the fossils, it turns the rocks’ exterior a muted shade of orange. “When you see that color, your attention is piqued,” says Maisch.

Becker found the first glacial erratic on campus in 2007 that sent him on his quest. Since then, he and Maisch, who joined the project in 2012 (Becker was his external advisor for his doctoral degree), have followed the “popcorn trail” that led them to the source 127 miles to the north. Fossils from the source can be found in the New York State Museum in Albany.

However, Becker and Maisch describe the University’s collection, which currently numbers several hundred, as potentially more significant.

“Many of the fossils we have found are superior to those found near the source outcrop,” says Becker. “The physical and chemical weathering that has revealed their features, as well as the great

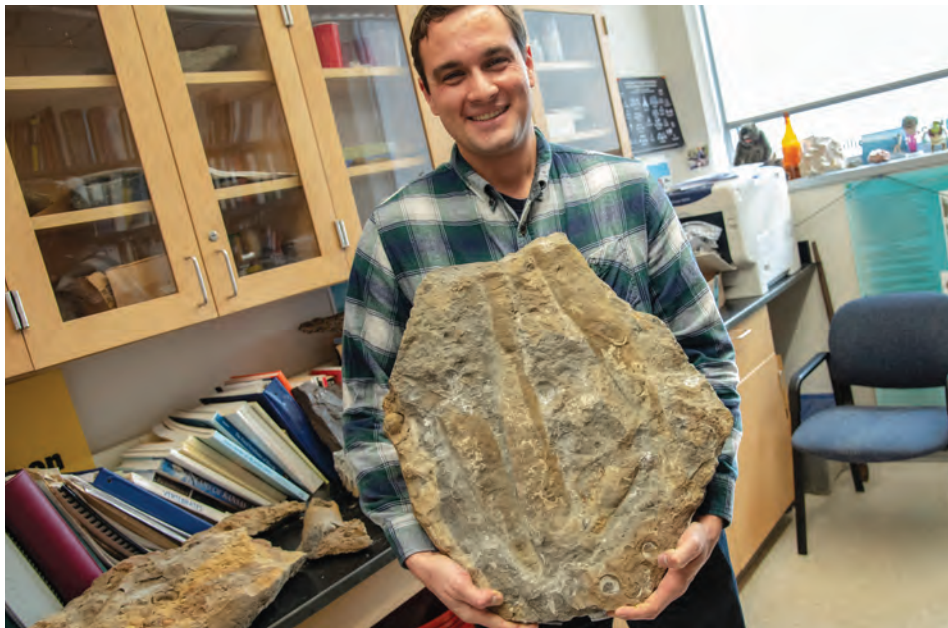
distance they traveled from the source, has led us to uncover a fabulous collection of fossils. They have a lot of swagger.”

For students Kline and Mautz, the fossils provided a unique research project and the opportunity to participate in writing an article for publication, an experience they both say has had a profound impact.

Mautz, originally a biology major, says he has always been drawn to a career focused on the outdoors. He switched to environmental science, and learned about the fossil project in a General Geology class taught by Becker. “I always kind of wanted to be a paleontologist,” he says. “Professor Becker brought the fossils into class, and asked if any students were interested in the project.”

He says working on the project has spurred him to think more creatively. “I had to read a lot of journal articles as part of the research,” he explains. “I learned that I like to reconstruct the environment in my mind and think about what the earth was like then.” Following graduation this spring, Mautz is considering a career as a park ranger.





Adjunct professor Harry Maisch shows off one of the larger fossils in the collection, which clearly show the ancient sea creatures known as nautiloids

Kline, a nontraditional student who returned to the University for a bachelor's degree in English following a career as a dancer, learned about the project during the same class in General Geology as Mautz. "I always loved rocks," she says. "The science just pulled at me. I loved getting into the field. Everywhere I go I have to look at the rocks."

In addition to enjoying the field work of looking for fossils, Kline says this new interest has informed her writing. Already the author of two published collections of poetry, she has turned to writing about the topic. In a recent essay, she described the excitement of searching for a fossil: "Beyond getting out in the elements, testing your wit and strength...it's the thrill of the hunt. It's the sorting through matter from another time that's just lying in wait silently beneath your feet." Kline, who graduated in January, plans to continue writing on this topic and hopes to pursue an MFA and teach writing.

As Becker notes, fossils such as these provide an opportunity to appreciate the true age of the Earth and how climate systems operate across time. "The exposure of our students and the campus community to these fossils and the



geologic history they represent is critical as we address the complex problem of climate change and the role humans play in the process," he says.

➤ To see a video about the fossil research, visit [bit.ly/WPFossils](http://bit.ly/WPFossils)

For Christi Kline '19, who is a published poet, the fossil project has informed her recent creative writing projects. Here is one of her latest poems:

## Anthropocene

(the new and current geological epoch)

I.  
Have you heard? Though 2018 was *National Geographic's* "year of the bird," a celebration of avian evolution begun in the Jurassic, Man's contributions, but a sliver on the geologic timeline have inspired this vanity plate for the new geological epoch. Credited with atmospheric alteration, widespread pollution, and deforestation, this globally distributed superpredator is onboard for the sixth mass extinction.

II.  
You survived the last, watched from heavenly perspective your ancestors perish, saw human evolution, origin of the lizard, crocodiles' entrance into water, first flower opening. You've only known one world; contiguous, untouched by tectonics, though you've watched the widening of the Atlantic, the formation of the Gulf of Mexico, seen the poles devoid of ice. Your aerial trailways bind together this rending planet.

III.  
Having admired your heavenly domain for centuries, we're now making our mark, crowding the air with drones and planes; our technofossils piling up in the stratigraphic record—space the new frontier for accumulating debris and mannequin-manned Teslas. You uncannily incorporate our trash into your earnest nests—plastic straws, cigarette butts; rearing young in habitats inhospitable and bleak—brave Chernobyl chaffinches, gray gulls of the Chilean desert.

IV.  
Witness to the floods, the glaciers, the age-of-this, the age-of-that; silent observers of man's wasting march and misunderstood entitlements—Undressing of trees, sully of resources, warming of oceans. Yet, we cage the best and brightest among you, YouTube your antics, rejoice at your songs, even as they hail from our feedlots and garbage dumps... This, the Musak of the obscene Anthropocene.

# University Partners with City of Paterson on New Initiative

PROPEL PATERSON IS DESIGNED TO SUPPORT PATERSON'S REVITALIZATION THROUGH LEARNING, RESEARCH, AND ACTION

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN



Professor Vincent Parrillo, President Richard Helldobler, and Paterson Mayor André Sayegh at the announcement of the Propel Paterson initiative at City Hall in Paterson on January 23

William Paterson University and the City of Paterson share a long history dating to the University's founding in 1855 as the Paterson City Normal School to train teachers for the emerging free public schools of Paterson.

Since then, and continuing through William Paterson's move from Paterson to Wayne in 1951, the University has continued to partner with Paterson on a wide variety of initiatives. They range from deep involvement with the Paterson Public Schools and support for business through the University's Small Business Development Center in downtown Paterson to

the institution's partnership with the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park and the involvement of faculty, students, and staff in civic engagement projects with a wide variety of Paterson organizations.

Now, the University and the city plan to expand that partnership through a new initiative—Propel Paterson—that is designed to support Paterson's revitalization. The University and the city will work collaboratively to transform faculty research into opportunities for economic and workforce development, educational growth, and community action.

"Propel Paterson is an exciting new chapter in the

shared history of William Paterson University and the city of Paterson," says President Richard J. Helldobler. "We believe that synergies between University expertise in our full range of disciplines and innovative ideas in Paterson can help to fuel the city's revitalization while increasing our research profile."

"This type of in-depth, cross-collaborative partnership is long overdue," says André Sayegh, mayor of Paterson. "Paterson has plenty of potential and William Paterson University will help harness it."

The Propel Paterson initiative kicked off on February 15 with an action-oriented conference on campus. More

than 100 participants, including city leaders, University faculty and administrators, and economic redevelopment experts, discussed opportunities in healthcare, education, business, social services, and arts, culture, and tourism. Ideas generated through the conference will lead to development of a blueprint for sponsored faculty research and community redevelopment projects.

The initiative also will build on the efforts of the University's Paterson Metropolitan Region Research Center. Founded in 2015, the center, under the direction of Vincent Parrillo, a professor of sociology, has been dedicated to promoting a greater understanding of the history, importance, and contemporary relevance of Paterson, and has sponsored annual conferences on topics related to Paterson.

