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“Delhi has a special place in our hearts”

John Brooks '67 returns to alma mater to receive
honorary degree



President's Welcome

The new year and new semester are now well underway. With classes back in session, more than 3,200 students have returned to their studies. On campus, you can feel our students' energy and enthusiasm cut through Delhi's brisk winter air. Our faculty, staff, students and the entire college community are excited for what 2019 will bring.

As you read in this issue of *Horizons*, you'll see that it's a great time to be a Bronco—our college and students are accomplishing amazing things.

There is no question that SUNY Delhi fills an important and distinctive niche in the public higher education landscape. While there have been many changes to our campus since our founding in 1913, the foundational components of a SUNY Delhi education, are now—and always have been—a hands-on learning experience, delivered by a dedicated faculty and staff who know and care about their students.

Our people make SUNY Delhi such a special place. Our student body is diverse and incredibly hardworking. Nearly 80 percent of students receive financial aid and many are the first in their family to attend college. Thanks in part to our dedicated faculty and staff, we have successful alumni in nearly every industry imaginable. As a result, our college has a great story to tell—and you, Delhi's graduates, are the stars!

As graduates, you epitomize the benefits of a Delhi education. We know that you are accomplishing great things and your stories deserve to be told. This year we are calling on you to share your Delhi Story with us. Your stories will inspire current and prospective students and demonstrate the ways that Delhi graduates make an impact in the world.

I look forward to hearing your story. Just go to www.delhi.edu/alumni/stories to tell it.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael R. Laliberte
President, SUNY Delhi

Share Your Delhi Story!

The SUNY Delhi community is full of great stories. SUNY Delhi's people are what make our college such a special place, each story is unique, and each is distinctively Delhi.

Share your story here: www.delhi.edu/alumni/stories/



December 2018 Commencement Celebration



The crisp December air did not cool the enthusiasm of SUNY Delhi's December 2018 graduating class or of their friends and families who joined to celebrate Commencement on December 14. In front of a full and excited crowd in the Clark Field House, college President Michael Laliberte conferred Master's, Bachelor's, and Associate's degrees to 348 of the newest members of the SUNY Delhi alumni community. In his address to graduates, President Laliberte offered the following: "To the December class of 2018.... You are incredibly talented and possess the knowledge and skills needed to succeed far beyond SUNY Delhi. It has been a privilege to get to know many of you."

Distinguished Graduate Receives Honorary Degree

John Brooks '67, a highly successful entrepreneur whose vision and leadership helped Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q become an iconic and nationally acclaimed dining destination in Oneonta, NY, was presented with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Mr. Brooks' introduction to the foodservice business came at an early age. At 15, his parents, Griffin '40 & Frances '41 Brooks built an 80-seat restaurant that was a true family endeavor. John and his wife, Joan then doubled the business through new business strategies and investments. Through the years, the Brooks have earned a host of accolades, including the James Beard Foundation's American Classics Award in 2016 and being featured on Rachel Ray's "\$40 A Day" Food Network Show.

The Brooks family has created an unprecedented legacy at SUNY Delhi. Eleven members of the Brooks family have earned Delhi degrees. President Laliberte welcomed Mr. Brooks to the podium saying, "John W. Brooks, you are a shining example of American entrepreneurship. Your vision, enthusiasm and expertise transformed a restaurant and catering business into an iconic brand. At the same time, you have never forgotten your roots. You are a passionate advocate, friend and benefactor of SUNY Delhi whose success is inspiring to students."

In his remarks to accept the honor, Mr. Brooks said, "Our legacy started here and I'm deeply grateful. Delhi has a special place in our hearts and will forever. [...] Our start, our education, our direction, our foundation all started here and we're proud to be a part of this college."



"I'm filled with a sense of pride and honor and so thankful for my education here at Delhi."

~ John Brooks '67

Celebrating Service

SUNY Delhi celebrated the 20th anniversary of the O'Connor Center for Community Engagement and its impact on students and the greater Delhi region with a recognition event and a Community Service Day in September.

