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Waldron leaves mark of
success, strategy, and spirit



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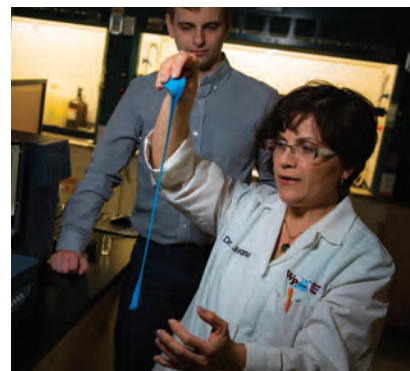
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Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As this issue of *WP Magazine* was headed to press, the University's Board of Trustees completed its nationwide search and appointed Dr. Richard J. Helldobler as William Paterson University's eighth president, effective July 1, 2018. (Please see page 3 for the announcement.)

I had the opportunity to meet Dr. Helldobler when he visited the campus last month to meet with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and other members of the William Paterson community. I was impressed by his achievements as interim president and, previously, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, as well as his long-standing dedication to public higher education. Northeastern Illinois University has a proud history of diversity and support for first-generation college students. Dr. Helldobler, who is also the first in his family to go to college, will bring a strong understanding of our students and our values to his new role as president of William Paterson University, and I look forward to the continuing progress and achievements of the University under his leadership.

As I prepare to retire and launch the next chapter of my life, I am proud of my nearly eight years as president of William Paterson University. I am especially proud of the success of our students, and one of my greatest joys has been sharing in their triumph as they participate in commencement each year. I am also incredibly proud of our talented faculty, whose research, scholarship, and creative achievements enrich the academy and our institution. We are fortunate to have faculty and staff whose dedication to our students is at the core of our ability to provide them with a transformative experience. I am also thankful to the many alumni and friends of the University for their financial support and their commitment to our mission.

My time on campus has been the crowning achievement of my career and I will miss the faculty, staff, students, and alumni who make up this very special William Paterson community. I wish all the best to Dr. Helldobler as he joins our Pioneer family, and to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Waldron
Kathleen Waldron
President

University Names Dr. Richard J. Helldobler As New President

Richard J. Helldobler, PhD, the interim president of Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Illinois, has been appointed the eighth president of William Paterson University after a nationwide search. His appointment is effective July 1, 2018. He will succeed President Kathleen Waldron, who is retiring on June 30.

“Dr. Helldobler’s career has been committed to public higher education and to the academic and personal achievements of students,” says Fred Gruel, chair of the University’s Board of Trustees. “As we learned from his visit with us, he has a strong background as an academician, having served as a faculty member, dean, academic vice president, and president, and we are delighted that he will be bringing his expertise and leadership to William Paterson University.”

“I am truly honored to be joining the William Paterson community as its next president. I look forward to working with the students, faculty, and staff as we continue to strengthen the academic legacy of William Paterson University by educating the next generation of leaders in New Jersey, the region, and the nation,” says Dr. Helldobler. “My visit to William Paterson certainly proved it is a very special place, and I am sure my admiration for the institution will only deepen as we get to know each other better, and together continue the great work currently taking place at the University.”

Dr. Helldobler has served as interim president at Northeastern Illinois University since July 2016. During his tenure, he led a successful capital campaign, the College of Business and Management earned accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and the university’s accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission was reaffirmed for a ten-year period. Prior to his appointment as president, he served as provost and vice president for academic affairs, overseeing all matters related to academics, including the oversight of four colleges, the library, admissions, recruitment, and other areas.

Prior to his appointments at Northeastern Illinois University, he served as vice president for academic affairs at Shepherd University in West Virginia from 2009 to 2012, as well as associate provost/associate vice president for academic affairs at California University of Pennsylvania from 2006 to 2009. Dr. Helldobler joined California University of Pennsylvania in 1990, where he was a faculty member and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance from 1990 to 2000, as well as interim dean and dean of the College of Liberal Arts from 2000 to 2006. Dr. Helldobler

earned his PhD and master of arts in theater from Bowling Green State University and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Toledo.

Dr. Helldobler’s career in academia spans more than three decades.

At Northeastern Illinois University, which is regarded as the most diverse public comprehensive university in the Midwest, he has spearheaded a number of significant initiatives, including the creation of academic programming for its El Centro location, which opened in 2014. He also established the Center for College Access and Success (CCAS), which partners with teachers, parents, and neighborhood communities to improve educational equity and excellence for students so that they will succeed in college and beyond.

He was the founding artistic director for CalRep Pennsylvania, a pre-professional summer theatre program, and The Mon Valley Ballet Theatre, the resident ballet company at California University of Pennsylvania. His research has resulted in articles in the *Journal of Dance Medicine and Science*, among others, and he has made presentations at numerous national and regional conferences. Dr. Helldobler has served as a mentor for the Leadership Institute for the Association for Theatre in Higher Education and chaired the association’s task force that retooled the national standards for promotion and tenure for theatre faculty.

A 2005-06 ACE Fellow, he has remained closely connected to the Fellows Program having served as the co-chair the Professional Development Committee, secretary of the Executive Board, and as a nominator. He most recently completed Harvard’s Institutional Executive Management Program. He has served on the board of directors for the Contemporary American Theatre Festival, the Renaissance City Choirs, the Persad Center, and the Pennsylvania Arts Collaborative, and currently serves on the board of the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago.



WVU Newsbeats



Tyshawn Sorey '04 Awarded Prestigious MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant

Tyshawn Sorey '04, a graduate of the University's internationally acclaimed Jazz Studies Program, was one of 24 creative people awarded a 2017 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant in recognition of his accomplishments in defying distinctions between genres, composition, and improvisation. MacArthur fellowships are awarded to individuals who show exceptional creativity in their work and the prospect for more in the future. Each fellow receives a \$625,000 award from the foundation as an investment in his or her potential.

Sorey was recently appointed assistant professor of music at Wesleyan University, where he specializes in creative improvised and experimental music traditions. He holds a master of

arts degree from Wesleyan University and a doctor of musical arts degree from Columbia University. Sorey grew up in Newark, where he built a musical foundation from his exposure to different types of music such as jazz, rap, R&B and church music.

"We are proud of Tyshawn Sorey and immensely happy to have been a part of the early development of a musician who will make an increasing impact on music," says David Demsey, professor of music and coordinator of the Jazz Studies Program. "Tyshawn was an inspiring student—gifted, combined with a terrific work ethic and a powerful vision for his music and sound."

Sorey is a multi-instrumentalist and composer who is known for his virtuosity, effortless mastery and

memorization of highly complex scores, and extraordinary ability to blend composition and improvisation in his work. He has performed nationally and internationally with his own ensembles, as well as a wide variety of artists. As a leader, Sorey has released six critically acclaimed recordings that feature his work as a composer, multi-instrumentalist, and conceptualist including his latest, *Verisimilitude* (Pi Recordings, 2017).

"Becoming a MacArthur Fellow gives me the encouragement to continue being the artist I am, to stay sharp, move forward, remain progressive, and take yet-to-be traveled steps in my creative development, and to encourage others like me to do the same," says Sorey.

Sustainability Website Launched

A new website, wpunj.edu/sustainability, that highlights the full range of University activities and initiatives related to William Paterson's campus-wide commitment to environmental sustainability and energy conservation, was launched at the beginning of the spring 2018 semester. The website features information on campus energy conservation initiatives, the academic programs offered by the Department of Environmental Science, the efforts of the WP Green Team, the University's growing list of awards related to sustainability, and its participation in national initiatives focused on energy efficiency and sustainability.



LONGTIME DONORS ESTABLISH NEW ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP



Charles and Louise Theiller (center), with scholarship students (from left) Daniel Podlesiecki, Kristen Myers, and Lisa Turner

In 2000, Louise and Charles Theiller chose to honor their late daughter, Patricia Theiller Franklin '86, by establishing an endowed scholarship fund for nursing students.

While Louise '86 was a non-traditional student who worked toward her degree in business for more than a decade, coincidentally the timing worked out so that both she and her daughter, a nursing major, graduated from William Paterson the same year. Patricia, a nurse, died of a malignant brain tumor at age 33.

"She loved William Paterson and the nursing program was an important part of her life," says Louise. The couple decided that the best way they could memorialize their daughter was

through a series of scholarships to help other nursing students.

In December 2017, the Theillers chose to establish a new scholarship in their own names. The Louise and Charles Theiller Endowed Scholarship Fund is designated for students majoring in biology or biotechnology.

"It's inspiring to meet the students and hear their stories," adds Charles, who selected the biology and biotech fields because he feels they have a "promising future."

Over the years, the Theillers have attended many scholarship dinners. "We've given out more than 60 scholarships, and we're impressed with meeting the students, hearing about their accomplishments and what they plan to do with their lives," says Louise. At one recent scholarship dinner, Patricia's two daughters, now grown, joined their grandparents to meet the recipients of their mother's scholarship.

The Theillers look forward to attending many scholarship dinners in the future. Meeting the students and learning how meaningful it is to each scholarship recipient has made a difference in their own lives.

NEW RESIDENCE HALL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The University has broken ground on a new 288-bed suite-style residence hall located in the University's residential zone.

The new residence hall, scheduled to open in fall 2019, is being constructed to replace existing beds that are no longer serviceable and do not meet the needs and desires of today's college student. This 90,000-square-foot facility will provide open spaces with natural light, community spaces including a kitchen, lounges, a classroom, and a meeting room, and study lounges. Residents will live in semi-suites—two bedrooms and a shared bath—arranged in "clusters" on each floor.

William Paterson currently houses approximately 2,600 students in 10 residence halls. Following the completion of the project, the University plans to demolish one of those existing residence halls, Overlook North.



A rendering of the new residence hall

AMY GINSBERG APPOINTED DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION



Amy Ginsberg, a respected educator and academic administrator, will join the University community as dean of the College of Education on June 1, 2018.

Ginsberg, who currently serves as dean of the School of Education at Long Island University Brooklyn, brings significant experience to

this role. She previously served as associate dean of the School of Education and chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, also at LIU Brooklyn.

“In her administrative roles, Dr. Ginsberg has been a leader in curriculum and program development, at both the undergraduate and graduate level, and is accomplished in gathering and using data to build enrollment and improve retention. She has also been instrumental in building educational partnerships with the New York City Department of Education,” says Warren Sandmann,

provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “Dr. Ginsberg also has a successful record in grant development and foundation support for her school. She will bring all of these skills to William Paterson to help our College of Education continue to grow and help its students to succeed, and to support the faculty and staff in the College.”

A New York State-licensed psychologist, Ginsberg has focused her clinical work on developmental issues of young adulthood, identity development throughout the lifespan, and adjustment to disability. Her research has centered on faculty development in blended and online learning, school violence prevention and intervention, perceptions of stuttering and those who stutter, and the relationship between psychology and stuttering. She has taught a wide range of courses in the counseling curriculum, most often instructing counseling process and skills, and the mental health counseling practicum and internship courses. She earned her doctorate in counseling psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University.

STUDENT-FACULTY RESEARCH TEAM FINDS EUROPEAN SPIDER ON CAMPUS



Joseph Spagna and student Aldrick Espinosa '19

A species of spider that has never before been documented in New Jersey—*Pseudeuophrys erratica*, indigenous to Central Europe—has been discovered on campus by two honors biology students.

Under the direction of Joseph Spagna, associate professor of biology, students Aldrick Espinosa '19 and Dylan Lewin '19 spent last summer collecting insects on campus and analyzing their taxonomy and DNA barcoding for identification purposes. The students' surprising find of the *Pseudeuophrys erratica*, Spagna says, suggests more surprises to come.

Three samples of the *Pseudeuophrys erratica*, a tiny jumping spider that measures approximately 3 millimeters long, were found on a juniper bush in front of College Hall, just off Hamburg Turnpike. These spiders, Spagna says, are particularly abundant in Germany and, due to their affinity for walls, are known for taking up residence outside of buildings and homes. The professor does not expect the spider's appearance in New Jersey to have a strong ecological impact. A close relative of the species is known to live in New York State and Washington.

How did the tiny spiders make their way to the Garden State from Europe? Spagna suspects they traveled in plant material, because they hunt for little bugs to eat on the leaves of plants.

Spagna is in the early stages of deploying an arthropod biodiversity survey of the campus, with plans to have students studying insects here every spring and summer in order to compile research for publication. His mission: to decipher whether climate change and population change in the region will impact the biodiversity of William Paterson's campus over time.



Left: Members of the community and William Paterson students on the air on Radio Vieques; Right: Students (from left) Matthew Mullins, Nick Gomez, Aziza McGill-Ayinde, and Richard Potenza playing and coloring with the children of Vieques

Students, Faculty, and Staff Travel to Puerto Rico to Help Restore Hurricane-Ravaged Radio Station



From left, student Aziza McGill-Ayinde, Radio Vieques general manager Rob Rabin, student Jacob Martinez, Vieques resident Margo Cheney, Sebastian Escobar '15, Vieques resident Eva, faculty members Diana Peck and Lori Ramos, (front) student Shaney Lara, IRT member Dante Portella, students Tiernan Doyle and Matthew Mullins, (rear) students Nicholas Gomez, Thomas Smith, and Richard Potenza

Nine communication students traveled to Puerto Rico during the winter break to help restore hurricane-ravaged community radio station WVQR 90.1 FM in Vieques. The trip, organized by Lori Ramos, an assistant professor of communication who has long-standing ties to Vieques, was part of a service-learning course during the winter session. The students were joined by Diana Peck, professor of communication; Sebastian Escobar '15, station manager for William Paterson's award-winning radio station WPSC 88.7FM Brave New Radio, and University audio technician Dante Portella.