For President Helldobler, Propel Paterson demonstrates the importance of the University's role in serving its region. "Given our social justice interest, improving the quality of life of our closest city economically, educationally, through health and social services, and by bringing new business are all important endeavors," he says. "Simply put, William Paterson University helps to improve the social fabric of our region—and the City of Paterson is a critical part of our region. We stand ready to be part of Paterson's transformation, which will yield benefits to us all."



## STRONG CONNECTIONS TO PATERSON

The University, which was founded in Paterson in 1855, has continued to actively support and engage members of the Paterson community in a wide variety of ways. Here are a few examples of its current involvement:



### Support through Civic Engagement

Co-curricular and extracurricular programs and activities include tutoring, mentoring, and leadership activities in Paterson schools and after school programs, volunteer outreach at Eva's Village, support for women's and children's organizations, and environmental clean-up activities at Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park and house beautification and rebuilding for Paterson Habitat for Humanity.

### Connecting through the Arts

Through the University's Music After School Program, music faculty mentor University music students who in turn provide mentoring and music instruction to students in the Paterson Public Schools. Paterson students often visit the campus for theater productions and gallery exhibitions.

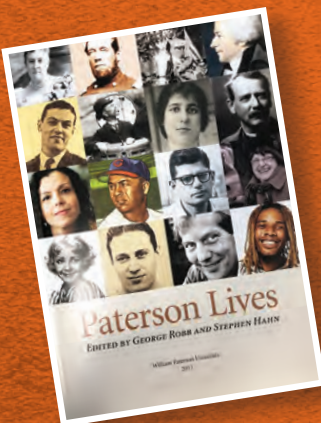


### Enhancement of Paterson Student Education

The University's College of Education has professors-in-residence in 18 Paterson P-12 schools, providing onsite, job-embedded professional development for more than 800 teachers and administrators. A grant from the U.S. Department of Education allows the University to prepare leaders in partnership with the Paterson Public Schools. William Paterson's School of Continuing and Professional Education also works with Paterson middle and high school students, teachers, parents, and business leaders to provide academic and enrichment programs, and offers industry certifications in STEM career pathways.

### Stimulating Business Development

William Paterson's Small Business Development Center is located in downtown Paterson with a second office in the Cotsakos College of Business on campus. From 2015 through 2018, the SBDC helped 1,800 clients receive more than \$51 million in capital infusion. The SBDC collaborates on business workshops with the Passaic County Workforce Investment Board and Business Resource Center and helps aspiring entrepreneurs develop start-up businesses.



### Faculty Research and Scholarship

Numerous faculty have conducted research projects connected to Paterson, including Danielle Wallace, Africana world studies, who is researching the Paterson protests of 1964, and Elena Sabogal, women's and gender studies, who is building a qualitative database for an intended public research website on Peruvian immigrant experiences in Paterson. Sixteen faculty, staff, and alumni contributed to *Paterson Lives*, which profiles key figures in Paterson history.





Kevin Burkhardt '97 interviews Boston Red Sox manager Alex Cora following the team's 2018 World Series win

## KEVIN BURKHARDT '97: ONE OF THE GREATEST VOICES IN SPORTS BROADCASTING

BY THERESA E. ROSS '80

**W**hen Kevin Burkhardt '97 talks baseball with the likes of Frank Thomas, Alex Rodriguez, and David Ortiz, it's like watching a group of old friends enjoying the game.

That's how Burkhardt describes anchoring FOX television pre- and post-game studio coverage for Major League Baseball (MLB). It doesn't matter that his broadcast buddies include a Hall-of-Famer and World Series champions. "They're great guys who happen to be iconic players, and that's what makes the experience so much fun," he says.

"The producers behind the scenes are so talented and confident in me that they let me roll with things," he adds. "That's another element that makes the show really loose and normal."

A graduate of William Paterson University with a bachelor's degree in communication, Burkhardt has spent his life mastering the skills that have led to his versatile broadcasting career.

When he is not anchoring FOX studio coverage for MLB, he is one of the network's top play-by-play voices for its NFL coverage. A two-time Emmy winner as a studio host of the World Series on FOX, he also will call a handful of Tampa Bay Rays games for the

network during the 2019 season.

This April, he is being honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the William Paterson University Foundation at its 29th annual Legacy Award Gala, where his family and FOX Sports colleagues will join him.

"It's the easiest thing in the world to say nice things about him," says Charles Davis, who has been working alongside Burkhardt as a Fox NFL analyst for the past two years. "He has a great infectious enthusiasm that transmits to the people who are listening and watching. As a partner, he has an amazing ability to listen and then take what you've said to make it relatable and take it in whatever direction it needs to be taken."

Stepping back from the reality of it, even for a moment, Burkhardt realizes he's living the life he always envisioned while growing up in Bloomfield.

"I came from a big sports family," he says. "My mom and dad are huge fans, and we would watch sports together as a family. NFL Sundays were a big deal in our house. And when the Mets were on channel 9, we'd watch that." Even then, Burkhardt recalls admiring announcers like Pat Summerall and John Madden, and



wanting to emulate them. During his adolescent years, he was using Nintendo football games to practice calling the games, along with his friend and brother Brian, a 2003 alumnus.

When he arrived on campus, he began covering Pioneer athletic events for William Paterson's television channel and hosted *Newsline*, a twice-a-week live news show broadcast on campus and to the surrounding community. It was the extracurricular activities, having fun broadcasting game after game with the remote truck on nights and weekends with his friends that made up his social life. "I wouldn't be where I am today without that—it gave me so much experience. I knew I wanted to be in television and that just grew my love of it," he says.

Staying at college one extra semester to finish his credits, he met his wife, Rachel Blanken Burkhardt '98, who had just transferred to William Paterson from Brookdale Community College. They met at a WPTV broadcast club meeting. Many of the football games he broadcast on television had her controlling his audio in the TV truck. Their friends in the TV production department joked that she fell in love with his "golden voice." They married in June 2000 and have a son, Logan, 12, and currently live in Los Angeles.

Craig Germain '98, senior coordinating producer with the NFL Network, knows Burkhardt from those TV days on campus. Their career paths have crossed at SportsNet New York and covering the NFL, and they have many mutual friends and colleagues.

"Kevin is, always has been, and no doubt always will be one of the best personalities you'll ever come across in the industry," says Germain. "He's been successful in the business because he's the kind of person you want representing your network and working behind the scenes—and that's a rare thing. He makes everyone around him feel positive with his cheerful attitude and great smile. And he takes that climate with him wherever he goes."

Five years ago, in 2014, Burkhardt returned to the campus to receive the President's Medal and deliver a memorable Commencement speech. "Today is about dreaming big," he told the graduates.

He shared the story of how, after several years of working for WGHT, a local AM radio station in Pompton Lakes, he nearly gave up on a career in broadcasting. Struggling to earn enough money in sports broadcasting to support his family, he took a job as a car salesman for Pine Belt Chevrolet in Eatontown. While working at the dealership, he continued to pursue broadcasting by working part-time at WCBS-AM and sending out his tapes. It was a turning point in his life, he told the graduates during that speech. "It jumpstarted the desire in me that I didn't want to settle," he said.

It was then that a series of breaks came about, first working at WFAN, the biggest sports station in the country, doing 20/20 updates and contributing as the New York Jets reporter. In 2007, he made his move to SportsNet New York (SNY) to be the field reporter for the

New York Mets, a position he held for eight years. In 2009, he joined Compass Media, calling NFL games nationally on the radio before becoming the national radio voice for the Dallas Cowboys in 2011 and 2012.

Burkhardt concluded his Commencement speech, telling graduates, "Today is the day all your dreams start to come true. This is just the first part of a wonderful journey that will define who you are. Will you settle? Or will you hold absolutely nothing back to get what you want? You didn't come this far to settle. There are a lot of big dreamers in this room! Now it's time to go chase them."

To this day, Burkhardt says the coolest thing is that he still runs into people at games or gets tweets from graduates across the country who say they were in those seats that day and were inspired by his words. "It's touching when you hear that," he says. He hopes he encouraged a few of them.

Who or what inspired Burkhardt? "It was my parents," he says. "Most people, when you say you want to be a sports broadcaster, know the odds of making it are slim. Some people might suggest that you become an accountant or do something else more stable. My parents never once said that to me. They encouraged me, supported me, and all the crazy hours, and said to go for it."

Looking to what may be next on his horizon, Burkhardt says he'd be happy to just keep going. "If I have the opportunity to call a Super Bowl, that would be great. But if I do this for the next 20 years, I'm pretty lucky and happy," he says.

"My job now is essentially watching sports," he says. "I get paid to do that. It is insane. But it doesn't mean that you don't work hard."