The O'Connor Center—named in honor of the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Foundation for its generous support throughout the years—was established in 1998 to serve as a clearinghouse for community service and volunteerism to benefit students, non-profit organizations, and the citizens of Delaware County and beyond. The establishment of the center solidified a spirit of service that has long been a tradition at SUNY Delhi. As Michele DeFreece, Senior Staff Assistant at the O'Connor Center says, "Community service is an integral part of SUNY Delhi's culture."



20 Years of Impact

The O'Connor Center impact on the Delhi community and surrounding region is tremendous. Each year, nearly 80 percent of SUNY Delhi's students volunteer or participate in community service activities. Together they contribute 20,000 hours of service to the community for a value of more than \$490,000.

At the September 28 celebration, the college presented a special community recognition award to the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Foundation board for empowering student engagement and community impact. Several current and former students and faculty spoke of the life-changing experiences they had through the O'Connor Center.

The following day, Delhi students took to the streets in droves to participate in the Center's

Community Service Day. On this day alone, students volunteered with more than 50 community partners ranging from the Arc of Delaware County to the Delhi Foodbank and the Woodland Cemetery. In conjunction with the Community Service Day, SUNY Delhi students and community members joined hundreds of thousands of people around the country in the Delaware County Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk. The walk is organized by the Kappa Sigma Epsilon (KSE) fraternity in partnership with SUNY Delhi and the Delaware County Suicide Prevention Network.

The O'Connor Center has enabled the college to earn national recognition for excellence in service, including membership in the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll and the prestigious Carnegie Foundation Community Service Classification for organizations that demonstrate community service and engagement.



Construction in the Capital

Last fall, 36 SUNY Delhi students and five faculty from the Construction Technology and Management and Architecture programs traveled to Washington, DC, to visit three active construction sites. The trip, an annual tradition for the construction program—and a biennial one for the architecture program—allows students to visualize multi-faceted urban construction projects.

Over the course of the field trip, students visited three work sites, a nearly one million square foot mixed use project, a neighborhood development project, and the re-development of the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center site. "It was interesting to see a development so huge that it shapes a city," said Construction Management major Ellie Exilas '20. "Essentially the construction company is doing urban planning."

Exposure to projects of this kind and the interactions that students have with professionals in the field make lasting impacts. Field experiences expose students to the variety of career paths and illustrate the many professional opportunities available to them upon graduation. The field experiences also allow faculty opportunities to bring the curriculum to life, demonstrating how classroom lessons are applied in major construction projects. "It was a taste of the real world outside the classroom," said Construction Management major Jazmyn Ramirez '20.



Construction Management students tour the Walter Reed Army Medical Center work site.



Culinary Arts champions Matthew Julius, Carly Yezzo and Dan Hess.

Delhi Students Win International Title

A team of Culinary Arts majors from SUNY Delhi won the gold medal at Copa Culinaria 2018, an international culinary competition held in Santiago, Chile in September. Students Carly Yezzo, Matthew Julius, and Dan Hess competed in the college division of the competition which included teams from Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, the United States, Venezuela, and Chile.

"We were proud to represent SUNY Delhi and the USA so well," said Carly Yezzo '20. "We worked well together as a team and are thrilled to bring home this victory."

The Culinary Cup is Chile's most important gastronomic competition. It is designed to recognize and support those who represent the future of the culinary industry. "These students and their coaches exemplify the best of the best and we are immensely proud of their achievement," said Dr. David Brower, Dean of the School of Business & Hospitality Management. "Their focus, drive, and determination are stellar and reflect the caliber of education our students receive."

Applied Tech Scholarships Grow

Students studying in Applied Technology programs at SUNY Delhi will have new scholarship opportunities in 2018-19 and 2019-20 academic years. Through partnerships and charitable investments from the Gene Haas Foundation, Day & Nite/All Service Company (DNAS) and ACCO Brands USA, students studying Mechatronics, Refrigeration, Electrical Instrumentation, Plumbing, or Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning are eligible for the awards.

