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The Inauguration of SUNY Delhi's 11th President



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Dr. Mary Bonderoff and SUNY Chancellor, Dr. John King, Jr.



On April 3, SUNY Delhi celebrated a historic milestone with the inauguration of Dr. Mary Bonderoff as its 11th president.

The ceremony, held at the Clark Field House, was a vibrant blend of tradition and personal flair, reflecting Dr. Bonderoff’s unique leadership style.

Dr. Bonderoff’s journey with SUNY began in 1988 as a Residence Hall Director at SUNY Delhi. Over the years, she held a number of leadership roles, including Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer at SUNY Morrisville. In 2022, she returned to SUNY Delhi as interim president and was officially appointed as the college’s 11th president in 2024.

President Bonderoff has become known for pairing her signature Converse All-Stars with even the most professional attire. Inauguration attendees—including the formal stage party—were encouraged to help “kick-off” Dr. Bonderoff’s presidency by wearing their own favorite “kicks.”



Ana Almanzar '00 addresses the audience.

The inauguration ceremony featured an academic procession with representatives from various colleges and universities, and SUNY System officials. Speakers included former SUNY Delhi President Candace Vancko, Meg Sawicki '79, Alumni Association and Foundation Director, Ana Almanzar '00, Deputy Mayor, NYC, SUNY Chancellor, Dr. John B. King, Jr., and Delhi students, faculty and staff.

Following the ceremony, a fundraising inauguration gala capped off a week of inauguration themed events. The gala, which featured a specially curated menu showcased the talent and creativity of SUNY Delhi’s award-winning culinary and hospitality students and faculty.



Inauguration Gala guests continued the celebration in Farrell Hall.



Members of President Bonderoff’s family in their Delhi “kicks.”

More on the Inauguration of President Bonderoff may be found: www.delhi.edu/inauguration/

Congratulations Graduates



May 17, 2025, SUNY Delhi held the 108th annual commencement on the college track under sunny skies.

Approximately **800 graduates** received master's, bachelor's, and associate degrees and certificates at the ceremony.

SUNY Delhi President Dr. Mary Bonderoff delivered a welcome address telling graduates:

"You are incredibly talented and possess the knowledge and skills needed to succeed far beyond SUNY Delhi... I hope SUNY Delhi has fueled a passion for life-long learning in you, that you become leaders in your professions and your communities."

In addition to remarks from Provost David Brower and other college leaders, the thousands of family and friends in attendance heard powerful and personal stories from student speakers Julia Rios, Student Senate President and nursing major Juanita Rispoli.

Voice of the Graduates

"Your skills, ideas, and passion are going to change the world for the better, I guarantee it. Wherever you end up, you are going to do amazing things. And when you look back and remember how you got there, don't forget that there will always be people at SUNY Delhi rooting for you..."



Julia Rios '25
Applied Communication (BS)
Student Senate President

"SUNY Delhi has been the bridge that helped me turn my dreams into reality... Through the challenges and triumphs, I have emerged stronger...and ready to make a difference as a nurse."



Juanita Rispoli '25
Nursing (AAS)

Honorary Degree & Keynote Address



The 2025 ceremony also featured a keynote address and the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to **James "Jim" Palmiter**, a 1981 hospitality alumnus turned entrepreneur. A graduate of SUNY Delhi's Hospitality and Restaurant Management program, Palmiter's journey took him from his rural, working-class background to a national stage as a highly regarded innovator, entrepreneur, and financial industry leader. Pivoting from his early hospitality career to the complex world of financial information services, Palmiter's determination, intelligence, and innovative mindset propelled him quickly into senior leadership roles in globally recognized companies.

"This moment means more to me than I can easily express. Because this isn't just a professional recognition—this is deeply personal. This is SUNY Delhi. This is where it all began for me. I still remember arriving at SUNY Delhi— young, full of hope, and maybe a little uncertain. I didn't have all the answers, but I had ambition and a willingness to learn. Delhi took a chance on me. And that made all the difference."



