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**Broncos Ready to Make Big Splash**

**NCAA**



The men's and women's track and field teams have dominated USCAA four-year competition, winning two consecutive USCAA National Invitational titles.

## Broncos Move to NCAA Division III

This fall marks a new era in the history of SUNY Delhi athletics—the Broncos will compete for the first time as members of the NCAA Division III.

“This will be a historic milestone for SUNY Delhi and our athletics program,” said SUNY Delhi President Michael R. Laliberte. “We pursued NCAA membership because SUNY Delhi and Division III share a commitment to providing students with outstanding opportunities to excel in the classroom and on the field.”

“This is a tremendous and historic new chapter for SUNY Delhi and our athletics program,” said Athletic Director Bob Backus. “Being affiliated with NCAA Division III will provide outstanding opportunities for many decades to come for our student-athletes and our athletics programs.”

The NCAA approved SUNY Delhi's application to become a provisional Division III member in February at the conclusion of that organization's annual meeting in Indianapolis, IN. The action follows successful completion of an NCAA exploratory membership year for the Broncos.

As the Broncos begin NCAA competition this fall, they also enter a four-year process to meet NCAA educational and operational benchmarks before becoming full-time members. The Broncos can become fully recognized as a NCAA Division III member as early as 2021-22. As a provisional member, SUNY Delhi teams can't compete in any NCAA-sanctioned championship events. SUNY Delhi intends to remain in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) during this period to give its athletes an opportunity to compete for national championships. They will also compete for championships as a member of the newly-formed American Collegiate Athletic Association, a NCAA Division III conference.

The move to NCAA has SUNY Delhi athletes excited.

“It's going to get a lot more competitive, which is really exciting,” said Molly Greene, a softball rising junior and president of the Student Athletic Association (SAAC). “I just completed my second season as a student-athlete and there's already been so many great improvements to the athletics program. This change isn't only great for all the athletes but for everyone that is part of the Delhi community.”

“We’ve improved, we have been patient and we have earned the title,” added Alhasane Sako, a men’s soccer rising junior and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee vice president. “It is an honor to be part of a big change. It is definitely a great opportunity for us as student-athletes to take our talents to the next level and continue to achieve great things.”

“I’m thrilled to experience SUNY Delhi officially entering a new chapter in collegiate athletics,” said track and field rising junior Ashley Magnifico. “The transition into NCAA Division III will give student-athletes like me new competition and exciting opportunities. The future is bright for SUNY Delhi student-athletes!”

NCAA membership builds on a tradition of success for Bronco athletics that spans more than 70 years. During that time, more than 500 Delhi athletes have earned All-American honors and the Broncos have captured 24 national championships. Much of that history was forged as members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). SUNY Delhi first made the move to four-year athletics for the 2015-16 season and that transition has been highly successful. The men’s cross country team won their second straight USCAA National Championship in November. Men’s golf captured their first USCAA national crown in October.

NCAA Division III is the largest NCAA division both in number of participants and number of schools. More than 180,000 student-athletes at 450 institutions make up Division III. For more information, check out the “It’s A New Day” video at [DelhiBroncos.com/NCAA](http://DelhiBroncos.com/NCAA).

Senior Katie Herba, an outstanding student and soccer and basketball standout, was named a 2018 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Scholar Athletes Award.



SUNY Delhi’s lacrosse and soccer athletes are among those who will benefit from the installation of a synthetic turf field next year.

## Fund-Raising Begins To Support Turf Field

As Bronco athletes kick off their first season of NCAA Division III competition, SUNY Delhi has also announced a fund-raising campaign to support expansion of its athletic facilities by adding a synthetic turf field.

“We are constantly striving to provide our student-athletes with premier athletic facilities,” said Athletic Director Bob Backus. “The versatility and durability of a synthetic turf field will allow us to add women’s lacrosse to our athletic program. It will also expand opportunities for use by students participating in club sports and intramurals.”

The turf field would replace the dual-purpose soccer/lacrosse field adjacent to the Clark Field House. Funding from New York State will only pay for the installation of the turf field, estimated at \$1.2 million. “The fund-raising campaign will allow us to create a sports complex that epitomizes SUNY Delhi’s commitment to athletics,” according to Backus.

A \$100,000 gift from a former athlete has the fund-raising campaign off to a fast start. The goal is to raise \$300,000–\$500,000 to create a true collegiate atmosphere that includes lights, electronic scoreboard, bleachers, a press box and equipment.

Gifts to the campaign can be made by contacting SUNY Delhi’s College Advancement Office at 607.746.4520. Online giving is also available at [www.delhi.edu/givenow](http://www.delhi.edu/givenow).