On the set during the World Series at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles with (left to right) Alex Rodriguez, Magic Johnson, David Ortiz, and Frank Thomas

# an academic look at cannabis

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN

William Paterson faculty and staff stand ready to provide evidence-based scientific and economic information on marijuana through the University's new Cannabis Research Institute formed earlier this year.

"The legalization of marijuana in New Jersey has significant public policy, economic, and public health implications that require in-depth research and analysis," says President Richard J. Helldobler. "We formed this Institute to provide policy makers and other members of the community access to the expertise of our faculty and staff who conduct research related to cannabis and other related topics, and so that we can serve as an incubator for collaborative research projects and curriculum."

The idea for the Institute developed last fall after President Helldobler and Acting Provost Sandra DeYoung had a conversation about what the University might be able to contribute to the statewide conversation on the issues surrounding marijuana legalization. "What I found when I reached out to the faculty was that we have a significant amount of research being conducted throughout the campus on cannabis and related topics," says DeYoung. "There was also a great deal of interest among the faculty in collaborating

and working together on interdisciplinary research that could provide policy makers and community members with information and data on this important public issue."

Comprised of a dozen faculty and staff from a wide range of academic disciplines who conduct basic, clinical, and public health research, as well as analyze data, the Institute is under the direction of Rahi Abouk, an associate professor of economics, finance, and global business, who is a specialist in health economics and the economics of substance abuse.

"A significant part of my work is focused on economic issues related to marijuana and opioid use," says Abouk. "It's a topic that I am passionate about. I am excited about the opportunity to seek grants that can support important research and to work with people throughout the state to provide policy-related guidance and services to decision-makers in state and local government."

Members are available to act in an advisory capacity to state, county, and municipal agencies seeking information concerning medicinal and recreational use of marijuana. The Institute will also serve to disseminate and discuss results of research and data and policy analyses through conferences, seminars, forums, and public lectures.

## CANNABIS RESEARCH ACROSS THE CAMPUS

Members of the University's new Cannabis Research Institute include faculty from eight academic departments—biology; communication disorders and sciences; economics, finance, and global business; nursing; political science; public health; sociology; and special education and counseling—as well as staff in student development and counseling, health, and wellness.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to benefit from the research of our colleagues across the campus and to develop research projects that will answer important questions related to the many issues surrounding the legalization of marijuana as well as other drugs," says Rahi Abouk, director of the institute.

Here's a look at some research already taking place on campus:



**RAHI ABOUK**, economics, finance, and global business, has conducted research on both medical and recreational marijuana. Most recently, he is involved in a comprehensive study with a colleague at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, looking at the effect of recreational marijuana legalization on labor market

outcomes in four states where cannabis has been legalized. Among the findings, which he presented at the American Economic Association conference in January 2019, is that mothers of younger children are less likely to work, perhaps because they are concerned about their children's use of cannabis. "These mothers are spending more time cooking meals at home, and less time eating out, which has led to a significant decrease of the likelihood of childhood obesity," he says. In a study published in the *International Journal of Drug Policy* in 2018, he looked at the relationship between medical marijuana legalization and cardiovascular deaths.





**WILLIAM KERNAN**, public health, has served for six years as research director of United in Prevention for Passaic County (UP in PC), a grant-funded, countywide substance abuse prevention coalition headquartered at William Paterson. Under his supervision, UP in PC is currently mapping ordinances passed by local municipalities in advance of marijuana legalization. "With student research assistance, we are also looking at prevention initiatives that have been put in place for youth in states where legalization has already been approved," he says. Kernan is also the principal investigator on a five-year, \$625,000 grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that will help reduce the incidence of teen alcohol and marijuana use in the City of Passaic.



**LASHAUNA M. DEAN**, special education and counseling, is co-director of the University's Professional Counseling Program and specializes in clinical mental health counseling, especially substance abuse and trauma. She has served as an individual and group counselor in the treatment of people with cannabis use disorders. "It is important for people to understand that there can be harm from marijuana use," says Dean, who teaches a University course in Counseling for Substance Abuse and Addiction. She has written an article on synthetic drugs for the *Annual Review of Addictions and Offender Counseling* and is planning to pursue research focused on best practices for training those who work directly with cannabis-addicted individuals.

# ACT *of* FAITH

ALUMNA BRIANNA EDLER-STRAND '14  
BECOMES A LIVING KIDNEY DONOR

BY THERESA E. ROSS '80

In 2016, Brianna Edler-Strand '14 made the decision to donate one of her kidneys to Marcus Purdie, the choir director at her church—and in the process, transformed her own life.

Purdie had been the talented choir director at the historic Saint James AME Church in Newark, New Jersey for more than 20 years before his kidneys began to fail due to diabetes. Edler-Strand and Purdie share a William Paterson connection—she is an alumna and Purdie's wife is Cynthia Northington-Purdie, an associate professor who specializes in educational psychology in the College of Education at the University. Purdie is the father of three adult children from a prior marriage, and also has young triplets, one



Marcus Purdie, Brianna Edler-Strand '14, and Cynthia Northington-Purdie in Saint James AME Church in Newark



boy and two girls, who were about eight years old when their father's health began to decline.

As a fellow parishioner and friend of the family, Edler-Strand grew concerned when Purdie, age 52 at the time, grew thin and stepped down as choir director because of his health. She was 25 years old, a new mom with a baby girl, and unemployed, having taken off for a year to care for her child.

As Purdie's kidney function declined, he went through the grueling experience of being on dialysis three days a week for four-hour sessions. At the start of the treatment, he says, he had a conversation with God and felt an inner assurance that he would not be on dialysis for more than

one year. Although he was not on any kidney transplant waitlists, he had faith that somehow he was going to receive a kidney.

"Marcus had been on dialysis nearly a year when he casually posted on Facebook that he would really like a new kidney so he wouldn't have to be on dialysis," explains his wife, Cynthia. "Next thing you know, Brianna came forward from the church and said, 'I've been led to give you my kidney. This is something I feel I need to do.' We were shocked, but she meant what she said. She went through the testing, and she was a match—I was not."

"I made the decision to donate my kidney because I realized that there is a need for organ donation," says Edler-Strand. "God put it in my heart that children need their parents. I knew Marcus and his family. He is a good person and I wanted to help him live." Guided by her faith, she never wavered nor second-guessed her decision.

"When the doctors contacted me and said everything is fine, you are cleared to be a donor, I was blown away," recalls Edler-Strand. "That was my only fear—not being a match or having our antibodies go against each other. Once I heard that news, it was confirmation that yes, this is what you're supposed to do at this time and for this person."

Purdie and Edler-Strand's mother had graduated high school together, and the families knew each other. As they drew closer during the transplant process, they discovered other synchronicities too, like the fact that Edler-Strand had named her baby daughter Leilani Faith, the same first and middle name as one of Purdie's triplets. Purdie also has an older daughter named Brianna. Every coincidence helped to reinforce the idea that this was meant to happen.

Purdie finished dialysis on September 20, 2016—one year to the day he started—and the next day he received Brianna's kidney. "It was a miracle," he says. "I was so humbled and elated. I don't even have the words to describe how I felt about this young lady wanting to do this for me."

At 6:00 a.m. on the morning of the transplant operation, the pastor of Saint James AME Church, Rev. Dr. Ronald L.

Slaughter, met the families at St. Barnabas Hospital to pray with them. On the Sunday prior, the large congregation unified in prayer for the families.

The operation was a success and they both began to recuperate. Purdie initially came down with a virus, the only hiccup in the process, and then recovered. He insisted on returning to his job in just three months, less than half the expected time for his recovery.

