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### **PERSONAL FREEDOM** Alumni Perspectives Studying the Topic at Home and Abroad



"We believe in Hartwick, so we invest in Hartwick. Our family is committed to supporting small institutions that make a major impact.

"Our son Brendan's experience over the last four years has been immensely challenging and deeply rewarding. For us, three attributes distinguish Hartwick — the commitment to the liberal arts, the focus on experiential learning, and the personal engagement of the College community.

"We want to ensure that other students and their families are able to belong to Hartwick, so we invest in Hartwick's future as a way to share this special place with others."

— Eugenie Dieck P'15, senior partner, Korn Ferry, Philadelphia, PA



David Dieck P'15, Eugenie Dieck P'15, and their sons Andrew and Brendan '15. The family's commitment to The Campaign for Hartwick Students includes major gifts to locker room renovations in Binder Physical Education Center and the Hartwick Fund.

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### **A PARENT CHALLENGE FOR BINDER**

Eugenie and David Dieck P'15 will match all parent gifts made to the **Binder campaign objective** before June 30, 2015, up to \$5,000. Closing out that campaign is one way they'll celebrate the Hartwick graduation of their lacrosse-playing son, Brendan.

### It's personal.

To participate in this dollar-for-dollar match, please contact Faith Critti Tiemann '05 at tiemannf@hartwick.edu or 607-431-4044.

# Living the Mission

The personal courage that we espouse in the College's Mission Statement requires a personal experience. In the case of J Term study abroad, that experience often evokes a visceral and intellectual and emotional response to each new setting and its people. Every generation needs its own portal to the pleasure and ache of the past. This first experience is the doorway that some of these students will choose to walk through again in the future when they enter another country, either to study its past or perhaps to help build its future.

Professor Tom Sears P'07 showed his J Term students the courage of political prisoners in Romania, a group whose stories he told in a recent book that falls well outside his comfort zone of accounting. You will read his reflections in this *Wick*, along with the comments of other faculty who guided Hartwick discovery — and lived history in the making this J Term — in Cuba, France, Hong Kong, and Hungary.

Our students do not have to leave this country, or even this campus, to consider issues of freedom and courage. Critical thinking — another mainstay of our mission — is the order of the day when they study Unruly Women with Dr. Susan Navarette, Music and Genocide with Dr. Diane Paige, or Human Rights with Dr. Cecelia Walsh-Russo.

These learning experiences become the framework upon which to layer the courage, perspective, and ability to reason that will be required of our graduates as they navigate challenges to their personal freedom. Wrongful incarceration, discrimination, censorship, cyber-attack,



President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12 catches up with Killian Tallman '16 outside Campbell Fitness Center.

surveillance, nuclear proliferation — we can easily recognize these as threats. In this *Wick* seven remarkable Hartwick alumni shine a spotlight on today's challenges to our personal freedom through the lens of their professional and volunteer work.

Personal freedom. Personal courage. Hartwick makes it possible.

Best,

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Dr. Margaret L. Drugovich P'12 President

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### **ON CAMPUS**

### **Commencement: May 23**

#### Stephen L. Green '59, PM'05

Honorary Doctor of Laws Commencement speaker

Stephen L. Green '59, PM'05 is the founder and chairman of SL Green Realty Corp, New York City's largest commercial office landlord and a member of the S&P 500 with an enterprise value of more than \$23 million.

SL Green Realty Corp focuses primarily on acquiring, managing, and maximizing the value of office, retail, and residential properties in Manhattan. The company holds interests in 101 Manhattan buildings totaling 42.4 million square feet. In addition, SL Green holds ownership interests in 35 suburban buildings totaling 5.9 million square feet in Brooklyn, Long Island, Westchester County, Connecticut, and New Jersey.

Green majored in political science at Hartwick and went on to earn a Juris Doctor from Boston College. He was awarded the Hartwick College President's Medal in 2005. In 2011 he established The Stephen L. Green '59 American Governance Award at Hartwick College to encourage Hartwick students to think deeply about issues that impact democracy.

#### Joyce Chesebro Buckingham Honorary Doctor of Letters

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Oneonta native Joyce Chesebro Buckingham is a trustee emerita of Hartwick College.

She is a graduate of the Bugbee School, Oneonta Junior and Senior High Schools, and Mount Holyoke College, where she majored in music. A lifetime educator, she was both a church school and a sixth-grade reading enrichment teacher in her community.

She served with distinction on the Hartwick College Board of Trustees from 1991 to 2000 and was the Board secretary and chair of the Education Committee throughout her tenure. The College recognized her distinguished service with emerita status in 2004.

Joyce and Harold C. Buckingham, Jr. are generous supporters of Hartwick College. They funded renovations to the Chesebro Room in Dewar Hall, which is named in memory of her parents, and continue to build The Margaret B. Chesebro Scholarship fund in memory of her mother. Margaret B. Chesebro was a longtime member of Hartwick's Citizens Board.

Honorary Degrees will Recognize Professional Achievements and Commitment to the College

#### Marni Nixon

Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters

The work of award-winning singer Marni Nixon is known to generations of film and theatre fans.

Nixon has given voice to some of the greatest movie actresses. Most notably, she dubbed the singing of Deborah Kerr in *The King and I* and *An Affair to Remember*, Audrey Hepburn in *My Fair Lady*, and Natalie Wood in *West Side Story*. A symphony soloist, she has appeared with conductors Leonard Bernstein, André Previn, Lukas Foss, Leopold Stokowski, Igor Stravinsky, Eduard van Beinum, and Zubin Mehta.

Recognition for her work includes a Drama Desk nomination, Grammy Award nominations, the Ovation Award, the Chicago Film Festival Award for Best Actress, four Emmy Awards, and the George Peabody Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Music in America. Her voice portrayal of Grandmother Fa in Disney's animated film *Mulan* earned her one of two Gold Records.

Nixon continues to work with aspiring musicians through university residencies, master classes, and private lessons.

### **Oneonta Business Legend Named Citizen of the Year**



Hartwick President Margaret L. Drugovich, P'12 (I) celebrates with three generations of Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q owners: Frances Brooks, John and Joan Brooks, and Ryan and Beth Brooks.