Matthew Sher, President of Day & Nite/All Service remarked, "The Day & Nite Family of Companies' commitment to the development of the next generation of skilled trade professionals is undying. As a country, we are craft and skill resource constrained in such a way that will only hamper our cumulative ability to continue to innovate. The only way to drive success is to ensure that talent is identified, cultivated and pulled through properly."

"It is exciting and affirming that these businesses see the strength of our academic programs and just how prepared SUNY Delhi graduates are for the workforce" said Nancy McDonald, Dean of the School of Applied Technologies. "There is nothing like the feeling of letting a student know that they have been selected for a scholarship."



Delhi Named Top 25 College in New York State

SUNY Delhi is one of the Top 25 four-year colleges in New York for 2018-2019, according to a ranking by OnlineColleges.com, a free resource for information about online colleges and degree programs. The ranking is based on a variety of factors, including affordability, student services, and the availability of online programs. More than 2,500 accredited colleges and universities were analyzed for the ranking.

"This ranking reflects our commitment to student success by addressing the issues that impact our students the most," said SUNY Delhi President Dr. Michael Laliberte. "Our philosophy is simple: the student is the most important person at SUNY Delhi. This approach is at the heart of the outstanding student services and flexible study options SUNY Delhi offers."

Earlier this year, SUNY Delhi was recognized as one of New York's best online colleges by BestValueSchools.org. SUNY Delhi offers eight online degrees: an Associate's degree in Electrical Construction and Management, Bachelor's degrees in Nursing, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts Management, Event Management, and Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Master's degrees in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education.

These accolades add to recognition SUNY Delhi earned in the 2019 Best Colleges rankings by the *U.S. News & World Report*, released in September. *U.S. News* ranked SUNY Delhi #18 in Regional Colleges, #11 in Best Colleges for Veterans, #22 in Best Value Schools, and #8 in Top Public Schools in the North region.



Mechatronics students and faculty beam as they accept a gift from the Gene Haas Foundation.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CHIANTI LEWIS '97



Major:
Liberal Arts

Professional Position:
Attorney, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Current Residence:
Poughkeepsie, NY

About Chianti:

Following her time at SUNY Delhi, Chianti went on to earn her Bachelor's degree from the University at Albany and her JD from Barry University School of Law. She is a member of the New York State Bar and a member of the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association and New York State Bar Association.

Why I chose SUNY Delhi:

I chose Delhi because of the strong academic liberal arts program that was being offered. In addition, I really enjoyed the serene upstate feel that Delhi promoted at the time I visited the school.

How my Delhi education benefited me:

Delhi provided a solid foundation for which I was able to continue on to pursue my law degree. I was able, for the first time, to befriend a diverse set of friends during my time at Delhi.

Advice for today's students:

You should always continue to pursue your dreams. No matter how tough it gets, know that you can do it as long as you continue to diligently work hard and use your school's resources if assistance is needed.

Why I stay connected with Delhi today:

I had a great experience with Delhi. I was a resident assistant during my time there and remember working with great people. In addition, I admire the work Delhi is putting forth in order to assist students in excelling academically.



Hall of Fame Inducts Accomplished Class

The SUNY Delhi Athletics Hall of Fame inducted two individuals and one team in its 2018 class. Making up the 2018 induction class were Hikaru Kozuma (women's volleyball '07), Robin Turner (baseball, basketball, soccer '65), and the 1991-92 men's basketball team.

"As Director of Athletics of now a NCAA Division III program, we're very excited to recognize our Class of 2018," said Hall of Fame Committee Chair and SUNY Delhi Athletics Director Bob Backus.

Established in 2008, the SUNY Delhi Athletics Hall of Fame recognizes student athletes, coaches, staff, and friends who have brought distinction, excellence, or success to SUNY Delhi Athletics. The 2018 class joins a group of 37 individuals and two teams that have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments and impact on Delhi Athletics.

Honorees accepted their awards during a brunch and ceremony, sponsored in part by the SUNY Delhi Alumni Association, on November 17. Inductees were also recognized during a double-header men's basketball game held in SUNY Delhi's Clark Field House.



Make a Difference!