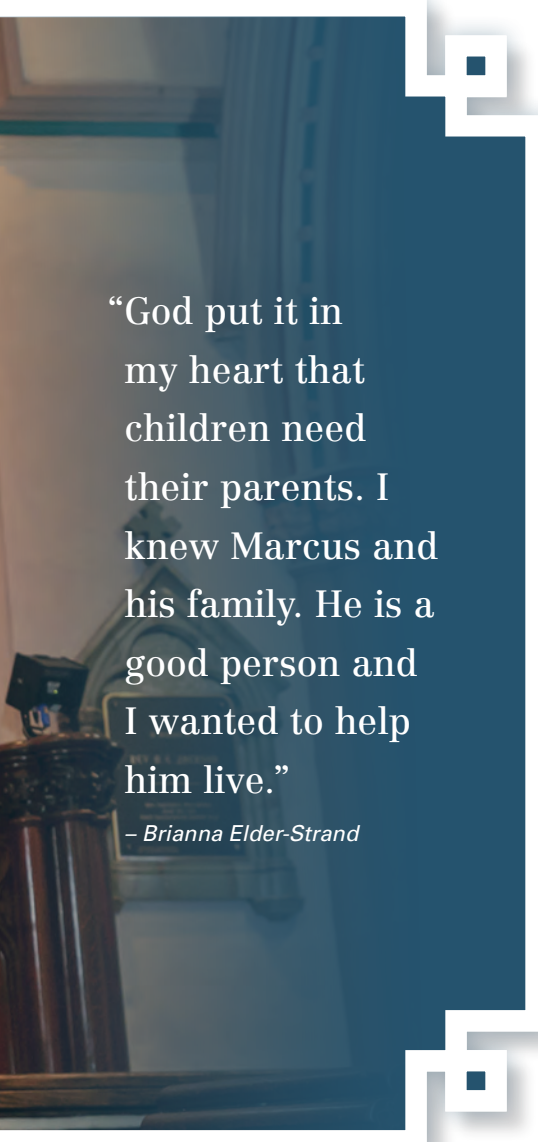
Edler-Strand is 100 percent back to full health. Her creatinine levels, which are monitored because she donated, are better than before. "I am in much better health, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually as well, because I found my purpose," she says.

Edler-Strand graduated from William Paterson with a bachelor's degree in communication. After becoming a living donor, she found her passion by working for the New Jersey Sharing Network ([njsharing-network.org](http://njsharing-network.org)), a federally designated organ procurement organization that assists with the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissues for people in need of a life-saving transplant.

"I'm interested in spreading the word about organ and tissue donation," she says. Edler-Strand has participated in fundraisers, hosted table displays, and spoken at health fairs and churches. She also helped the friend of a cousin who was in need of a kidney by guiding her through the process.

"Regardless of what you've heard, there is a way to help others," she says. "It doesn't always have to be through deceased organ and tissue donations. You can become a living donor and still live a long and healthy life. My goal isn't to change anyone's mind about organ and tissue donation, but I would like to bring education and awareness to the world."

Purdie now refers to Edler-Strand as "his daughter," and for her, he's a second dad. The experience strengthened his faith in God, and gave Edler-Strand a new purpose and career path.



"God put it in my heart that children need their parents. I knew Marcus and his family. He is a good person and I wanted to help him live."

—Brianna Elder-Strand

# SUPPORTING THE TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

## University launches new initiative to strengthen first-year experience

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN

**W**illiam Paterson University has taken a fresh look at how to effectively provide the support that is needed as students transition to their first year of college.

Beginning in fall 2019, the University will institute a new first-year experience program for all incoming students designed to help them as they balance school, family responsibilities, and often a job.

"We need to remember that the only difference between a high school senior and a college first-year student is two months," says President Richard Helldobler, who has spearheaded development of the new program. "By providing more proactive, hands-on support, we can help our students transition to college and transform from high school students into high-performing young adults who are ready for academic and career success."

The new initiative combines structured academic and student support services in a program designed to bolster student retention while guiding students toward timely graduation.

All students, especially first-generation college students, who make up approximately 40 percent of the University's enrollment, can benefit from this more intrusive approach, President Helldobler adds. "Our students enter William Paterson with tremendous drive and determination and the will to be successful. We want to give them every advantage in terms of information and support as they navigate this exciting new journey that is college.

We believe that this multifaceted approach will help our students achieve their personal goals and prepare them for rewarding and successful lives."

All incoming first-year students will be assigned to their classes as part of a cohort—a group of students who will take the same three to five classes together. Depending on a student's major, classes are scheduled to meet in a three-day and two-day sequence. For example, a student would have one set of classes meet every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and another set of classes meeting on Tuesday and Thursday during the same time frame. This type of block scheduling will provide students with a more cohesive schedule, thus giving them more ability to plan the time they need to dedicate to their classes, a job, and family responsibilities, as well as participate in clubs, organizations, and sports.

A shared experience at the beginning of their collegiate journey will prove invaluable, says Danielle Liautaud-Watkins, associate provost, who is coordinating the new program with Linda Refsland, executive director of academic success services, and Carmen Ortiz, executive director of EOF and academic achievement. "They can acclimate to college with a group of peers with whom they can create strong relationships, learn to work in teams, and rely on each other for support," she says.

Central to the new initiative will be a required Student Success Workshop for first-year students that is designed to ease the transition to college life by

providing weekly sessions for students to gain personalized direction.

Workshop facilitators will work closely with faculty teaching the content courses

to provide support in a wide range of areas, including study skills, test-taking, communication and presentation skills, academic policies, and expectations.

"For example, a faculty member might ask the coach for a review of how to take notes in a particular subject, or to reinforce study skills before a test," says Refsland. "Our student success coaches can provide that very targeted support and teach students how to use the tools they need to be successful."

The Student Success Workshop also provides the opportunity to introduce students to critical information about the college experience, from sessions on key information about financial aid deadlines and other financial responsibilities and how to use campus technology systems to how to interact and live within a diverse campus and how to develop an academic plan that will lead to graduation in four years.

"We believe this program will truly benefit our first-year students," says President Helldobler. "We are taking the positive assumption that students want to be successful, but don't always have all the information or resources they need. We believe that this initiative will offer that structure and support."







# Alumni Connections



Left: Professor *Emeritus* Anthony Coletta '64; Photo below: Members of the Heritage Society, loyal donors of 20 years or more, with President Richard Helldobler (center): Dorothy Tkach Birkner '64, Peter Grisafi '66, MA '69, Dolores Wain Clarke '57, MEd '04, Rosemary Trusewicz Kidd '66, MEd '85, Jean Johnston Aires '64, MA '88, and Judith Barbarisi Pasquariello '66, MEd '71

## Pioneer Society Welcomes Class of 1968

Members of the Pioneer Society—alumni who have graduated from William Paterson more than 50 years ago—returned to campus on November 30, 2018 for their annual luncheon. The group welcomed its newest members, the Class of 1968, who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last May. Pioneer Society member Anthony Coletta '64, a professor *emeritus* of education, spoke to the group and reflected on his more than 50 years of teaching.



Top: Judith Barbarisi Pasquariello '66, MEd '71, Professor *Emeritus* Anthony Coletta '64, and Lorraine Cappuccio DelBuono '66, MEd '71; Center: Gordon Tracey, Sue Carol Scanelli, and James Scanelli '63; Bottom: Claire Wollock '64, MA '68, Pamela Ferguson, vice president for institutional advancement, and President Richard Helldobler

## Rising Pioneers

William Paterson's young alumni are already making an impact in a wide range of careers. Here are three Pioneers who are on the way up.

BY JACLYN ANTONACCI '14, MA '16



### Jennifer Bauer '10: Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Specialist

As a senior consultant at Deloitte, Jennifer Bauer '10 is on the front lines of data privacy and cybersecurity. With her expertise in cyber risk, Bauer is helping organizations navigate the risks

and opportunities of an increasingly connected world. It is a critical role in an emerging field that expands each day. "We are leaders in the cyber market," she says. "There are a lot of Fortune 500 companies that rely on our advice."

In this role, Bauer often works hand-in-hand with executives at the highest levels who are working to understand a complex and often unfamiliar industry. It's a two-way dialogue that requires the sharing of specialized knowledge in both directions. "Being able to translate, contextualize, and implement a plan that addresses their concerns, I consider that to be incredibly meaningful work," she says.

Breaking into this still-emerging industry came with a unique challenge. "It's not like there is a particular path you follow to get here," says Bauer. "It's more like you have to blaze one of your own."

Bauer is no stranger to blazing a path. After earning her JD from West Virginia University College of Law, she successfully pitched an individualized LLM program to Georgetown University that allowed her to create a curriculum examining data privacy and cybersecurity.

She credits political science professor Michael Principe as an invaluable mentor who helped shape her career. "Doc," as she calls him, has guided Bauer throughout her professional life, serving as a resource when she applied to law school, a guide when she developed her curriculum at Georgetown, and a sounding board as she contemplated various career opportunities through the years.

In 2009, Bauer attended the University's Summer Program at Cambridge University in England, a four-week summer program that Principe leads each year. It was an experience that Bauer says profoundly impacted her personally and professionally. "The pre-law program was instrumental in my personal and professional development," she says. "The alumni network that Doc has built at William Paterson has given me lifelong connections and camaraderie."

During her time at WP, Bauer was an Honors College student who was active in the legal studies program, the Student Government Association, and her sorority. She also served as a student representative on the Board of Trustees. "Looking back, all of those experiences were so formative and relevant to my career now," she says. "It's hard to overstate it."