## Roommates Return to Campus After 50 Years

The last time Janice Raiford '68 (left) and Christine Wickham Pierce '68 were on SUNY Delhi's campus Lyndon Johnson was president. It was a period marked by great change at SUNY Delhi and across the country—the civil and women's rights movements were in full swing and Vietnam War protests were gaining national prominence.

In April, nearly 50 years after their graduation, the two former roommates returned to campus to speak to students and faculty on "Race, Gender and the SUNY Delhi Experience" in 1968. Raiford, who was one of few students of color at SUNY Delhi in the late-60s, and Pierce spoke to a standing room only crowd in Sanford Hall's Centennial Center.

During their hour-long conversation, often interrupted with roars of laughter from the audience, the two discussed their memories as Delhi students. They also reflected on a friendship that has endured for more than 50 years.

Their backgrounds couldn't have been more diverse. Raiford's family was originally from South Carolina, moving to Long Island as part of the Great Migration. Pierce was from Central New York. But they arrived at Delhi with the same clear message from their families—get an education. The two majored in Secretarial Science. As Raiford recalled, "at that time women were just beginning to enter the work place."

When asked by a student, what was the most noticeable change since their time on campus, the two responded in near unison "the diversity." Raiford added, "the diversity today is wonderful and the growth is wonderful, Delhi has added so many degrees."

Both look back fondly on their Delhi experience. "It gave me the opportunity to live the life I've led," said Pierce, whose career included 18 years with the Equitable Life Assurance Society in positions ranging from secretary to manager. She also served as Executive Assistant to the President at Crucible Steel in Syracuse.

"Coming out of high school we were not prepared for college," Raiford said. "Coming to Delhi as a young adult, you got the opportunity to learn how to think, to think critically, and how to apply it to real-life situations." Raiford spent the majority of her career in leadership and executive positions with major non-profits including the Boys & Girls Club of America, American Lung Association and Girl Scouts of America. She is now semi-retired and serving as a resource development consultant.

In their closing remarks, Pierce urged students to "be kind to each other. We are all on this journey together."

# Culinary Team Scores Another Win

SUNY Delhi's culinary team took first place in the 9th Annual Chesapeake Culinary Cup competition April 29 at the Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, MD.

The Chesapeake Culinary Cup is an American Culinary Federation-sanctioned competition that requires teams to plan and execute a four-course menu. Culinary Arts majors Jerusaline Johnson, Matthew Julius, Emily Tekel, and Carly Yezzo earned two gold medals and two silver medals for the individual dishes, leading to their overall first place finish.

Team Delhi was coached and mentored by Assistant Professor Sean Pehrsson and Instructors James Margiotta and Victor Sommo. "We spent countless hours perfecting the dishes," said Professor Pehrsson. "Each student had a great attitude and work ethic."



Culinary Arts majors Jerusaline Johnson, Matthew Julius, Emily Tekel, and Carly Yezzo were beaming after winning the Chesapeake Culinary Cup.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### ALICIA QUATTROPANI, LVT '15

**Major:**  
Veterinary Science  
Technology (AAS)

**Hometown and Current Residence:**  
Syracuse, NY

**Current job:**  
Senior Laboratory Technician,  
Laboratory Animal Resources,  
Syracuse University

**Extracurriculars:**  
I was a peer mentor for the Vet Sci program. I often participated in the evening feline enrichment program and was a member of the Travel Club.

**Best part of Delhi:**  
I absolutely loved the scenery in Delhi! The fall semester was always my favorite because I loved watching all of the leaves change. Delhi and the Catskill area in general is just such a beautiful place.

**Regrets:**  
I actually don't think I regret anything. I am extremely happy with all of the choices that I made. I am especially happy with my decision to attend Delhi over other schools that offer a Veterinary Science program.

**Ah-ha Moment:**  
My biggest "ah-ha" moment was when I made the decision to go to a Vet Tech school. Before attending Delhi, I was in a Zoo Technology degree program. One of the courses required for this program was "Intro to Veterinary Science." I remember feeling frustrated that I would be required to take this course since, at the time, I did not have any interest in working in veterinary medicine. After just the second or third class of the semester, I realized that I actually really enjoyed the course material. It was because of this class that after I graduated from the Zoo Technology program that I decided to enroll in the Veterinary Science Technology program at Delhi.

**Advice:**  
Invest in individual and professional growth. This includes attending conferences for both personal and professional interests, building professional networks, continuing your education (even after you graduate) and participating in local and national organizations.