View additional details and photos here:
<https://sunnydelhi.myportfolio.com/2025-commencement>



Alumni Awards Honors Exceptional Alumni and Staff

Each year the SUNY Delhi Alumni Association honors distinguished graduates, faculty, and staff for exceptional professional achievements, community service, and dedication to the college. The 2024 recipients were Hayley Murphy, Steven Whipple, Corin Zimmer, Barbara Sturdevant, and Robert Backus.



Dr. Hayley Murphy '84—Distinguished Alumna Award

Dr. Murphy was nominated for her trailblazing work and leadership in the field of veterinary science. As the executive director and CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society in Royal Oak, MI, Dr. Murphy is the first female in the society's 96-year history to serve in this role. Dr. Murphy is recognized as one of the nation's leading experts in gorilla cardiac health.



Steven Whipple '98—Distinguished Alumnus Award

Mr. Whipple was recognized for his unwavering advocacy for SUNY Delhi's academic programs, and excelling in his career in the golf course industry. Since 2003, Mr. Whipple has served as the Golf Program Manager and Golf Course Superintendent at the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has received many commendations from West Point, including the Commander's Award for Civilian Service.



Corin Zimmer '19—Alumnus of Merit Award

After earning a bachelor's degree in Business and Technology Management from SUNY Delhi, Mr. Zimmer joined Luck Grove, a Syracuse-based company specializing in telecom services for enterprise, government, and nonprofit clients nationwide. As Senior Vice President of Business Development, he has guided the company's meteoric rise.



Professor Emerita Barbara Sturdevant—Exemplary Service Award

Prof. Sturdevant began her career at SUNY Delhi in 1991 as an assistant professor and advanced to the role of full professor and department chair of Delhi's business programs. During her 32 years at Delhi, she facilitated numerous student experiences and networking events, chaired the curriculum committee, and helped plan the NJCAA National Championship Basketball Tournament held at Delhi for many years. She was known for her dedication to her students, providing them with the guidance and expertise to achieve their career goals. Sturdevant received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005.



Robert 'Bob' Backus—Exemplary Service Award

Bob started his SUNY Delhi career as an adjunct instructor in 1992 and became an athletic coach in 1993. Credited with building a track and field dynasty at Delhi, his squads won 15 NJCAA National Championships in men's and women's track and field and cross country. Backus successfully oversaw Delhi's transition to NCAA Division III, elevating the college's athletic profile. Throughout his career at Delhi, he has tirelessly advocated for student-athletes and coined the well-known slogan, "It's a great day to be a Bronco!" Backus retired in 2024 after 31 years of dedicated service.

For more information on Alumni Association Awards visit:
www.delhi.edu/alumni/association/awards/



SUNY Delhi Ranks as Top 10 Public College

SUNY Delhi once again received high marks in the *U.S. News and World Report* publication of the Best Colleges for 2025. Delhi secured a spot as one of the Top 10 Public Schools in the Northeast. The ranking compares public colleges on academic quality, graduation and retention rates, resources for students and faculty, and other factors.

SUNY Delhi was also honored in the Top 10 in the following categories:

- **Best Value School** (10th place) for providing outstanding academic quality at an affordable cost
- **Best Colleges for Veterans** (8th place) for commitment to offering benefits and resources to veterans and active-duty service members



SUNY Delhi's hot food student team took first place at the prestigious 2025 American Culinary Federation (ACF) Student Team of the Year national competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, in July, 2025.

Delhi's team presented a remarkable showcase of their culinary skills, creativity, and composure. The achievement reinforces SUNY Delhi's reputation as a culinary powerhouse on the national stage.

