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**Jeff Rainforth '95
leads project on
national treasure**

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President's Welcome



Grit. It's a word that is often used to describe a person's ability to persevere in times of challenge, to show courage and bravery in the face of hardship. It is also a unifying and defining characteristic of SUNY Delhi's students, alumni, and history. It's part of what makes SUNY Delhi so special. And it is now part of our newly revised Mission Statement—"Focusing on grit and determination, SUNY Delhi engages its inclusive community through hands-on teaching and learning."

For more than 100 years SUNY Delhi has delivered hands-on, applied educational experiences that prepare students to meet the needs of our region, state, nation, and the world. Our programs are forward focused and produce graduates with the experience and knowledge to not only identify, but to address and solve complex problems.

This year our School of Applied Technologies, then known as vocational education, celebrates its 50th anniversary. Initial offerings in the early years of the program included training in automotive mechanics, carpentry, cooking, pipe fitting, welding, and secretarial science. Today, SUNY Delhi's Applied Technology programs, which now include construction management, mechatronics, integrated energy systems, and facilities management, are among the strongest in the Northeast.

In this issue of Horizons you will read stories that capture a small sample of what Delhi graduates and students are achieving today. We continue to benefit from an active and engaged community of alumni and friends. Often our graduates return to campus to share their knowledge and experience with today's students and faculty. Every time a SUNY Delhi graduate shares a story of perseverance and success, networks with students and faculty, or creates an internship or scholarship opportunity, the SUNY Delhi experience grows stronger.

It is a great honor to serve as SUNY Delhi's President and to have so many opportunities to see and hear stories of success. I look forward to working with the SUNY Delhi community to ensure that our future is as rich and bright as our past.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Michael R. Laliberte". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Michael R. Laliberte
President, SUNY Delhi



2019 Commencement

Family and friends came together on May 18, 2019 at the outdoor track to celebrate SUNY Delhi's 102nd commencement.

President Michael Laliberte conferred degrees and certificates upon approximately 800 students. In his remarks, President Laliberte encouraged graduates to become leaders in their professions and communities, and to make service a priority. "You are incredibly talented and possess the knowledge and skills needed to succeed far beyond SUNY Delhi," he said.

Student Senate President Genevieve Fanfan's commencement address focused on gratitude and accomplishment. She remarked, "This is just the beginning. Today marks the end of one chapter and the start of the rest of our lives. Let's make it count!"



Delhi Seniors Receive Highest SUNY Honor



Ryan Ali'19 and Elise McIntyre'19

Elise McIntyre '19, an Architectural Design and Building major from Red Creek, NY and Wilmington, NC, and Ryan Ali '19, an Information Technology Management major from Queens, NY, were among an elite group of SUNY students chosen to receive the 2019 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. The award, the highest student honor in the SUNY system, recognizes students who best demonstrate, and have been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in leadership, athletics, career achievement, community service, or creative and performing arts.

"Elise and Ryan exemplify the very best of our student body," said SUNY Delhi President Michael Laliberte. "They have fully embraced everything Delhi has to offer and, combined with their talents and interests, used it as an opportunity to grow into remarkable young professionals. I'm extremely proud of their accomplishments."

Alumni Returns to Share Advice



Jim McPartlin '82 has enjoyed a highly distinguished career working with some of the most luxurious brands in the hospitality industry. Last Spring McPartlin returned to campus to impart words of wisdom to students in the School of Business and Hospitality.

In his current position as Vice President of Leadership Development at Forbes Travel Guide, McPartlin travels around the world training staff at 5-star hotels, restaurants, and spas. He also runs a consulting business.

“I worked for 30 years to get to where I am,” McPartlin told the students. “I was willing to move wherever the job took me. My advice to you is to work hard, pay your dues, and gain life experience to succeed in the industry.”

He also talked about the importance of self-awareness. “First and foremost, know yourself and what matters to you, and commit to that. Set reasonable expectations. The hospitality industry is tough and the nightlife can take a toll, so stay focused and make good choices. Attach yourself to people that add positive value to your life and drop those that don't.”