**Future Plans:**  
I am currently a Public Health major at Syracuse University. I have a few ideas in mind once I complete graduate school. I truly enjoy teaching and would love to teach college level courses in epidemiology, parasitology and infectious disease.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**JULIO CHAVEZ '18**

**2018 ACF Student Chef of the Year**



**Major:**  
Culinary Arts Management (BBA)

**Hometown:**  
Sodus, NY

**Extracurriculars:**  
SUNY Delhi Hot Food Team, Escoffier Club, International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA), Lambda Alpha Upsilon (LAU) fraternity, Delaware County Community Action Network, American Culinary Federation Chefs and Cooks of the Catskill Mountains, Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society and teacher assistant for a restaurant class.

**Best Part of Delhi:**

Getting to know all my fellow students and professors and creating bonds over time. Delhi is a small institution so there's more interaction between faculty and students. The teachers remember your name and face and are able to give you personal attention. They'll help you with anything you need.

**Regrets:**

Absolutely no regrets. When I came to Delhi, I set myself a plan and told myself what I wanted to do. I followed my plan. To do that, I sometimes had to sacrifice hanging out with friends because I was volunteering my time at various organizations, but I wanted to make the most of the time I'm in school.

**Ah-ha Moment:**

Earlier this year, I was getting ready for the Student Chef of the Year regional competition in Buffalo. I came back early from winter break to practice. I was at Delhi by myself, prepping, setting up, cleaning, cooking and cart loading. There were times when the dish didn't come out right or I didn't make the designated time to have the dish ready. I realized that those moments can either break you or build you. You can get discouraged and give up or you can push harder. If you keep going, things will get better and you keep improving.

**Advice:**

Be active on campus because doing just the basic minimum doesn't cut it. If you want to excel, do more and get your face out there. That's how you get noticed. Don't let anybody tell you you're good or bad. Everyone progresses at their own pace.

**Future Plans:**

I have a job offer waiting for me from Wegmans in Rochester, NY. They value culinary arts and are always looking for talent. I want to grow, gain experience, and learn new techniques and I think Wegmans will be a great place for that. I want to become a certified executive chef. My long-term goal is to own my own Mexican restaurant.



## Alpacas Enhance Vet Tech Experience

Two alpacas were recently donated to SUNY Delhi's Veterinary Science Technology program.

The additions are a boost to efforts to expand the program's exotic animal training component. The alpacas join horses, cows, sheep and goats that are cared for at the college's Valley Campus complex. SUNY Delhi is one of the few campuses that offer hands-on experience with large animals as part of the Veterinary Science Technology curricula.

"Alpacas are easy-going animals," says Farm Manager and Instructor William Sherman. "They like to get close and stand over you to see what you're doing."

In spite of their friendly nature towards humans, alpacas have a territorial instinct that makes them great guard animals for goats and sheep.

Alpacas Ringo and Guinness were a gift to the college from the Gunhouse Hill Alpaca Farm in nearby South Kortright.

## Helping Puerto Rico Rebuild



Josh Corrice, a May Architecture: Design and Building graduate, is among 500 volunteers from SUNY and CUNY campuses assisting in rebuilding and recovery efforts in Puerto Rico this summer. The volunteers are working with professionals from non-profit rebuilding organizations as part of Governor Andrew Cuomo's New York Stands With Puerto Rico initiative. Corrice was recently interviewed by News 4, New York, the NBC affiliate. December 2017 Construction Management graduate Alexander Douglas was scheduled to join the relief effort in July.

# Academic Programs Earn Kudos

SUNY Delhi's academic programs continue to receive national recognition for excellence and affordability.

SUNY Delhi's online RN to BSN program ranks among the Top 20 in the United States, according to Best College Reviews. The ranking is based on the National Center for Education Statistics' College navigator database, tuition, customization options, *U.S. News and World Report* recognition as a Top School for Online Bachelor's Programs, and a "wow" factor. "Our unique remote faculty and staff model allows us to employ the best of the best from around the nation and world to provide leading-edge, challenging, and high-quality education," said Susan Deane, Dean of the School of Nursing.

BestValueSchools.org ranked SUNY Delhi's Hospitality Management Program as one of the Top 25 in the nation. The ranking is based on the number of programs offered, graduation rate, faculty experience, success of graduates in their fields, job placement, as well as the overall quality of the program based on student feedback. SUNY Delhi has a long-standing reputation for excellence in hospitality management, according to David Brower, Dean of the School of Business and Hospitality Management. The college's Hotel and Restaurant Management program was one of the first of its kind in the U.S., and hospitality programs offered at SUNY Delhi have expanded to include Culinary Arts and Event Management.

