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Dr. Mary Bonderoff Named Officer-in-Charge

The State University of New York has named Dr. Mary Bonderoff as the officer-in-charge at SUNY Delhi. Dr. Bonderoff served as special advisor to the Chancellor from December 2021 through May 2022 at SUNY Delhi while continuing her responsibilities as Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer at SUNY Morrisville.

Dr. Bonderoff is providing campus leadership to the college following the resignation of former President Michael Laliberte at the completion of the spring 2022 semester. Her appointment took effect on May 16 as the College conducts a nationwide search for the next president.

Dr. Bonderoff began her career at SUNY in 1989 at the Oneonta campus serving in roles with increasing responsibility, including Director of the Center for Multicultural Experiences, Director for Student Diversity, and then as Director of Diversity Education and Community Outreach. She went to SUNY Morrisville to serve as Chief Diversity Officer and Title IX Coordinator, and most recently as Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer for the past two years.

Dr. Bonderoff earned a doctorate from Northeastern University; two M.S. degrees and a B.S. in education, all from SUNY Oneonta. One of Dr. Bonderoff's first professional jobs while a graduate student was as a Resident Hall Director at SUNY Delhi.



Delhi's program was founded in 1971, shortly after EOP was officially launched in the SUNY system. The Educational Opportunity Program is designed to give students who have ability and talent to succeed in college, the opportunity and resources to do so. Through EOP, academically and financially disadvantaged students have access to support such as counseling, tutoring, and financial aid.

Mr. Gary Manning was one of the first EOP directors at SUNY Delhi. He worked first as a counselor and then as the director from 1978 until his retirement in 1999.

"I arrived at EOP as a kind of big brother, and by the time I left, I was more like a grandfather," Manning says about his two decades in the role. "Every day, we endeavored to do our best to deliver EOP students the services they needed to successfully navigate college at SUNY Delhi."

Current EOP Director Louis Reyes, who was selected as a fellow for the SUNY system's Hispanic Leadership Institute, says he is honored to continue to build on the foundations of former directors. Over the years, EOP has worked with hundreds of students who have gone on to make the campus proud.

EOP Celebrates 50 Years!

Over the 2021–22 academic year, SUNY Delhi's Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) celebrated its 50th anniversary.



SUNY Delhi Receives High Marks

SUNY Delhi has once again been named as one of the best regional colleges according to the 2022 Best Colleges rankings by the *U.S. News & World Report*.

- **SUNY Delhi was ranked #13 Best Regional College for 2022**, a slight rise from the previous year.
- **In the Top Public Schools category, Delhi remained strong at #8.**
- **SUNY Delhi was also ranked #16 Best Value School in the North region.** Value was determined based on a school's academic quality and the net cost of attendance for a student who received the average level of need-based financial aid.
- **Delhi was ranked #2 for SUNY school with the Best Online Bachelor's Programs**, among the highest in all of SUNY.
- **SUNY Delhi was ranked #6 of all colleges in New York State's Best Online Bachelor's Programs.**



A New Face for Bronco Athletics

SUNY Delhi's athletic facilities are getting a major upgrade. This spring, installation work began on a long anticipated new synthetic turf field just in time for the 2022 fall athletics season. Home to Women's and Men's Soccer programs as well as Men's Lacrosse, the new facility boasts synthetic turf and state-of-the-art sports lighting. This will allow for Delhi's first homefield nighttime outdoor competitions in Broncos athletics history.

The new field comes just after SUNY Delhi began competition as full members of NCAA Division III. As full members,

Delhi teams and individual athletes can compete for NCAA championships. This project is possible through funding through the NYS SUNY Construction Fund funding and charitable gifts from SUNY Delhi alumni. "We are incredibly grateful to our alumni donors—and particularly thank Neil Riddell '62, whose early leadership gift made this project possible," said Michael Sullivan, Vice President for College Advancement.

To learn more about the project and to make your gift visit www.delhi.edu/turfchallenge



Commencement Returns

SUNY Delhi's 2022 commencement—the 105th in its history—took place on May 14, a picture perfect, sun-filled day. This marked a return to an in-person celebration after two years of virtual graduation programming.