John Brooks, former owner of Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q, is the 2014 Citizen of the Year. Brooks was honored by the Hartwick College Citizens' Board at the College's community holiday gathering at Thornwood, the home of Hartwick College President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12. Many members of the Brooks family gathered with other prominent business people to celebrate his success.

"John Brooks has long been a strong business and civic leader, his efforts impacting a wide swath of the greater Oneonta community," said Citizens Board President Laurie Zimniewicz. "We are thrilled to celebrate his legacy and thank him for all he has done."

The Citizens Board of Hartwick College established the Outstanding Citizen Award in 1980 to recognize an individual who, by action, thoughts, and deeds, exemplifies the mission of the Citizens Board to promote Hartwick College and to affirm the mutually beneficial relationship that exists between the College and the greater Oneonta community.

### Hartwick at Forefront of US Senate Report

The US Senate Task Force on Federal Regulation of Higher Education released a report in February outlining ways that regulations can be simplified for America's 6,000 colleges and universities. Hartwick President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12 was one of 16 leaders in higher education appointed to serve on the bi-partisan task force to examine the federal oversight of higher education.

An announcement from the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions describes the work of the Task Force as "calibrating the regulation of colleges and universities."

Drugovich explains that over the last three to four decades, many individual, well-intentioned regulations for higher education have been put into place by the US Department of Education and Congress. These regulations have been cumulative and are "too often not reviewed for their continued relevance," she says. "The number and complexity

### New Leadership in College Advancement



of regulations that we now have truly limits their effectiveness and add a tremendous compliance burden to both small and large colleges and universities."

Hartwick led the way in evaluating this regulatory burden with a 2011 compliance study. In that year alone, Hartwick spent more than \$300,000 in resources, including 7,200 person hours, on the completion of forms and the direct fees associated with federal, state, local, and association compliance, Drugovich says. This does not include the thousands of hours spent annually assuring that the College meets all accreditation-related standards.

"I am very optimistic that the task force recommendations will be helpful to Congress and the Department of Education as they consider their respective and crucial roles when leveraging regulation to help assure accountability and quality education," Drugovich says. "I am proud that Hartwick's study is referenced directly in the bi-partisan report to the US Senate. Our attention to issues of compliance has placed Hartwick at the center of this important discussion over the last two years."

-President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12

Hartwick has a new Vice President for College Advancement. Gregg Fort comes from Hilbert College in Hamburg, NY, where he was vice president of institutional advancement. As Hartwick's chief fundraiser, Fort manages The Campaign for Hartwick Students and oversees the College's alumni engagement, major and annual giving, advancement services, and advancement communications functions.

"I am very pleased about the leadership Gregg is providing as a member of the College's senior management team," says President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12. "Gregg's demonstrated success in fundraising is matched by his energy and optimistic view of the potential at Hartwick. He understands how important it is to make a strong and durable connection between alumni and the College of today. I am confident that his lean-forward approach will infuse his work and inspire others."

"Coming to Hartwick feels like a return to my roots," says Fort. "Like my alma mater, Austin College in Texas, Hartwick is a place filled with opportunities. I'm excited to share stories with alumni as they re-engage with Hartwick for the future."

Fort's background also includes serving as assistant vice president of university advancement at DePaul University in Chicago, IL, and executive director of the Big Red Fund at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

To welcome Fort to Hartwick, contact him at 607-431-4026 or fortg@hartwick.edu.

### **Bridging the Gap**

What can a liberal arts student learn from a business professional in a week or two? A lot, it turns out. With funding from the James S. Kemper Foundation, seven Hartwick students spent two weeks of J Term in New York City ready to gain an insider's view of the for-profit world.

Experience New York: Liberal Arts in Practice matched these lucky students with alumni hosts or their colleagues in a wide range of business settings. Working outside of their fields of academic inquiry, the students grew their professional networks, built their resumes, and gained unexpected insights.

Both Lynda Birt '16 and Jessica Henderson '16 spent a week with Mike Levine '70, who owns an executive search business. "He taught us how to interview," says Birt, an English major who also worked with Marissa Dobbins at FreshDirect. "Mike told us: 'You are the expert in yourself; learn how to tell your story." Henderson, a religious studies major, shares: "Mike told us tenacity and persistence are really all you need." She was also hosted by Ivan Servais '10 at Aflac Incorporated.

Levine seemed to enjoy the experience almost as much as the two students he hosted. "What fun it was to spend five workdays with two great, smart, curious young women," he says, "and to know that perhaps you might be an important step in the discovery of their careers!"

Experience New York expanded the viewpoint of Jennifer Foss '16, who worked with Nils Hedengren '88 at The Hartford. "I'm an anthropology major and so I felt out of place at first," she says. "I've always thought that I'll be working outside, on site, but now I feel more prepared to work in an office environment. The opportunity opened my mind."

Joanne Georges '17 took the chance to work with Sara Swift, director of marketing and sales at Tracy Watts Hats. The firm was introducing Watts' spring collection of handmade hats and Georges helped with social media marketing. "The experience matched my interests as an English and business double major," she says.

The staff of The University Club tried to recruit Jessica Haller '16 after she worked with Front Office Manager Lars Dewenter. "Working in hospitality put me outside my comfort zone," says this theatre major. "I met with heads of departments and saw how the whole business works as one."

Richard Clarkson '86 hosted music education major Lindsey Partelow '17 at Deutsche Bank. "I attended a meeting with him at Deloitte about



English major Dana Vinyard '16 spent two weeks with accessories designer Elizabeth Gillett '83. Vinyard's work included researching locations for the business to expand and developing Gillett's business Pinterest site. "My perspective has changed after this experience," says Vinyard. "Elizabeth's vice president has already recommended me on LinkedIn!"

recruiting veterans to work on Wall Street," Partelow recalls. "Nobody realized I was an intern; they thought I worked with Richard. When I presented for my discussion group, Richard said he was impressed and proud of me!"

"A lot of the students' growth happened outside of the structure of their work," says Bryan Babcock, entrepreneur and lecturer in religious studies who was responsible for the educational component of the experience. He's referring to everything from taking the New York City subway alone to networking with business professionals including Lisa Christensen Mayer '05, founder and CEO of My Social Canvas; John Doelp '76, senior vice president of artist & repertoire at Columbia Records / Sony Music Entertainment; and attorney (and Hartwick Board chair) Francis Landrey P'06.