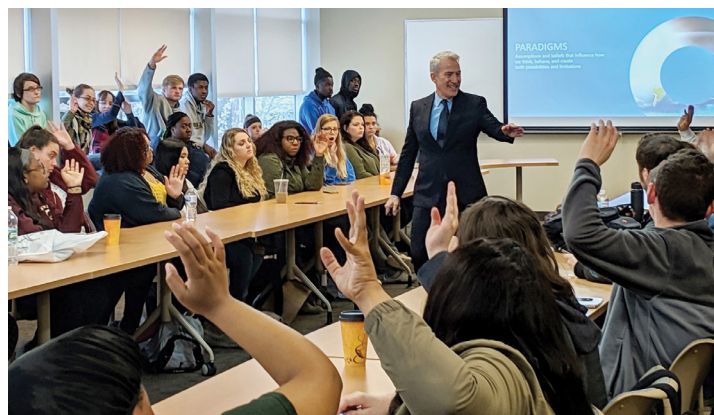
McPartlin graduated from Delhi with a degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Being back on campus brought back memories.

“I look back very fondly—I had a wonderful time in Delhi. I had a great group of friends, and the faculty made the students feel special. They painted a very accurate picture of what a career in the industry could be and also made us aware of possible pitfalls.”

Impressed with the awards that SUNY Delhi students are racking up in culinary competitions, McPartlin said a Delhi degree offers great preparation for careers in top restaurants. “A willingness to continue learning is key to working in the industry,” he added.

McPartlin plans to stay with Forbes Travel Guide, which allows him the opportunity to visit some of the most amazing destinations in the world. He also continues to grow his consulting practice.

“As a mentor, it makes me proud to hear that I've impacted someone's life. I also enjoy motivational speaking. Happiness is a conscious daily choice.”



Jim McPartlin '82 took questions from students in the Farrell Center.



Carly Yezzo '20

Student Chef to Represent US in International Competition

Carly Yezzo '20 has been selected to represent the United States in the prestigious international Young Chef Competition in 2020. The prestigious competition is hosted by Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the world's oldest international gastronomic society, which was founded in 1248.

Yezzo, a Culinary Arts major, qualified for the competition based on her outstanding performance in a national competition held in Pittsburg, PA in June. The international competition was developed to support and promote young future chefs and to give them opportunities to demonstrate their skills and culinary prowess.

“Watching Carly compete with such calm and confidence was unbelievable,” said Chef Sean Pehrsson, Yezzo's faculty instructor and mentor at SUNY Delhi. “She handled herself with the utmost professionalism. She is a rare talent with amazing skill combined with creativity and a great attitude.”

For Carly, representing the United States in an international competition is a repeat honor. Last year, Carly was a member of a team of SUNY Delhi students who took home first prize in the international Copa Culinaria competition in Santiago, Chile. “I will do my absolute best to represent my country well,” Yezzo said. “I have the wholehearted support of my professors and SUNY Delhi behind me. I want to make them and my country proud.”



2019
SUNY Delhi
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Reunion & Homecoming

SAVE THE DATE!!!
OCT 25-27

Mark your calendars for the biggest alumni event of the year!

Last fall's Homecoming weekend saw the largest attendance in years. Join SUNY Delhi graduates from across the county this October to celebrate this year's homecoming celebration festivities.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- > Welcome Back Mixer
- > Re-Discover Delhi Academic Fair & Open House
- > Campus Tours
- > Make Your Own Masquerade Mask
- > Woodstock 1969 Commemoration & Remembrance
- > Brew Your Own Craft Beer Demonstration & Instruction
- > Green & Gold Masquerade Party
- > Alumni Association Awards & Harvest Dinner

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“Swipe It Forward” utilizes a campus meal swipe system for donated meals.

SUNY Delhi Takes the Lead in SUNY-Wide Initiative

Across the country, 1 in 3 college students face food insecurity threats. Food insecurity can impact students’ ability to focus in the classroom and complete their degree programs. Beginning in fall 2019 SUNY Delhi is pioneering a brand new program to fight student hunger.