WVQR's studio was hit hard, as was the entire island of Vieques, by

Hurricane Maria last September. While the station was back on the air, it lost vital equipment and sustained damage to its transmitter. It played an important role as people on Vieques struggled in the weeks after the hurricane, informing them of where they could obtain supplies and assistance.

Through the efforts of Rob Quicke, chair of the communication department and general manager of WPSC, the College Radio Foundation donated a new computer to the station and arranged for professional audio editing software to be donated as well.

After learning about the history of Puerto Rico and the island of Vieques, the students had the opportunity to study the role of community media in

times of crisis and report about the experiences of the people who lived through the storm and its aftermath. A goal of the trip is to establish a sister station relationship between WQVR and WPSC, with a weekly hour of programming being supplied by WQVR.

In addition, students met with ham radio operators on the island who were instrumental in maintaining communication throughout the storm and in the crucial days immediately following.

The students were chosen to participate in the course for their specific expertise. Nick Gomez '19 and Shaney Lara '18 are active in WPSC and helped create podcasts and other programming. Matthew Mullins '19 is the president of the Pioneers Amateur Radio Club, which brings together students with an interest in ham radio; Tiernan Doyle '21 is an active member of that club. Jacob Martinez '18 and Aziza McGill-Ayinde '18 brought broadcast journalism skills and Richard Potenza '19 and Thomas M. Smith '18 assisted them as camera operators. Michele Ciz '18 served as the social media coordinator.

In addition to their work with community media, the group assisted island residents with delivering meals and other service tasks organized by local residents. They also had a chance to explore the history and ecosystem of Vieques, including its bioluminescent bay.

Pioneer Pantry Assists Students in Need



Present at the opening of the Pioneer Pantry were (left to right) Manny Kohli, director of University Commons/ associate director of hospitality services, Brianna Egers, SGA president, President Kathleen Waldron, Glen Sherman, associate vice president and dean of student development, and Miki Cammarata, vice president for student development

In order to help students who are in need of food, William Paterson officially opened the Pioneer Pantry with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last November.

The pantry, located in Room 335 of the Student Center, is stocked with non-perishable groceries such as pasta, rice, cans of soup, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, granola bars, crackers, coffee, and tea.

According to a recent study in the journal *Education Researcher*, an estimated 50 percent of college students struggle with food insecurity, meaning they are not able to maintain a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

"The Student Government Association began talking to us a few years ago about food insecurity among students," says President Kathleen Waldron. "We are pleased to open this pantry for students in need and to do what we can with the resources we have. I am grateful to the SGA for its support of this important initiative. William Paterson is committed to this pantry in support of our students."

Food is supplied by the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, of which the University is now a partner agency. The pantry is currently open approximately three days a month; students must present a current University student ID card and be currently enrolled in order to receive food.

Brianna Egers, SGA president, thanked the University on behalf of former SGA president Esaul Helena '17, who raised the issue of food security on campus and suggested a partnership between the SGA and the University to establish a pantry. "I am grateful to participate in this event and to accept and take on this initiative that is meeting an unmet need," she says.



BILL CHARLAP NOMINATED FOR GRAMMY AWARD

Bill Charlap, the internationally acclaimed pianist and director of William Paterson's Jazz Studies Program, received his fourth Grammy Award nomination.

Uptown, Downtown, the latest album by the Bill Charlap Trio, which includes bassist Peter Washington and drummer Kenny Washington, was nominated in the Best Jazz Instrumental Album category.

Charlap won the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for his collaboration with Tony Bennett, *The Silver Lining: The Songs of Jerome Kern*. He was previously nominated for his recordings *Somewhere: The Songs of Leonard Bernstein* and *The Bill Charlap Trio: Live at the Village Vanguard*.

"Of course, the Grammy is one of the world's most prestigious music awards, and certainly one of the most well-known," Charlap says. "I'm delighted to be recognized by my peers and by the industry, and I'm also very proud to be in the company of the other nominees. Every one of them is a musician that I admire immensely and they all deserve to win."

Charlap, who joined the University in September 2015, has performed with many leading artists from Phil Woods and Tony Bennett to Gerry Mulligan and Wynton Marsalis. He is known for his interpretations of American popular songs and has recorded albums featuring the music of Hoagy Carmichael, Leonard Bernstein, and George Gershwin.





Professor Angie Yoo conducting research in PyeongChang, South Korea

COMMUNICATION PROFESSOR CONDUCTS RESEARCH AT 2018 WINTER OLYMPICS

What role did social media play in engaging tourists at the 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, South Korea, and what impact will their perceptions play in future recommendations of the country as a tourist destination? Those are among the questions that William Paterson communication professor Kyung-Hyan “Angie” Yoo will explore as part of a research project that took her to South Korea during this year’s XXIII Olympic Winter Games.

Yoo, a specialist in the use of digital communication and social media, traveled to South Korea where she surveyed Korean attendees and English-speaking attendees from around the world about how they used social media channels, including official Olympic social media platforms, prior to, during, and after the Olympics. She also planned to explore how much social media communication influenced the visitors’ perceived image of the Olympics and the host city, their choice of event activities, accommodations, and

restaurants, and their behavioral intentions—for example, would they recommend South Korea as a travel destination for family and friends.

Yoo is collaborating on the project with Byung Cheol Lee, an associate professor at Kyonggi University in South Korea, and Agnis Stibe, a professor at Paris ESLSICA Business School and a postdoctoral associate at MIT Media Lab.

“Event-induced tourism has been growing fast in recent decades, and social media platforms have emerged as a dominant online marketing communication channel for mega-events such as the Olympics,” says Yoo. “However, there is a lack of empirical data on social media use by tourists and its impact on their perceptions and decision-making. The field is changing every moment, and this information will give both scholars and practitioners information about real-time social media use at an international sports event.”



UNIVERSITY'S CENTER FOR CHINESE ART PRESENTS EXHIBITIONS AT NEW YORK GALLERY

The University’s Center for Chinese Art collaborated with the New York Gallery of Chinese Art in Soho to present two recent exhibitions: *Ink Painting from the East: An Exhibition and Symposium of Contemporary Chinese Ink Paintings*, co-organized with the China National Academy of Painting, the Institute of Art Research of China National Academy of Painting, and the Sino-American Culture and Arts Foundation, and *Soul of the Han: An Exhibition of Han Carved Stone Rubbings from Tengzhou, China*, co-organized with China Institute of Han Dynasty Art, Bureau of Cultural Heritage of Shandong Province, Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television and Media of Zaozhuang City, Bureau of Cultural Heritage of Zaozhuang City, Bureau of Culture, Radio, Television and Media of Tengzhou City, and Tengzhou Museum of Han Carved Stones.

The Center for Chinese Art, under the direction of Zhiyuan Cong, William Paterson professor of art,

is designed to cultivate a deeper understanding of Chinese art and culture through Chinese art studio and history courses, symposiums, art exhibitions, and visiting artist and study abroad programs,

including a continuing collaboration with the New York Gallery of Chinese Art, which is directed by Chinese artist Ip-Wing Kong.



From left, Zhiyuan Cong, director of the Center for Chinese Art, Ip-Wing Kong, director of the New York Gallery of Chinese Art, Daryl Moore, dean of the College of the Arts and Communication, Margaret Lam, benefactor of the Center for Chinese Art, and President Kathleen Waldron (center, in red) and other officials at the opening of the New York Gallery of Chinese Art



Latest Books from Faculty Authors



In *Universal Design for Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom*, co-authors **Pamela Brillante '88**, assistant professor of special education and professional counseling, and Karen Nemeth '78, focus on how to proactively design preK through grade three classroom environments, instruction, and assessments that are flexible enough

to ensure that teachers can accommodate the needs of all the students in their classrooms. The book covers the entire range of students, including typically developing students, gifted students, students who are impacted by poverty, children who speak multiple languages or have a home language that is different than the classroom language, and students with identified or potential developmental or learning disabilities.



Janis Strasser, professor of elementary and early childhood education, and co-author Lisa Mufson Bresson explore ways to use thoughtful questions in early childhood classrooms in *Big Questions for Young Minds: Extending Children's Thinking*. The book, geared to teachers of children ages three through six,

provides tips and resources to help them integrate high-level questions in their day-to-day teaching techniques while meeting children at their individual developmental levels.



Ladies of the Ticker: Women and Wall Street from the Gilded Age to the Great Depression, by **George Robb**, professor of history, sheds a light on the financial methods, accomplishments, and careers of three generations of women during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Robb reveals the many ways women invested their capital, demonstrating

that women were active as bankers, brokers, and investors who transformed Wall Street into a place for women's work.



BOOK CO-AUTHORED BY ENGLISH PROFESSOR NAMED A FINALIST FOR YALSA AWARD

The most recent book by English Professor Marina Budhos, *Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro and the Invention of Modern*

Photojournalism, co-authored with her husband Marc Aronson, is a finalist for the 2018 YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) Award for Excellence in Nonfiction. In addition, the title is included in six "Best of 2017" lists: *The Washington Post*, *The Horn Book*, *School Library Journal*, *Booklist*, Kirkus Reviews, and Chicago Public Library.

The book follows Robert Capa and Gerda Taro, young refugees and pioneers of photojournalism, who documented the savagery of the Spanish Civil War in the 1930s. In capturing the struggle against fascism, Capa and Taro's body of work—much of which is reprinted in the lavishly illustrated Budhos/Aronson book—reflects the evolution of photography as a journalistic medium.

PROFESSOR HONORED FOR COMMITMENT TO HEALTH EDUCATION



William Kernan, chair and professor of public health, was awarded the 2017 New Jersey Society for Public Health Education (NJSOPHE)

President's Award. This award is given "to an individual who has made extraordinary contributions to both the practice and profession of health education in New Jersey, through meritorious achievement in their work and through commitment to the profession of health education."

Kernan, who joined the University faculty in 2006, is a master certified health education specialist with expertise in developing community substance abuse prevention programs. He is the co-director, with Glen

Sherman, associate vice president and dean of student development, of a grant from the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in support of the United for Prevention in Passaic County Coalition. The coalition seeks to prevent and reduce alcohol and drug abuse among the youth and adults of Passaic County by offering training and community education, sharing resources, and encouraging collaboration between communities.



Clockwise from left: Professor Kathleen Korgen and students Chiara St. Amant, Rosemary Davidson, Eric Breun and Marissa Adelman, and Jimmy Sharkey in the Public Sociology and Civic Engagement class

Class Notes: Public Sociology and Civic Engagement

The students in Professor Kathleen Korgen’s class in Public Sociology and Civic Engagement are discussing the role of education in society. “Why is education important as a social institution?” Korgen asks the class, seated in a semicircle around the room.

“It puts everyone on the same page in terms of knowledge,” says one student. “It can help improve society by preparing people for the workforce,” says another.

Korgen steers the conversation to why a public education is critical in a democracy, and shows a clip from a film, *Teach Us All*, that looks at schools that are hyper-segregated by race—and, consequentially, by income level. “Public schools were created to level the playing field,” she says after the class views the clip. “What does this tell us?”

“They’re held back,” one student states. Another student takes note of the financial ramifications. “If they live in poor neighborhoods, there might not be enough money for the school to succeed.” Korgen continues to delve deeper, asking the students to reflect on their own education experiences, and to consider the impact of family background on student achievement and college readiness, and then divides them into groups to discuss how public education could be improved.

Thinking about how to use the public sociology movement to better understand and make a positive impact on society is the critical objective of the course, which fulfills the University’s three-credit civic engagement requirement for undergraduates as part of the University Core Curriculum.

Korgen has been teaching the course—which is open to any major—each semester for more than a decade. “It gives these students an opportunity to put sociology into action,” she says. “They learn to use a sociological eye to notice social patterns in society and, if they see an injustice, to do something about it.”

In addition to learning about sociological concepts and methods, students must

The students are also required to provide written reflections on their service experience, discussing what they learned and how their experience related to the course content.

Marisa Adelman, an accounting major who volunteered at New Jersey Reentry, says she was initially nervous because she felt her shyness would prevent her from helping the program’s clients. But the



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~Kathleen Korgen, professor of sociology

conduct a civic engagement project as well as complete at least 20 hours of service at the course’s dedicated service learning sites in Paterson: Oasis, A Haven for Women and Children and/or the New Jersey Reentry Program, which helps those who have been incarcerated find employment.

“Service learning that is integrated into an academic course is incredibly valuable for many of our students, especially those who may not have time to be involved in this kind of experience because of their other work or family commitments,” Korgen adds. “They are exposed to a variety of societal issues through these placements, and also get real hands-on opportunities that they can put on a resumé.”

program’s workers put her at ease, and she learned a great deal about the issues faced by those with a criminal record.