Back on campus, President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12 invited the students to dinner at her home to recap the experience. They were accompanied by their professor as well as Internship Coordinator Kirsten Oehl and Director of Career Services Melissa Marietta.

"The Kemper Foundation wants to be sure the world doesn't get too narrow a view of leaders and what it takes for them to prepare," Drugovich told the group. "Almost everything is a business; they all have problems and they all need smart people who can help them solve those problems."

To the students she said, "You made the alumni proud and all the people who didn't know much about Hartwick before now understand who we are."

Experience New York: Liberal Arts in Practice was funded by the James S. Kemper Foundation of Chicago, IL. Foundation President and Executive Director Ryan LaHurd says, "The Foundation is appreciative of Hartwick's efforts to develop programs which further our educational mission, especially assisting college students to move into professional careers in organizational management and leadership."

### **Studying Personal Freedom**

Curiosity, critical thinking, and personal courage stand at the core of the Hartwick College mission statement. The faculty encourages, even presses, students toward these objectives in a range of courses, including these 2014-15 courses surrounding issues of personal freedom.

"We are looking at the role of personal and group agency in genocide and how music helps to incite violence. We are also considering how individuals (victims and survivors) used/ created/engaged in music during and after genocides."

Dr. Diane Paige Music and Genocide Associate Professor of Religious Studies Lisle Dalton's **RELIGIOUS CULTS** Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Bob Drake's First Year Seminar on **SPORTS IN JIM CROW U.S.** Visiting Assistant Professor of Political Science Caleb Goltz's **FREEDOM**, **EQUALITY**, **AND POWER** Associate Professor of History Sean Kelley's **HOLLYWOOD AND SLAVERY** Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology David Legere's **DEVIANCE & SOCIAL CONTROL** Professor of English Susan Navarette's **UNRULY WOMEN** Professor of History Mieko Nishida's **SLAVERY IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN** Professor of Sociology Katherine O'Donnell's **FAIR TRADE: HUMAN RIGHTS** Associate Professor of Music Diane Paige's **MUSIC AND GENOCIDE** Professor of History Edythe Ann Quinn's **RACE AND ETHNICITY IN AMERICAN HISTORY** Professor of Accounting and Business Administration Tom Sears' **FACES OF FREEDOM** Associate Professor of English Rob Seguin's **FAMILY & SOCIAL CHANGE IN AMERICAN FICTION** Associate Professor of Sociology Cecelia Walsh-Russo's **HUMAN RIGHTS** 

"In some respects the course *can't help* but be about personal freedom, as the context in which women have for centuries sought rights (and behind the rights the recognition that they are entitled to rights), sought to lay claim to a voice, to establish for themselves purpose and self-ownership was one by and large of curtailment, of coercion, of containment and restraint and definition through caricature."

Dr. Susan Navarette Unruly Women

"My students discover that the concept of freedom is fissured, multiple, and produced by political forces. I want them to do more than think about freedom as an abstract concept; we also need to consider it as a lived political experience." Dr. Caleb Goltz Freedom, Equality, and Power "One of the core issues we examine is the way the First Amendment supports the personal freedom to choose a religious orientation. However, the course also explores the practical limits to religious freedom. Many groups encounter obstacles — religious, legal, social, economic — that limit (often in very significant ways) what they regard as their freedom of religion."

Dr. Lisle Dalton Religious Cults

### Cool *and* Underrated

Hartwick and its town are the recent recipients of some uncommon recognition. *Business Insider*, a business and technology news website, has ranked Hartwick among the top 50 most underrated colleges in America. The news organization said, "Plenty of schools aren't worth the hype, while others don't get the recognition they deserve," placing Hartwick in the latter category.

Hartwick is ranked 13th overall from a pool of 316 schools analyzed, topping some of the nation's highest-profile colleges and universities. The survey specifically highlighted Hartwick's unique Three-Year Bachelor's Degree Program, and Hartwick graduates' average mid-career salary of \$85,800.

Matadornetwork.com has named Oneonta one of the 20 Coolest Towns in the US. "What makes a town 'the coolest?" the network asks in its rankings. "In the end, it's the same as what makes travel the coolest: the people." The recognition cites Oneonta's emphasis on sustainability — environmental and economic — and beautiful setting that includes Hartwick's Table Rock.

Matador Network is the world's largest independent travel publisher. Their recognition places Oneonta in the company of Asheville, NC; Laguna Beach, CA; Sun Valley, ID; Mount Desert Island, ME; and Chattanooga, TN; among other cool towns.



### **Artist and Educator**

Professor of Art Katharine Kreisher pursues two "interrelated professions" as artist and educator, explaining that "they go handin-hand; a vital involvement in the former is essential for success in the latter." Kreisher uses photography, "the most 'democratic' visual medium," to educate art majors concentrating in photography, students taking an interdisciplinary approach to their work, and those minoring in documentary photography.

All of her teaching, and much of her art, has a "collaborative component," says Kreisher, who "resists the intrinsic hierarchical structure of the classroom." Instead she tries to promote a supportive, collective learning environment in which students can "develop as creative, skilled image-makers and critical thinkers."

Math major and photography minor Erik Wallace '07 acted as the darkroom manager for his work-study job. He presented technical demonstrations to other students while Kreisher served as his "assistant," helping students complete test prints in the darkroom. "Mentors and mentees inspire one another; it is not a one-way street," she explains.

The collaborative teaching project with Wallace was "mutually satisfying," Kreisher says. "It presented a new challenge and perspective for art students while being a good teaching experience for Erik." He went on to earn a PhD in mathematics from Indiana University and is now doing post-doctoral work at the Einstein Institute for Mathematics at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He has continued his work in photography. Colleen Davis '15, a double major in art and art history, is working as a research assistant creating new work for a text and image exhibition.