BestValueSchools.org also named SUNY Delhi as one of the top online programs in New York State. "Our online faculty are a tremendously dedicated group and among the best at their craft," said SUNY Delhi Provost Dr. Kelli Ligeikis. SUNY Delhi offers eight online programs: an Associate's program in Electrical Construction and Management, Bachelor's programs in Nursing, Criminal Justice, Culinary Arts Management, Event Management, and Hotel and Restaurant Management, and Master's programs in Nursing Administration and Nursing Education.

# SUNY Chancellor Honors Five

Five faculty, staff and students from SUNY Delhi were recently awarded the State University's highest honor—Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.



Angelica Gorman, the first online student from SUNY Delhi to receive the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, is a native of England who first came to the United States as a 20-year-old. She completed her GED and associate's degree prior to enrolling in Delhi's RN to BSN program. As a Delhi student, she worked as a supervisor for Project Renewal, a shelter for homeless men that includes an alcoholic detoxification center. Gorman focused on a national issue for her senior practicum project, designing an opiate addiction-screening tool.



Cassandra Mott, an outstanding scholar who graduated magna cum laude in May from the Architecture: Design and Building program, also earned the Chancellor's Student Excellence award. She was a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary and the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She also held leadership positions with the Architecture Club, Residence Hall Association and Student Senate and served as a Resident Assistant and as a studio monitor and peer tutor for the architecture program.



Jessica Backus-Foster, Associate Professor of Hospitality Management, earned the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. Her extensive service activities range from serving as faculty advisor to SUNY Delhi's award-winning culinary teams to membership on multiple campus committees to working with 4-H to develop and implement community service projects locally and abroad. She has also organized and developed several fund-raising initiatives in her role as a board member for the Campus Child Care Center.



William Meredith was accorded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. Over his six years as an adjunct at SUNY Delhi, he has taught courses ranging from American History to French 2. He has been lauded by his peers for devising creative teaching methods and creating an open atmosphere that stimulates discussion and questions. Another measure of his classroom effectiveness is the high enrollment in courses he teaches.



Nancy Smith, College Registrar, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service. Smith was cited for continually demonstrating the leadership, technical and problem-solving skills required to lead an office that supports all facets of the college. A leader in implementing new technology that supports academic and student needs, she has also taken on additional responsibilities in response to institutional needs throughout her 20-year career at SUNY Delhi.

# SUNY Delhi Alumni

## St. Petersburg, Canopy Rooftop Lounge



David Smith '77, Chief Advancement Officer Maureen McKenna and Dan Iovino '73 enjoyed the views from the rooftop lounge.



Gena and David DeCamella '73, and Lynn Levenson '83 were all smiles in St. Pete.



President Michael Laliberte poses with Karen Hennessy '65, VP for External Affairs Joel Smith and Lori Famiglietti '87.

## The 2018 Florida tour was a success!

SUNY Delhi alumni and friends came together at five events in February and March. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the events gave graduates, students and staff opportunities to create new friendships and share memories of their days at SUNY Delhi.

## Orlando, Portofino Bay Hotel at Universal Studios



Wyndham executives Brad Houghton '93 and Richard Scinta '84 talked shop at the Orlando reception.



The event attracted a large contingent of recent grads, including: Marlene Cepeda '00, Danny Weiss '16, Patrick Cahill '17, Emily Wells '16, Alex Lum '12, Amanda Distin '13 and Fuka Matsumura '17.



President Michael Laliberte visits with Jim Close '56 and Janice Close.



# Florida Tour

The tour was part of a dedicated effort to increase alumni outreach and engagement that included receptions in Albany and New York City last fall. Keep checking the Alumni webpage for information on 2018–19 events.

## Fort Lauderdale, The Tower Club



Theresa Molloy '80 and friends Tina Hamaker and Gregg Chanon '80 proudly honor their Bronco roots.



Charlie Lefkowitz '82 and his mother, Helen, hosted the Fort Lauderdale reception for the second year in a row. Attendees included: Flau Goldberg, David Goldberg '82, Charlie Lefkowitz, Helen Lefkowitz, President Michael Laliberte and Ira Frohman '83.

## St. Augustine. Home of Mark Toomey '72



Mark Toomey '72 hosted an intimate reception at his home. Attendees included President Michael Laliberte, Mark Toomey, Laurie Larsen '72 and Susan Morrill.

## Naples, St. Patrick's Day Parade



Alumni, students and staff "eyes were smiling" after completing the Naples St. Patrick's Day parade.



Delhi students Samiaya Salley, Julio Chavez and Kobie Lane throw candy to parade goers.