### Azubuike Ejiochi '13: Reporting in the Nation's Capitol

Azubuike Ejiochi '13 has a bit of a reputation around his television newsroom. He secures the interviews that no one else can. It's a talent he developed as an interpersonal communication

major at William Paterson. "I feel like I can always connect with every person I come into contact with because of the skills I learned, honed, and fostered at William Paterson," he says.

In his new role as a general assignment reporter for Fox5 DC, Ejiochi is putting those skills to work by sharing stories from the Washington, DC community as he reports live five days a week. Two desks over sits Tom Fitzgerald '89, Fox5 DC's Emmy Award-winning political reporter. "It's invaluable to have someone with his experience sitting so close," Ejiochi says. "The fact that he's an alum is even better."

Ejiochi's work is guided by one main philosophy: Everyone has a story to tell. His passion for storytelling has led him to a number of unique human-interest stories from the community. His favorite? Nai Turner, a Maryland native who, after being discharged from the army, taught herself to paint from watching YouTube videos as a coping method for her PTSD.

As a student, Ejiochi cut his teeth in storytelling and production in the WPTV-6 studio where he received invaluable hands-on experience. He says that his classes with Loretta McLaughlin-Vignier, associate professor of communication and now associate dean of the College of the Arts and Communication, helped prepare him for the intensity of a career in broadcast journalism. "In her class, our job every day was to put on a TV show," he recalls. "That helped jump start what I understood about what it took to be successful in this business."

Upon graduation from WP, he accepted a job as a sports business reporter for CNBC. From there, he landed his first on-air position at KODE-TV in Joplin, Missouri. Never one to turn down a challenge, Ejiochi said yes to every opportunity that came his way in the newsroom, reporting, producing, and shooting his own stories. Within three weeks, Ejiochi was anchoring the morning show. "All those experiences helped me become a better reporter," he says. "I know what it's like to be in every single position in the newsroom."

Two years later, he accepted a position at FOX 61 News in Hartford, CT where he earned Boston/New England Emmy Award nominations.

Ejiochi says it is his willingness to say yes that has propelled him to success. "There's a quote I like to tell everyone; 'there's nothing as permanent as change.' It's about learning to appreciate and invite in that challenge."





## Alumni and Friends Gather in Florida

President Richard Helldobler traveled to Boca Raton on March 12 and Naples on March 14 to meet with alumni and friends in Florida. Heritage Society members Will Corrente '91 and Bill Joosten '66 spoke to alumni in Boca Raton and Naples, respectively, and Ryan Doyle '19, former editor of *The Beacon*, attended both gatherings. All three alumni talked about the impact of scholarship support from alumni. Thanks to their generous donations, alumni raised nearly \$9,000 to help fund the Florida Alumni Scholarship endowment.



## Aziza Kabibi '18: Helping Survivors of Assault and Abuse

Aziza Kabibi '18 is a survivor. Overcoming more than a dozen years of childhood domestic violence and sexual assault at the hands of her father, Kabibi is reclaiming her tragic story to

educate and inspire.

As the president and CEO of volunteer-run Precious Little Ladies, Inc., Kabibi is providing survivors of assault and abuse with the support she wishes she had. Along with donated health and beauty products, Precious Little Ladies, Inc. provides women and children with the critical educational tools and community resources they need to escape and heal from trauma. "For women who have experienced sexual violence, I know that speaking out is often the first step," she says, "and that's why I chose to study communication at William Paterson."

As a media production and broadcast journalism major with a minor in psychology, Kabibi mastered the skills she needed to tell her own story. And tell it she did. Kabibi has shared her experiences far and wide through TV and radio appearances, magazine articles, survivor support groups, motivational speaking engagements, and her 2015 book, *Unshamed*.

Homeschooled for most of her childhood, Kabibi grew up with a deep longing to pursue higher education. After earning her associate's degree from Essex County College, she was won over by WP's newly upgraded TV studio facilities. "I felt like I was meant to be here," she says.

Becoming active in the communication department helped Kabibi find her confidence. In 2017, she interviewed activist Anita Hill on-air for WPTV-6 when Hill visited campus as part of WP's Distinguished Lecturer Series. Kabibi describes the experience as "powerful and liberating."

In January 2018 she was one of nine communication department students selected to travel to Vieques, Puerto Rico as part of a service-learning course designed to help the island recover from the devastation of Hurricane Maria.

"I was so grateful to be able to tell the story of the people from Vieques who were fighting for their families," she says. "It really touched me as a survivor and an activist."

While in Vieques, Kabibi learned of the community's high rate of domestic violence and child abuse. When the group returned to the island to continue their mission this past June, Kabibi hosted support groups and workshops for the women of the island. She took to community station WVQR 90.1 FM Radio Vieques to share her story and discuss and provide listeners with resources and coping methods. "The human spirit is quite resilient," she says. "I believe that that is Will. Power."



Ruben Scolavino '99, Patricia Scolavino, Brian Cherry, Amy Haber Cherry '92, Thomas Lomauro '84, MA '86, Laura Lomauro, and Robert Palo '84



Top left: Janis Schwartz, executive director of alumni relations and William Joosten '66, MA '69; Top right: Standing, Dorothy Lewis and Roland Lewis '60, seated, Ty Agoston and Elizabeth Agoston '72; Below: Pamela Ferguson, vice president for institutional advancement, John Martone, President Richard Helldobler, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk '84, and Pat Rambosk

## Class Notes

**1963 RONALD C. HAEBERLE** retired as a professor within the department of restorative dentistry at Rutgers University, School of Dental Medicine... **BEN JONES** exhibited a mural, "Envision Empower Embrace," in the Laurie Art Stairway at the Montclair Art Museum. The work is based on imagery addressing events related to social justice, climate change, and environmental disasters.

**1969 ANN GENADER** was inducted into the Butler High School Hall of Honor, which recognizes those whose careers and accomplishments are in diversified fields including art, business, education, journalism, military, medicine, law, and theatre.

**1973 ROB DEVITO** celebrated his 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary as owner of Bond Parade Floats & Displays, Inc. He manages a fleet of 57 floats, which he dispatches to parades from Boston to Washington, DC.

**1974 SHARON ACIERNO** was appointed principal at Temple Hatikvah's Hebrew School in Flanders... **ROBERT TAYLOR** was inducted into the Red Bank Regional High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Taylor played football at William Paterson where he served as captain of the team.

**1976 THOMAS KEMPER** has been named pastor at Hawthorne United Methodist Church.

**1977 BARBARA ADAMS** retired as principal of the Washington Elementary School in the Caldwell-West Caldwell school district. Adams had been principal there since 2001... **ANN (CAPONE) COOPER** appeared at a book signing in Athens, Georgia for the memoir she penned entitled, *Second Life: An Atheist's Journey to Spirituality*.

**1978 VINCENT M. FITZGERALD** authored the new book, *The Influence of Polls on Television News Coverage of Presidential Campaigns*. He is a professor at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in New York.

**1979 ROXANNE NAYDAN** showcased her artwork in the Sieg Gallery at the Bellefonte Art Museum in Pennsylvania.

**1980 JOHN CRESCENZO** was elected to the board of directors of the Mechanical Contractors Association of New Jersey for a three-year term. He is senior vice president and co-owner of Jersey State Controls, a construction and service specializing in HVAC control systems... **TERESA (GIBBONS) GILBREATH** has joined Special Properties Real Estate Services, LLC, an affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate, as an agent. Gilbreath specializes in residential real estate.

**1981 THOMAS J. PATIRE** was elected to the board of directors for Praxsyn Corporation, a healthcare company focused on providing medical practitioners with medications and services for their patients... **KENNY SIMPSON** was cast in the Nutley Little Theatre production of *Heiress*, the 1947 adaptation of the Henry James novella, *Washington Square*.

**1982 JAMES WYNNE**, who recently retired as the Jefferson High School music teacher, is the director of the Jefferson Township Community Chorus. It is his first season as the chorus's director and accompanist.

**1983 CATHY C. SMITH** is the author of *How to Become a Digital Leader: A Roadmap to Success*. She is the founder of Women in Tech New Jersey & New York.

**1984 BRIAN CARR** was appointed vice president of sales for Pascha Chocolate, an organic chocolate company... **JOSEPH CERCONI**, along with his Onesight team, performed more than 1,100 eye examinations for children and adults living on the Colorado River Indian Reservation in Parker, Arizona.