SUNY Delhi Provost Dr. Thomas Jordan led the ceremony and conferred degrees on roughly 800 graduates who received masters, bachelors, and associate's degrees and certificates. In his opening remarks, Provost Jordan said,



Provost Dr. Thomas Jordan

“It’s an honor to recognize your achievements today and I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Classes of Fall 2021 and Spring 2022...I hope that SUNY Delhi has fueled a passion for life-long learning in you; that you become leaders in your professions and your communities; and that you will make service a priority.”



A (New) Sign of the Times

It's not often that you get a chance to make a mark in history. After a two-year collaborative design and building effort, students in construction management, residential construction and masonry, mechatronics technology, and horticulture sciences programs were able to do just that. Together they have created an iconic new feature on campus: a brand-new welcome sign at the front entrance to the college.

With “learn by doing” as the program's motto, real-world projects like building the entrance sign allow construction students to move beyond the classrooms and labs, understand different construction components, and work outside in all conditions, just as they will once employed in the industry.

The new entrance sign project began in 2019 when teams of students created design proposals complete with budget calculations, scheduling timelines and other logistics. The proposals were then presented to the college president and members of the leadership team. Ultimately, the final design blended components of several student renderings.

Construction began in January of 2020—and a global pandemic intervened—and on the last day of the Spring 2021 semester, students were busy adding the finishing touches to the new sign site.

See the full story here:
<https://sunydelhi.exposure.co/new-entrance-sign>



Major Gift Creates Nursing Scholarships

The College Foundation at Delhi received a gift of more than \$230,000 from the Roscoe Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to support SUNY Delhi's nursing students and programs.

Half of the gift created an endowed scholarship, the Roscoe Community Nursing Home Endowed Scholarship, which will provide scholarships to students pursuing careers in geriatric nursing or closely related fields.

“There is a critical shortage of qualified nursing practitioners and nurse educators across the nation, especially in geriatric practices,” said Dr. Susan Deane, Dean of the School of Nursing at SUNY Delhi. “This gift is very meaningful for us as a nursing education institution in allowing us to keep developing our programs and supporting the students enrolled in them.”



The second half of the gift establishes an endowment to provide perpetual support for nursing program development.

The transformational gift is the result of the dissolution of the Roscoe Nursing Home, an 85-bed not-for-profit nursing facility located in Roscoe, NY. The facility was procured by VestraCare, a private healthcare company, in 2018. Per the Nursing Home's original charter, proceeds of the sale were to be given to tax-exempt organizations with a similar mission.

From Delhi to Top of the Tech World

Boston area tech entrepreneur Steve Papa '92 is one of SUNY Delhi's most successful alumni. With degrees from SUNY Delhi, Princeton, and Harvard, and tremendous success in the tech industry under his belt, he still values the educational foundation he received at SUNY Delhi.

When SUNY Delhi alum Steve Papa sold the software company he had founded, Endeca Technologies, to Oracle some years ago, he briefly thought about never working again. But the dynamic business thought leader quickly grew restless and found himself launching, investing in, and mentoring many other business ventures as varied as 5G network development, restaurant software, and 3D printing.

While Papa's varied career stems from his entrepreneurial resourcefulness, which he says is firmly rooted in his childhood spent in rural Upstate New York. "I grew up with four brothers in a cabin up a dirt road in Andes, New York," says Papa, the son of a retired Brooklyn cop. "When the power went out or you got stuck on a rock driving a bulldozer in the woods, you had no choice but to figure out how to solve problems—and you often did that with limited resources. Entrepreneurship is about that same innovation and creativity. Instead of coming up with all the reasons why something won't work, you figure out what will."



When young Steve got his hands on a computer, he taught himself how to program. Aspiring to become a mechanic or an engineer, he forwent his senior year of high school and enrolled in the engineering science program at nearby SUNY Delhi. He was just 16.

Retired SUNY Delhi engineering professor Walter Bray remembers Papa as an all-American kid who stood out for his smarts.

"He was the brightest and most talented student I've ever had—and I've also taught at Cornell and Stanford," Bray recalls. "He would ask questions and immediately get it. He'd fix my computer, work on problems, and study programming. He typed so fast you couldn't see his fingers. I've never had a student in the same league. I thought for sure he'd have a good job and a good life—but what I didn't know is that he also had this business skill and a sense of imagination that would take him so far."

To Papa, Professor Bray was an early mentor who fostered the young student's potential through independent study hours which led to long conversations about scientific discovery and innovation:

"He treated me as a peer," Papa says. "In a bigger university, faculty isn't typically as approachable to students. Having that level of respect from a professor made a big impact on me, and I feel a lot of gratitude for that. I appreciate the time he took to help me in my youth."