SUNY Delhi’s “Swipe it Forward” program provides a discreet way for students in need to receive donated meals at campus dining halls. The program was developed in collaboration with Swipe out Hunger, a national non-profit organization founded to address hunger and food insecurity among college students. The non-profit is currently working with over 80 campuses across the nation to develop strategies to combat hunger.

“It is an innovative solution in educating students about this nationwide problem that also allows for a thoughtful and dignified way to offer or receive support between fellow students. I’m proud that our task force has actively sought solutions to food insecurity on our campus and can now serve as the model for other SUNY campuses,” said Tomás Aguirre, Vice President for Student Life.



Help Build the Future of Broncos Athletics!

Help SUNY Delhi break ground on a new all-sports turf field. This turf field will quickly become a signature addition to the SUNY Delhi’s Athletic facilities.

The new athlete-friendly playing surface will bring a modern playing experience to student-athletes and spectators alike. The new turf surface will extend the use of the field, expand club sport and intramural opportunities, boost recruitment—and highlight the importance of Broncos athletics!

Join other Delhi alumni in raising funds to transform the new field into a first class collegiate athletic complex.

We need your help! Learn more about project & make your gift today: www.delhi.edu/field

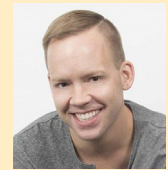
Alumni Council Welcomes New Members

The SUNY Delhi Alumni Advisory Council is pleased to announce the election of four new members. Alumni Advisory Council members are leadership volunteers that represent the needs of the alumni community, serve as ambassadors for the college, and advocate for the campus with key partners in public and private sectors.

New members of the Alumni Advisory Council are:



Heather Cochran '03
Hospitality Management/
Travel & Tourism
St. Albans, VT



Kenny Dann '07
IT Management
Phoenix, AZ



Morgan Moore '18
Business & Technology
Management
Middletown, NY



Maryann Neff '71
Business
Administration
White Plains, NY

For more information on the Alumni Advisory Council, email the alumni office at alumni@delhi.edu.



Matthew Scavetta '19



Jake Robinson '21

Broncos Athletics Soar in NCAA Competition

The Broncos made a statement in their first full year of NCAA competition, earning individual, coaching, and team honors in multiple men's and women's sports. SUNY Delhi Athletics are poised to begin the 2019-20 season, the first as official members of the North Atlantic Conference (NAC), ready to continue this success.

In addition to successes in individual and team competition, SUNY Delhi student-athletes are delivering high marks for student leadership and academic achievement. Five student-athletes were recognized in May for leadership as part of SUNY Delhi's Barbara Jones Student Leadership Awards Ceremony. Softball student-athletes Molly Green '20, teammate Dakota Baker '21, and volleyball athlete Erica Prindle '21 received recognition for leadership. Men's soccer and tennis athlete Michael Zeriak '21 was presented the Citizenship award.

Student-athletes Matthew Scavetta '19 and Jake Robinson '21 were selected as SUNY Chancellor's Scholar Athletes for outstanding academic achievements. Scavetta, a Construction Management major—and two-time NAC champion in the pole vault, finished the year with a 3.42 GPA. Robinson, a Recreation and Sports Management major—who helped lead his tennis team to a second place finish in a 2019 NAC Tournament, earned a 3.93 GPA in the spring semester.

The SUNY Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete Award is the highest award given to a student-athlete in the State University of New York system. The award recognizes a combination of outstanding academic excellence and superior athletic achievement.

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT

Name: Antonio Russo
Class Year: Senior
Major: Mechatronics
Sport: Lacrosse

Antonio Russo '20 spearheaded a staunch defensive unit that caused 179 turnovers and had the fewest goals allowed in the North Atlantic Conference in the 2019 spring season. Antonio shows great persistence and skill on the field and in his academic pursuits. His tenacious play earned him All-NAC 2nd Team honors and his stellar performance in the classroom resulted in Antonio being named to the NAC All-Academic Team. He finished his junior year with a 3.88 GPA while majoring in Mechatronics. In addition to these achievements, Antonio is an active leader and volunteer at SUNY Delhi and in his community.