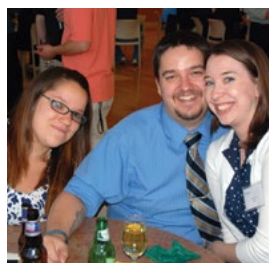
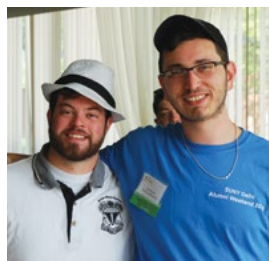
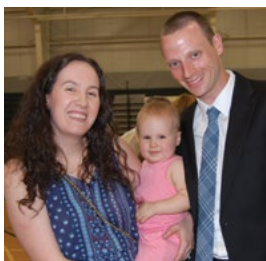
Chantel Torres '02 rushed from the crowd to high five the Delhi contingent as the parade passed through downtown Naples.

# Alumni Weekend & Homecoming 2018

## See You in October

Mark your Calendars:

SUNY Delhi's Alumni Weekend has moved to  
**October 12–14**



For years, alumni have told us they want to visit when the campus is alive and full of energy. That's why this year's Alumni Weekend is happening when the college is in session. Join us for a weekend full of SUNY Delhi spirit and activity!

Weekend highlights will include:

- Cocktails & trivia contests in Kennedy Lounge
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual American Culinary Federation Competition
- Golf, Tennis, College Pool/Sauna, and State-of-the-art Fitness Center
- Interactive Academic Fair
- Walking and riding tours of Campus and Valley Campus
- Mixology demonstration with Associate Professor Michael Barnes '75
- Remembering 1968 & Alumni Awards
- All-Alumni Party with live entertainment and dancing
- And much more

See the full schedule, register now at [www.delhi.edu/alumniweekend](http://www.delhi.edu/alumniweekend) and get ready to Rediscover Delhi!

Want to get involved? You can volunteer to be an Alumni Weekend Ambassador and reach out to fellow alumni to spread the word and encourage attendance at SUNY Delhi's Alumni Weekend.

Please contact the Alumni Office at [alumni@delhi.edu](mailto:alumni@delhi.edu) or 607-746-4600 to learn more.

**We can't wait to welcome you back on campus!**

# CLASSNOTES



## 1951

**Floyd Washburn** wanted only one thing for his birthday, so he asked his daughters to drive him to his alma mater. Admissions coordinated their visit with Alumni Affairs. They received a special welcome complete with balloons, a campus tour by an architecture student, and snacks in the Library Café. Floyd is retired after starting his career with Ingersoll Rand and then spending 33 years as a draftsman for IBM in Owego.

## 1959

**JoAnn Dobert** says she is living the good life at The Villages in Florida, golfing and playing Mah Jong three times a week and enjoying the area and their friends and neighbors. JoAnn feels fortunate to have seven children, 12 grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

**William George Bresee** sent a photo of his favorite catch, a 34 pound salmon from Lake Ontario. A now-retired DOT transportation associate engineer in Connecticut, he spends as much time as possible fishing and helping his neighbors.



## 1960

Congratulations to **Francis J. Setera** for being nominated to the America Academy of Chefs Culinary Hall of Fame. In his words, “I was founder, charter member, past president and chef of the year (twice) of the ACF Caxambas Chapter Naples/Marco Island Florida. I’ve been an ACF member since 1972 and winner of various culinary competitions in both N.Y. and Florida.” Frank has worked in notable clubs in Florida and California, including being Executive Chef at the Wyndermere Country Club in Naples and at The Glenview at Pelican Bay in Naples, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Hotel Bel Air in California, Jackie Gleason’s Clubs of Inverrary, Key Largo Anglers Club, The Field Club in Sarasota, La Cañada/Flintridge CC, La Cañada, CA. and Imperial Golf Club in Naples.”

**Robert DeBoy** retired from the Connecticut Department of Transportation as supervising engineer. He is enjoying retirement and living in both Connecticut and Florida, welcoming his grandchildren to the sunshine state.

## 1962

**Patricia Murphy** and **Robert Pesik**, who live in Montrose, NY, are enjoying retirement and babysitting their two grandsons, Mason, 4, and Nicholas, 2, who live just 15 minutes away.

## 1965

**Florence** and **Henry John Pavlak, Jr.** have been married for 52 years. They have wonderful memories from college and are now enjoying retirement in Elizabeth City, NC.

## 1968

**Gordon “Gordie” Bell** owns and operates Bell’s Christmas Tree Farm in Accord, NY. The Bell family has worked the farm since the 1900s. Before venturing into trees, the farm produced dairy. Gordie now works the tree farm with his son, Brian, the fourth generation to live off the land. Gordie and his wife, Paula are “proud of what we do,” he says. “As soon as I open that gate [to the farm], it’s the closest thing to heaven that I know of.”