Papa spent two semesters at Delhi with a busy schedule, maintaining a 4.0 GPA throughout. He was just shy of achieving his two-year degree when he was accepted into Princeton University for a bachelor's degree in engineering. He later tied up the loose end at Delhi by transferring his Ivy League credits in order to fulfill his associate degree requirements at SUNY Delhi.

"Without the foundation I received at Delhi, I would have been woefully unprepared for Princeton," Papa says. "Taking the time to learn the fundamentals prepares you to take on new challenges instead of spinning your wheels, no matter what you do next. Students shouldn't squander that opportunity. I'm happy to be an example of the value of public education—it is very important. People get too caught up in name-brand education."

At Princeton, Papa stood out from other students who often came from privileged backgrounds. He was known as the student with the toolbox. He put his skills to use including building loft beds to sell to other students—hundreds of them. He standardized and



"Take the initiative and write your own story."

~ Steve Papa '92

prefabricated the parts, turning the endeavor into his unofficial first business. Next came selling tuxedos; with all the black-tie events at the prestigious university, Papa and a friend recognized a business opportunity. A classmate loaned them the money to buy a line of designer tuxes, and operating out of a basement they became Princeton's informal go-to supplier.

Earning an MBA from Harvard Business School was a logical next move for the self-starter who went on to combine his tech and business savvy to create and build Endeca. Though Papa's subsequent enterprises encompass multiple industries, their common thread is a focus on working with his colleagues to solve problems and adding value to people and businesses.

"If I can eliminate things that unnecessarily create burden or waste, I feel good about that," Papa says. "I care about making things accessible and helping people save money and time—things that matter."

Now married with a young daughter, Papa is raising his family outside of the greater Boston metropolitan area to allow for the same freedom and discovery he enjoyed in his youth.

"I used to feel envy for the students who seemed to have all the opportunities growing up. At some point, I started to feel bad for them because they were doing things that someone else told them to do rather than being motivated by their own interests. The self-reliance instilled while growing up in the Catskills not only taught me to be resourceful, it also gave me great motivation to pursue the things I found interesting. It was a defining experience."

Papa's advice to students today is to take the time to determine what excites them.

"If you love what you do, you're going to do it that much better. Even if you don't come from a place of advantage, you are fortunate to be in this day and age where you have the ability to create your own destiny instead of someone handing it to you. The end result will be far more rewarding. Take the initiative and write your own story."

RETURN TO TRADITION

Friday, Sept. 30–Sunday, Oct. 2



HOMECOMING 2022

It's been three years since we've been able to welcome alumni back to campus and we're pulling out all the stops to make this year an extra-special celebration!

Join us for **Homecoming 2022** from Friday, September 30–Sunday, October 2. This will be a campus and village-wide event with many activities including:

- **Friday night Welcome Mixer.**
- **Saturday Golden Alumni Brunch** at Bluestone Restaurant & Pub by the beautiful Delhi College Golf Course for the Classes of 1970, 1971 and 1972, their families and friends.
- **Campus tours and demonstrations.**
- **Ribbon cutting ceremony for Broncos new turf field** followed by double-header soccer games.
- **Special alumni discounts** at the Barnes & Noble Campus Store and the 18-hole Delhi College Golf Course.
- **Delhi's Annual Harvest Festival** with merchant, craft, and food vendors along Main Street and the Village Square.
- **Sunday brunch in MacDonald Hall** with its expansive views of the village then Delaware County's 10th Annual Suicide Prevention Walk.

More details about this special weekend can be found at www.delhi.edu/alumni. Early reservations for overnight accommodations are encouraged. Suggestions online.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact the SUNY Delhi Alumni Office at (607)746-4600 or e-mail alumni@delhi.edu.

Meet the Dean: Dr. Joyce Shim



Dr. Joyce Shim joined SUNY Delhi in March of 2022 as the new Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. Shim is a two-time Fulbright Specialist (Russia 2018 and Colombia 2021) and is known as a compassionate and collaborative leader who strives for global education and sustainable innovation. She is a recipient of the New Jersey Senate and General Assembly Awards for Contributions to Immigrant Communities.