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A full-page photograph of the Statue of Liberty on Liberty Island, New York. The statue is the central focus, shown from the waist up, holding the torch aloft. It stands on its massive, multi-tiered stone pedestal. In the background, the New York City skyline is visible, with the One World Trade Center (Freedom Tower) being the most prominent skyscraper. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall composition is vertical, matching the orientation of the statue.

Jeff Rainforth '95 helps

From the carpentry labs to the multi-million dollar construction of a national landmark, Jeffrey Rainforth '95 has achieved tremendous success—Delhi is always part of his story.

On a warm evening on May 15th this year, Oprah Winfrey, Jeff Bezos, and Diane von Furstenberg were among the luminaries who walked the red carpet on New York City's Liberty Island for the official opening of the newly constructed Statue of Liberty Museum.

A few feet away from the cameras and lights, SUNY Delhi alum Jeffrey Rainforth '95 stood back, taking in the star-studded scene that was the culmination of many years of hard work for his company, Phelps Construction Group. The high-profile museum is also a testament to the extraordinary level of success Rainforth and his business partner Douglas Phelps have achieved since they co-founded the company 12 years prior.

Lady Liberty's light shine

“It’s a long time coming,” Rainforth said of the landmark museum, created to celebrate the legacy of the Statue of Liberty. Planning for the construction of the 26,000-square-foot space began in 2015 and required balancing the complicated logistics of building on an island. The structure had to be above the floodplain and strong enough to withstand hurricane-force winds. Materials were staged at a marina in New Jersey and shipped over on a barge, arriving on a specially built work dock adjacent to the museum. Multiple barges were used, including one that held up to 16 concrete trucks.

The finished product is a stunning granite, copper, and glass structure seamlessly woven into the island’s landscape with angular shapes and a native meadow grass rooftop offering panoramic views of the New York City skyline.

“I’ve been very lucky to be involved in a lot of high-profile projects, but the museum is definitely a highlight,” Rainforth stated.

A native of Endicott, NY, Rainforth graduated from SUNY Delhi with an Associate Degree in Carpentry. In many ways, his path to success parallels the themes of opportunity, perseverance, and the American dream that the Statue of Liberty symbolizes.

“I always wanted to be a builder,” he recalled. “As much as I didn’t enjoy school in my teens, I knew I had to go to college to learn to build the right way. I chose SUNY Delhi, and those years really laid the foundation of learning for me.” ▶



During the museum construction, Rainforth spent at least two days a week on site. “We usually got here early in the morning around sunrise. The island always has a different look: the fog, the city silhouette, all the boats on the water... It never gets old. Sometimes I’d be on the island alone and I’d look up at the statue and think, ‘Is this real?’ There’s no better place in the world to be.”





Due to security concerns after September 11, the number of visitors given access to the former small museum inside the statue's pedestal dropped dramatically. Most people coming to the island didn't get to see the museum and learn the details, history, and importance of the Statue of Liberty. The new, expanded museum, located behind the statue, is accessible and free to all visitors. The museum includes the original glowing torch from 1884, three interactive galleries, and an immersive theater experience.

At Delhi, Rainforth also found life-long friends as well as professors who took him under their wings.

"My classmates and the faculty became an extension of my family—I have so many great memories. As a student, I put in the extra hours, and the faculty saw my potential. Delhi didn't have a bachelor program at the time, so my professor Richard Harrington urged me to transfer to SUNY ESF for my Construction Management & Engineering degree. The dedication of my professors has made a lasting impact on my life."

Jeff Rainforth interned for a large construction company where Doug Phelps was a partner at the time. They worked together on many projects, including the restoration of the Statue after 9/11—a long, stressful job on an almost impossible schedule. The two formed a bond over their upstate New York roots and went on to found Phelps Construction Group together.