The championship team included captain Brennan Spencer (Painted Post, NY); Sarthak Thapa (Delhi, NY); Moses Rojas (Bronx, NY); Matthew Caliendo (Massapequa, NY); and Derik Cole (Big Flats, NY). Jahnasia Sutton (New York, NY) and Joseph Kariuki (Worcester, MA) supported the team as apprentices. The students were coached by Chef Victor Sommo and Chef Sean Pehrsson, who guided the team through hundreds of hours of practice and preparation.



Neil Riddell Field A Lasting Legacy



“At the end of the day, it’s all for you, the students. As I walk off this field today, I’m so proud to leave SUNY Delhi a better place than I found it all those years ago.”

~ Neil Riddell '62

SUNY Delhi officially announced the naming of the newest athletics facility on campus—**Neil Riddell Field**—at the launch of a successful men’s and women’s soccer season in September 2022. **Neil Riddell Field** has quickly become a signature addition to SUNY Delhi’s NCAA Division III athletic facilities. The field is home to some of Delhi’s most competitive teams, including women’s soccer, men’s soccer, and men’s lacrosse. The facility brings modern amenities such as sports lighting, clocks, and a sound system to the athlete and fan experience.

“I’m proud to be in a place in my life to make a difference. When I came to Delhi, I didn’t have two nickels to rub together,” said Mr. Riddell. In his first semester at college Riddell hitchhiked back and forth to campus from Bloomville, NY. Through his participation in college athletics, fraternity life, and the close relationships he developed with faculty, Mr. Riddell found a supportive community at Delhi that helped him succeed.

After his graduation, Riddell served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper and then found success in business—success he attributes to his Delhi education and to keeping a positive attitude, having a strong work ethic, choosing good friends, and keeping a smile on his face.

Referred to by some as “**Mr. Delhi**”, Riddell is a member of the SUNY Delhi Athletics Hall of Fame, former Vice President of the College Foundation at Delhi, Inc. Board of trustees, and is the Foundation’s longest serving trustee. He and his wife Linda ’65 are constant fixtures at SUNY Delhi civic, academic, and athletic events. In addition to their major gift for Neil Riddell Field, Neil and Linda established the *Neil ’62 and Linda ’65 Riddell Endowed Scholarship* in the College Foundation at Delhi to support students in need.

Just before cutting the ribbon to officially open the newly named field, Mr. Riddell shared, “At the end of the day, it’s all for you, the students. As I walk off this field today, I’m so proud to leave SUNY Delhi a better place than I found it all those years ago.”



Left to Right: Classmates Al Gubiotti, Bernie Martin, and Neil Riddell.



Neil Riddell cuts the ribbon to officially open Riddell Field with President Bonderoff and Vice President for College Advancement Michael Sullivan.

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SAVE the DATES
SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2025
for this year's largest Delhi
celebration where alumni,
students, family and friends
celebrate campus life;
athletics, academics, and
enjoy a variety of campus
experiences.



Featuring:

- Alumni Welcome Reception
- Special campus tours
- Automotive Department Car Show
- Recreation Opportunities—including golf, fitness center, tennis, and the college pool
- Golden Alumni Brunch
- Alumni Awards presentation
- Delhi Community Harvest Festival (downtown Delhi)
- Leadership Reception
- Wine Tasting
- And more

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Horizons Magazine Returns



After a long hiatus (too long!) *Horizons Magazine* has returned to production. The goal of *Horizons Magazine* is to share news, present stories, updates, and profiles of the SUNY Delhi community. Moving forward, *Horizons Magazine* will be produced two times each year.

This edition of *Horizons Magazine* will be the final issue offered primarily in print format. In our ongoing efforts to cater to individual preferences, modernize distribution, and to be good environmental and financial stewards, we are instituting an OPT-IN for Print system. For those who do not opt in, a digital version of *Horizons Magazine* will be made available in a mobile friendly format.

To continue receiving the print version of *Horizons Magazine* please OPT-IN at www.delhi.edu/alumni/horizons or phone the Alumni Office at 607-746-4600.