Originally from South Korea, she grew up in NJ and NY and taught in numerous countries in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Her publications can be found in international peer-reviewed journals such as the *International Journal of Social Welfare* and *Journal of Family Issues*, among others. Dr. Shim earned her Ph.D. and dual Masters at Columbia University and a B.A. from Rutgers University-New Brunswick.

What drew you to pursue a career in higher education leadership?

Representation matters. Growing up in NJ and NY, despite the diversity in the communities I was part of, I did not see many leaders—teachers, professors, or administrators, who looked like me. Being the first one who went to university in my family in the US, I never thought I could go beyond college, let alone become a professor. So pursuing a career in academia and higher education leadership is something deeply personal when I look at our student body. I was also inspired by my immigrant parents who instilled in me the importance of faith in God and service to others. All of these drew me into where I am today.

What excites you most about your new role as LA&S Dean at SUNY Delhi?

What excites me most? I can answer right away—our students, staff, and faculty! We are an amazing team that makes a difference in our communities, and dare I say, around the globe. Our work is a marathon so I ask all of us to stay strong and take care of each other as we have a lot of work to do together. We promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our school and throughout campus. We challenge ourselves to create a braver society for racial and social justice. We lead a globally-connected world where everyone belongs and is valued. That is what Liberal Arts and Sciences represents.

Thank you for this incredible honor to serve. I am looking forward to learning more and working with all of the Delhi/Delaware County community, on and outside campus!



College Foundation Welcomes New Trustees

The College Foundation at Delhi, Inc. is pleased to announce the election of three new trustees. The College Foundation was established in 1964 as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation to accept and manage charitable gifts and grants to support SUNY Delhi. New trustees are:



Peter Gioffe '92, '94
President,
The Delaware National
Bank of Delhi, NY



Scott Fichten '86
Senior Vice President,
Account Management,
Drury Design Dynamics



Richard Hayes '83
Managing Director,
Empire Valuation
Consultants

Event Management Students Honor Professor

In spring 2022, students enrolled in SUNY Delhi's Advanced Event Management class planned and hosted a memorial charity golf tournament as a semester capstone applied-learning project.

Utilizing the theory, skills, and knowledge they gained through their studies, students planned the Michael Barnes Hospitality Invitational, a special golf tournament in memory of Assistant Professor Michael Barnes. Mr. Barnes was an assistant professor in the SUNY Delhi School of Business and Hospitality Management for nearly 20 years, a treasured member of the alumni community, and an avid lover of golf and the Delhi community.

The memorial tournament raised funds for a College Foundation at Delhi scholarship called the Michael Barnes '75 Scholarship. This provides much-needed support for students in the Hospitality Management program. In its first year the successful student run event raised nearly \$10,000 in funds for scholarships.



Turf Students Place Second in National Competition

A team of SUNY Delhi students took second place at the national 2022 Collegiate Turf Bowl during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Conference and Trade Show in San Diego, CA in February.

Teams were evaluated on their overall turf industry knowledge, understanding and problem solving abilities in high-pressure situations. SUNY Delhi competed in a field of 41 teams representing 21 colleges and universities from across the country. Delhi's top scoring team bested teams from Penn State, Michigan State, and the University of Maryland among others. The students on SUNY Delhi's award winning team were Michael Battaglia, Drew Romanski, Charles Bourgeois, and Brad Woessner.



"What this team accomplished is incredibly impressive. No other small college has ever finished in the top 10 of the Turf Bowl in its over 20-year history, let alone placed second. I'm so proud of our students and inspired by their passion," said Associate Professor Benjamin Czyzewski, who prepared Delhi students and accompanied them on the trip along with instructors Ryan Abbate and Julia Ward.

SUNY Delhi's Golf and Sports Turf Management (BBA) program is the only bachelor's degree in the Northeast that combines turf management with business classes, preparing graduates for leadership positions at golf courses, athletic venues, landscaping companies, and more.

Students and Donors Connect at Scholarship Reception

The College Foundation at Delhi and SUNY Delhi Alumni Association hosted the first annual Celebration of Scholarships reception in the fall of 2021, at the Bluestone Pub and Restaurant at the SUNY Delhi College Golf Course. The event brought together SUNY Delhi scholarship recipients with the donors that make scholarships possible through their philanthropic giving. The event also provided students with the opportunity to share with scholarship donors their dreams for the future, and the ways in which scholarships make an impact on their educational pursuits.