Brent Marianetti '05 acted as an early digital teaching assistant, helping Kreisher master digital imaging techniques. Some of the work for her exhibit "Bright Shadows/Dark Light" was the direct result of their collaborative research as they learned how to integrate the complex Photoshop program into Hartwick's photography classes. Together they built a small digital photo lab, produced exhibit prints, and created the student "Photo-Artists" show. An art major with concentrations in photography and painting and a minor in writing, Marianetti is now a professional photographer.

Most recently, in an event co-sponsored by the Undercover Photography Club, Kreisher presented a two-day papermaking workshop with Tabatha Hartshorn '16. Their demonstrations included traditional sheet-forming and experimental methods using handmade paper as an art medium. Hartshorn learned papermaking while working as assistant to Art Professor Phil Young (now retired). A psychology major and biology minor, she plans a career in occupational therapy. It's a field Kreisher knows well — her mother was an occupational therapist. "She taught me many of the art skills she had learned in her own OT program at the University of Pennsylvania," Kreisher says. "I am sure this activity directly moved me to become an artist-educator."

#### WEBEXTRA:

Follow Kreisher's work at www.facebook.com/katharine.kreisher

### **The Scientist Within**

Energized by Hartwick's educational philosophy of the Liberal Arts in Practice, Visiting Assistant Professor of Biology Anthony "AJ" Russo, PhD, engages science students in experiential learning. He connects cutting-edge research with classroom experience while sharing his palpable enthusiasm for teaching and learning.

"I want to pass along the excitement of scientific discovery to my students," says Russo. "In the classroom, problem-solving engages young scientists. It's a way to get them into the research trenches where they can apply the knowledge learned in methods classes. They get excited about being a scientist."

Students in his Introduction to Biology and Immunochemistry classes work on the same research problems that he actively investigates. Russo finds this "a productive way for science students to work with a mentor." He also involves students in his work through independent research, including senior thesis projects.

Since 2009, the Autism Research Institute (ARI) has supported Russo's research with grants totaling more than \$100,000. The funding continues his study of anti-GAD antibodies in autism, in particular the relationship between nutritional and metabolic deficiencies and neurobehavioral disorders. Russo focuses on identifying abnormal levels of protein biomarkers, such as certain growth factors and neurotransmitters important to normal nervous system function.



John Christopher Hartwick Scholar Gavin Jenkins '15 is a Russo collaborator and a 2012-13 Freedman Prize winner for his work, "Physical & Life Sciences Analysis of Maternal Glutamate Decarboxylase Antibodies in Autism." With ARI funding, Jenkins is investigating the relationship between biomarkers, neurotransmitters, and possible causes of autism. Student Senate President Katie Meuer '15 and Jenkins are both "in the trenches as young scientists," says Russo. His mentees are the first recipients of the Dr. James J. Elting H'13 Memorial Scholarship.

To date, eight Hartwick biology majors have worked with Russo to gain advanced research experience — and discover their scientist within — all funded by grants from the Autism Research Institute.



### **PORTRAITS IN PHILANTHROPY**

# Motivated to Do More

#### Ron Brzenk, PhD Professor of mathematics

31 consecutive years of giving to Hartwick



<sup>66</sup> I believe in this place, in our students. Giving is one more way for me to ensure excellence in everything we do at Hartwick; it's one more way for me to contribute. Giving complements what I do in educating our students, and that's important to me.<sup>99</sup> **Kelly Zack-Decker** Senior assistant to the president Assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees

Supports multiple objectives in The Campaign for Hartwick Students



<sup>66</sup> When I heard about the Emerson Challenge and that it's an all or nothing match, I knew I had to contribute. My gift can help students have experiences that can change their lives; then they can change someone else's life or maybe even change the world. That's powerful.<sup>99</sup>

#### John Dudek, PhD Associate professor of chemistry

First year on the Faculty-Staff Giving Committee



•• I try to make Hartwick a better place with my gifts. Money allows students to do good things, amazing things. It's not necessarily the dollar amount, it's also getting involved that's important. Knowing that my contribution helps to shape the lives of students at Hartwick gives me a greater sense of purpose and happiness.<sup>99</sup> Those who know today's Hartwick best — its faculty and staff — are deeply invested in its future. An impressive 50% of employees support the College financially. That's twice the national average for liberal arts colleges and nearly three times the average for all colleges and universities.

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR HARTWICK STUDENTS

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#### Donna Johnson

Senior associate director of admissions Transfer recruiter

12 consecutive years of giving



•• I believe in a Hartwick education. Through my experience with students, I know that it works. Students come alive here; they do things they never thought they would. It's important to support an institution when you believe in it. I see the results of what happens here; it's extraordinary.??

#### Matt Pohren

Assistant athletic director Head cross country coach

John Christopher Hartwick Society donor Two years at Hartwick



•• I've never been a bystander. I'm 'all in.' I believe in what Hartwick is doing; if I didn't, I wouldn't be here. I give wherever the need is. The College is trying to support a lot of initiatives and so am I. When the College succeeds, I succeed. Jeanne-Marie Havener, PhD

Professor of nursing Department chair

Gives to the Hartwick Fund and to scholarships for nursing students



•• I was a scholarship student; I probably wouldn't have been able to go to college without that support. When you get an opportunity, it comes with an obligation to give back. A lot of our students need the help. Education is the key to opportunity for anybody, particularly in this economic environment.??

### Seen and Heard: ANDERSON CENTER RENOVATIONS

The Campaign for Hartwick Students is advancing the arts through renovations to the Anderson Center. Gifts to date are already funding many projects this year, including new sound and seating in Anderson Theatre, a new air filtration system in the art studios, and new museumgrade lighting in various spaces throughout the building.

There is still important work to be done to make this the most effective and inspiring space for creative expression.

**TWO INITIATIVES** — "Take Your Seat in Anderson Theatre" and "Take Part as a Patron of the Arts" — offer donor recognition as thanks for gifts of \$500 or more, payable over one to three years.

Russell Smith '59, P'87, GP'13 and his wife, Joyce Raudenbush Smith '59, P'87, GP'13, support renovations to The Anderson Center for the Arts.

Their most recent gifts to **THE CAMPAIGN FOR HARTWICK STUDENTS** will name seats in Anderson Theatre for Joyce Smith and her sister, trustee **Elaine Raudenbush DeBrita '61**, both of whom were music education majors at Hartwick.