The Delhi Fund makes a difference on campus every day. The Delhi Fund provides vital funding to enhance scholarships and support initiatives that promote student success such as the freshman seminar, peer tutoring, campus jobs and emergency loans. Gifts to the fund come in all sizes—support our students with your gift today!

Make your gift now at www.delhi.edu/givenow



Fast Start for Broncos

SUNY Delhi's first year of NCAA Division III competition is off to a fantastic start. The college closed the fall sports season with multiple highlights.

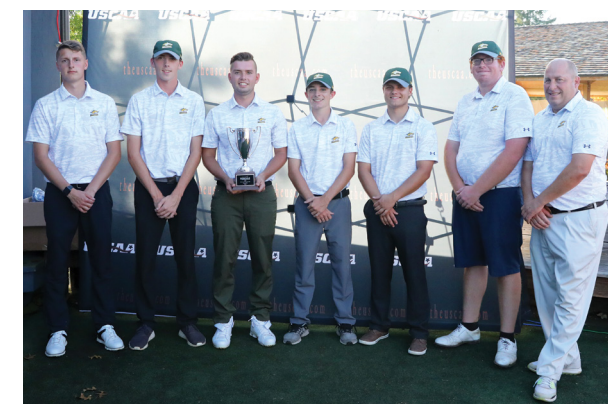
Both the men's and women's cross country programs won their American Collegiate Athletic Association (ACAA) Championships, and that was followed by the men winning their third straight United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) National Championship and the women finishing third, their highest-ever placement at USCAA's. Men's and women's soccer and women's volleyball all competed at the ACAA Tournament, with the men's soccer team reaching the conference finals and women's volleyball serving as tournament hosts.

The men's golf team finished second in their first-ever North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Championships in October. The team also placed second at the USCAA National Championships, while women's golfer Alison Agolia finished first to claim the national individual title.

SUNY Delhi's coaching staff received high marks, too. Women's soccer head Coach Lauren Mackay and cross country head Coach Robb Munro were named USCAA Coaches of the Year. Mackay, Munro, and men's soccer Coach Brian Mitko were honored as ACAA Coaches of the Year. Men's golf Coach Dave Arehart was also named the NAC Coach of the year.

SUNY Delhi will join the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) as full-time members beginning with the 2019-20 season.

"SUNY Delhi prides itself on providing our students with outstanding opportunities to reach their potential," said SUNY Delhi President Dr. Michael Laliberte. "Acceptance into the NAC is an exciting step forward for our athletic department and student athletes."





Alumni Award Recipients Daniel Barusch '10, Associate Professor Ken Pyle '69, and Jordan Pumbo '12 pose with President Laliberte.

Alumni Weekend & Homecoming a Success!

The 2018 Alumni Weekend & Homecoming was an outstanding success. Held for the first time in fall, it drew the highest alumni attendance in years. Attendees returned to a campus that was a buzz with students, faculty and activity. Highlights included: a Friday evening welcome reception in Kennedy Lounge, a 20th reunion for the Veterinary Technology Peer Mentor program, "Remembering 1968" panel discussion, Alumni Association awards ceremony and a classic rock concert and all-alumni party.

SUNY Delhi Alumni Association awards were presented to: retired Associate Professor of Veterinary Science Technology Ken Pyle '69; Daniel Barusch '10, Director of Planning & Zoning for the Town of Lake George; and to Jordan Pumbo '12, Hospitality Management, owner of Just Desserts, NY.



Alumni Advisory Council Co-Chair Walter "Bud" Carompas '63 kicked off the harvest dinner with a toast.



Many alumni reconnected with old friends at the alumni welcome headquarters in Sanford Hall's Centennial Lounge.



Robert Heimowitz '83, Jodi Heimowitz '84, Shirley Corsetti '83 and Michael Reggina at the harvest dinner.



Reunion attendees enjoyed walking tours of campus.



Alumni and guests of all ages danced into the night to the music of *Ghostly Legends and Friends*.

Vet Tech Peer Mentor alumni celebrated the program's 20th anniversary.



Jian Min '08 and David Kuchera '98 looked back on their Delhi days.