## 1970

**John Houck** is retired and lives in Wrightstown, PA, with his wife of 48 years, Carol, and their Saint Bernard and cat. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.



**Susan Lawson Yantiss** and her husband, Ronald, purchased a beautiful,

historic 250-year-old Colonial home and barn overlooking Surry Mountain in Surry, NH. Their goal is to have one location for their residence and their INKBERRY custom framing business. They have completed the renovation of the barn as well as the installation of the exterior landscaping. Presently, they are doing interior work for the INKBERRY studio, hoping to move the business from Marlborough, NH, to Surry in Spring 2019.

## 1975

**Dr. Sandra Quackenbush**, Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs at Colorado State University, College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in Fort Collins, is passionate about her work on behalf of students and the veterinary science profession.

# CLASSNOTES continued

## 1977

**Anthony Aberson**, who lives in Boardman, OH, is retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

## 1979

**Kathleen Shook Jacque** is semi-retired, working 35 hours a week, rather than 60, as a state-tested nurse's aide at Almost Family Home Health and at St. Martin Assisted Living in Ashland, OH. Her husband, James, is retired from Charles River Research Labs. Their son, Kevin, is a veterinarian in Apple Creek, OH. Their oldest daughter, Sarah, is an animal control officer in Charleston County, SC. Their middle child, Kristen, has just finished her early childhood education degree. Kathleen and James also have two grandsons.

## 1980

**Christianne Van Keuren** has published a novel called *Sylvan Elf Chronicles: Kaleen the Discovery* by Fulton Books. Christianne currently works as a licensed medical technologist. She enjoys being outside and has a great appreciation for all aspects of nature.

## 1981

**Stewart Weiner** is Area General Manager at Jesta Hospitality in Boynton Beach, Florida. Prior to moving to the sunshine state, Stewart served as Managing Director of Professional Hospitality Enterprises for Danfords Hotel and Marina in Port Jefferson, NY.

## 1982

After spending years in the kitchen, **Mark Gerstner** is enjoying the views, the weather and front of the house operations as Assistant Director of Food and Beverage at The Breakers in Palm Beach. He and his wife, Cindy, are also very active in the Palm Beach Community. The couple has two daughters, Rachel and Lauren.

After graduating from SUNY Delhi with an AAS in Hotel Technology,

**Dana Malley** landed at a large wine and spirits store in Ithaca, NY. He eventually was appointed principal wine buyer and became fascinated with the marriage of wine and food. Wine-buying trips to Europe only intensified his interest in wine and food pairing, so it's hardly surprising that *wine-bytes.com*, a website he founded last year, deals specifically with the subject. Plenty of websites dabble in wine and food, but Dana's "affinity simulator" is unique, allowing you to build a dish and generating pairing suggestions within seconds. He and his wife, Connie, are celebrating 22 years of marriage.



Carbone's Restaurant in Hartford, CT, which celebrates 80 years this year, is a Delhi legacy story. It is currently owned by **Vincent "Vinnie" Carbone '82**. Vinnie is one of three Delhi graduates from the Carbone family. **Carl Carbone '60** transformed the restaurant into its current high-end format. **Carl Carbone Jr. '85** is a highly successful entrepreneur as well.

## 1983

**Andrew Hintenach** and his wife, Nancy, run a bed-and-breakfast out of their historic home in Geneva, NY. Andrew also operates a professional architecture business called Sky High Architecture. He is busy designing projects ranging from patios and commercial spaces to homes, as well as renovating existing structures. He's also getting business from the new wineries, breweries and distilleries popping up in the area.

## 1984

**Richard Scinta** is vice president of Club and Association Governance for Wyndham Vacation Ownership, Inc., in Orlando, FL.

## 1985

**Jim Coniglione** is the owner of Scoopy Doo Pet Waste Removal Services, a premier scooping service in the tri-state area, as well as Mr. Scoopy, a business opportunity for entrepreneurs based on the systems and innovations he developed through Scoopy Doo. As a self-described "entre-manure," he has been profiled in major news media such as the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, and the *Huffington Post*. He was recently featured on the cover of *Business Fleet* magazine. Jim also dabbles in screenwriting and YouTube videos. He has appeared as an extra in the Netflix film "The Week Of" and in Martin Scorsese's upcoming "The Irishman." Jim has most recently been seen in Discover Channel's new "Sticker Shock" show in which he gets his refurbished dune buggy appraised. Jim credits his professors at Delhi for his entrepreneurial spirit. His advice to Delhi students would be the same advice he got as a student: think outside the box, make every opportunity count, and always have fun.