SUNY Delhi on the Road

Throughout the year, SUNY Delhi and the Alumni Association travels near and far to connect with alumni. Regional Alumni Events offer opportunities to visit with classmates and friends, meet fellow Delhi graduates, and stay connected with the college.

Stay up to date on alumni events by visiting www.delhi.edu/alumni/events



Area alumni participated in SUNY Delhi student networking event at the Boston Federal Reserve Bank.



Fellow class of '84 grads Jeremy Wladis and Dina Cohen connect at the Penn6 reception.



Bob '74 and Joyce '73 Roth hosted President Bonderoff and SUNY Delhi alums at their North Chatham home.



Distinguished Alumni Awardee Harris Lewin '77, Mariah Zuefel '95, Jenni Clifford '07, and Shane Gallagher '91 at a West Coast alumni reception.



ATHLETICS UPDATES



Cross Country

The Broncos continued their great tradition in cross country this fall with the women's team winning their final North Atlantic Conference Championship while the men placed third. The programs look to continue to raise the bar as they will now compete in the SUNYAC moving forward.

Track and Field

The indoor and outdoor track and field programs moved to the SUNYAC for improved competitive opportunities as of this winter and have responded with great performances. The men have seen one new individual program record and three new relay marks established. On the women's side, 14 individual records have fallen at the hands of six different individuals and four relay records have gone down.

Golf

The golf team had another great year, placing second in the North Atlantic Conference Championships and boasted the individual co-champion in Grady Glennon. The team spent the spring playing in some large invitationals and capped the spring season by entering two scoring squads at the Oswego Invitational where they placed first and third in the eight team field!

Volleyball

The volleyball team won the NAC West regular season title to earn the right to host the NAC West playoff semifinals for another year. The team went undefeated in NAC West divisional play on the season, going 6-0. The team lost a heartbreaker in the post season 3-2, but look to build another great season next year to work back to the conference title match again.

Tennis

Women's tennis made its return for the first time since the 2019 season and immediately earned a post season berth! Halle Bodo was named the North Atlantic Conference Rookie of the year for her efforts during the fall season. The men also earned a berth in the postseason tournament in the spring semester under new head coach Moises Saintil in his first season.

Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team was back on top of the North Atlantic Conference West Division again this year, earning the right to host the NAC Tournament quarterfinals and semifinals. The men won the quarterfinal game and fell in the NAC West Championship in a 68-65 loss.

Women's Basketball

The women's basketball program is on its way back. After a rough stretch that resulted in canceling the second half of the season in 2023-2024, coach Rasul Jackson put together a group to start the rebuild. Not only did they play the whole season, but they played their best basketball of the year at the end of the season. With a number of contributors returning and a solid group of recruits coming back, the Delhi women's basketball team is very excited for 2025-2026.

Swimming and Diving

Swimming and Diving is another program on the rise. After some years of low numbers, things saw a change for the positive this year with numbers, and performances, improving. The program now welcomes back Coach K to lead the program again and begin the work of building the program further.

Lacrosse

The lacrosse team had a great spring and earned the number two seed in the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) playoffs, finishing the season with a hard fought 14-12 loss in the NAC championship. Delhi notched a final record of 11-5, the second double digit win season in a row.

Softball

The softball team returned to the NAC playoffs this season following a four-year drought. Over the course of the season unpredictable weather caused a number of game cancellations that resulted in a shortened schedule. The Broncos finished the season 7-5 in conference play and 14-18 overall. Sophomore Angelina Dickel recorded the first no-hitter in program history.



For full coverage of
Broncos Athletics visit:
www.delhibroncos.com

Athletics Hall of Fame 2024 Inductees

The SUNY Delhi Athletics Hall of Fame welcomed three new members as part of the 16th induction class. The 2024 class included Robert Schoener (Men's Basketball Coach 2007–14), Eric VanOstrand '00 (Cross Country & Track), and Robert Vredenburg '85 (Wrestling). The three were recognized during the weekend of October 19th in numerous events around the campus, including a special reception and a half-time recognition at a soccer match held at **Neil Riddell Field**.