The two make a powerful pair with an impressive roster of prominent projects in New Jersey and around New York City.

"Nearly all of our work is repeat business and word of mouth," Rainforth said. "We don't aspire to be the big animals in the Manhattan construction industry. Being from upstate, we're very humble. We work as a team with our architects and subcontractors. We foster relationships based on trust, and our clients become our friends."

Phelps Construction Group currently employs 50 people, and the company culture is run with the same friendly small-town philosophy.

"We want our office to be a fun environment where people are happy to come to work," Rainforth reflected. "We want to walk in the front door and see people that are happy and proud to be there. Of all things we have accomplished, Doug and I are most proud of the team we have built over the past 12 years."

Rainforth has already started work on his next big venture: a \$35 million project to renovate the FBI headquarters at Federal Plaza in New York City. Phelps Construction Group was selected for the job based on their previous experience in building secure facilities for the Bureau.

Still connected to his beginnings at SUNY Delhi, Rainforth has hired multiple interns from Delhi's construction program and has served on the department advisory board for over 10 years.

"SUNY Delhi has the only program with such a strong hands-on component to their curriculum," he said. "You can take a student from the lab and give them lumber, and they'll know what to do with it. Those real-world skills on top of the book knowledge is a huge advantage going into the workforce. I recommend Delhi to anyone who asks."

Rainforth lives 40 minutes from his office in New Jersey with his wife Kim, their daughter Megan (16), and two sons, Brendan (14) and Bryan (12). In his free time, he coaches his children's sports teams. "My kids are very involved in sports. They keep us very busy."

He still gets his own hands dirty with construction, too. "I just helped my in-laws by moving their laundry room to the first floor. My back hurt afterwards, but it was nice to know I could do it," he said with a laugh. "I still got it."

50 Years of Vocational Programs at SUNY Delhi

SUNY Delhi proudly celebrates 50 years of vocational education in trades such as plumbing, masonry, welding, pipefitting, automotive mechanics, cooking, and secretarial skills. Initiated in 1968 and 1969 to complement the college's technical programs, vocational education answered a need to offer training for trades that didn't require a degree. The courses varied in length from 24 weeks to a year, and participants received a certificate upon completion.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus Joseph Greenfield was hired to teach drafting in 1968 and steered the evolution of the course into the current Mechatronics program until his retirement in 2015.

"Delhi's programs have always been at the forefront of training the highest level of tradespeople," said Greenfield. "Our curricula are dynamic and our graduates are educated using the latest technology. Our programs are extremely relevant for today and the future."

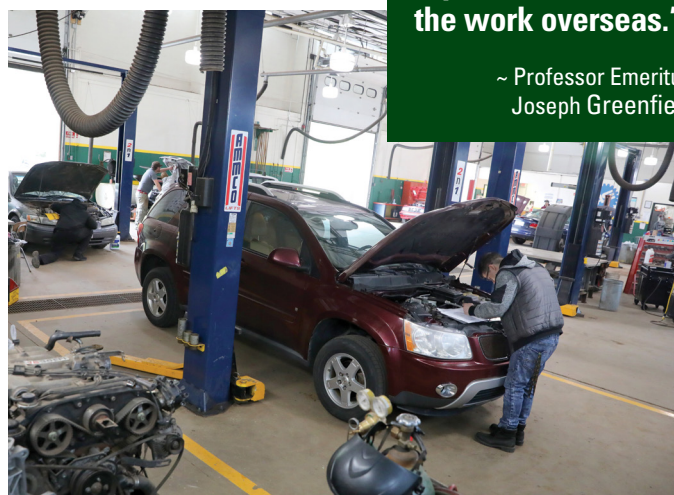
In 50 years, many of SUNY Delhi's vocational courses have developed into associate or bachelor's degrees and form the foundation of the School of Applied Technologies, one of the cornerstones of the college today.

"We train the people that cannot be replaced by sending the work overseas," Greenfield stated. "We will always need people to do the jobs that keep this country going, whether it's setting up the controls to run a processing plant, repairing a vehicle, or installing electrical systems. Our students are trained to fill those needs."