Alumni, students and staff join together in a rousing rendition of SUNY Delhi's alma mater.



Alumni reminisced about their days on campus while flipping through the pages of *Fidelitas*, SUNY Delhi's yearbook.

SAVE THE DATE
Alumni Weekend & Homecoming 2019
October 25-27, 2019

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LILIANA GONZALEZ '18



Major: Veterinary Science Technology (AAS), continuing with Veterinary Technology (BS)

Hometown: Saylorsburg, PA

Why I chose SUNY Delhi: I have always had two passions, animals and travel. After high school I enrolled in Penn State's International Studies program. After several semesters I found the program was just not right for me. Several years later (six to be exact)

I googled 'animal science schools' and SUNY Delhi was the first result. Coincidentally, my aunt lives near Delhi and had been encouraging me to study here for years! I applied and three weeks later, was accepted. I attended an Accepted Students' Day and got to see everything that SUNY Delhi had to offer. After seeing the campus and speaking with a few professors I knew this was the right choice.

How my Delhi education benefited me: One of the selling points in coming to Delhi was knowing about the study abroad programs. I was able to participate in two trips; one to South Africa and another to Nicaragua. The experiences allowed me to work with exotic animals, learning about diseases that don't exist in America, and do community outreach. The experiences were amazing. I am grateful for the chance to form relationships with international organizations that might lead to future professional opportunities.

What sets Delhi apart from other colleges is their non-human primate colony. Being able to take those classes was a unique experience and something that you really can't find anywhere else.

Advice for today's students: Be sure that what you are studying is something that you are truly interested in. Don't be afraid to change majors and try something new or different. What you are interested in today may not be what you are interested in next week or next year. So much time, effort and money goes into your education, so choose something that fulfills you. If applicable, take advantage of any study abroad programs that you may come across. Opportunities like that don't come along every day. At the end of the day, go to college for yourself. If it's something you aren't interested in know that it's alright to take time off and figure out what's best.

Future Plans: I graduated in December of 2018 with my associates degree, and I will be returning to SUNY Delhi to earn my bachelor's in Veterinary Technology. I will be taking the VTNE this spring to become a licensed Veterinary Technician. After that, my goal is to continue my education with a master's degree or perhaps to go on to veterinary school to become a doctor

Octobeerfest Grows

SUNY Delhi's second annual craft beer dinner known as Octobeerfest drew a sell-out crowd on October 20. The event, in which certified cicerones pair craft beers and fine foods, was established to highlight SUNY Delhi's culinary programs and to raise funds for student scholarships. This year's event included a silent auction and featured beer selections from the state of Texas, paired with four courses of culinary delights created by Delhi's award-winning students and faculty. Cicerones, for the second year in a row, were volunteers from the Andrews Distributing Company of Dallas, TX, one of the nation's largest beer distributors.



Cicerones, Drew Michalak, Jim Campbell, Brice Gonzales, and Mike Machul.

The event raised more than \$9,000 for the Marcus Somerstein Memorial Scholarship. Special thanks go to Marcus' parents, Jim Campbell and Jasmine "Rory" Somerstein-Campbell, whose involvement and support help make this event possible.



Multicultural Center Opens on Campus

The SUNY Delhi community celebrated the grand opening of the MOSAIC Multicultural Center on Delhi's campus in October.

The center, located in the middle of campus in the Farrell Center, is an inclusive and welcoming space, a "home away from home." The center provides educational support and mentorship to students and serves as a brave space for identity awareness and holistic development.

"SUNY Delhi has a very diverse student body with about 48 percent of our students representing racially and ethnically marginalized identities," says Jarvis McCowin, Assistant Director of MOSAIC. "This sparked a conversation among college leadership about how to not only serve those students, but also use our diversity as an opportunity to educate and benefit all students at Delhi."

Sophomore Tileeyah Rogers, originally from New Rochelle, serves as an intern at MOSAIC. "Whatever you're going through, it helps to know you're not alone," she says. While Rogers considers SUNY Delhi a very welcoming campus, she says that the addition of MOSAIC is important to further cultivate an environment of honesty and open-mindedness. "We all learn from each other's viewpoints."