“Understanding how greatly their actions negatively impacted their lives made me realize that it is important to stay on the right track and make positive decisions,” she says.

For Rosemary Davidson, her experience at Oasis has spurred her to continue her involvement. “The hours ended up flying by and I met many wonderful people,” she says. “I look forward to coming back in the spring to help in the kitchen there as I did during the semester.”

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MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION DISORDERS NAMED AMONG TOP SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAMS



William Paterson's master of science in communication disorders is included in the list of top accredited speech-language pathology programs in the nation by Speech Pathology Graduate Programs, which evaluates programs based on outcomes and costs. The organization reviewed more than 240 schools offering accredited master's programs and included William Paterson in the list of the best audiology and speech language pathology programs for prospective students.

Nicole Magaldi, associate professor and chair of communication disorders and sciences, in the University's Speech and Hearing Clinic

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HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



SALES LEADERSHIP

New Graduate Programs Launched to Meet Workforce Trends

The University continues to launch new graduate programs designed to provide students with skills focused on the latest workforce trends.

The master of science in materials chemistry, the only one of its kind in New Jersey, provides chemists, chemistry educators, and materials scientists with a cutting-edge curriculum focused on the design and synthesis of next-generation materials, which have found applications in communication devices, computers, homeland security, sensing, green chemistry, energy conservation, and fuel cell technologies, among others. This

program, launching in fall 2018, provides practical, employment-oriented training using state-of-the-art instrumentation.

The new human resource management concentration in the master of business administration program seeks to meet the higher than average job market demand for human resources jobs as well as opportunities for career shifts and advanced managerial roles in the field. This program addresses the broader requirements of the current human resources profession and prepares students to take on multiple roles in leadership.

A unique master of science in sales leadership—the first graduate degree in professional sales in the U.S.—is designed to prepare executives to advance to strategic leadership roles that require a customer-focused perspective. The accelerated, 11-month online and weekend program is offered through the University's Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales. It includes coursework in strategic sales leadership, financial and business acumen, sales analytics, and sales planning and process. One third of the program will focus on a real-life project relevant to the student's organization.

In Memoriam

IT IS WITH SADNESS THAT WE MOURN THE PASSING OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY...



Laura Tapia Aitken, professor *emeritus* of curriculum and instruction, died November 5, 2017. She was 93. Aitken, who was born in Panama, came to the United States at age 17 to attend Colby College, where she met her future husband Hugh Aitken, the late composer and William Paterson professor *emeritus* of music. Aitken began her career as a primary school teacher before joining the University's education faculty in 1970. She co-developed William Paterson's first courses in early childhood education, leading to the implementation of the University's program in early childhood education. She was active in her field, serving as president of the New Jersey affiliate of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators and chair of the research committee of the New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children. Aitken, who held a doctorate from Fordham University, retired in 1996.



Terence Ripmaster, professor *emeritus* of history, died May 4, 2017. He was 84. Ripmaster, who joined the University in 1966, was a specialist in the study of famous assassinations and their relationship to wars, revolutions, religion, and modern politics. He lectured throughout the nation on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and his course on the topic gained national media attention in 1993. He also was well-known for a course on the cultural history of the 1960s. Ripmaster produced several documentaries, including *Women in Silk*, a study of women workers in the Paterson silk industry, and *Remembering Ben Shahn: American Artist*. A jazz aficionado, he served as president of the New Jersey Jazz Society, produced a documentary, *Jazz in Paterson*, and following his retirement in 1994, authored two books, *Bucky Pizzarelli: A Life in Music*, and *Willis Conover: Broadcasting Jazz to the World*. Ripmaster held a doctorate from New York University.

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Sports



Julie Haledjian '10 on the court as a Pioneer (above) and in her role as a high school girls basketball coach (below)

Julie Haledjian '10: A Relentless Drive for Success

BY BROCK BORGESON, MA '18

The saying “fought tooth and nail” is usually a metaphor. Julie Haledjian '10 once took it literally, chipping a tooth while diving on the floor for a loose ball during a heated women’s basketball matchup against rival Montclair State.

A trip to the dentist would have to wait, as she immediately re-entered to help lead William Paterson to a late-game victory. Haledjian’s desire to get back on the floor wasn’t just about the game or the rivalry; it is at the essence of who she is, both on and off the court. It also explains why she has already broken into the head coaching ranks at Indian Hills High School in Oakland, where after a few short years she has led the Braves to five Bergen County top-25 rankings and the team’s first county quarterfinal in 20 years.

“If you had to describe her in a word, I’d say relentless,” says Jeff Jasper, the renowned Pascack Valley High School girls’ basketball head coach who witnessed Haledjian’s formidable skills at rival Pascack Hills High School. “As a player she was relentless on both sides of the ball. She had a motor that just wouldn’t stop.”

That drive propelled Haledjian from Pascack Hills, where she reached back-to-back basketball sectional finals and finished sixth in the state in the discus, to William Paterson as a point guard on the women’s basketball head team under head coach Erin Monahan.

“I remember Coach Monahan coming to watch me play and emailing me,” Haledjian recalls. “She was very influential in my decision. I walked in as a freshman unsure how I would juggle school and

basketball, but she never doubted my work ethic. She helped me become a better basketball player, but she also showed me what I needed to do to succeed in life.”

Haledjian helped the Pioneers to an 87-24 record and three NCAA Tournament berths during her four seasons. Personally, she etched her name into the school’s record book in a myriad of categories, including second place in career (412) and single-season (148) assists. She also was an honorable mention all-New Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC) selection as a junior, and a second-team all-Metro Basketball Writers Association and all-conference pick as a senior. Haledjian excelled off the court as well; she was a Dean’s List student and three-time academic all-NJAC selection as a physical education major.

Following graduation in 2010, Haledjian began substitute teaching while serving as a volunteer assistant coach on Jasper’s staff. “I lived at home and didn’t make that much money, but I got a lot of experience in both of the worlds that I wanted to pursue,” she says.



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Considering Jasper's resume, "a lot of experience" is likely an understatement. On January 11, 2018 he became the first New Jersey girls' basketball coach to earn 1,000 victories. During his recognition speech, Haledjian was one of the very few Jasper mentioned by name.

"Quite frankly, she can do anything," Jasper says. "Her work ethic is impeccable. She is much more of a teacher than she is a coach, and there aren't a lot of people out there who are great teachers and can teach more than basketball. You see that in her team, and all teams reflect their coaches. They play just like she is—enthusiastic."

After a year at Pascack Valley, Haledjian was named the junior varsity head coach and a full-time health education, physical education, and driver's education teacher at Indian Hills High School. After two seasons at the JV level, she was promoted to head varsity coach in 2013.

Haledjian also continued her own playing career, competing in the 2015 Pan-Armenian Games, a multi-sport competition involving Armenian citizens and those of Armenian descent from all around the world. She helped lead the United States to the women's basketball gold medal after earning a master's degree in educational technology from Ramapo College earlier that year.

As busy as she is, Haledjian remains connected to William Paterson, bringing her team to Pioneer games to expose them to the college atmosphere.

"I'm trying to teach them about commitment and desire, and how to use the skills they're developing now to help them in the real world and the next stage in their lives," she says. "I'm trying to prepare them the way William Paterson prepared me for what I was going to experience when I began teaching."

What advice does she give her players? "Never give up," Haledjian says. "Even when you don't feel like you can do it, especially as a student-athlete, you have to learn how to persevere through challenges."

SOCCER PLAYER SCORES RECOGNITION FOR RESEARCH

In April, Celine-Ann Samaniego '18, a senior midfielder on the Women's Soccer Team, will present the results of her honors nursing thesis at the Northeast Regional Honors Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. Samaniego conducted a systematic review of research literature related to the effects of laughter therapy on patient outcomes. She found that laughter, even forceful laughter, releases chemicals in the brain that make people feel happier. "It can overall help a patient's emotional state, especially in the geriatric population, which tends to be under more emotional distress," Samaniego says.

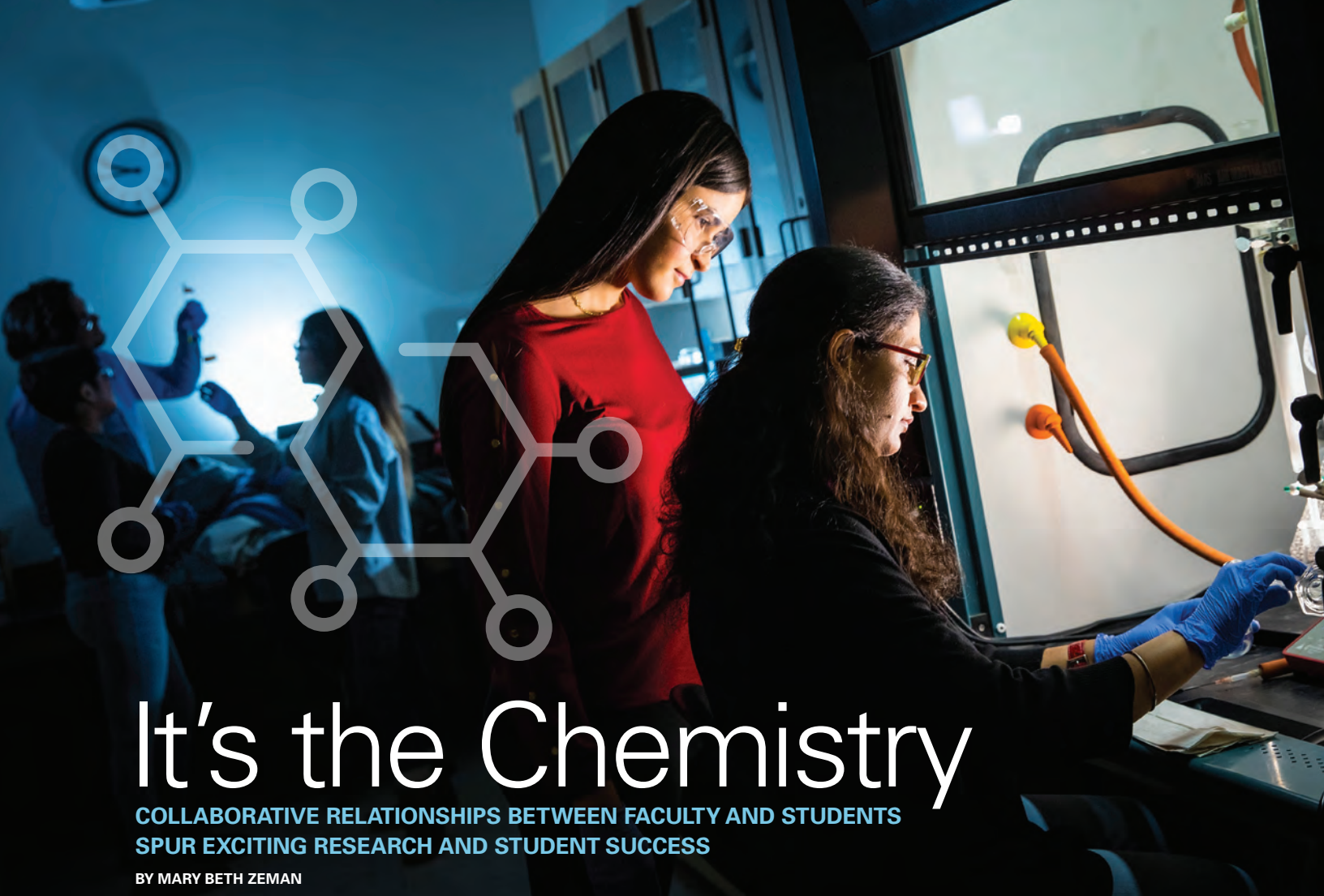
"I enjoy laughing until my stomach hurts; you're just enjoying life in that moment, and laughter is something that can be done anywhere," she adds. "I think passing on knowledge of alternative treatment methods, ones that don't rely on medication, is a great thing." After a successful nursing externship, the soon-to-be-graduate currently works per diem at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson as a PCA (patient care assistant) in the pre-op and post-op setting.

Samaniego has played Pioneer soccer for four years, notching 59 games for William Paterson and seeing post-conference bids in her junior and senior years. She was twice named an Academic All-NJAC Honorable Mention and is a member of Chi Alpha Sigma, the national student-athlete honor society.

Being on the soccer team, she says, was a big part of her success off the field. When practices, games, and contests in Boston and Philadelphia were on the docket, Samaniego was forced to learn how to effectively manage her time for homework and studying. "And the soccer team—it was a great thing to have that support with me all the time," she adds. "I've made friends that I will have for a lifetime."



Celine-Ann Samaniego '18



It's the Chemistry

COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN FACULTY AND STUDENTS
SPUR EXCITING RESEARCH AND STUDENT SUCCESS

BY MARY BETH ZEMAN

Professor Parminder Kaur (right) and student Laura Lopez work on developing simpler and more environmentally friendly catalysts to carry out complex organic transformations

When Professor Yalan Xing was an undergraduate student at the Beijing University of Chemical Technology, she had a mentor who provided her with a tremendous experience in organic synthesis research that launched her on an academic career.

Today, she pays that mentorship forward in her role at William Paterson. She recently organized a session for the New Jersey American Chemical Society Organic Topic group, which brought together chemists from academia and industry to listen to speakers from Princeton and Stanford discuss their research—and took along four University undergraduates to learn and network.