"When we became aware of the opportunity to name a seat in Anderson I knew it was something we would do. I wanted to honor Joyce in that way; we wanted to honor Elaine in that way. They were both so surprised by the gifts to Hartwick in their names.

"Our support for the arts, especially music, is a way to continue to provide good opportunities for present day and future students, whether they're majoring in music or art or are enjoying a special interest. Naming a seat in Anderson Theatre is a pretty reasonable way to support the arts at Hartwick. Together we are all making a difference."

### THE CAMPAIGN FOR HARTWICK STUDENTS

It's personal.

For information, go to www.hartwickalumni.org/seats or www.hartwickalumni.org/art or contact Vice President for Advancement Gregg Fort at 607-431-4026 or fortg@hartwick.edu.

### **PINE LAKE: The Student Perspective**

For more than 40 years, Pine Lake has been an exceptional and unforgettable space for student living and learning.



"Pine Lake embodies many of the things I value: cooperation and community, sustainable building, local and organic food production, and energy conservation.

"The natural buildings at Pine Lake are truly revolutionary for a college campus. The gardens produce organic, homegrown vegetables every summer. And the solar panels and composting toilets conserve and reduce the use of water and fossil fuels.

"The people I have met there have become some of my closest friends and share many of my favorite pastimes and interests: art, music, traveling, and sustainability, to name a few. It definitely feels like a home to me now.

"I'm really excited about the Pine Lake fundraising challenge!"

#### Zoey Lee '16

Pine Lake Club co-president; ISP in anthropological and environmental architecture Honors Program; cellist; studied abroad in Vietnam, Japan, and Turkey Hartwick now has an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen the Pine Lake Environmental Campus for the future. An anonymous donor has posed a three-phase, dollar-for-dollar challenge match to improve facilities and build the endowment. To meet Phase One, the College must receive \$50,000 in new gifts for Pine Lake by August 1, 2015. The donor will match those gifts with another \$50,000.

That is only the beginning — Phase Two of the challenge presents a \$50,000 match for gifts made to facilities by August 1, 2016, and Phase Three is a \$75,000 match for gifts to the Pine Lake endowment. The Pine Lake Challenge is part of the Greener Hartwick Initiative in The Campaign for Hartwick Students.

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The students who call Pine Lake home this year.

"Living at Pine Lake changed my entire college experience. I feel like I've been given a place that I can call my own, a place that I can come home to every day and let the stress of the day leave my body.

"The community at Pine Lake is a very tight-knit group of people. We very much have to work together to make Pine Lake the best possible place that it can be, but this is exactly the kind of community that produces people who are willing to go out of their way to help another person."

Monique Quistorff '15

Pine Lake Resident Advisor Editor-in-chief of *Hilltops* Psychology and philosophy double major Art and writing double minor

# THE EMERSON EFFECT

**Krista Poore '15** used an Emerson International Internship scholarship to make a difference in South Africa. Her first excursion out of this country changed more than her life.

Poore worked with extremely impoverished communities in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. As a volunteer with the Ebenezer Centre, she fed people and worked on skills development to help lift them out of poverty. She also volunteered to make food parcels for a small community that, she says, "sprang up at the side of the road 13 years ago." Poore helped serve 700 people who took the food home to their families for what was often their only meal. "You can't look to the future and forget present needs," she explains. "You can't let people starve while you teach them sewing. It's a constant need."

Despite the dire circumstances, this energetic young woman remained positive. "I was working alongside the women of the township," she says. "I learned about their culture and what they value. It's a completely different world, but it's exactly the same."

Poore learned first-hand how "incredibly complicated" chronic poverty is. Mediating the high unemployment rate, for example, is undermined by the fact that people don't have access to a shower or transportation even if they could get a job. And education, which Poore calls "the key to getting out," is undermined by so many factors. "How can a child do homework without electricity to read at night?" she asks.

One South African student touched her deeply during that Emerson month. Babalwa, who lives in a metal shack, is defying the odds. Smart and ambitious, she had an opportunity to go to pharmacy school. Poore stepped in at the last minute to pay her course registration fee and Babalwa is now enrolled.

"I knew I had to do something," Poore says. "She was running out of time and was going to miss her chance. In a way I passed part of my John Christopher Hartwick scholarship along. Now the course of her life is changed."

That kind of Emerson experience has changed Poore's life, too. "Being on the front lines is very different than being here and thinking 'There's poverty in the world; I'll donate when I can," she says. "It's all so real to me now. Babalwa is my friend, not a statistic. Our lives are connected."

Poore is maintaining her connection and commitment through a part-time job recruiting volunteers to help the Ebenezer Centre serve the very poor of South Africa. "I've always felt called to service, but I never thought you could have a job doing it," Poore says. "I have a privileged position being here with resources that can better their situation there."

WE'RE ALMOST THERE. The Emerson Foundation will donate \$250,000 in additional funds for international internships IF the College community contributes \$250,000 for that purpose by June 1, 2015. As of March 18, we were within \$20,000 of meeting this all-or-nothing challenge.

To support the Emerson endowment, please contact Pat Dopazo 607-431-4020 or dopazop@hartwick.edu. The Emerson Challenge is part of the J Term objective of The Campaign for Hartwick Students.



John Christopher Hartwick Scholar Krista Poore '15 is a double major in biology and religious studies. She acted on her interests in an Emerson International Internship serving an impoverished community in South Africa. Above: Poore and Babalwa, the lifelong friend she made in South Africa. "I think she's the reason I was there," says Poore.



### **CAMPAIGN GOAL: J TERM** Help a Student Embark

### **GOAL:** \$5 million for endowed J Term funds **PROGRESS:** \$2.83 million as of March 18, 2015

Studying abroad can be truly life-changing. Benefits include both an expanded world view and a stronger sense of self. But it comes at a cost. The 2016 expenses for J Terms abroad will average more than \$4,000 for three weeks of travel, food, lodging, and admissions and activity fees.