"We train the people that cannot be replaced by sending the work overseas."

~ Professor Emeritus Joseph Greenfield



Leadership Volunteer Retires after decades of Service



After nearly 30 years of service to SUNY Delhi as a member of the Alumni Advisory Council and the College Foundation Board, Walter "Bud" Caroompas '63 is stepping down.

"Bud Caroompas has been an exceptional volunteer leader for SUNY Delhi, our students and our alumni," said College Foundation Executive Director Joel Smith. "The Alumni Association, College Foundation, and the college have all benefited from his service."

Caroompas was a founding member of the Alumni Advisory Committee in 1992 and joined the College Foundation as a trustee in 1995. Over the course of Bud's service, alumni events and engagement activities have seen major expansion and the College Foundation's assets have grown substantially. Bud's fellow Council members, Foundation Trustees, and the entire college community are grateful for his service.

Of his experience and service, Caroompas remarked, "Delhi is a special place. The college took a chance on me all those years ago. The opportunity I was given to succeed in college changed my life."

For information on the Alumni Association, visit: www.delhi.edu/alumni/association

CLASSNOTES

1959

C. Ward Blade retired from the City of New York Department of Environmental Protection Agency in 1994. Married Sandy Wertman in 1960, they have 4 children and now eight grandchildren.

1960

Francis (Frank) Setera was inducted into the American Academy of Chefs Hall of Fame at the American Culinary Federation (ACT) Convention at Marriott World Center Orlando, FL, on August 4th.

1967

Paul 'Doc' Livingston and **Jo (Snyder) Livingston** have lived in Australia since 1982 and have been retired for many years. They would like to say hi to all of their classmates and ABX and Psi D sisters and brothers and encourage them to get in touch by email at canberryjo@gmail.com and paullivingston@mac.com.

1971



Steve Levine was honored for his 40 years in publishing in Houston, TX, with a champagne reception in June. Sylvester Turner, Mayor of Houston, recognized Steve by declaring June 10th as "Steve Levine Day" in Houston. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee called in from the Library of Congress to congratulate Steve. Steve was also presented with a gold medal from the

2012 London Olympics for the contributions that he and his wife have made to the community and the non-profits they support. "Not bad for a SUNY Delhi alumni who graduated in that 10% of the class that made the upper 90% possible," Steve says with a smile. "It was a night I will never forget." In his long career, Steve founded the *Metro Houston Apartment Guide*, *The Jacksonville Communities Guide*, and *Perfect Wedding Guides*. He is also the executive publisher of *H.U.G.E Magazine* and *Small Business Today Magazine*.

1978

As Director of Bethgate State Park in Farmingdale, NY, **Elizabeth "Betsy" Wintenberger** was in charge of hosting the PGA Championship in May—the first female director of the park to do so. According to her colleagues, Betsy's ascension to the high-pressure post reflects her mastery of technical and management responsibilities, years of experience running state parks on Long Island, and her engaging personality. The tournament was a great success and Betsy said she enjoyed every minute of it!

Lee B. Zepowitz has obtained the third degree of The Blue Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and is now proudly a Master Mason. Lee is a member of Saint Alban's Lodge #529, which meets in the historic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Temple located in Center City Philadelphia.

1981

Chris Shriver was the Director of Operation for the Eastern States Exposition for 29 years. He was responsible for the operation of 175 acre campus with 44 buildings. The site is home to "The Big E" which is the fifth largest fair in North America. In January Chris was hired by the City of Springfield, MA as the Facilities Engineer and Sustainability Coordinator.

1982



Gerard Kiernan retired after 35 years of successful business in construction to the Valley of the Sun. Chris spends his time in his shop repairing and upgrading his home and property. His wife enjoys riding her horses every day. "My years at Delhi have been important and created lots of memories," he shares. Chris believes that the trades are one of the most overlooked and neglected parts of the economy. He advises students to take business classes so they may own their own businesses someday.