Fall Alumni Events Round Up

Networking in NYC

In October, a group of SUNY Delhi students boarded a bus to Manhattan for the fourth annual Student-Alumni Professional Networking Session. The event was hosted and sponsored by Jim Palmiter '81, Managing Principal & Co-Founder of Summit Financial Disclosure, and by the SUNY Delhi Alumni Association. "It's really nice to know that Delhi's professors continue to care so much about their students. During my conversations, it was apparent that their teachers are making a difference... I'm confident they will all succeed," said Mr. Palmiter. The students, all studying Business and Technology Management or Accounting: Information Systems Auditing, practiced their networking skills with an accomplished group of SUNY Delhi alumni who provided career advice and shared professional experiences. Alumni also had the chance to meet President Michael Laliberte, faculty, and staff while learning about current events and future plans at SUNY Delhi.



Event host Jim Palmiter '81 recounts his time at Delhi with seniors Holly Hastings and Kiana Jennings.



Theresa Molloy '80, Vice President of Corporate Governance, Prudential Financial, shares her Delhi story.



Steven Cvijanovich '91, Senior Vice President at Swiss Re Life & Health America, Inc. shares advice with SUNY Delhi seniors.

NY Capital District Event Draws a Crowd

Delhi alumni, students and faculty gathered in Albany in November at the historic Albany Pump Station for the annual Capital District Alumni Reception. Nearly 50 people—alumni, faculty, and students—attended the event and enjoyed hand crafted beer and food at the Albany landmark. The event, which attracted graduates from the classes of 1963 thru 2018, proved a great opportunity for alumni to connect and network with professional who live and work in the Capital district.



Aarron Wanser '10, John Nois '14, Thomas Hunt '16, and Evan Zalewski '17 at the Albany Pump Station.



Andrea Ivancic '92 and Craig Ivancic '90 pose with Joseph Greenfield, emeritus distinguished faculty, and Cheryl Greenfield. The Ivancics were presented with an SUNY Delhi Alumni Association's Alumni of Merit Award at the event.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Don't miss out on upcoming opportunities to connect with alumni in your region. New events will be added regularly. For the most up-to-date listing visit www.delhi.edu/alumni/events

March 14, 2019
Alumni Reception
Canopy Rooftop Lounge
St. Petersburg, FL

March 16, 2019
Alumni Event and Reception
Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade & Social
Naples, FL

Spring 2019 NYC event to be announced soon!

CLASSNOTES

1959

Tom Dean and **Ingrid Kaiser** met and fell in love at Delhi. They were known as Deano and Bunny at that time. Last June, they celebrated their “60” wedding anniversary with their family in Saratoga Springs, NY. Tom and Ingrid have 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. They live full-time in Sarasota, FL.

1962



After the completion of a 3-year distance learning program with other students from around the world, **Lynne Hagerty** was awarded a diploma in Botanical Illustration with distinction from the Royal Botanic Garden in Edinburgh, Scotland.

1971

John Horning and his wife Kristine celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows in September 2018. John is a handyman and enjoys woodworking. Kristine is a retired registered nurse. John has children from a previous marriage as well as many grandchildren.



1974

Bob Roth PE, Emeritus President, Board of Trustees Arts Westchester Arts Gala (right) and **Ross Pepe** (left), President of the Construction Industry Council, honoring Project Engineer **Jamey Barbas** (center) recognizing “what was in our minds the biggest art project in the world connecting two sides of the beautiful Hudson Valley, vis-a-vis the new Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, aka the Tappan Zee.” The photo was taken at the 2017 Arts Westchester Arts Gala. Bob served for many years as board member, executive committee member, and President of the Board of Trustees. He and **Joyce (Johnson) Roth** ’73 now reside in Chatham, MA, on Cape Cod and Marco Island near Naples, FL.