“It was amazing to see how our students interacted with everyone; they were so excited to meet people from the chemical industry,” she says. “One student asked a good question of the professor

from Stanford, who later complimented me on the preparation of our students, and said I should encourage them to apply to the doctoral program there. As a teacher, that is so rewarding.”

Mentorship is one of the core values of the University’s Department of Chemistry. “We are role models for our students,” says Bhanu Chauhan, chair of the department and professor of chemistry. “I want them to be good scientists and good human beings, who do science for the good of the community. We’ve created an environment of student support and we want them to be successful.”

That success often starts in the lab. Each of the department’s six full-time faculty members runs a research group focused on a different area of chemistry (see sidebar), and all collaborate with undergraduate students on their projects. Many of those projects are at the cutting edge of chemistry research, with a

significant focus on “green chemistry,” or ways to make chemical processes more efficient, less expensive, or less toxic. In the past five years, faculty have published more than 35 articles with undergraduate co-authors; many of those students have presented at research conferences as well.

Yet academics are only a part of it. “Students say we are very open for one-on-one meetings with them, that we try to help them with what is good for their careers, such as recommending courses if they are seeking to pursue medicine or jobs in industry,” says Parminder Kaur, assistant professor of chemistry, who mentors five to seven students in her lab each year. “We invest time in our students. The personal touch helps students talk to us.”

That family environment—a place where faculty know the name of every major—has resulted in a significant increase in enrollment. Since Chauhan’s



Professor Jay Foley (center) studies how energy flows through molecules and nanostructures. His research group includes students (left to right) Reem Eldabagh, Pablo Gonzalez, Noor Eldabagh, Jonathan Roman, and Samantha Nieves

arrival, the number of majors has increased five-fold from 20 in 2008. During the past three years, the department has graduated at least 20 students each year, including 24 in 2017—all of whom went on to graduate school, medical school, dental school, or employment. The program is certified by the American Chemical Society, which requires breadth and depth of chemical knowledge, and encourages undergraduate research.

Chemistry is sometimes called the “central science,” the discipline that connects other sciences such as biology, physics, geology, and environmental science. Knowledge in chemistry is critical for many of today’s rapidly evolving, technologically driven industries, from engineering and energy to pharmaceutical development and drug delivery and forensics.

Yet, in the United States, fewer than half of secondary schools offer a chemistry course, according to recent analysis by the Education Week Research Center. And, in the 2016 report of the National Science Board, “Science and Engineering Indicators,” only 40.8 percent of students nationwide in 2012 had taken introductory chemistry or physics by grade 11, and only 20 percent had taken an advanced course in any science discipline.

At William Paterson, as at colleges and universities across the country, coursework

in chemistry is required for majors in biology, biotechnology, environmental science, exercise science, physics, and nursing; the department serves more than 2,000 students in those disciplines each year. Faculty teaching introductory courses use them as the opportunity to discover students who can excel at chemistry—what associate professor Mihaela Jitianu calls “hidden gems.”

“I look for students who have initiative and try to nurture them,” says Jitianu.

She believes hands-on experience in the lab is critical. “Learning by doing is better,” she stresses. “I see that if I challenge my students they rise to the occasion.” The proof? Four of her former students are currently enrolled in PhD programs at major research institutions—one at Stony Brook University, two at Rutgers University, and one at the University of North Carolina.

Jitianu gives students information about her research and asks them to suggest projects after searching the literature to get a firm grounding in the topic. “I train them on the equipment and on chemical synthesis procedure and once they are familiar they work on their own, they accumulate data, they learn how to evaluate it,” she says. “I let them think by themselves—if they are wrong, it’s OK. I let them have the freedom to hit the wall before I give them my own theory.”

At any given moment, there are 35 to 40 students, mostly undergraduates, collaborating with faculty on projects. Kaur works on research focused on using non-precious metals as catalysts, a field in high demand in industry. “If someone sees that students have conducted this research, they will get job interviews,” she says.

Perhaps most rewarding, the faculty say, is the opportunity to see a student blossom. “The most important thing is

Professor Yalan Xing (right) and students (left to right) Maria Holganza and Mansi Patel conduct research focused on “green” chemistry—seeking ways to develop synthetic methodologies that are more efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly



persistence, or as my mentor called it, ‘finishing power,’” says Xing. Research can often provide that motivation, and at William Paterson, where many students are the first in their families to attend college, such an experience can be transformative.

Xing says any student who is interested can visit her lab and find out about her research. “I am watching for dedication—I feel I can convert them by showing my enthusiasm and hearing about my experiences,” she explains. “It’s important to engage students from the beginning; investing time in them is worth it.”

One of those students is Justin Domena '18. He arrived at William Paterson in fall 2016 as a transfer with an associate’s degree. Initially planning to major in biology, he decided that chemistry piqued his interest. “I met Professor Chauhan, who told me I would have to work very hard, but that I could do it,” he says. He struggled his first semester, but stuck with it. The following semester, as a student in Xing’s Organic II class, he asked her about research, and she invited him to shadow her and then to join her team.

“It was such a positive environment,” he says. “Professor Xing and the other students were so helpful. They encouraged me to ask questions. They would ask me if I was studying, and helped me prepare for exams. When you get to work hands-on, you learn the material more deeply.” Domena was hooked. “I would stay in the lab all day. I read journal articles and took notes. I was taught to deepen my thinking,” he says. Domena—who earned all A’s last semester—is currently writing a manuscript for a journal in collaboration with Xing on the lab’s research and is applying to graduate school.

The department’s strong focus on research and collaboration has led to the recent realization of a significant goal: a new master of science degree in materials chemistry. Launching in fall 2018, the program will be the first such degree in New Jersey. “By 2020, 30 percent of the jobs in technology will be in the materials field, and 70 percent of the jobs in chemistry will require this

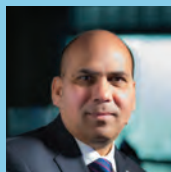
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On the Forefront of Chemistry Research

Each full-time faculty member in the University’s chemistry department runs an active research program, and all work with students, mostly undergraduates, on their projects. All have published research with undergraduate students as co-authors, and many have made presentations at research conferences.

The collaborative environment in the department spurs faculty—and student—creativity, says David Snyder, professor of chemistry. “When you know that your colleagues support you, you feel freer to come up with creative ideas,” he explains. “That’s where progress is made. Students also need to feel challenged but supported by faculty...we need to model that behavior for them.”

Here’s a sample of their research:



BHANU P. S. CHAUHAN: Chauhan works with nanotechnology, which is at the heart of modern materials chemistry. Most of his research deals with creating new nanomaterials with unique and useful properties. His group has developed various green nano catalysts, which are very important for industrial applications. Currently, he and a group of students are focusing on using gold, platinum, copper, and silver nanoparticles and carbon-based nanostructures for drug delivery, electronics, coating, and 3D-printing devices. Some of his findings have found real world applications in commercial preparations of silicon polymers for use in homeland security measures. “Research experience allows the students in our nanotechnology lab to be at the forefront and also have an impact,” he says.

JAY FOLEY: Foley studies how energy flows through molecules and nanostructures. A project funded by the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund will look at a new approach for precisely controlling interactions between visible light and chemical systems mediated by hybrid nanoparticles. Much of his research explores ways to make solar energy cheaper and more efficient, and he and his students are working on various projects that deal with heat waste. “All processes waste energy as heat,” he says. “With concentrated solar power, a tremendous amount of energy is lost as thermal radiation.” The goal: to develop materials that capture that radiation and channel it into a very narrow and useful spectrum, reducing the amount of lost energy.



MIHAELA JITIANU: Jitianu focuses her research on materials chemistry, specifically synthesis, spectral, and rheological characterization. She synthesizes compounds that function as photocatalysts by converting toxic organic compounds into non-toxic carbon dioxide and water under ultraviolet-visible light. Recent work has focused on creating photocatalysts based on titanium dioxide that converted vanillin—a synthetic compound broadly used in flavorings, fragrances, and pharmaceuticals, that is harmful to fish and causes odor in water. Besides synthesis, an important part of her research explores rheology—or the flow of matter—to gain insight on the molecular structure of materials.

PARMINDER KAUR: Kaur works on developing simpler and more environmentally friendly catalysts to carry out complex organic transformations. Currently, many chemical processes use precious metals such as palladium that have serious limitations. One project of her group focuses on the use of non-precious metals such as manganese, nickel, cobalt, and iron which are less expensive, non-toxic, and carry out reactions with unique reaction mechanisms. “Industry is demanding ways to use fewer steps with less waste in organic synthesis, and these metals can be very promising in achieving that,” she says. Six of her students have already graduated having co-authored peer-reviewed papers on this area of research in her lab.



DAVID SNYDER: Snyder is a computational biochemist who is interested in protein flexibility. “Proteins are molecular machines that must move in order to function,” he says. Disturbances in the flexibility of certain proteins are implicated in Parkinson’s disease and cancer. Snyder’s research group recently developed a toolkit to predict protein flexibility using nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). Snyder also is at the forefront of developing computational techniques that enhance the resolution and sensitivity of NMR data. Snyder’s research in this area, using techniques that have gained extensive traction in industry, has led to multiple peer-reviewed publications and book chapters.

YALAN XING: Xing is focused on “green chemistry”—seeking ways to develop synthetic methodologies that promote efficient and useful transformations and also produce less waste, have fewer steps, and use less metals. Xing is working on two cutting-edge research projects. One, funded by the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund, looks at using oxygen as a sustainable external oxidant. The second is focused on the development of organic reactions promoted by using visible light instead of more energy-intensive ultraviolet light. “This is definitely more efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly,” she says. “We are looking for ways to improve the methods used in industry, which is exactly what they want as well.”

THE LEGACY OF A LEADER

Retiring President Kathleen Waldron Reflects on Her Career as a Pioneer

BY MARIA KARIDIS DANIELS

“What I’ll be proudest of at the end is the success of our students; it’s always been about the success of our students,” says President Kathleen Waldron of her almost eight years at William Paterson University.

She is retiring, at the precipice of her 70th birthday, effective June 30, 2018. Clutching a WP coffee mug, photos from campus events and books authored by faculty on display in the office around her, the president’s face fills with a contagious smile.

To get students on the highway to success, the president drew a map: She spearheaded the creation of the University’s Strategic Plan 2012-2022, the institution’s first ever. Therein, President Waldron established WP’s overarching goals—offering the highest quality academic programs, beyond-class experiences, and a sense of community in order to become a model of outstanding and affordable public higher education—and delineated standards to achieve and measure those goals.

“Kathy Waldron immediately began to make an impact on the face of the institution. She was able to take the legacies of the past and build upon them very easily to create her own individual legacy; she set us up to succeed,” says Fred Gruel, chairman of the University’s Board of Trustees. “We all had a vision of where we wanted to go, but it was Kathy and her distinct abilities that made this come to fruition. She was the one who established the structure—she put

together the long-range Strategic Plan, which provided a map for William Paterson University to keep moving forward. //

Consequently, graduation rates have substantially increased, many more undergraduates are securing internships and hands-on career preparation, and recent graduates are landing more prestigious employment and graduate school acceptances.

“Our responsibility as university educators and leaders extends beyond ensuring our students graduate with a solid education; our responsibility is also one of workforce development—supporting our students all the way through to their post-graduate careers,” President Waldron says. “Not into their jobs. Into their careers.” Her administration subsequently saw the establishment of expanded academic and career support services for students, about a quarter of whom are the first in their family to attend college and many more who hold down jobs while taking classes.

The Academic Development unit at WP has been completely reorganized; the Pathways to Academic Success program was launched—charting next steps for struggling students—as was an early alert system to draw faculty members’ attention to such students. Moreover, twelve learning communities were introduced to freshmen last fall, designed to enrich their common academic and social experience with activities that promote engagement, integrative thinking, and persistence.

The result? Since President Waldron arrived in 2010, the University’s four-year and six-year graduation rates increased, respectively, from 21 to 34 percent and 48 to 55 percent. With that exceptionally rapid growth, William Paterson University has surpassed the national average graduation rates of institutions in its peer group, those categorized as “moderately selective” by the Consortium for Student Retention Data

Exchange (CSRDE). “But there’s still more work to be done,” the president adds.

Meanwhile, through a generous gift by Board of Trustees member William Pesce '73 and his family, WP’s Career Development Center welcomed the birth of the Pesce Family Mentoring Institute. There, students are individually matched with mentors—successful professionals, including alumni and community partners—who offer career advice and guidance. There are more than 200 mentor-student matches currently, up from 72 such matches in 2014, the inaugural year. The Career Development Center itself, working in collaboration with campus and community constituents to help students strengthen skills needed for career success, has also seen growth. During President Waldron’s administration, the Center has brought many new and returning employers to campus for networking events, resume critique and job fairs, increasing internship and jobs offerings for WP students by 25 percent in the past five years.

“In today’s increasingly competitive marketplace, such hands-on experiences that reach beyond campus—facilitated by the faculty mentors and professional staff on campus—are essential for our students,” President Waldron says. “Overall, I hope that my efforts as president help them realize success—however they define it—and that my vision for William Paterson University, as outlined in our Strategic Plan, does the same.”