## 1986

**George Manias** is the vice president of business operations for the new Albany Empire Arena Football League franchise. Manias has been in the sports business for more than a quarter century, most recently as an executive with the NHL's Pittsburgh Penguins.

## 1989

**Gerald "Jerry" Liberatore** has been promoted to the rank of Battalion Chief at Midway Fire Rescue in Pawleys Island, SC. Captain Liberatore started his fire career outside of Las Vegas, NV, in 1994 before joining Midway Fire Rescue in 2004.

Jerry became a medic in 2006 and a Lieutenant in 2007. He was awarded the Medal of Honor from the State Firefighters Association in 2010 for an off-shore water rescue and serves as the Vehicle Maintenance Coordinator for the department. Jerry lives in the Burgess community with his wife, Christine, and their two sons.

### 1993

**Tom Leahy** was recently elected a director of the NYS Turfgrass Association. He is Grounds Superintendent at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Briarcliff Manor, NY.

### 1995

**Amy Koch** was promoted to Investor Relations and Administrative Services Manager for Red Lion Hotel Corporation in Denver, CO.

### 1996



**Dan Clark** recently joined the Empire City Casino as Director of Player Development. Clark has spent the better part of two decades working

in hospitality and casino gaming in the Midwest. One of his highest honors was receiving a Certificate of Excellent Communications from the White House while hosting a former United States President during a visit. In his new position, Clark oversees the Empire Club loyalty program, VIP services, and a team of casino hosts. When he isn't working, Clark enjoys spending time with his three children. He lives in Inwood, Manhattan.

**Lisa McDonough Kielty** is celebrating 24 years of friendship with **Tara Christman Corcoran '95**. They met each other on their first day at SUNY Delhi and have remained friends to this day. They also share the love of twins: Lisa has a 9-year-old son and 6-year-old twin boys, and Tara has 8-year-old boy/girl twins. Last summer, their families enjoyed a week of vacationing together on Cape Cod.

**Brendon Elliott** is the recipient of the 2017 PGA Youth Player Development Award for his exemplary contributions to youth golf development. Elliot founded the nonprofit Little Linksters Association for Junior Golf Development in 2008 and crafted a practice facility for youth in his own backyard. "I had been working in the golf industry most of my life, but I didn't realize there were no golf programs for young kids until I began searching for programs in which I could enroll my own daughter," Elliot said. Ten years later, Little Linksters programs have introduced golf to thousands through its mobile programs that visit schools, parks, day care centers, golf courses, and churches, providing basic golf instruction to youth of all backgrounds. Elliot serves full-time as Director of Career Services at the Golf Academy of America's campus in Orlando, FL, and still manages Little Linksters and teaches private lessons. "I basically work 60-80 hours a week, but this is what I've always wanted to do." (*PGA Magazine*, November 2017)

**Joseph Coonick** has created a line of apparel called "Birth.Golf.Death.— Subversively Elegant Golf Designs for the Course & Street." His designs caught the eye of Tru-Turf Green Rollers in Australia who then commissioned him to design their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo last year. Joseph lives and works in Endwell, NY.

### 1997

**Chianti Lewis**, Esq. has just completed five years as Assistant Managing Attorney with Rosicki, Rosicki & Associates. After receiving her bachelor's in political Science from SUNY Albany, she received her Juris Doctor in Law from Dwayne O. Andreas School of Law, Barry University.

### 1998

The American Red Cross named **Guy Triano** CEO of the Eastern Pennsylvania Region in June. Guy has been with the non-profit organization for over 14 years. He first joined the Red Cross as an account manager for Atlantic and Cape May counties. Most recently he served as Director of Donor Recruitment for the Pennsylvania-New Jersey and the New York-Pennsylvania blood regions where he was responsible for collecting 550,000 units of blood annually. He was named Director of the Year in 2015, 2016 and 2017.

### 2002

**Chantel Torres** earned a bachelor's in accounting from SUNY Utica/Rome in 2005. She moved to Naples, FL, in 2006 and went on to earn a master's degree in accounting and taxation from Florida Gulf Coast University in 2015.

### 2004

**Danny Lockwood** married Carlos Lockwood in 2017 and later that year they welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Layla Kiera. This year, Danny was promoted to Associate Director of Regional Operations at Strayer University. Danny and his family live in Bensalem, PA.



**Dana Farrell**, who has started a design company, is also in real estate in the Capital District.

# CLASSNOTES continued

## 2005

**Jessica Storrs Ferringer** and her husband, Mark, recently welcomed twin daughters. The family lives in Rochester, NY. Jessica is an executive chef at American Dining Creations.