The 2025 Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place on October 14. For more information email the alumni office at alumni@delhi.edu



Left to Right: Eric VanOstrand '00, Robert Vredenburg '85, Robert Schoener, and Athletics Director, Robb Munro.

SUNY Delhi Welcomes Record-Breaking Incoming Class for Second Year in a Row

SUNY Delhi is celebrating unprecedented enrollment growth, welcoming the largest incoming class in its history for the second consecutive year. Early numbers for the 2025-26 academic year indicate that the college is once again on track to exceed its own enrollment records, building on last year's milestone. The 2024-25 incoming class included over 1,400 new students, surpassing the previous high set in 2017.

"We are thrilled to continue our strong enrollment trend with a new record-breaking class of incoming students," said SUNY Delhi President Mary Bonderoff. "SUNY Delhi occupies a unique niche in the higher education landscape with hands-on learning and in-demand degrees. Many of our students have career aspirations that link directly to the needs of New York State."

With back-to-back record-breaking years and continued momentum, SUNY Delhi remains a top destination for students seeking career-ready degrees and real-world learning.

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**~ Mary Bonderoff
SUNY Delhi President**



New Director to Lead Broncos Athletics

Robb Munro, in his thirteenth year at SUNY Delhi, has been named Director of Athletics. For the last three years, Munro served as Associate Athletics Director, following nine years as head coach of the cross country and track & field programs. In his time at SUNY Delhi he has guided teams to multiple championships and played a leading role in the college's transition to NCAA Division III. Munro takes over the role from Robert "Bob" Backus, who retired in 2024, following 31 years of service to the college.

SUNY Delhi Athletics to Compete in SUNYAC

The State University of New York Athletic Conference (SUNYAC) announced that SUNY Delhi has been accepted as a full member of the conference beginning in the 2026-27 academic year. SUNY Delhi joins Alfred State and SUNY Cobleskill as full members beginning fall 2026. "SUNY Delhi is honored to be accepted into the SUNYAC. This marks an exciting new chapter for our athletic department and reflects the hard work and dedication of our student-athletes, coaches and staff. More importantly, it gives us a forever home for our programs," said Director of Athletics Robb Munro. The expanded SUNYAC, which will comprise 25 member institutions is a highly competitive conference for NCAA III athletics.



New Faces in Campus Leadership

Dr. David Brower—a respected SUNY Delhi alumnus—has been appointed as the college's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, following a national search and a year of distinguished service in the interim role. Dr. Brower will lead the college's academic strategy, academic support services, faculty success, and institutional effectiveness objectives across the campus's academic schools and graduate programs.

Dr. Shai L. Butler named Vice President for Student Life. A nationally recognized higher education leader, author, and speaker, Dr. Butler brings more than 25 years of dynamic experience in student affairs, leadership, and diversity, equity, and inclusion to her role at SUNY Delhi. The Student Life division oversees critical programs and services including athletics, the center for student leadership, health and counseling, residential life, and university police.

Mr. Michael O'Donnell appointed Chief of University Police. O'Donnell joined the SUNY Delhi community as lieutenant in 2020. He has over 24 years of law enforcement experience, including serving as interim assistant chief at SUNY Oneonta.



SUNY Delhi Receives Major Gift to Support Construction Management Students

The College Foundation at Delhi received a \$75,000 gift from Barnard Construction to expand scholarship opportunities for SUNY Delhi students pursuing bachelor's degrees in construction management. The gift is intended to inspire the next generation of industry leaders by supporting students seeking careers in heavy civil construction such as the management of dam, tunnel, and power delivery projects.



Barnard Construction, a leading heavy civil construction company based in Bozeman, Montana, is a long-time SUNY Delhi partner and a member of the college's Construction Management Advisory Council.