“President Waldron reinvigorated us. She urged us to ask ourselves who we want to be as a community, then spearheaded the creation of the Strategic Plan so that we’d have a blueprint for our future. Her energy, which is both practical and compassionate, was cast into every corner of campus.”

John Parras
Professor of English,
Faculty Senate Chair 2011-13



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HANDS-ON LEARNING: The president has been a big supporter of student-assisted faculty research, and has funneled additional financial support toward student-faculty teams' participation in regional, national, and international conferences. "Students at every university do some kind of undergraduate research; what we do on this campus is totally different: Our students participate with faculty on *their* research," President Waldron explains. "Our students perform research beyond the undergraduate level as undergraduates. That's an invaluable asset they bring into their classwork, and as they pursue post-graduate education and careers. We've put a lot of effort into this initiative, and I'm proud of the results."



Every April, WP hosts "Explorations"—a series of programming that celebrates and highlights the depth and quality of our research, scholarship, and creative expression across disciplines

"The president has been very dedicated to expanding and promoting the research activities of our undergraduates. Performing laboratory research is very effective in terms of student learning; with hands-on experience, they are acquiring knowledge beyond the classroom lecture. That exposure is important for personal and professional development, and career success."

Jaishri Menon, Professor of Biology and Co-Chair of WP's Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

SPACES CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING:

During President Waldron's administration, the institution launched an extensive building project that has transformed the academic core of the campus. University Hall opened in January 2016, and Preakness Hall in August 2017. Hunziker Hall is currently undergoing a major renovation, set for completion by September 2018. By

incorporating modern design with the latest technology in higher education, the three buildings will positively impact students' academic experience for many years to come.

The construction projects were funded in large part by the State of New Jersey's \$750 million "Building Our Future" bond act. President Waldron was a central figure in negotiating that bond with the State,

working hard to ensure it was placed on the ballot and then passed by voters. "The argument I made for our share of the bond issue is that students at public universities—those who may come from low- or moderate-income households—have every right to first-rate facilities as the students who can afford very expensive private schools," she explains.

New Jersey State and Wayne Township dignitaries join President Waldron and WP community members for the grand opening of University Hall on January 13, 2016. With dedicated labs and clinical spaces for the nursing, communication disorders, and public health programs, the building opened six months ahead of schedule.



"With up-to-date resources, our students are getting hands-on experience with what they'll be using in the workforce. Additionally, having the latest technology and equipment pushes faculty to continue developing their knowledge base—to bring cutting-edge standards from our industry to the classroom."

Michael Figueroa, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology



The annual *Collage!* concert includes performances by music faculty and about 100 student musicians to provide a snapshot of the entire WP music program

"I have personally appreciated President Waldron's support of music department and faculty activities. She was highly supportive of our first ever Collage! concert in 2011 and the beautiful renovation of the Shea Recital Hall. She has attended faculty and student performances on and off campus since her arrival at WP, and has encouraged international travel by combinations of students, alumni, and faculty for research and outreach efforts."

Carol Frierson-Campbell, Associate Professor of Music and Coordinator of Music Education

GREAT MINDS WITH GREAT HEARTS:

The president says she will miss interacting with WP faculty, underscoring that the professors on this campus are unlike any she has encountered at the hundreds of institutions she has visited through the years. "Look at our professors' CVs; they can work anywhere," President Waldron says, citing the 41 Fulbright Scholars, two Guggenheim fellows, abundance of Ivy League graduates, and slew of acclaimed researchers. With that, she motions to her growing collection of articles and books published by faculty. "They are choosing to teach at William Paterson University because the student body appeals to them. That is different, very different, about this university. Our faculty have made an emotional commitment."



▶ Honors College Executive Director Barbara Andrew meets with honors student Andrew Massefski '19

Professor Prabakar Kothandaraman coaches WP students during the 2014 National Sales Challenge



Emmanuel Onaivi, Professor of Biology

"President Waldron encouraged the Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales to focus on the interplay between academic rigor, learning by doing, and professional immersion to support our students in their future careers. Moreover, in pursuing this, she encouraged us to include as many students as possible from across the University through innovative programs."

Prabakar Kothandaraman, Associate Professor of Professional Sales and Executive Director of WP's Russ Berrie Institute for Professional Sales



"I have felt so fortunate to work under the guidance and leadership of President Kathleen Waldron. When I started at WP, fresh out of my PhD program, it became immediately clear to me that my teaching, research, and scholarship received support at the highest level. It would not have been possible for me to progress, professionally and personally, without that."

David Fuentes

Associate Professor of Elementary and Early Childhood Education



▲ Environmental Science Professors Martin Becker (standing, second from left) and Michael Griffiths (standing, third from left) with students



President Waldron with Department of Communication faculty, from left, Kelli Smith, John Rhodes, Lorra Brown, and Amy Condon

▼ Assistant Professor of Nursing Vicki Lynn Coyle instructs a student



"President Waldron has exhibited a strong and meaningful commitment to supporting student and faculty efforts that place William Paterson in the forefront of civic discourse and service beyond the university. She has endorsed faculty efforts to host conferences that bring campus and regional constituencies together to advance knowledge and action on challenging issues, and has championed faculty commitments to serve their respective communities in public and private roles."

Arnold Lewis, Associate Professor of Political Science and Department Chairperson



LEADING BY EXAMPLE: The president has also given back—to the William Paterson community. She recently renewed a \$100,000 scholarship gift, doubling her commitment to \$200,000. In memory of her parents, she previously donated \$25,000 to establish the Emilia and Jack Waldron Endowed Scholarship, and another \$25,000 to establish the Alice Waldron Endowed Scholarship, in memory of her aunt.

As a high school senior in Franklin Square, on Long Island, the president was awarded a full Regents Scholarship that covered all four years of her undergraduate tuition at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. As a graduate student at Indiana University, she received various types of scholarships and a stipend to cover housing. "This was my way of repaying that investment in me," she says of her donations, "by making it possible for the next generation of students to complete their university education."

◀ President Waldron with students who have benefitted from the scholarships she created during the University's annual Scholarship Dinner in 2013



ENACTING POSITIVE CHANGE: President Waldron's energy has been contagious on campus, especially when it comes to something near and dear to her heart: civic engagement, which under her leadership, has become an identity point for the University. Though civic engagement courses and activities on campus predate her, when she arrived, President Waldron pushed the concept further. She named coordinators for civic engagement—one from the academic side and one from the student development side—and led the charge to name civic engagement a “core value” of the institution in its Strategic Plan.

Once the on-campus structure was set, the president took her message off campus, serving as a founder of the New Jersey Campus Compact—an organization at the state level, via a national hub, that supports civic engagement by colleges and universities. That organization, in turn, helped bolster civic engagement at WP. “We now had an intellectual and social structure on which to build our program,” she says. Another initiative she has avidly supported, as outlined in the Strategic Plan, is making WP an energy-efficient, sustainable, and environmentally friendly institution.

"President Waldron has truly created a caring campus through her support of NJ Campus Compact, civic engagement-themed curriculum requirements, and designating resources to implement student opportunities for service. Students feel more connected to the University and communities we serve, while gaining valuable skills that hopefully will encourage them to do good beyond WP. I am proud to be a part of the legacy of service that President Waldron began."

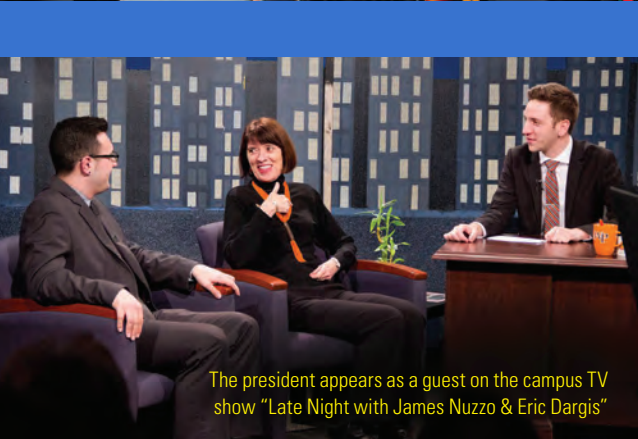
Donna Minnich Spuhler

Director of Campus Activities, Service and Leadership

Students volunteer at a local food pantry during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service 2017



"IT'S THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY YEAR:" President Waldron says the most rewarding part of her job has been watching students walk across the stage at the University's commencement ceremony. "I get emotional at every commencement ceremony. My fellow presidents around the country laugh at me; they say 'How can you still get teary after so many years?' But it's very moving to me; it's a triumph, and I don't care if my colleagues laugh at me. I feel emotional. And I beam. And the students know that," she explains. "That is a real joy—a real joy. And after the ceremony, I go outside and take pictures with the graduates and their families for as long as they want. I'm not going to deny anyone an opportunity to make the day just as perfect for them as it could be."



The president appears as a guest on the campus TV show "Late Night with James Nuzzo & Eric Dargis"

THE BIGGEST PERK OF BEING UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT? "How varied my days can be...to go from breakfast with a real estate developer to listening to a lecture on social justice, to a performance by our student choir, to watching students perform standup comedy or a play, to ending my day at a basketball game (she notes the men's team overtime win the night before)...It's really thrilling to have that great opportunity," Waldron says. "That kind of variety in your job is hard to come by. I'll have to recreate that part of my life in some way in retirement."



"President Waldron's support of leadership development and engagement with campus activities demonstrates commitment and compassion for our students. She has provided and fostered opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to grow inside and outside of the classroom. Her legacy will serve as a symbol of empowerment and growth."

Maribel Rodriguez, Associate Director of Campus Activities, Service and Leadership

ALL WORK AND NO PLAY? NO WAY:

Her undeniable sense of humor and fun have made this president stand out for many constituents on campus. She carries an orange snow sled in the trunk of her car, and has gleefully gone sledding down campus hills with groups of students and the few courageous employees who have accepted her invitation/challenge to take part in such. Her bright orange high-top sneakers are a staple at University sporting events, as are the orange antennae she wears on the first day of each semester and the various antlers, snowflakes, bells and other accessories she has worn to the University's annual holiday party. She also summoned row boats once, and then collected students, staff, and a Board of Trustees member to join her for an afternoon fishing break on the Valley Road pond.



▲ President Waldron shows off a catch from the Valley Road pond



President Waldron and her bright orange high tops zip-line through campus during Homecoming 2012



A made-over Kathleen Waldron takes the stage during an 80s-themed concert on campus in spring 2017 ▼

"During my time at the University, President Waldron did everything in her power to ensure students, and their programs and activities, came first. Her sense of pride for the contributions student organizations made to the campus community was expressed in meetings, during her speeches, and in regular conversation. She's empowered students to use their voices to be catalysts of change, and to never forget that by doing so, they can and will make a difference."

Esaul Helena '17

Student Government Association President 2015-17



GABE VITALONE TEACHING THE ART OF LONGEVITY

BY THERESA E. ROSS '80



Evelyn and Gabe Vitalone

During his more than three decades at William Paterson University, Gabe Vitalone, professor *emeritus* of education, was known as an outstanding teacher and as the inspirational coach of several Pioneer athletic teams. Now, at age 95, Vitalone is continuing to teach and inspire, sharing with others his tips on aging and the importance of an active lifestyle.

Vitalone begins each day with 30 minutes of floor exercises, followed by a morning walk. He and his wife of 63 years, Evelyn, have been frequent medal winners in the New Jersey and U.S. Senior Olympics. In 2015, they won a combined six medals at the 2015 New Jersey senior games.

"I notice that when some people get older, that's when they begin to feel it's okay to take it easy," Vitalone says. "But once you get into the mindset that it's okay to have a few extra calories and stay away from physical activity, that's a big mistake."

Vitalone lives on the fifth floor of a senior living complex and makes a point of getting out at least once or twice every day and always takes the stairs. "I walk those 10 flights of stairs at least once or twice a day. People with medical difficulties might be unable to do it, but those of us in good health shouldn't be afraid to walk the stairs once in a while. It's a great exercise," he says.

He still inspires the students who knew him as their professor and coach more than 50 years ago. His loyal following, affectionately known as "Gabe's guys,"

are mostly in their 70s and have been meeting at a local diner for more than 10 years. The group of mostly alumni includes several retired superintendents, principals, and teachers. Many were part of the early fraternity at Paterson State known as the Skull and Poniard Society.

"I send out an email to 10 or so alumni or friends to meet for breakfast at the Wayne Hills Diner, and usually 15 show up," says Anthony Coletta '64, professor *emeritus* of education, who has known Vitalone for 53 years. When Vitalone turned 95 last spring, a crowd of 30 men showed up to surprise him for his birthday.

Bill Joosten '66, MA '69, and Jack Moran '61, MA '78, retired educators and members of the University's Alumni Executive Council, are among the friends who meet for breakfast. "Gabe has impacted so many lives over the years," says Joosten. "He might not have been an athletic coach to most of us, but we always called him 'coach.' He's someone you can talk to, call upon for advice, and he always has a kind word."

In addition to discussing the good old days, the men also enjoy staying current with Vitalone, who published a book of poetry in 2015, and with the help of Coletta, stars in the YouTube video, "Keep Moving: It's Never Too Late," featuring

Vitalone running and doing his morning exercise routine.