**1985 JOHN FEENEY** is the new vice president of group sales and market development for insurance carrier Renaissance Life & Health Insurance Company of America, which specializes in dental, vision, life, disability, and accident coverage for groups and individuals nationwide... **JOSE M. FONTAÑA** had his acrylic and gesso works of art exhibited at the Waltuch Gallery at the Kaplen JCC on the Palisades... **LISA OLDMAN** has been appointed chief nursing officer at Orange Regional Medical Center, in Middletown, New York.

**1986 PAT BERGESON**, guitarist, performed at the Ruesch Auditorium in Estes Park, Colorado.

**1987 ED CAMP** served as part of the officiating crew for the Saints-Eagles NFL playoff game as well as for the Super Bowl... **SEAN COOGAN** was named vice president of resort operations at the Welk Resort in San Diego, California... **COLLEEN MADIGAN** was elected to a new term as Maine's state house representative for House District 110.

**1988 MICHAEL ESPINOSA** is co-producer of the feature film *Love Me to Death aka Then Came You*, starring Craig Ferguson, Kathie Lee Gifford, Elizabeth Hurley, Phyllida Law and Grammy Award-winner Brett James... **VIC SAVANELLO** was a member of the Perishable Pundit's Thought-Leader Panel for the New York Produce Show and Conference 2018.

**1990 PABLO SALDANA, MED '94**, delivered two presentations at the North American Cystic Fibrosis Conference held in Denver, Colorado. His manuscript, "More than a job: Career development of individuals with cystic fibrosis," was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Work*.

## Shaping the University's Future with a Bequest Intention



*"William Paterson University was my professional home for 48 years. The music department was the heart of that 'family' — we grew up together! To honor all who challenged me, educated me (we professors must keep learning!), and brought meaning and joy to my life here, it was a no-brainer to leave a bequest to the music department in addition to the endowed scholarship I established upon my retirement. I knew the Foundation would be supportive. They made the process easy and enjoyable."*

—Nan Guptill-Crain, professor emerita

We are grateful to Nan and all of our Hobart Society members who establish a bequest, revocable trust, charitable gift annuity, gift of life insurance, IRA beneficiary, or other planned gift. Throughout their lifetime we celebrate their joyful philanthropy and their legacy to benefit the University and future generations of students.

Reoccurring gifts to the **Nan Guptill-Crain Endowed Scholarship in Music** are welcome. To explore gifting options, contact Judy Linder, director of development and planned giving, at 973.720.2309, or at [linderj@wpunj.edu](mailto:linderj@wpunj.edu). Visit us online at [wpunj.giftplans.org](http://wpunj.giftplans.org).



# SAVE the DATE!

Homecoming and Family Day SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019  
Athletic Hall of Fame Induction SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2019

**1991 SONIA RICH-MAZZEO** gave an address at Coastal Volunteers in Medicine's annual charity gala in Surf City speaking about how Coastal Volunteers started.

**1992 JOHN FORTUNATO, MA '94,** announced the release of his latest book about the PGA tour entitled, *Making the Cut: Life Inside the PGA Tour System*. He is a professor at Fordham University... **SHAWN GILFEDDER** has been named CEO of Bremerton-based Kitsap Credit Union in the state of Washington. He was formerly president and CEO of McGraw-Hill Federal Credit Union... **WILLIAM HORNUNG** has been appointed CFO of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. He was also designated as the company's principal financial officer and principal accounting officer... **NANCY SLINGLAND** has been named vice president and portfolio manager of Lakeland Bank in Oak Ridge.

**1993 JOHN GEANEY** has been named branch vice president of the Morris Plains/Parsippany real estate office of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage... **JOE KNIPES** was a line producer for the Huntington International Jazz Festival and Ellis Marsalis International Piano Competition at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia... Jazz pianist **TOMOKO OHNO** performed at Silo's Napa as part of the Napa Valley Jazz Society's Art of the Duo series. She was accompanied by jazz bassist, composer, and vocalist Jay Leonhart.

**1994 RENA E BUSH** was elected to a three-year term on the South River school board... **ROB DAVIS** has completed his 13<sup>th</sup> season as head coach of the Barnegat High School football team... Drummer **DANA HALL** wrote an article entitled "Drum School: The Evolving Basis—Exploring techniques and approaches to jazz drum set accompaniment and performance in a non-chordal instrument rhythm section," for *Downbeat Magazine*... **CARRIE KENNY** was elected to a three-year term on the Sayreville Board of Education.

**1995 BLAIR BRAVO** has been appointed to Habitat for Humanity International's U.S. Council, which guides growth for the global organization's work in the United States.

**1997 DANIELLE L. GREEN** has been hired as director of operations at Eskolta School Research and Design in New York City... **MARC WILLIAMS** is serving as a University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications Hearst Visiting Professional, meeting with and speaking to journalism and advertising faculty and students.

**1998 PATRICK NESTOR** has been appointed the new commander of the West District police precinct in Jersey City.

**1999 PHILIP COSTA** has been appointed vice president of finance and chief accounting officer for Comodo Cybersecurity... **DAN YOUNT** has been tapped as the new chief of the Vernon Township Police Department... **STEPHAN ZDANOWICZ**, the Morris Knolls High School girl's soccer coach, chalked up her 200<sup>th</sup> win.

**2000 LISA LOMANTO AURICCHIO** was named executive director of the Containerization and Intermodal Institute, which is dedicated to promoting and supporting the business of international trade... **VANESSA SERRANO** was elected to the Sparta Board of Education and has been a vice principal in the Sparta school system... **MATTHEW STRIANSE** is the new principal of West Milford High School. He served as assistant principal from 2008 through 2014.

**2001** Drummer **TIM METZ** teamed up with jazz trumpeter Tom Peron to recreate the iconic Miles Davis album, *Kind of Blue*, at Watermelon Music in Davis, California... **RAYMOND ROKICKI** has joined The Oaks at Denville, a Springpoint senior living community, as director of human resources.

**2002 THOMAS W. HEFLIN** has joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro as an assistant professor in the Miles Davis Jazz Studies Program.

**2004 JOHN BAKER** has been appointed acting principal of Calabro Elementary School in Hoboken. He has been the school's physical education teacher and anti-bullying expert... **SHIRANTHA BEDDAGE**, a baritone saxophonist, was nominated for two Juno awards, celebrating jazz musicians. She also performed at West Ferris Legion Hall as part of the Jazz at the Junction program in North

Bay, Ontario, Canada... **ANGELA M. FIELDS** has been appointed executive director of Family Promise of Hunterdon... Artist and photographer **PATTY KAMINSKI** had her work displayed at the Greenwood Lake Public Library's Art Gallery... **CYRENTHIA WARD** is the community planner for the Federal Transit Administration in Washington, DC.

**2005** Saxophonist **BRIAN MCCARTHY** performed at Highland Center in Vermont. He teaches at the University of Vermont and St. Michael's College... **BRYAN RUDDEROW** coached the Clarinet Quartet performing two movements from Astor Piazzola *Histoire Du Tango* at the Concert Hall in Drew University... **WHITNEY SLATEN** has been appointed assistant professor of ethnomusicology at Bard College... **JAMES SUIT** has joined ACT Lighting as its Northeast regional sales manager.

**2006 ROBERT HELM** has been appointed vice president of finance and accounting officer for The Children's Place... **CHRISTOPHER IRVING** has taken the reins as superintendent of schools for Passaic County... **WAYNE WITHERSPOON** was sworn in to the Paterson planning board. Witherspoon serves as the mayor's representative on the board.

**2007 JUSTIN CROWELL** has been hired as a sales associate for Terrie O'Connor Realtors in Kinnelon... **MATT ROBINSON** has been appointed principal of Mt. Olive Middle School. He is a former student at the school... **STACY WESS** was recognized for excellence by the Randolph Township Schools which named her one of its 2019 Educators of the Year. She is an art teacher.

**2008 JENNIFER CAGIAO** has been inducted into the Hasbrouck Heights Class of 2018 Hall of Fame as a standout both on the track and in the classroom during her days at Hasbrouck Heights High School... **JESSICA (KLEINWAKT) HATFIELD** is part of the cast of *Disney on Ice*, and performed at the NJPAC... **ROB HILL** is the new athletic director and director of student activities at Glen Ridge High School... Pianist **JUSTIN KAUFMAN** plays in a quartet with fellow WP alum Brian McCarthy and recently released a new album, *Coming Home*... **LAUREN MANDAL** is the new K-5 art teacher for the Fair Lawn public schools, splitting her

## Wedding bells for...

**2009 THOMAS O'BRIEN** to Tori Sickle, June 29, 2018

**2011 DAVID MENENDEZ** to Caitlin Smyth, July 20, 2018

**2016 JOSHUA CASE** to Alexa Wasserman, December 2, 2018

time between Lyncrest and Rayburn elementary schools... **SAMANTHA L. MORGAN** is the owner of MO Fitness: Powered by Parisi Speed School. She is also head athletic trainer for the Glendale-area Junior Senior High School in Flinton, Pennsylvania.