Mechatronics major Saira Vidunas shared with guests how scholarship support impacted her educational journey. "Once I was able to be employed, it took me years to save enough for just one semester. Thanks to donors, I was able to stay enrolled. I am graduating this semester at the top of my class with a full-time engineering job offer at Corning, Inc. I owe a lifetime of gratitude to the donors who helped make this dream a reality."

SUNY Delhi awards scholarships based on a multitude of factors, including financial need, academic excellence, academic program, geography, and personal achievements. Through the generosity of alumni and donors, in the 2021-22 academic year, the College Foundation made 314 scholarship awards totaling more than \$360,000 to SUNY Delhi students.



College Golf Course Receives Acclaim

For a 20th straight year, the College Golf Course at Delhi has been certified as an Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary Golf Course—one of only 829 courses to receive this distinction in the world! To achieve certification a course must demonstrate a high degree of environmental quality in areas including: environmental planning, wildlife and habitat management, outreach and education, and water conservation and management. "Because the course serves as an educational laboratory for our Golf and Sports Turf Management and Business and Professional Golf Management programs, our commitment to the Audubon Sanctuary program helps future industry leaders understand and gain a commitment to environmentally sustainable golf course operations," said Dave Arehart, general manager at the College Golf Course.



CLASSNOTES

1952

William Young and his wife Dolores are celebrating 67 years of marriage. After William graduated from Delhi, he enlisted in the Navy. He spent two years at a Navy Base in Texas and two years on an aircraft carrier as a damage controlman. The aircraft carrier went to the Mediterranean Sea twice.

1965

George Krantz retired in 2009 after a 25-year career as a Director of Medical Records at a nursing home. His son graduated from SUNY Alfred in 2015 with a degree in construction. His daughter recently graduated with a master's degree in history with a minor in special education.

1966

Lawrence Kasparowitz published a book, *Unadorned Courage: My Ten-Year Journey As a Student of Zen Buddhism*. It is available through Amazon.

1967

Robert Rutherford retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He now enjoys traveling and has visited New Zealand, Australia, Alaska, Europe, Canada, and all national parks in the United States. He lives in Perry, GA.

1969

Donald Sheetz is celebrating more than 50 years in real estate development and brokerage and 40 years in business aviation consulting and brokerage. Donald is the grandfather of three girls and a boy. He enjoys traveling the world and cruising the waters of Southern California.

1971

Joan VanDerLyke retired in January 2020 after a 48-year career with the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Joan worked in several different offices but, for the last 28 years, she served as a Paralegal Specialist with the Office of the Legal Adviser, Office of Diplomatic Law and Litigation. In that position, Joan instructed and advised U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide regarding foreign litigation and other legal matters involving the U.S. Department of State



Brothers of Theta Kappa Mu, top left standing: Bill Brundege '73, Dan Iovino '73, Tom Borgersen '73; middle row left: Bob Gustin '73, Joe Hoag (son of the late Robert Hoag '74), Thom Curtin '74, John DiMarco '74; and bottom left: Bill Ward '74, Charlie Zambito '74, Dave Dolan '73.

or its employees, and other U.S. government agencies, and/or their employees. Joan also instructed and advised our Embassies and Consulates regarding matters involving privileges and immunities.

1973 & 1974

Brothers of Theta Kappa Mu, a 70s era fraternity at SUNY Delhi, gathered in 2020 for their 48th reunion. For the past 25 years, they have camped at the college turf center. The 2021 gathering was held at a house in Bovina where they enjoyed three days of golf, camaraderie, and great food (shown above).

1975

Kristi Rude Ward has two sons from her first marriage. After her husband passed away in 2003, she remarried in 2011 to Charlie Ward who had three sons from a previous marriage. All boys are adults, and some of them are married. She is proud of them all. She also has four grandchildren. She still works as a licensed veterinary technician but looks forward to retirement.

1978

Ralph "Tony" Salerno is an electrician and a NASCAR- and dirt car-licensed racecar driver. He lives in Mineville, NY.

1979

Rita Bobalik Wanser and her two sons are all alumni of SUNY Delhi. She and her husband moved from New Jersey to North Carolina where she continues her consulting business.

1980

Debra McMorro Roberts is enjoying the beautiful weather in Southern CA with her husband Larry. Debra has volunteered for the past 6 years with Trauma Intervention Program of Orange County.

Judith Sobczack retired from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2020, after 30 years of service in the Large Animal Surgery department.