"Our firm recruits from top construction and engineering schools across the country. SUNY Delhi's students always perform at the highest level," said Jeff Kanehl, recruiter at Barnard. "We are excited to expand our partnership with Delhi to support future professionals in the construction industry through this scholarship."

Farnsworth Hall Renovations Complete



On September 6, 2024, the campus community celebrated the re-opening of Farnsworth Hall after more than two years and over \$35 million in renovations. SUNY Chancellor John B. King, Jr., Assemblyman Chris Tague, and members of the SUNY Construction Fund were among distinguished guests to mark the occasion with a ribbon-cutting and re-dedication ceremony.

The newly transformed building boasts state-of-the-art veterinary science labs, surgical and diagnostic imaging suites, a community-facing small animal health clinic, and classrooms with infrastructure that supports technology, student collaboration, and multi-use needs.

Anonymous Grant Expands Spay and Neuter Services for Community

SUNY Delhi's Veterinary Technology program received a major anonymous gift to expand its small animal spay and neuter services. The \$215,000 gift helps to establish a new community-facing animal clinic in Farnsworth Hall that will serve humane societies, animal clinics, and the community.

Thanks to this gift, spay and neuter services to the community are expected to increase by more than 200%—with up to 400 spay and neuter procedures performed per year.

"This tremendous gift comes at the perfect time for our program," said Michael Sullivan, Vice President for College Advancement. "Our faculty and students are excited to create a new signature addition to enhance our renowned veterinary technology program," said Dr. Bret Meckel, Dean of the School of Veterinary and Applied Sciences at SUNY Delhi.

College Foundation Elects New Leadership

The College Foundation at Delhi, Inc. board voted unanimously to elect Richard Hayes '83 as president during their quarterly board meeting on January 23, 2025. Also elected to executive leadership positions were trustees Charlie Lefkowitz '79 as vice-president, Peter Gioffe '98 as secretary, and Chelsea Mathieu as treasurer.

In addition, two newly elected trustees, Dominic Morales, SUNY Delhi Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus, and Dan Woodside '82, will join current members to comprise a 15-member board.



Richard Hayes '83, President

Rich serves as Managing Director at Empire Valuation Consultants, Inc. Rich has 40 years of experience in the estate and trust industry and is responsible for furthering Empire's valuation services in trusts and estates, private equity, and hedge funds. He lectures on topics including business valuation, estate planning, sales, and marketing.



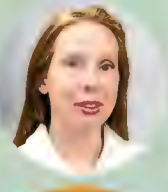
Charles Lefkowitz '82, Vice President

Charlie, a long serving trustee of the College Foundation Board at Delhi, is the president of the CALCO Development and Louis Lefkowitz Realty, Inc. He has served in leadership roles with a number of non-profit, civic, and public organizations including the Three Village Chamber of Commerce, Brookhaven Town Council, and Suffolk County Water Authority.



Peter Gioffe '94, Secretary

Peter Gioffe serves as President and CEO of the Delhi Bank Corp. and as President and CEO of the Delaware National Bank of Delhi. He is an active member of the Delhi community, having served as a trustee for the First Presbyterian Church of Delhi and as a coach and supporter of a number of local youth sports activities.



Chelsea Mathieu, Treasurer

An Air Force Veteran, Chelsea currently serves as the Vice President of Finance and Administration at SUNY Delhi. Since her arrival at SUNY Delhi, Chelsea has worked diligently to develop a multi-year fiscal stability plan, and played an instrumental role in SUNY Delhi's reaccreditation process.



Dominic Morales, Trustee

Dominic "Dom" Morales, a SUNY Delhi professor and dean emeritus, provided academic and administrative leadership in SUNY Delhi's turf management and golf programs for over 35 years. Following his retirement, Dom remained a leading force in the New York State Turfgrass Association.