**2009 CHRISTOPHER BRANCATO** was named developmental director for Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson.

**2010 SARA GHAZALI** has joined MWW Public Relations as vice president of corporate communications... **OGNEN TOPIC** returned to the Baoshan Arena in Shanghai, China to compete in the bantamweight division in the martial arts ONE Championship event... **JAMES VANVALEN** was sworn in as a Morris Township police officer.

**2011 BILLY TEST** is one of five finalists for the prestigious Indianapolis honor, the 2019 American Pianist Award. He has toured with the founding drummer for the Allman Brothers Band, Jaimoe Johanson... Bassist and pianist **JACOB WEBB** released his first solo album, *The Coming Home*. His lead single, "Belmont Avenue," reached 9<sup>th</sup> place on the Billboard Smooth Jazz charts.

**2012 HARRY M. WATSON JR.** was elected to a three-year term as a member of the Plainfield school board.

**2013 PETE CRIMI** has been promoted to mixer at the Sound Lounge, one of New York's leading sound facilities... **GREGG A. GRIFFIN** received his doctoral degree in archaeological science from the University of Bradford in the United Kingdom. His thesis was entitled, "Ashes

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# Alumni Connections

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to Ashes: Identifying Archaeological Fuels." Griffin is currently doing contract archaeology and recovery projects around the world from the United Kingdom to the Central Pacific. The main focus of his research is the Neolithic through the Iron Age in the North Atlantic. More recently, he has been working on battlefield excavations from World War II repatriating the remains of American service members... P.J. RASMUSSEN, jazz guitarist, performed with his band at Langosta Lounge in Asbury Park.

**2014 BRIAN GOGERTY** has been promoted to head golf coach at Ramapo College... **KELLY GREEN**, a jazz pianist, and her Kelly Green Trio released their new CD, *Volume One*, and performed at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola in New York City... **LAUREN MARSH**, a singer and songwriter, released her new single, "I Need You Now"... **ABELITA MATEUS**, composer and pianist, released her new album, *Mixed Feelings*, a work she composed while in Brazil.

**2015 BIANCA MAYES**, health and wellness coordinator for Garden State Equality, appeared on the podcast, *Seekers and Meaning*, hosted by Rabbi Address to talk about programs and services for senior members of the LGBTQ community... **GIOVANNA JAUREQUI** was promoted to learning coordinator for Cory Home Delivery, a home delivery carrier in Secaucus... Vocalist **ALLISON MCKENZIE** performs with two musical groups and is a teacher at a daycare center.

**2016 DASHAWN JOHNSON** has joined the National Arena League football team, the Carolina Cobras, as a fullback and tight end... **BRADLEY MEECE** was sworn in as a new Montville Township police officer... **DOMINIQUE OCELLO** has joined Watchung Hills Regional High School as a health and physical education teacher as well as a fall volleyball coach.

**2017 NICK LEITNER** was named box office manager for the Hudson Valley Renegades baseball team in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina... **ZACH MATARI** and his band After Parti opened for pop singer Andy Grammer at the Quick Chek Balloon Festival.

**2018 NICK BARANELLO** is the new wrestling coach of River Dell High School in Bergen County... **BROCK BORGESON** is assistant director of athletic communications for the University of North Florida... **WALTER GORRA**, award-winning pianist and composer, launched the worldwide distribution of his first CD, *In Due Time*, blending jazz with Afro-Cuban and Brazilian music... **GREGORY HALSTEAD** was promoted to deputy chief of the Englewood Police Department... **MARIA PAGAN** is the AmeriCorp Changebuilder Coordinator at William Paterson acting as a liaison between New Jersey Campus Compact and the University as well as helping to create opportunities for hundreds of new college volunteers.

## Mourning the loss of . . .

'48 GRACE B. FARINELLA  
South Plainfield, NJ  
August 9, 2018

'49 EMMA M. JOB  
Rochelle Park, NJ  
November 3, 2018

'51 EMMA CEDRONE  
West Caldwell, NJ  
November 3, 2018

'54 RICHARD L. RYAN  
Fair Lawn, NJ  
October 31, 2018

'58 FRANK FALCETTA  
Bluffton, SC  
November 9, 2018

'59 MARGARET E. SKERCHOCK  
West Milford, NJ  
July 12, 2018

'61 GEORGE JOHN FRUHBEIS  
Ocean Isle Beach, NC  
October 9, 2018

'63 CAROL LYNN SUTER\*  
Leonia, NJ  
November 4, 2018

'64 JOAN KEIGHNER, MED '72\*  
Glen Ridge, NJ  
September 1, 2018

'66 ANDREA THERESA  
JACUKIEWICZ  
Jackson Township, NJ  
December 30, 2018

PHYLLIS C. TRACKMAN  
Egg Harbor Township, NJ  
July 9, 2018

'68 LINDA (SCHERER) PAYSON\*  
East Hampton, MA  
November 17, 2018

'69 IRMA RIZIO SCELBA  
Millington, NJ  
June 24, 2018

'70 BARBARA AMY DUNBAR\*  
Melbourne Beach, FL  
January 3, 2019

MARGARET MARILDA  
LONGDEN  
Awosting, NJ  
July 1, 2018

PATRICIA ANNE WEAVER  
New Fairfield, CT  
November 30, 2018

'71 DEIRDRE MARY HOWART  
Tucson, AZ  
August 30, 2018

MARCIA CIVIN LEVENS, MA  
Emerson, NJ  
October 21, 2018

## University Mourns Special Donors



**Richard Kulp '58** died December 21, 2018. He was 82. Kulp, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in education, had a long career as a teacher. He had a lifelong passion for music and musical theatre. In his later years, he taught English as a second language to adults through the Volusia County Literacy Council in Florida, as well as adult GED courses. Kulp, who was featured in the Summer 2008 issue of *WP Magazine* for his philanthropy, discussed how grateful he was to the University for the education he received. In order to leave a legacy for his *alma mater*, he used life insurance as a vehicle for giving by naming William Paterson as a beneficiary. "This was a simple way to express my gratitude and appreciation," he explained. "I wanted to do something significant because William Paterson prepared me for a wonderful and rewarding career."



**Dottie Emerson**, who retired in 1989 as a supervisor in the Registrar's Office after a 30-year career on campus, died December 27, 2018. She was 91. Emerson became the first member of the Hobart Society when she established a charitable gift annuity in memory of her daughter, Olivia Phillips-Simmons '68, a teacher/librarian in Newark who worked part-time as a flight attendant and died on TWA Flight 800, which crashed shortly after takeoff near the coast of Long Island on July 17, 1995. "The annuity is a way of continuing what Olivia wanted to do," Emerson said in the Winter 2006 issue of *WP Magazine*. "Helping people reach their goals was her focus. Education is more important today than ever and this is a wonderful way to contribute to the University and support education."

➤ If you would like more information about gifts of life insurance or other planned giving options, please call Judith Linder, director of major and planned gifts, at 973.720.2309 or via email at [linderj@wpunj.edu](mailto:linderj@wpunj.edu).





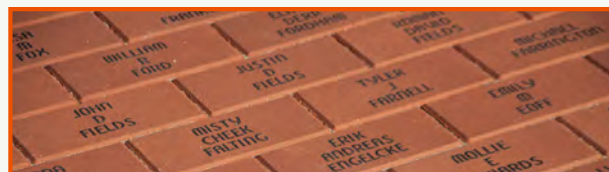
Stephen Scafidi '16 and Charles De San Pedro '12

## Alumni Association Holds "Pop Up" Networking Event

The Alumni Association and the Young Alumni Council sponsored a "pop up" alumni networking event on February 27 at Maggie's Town Tavern in Wayne. This is part of an effort to provide more opportunities for William Paterson alumni of all ages to meet and network in a casual setting. Check your email for information about more upcoming "pop up" events at various fun locations throughout the area.

➤ For more information about joining the Young Alumni Council, contact Sharon Ryan, assistant director, alumni relations and communication, at 973.720.3265 or ryans3@wpunj.edu.