Last year, **Peter Solch** was featured on CBS News in Albany because he was able to convince a school district that was using pesticides to go organic with their sports fields. Peter lives in Bayshore, NY.

1981

Len Mitchell was recently appointed Executive Chef at the Drumlins County Club. He was also elected to the SUNY Delhi Alumni Advisory Council.

1982

Jerry Galu moved to Nashville, Tennessee.

Gary Pruden is a Chief Financial Officer at HVAC Distributors, Inc. and lives in Hummelstown, PA. He says, "Delhi delivered more to me than just an associate degree and a stepping stone to further my education. Delhi gave me confidence; instilled in me motivation and excitement with the dream of possibilities." He is especially thankful to his HEOP program mentor Ms. Patricia Sloth (later Wilson) for the potential she saw in him.

1983

Peter Oberacker is an Otsego County Legislator and was elected to the NY state Senate in 2020. Peter, a Republican, previously served as a board member and town supervisor for the town of Maryland. He founded Form Tech Solutions, an ingredient and food safety company, in 2007. He is also a member of his local fire department and emergency medical service squad.

1986

John McDwyer was named Captain at the Rye Fire Department where he has served for 29 years. He also owns a drywall company, John McDwyer Enterprises, LLC. John lives in Lagrangeville, NY, with his wife Kristin and their children, Bridget and Ian. He is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys shooting sports and woodworking.

1987

Timothy Smith recently accepted a new position with Colgate University as a Technology Support Engineer.

1989

Geovanny Osorio was promoted to Chief Architect at Houston Airports Infrastructure Division—Asset Engineering.

1995

Joseph Kneen welcomed granddaughter Violet, born to his daughter Kristin and her husband Phil. His other granddaughter, Alyssa, recently turned 12. Sadly, Joseph's wife of 21 years, Sandra Montano Figueroa-Kneen, died in March 2020.

2000

Kevin Bryant earned his doctoral degree in the Education Leadership Program at Harvard University in the Spring of 2021.

2002

Jennifer Van Voorhis lives in Red Hook, NY, and is active in the community. She works in the Red Hook Methodist Church food pantry serving around 40 families weekly. She continues to enjoy cooking for others. She is passionate about shining a light on the financial illiteracy of families.

2003

Paul Cornale is a mechanical superintendent living in Yorktown, NY. He was recognized by PlanGrid as one of 30 construction superintendents who are changing the industry.

2005

Danielle Rotondo has been promoted to General Manager at Terry Hills Golf Course Restaurant and Banquet Facility in Batavia, NY. She is also the on-site wedding specialist. Danielle has more than 20 years of experience in the industry.



2008

Chef **Michael Stamets** was part of a five-member team who competed at the IKA/Culinary Olympics in Stuttgart, Germany, in February, 2020. The team won a bronze medal. Stamets is an assistant professor of culinary arts at SUNY Schenectady.

2012

Kieryn Salewki will attend veterinary school at Mississippi State University, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

2014

Brendan Clifford graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a master's degree in architecture.

Jordan Hernandez is employed full-time at the Hudson Meridian Construction Group in Brooklyn, NY. His jobs have consisted of Brooklyn Bridge Pierhouse Condos and Coney Island Boardwalk Residential and Commercial Properties.

2015

Alex Bufi has been hired as a Diesel Technician for the Department of Transportation of the State of New York where he hopes to spend the rest of his career. Before that, Alex honed his skills with companies like Toyota, Kia, and Dodge.

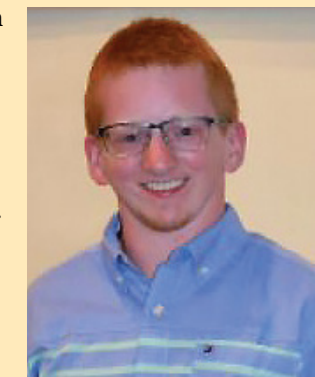
Jack Flood continues to follow his Olympic dreams. He is a decathlete. He moved to North Carolina to train at Athletic Lab for six days a week. He says his best and favorite event in the decathlon is the hurdles because they symbolize the challenges he has faced throughout life. Jack volunteers as a high school coach and would like to continue to coach and mentor students.

2016

Trish Sanders was appointed chief nursing officer at Saint Mary's Healthcare and also serves as incident commander for St. Mary's COVID-19 response team. Trish has been a registered nurse for 26 years.