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"My J Term highlights were the art that we saw, the food that we ate, and the laughs that we shared. My favorite museum was the Zsolnay Factory, which is an old Hungarian ceramic company. My favorite meal was at a tiny French bistro by our hostel where I had chicken soup with a smoked quail egg (!) and pistachio and sour cherry pie. I can't choose a favorite laugh because there were too many ...

"I saw myself grow personally from the experiences, but also academically from our studies. I am excited to see the new direction of my art based on the many inspirations. The benefits of this experience will be endless. Without the J Term scholarship, I couldn't have even considered going and I know I would have missed out on a great opportunity. I am very grateful."

#### Morgan Schoonover '16

Music and studio art double major, with concentrations in clarinet and ceramics

J Term 2015 course: Geology of Art in Hungary

Recipient of the Andrew and Betty Anderson J Term Scholarship, one of the Campaign gifts of Bruce Anderson '63. How can people be free if they are not safe? Can they regain freedom when it has been stolen away? How can those who protect others feel secure themselves? Should everyone have equal access to opportunities? Are international standards possible? What complications are emerging through technology? What happens if the rights of the individual conflict with "the greater good?"

# PERSONAL FREEDOM

Hartwick alumni — with their open minds and creative approaches — are dedicating their careers to answering these questions and many more. Along the way they are making the world a better, safer, more just place.

By ELIZABETH STEELE P'12 | Editor of The Wick and partner of President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12

# **Intolerant of Injustice**

Charlie Crow is an attorney in the money business and a volunteer in the justice business. His private practice law firm — Crow & Cushing — has served the financial services industry for more than 30 years. Based in Princeton, NJ, they work in traditional money management and alternative investments such as hedge funds.

Money drives more than his career. For the last 20 years, Crow has served on the Board of Directors of Centurion Ministries, Inc. (CM), the first innocence project in the country. This secular, non-profit organization is dedicated to freeing wrongly incarcerated life-in-prison and death row inmates in the United States and Canada. "Now there are more than 70 such organizations, many modeled after CM," Crow says.

The work of CM depends, in part, on him. Crow raises the money that funds the investigations that free the wrongly imprisoned. Volunteers spend thousands of hours on each case, often pursuing more than 20 cases at a time. They establish relationships with the prisoners, interview family and friends, investigate the circumstances of the crime, and strive to secure cooperation from prosecutors (overcoming "distrust and antagonism," he says). Each case takes five to 10 years to vet at a cost of \$100,000 to \$500,000 per.

"We don't take cases for career criminals," Crow explains. "You have to be factually innocent and generally have run out of appeals." On average, the people they free have been in prison for 20 years. Their struggles and the organization's successes have been featured on 60 Minutes and Dateline NBC broadcast news programs and in publications ranging from People magazine to Playboy magazine to the Los Angeles Times.

"There's a measurable percentage of people in prison who don't belong there — maybe as much as 10 percent of the population," Crow explains. "One of the worst things I can imagine is being called into account for something you didn't do."

Centurion Ministries' annual budget of \$2 million comes entirely from private contributions; support Crow helps raise. He is humble about the role he plays, saying, "I try to add value where I can."

Crow has engaged many clients of his law practice in the work of Centurion Ministries. "I work with people in the hedge fund world who make a lot of money," he explains. "Oftentimes they are targeted by law enforcement because of their success. They feel 'There but for the grace of God go I' when talking about the wrongfully accused. They take an interest in a case or the organization and are willing to offer financial support. Those are my clients, my friends." (He first got involved through Centurion Ministries Director Kate Germond, a Princeton neighbor of Crow and his wife, Lynn Johantgen Crow '71.)

His intolerance for injustice was fostered early in Crow's legal career. While in law school at Seton Hall University, he interned with the Organized Crime Strike Force in Newark. ("It was cops and robbers at a serious level," he says.) When the Secretary of State of New Jersey was indicted, the defense lawyer hired Crow to write briefs on the case. "That experience showed me the other side of the criminal justice system," he says.

Looking back at his Hartwick days, Crow remembers well Political Science Professor John Lindell, who encouraged him to go to law school; a course in Radical Economics that influenced his interest in money management; and an assignment that still stimulates his volunteerism. "We read Franz Kafka's *The Trial*, which describes a horrible situation of the state taking over a man's life," Crow recalls. "Imagine being on death row for something you didn't do. Imagine tolerating that for even one minute."

**Charlie Crow '72** wields influence to exonerate the wrongly imprisoned.



"One of the worst things I can imagine is being called into account for something you didn't do."

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## The People's Right to Know

Investigative reporter **Mike McIntire '85, P'13** exposes the truth.



"Journalists can do what we do because it's enshrined in the Constitution. It's always healthy to remind ourselves of that and to be vigilant and wary of intrusions on those rights." Mike McIntire '85, P'13 came to Hartwick with an open mind, undecided about his major or his direction. Both his clarity and his confidence grew in classes with great professors and during a stint as the editor of *Hilltops* student newspaper. What motivated him then continues today: "I like to write and I like digging up stories."

He still has the paystub from his first job out of college — \$11,000 a year writing for a small-town weekly newspaper. Now he's an award-winning investigative reporter for *The New York Times*.

"I gravitate to covering politics — campaign finance, political and governmental corruption," he says. "It's not what I do exclusively, but it is a heavy emphasis."

McIntire traces his particular brand of journalism to studying the Cold War with Professor John Lindell. One course led to another, then a semester in Washington, DC, and a major in political science. (His daughter Meghan McIntire '13 followed suit when she, too, majored in political science at Hartwick.)

"Good editors and publishers value people with degrees other than journalism," McIntire observes. "You need to know what you're writing about, not just how to write. As a reporter you're often explaining something to readers. To do that, you have to understand it yourself. Studying the liberal arts prepares you."

When McIntire was a reporter at the *Hartford Courant*, he and his colleagues won a Pulitzer Prize in breaking news for their coverage of a mass shooting at the Connecticut Lottery headquarters. ("It's hard to talk about still," he says.) McIntire was a finalist for a Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting when he "exposed the worst doctors in the country by decoding a secret government database of malpractice records." He is equally proud of a story from early in his career when he and a partner investigated corruption in city government; their work contributed to indictments of the mayor of Waterbury, CT. "It's very satisfying to see the results of what you're doing and to have people respond to it," he says.