Dan Woodside '84, Trustee

Dan Woodside recently retired as President of CSArch, a multi-faceted Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management firm headquartered in Albany, NY. Dan has served for many years on the Architecture Department's advisory board and in leadership roles with the Capital District YMCA Board of Directors.



Alumni Leadership Volunteer Retires

Bruce Jones '75, who answered the call to reinvent SUNY Delhi's Alumni Association more than 20 years ago, announced his retirement as an Alumni Advisory Council leadership volunteer in April 2023.

Under Jones' tenure and leadership, the Alumni Association developed a substantial scholarship program and accelerated student support resources, including funding student-alumni networking events and other student enrichment services.

Jones first joined the Alumni Council in 2003. He has also served as leadership volunteer for SUNY Delhi's criminal justice advisory council, advisor and mentor for the students of Kappa Sigma Epsilon, and is a SUNY Delhi Distinguished Alumnus Award honoree.

CLASSNOTES

1952

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

1960

Patricia Jane (Raices) Cochran retired from Costco in 2022 at the age of 80. She then took up pickleball fulltime.

1963

Robert Davids and his wife recently moved from St. Albans, Maine to Dover Foxcroft, Maine.

Martin H. Wangelin retired from Parson's Engineering Corp. in 2003. For the last 20 years he has served as a freelance press photographer for a local newspaper.

1966

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

1967

Paul Livingston retired from the US Army after 22 + years of service. Paul and his wife Joanna (Snyder) Livingston moved with their family to Australia. All of their children are married with children of their own and living in various parts of Australia.

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

1968

Gary Pinto has retired after 30 years in business dining and 22 years in social work.

1969

Roger A LaPierre retired from RSI Roofing Inc. a year ago, having started the company in 1982. His oldest son Joel has taken over as President and is doing an excellent job.

Dick Rowland was recently inducted into the Withlacoochee Chapter of the Florida Sons of the American Revolution.

1971

Ed Michels now covers major league baseball. He started a radio career in Fulton, NY covering a Blue Jays affiliate.

1972

John Nanni a polio survivor and member of Rotary International, has been awarded the prestigious "Rotary International Service Award for a Polio Free World". John has given over 400 Polio Talks around the world (most via Zoom) providing much needed information on Polio.



Left to Right: Hugh Dawkins, Rotary District 7630 Governor, Peter Kyle, Rotary International Director, John Nanni and his wife, Christine Giglio Nanni

1973

Samuel Sheridan Owings, President and Founder of High Impact Environmental Inc., an environmental services company, was named in the 2022, 75th edition of Marquis Who's Who.

1975

Rob Axelrod retired after 48 years in the food related industries and manufacturing. Looking forward to connecting to past classmates.

Robin Blackman, who ran on the track and cross county teams, can't believe it has been 50 years!

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

1977

Julie T Sorcek retired as a high school band teacher. Julie currently performs as a professional musician with a number of bands in Connecticut, eastern New York, and other parts of New England.

1979

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

1980

Louis Germinario of Ramsey, NJ has a new granddaughter!

Lauren Weixier and her 1978 Long Island Championship Softball teammates were inducted into the Deer Park High School Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame

1981

Len Mitchell recently published his first book *Mise en Peace, A Culinary Journey, in Search of Home*. Len visited campus to speak with classes about the industry and for a book signing.

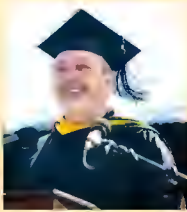


1982

Jesse Ottesen served a two-year term as President of the General Contractor's Association of New York which began in January of 2023. He has recently retired.

1983

Peter Oberacker, NY State Senator, returns to campus often. In May 2022 he was SUNY Delhi's commencement speaker, and is always impressed with the ways SUNY Delhi continues to grow.



Susan Patterson after graduated from the Veterinary Science program at Delhi in 1983 with an AAS degree, Sue worked as a Vet Tech on Long Island for several years. Then she continued her education and earned a BSN in nursing from Binghamton University in NY.