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| WILLIAM C. TAYLOR JR.<br>Parsippany, NJ<br>January 11, 2019                     | MARY FRANCES (SENGER)<br>MUNROE<br>Wilmington, NC<br>August 18, 2018 |
| '72 MILDRED C. BROWN<br>East Orange, NJ<br>November 21, 2018                    | JOAN WICKERS<br>Florham Park, NJ<br>November 27, 2018                |
| PATRICIA MILLER<br>Manasquan, NJ<br>October 20, 2018                            | FERNLEY VAN DOREN<br>Whiting, NJ<br>October 18, 2018                 |
| PETER ANTHONY PRYOR<br>West Milford, NJ<br>June 17, 2018                        | '79 GARRY E. KULAWIAK<br>Luzerne, PA<br>October 6, 2018              |
| '73 ANN AMBROSIO*<br>Montclair, NJ<br>July 2, 2018                              | PAUL R. URGOVITCH<br>Garfield, NJ<br>October 8, 2018                 |
| DEBRA GIULIAS<br>CAMMARATA*<br>Bloomfield, NJ<br>February 15, 2019              | '80 SUSAN LEE BOER<br>Phillipsburg, NJ<br>December 15, 2018          |
| WILLA SMALL PRYOR KEY<br>Branchburg, NJ<br>June 29, 2018                        | CUBBY KOVALSKY<br>Delray Beach, FL<br>December 3, 2018               |
| '74 NATHAN CARROLL JR.<br>Felton, DE<br>June 22, 2018                           | ROBERT PAUL SCHWARZE<br>Fuquay-Varina, NC<br>August 25, 2018         |
| PATRICIA MARIE<br>KLEMCHALK<br>Clinton Township, NJ<br>November 16, 2018        | THEODORE CHARLES<br>SZWER SZWEC*<br>Branchville, NJ<br>July 7, 2018  |
| '75 MARILYN GRACE MILLER<br>Gilford, NJ<br>August 5, 2018                       | '83 MICHAEL PAUL WARAKSA<br>Coal Township, PA<br>September 17, 2018  |
| MARY A. SWEENEY, MA '78*<br>Red Bank, NJ<br>January 22, 2019                    | TERESE KATHERINE LINTON<br>Amherst, VA<br>November 10, 2018          |
| '76 LYNN CONNELLY<br>Wayne, NJ<br>November 27, 2018                             | '87 JEAN SANDOW<br>Millington, NJ<br>December 7, 2018                |
| '77 MARGARET LETITA "TITA"<br>HOLLERAN<br>Sanibel Island, FL<br>August 10, 2018 | MICHAEL SCIENSKI<br>Manahawkin, NJ<br>July 4, 2018                   |
| JUDITH "JUDY" MARCUS<br>Saddle River, NJ<br>November 6, 2018                    | '91 ISCELA ROSA BERNAL<br>Easton, CT<br>October 13, 2018             |



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| ERNST FEISNER<br>Laredo, TX<br>September 18, 2018                    | '08 JEFFREY A. STICCO<br>Leonora, NJ<br>September 10, 2018  |
| '92 JANE ANNE GUIDETTI<br>Stillwater, NJ<br>August 18, 2018          | '10 MICHELLE BASSANI<br>MCKENNEY<br>Sussex, NJ<br>August 9, 2018  |
| '93 JUDITH HARDIN<br>Rutherford, NJ<br>December 27, 2018             | '11 NANCY L. COLLINS<br>Ramsey, NJ<br>July 4, 2018  |
| '94 BERNEDICT "BUDDY" M.<br>CARDILLO<br>Paramus, NJ<br>July 16, 2018 | <i>*Heritage Society Member:<br/>loyal donor who has given to the<br/>University for 20 or more years,<br/>no matter the giving level</i> |
| '97 EDWARD MARSH SR.<br>Haskell, NJ<br>July 1, 2018                  |   |
| '99 TRACI LEE CALLENDER<br>Aberdeen, NJ<br>August 28, 2018           |   |
| '01 FRANK FYFFE, MA<br>Franklin Lakes, NJ<br>February 19, 2018       |   |



Left to right: Kody Guedes '19, Dana Jaloudi '21; New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Zakiya Smith Ellis; Governor Phil Murphy, President Richard Helldobler, Governor Tom Kean, New Jersey State Senator Nellie Pou, Kiana Davis '19, Lucy Edmond '15, New Jersey Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly, and Carmen Ortiz, executive director of EOF and academic achievement

## GOVERNOR MURPHY CELEBRATES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND

On March 21, the University was proud to host a panel discussion in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF), created in 1969 in New Jersey to provide students from educationally and economically disadvantaged backgrounds with the financial, academic, and personal support they need to achieve a college degree and move on to successful careers. Governor Phil Murphy led the panel discussion, which included former Governor Tom Kean, who co-authored the legislation that created the program; New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Zakiya Smith Ellis; New Jersey State Senator Nellie Pou; New Jersey Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly; Carmen Ortiz, executive director of EOF and academic achievement; students Kiana Davis '19, Kody Guedes '19, and Dana Jaloudi '21; and alumna Lucy Edmond '15.

” *We are thrilled to know that our Governor supports this program that uplifts our students, and provides for them a way into the colleges and universities that they and their families had hoped they could attend. We say here at William Paterson University that our graduates are re-weaving the social fabric of this region to include people who historically have not been part of the tapestry. And as we struggle with such disparities in net worth of our New Jersey families, it is programs like EOF that provide educational opportunity that will lead to narrowing that gap. For we know education is a way up not only for our students but for the great state of New Jersey as well.* ”

—President Richard Helldobler



# WP Events

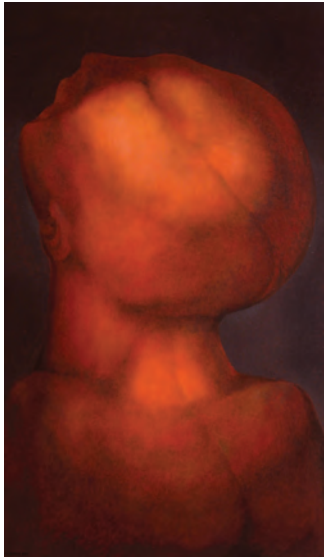
Ray Vega



The Lettermen



The Stand-Up Show



Rafael Soriano, *Cabeza De Un Esclavo*

## ART

### UNIVERSITY GALLERIES

Ben Shahn Center for the Visual Arts  
Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to  
5:00 pm and by appointment.  
*Admission is free.*

### Rafael Soriano: Cabezas (Heads)

Through May 8, 2019  
SOUTH AND EAST GALLERIES

### Here/Now: A Juried Exhibition of Student Art

April 8-May 8, 2019  
COURT GALLERY



The Best of the Eagles

## MUSIC

### NEW MUSIC SERIES

#### WP New Music and Percussion Ensembles

April 22, 2019, 7:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

#### Wind Ensemble and Concert Band

April 25, 2019, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

### WP PRESENTS!

#### The Best of the Eagles

April 26, 2019, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

### JAZZ ROOM

#### Trumpeter Ray Vega with the WP Latin Jazz Ensemble

April 28, 2019, 4:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

#### Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*

May 3, 2019, 7:30 pm  
SHEA CENTER

### WP PRESENTS!

#### The Lettermen with Special Guest: Let's Hang On! America's No. 1 Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons Tribute

May 11, 2019, 8:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

## THEATRE AND COMEDY

### WP PRESENTS!

#### Virginia Repertory Theatre's *The Jungle Book*

April 27, 2019, 2:00 pm  
SHEA CENTER

#### The Sketch Comedy Show

May 3, 2019, 7:00 pm  
HOBART HALL

#### The Stand-Up Show

May 4, 2019, 5:00 pm  
GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### 196<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

#### Undergraduate Ceremony

May 15, 2019, 9:00 am  
PRUDENTIAL CENTER, NEWARK

#### Graduate Ceremony

May 16, 2019, 7:00 pm  
RECREATION CENTER



*The Jungle Book*

## ALUMNI EVENTS

### Webinar: Financial Planning

APRIL 23, 2019, 12:30 pm

### Class of 1969 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

May 13, 2019, noon  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

### Class of 2019 Senior Send-Off

May 14, 2019, 7:00 pm  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

### Yankees vs. Blue Jays

July 13, 2019, 1:05 pm  
BUS LEAVES AT 9:00 AM LOT 5

### Alumni Council Annual Meeting

October 24, 2019, 7:00 pm  
COLLEGE HALL BOARD ROOM

### Pioneer Society Luncheon

December 6, 2019, noon  
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM



*Madeline and  
the Bad Hat*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**Alumni Events:** Office of Alumni Relations, 973.720.2175, wpunj.edu/alumni

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**Conferences:** Center for Continuing and Professional Education, 973.720.2463, wpunj.edu/cpe

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