At *The New York Times* McIntire works primarily on what he calls "dark money in politics; insidious forms of influence" on both sides of the aisle. "I look behind the curtain and bring things out of the shadows. That's one way journalism can safeguard people's freedom."

One part of the United States government — the Bill of Rights — ensures McIntire's ability to uncover corruption, unseal records, and investigate alleged wrongdoing in other parts. He's keenly aware of the pervasive protection of the First Amendment.

"I've done work — like the bad doctors story — for which I could have been prosecuted if I were working in many parts of the world," he says. "Journalists can do what we do because it's enshrined in the Constitution. It's always healthy to remind ourselves of that and to be vigilant and wary of intrusions on those rights."

It's a topic of discussion in his classroom at New York University's Arthur L. Carter Journalism Institute, where McIntire is an adjunct professor. "There are students in my class from China and Russia," he notes. "Some have difficulty understanding that here we challenge authority.

"Journalism at its best is a way of protecting the public interest," he adds. "We're exposing threats to democracy, including corruption and ethical compromises at the highest level. There are things people have a right to know."

# **Reclaiming Life**

Tracy Hejmanowski's work is invisible, yet intense. A clinical psychologist, she helps combat veterans heal their minds and, in some cases, their hearts and souls. Her base of operations is the Naval Hospital Jacksonville Deployment Health Center in Florida, where she works with veterans and active military suffering the effects of post-traumatic stress (PTS), depression, and traumatic brain injury.

"It's post-deployment therapy working with members who served in combat zones," she explains. "It's a sub-specialty addressing complex trauma."

Her work is critical — to the individuals she treats, their families, their fellow service members, and the countless people who benefit from their service and protection. Hejmanowski works with selfless, committed individuals "who have phenomenally stressful jobs and are willing to sacrifice so much."

A former Navy lieutenant, Hejmanowski is the daughter of a Navy veteran and the wife of a 12-yearveteran Navy doctor who deployed with the Marine Corps to Iraq (Chris Hejmanowski '94). She understands the pressures on the population she serves and advances their efforts to do more than survive.

"Veterans are inherently resilient," she says. "Seeing them work so hard to get better — often so they can redeploy to serve their country again — that's inspirational. These men and women are extraordinarily strong."

The stigma often associated with PTS can get in the way of recovery. "This population can be reluctant to come in for therapy; they're concerned about career impact," Hejmanowski says of one of the challenges of her work. Despite official combat operations ending overseas, she is seeing more service members every month, many of whom are nearing separation or retirement. "They're ready to recapture life after the military," she says. "They want to feel comfortable again doing things like playing with their children. It's simple, yet profound."

Hejmanowski built the counseling program that includes unconventional approaches to healing. She is grateful that "leadership supports my working outside the box." Her equine therapy program has garnered media attention and reaped important results. Traditional talk therapy does not always resonate with service members who are trained to be stoic, she says, so she's had to be creative. "Working with the horses gives patients a way to minimize anxiety and anger. Animal-assisted therapy heals in a different way." Her alternatives give the combat-zone veterans "ways to express themselves; ways that are not dependent on words."

An intensive outpatient program last year involved art and music therapy; she has also offered a unique approach to managing panic by controlling breathing in a scuba environment. Group therapy plays a role, as well. "When they talk to one another there's a collective release," Hejmanowski explains. "You see them physically relax. They understand each other."

Regardless of the methodology, Hejmanowski's goal is always to help service members regain a level of comfort. "They come in with burdened souls," she explains. "We try to help these men and women not feel controlled by their trauma; not feel trapped in their own mind and body."

Hejmanowski extends her reach as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Northern Florida. She created a course in counseling military families that the university is using as the foundation for a master's-level concentration. "I love teaching," she says. "It's an opportunity to share what I've learned and to learn while I teach. I get excited about psychology, I always have; ever since my first class at Hartwick. How could you not be interested in the way people think and behave?" Clinical psychologist **Tracy Stevens Hejmanowski '94** protects those who protect freedom.



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## **Intercultural Awareness**

Nonproliferation activist **Katherine Bachner '04** crafts international nuclear safeguards policy. Her study of the past has focused her future.



"This is my daughter's world we're protecting. I don't want to be comfortable; I want to push the norm and make change." An anthropology major and history minor, Katherine Bachner '04 did one J Term in Madagascar, another in Russia, and spent a summer in Russia on an archeological dig with Professor David Anthony. Along the way her career plans evolved from archeologist, to linguistic anthropologist, to cultural anthropologist. She earned a master's degree in anthropology at Columbia University, then worked and traveled for a few years before earning a second master's in nonproliferation of nuclear weapons from the Monterey Institute of International Studies (MIIS).

Following a graduate fellowship at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Bachner worked at the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in Washington, DC. Her work focused on the physical protection of nuclear material in the former Soviet Union. While working for the government, "I noticed a lack of intercultural awareness among many of my American colleagues," she says, remembering that "In Russia, for example, a lot of Americans were often not very culturally sensitive or aware." Now, as a member of the scientific staff working on technical nuclear nonproliferation at Brookhaven National Laboratory, one of Bachner's many projects is "designing a training program to help people converse and interact effectively when they're abroad." (She has advanced competency in Russian and German and describes herself as having "elementary" proficiency in French and Hebrew.)

Providing training to help countries protect their nuclear material from diversion is another of Bachner's projects. The broad objective of her work — which is primarily funded by the US Department of Energy — is to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. Her methodology requires frequent travel — most often to Central Asia, North Africa, Southeast Asia, and Russia. "Each country has very different needs in the arena of nuclear safeguards implementation," she says. "Intercultural awareness sets the stage for international cooperation, even on such a technical matter as safeguards.

"Nuclear nonproliferation is inherently international," she explains. "There's a lot of negotiating and it involves many countries. You have to appreciate cultural differences to work well with foreign colleagues." Her Hartwick education is proving invaluable. "Studying anthropology made me better able to work on issues that are sensitive and important," she says.

Bachner first learned about nonproliferation while doing graduate work at MIIS in California. "The issues were compelling, especially nuclear disarmament," she says. "Nuclear weapons have the potential to affect all of humankind."