1985

Daniel E Hughes is entering his 30th year in the landscaping business in Albany county. Thanks to Delhi horticulture program he can do anything to the outside of a house or building. He would like to thank all Delhi's horticultural faculty from 1983-1985.

After leaving Delhi, Ronald Stephen Gorney earned a BS-1992 (Health Education), MS 1995 (Health Education), CAS-School Administration from SUNY Cortland. In 2021 he received a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) from Walden University. Ronald has been a practicing school administrator for more than 20 years.

1993

Scott Sikorski retired after serving in the Air Force for 29 Years. In his 29 years, he has been station in Maryland twice, Texas twice, Alabama twice (where he retired), California, Delaware, Virginia, and Washington. Scott served in Korea and Iraq and retired as a Chief Master Sergeant.

1994

Rachel (Rescigna) Tenney is a proud graduate of the Travel and Tourism program. Rachel served as a flight attendant with Tower Air, and also spent time with Liberty Travel, American Express, Open Solutions, and Liberty Bank.

1995

Mariah Brook Zuefle is now the resident concierge with Action Property Management, San Francisco, CA.

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

2000

James Gordon was recently appointed Deputy Rensselaer County Executive and continues to serve on the North Greenbush Town Council.

2003

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

2005

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

Brian Smith is now employed at the Villa of Hope, Rochester. He has two children and has hosted a radio show on in Rochester for 7 years.

2008

Cynthia Jean (Decker) Deuell is serving as a architectural research associate with Colonial Williamsburg.

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

2012

Caitlin Downing is now serving as a Community Engagement Coordinator with the Corning Children's Center.

Kieryn Salewski is attending veterinary school at Mississippi State University, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

2014

Brendan Clifford graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology with a Master's Degree in Architecture.

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

2015

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

2016

Rebekah Kuntze went on to earn a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science.

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

2017

Elizabeth Ramos married her college sweetheart (Matthew'18) in 2021. The two rescue cats with Feline Leukemia.

2018

Samantha Duquette is now board certified in Emergency Nursing (CEN) and obtained her board certification in Trauma Nursing (TCRN).

Bridget Haese-Schweitzer earned a Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Canton, moved across the country to work in a model shelter in Silicon Valley, and has started a Master's program.

2020

After graduation Justin Rabjohn was hired by an Architecture and Engineering firm in Rochester, NY where he serves as an Architectural Designer.

In Memoriam

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

- Howard Turnbull '42
Ann Stanton Smith '51
Robert Olenick '54
Lois Porteus '54
C. Ward Blade '59
James Cerio '61
Gary Gray '61
Alfred Shaver '61
Marsha Terry Bierman '62
Cynthia Dietterich Kiener '62
Jane Klukkert O'Dell '62
Raymond Wappman '62
Steven Behe '67
Judith Dehart Neville '67
Franklin Ehlermann '69
Richard Garlick '69
Dennis Sandoli '69
Ralph Smith '69
Mary Ellen Bridger Roberts '70
Gerald Clark '71
John Haight '72
Jerry Madsen '72
Augustus Osterhoudt '74
Stephen Richards '75
Gabriel Carubia '76
Stephen Richards '76
Dwight Packard '77
Robert Bush '78
Patrick Foster '81
Barbara Palombo Brandt '88
Melissa Mattice Carvin '89
Jacqueline Clegg Deitz '89
Monica Polley Breed '03
Kenneth Tabor '04
Joseph Brybag '10
Kelly Finn '11
Maxwell Kintner '23

- Faculty and Staff**
Deb Bartholomew, *CADI Food Service*
Charles Barnes, *Adjunct Professor*
William Brosi, *Professor*
Richard Cardoza, *Dean of Student Life and Director of Admissions*
Kenneth Fisher, *Adjunct Instructor*
Mitchell Jones, *Lead Programmer/Analyst*
James Sands, *College Council Member*
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