A former member of the Skull and Poniard fraternity, Joosten is working toward the goal of establishing an endowed scholarship in the historic fraternity's name. Joosten and Vitalone are also members of the Old Timers Athletic Association of Greater Paterson, which recently initiated a new award called the Dr. Gabriel Vitalone Coaching Award. "The award is for someone who stands out in the community, and has made a career of being supportive to athletes and students," says Joosten, who currently serves as the organization's vice president.

"I was just doing my job—I was hired to teach and I love to teach," Vitalone says. He spent 34 years at William Paterson, arriving on the campus in 1957 to teach health and physical education and coach baseball, basketball, and, later on, cross country. He went on to teach developmental psychology in 1962 and completed his doctorate at New York University in 1964.

Vitalone served as chair of the Department of Elementary and Early Childhood Education beginning in 1968. He developed an innovative program for tutoring inner-city children and taught it for 22 years in the Paterson schools. In 1968, he received

the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Student Government Association. In 2005, he was the recipient of the Faculty Service Award at the annual Legacy dinner.

A World War II veteran, Vitalone served as a lieutenant in Patton's Third Army. In 1945, his company was told that they were going to invade a German-occupied region, and as luck would have it, Germany surrendered the next day. Vitalone says he has had an amazing life and feels fortunate to have taught on all levels, from nursery school through graduate school.

Coletta introduced Vitalone as the keynote speaker at a recent Pioneer Society luncheon, an event for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. "People are always asking Gabe, what's the secret to your longevity? Of course, good genes, luck, and having a loving, supportive wife and family certainly help," Coletta acknowledges. "But if you were to ask me, I would say it's his active lifestyle and positive approach that have gotten him this far."

Nowadays, through his own example, Vitalone is teaching his friends and the campus community about the art of longevity.



"Gabe's guys" gather for a recent breakfast. Clockwise, from left, Anthona Coletta '64, Rich Garafalo '62, Steve Rozic '66, Tom Dowd '66, Bob Stolarz '66, Don Duin '63, Dan DiGiacomo '66, MA '70, Bob Moore '69, MEd '78, Ross Alfieri '64, Pete Grisafi '66, MA '69, Bill Joosten '66, MA '69, and Gabe Vitalone

WORDS OF WISDOM

Since his retirement, Vitalone also spends time writing. Three years ago, he self-published a collection of poems he's written over the years. His earliest poem, to his wife Evelyn, was written in 1952. Some other poems, written more recently, focus on aging, including this one:

GETTING OLD

*I know which way the road will go,
I cannot change it though I know.
I must not falter in my task,
To keep my courage is all I ask.*

*I owe to those who love me well,
To live with verve and not rebel.
Though aging is a weakening thing,
It can be fought, take time to sing.*

*Our attitude can keep us whole
And nurture the eternal soul.*

Alumna Laurie A. Carter, MA '87, President of Shippensburg University, **EXEMPLIFIES THE VALUE OF EDUCATION**

BY THERESA E. ROSS '80



Laurie A. Carter, MA '87, the president of Shippensburg University, on the Pennsylvania campus

Laurie A. Carter, MA '87, believes that her parents' work ethic and values helped her to fully appreciate the importance of education.

"My father worked in chemical factories to raise five children. When he retired, he obtained his GED and then went on to college. This is a man who had to drop out of school in the 7th grade to support his family," she says. "After obtaining his college degree, he began teaching at a technical college. It's a lesson that was so compelling—about the value of education—because education had been denied to him but he persisted and sought it as soon as he could."

It's not surprising, then, that Carter's goal is to provide quality, affordable access to higher education for every student who seeks it. On August 7, 2017, Carter became the 17th president of Shippensburg University, a public university located in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. A first-generation college student herself, Carter felt uniquely prepared to provide leadership at a university where so many

students have a similar background.

"My family didn't really have a great deal of means, so the access to higher education was very meaningful to me," says Carter. "All of my education has been at state universities, and the idea of leading a regional public university, where I felt I could make a difference, was important to me professionally."

As the first woman president of Shippensburg and an African American, Carter knows that she is a role model and takes that responsibility very seriously, but says that gender and race is not what defines her. "I was able to gain the skills and have the experience that prepared me for this position and all students can do the same thing. They can achieve anything they want," she says.

Carter holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Clarion University, and a master's degree in communication arts from William Paterson. Her career in higher education began at William Paterson, where she lived on campus, served as a graduate assistant for a semester, and then took on a professional

staff position as a residence hall director. The following year, she was appointed assistant director of residence life at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Working full-time helped Carter finance her graduate education and opened her mind to a potential career in higher education.

She was the first African American administrator at The Juilliard School in New York City, where she spent nearly 25 years of her career. She was hired as director of student affairs, while simultaneously earning her juris doctorate at Rutgers School of Law in Newark. During her tenure at Juilliard, she rose through the ranks to become vice president and general counsel. Her accomplishments include serving as the founding chair of the Jazz Studies Department, and implementing diversity initiatives that resulted in an increase in under-represented students and faculty.

Carter went on to become vice president for arts education at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark, and was subsequently employed as executive vice president and university counsel at Eastern Kentucky University, where she led 33 university departments and oversaw a budget in excess of \$71 million.

What is the most rewarding thing about being a university president? "By far, it's the students," says Carter. She enjoys working with students and helping them to realize their dreams. "Listening to their experiences helps to frame my vision," she says. "It's easy for someone in my position to say, 'This is what we're going to do and this is how we're going to do it,' but you really have to listen to students to understand what their goals are so you can best help them achieve those goals."

"The way I am able to help people is so tangible," she continues. "I see the transformative impact of higher education on the students and their families that I've been in contact with over the years. That's what drives me. It's a gift for me to be able to help people realize that dream."

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Alumni Connections

Class of 1967 Welcomed into Pioneer Society

The Class of 1967, which celebrated its 50th reunion in 2017, was formally inducted into the Pioneer Society during its annual luncheon on December 1, 2017 on campus. The Pioneer Society—alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago—provides alumni with a chance to share their favorite memories and reminisce with classmates and members of the University community during this popular event. Guest speaker Gabriel Vitalone, professor *emeritus* of education, shared his tips on aging well (*see story on page 26*), and President Kathleen Waldron provided an update on University news.



Top Left: Vincent Moretta '52, MA '57, Jean (Mercadante) Moretta '55, MA '61, and Janet (Dykstra) Brown '54; Top Right: Clifford Williams '65, MA '70, MA '77; Left: Standing, Don Warnaar '59, MA '65; Dale Dreisbach '55; MeeLon (Mee) Yee '62, MA '70; Seated, Bertha (De Block) Ligos '57, MEd '81; Caroline Lembo Knauss '66, MA '78; Camille (Nuccitelli) Coppa '60; and Beverly Shaffer, MA '66



William Hanse '53, President Waldron, Anne (DeSpirito) Arnowitz '50, MA '68



Standing: Ronald Van Dunk '67, Holly (Lang) Broberg '67, Arlene (Fava) Giresi '67, Angela (Huber) Hannifin, President Waldron; Seated: Josephine Galofaro Eicher '67, Joanne (Ganguzza) Gallo '67, and Therese (Kamphausen) Jansson '67

WP Alumni Connections



Cowitz Charlot Jr. '08

Front: Carlos Cano '09, MA '17; Standing, left to right: Julissa Borbon '08, Janessa Rivera '07, Beverly Hague '08, Maribel Rodriguez, associate director of campus activities, service, and leadership, Raquel Romans-Henry '07, MA '11, Kerrian Palmieri '08, END '16, Christina DeRosa '08

Alumni from Classes of 2004 to 2008 Gather for Reunion

Alumni from the Classes of 2004 through 2008 returned to campus on January 19 for an evening of cocktails, dancing, and the chance to reminisce with friends and classmates. They are already making plans for their next reunion event!



Front: Steven Billingsley '06, MEd '09; Rear: Curtis Manley '08, Dashawn Oxford '07, and Jallia Brunson



Virginia DeMario '08, Keli Dougherty '07, MFA '11, and Rose Mary Iannone '08

SAVE THE DATE

HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2018

OCTOBER 6 and 7

FEATURING FOOTBALL, A CARNIVAL, A BIERGARTEN, AND SPECIAL FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

Young Alumni Raise More Than \$1,000 for Student Scholarship

“It’s hard to imagine that people who may still be paying off their student loans and getting their careers off the ground are willing to help me; it’s amazing really,” says Nasim Bibi ’20, a nursing major, Honors College student, and recipient of the Young Alumni Council’s (YAC) inaugural scholarship.

YAC President Dan O’Brien ’08, an attorney who practices mental health law in Newark, hopes this scholarship will serve as inspiration for fellow young alums, showing them that giving, even small amounts, can make a big difference.

“You have thousands and thousands of young alumni—those who graduated in the past 10 years. If they each gave one or two dollars, imagine what we’d have,” O’Brien says, expressing his desire for the YAC to award two scholarships per year going forward.

Bibi hopes to attend medical school after William Paterson, his heart set on—no pun intended—becoming a cardiologist. Eventually, he would like to offer free medical care to people in Afghanistan. Bibi spent last academic year volunteering with the geriatric program at Hackensack University Medical Center, and this year, the Cedar Knolls native is volunteering in the emergency room of

Morristown Medical Center. He works directly with nurses and doctors on the treatment floor, helping to care for patients from all walks of life.

“Nasim is a very impressive young man, who represents the best of Pioneer students and what they hope to achieve as Pioneer alumni,” O’Brien says. “We were really happy to award him this scholarship.”

It’s important to maintain engagement with William Paterson not just for memories’ sake, but also to give back to the University, he adds. “There are so many

stories of students at William Paterson who are the first in their families to go to college. It’s a place that can start a family’s whole tradition of college. I think the young alumni having engagement with such students, helping build networks with them—and helping build bridges for themselves with alumni in various professions—is great.”

“I never thought of donating to a scholarship before,” Bibi says, “but now I know the value and I hope to return the favor someday for another student.”

➤ For more information about the Young Alumni Chapter, or how to support its scholarship efforts, contact Sharon Ryan of the Alumni Relations team at 973-720-3625, or RyanS3@wpunj.edu.



Naima Ricks '11, Nasim Bibi '20, Michele Garcia '15, and Dan O'Brien '08

WV Alumni Connections

Class Notes

1972 **MARTHA SHARER** celebrated her 23rd year as librarian at the Village Library in Cooperstown, NY.

1973 **ANN GROSSI** has been the Morris County clerk since 2013. She also serves on the board of the Morris County Library Foundation and is a public member of the Picatinny Innovation Center...**CHARLES GUNTHER, MED '76**, retired as senior vice president at Bank of America after a 44-year career in commercial banking...**MARIA NOLAN** is the head coach of the Secaucus High School volleyball team, which has won an unprecedented 19 state titles since 1983.

1974 **RALPH J. CIALLELLA** was appointed to the board of trustees at Essex County College. He recently retired as Essex County administrator...**JULIUS "JAY" COLTRE** was recognized during Italian Heritage Month as an outstanding Italian American in Essex County. Coltre is the Essex County purchasing director and deputy county administrator.

1975 **JOSEPH F. DUFFY, MA**, retired president of Catholic Charities in Paterson, is the author of *Being a Supervisor 1.0: A Handbook for the New, Aspiring, and Experienced Supervisor*, to be released in July 2018...**DENISE GREGORY** was sworn in as the first female fire commissioner for the Lakewood Fire District. She was elected to a term expiring in March 2020.

1978 **JIM CATALANO, MA**, has been named the boys basketball coach at Belleville High School. He was a Hall of Fame athlete at Belleville, where he played baseball and basketball...**RICHARD GRAHAM, MA**, was inducted into the Newton High School Hall of Fame. Graham served as a special education and social studies teacher at Newton High School from 1980 to 2010 and served as head football coach, among other positions...**ALAN LISOWSKI** has joined Pinck & Company, a real estate advisory firm, as director of business development for southern New England...**ERIC SOROKA** has retired after 21 years as the city manager in Aventura, Florida. He was Aventura's first city manager.

1980 **BARBARA KRAJKOWSKI, MA**, celebrated the 25th season of the Women's Theatre Company, a company she cofounded that brings plays and musicals to northern New Jersey audiences...**WILLIAM MCKOY**, a Paterson councilman, collected and distributed toys to more than 300 Paterson children for Christmas through his Bill McKoy Foundation...**JOSEPH M. VELLI** has been named to the board of directors of Cognizant Technology Solutions Corporation. Velli is also a member of the William Paterson University Board of Trustees.

1981 **NANCY COOKE** was appointed pastor of Harmony Hill United Methodist Church in Stillwater...**MARY L. GRUCCIO, MA**, superintendent of the Vineland School District, joined the board of directors of the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame...**CYNTHIA KARST, MA '83**, has been named director of customer solutions for HighPoint Global.

1982 **MAUREEN KAZABA** has been appointed as an assistant professor of criminal justice at County College of Morris. She previously served as a police officer for more than 30 years with the Chatham Township Police Department.