2020

After graduation **Justin Rabjohn** was hired as an Architecture and Engineering firm in Rochester, NY where he serves as an Architectural Designer. He has found several co-workers who are also Delhi grads, all with great regard for the college.



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In Memoriam

SUNY Delhi notes, with sorrow, the deaths of the following alumni, faculty, and staff.

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| Herbert Klippel '41 | Hobbie Hyatt '72 |
| Doris Ferris Smith Truman '42 | Richard Yochim '73 |
| Julius Averna '44 | Elizabeth Telian '76 |
| Alfreda Maltby Hull '47 | Richard Schultz '77 |
| Billy Joe "BJ" Sanders '48 | Edward Wayte '78 |
| Donald J. McDermott '50 | Robert Briggs '79 |
| Wendall Whiteman '50 | Wyatt Nelson '79 |
| Edward Essner '51 | Paul Piperato '79 |
| Miriam Hellerud Palmer '51 | Ernest Telian '79 |
| Edna Scott Gavette '52 | Mary Cardillo '83 |
| John Anastasiou '55 | Paul Murphy '83 |
| James Manalio '55 | Patricia Sellevold '83 |
| Robert Smith '55 | Joanne Gallucci-Gencic '85 |
| Samuel Close '56 | Tracy Tarbell '85 |
| Joyce Pemberton Smith '56 | Kathlyn Bakker '86 |
| John Hasenjager '57 | John Krissell '87 |
| Elizabeth Rogers Tiger '57 | Denise Graves '90 |
| Thomas Dean '58 | Joseph Otello '91 |
| Richard Pearson '58 | Joanna Taylor Christman '94 |
| Curtis Stancliffe '58 | Randall Way '93 |
| Richard May '59 | Kevin Wecklein '95 |
| John McIntosh '59 | Lawrence Schmiedel '97 |
| Doris Turner Schlee '59 | Landon Walker '98 |
| David Stensland '60 | Douglas Anderson '00 |
| Joseph Walker '60 | Travis Batey '07 |
| Kenneth Banse '61 | Jackie Turner '08 |
| David LaBarge '61 | Agnieszka Kapusta Janis '09 |
| Gerald LaForge '62 | Andre Guzman '10 |
| Werner Henneberg '62 | Elisabeth Greenfield '11 |
| Richard Robertson '62 | Carole Hossbach '12 |
| Walter Bennett '63 | Jenny Yang '18 |
| William Kathmann '63 | |
| Hartley Russell '64 | |
| Ivon Ford '66 | |
| Ellen MacDowell Gerentine '66 | |
| Joni Eckert-Hutchinson '66 | |
| Charles Ives '66 | |
| William Shay '66 | |
| Ruth Stoughton '66 | |
| Richard Burns '67 | |
| Barry Cummings '67 | |
| Lynn Waring '67 | |
| James Carpenter '68 | |
| John Mura '68 | |
| Donald Dupree '69 | |
| James Gallaher '69 | |
| Daniel Schlafer, '70 | |
| Lorraine Scotto-Hennecke '70 | |
| Steven Levine '71 | |
| James McCloe '71 | |
| Stephen Tyrrell '71 | |
| Joseph Zaczek '71 | |
| James Hughes '72 | |

Faculty and Staff

- Mable Adams, *Administrative Assistant*
 Rogers Baker, *Instructor*
 Michael Barnes '75, *Assistant Professor*
 Kenneth Bender, *Director of Placement*
 Leonard Cairns, *Senior Stationary Engineer*
 Martha Delello, *Clerk 1*
 Mary Ellen Duncan, *President*
 Roberta Francisco, *Clerk 1*
 Timothy Hess, *University Police*
 Merle Loveless, *Professor*
 George Misner, *Adjunct Instructor*
 Thomas O'Connell, *Professor*
 Edward Rossley, *University Police*
 Candice Russell, *Adjunct Instructor*
 Ellen Sanford, *Campus Store Clerk*
 Richard Sprague, *Carpenter*
 Stanley Syvertsen, *Professor*
 Carol Tubbs, *Secretary*
 Almeda Wilmarth, *Assistant Professor*
 Kathleen Woodin, *Keyboard Specialist*

Notices of deaths must be accompanied by a copy of an obituary or memorial card. Send to: Alumni Office, SUNY Delhi, 454 Delhi Drive, Delhi, NY 13753; email alumni@delhi.edu.



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