1975

Jean Dolen currently works as Office Assistant for NYS Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation at Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Previously, she was Office Coordinator for Fujifilm Graphic Systems for the IT and HR Departments. She gained most of my experience at NY United Hospital as Network Support Tech Assistant and Senior Data Entry Specialist for 29 years. While the economy was healing slowly, she became an aide to two sick friends. She volunteers as Judge Coordinator for the Westchester Photography Society—one of her photos



was published on the cover of their June 2018 Newsletter. Jean is Secretary to the Rosary Altar Society and was President of the Adirondack Mountain Club Mohican

Chapter. Her hiking experience led her to become a Winter Catskill 3500 climber and a Summer 3500 climber. Jean leads hikes locally and in the surrounding counties.”

Randy Lacey recently retired from Cornell University where he was director of Facilities Engineering. He is pursuing his favorite hobby as a brewer near Ithaca. Randy owns and operates Hopshire Farm and Brewery in Freeville, NY, as he has been doing since 2013. It is named one of 8 farm breweries in the U.S. that “you must visit,” according to *craftbeer.com*.



1979

Joseph “Joe” Lores, a longtime former basketball coach for East Rockaway boys’ basketball, will be inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame in a special ceremony in Glens Falls, NY, in March 2019. Joe became East Rockaway’s head coach in 1982 and stepped down after the 2016-17 season. He remains a fixture at the school, teaching business and coaching the varsity girls’ soccer and softball teams. During his time as boys’ basketball coach, the team won five titles—including a Long Island championship when his son, Joseph, was on the team. As a coach, he won a school-best 222 games and oversaw numerous scholar-athletes. Joe is grateful to a lot of people for getting to where he is, including Mike Deane, who coached him at SUNY Delhi. Joe is happy his family will be there when he joins a list of just eight other past Nassau coaches who have achieved the honor of being inducted.

Robert Lombardo is a senior service technician at Trane in New York City, working on large commercial and industrial air-conditioning systems in Westchester, the Bronx, and northern Manhattan. He enjoys getting the best of both worlds—trees in Westchester and the vibrancy of New York City. He also served as shop steward for his union, Steamfitters Local 638, for almost 10 years, advocating for members and negotiating contracts. In 2016, he passed the torch to the next generation but is still active in the union and continues to mentor new employees.

1984

Dina Cohen went on to earn a BA in Mass Communications at SUNY Plattsburgh. She spent 12 years working in radio and television, both behind the scenes writing and producing as well as performing standup comedy. She later began working in real estate in New York City and has enjoyed 19 years of success as a Licensed Associate Real Estate Broker. She credits SUNY Delhi for changing her life by giving her the confidence to reach her goals. She loved the campus and made friends that she is still close with.

1988

Jodi Krzyston was hired as Assistant Professor of Nursing at Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY, in August 2018.

1989

William “Bill” Fink has returned to the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center as Hotel Manager. Bill was promoted from his positions as Director of Food & Beverage and Director of Event Management at the resort where he had served since 2012. He also knows the Palms Resort property well; he was Vice President of Conference Management and Director of Catering Operations for nearly six years.

Peter Iskenderian has accepted a position as park manager for the Rockefeller State Park Preserve, a unique 3,000-acre preserve in Westchester County that includes the Rockefeller family’s former Rockwood Hall and Pocantico Hills estates. Because of its location, the preserve is quite often frequented by celebrities, including former President Bill and Hillary Clinton. “A lot of movies have been filmed there,” Peter says. “It’s very exciting. I’ll be living in a house on the property.” In his previous position as Moreau Lake State Park manager, he oversaw the largest expansion in the park’s history as it roughly tripled in size, added 28 miles of new trails, six backcountry cabins, and diverse year-rounding programs including a brand-new observatory for night sky viewing under Peter’s management.

1990

Dina Carreras received her Bachelor of Arts from Binghamton University in 1993 and her Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University in New York City in 1995. She received her Value in Healthcare Certificate through Harvard Executive Education’s program at Harvard Business School in Cambridge, MA, in 2017, and installed as Chief Program Officer at Abilities First, Inc. in a \$32MM nonprofit in Poughkeepsie, NY, in January 2018. Dina got married to Matthew Menzie, a New Rochelle firefighter and Gulf War veteran, Army 82nd Airborne in November 2017.