1983 **CHRISTINE (WICKS) CANDIO**, president and CEO of St. Luke's Hospital in Missouri, was named one of St. Louis' Most Influential Business Women by the *St. Louis Business Journal*...**BOB KAPLAN, MA**, has joined the American Retirement Association's Retirement Plan Academy team. He previously served as vice president, national training consultant for Voya Financial.

1984 **GARY COGER** has joined Four Seasons Sotheby's International Realty in Vermont as a real estate sales associate...**EDDIE METZ JR.**, a drummer, is currently performing with the Nicki Parrott Trio, including a recent appearance in Morristown...**PATRICIA (SNOW) SHANE** has been named executive director of the Orange County Special Investigation Unit/Child Advocacy Center in Vermont.

1985 **VINCENT VICARI** received a 2017 State Star Award from America's Small Business Development Center. Vicari is the director of the regional center located at Ramapo College.

1986 **PAT BERGESON** has been inducted into the Hall of Honor at Batavia High School in Batavia, IL. Created by the Batavia Foundation for Educational Excellence, the hall honors alumni, faculty, and friends of Batavia public schools. Bergeson is a guitarist and harmonica player who has performed on many Grammy Award-winning records...**DAVID BERTONE** is a physical therapist in practice in Lincroft and Manalapan...**LEONARD CARLUCCI** has been appointed senior vice president and team leader of Lakeland Bank in Waldwick. He has more than 30 years of banking experience.

1987 **NEAL SHARPE, MS**, has been appointed senior director of toxicology for Elox Pharmaceuticals.

1988 **CHRIS AMELAR**, as part of the group 3D Rhythm of Life, has released a new video and single entitled "Fantasy." Amelar is the co-founder and guitarist for the musical group...**CHRIS RYAN** is now affiliated with Coldwell Banker's East Brunswick office following the acquisition of Century 21 Worden and Green.

1990 **ERIC ALEXANDER** and his All Star Band appeared on the South Jersey Jazz Society Summer Concert Series. An alto saxophonist, he continues to tour the world.

1991 **JAMES CLEMENTS** was elected second vice president-AIC supervision for Ameritas Investment Corporation. Clements joined the company in June 2017...**STEPHEN SANDER** has joined Cushman & Wakefield in New York as a senior director of industrial brokerage for the New Jersey market...**DEBRA SCHIFF** is the archivist for the Historical Society of Plainfield and local history librarian at the Chester Library.

1992 **MARIA AUDIN** has been recognized by Continental's Who's Who as a Pinnacle Lifetime Member in the field of historical research and archaeology. She is president of Archaeology and Historic Resource Services...**WILLIAM HORNUNG** was named chief business officer by Diffusion Pharmaceuticals.

1993 **JOHN GEANEY** has been named branch vice president of the Coldwell Banker office in Summit...**RANDALL G.**

KOCH was honored by the Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative of Hackensack at their gala in Woodcliff Lake for his work with the all-volunteer medical clinic...**TOMOKO OHNO**, a jazz pianist, performed at the New Jersey Jazz Society's 45th anniversary concert which honored New Jersey jazz guitarist Bucky Pizzarelli...**MICHELE SAVVIDES, MED '02**, was named one of six Educators of the Year for the Randolph schools. She is a library/media specialist.

1994 **VICTOR HAYEK, MBA '99**, has self-published *Outclass*, a book that details his rise from refugee to school administrator. It is available from Amazon. He is the deputy superintendent of business services in the Conejo Valley Unified school district in California.

1996 **DAN COMER** has assumed ownership of an Allstate agency in Philadelphia, PA...**RUSS MEISSNER** performed with his sextet at the California Jazz Conservatory in Berkeley. He is a drummer.

1997 **RICH KUCHARSKI** was appointed by Immuta, a data management platform company, to the position of vice president of global solutions and architecture...**ALLAN O'GORMAN** was promoted to lieutenant at the Keogh-Dwyer Correctional Facility in Sussex County...**DARLEEN NICOLOSI** has been appointed director of technology and innovation for the Nyack, New York school district.

1999 **ROXANNE CAMEJO** has been named vice president, community development officer for Lakeland Bank...**ADAM LINZ** performed at Jazz Central in Minneapolis.

2001 **JAIMEO BROWN**, a jazz drummer, performed at Scullers Jazz Club in Boston. His newest release is *Transcendence*...**DANIEL DELACRUZ** and his group, Dela and the Aggrolites, released their first solo record, *Opening Night*, on Stoopid Records.

2002 **PAIGE DWORAK** has been named chief executive officer of East Orange General Hospital. Dworak is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

2003 **EDDIE ALLEN** performed with his quintet at the Schorr Family Firehouse Stage

in Johnson City, NY... **MARK GUILIANA** was named Best Jazz Drummer in the *Modern Drummer* Readers Poll 2017, while *DownBeat* dubbed him a Rising Star in its Critics Poll.

2004 **ITAY GOREN**, pianist, performed as the featured soloist in a concert with the Summit Symphony Orchestra.

2005 **BRIAN MCCARTHY, MM '07**, saxophonist, released a new album entitled *CODEX*. The album contains original music and reinterpreted covers... **GEORGE SEGALE** launched a photo studio in downtown Sparta. Segale is a high school photography and video teacher... **CATHERINE SOHOR** started a new position as a partnership manager with Pearson Education. She has also been appointed to the board of directors of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors... **FADIA TERMANINI** has been appointed a math special education teacher at Becton Regional High School.

2006 **MATTHEW SHULL** was sworn in as a major in the U.S. Air Force. He is stationed at Shriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO... **JENNIFER VARANO** has been appointed assistant principal, secondary, student support services in Wayne Township.

2008 **RUMKI CHOWDHURY** has published her third book, *Unveiled*, a collection of poetry. It was inspired by her personal experience of wearing a hijab/headscarf... **JOHN DE CAPUA** and his wife **KRISTEN '03** welcomed their first child Ella Rose De Capua on August 13, 2017... **STANTAWN KENDRICK**, saxophonist, taught a master class in music at Valdosta State University's 2017 State High School Jazz Band Clinic. He recently released his debut album, *No Longer Bound*... **DAN O'BRIEN** was appointed by the chief justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey to serve on the District VC Ethics Committee, which covers Newark... **SHAREYNA N. SCOTT** has written *The Test of a Woman*, a book that uncovers the real-life experiences of women.

2009 **JUDY DEPARTO** had a small solo show of her abstract watercolors at the gallery at Carthaigh Coffee in Stone Ridge, NY... **JENNIFER OLAWSKI**, a physical education teacher at the Community Charter School

of Paterson, started a GoFundMe to help buy Christmas presents for less fortunate students. She was able to buy presents for her 500 students... **SAMANTHA ORAS** was promoted to be manager of education initiatives at Employment Horizons, a non-profit that provides job training and placement services to people with disabilities and other barriers to employment... **AMY RASH** has been appointed principal at St. Mary of the Lakes School in Medford... **TOM SOBOTOR** celebrated the first anniversary of his Sobotor Training Systems location in Warwick, NY.

2010 **B.J. JANSEN, MBA**, baritone saxophonist, composer, and bandleader is back with the band Common Ground for a new album – his tenth project as its leader.

2011 **EVAN P. BLISS** was awarded the John L. Soldoveri Scholarship from Valley National Bank after being admitted to the Graduate Business School at Columbia University to pursue his MBA... **KEVIN RYAN** was sworn in as an officer in the Metuchen Police Department... **DANIEL TACKNEY-DIGRAZIA** had an exhibit of his paintings in New York City.

2012 **BRIAN BIRKBECK** has been hired as a sales associate with the Morehart and Wetherby Realty Group for Connecticut's New Castle and Kent counties... **CHRIS CONNOLLY, MM**, is a lecturer of music at Coastal Carolina University, where he directs the Low Brass Ensemble... **ANTHONY MCGILCRIST** has been named athletics supervisor for Eastside High School in Paterson... **CHRIS POMANTE**, classical guitarist, performed at the Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library in Wantage. He is a guitar teacher... **TERECE "TERI" TORQUATO** has joined the Boys & Girls Club of Hilton Head Island in South Carolina as a youth development professional.

2013 **VALERIE AMARAL** has relocated to Washington, DC to work as a grants management specialist at the Institute for Clinical Research, a nonprofit corporation affiliated with U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs... **BRIAN CORNISH** and his quartet performed at Rudy's Jazz Room in Nashville, TN... **MICHAEL GREGORY** was hired as a police officer for Harrison. Gregory previously worked for the Hudson County's Sheriff's

Wedding bells for...

- 2010** SARAY NODA to Joseph Ravelo
December 8, 2017
- 2013** MEGHAN CRAMPTON to Andrew Jaworski
July 23, 2017
- 2014** CASHNA DOSSOUS to Scarov Victor
September 29, 2017
DIANA SENSEALE, MA, to Bruce Neira
July 8, 2017



From left, Michael Grant '14, Suzette Andre '15, Lauren T. Agnew '06, Cashna Dossous '14, Sarah Saintil '16, Claire Duthil '10, Justine Tere '11, and Bengie Ertilien '14

From left, Janet Tracy, retired William Paterson professor of nursing, Kim (Bargamento) Giblin '10, Saray (Noda) Ravelo '10, and Lindsay (McKinstry) VanderValk '10

Office... **GARY R. MARKS JR.** was appointed reference and outreach librarian for the David and Lorraine Cheng Library at William Paterson... **LASALLE MCDONALD III** was named assistant coach for the track and field team at Wagner College... **CHARLIE SIGLER**, guitarist, performed at the Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts in Berkeley Heights.

2014 **KRISTINA KOLLER**, vocalist, released her debut album, *Perception*, a jazz compilation of music from 1930s Tin Pan Alley through 2000s pop... **ANTHONY P. MERK** graduated from Marine Recruit Training in Parris Island, SC... **ARTEMISZ POLONYI**, a vocalist, performed at the International Chopin and Friends Festival in Brooklyn, NY... **LUCY YEGHIAZARYAN** performed at the Joan Weill Center for Dance in New York with her musical trio, the YY Sisters.

2015 **KATIE COUSINS**, a Little Falls artist, displayed her portraits at Cyndia's Restaurant in Totowa... **CARLY JOHNSON** was sworn in as a corrections officer at the Somerset County Jail... **VUYO SOTASHE, MM**, a jazz vocalist, appeared at Le Poisson Rouge in New York City.

2016 **JONATHON DRAGON** received a New Jersey Distinguished Clinical Intern Award. He

now teaches at Mountain View Middle School in Mendham... **SHAKIRA JONES** has joined Kiddie Academy of Hamilton-Yardsville as lead preschool teacher... **KALANI JIMENEZ-MACKSON** and his family produced a short film about heroin addiction entitled *Heroin(e)*.

2017 **ERIK ALMQUIST**, a filmmaker, presented his short film, *The Great Unknown*, at the Roseland Free Public Library... **GABRIELLA CONSTANTINI** is a marketing assistant at Laddey, Clark & Ryan, a law firm in Sparta... **ASHLEY GREEN** has a new job at DGL in Edison and was invited to be part of a panel discussion by United Design Guild featuring four recent design graduates in the first year of their careers... **JASMINE SMALL** has been hired as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at Newberry College in South Carolina.



Correction: In the fall 2017 issue of *WP Magazine*, we incorrectly listed information for **LISA MANTONE '84, MA '85**. Lisa is currently the senior vice president for development at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. We regret the error.

Mourning the loss of . . .