## 2008

**Keith Batson** has been named the head coach of the women's golf program at Ithaca College. In a press release, Keith said, "I couldn't be more excited to be named the next head coach of women's golf at such an elite institution like Ithaca College," Keith said. Keith has extensive experience designing, organizing and implementing golf programming, providing personalized instruction and golf clinics, and overseeing pro shops. He earned his Class A Professional License from the PGA in 2013.

## Cynthia Decker

began a new job at Historic Jamestowne in Jamestown, VA, as a digital outreach specialist. Her duties include digital modeling, 3D scanning, 3D printing, managing the website and various social media platforms.



## 2010

**Michael J. Ford** is an Assistant Superintendent at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, which hosted the U.S. Open Golf Championship in June. Superintendent Jon Jennings, in an interview with *Golf Course Industry*, said "We have some wonderful experience among our staff. Leading the assistants is Mike Ford, our senior assistant."

## 2011

After graduating from the Vet Science program, **Nicole Ayres** went on to earn a Nursing Degree and RN License at Corning Community College and then worked several years as an LVT in a small animal practice in Elmira, NY. She recently decided to return to school to pursue her dream of becoming a veterinarian and has been accepted to the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine DVM Class of 2022.

## 2013

**Rachel Cooper** was recently named academic coordinator for the broadcast and digital journalism and communications program at the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

## 2014

**Annamae Fingar Gentile** graduated Siena College with a 4.0 GPA in May 2017. She married Robert Gentile in July 2017 and started work at Equinox as a case manager in June 2017.

## 2016

**Justin Hayward** joined the Hayner Hoyt Corporation in Syracuse, NY, as a project engineer in December. He recently moved there from Oakmont, PA, where he was the senior agronomist at Oakmont Country Club.

The Robison family has a strong legacy at SUNY Delhi.

## Howard Robison

graduated in 1934. In 1942 he and his family moved to Delhi. He worked for the USPS until his retirement in 1978. His wife, Harriet Robison, worked as a secretary in the building construction division for many years and retired in 1982. Their daughter, **Elaine Robison Tantalo** (right), graduated in 1957 from the secretarial science program. Their son, **David**, graduated in 1973 as a medical technician. **Peter Tantalo**, Elaine's son, graduated in 1986 from the engineering science program. Her daughter, **Christina Tantalo Payton** (left), graduated as a Vet Tech in 1989. Christina's husband, **Rick Payton**, also attended SUNY Delhi.



## In Memoriam

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

- Robert Whitmarsh '40
- John West '42
- Frederic Robinson '43
- Corinne Giruzzi Filletti '50
- Richard Kelley '50
- Irving Berry '51
- Clarence Lottermoser '53
- Irene Crossman Boyd '54
- Sanford Kaplan '54
- Frederica Hanson Dumortier '56
- Kathryn McGovern Menhennett '60
- Irene Kotarski Boutin '61
- Gene Parsons '62
- Thelma Mcintosh Adams '63
- Stanley Hulbert '64
- Patricia Pryor Clow '65
- Marianne Lafontaine DeBellis '65
- Diane Parmer Keith '65
- William Meade '65
- John Chestnut '68
- Lennox Scope '69
- Herbert Newton Jr. '70
- Charles O'Dell Sr. '70
- Lawrence Kovaly '72
- Gerard Mauskapf '72
- Joseph Morrill '72
- Thomas Bobnick '73
- John Postlethwaite '74
- Thomas Mignano '75
- Carol Chesser Stevens '75
- Steven Treat '75
- Frederick Aakjar '77
- Richard Perrott '78
- Ernest Hood '79
- Lyle Wells '79
- Russell Housman '88
- James Judd '97

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Violet Vail, *Secretary*

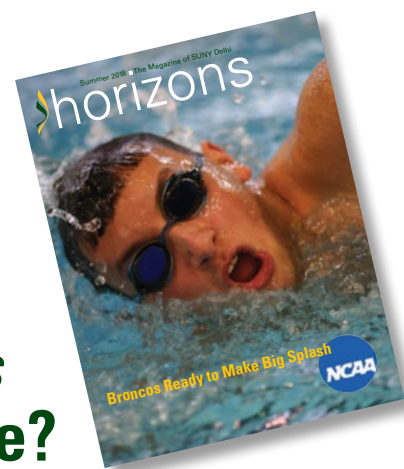
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New York City

### November 9, 2018

Capital District Networking Social  
Albany, NY

### November 17, 2018

Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony  
Clark Field House

### Week of January 20, 2019

Alumni Reception  
Orlando, FL

### March 14, 2019

Alumni Reception  
Canopy Rooftop Lounge, Alumni Reception  
St. Petersburg, FL

### March 16, 2019

Alumni Event  
Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade & Social  
Naples, FL