1984

As president of CSArch, a widely recognized architecture and engineering firm based in Albany, NY, **Daniel Woodside** has led the company to earn the designation of Top Design Firm by Engineering News Record for the fourth year in a row!

1986

Karen VanDyk is the secretary of the Friends of the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, a 5,100-acre piece of land straddling nine miles of the Wallkill River at the New York-New Jersey border. Karen has been hiking the paths since she was a little girl. An avid photographer, she enjoys the quiet of the nature, especially in the early morning. Karen also leads the Nature's Kids program, which introduces elementary school children and their families to nature.

1988



John Hobika has been involved in the insurance & financial services industry for nearly 30 years spending nearly 20 years with a large regional commercial

bank's wealth management division throughout Central NY. He now brings his many years of field experience to Advisors Insurance Brokers, an insurance brokerage firm as Senior VP/Regional Sales Director that serves a diversified channel of financial & insurance professionals and banks/agencies that serve throughout Upstate NY. He serves on the United Way of the Valley & Greater Utica board of directors. In addition, he serves as Vice President of the MVHS Foundation Board and is a board member & Vice President of the Mohawk Valley for the NAIFA New York State Association, a professional organization for insurance & financial advisors throughout NYS. John is married to his wife Nicole and they have two daughters. They reside in Central NY.

1989

Andrew Hart was elected to the board of directors for Bergmann, an award-winning architecture and engineering firm that offers comprehensive planning, design and client management services. In his 27 years working for the company, Andrew has managed landscape architecture projects ranging from small-scale public park design and detailing to large-scale commercial projects. He currently serves as a treasurer member of the New York State Council of Landscape Architects and is a past president of the New York Upstate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. After earning his associate degree at Delhi, Andrew went on to earn a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from SUNY ESF. He also earned his project leadership certification from Cornell University.



1994

Ira Schreck and Karin (Levan) Schreck

celebrated 20 years of marriage in May. The two met at SUNY Delhi in the Hotel & Restaurant Management program. For the past 15 years Karin has worked for Key Equipment Finance, a division of Key Bank. Ira has worked with several hotel companies before transitioning to the financial industry. He is currently working as a global Client Implementation Manager with HSBC Bank. The two look back at their time and experiences at SUNY Delhi as life changing saying, "Not only did we get a quality education from professors who cared about our professional development, we also found the perfect life match for one another."

2010

Anthony Eardley was a competitor on season 11 of NBC's program "American Ninja Warrior" held in Baltimore in April. Anthony graduated from Delhi's welding program, and discovered a love for 'ninja' competition just two years ago. The Oneonta, NY native used the spotlight and exposure he received through being featured on a nationally televised program to collect sporting and exercise equipment to donate to youth in his community. Anthony put his skills gained at Delhi to use and welded a model of the Baltimore ninja course so that he could show the kids what the course looked like up close. Based on his strong performance, Anthony is advancing to the "American Ninja Warrior" city finals in Baltimore later this year.



2015

Austin Shirley was promoted this spring from carpenter to superintendent at C2C Construction Solutions in Utica, NY. Congratulations, Austin!

Laura Jones enrolled in SUNY Delhi's associates degree nursing program immediately after high school. The program led her to a successful career path that she enjoys. After a few years in the field, she returned to SUNY Delhi and graduated from the RN to BSN program in December of 2015. Laura is happy to report that she is returning to Delhi's nursing program again to earn her Masters in Nursing Education.

2016



Sakari Smithwick competed on an episode of The Food Network's hit show "Chopped" in June. In the popular show, chefs face off against each other turning baskets of mystery ingredients into three-course meals. Smithwick, already an accomplished chef in his own right, currently works with Chef Marco Prins, in a new restaurant, Ukiyo, in New York City. In the Food Network competition, Smithwick made it to the final round, ultimately finishing in second place.