1993

Scott Pavick is owner/partner of Liberty Contracting of New York, LLC, in Lindenhurst, NY. He plans to create a more diverse commercial construction company with hopes of opening an office of expansion. His rules to live by in business are to be honest, work hard, crave learning, surround yourself with good people, and never give up on your goals even if you fail.

1996

Ellen Carozza has been a veterinary technician for 24 years. She has been working at Nova Cat Clinic in Arlington, VA, just outside the nation’s capital, since obtaining her Virginia license in 2002. She is also one of the core technicians who created the new AVTCP (American Academy of Veterinary Technicians in Clinical Practice) Feline VTS (Veterinary Technician Specialty) certification. Ellen is also certified in RECOVER Veterinary CPR. Cats are her passion and she enjoys providing hands-on care to them. In her work, she has saved over 400 neonatal kittens that would have been euthanized elsewhere.

1997

Chianti Lewis, Esq. thanks SUNY for giving her a great start to the career she realized was her goal while participating in her middle school debate club. She is enjoining her work as a foreclosure prevention staff attorney with Legal Services, pleased to be helping clients and utilizing her experience in real estate. She was supervising attorney for several years representing loan servicers in real property foreclosures.



2005

Brandi Gough is general manager of Bellevue Country Club in Syracuse, NY, overseeing every aspect of the 18-hole golf course, pool, restaurant, and clubhouse. The club opened in 1914 with an elegant clubhouse and a reputation that has attracted golf-playing celebrities over the last century, including President Bill Clinton, who played at Bellevue during his summers at Skaneateles Lake. Brandi leads about 60 seasonal and nearly 40 permanent employees, serving about 425 club members. Before taking charge at Bellevue in 2017, Brandi also made a name for herself as general manager of the Cavalry Club in Manlius for four years, and as assistant general manager at Onondaga Golf and Country Club in Fayetteville for five years.

Johnny "Holiday" Baez is the owner of two successful barbershops in Columbia, SC, that are popular among University of South Carolina Gamecocks athletes. He went from cutting hair inside athletes' dorm rooms to his apartment and various barber shops to having almost 20 barbers working for him at his two locations.

Nicole Page has been promoted to house manager at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York in Syracuse, NY. She was previously office coordinator.

2008

Santino R. Thomas was promoted to Director of Communications & Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Brian Miller.

2009

Adrienne Perri received a DVM (Doctor of Veterinary Medicine) from the Atlantic Veterinary College at the University of Prince Edward Island in Canada in 2017. She currently works at Hamilton Animal Hospital in Hamilton, NY, offering both clinic services and veterinary house calls.

2010

Daniel Barusch was the youngest Planning and Zoning Director in New York State when hired at 25 in 2015, and now works for the Town and Village of Lake George. He got married in September 2017 to his best friend and bought a house in Greenfield, NY, in February 2018. He plans to start a family soon and is working on bolstering his career in Upstate New York as an urban planner.

2015

Alex Bufi is a technician at Dodge. He considers his two years at Delhi as life-changing and thanks his instructors, especially Mr. Dan Davis '90 for the support and guidance. Since graduating, Alex has donated six engines to the program and attends the annual car show.



Alicia Quattropani received the Envigo Teklad Award at the annual Vendors by the Pool Event put on by the Upstate New York Branch of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science (AALAS).

The award recognizes Alicia's involvement in the branch as the newest council member.

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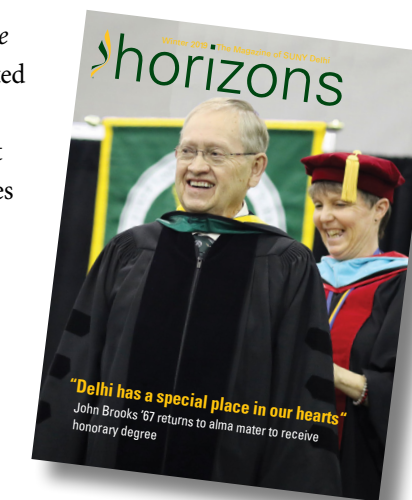
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