- '46** FRANCES ELIZABETH PONTIER
Clifton, NJ
December 27, 2017
- '50** VIVIAN C. FELICE
Mahwah, NJ
October 20, 2017
- PETER J. WILD
Pompton Plains, NJ
June 4, 2017
- '62** JOSEPH F. BORES
Surprise, AZ
November 19, 2017
- ROBERT A. DEMAREST
Tannersville, PA
November 24, 2017
- LOIS J. KACMARCIC
Pine Knoll Shores, NC
November 24, 2017
- '64** JOSEPH J. MALANGA
Bloomfield, NJ
September 5, 2017
- '69** ANTHONY J. TRAUSE
Toms River, NJ
October 13, 2017
- '70** GREG O. ROTTENGEN
Washington Twp., NJ
August 22, 2017
- '71** ADELIN RYBICKI MANGAN
Clifton, NJ
October 10, 2017
- '72** LINDA JOAN KERWIN
Robbinsville, NJ
December 13, 2017
- THELMA NUNERY, MA
Englewood, NJ
July 20, 2017
- '73** MICHAEL JR. GUZZO
Hackensack, NJ
January 10, 2018
- DEBORAH HARMON
Bloomfield, NJ
September 27, 2017
- JOHN A. TESTA, MA '77
Brick Township, NJ
October 2017
- EUGENIA JOAN ZACCARDI
Greenwood Lake, NY
January 4, 2018
- '74** JIMELLE E. MORENO
Beckley, WV
July 16, 2017
- ROBERT G. STEFANIK
Fair Lawn, NJ
September 4, 2017
- '75** KATHARINE ANN OTIS GUERIN
Canton, GA
November 25, 2017
- ANN JUDITH HAGAN
Westwood, NJ
September 6, 2017
- LILLIE MOORE
Passaic, NJ
November 5, 2017
- '76** MARY ANN (FEHRENBACH) HOLEVES
Brick, NJ
November 14, 2017
- '77** JOSEPH J. ARDITO, MA
Milmay, NJ
January 15, 2018
- JOHN DI GIOVACHINO, MED '81
East Hanover, NJ
September 9, 2017
- ALBERT MELINI, MA
Dennis Twp., NJ
January 1, 2018
- FRANK J. ZAZELLA JR.
Phoenix, AZ
November 17, 2017
- '79** CATHERINE M. GILLEN, MA
Ridgewood, NJ
August 20, 2017
- '81** ARLINE JOYCE MURPHY, MED
The Villages, FL
October 19, 2017
- '82** FRANK B. BLOOMFIELD, MA
Forks Twp., PA
September 26, 2017
- '83** OLIVIA M. "RANDY" MITCHELL CARIS
Medford Lakes, NJ
November 18, 2017
- '85** JOHN HEESE
Little Falls, NJ
November 16, 2017
- WILLIAM I. SAUL, MA '86
Centerville, MA
November 16, 2017
- '87** OLIVIA MCKAY MINUTOLO
Wayne, NJ
October 29, 2017
- '88** ROGELIO LEON
North Haledon, NJ
September 2, 2017
- '89** KATHLEEN "GINGER" (BOORAS) BELLE
Wayne, NJ
August 16, 2017
- '91** DIANE DALE JACOBS
Livingston, NJ
January 6, 2018
- '94** TIMOTHY L. CARPENTER
West Milford, NJ
December 12, 2017
- '04** KRISTINE DEFALCO
Budd Lake, NJ
September 3, 2017
- '06** JOSEPH S. DESENA
Barnegat, NJ
September 1, 2017
- '10** BARBARA LEE CIFELLI
Union, NJ
August 25, 2017
- '13** DAVID BUDZ
Elmwood Park, NJ
December 19, 2017
- '14** DANIELLE A. BLACK
Pompton Lakes, NJ
January 2, 2018

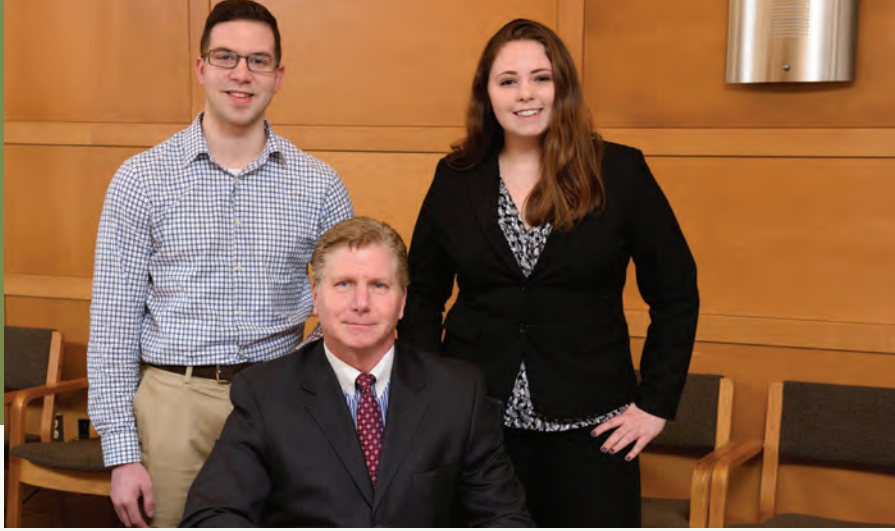
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training," says Chauhan.

"We are bringing in students to a unique program in such an important field," says David Snyder, professor of chemistry, noting the demand from industry for graduates with this expertise. He also expects the program to spur further collaboration and advanced research, as well as continual critical assessment of curriculum and laboratory and technical skills in the discipline. "Teaching is not static," he says. "You have to teach what is timely and relevant and grow with the discipline to meet the demands of students."

Jay Foley, assistant professor of chemistry, developed several of the courses that will be taught in the program. "Materials chemistry is the challenge of our industry," he says. "This program will definitely be an enhancement for our department."

For Chauhan, the ultimate reward is to see the impact that the department has on its students. "A recent graduate called me and said she wanted to come and see me," he says. "I thought maybe she was looking for some job advice. Instead, she brought me a thank you note from her grandmother, in which she said she never thought her granddaughter would be a manager in a chemical company—something so hard to imagine for an immigrant family. This is what I and my colleagues work for—to make an impact on who we touch. This is the magic that we can do."



Gary Nazare '82 (seated) with his mentees Joel Weaver '18 and Maddie Rydlewski '20

GRADUATE HELPS STUDENTS NAVIGATE THE PATH TO SUCCESSFUL CAREERS

“It’s worth all the money in the world,” says Gary Nazare ’82 of serving as a career mentor to undergraduate students via the University’s Pesce Family Mentoring Institute. “I love coaching and teaching and being able to bring out the best in people. I do that every day with my direct management team, setting up one-to-ones with folks to talk through issues. Getting to do that with young people—coaching them about who they are, who they aspire to be, and how to get there sooner rather than later—is a wonderful thing.”

Nazare, who has held high-level corporate management positions in the banking industry for more than 25 years, introduced his first mentee, Joel Weaver ’18, to members of his professional network. That introduction led Weaver, an accounting major, to an interview at Bank of New York Mellon.

“He helped me prepare for the interview and gave me tips on what to expect,” Weaver explains. “I never went into an interview feeling more confident and relaxed.”

The result? Weaver was hired as a reconciliation representative at Bank of New York Mellon this past January.

“The mentoring program has opened up opportunities which I never would have imagined. Gary has been such an amazing mentor; he’s really shown me how many different paths there are in the financial services industry. We frequently speak on the

phone about my goals and what I’m doing to achieve them.”

Nazare, who is also a member of the Cotsakos College of Business Advisory and Advancement Board, has recently taken on a second mentee, marketing student Maddie Rydlewski ’20. “So far, this program has provided me with the opportunity to receive valuable advice not only regarding business, but also my career aspirations and life as a whole,” Rydlewski says. “I have learned the value of other people’s experiences; everyone knows things that you might not, and there is an endless amount of knowledge to be gained from listening and asking questions.”

Nazare encourages fellow WP alumni to serve as mentors, too, and offers the following advice: Require the mentees to come up with organized discussion points for their meetings to maximize productivity and effectiveness. Some of his suggested topics include: “What specifically is there that I can help you with ... Let’s talk about a situation or experience where you thought you could do better, or one in which you think you did well,” Nazare explains. Self-awareness is key for the students, he says. “I tell them to try to get what you’re good at coupled up with what you like; if you love what you do, you never work a day in your life.”

To learn more about the Pesce Family Mentoring Institute, or to apply to be a mentor, visit wpunj.edu/wpmentoring.

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Both the sociological content and methods and the focus on service learning coalesce in the course’s other major requirement, a group action plan that identifies and addresses a social problem. “These projects require students to use critical sociological thinking,” says Korgen. Throughout the years, students have tackled a wide variety of issues, resulting in creation of a physical fitness club (to fight the “freshman 15”), healthier food options in the dining halls, and more awareness of mental health resources, to name a few.

One recent project, in which students collected feminine hygiene products for the women who access services at Oasis, developed when students who volunteered there found the organization was unable to meet the demand for these products. “This opened their eyes to a problem they had never thought about,” says Korgen, who included their project in her just-published textbook, *Sociology in Action*, co-authored with Maxine Atkinson. “They found they can have an impact.”

This semester, two students, Chiara St. Amant, a chemistry major, and Jimmy Sharkey, an English major, joined the campus Tobacco-Free Initiative, working with public health professor Alex Kecojevic to assess campus support for a tobacco-free campus. “I had been thinking about this issue since freshman year,” says St. Amant, “but I most likely would not have joined this movement if it was not for this course.”

“What you learned was how to get some things done,” Korgen told the students following their group presentations. “You did some activist work to make things better. Continue to use your power as organizers and advocates.”



New Jersey Percussion Ensemble Celebrates 50th Anniversary

The New Jersey Percussion Ensemble, in residence at William Paterson University, has been a driving force in New Jersey for the performance of new music for five decades. Founded in 1968 by Raymond Des Roches, a professor of music who retired in 2002, the ensemble, today comprised mostly of William Paterson faculty and alumni, has commissioned, premiered, and performed numerous works written for percussion, and has appeared throughout the United States and Europe. A 50th anniversary concert on February 5 continued that tradition, as the ensemble presented world premieres and debuted its latest recording, *New Jersey Percussion Ensemble at 50, Volume 1: A Volume of Concertos by Peter Jarvis and Payton MacDonald*.



Top: Peter Jarvis, director of the New Jersey Percussion Ensemble, conducts the ensemble; Below: Jarvis (left) with Payton MacDonald, professor of music and a member of the ensemble (center), and Raymond Des Roches, retired professor of music and founding director of the group

WP Events

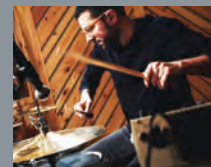
David Bromberg



Long Island Vegetable Orchestra



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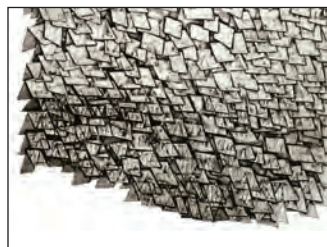
UNIVERSITY GALLERIES

Ben Shahn Center for the Visual Arts
Monday through Friday, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; April 7 and 21, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm; and by appointment.
Admission is free.

Ink, Press, Repeat: National Juried Printmaking and Book Art Exhibition
April 2-May 9, 2018
SOUTH GALLERY

Glen Baldrige: All the Surveyors
April 2-May 9, 2018
EAST GALLERY

Here/Now: A Juried Exhibition of Student Art
April 4-May 9, 2018
COURT GALLERY



Furthest from the Top by Allison Conley

MUSIC

WP PRESENTS!

Victor Wooten Trio
April 5, 2018, 12:30 pm and 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

I Want My '80s: The Best of MTV's Ladies
April 6, 2018, 7:30 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!

David Bromberg Big Band
April 7, 2018, 8:00 pm

SHEA CENTER
JAZZ ROOM
Joey DeFrancesco Quartet
April 8, 2018, 4:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP Brass Ensembles
April 12, 2018, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP OPERA PRESENTS
Dido and Aeneas
April 13 and 14, 2018, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS! FOOD FOR THOUGHT
The Long Island Vegetable Orchestra
April 14, 2018, 2:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

JAZZ ROOM
Mark Guiliana Quartet
April 15, 2018, 4:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

NEW MUSIC SERIES
WP New Music and Percussion Ensembles
April 23, 2018, 7:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP Wind Ensemble
April 26, 2018, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!
Broadway Backstage!
April 27, 2018, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

JAZZ ROOM
Vocalist Alexis Cole
April 29, 2018, 4:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

Spring Choral Concert: *Partition: Music of Solidarity and Convergence*
May 1, 2018, 7:30 pm
SHEA CENTER

WP PRESENTS!

Battle of the Brits: The Beatles vs. the Rolling Stones
May 12, 2018, 8:00 pm
SHEA CENTER

SUMMER JAZZ ROOM
July 16-20, 2018, 7:30 pm
SHEA CENTER

THEATRE AND COMEDY

***My Wonderful Day* by Alan Ayckbourn**
April 19-22, 2018
SHEA CENTER

The Comedy Improv Show
May 2, 2018, 7:00 pm
HOBART HALL

The Sketch Comedy Show
May 4, 2018, 7:00 pm
HOBART HALL

The Stand-Up Show
May 5, 2018, 5:00 pm
GOTHAM COMEDY CLUB, NEW YORK CITY

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

WP PRESENTS! FOOD FOR THOUGHT
What's Next After Farm-to-Table? Sidewalk-to-Table?
April 4, 2018, 11:00 am
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

EXPLORATIONS 2018
Research, Scholarship and Creative Expression at WP
April 4-May 5, 2018
VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Spring Writers Conference
April 14, 2018, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Featuring a keynote address by author Rick Moody
MACHUGA STUDENT CENTER
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

WP PRESENTS! FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A Cook on the Wild Side—Film and Discussion
April 23, 2018, 6:00 pm
CHENG LIBRARY AUDITORIUM

Orlando Saa Poetry Recitation Contest
May 17, 2018, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

SPECIAL EVENTS

194TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

Graduate Ceremony
May 16, 2018, 7:00 pm
SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTER

Undergraduate Ceremony
May 18, 2018, 9 am
PRUDENTIAL CENTER, NEWARK

ALUMNI EVENTS

Class of 2018 Senior Send-Off
May 15, 2018, 7:00 pm
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

Class of 1968 Reunion Luncheon
May 16, 2018, noon
UNIVERSITY COMMONS BALLROOM

Correction:
In the fall 2017 issue of *WP Magazine*, we did not provide a credit for the photo of alumni in Mexico that appeared on page 10. The photo was taken by Nicholas Ortiz.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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

Art: *University Galleries*, 973.720.2654, wpunj.edu/coac/gallery

Conferences: *School of Continuing and Professional Education*, 973.720.2463, wpunj.edu/cpe

Music, Lectures, Theater & Comedy: *Shea Center*, 973.720.2371, wp-presents.org

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