CLASSNOTES

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2018

This spring, **Musa Kanneh** was a featured graduation speaker at Stephen and Harriet Myers Middle School, his alma mater in Albany, NY. Musa talked about adjusting to life in the U.S. after his parents fled a brutal civil war in the west African country of Liberia to neighboring Sierra Leone, where he was born while his family was trapped in a refugee camp for 15 years. Though Musa was initially teased in school in Albany, he found friends and learned that there's always someone willing to help. After graduating from Delhi, Musa was hired full-time at CSArch in Albany and is finishing up his exams to become a fully licensed architect.

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In Memoriam

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

Bernice Odell Hoffman '40	Charles Green '74
Reginald Kirby '41	Kevin Mroczkowski '75
Carlton Hatch '46	Thomas Marshall '76
Arthur Zimmerman '47	Mary Jo White Hovey '79
Walter Collins '50, <i>Professor</i>	Richard J. Dunn '83
John Elwood '50	Russell Foote '85
Erford Keeler, 50	Roberta Morley '86
Harry Armstrong '51	Donald Axtell, <i>Professor</i>
Donald Kemp '51	Ida Smith-Eden, <i>CADI Supervisor</i>
Alice Tuthill Panaro '54	Henry Jobmann, <i>Motor Vehicle Operator</i>
Donald White '54	John Mallery, <i>Professor</i>
Samuel Swart '58	Jean O'Brien, <i>Secretary</i>
Janice Baker Passero '60	Warren Schliessman, <i>Associate Professor</i>
Charles Bird '62	Reverend Harold Watson Smith, <i>Ecumenical Chaplain</i>
Herbert Schnitzer '63	Willard Vetter, <i>Professor</i>
Judith Coffey O'Neil '65	Richard Wickham, <i>Former College Council Member, College Foundation Trustee</i>
Darryl Skuce '65	John William "Bill" Harniman, <i>Vice President for Administration</i>
Donna Scanlon Whitmore '65	
Barbara Barone '66	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 .
Lowell Ulrich '66	
James McNabb '68	
Stephen Sandle '68	
Charles Dwyer '70	
Ralph Vanderlip '72	
Bruce Becker '73	

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You inspire us and our students. We share a lifelong bond that only SUNY Delhi graduates will ever know. There are many ways to stay in touch and involved with your college.

Class Notes

Send a note and let us know about your new job, latest accomplishment, or family event. Include a photo if you'd like. Your old classmates will love seeing your name in *Horizons* and finding out how you're doing!

Share Your Story

Help tell the story of where a Delhi degree can take you. We are always looking for alumni stories to share on our website, social media, and in *Horizons*.

Attend Alumni Events

Join us for Homecoming, or contact us to attend, or host a regional event near you.



Visit the Campus

Take a trip and come see us anytime! We'll welcome you, show you around, and re-connect you with current faculty and students in your major. Our students love knowing what those who came before them did with their Delhi education.

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Every donation makes a difference! Your gifts provide important experiences and opportunities for Delhi students.

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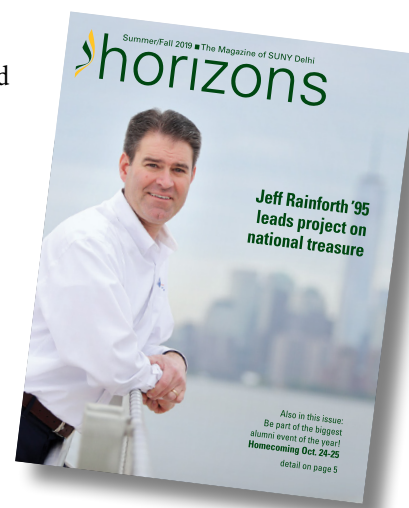
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September 21, 2019

50th Anniversary Automotive Program
Car Show
SUNY Delhi Lower Campus

October 3, 2019

Student-Alumni Networking Reception
SUNY Delhi Campus

October 25-27, 2019

Homecoming/Alumni Reunion
SUNY Delhi Campus

November 8, 2019

NY Capital District Alumni Social
Albany Pump Station

November 16, 2019

Athletics Hall of Fame Induction
SUNY Delhi Campus

March 14, 2020

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