Now that she's a parent, the work is personal. "Having a baby has reinforced for me just how important my field is," she explains. "This is my daughter's world we're protecting. I don't want to be comfortable; I want to push the norm and make change."

Bachner hopes one day to be part of nuclear disarmament worldwide. "That would be a step toward protecting our freedoms and the things that we love," she says, citing music, art, and poetry as "the greatest expressions of our civilization. A nuclear detonation could potentially change our physical environment and cultural environment. Protecting those things is what my work is all about."

In her rare free moments, Bachner is writing a young adult novel about "a post-apocalyptic, postnuclear-explosion New York City." In this cross-disciplinary approach to her field, Bachner is sharing her knowledge — and her concerns — with those who will own the future.

# A Changing World

History major Ned Snow '86 has made a career out of anticipating the future. The president of SecureNinja prepares for and minimizes the risk of cyber-attacks on government and business.

SecureNinja provides specialized information security training and certification programs and consulting services. "We train people as well as run security awareness programs within organizations," Snow explains. "Post-9/11, there has been more of a demand by government and private companies to make a sure their workforce is competent in cybersecurity."

Snow owned two diverse businesses — an apparel line and a house restoration company — before moving into information security in 1998. "I have an entrepreneurial spirit," he says. "I was never a person who knew exactly what he wanted to be; instead I have gleaned a lot from different experiences. I couldn't have predicted this career when I was at Hartwick."

His career path and ultimate skill sets were developed on the job through many experiences, but his interest in business was formulated at Hartwick. Snow credits his pursuit of a minor in business to taking an inspiring J Term course — Masters in Management — which was developed and taught by Professor John Clemens. It focused on leadership skills through the eyes of classic authors.

Today, hacking attacks are the new normal and SecureNinja helps its customers mitigate the risk of these breaches. "A corporation can only do so much," Snow explains. "If they haven't been hacked yet, it is only a matter of time that they will. We cannot 100% eliminate a breach of their security; we do, however, provide training and consulting to create the best cybersecurity posture possible."

The implications of cyber breaches run the gamut from threats to national security to corporate espionage to compromised personal finances and safety. SecureNinja's courses range from digital mobile forensics to ethical hacking; consulting services include "penetration tests and vulnerability scans."

Cybersecurity is all over the news: Russian hackers' theft of a billion passwords; the 80-million customer data breach at Anthem, Inc. healthcare; the tax refund scam; and so much more. "A breach like Anthem makes companies react, but that's just what they do, react," says Snow, who sees his responsibility as preparing professionals to anticipate and prevent cyber-attacks. "Personal health information records are more valuable on the black market than credit card information," he explains. "Fraud scams have tripled in the last three years. Hackers are winning the battle right now; you have to be vigilant."

Snow is quick to recommend ways individuals can protect themselves: block cookies ("consumer tracking, aka 'Big Data', is big business"); restrict access; get browser extensions like https:// disconnect.me or www.ghostery.com; don't automatically download attachments; use many different passwords, all encrypted (he has about 2,000). And then there's social media. "Most people don't read the 'legalese' so they don't know how much they're giving up," he warns.

"The price people pay for the convenience of a robust online presence is their privacy being compromised by the federal government, big internet companies like Google and Facebook, rogue hackers, or even foreign governments," Snow explains. "Personal freedom and unlimited use of technology is a trade-off. You have to strike a balance and understand you're making choices. No one is completely private anymore." Cybersecurity leader **Ned Snow '86** provides protections in a time of trade-offs.



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## **Return on Investment**

**Sonya Williams Howard '08** balances priorities in a complex, multinational corporation.



"It's important to accept differences and work toward finding commonalities." Sonya Williams Howard's career is about balance. Not so much her own work-life balance as that of her organization and its nearly 96,000 (FTE) employees. Howard is a human resource business partner for Air France-KLM, one of the world's largest airlines.

Howard is directly responsible for 200+ personnel in an organization that includes ground staff, flight attendants, and flight crews. She works with both supervisors and staff to balance management priorities against individual needs, cultural differences against human connections, and corporate directives against personal responsibility.

"I'm always interested in things that are complicated," she says. "When it comes to personal freedom, that includes recognizing how cultural differences influence the way people go about their work. It's important to accept differences and work toward finding commonalities.

"For me, it all starts with figuring out who a person is," Howard explains. "People's motivation is not always salary; it could also be opportunities for continuous learning. I believe everyone has the ability to learn, it's just a matter of finding the resources to let that happen and tapping into what motivates them."

Such insights started at Hartwick. "Studying psychology opened an understanding of people and what motivates them," she says. "I have a pure curiosity about people. Human resources is about helping people, of course, so I think my career was destiny." After earning a master's degree in industrial and organizational psychology at Hofstra University, she got her start in HR at an industrial equipment distributor on Long Island. Howard was a human resource generalist at Citi Private Bank in Manhattan before joining Air France-KLM in 2013.

Howard's office is in midtown Manhattan and she lives in Yonkers with her husband Darrell Howard '10, but she travels often. The Air France-KLM corporate headquarters are in Paris and Amsterdam. Being on-site in these locations helps her understand the complexity of the corporation and the diverse needs of its personnel.

"The pilots in general work from Paris and Amsterdam; their priorities are to fly the plane safely and to ensure security for their job," she says. "Our US-based employees are all 'at will' and thus their motivations are a little different." There are also many contingent workforces in airports — including baggage handlers, airport management, and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) — and Howard witnesses "a lot of differences in how the groups interact" within and across organizations.

Multinational variances can be as clear as labor laws or as subtle as perspectives on work. "People rotate in from other countries — expatriates — and they have different expectations," Howard explains, citing hours worked and vacation pay as frequent issues. "Performance management is huge, so is explaining thoroughly how people get paid. The peanut butter spread is the European way — everyone gets rewarded the same; it is more about equality."

Labor laws are just one issue Howard must track as she works to protect the rights of the employee while ensuring that personnel contribute to the success of the organization. "Considering the interests of the individual and the return on investment for the airline are literally daily things," she says.

Air France-KLM has established an Ethics and Social Rights Charter with priorities that include a harassment- and discrimination-free workplace. "Making sure everyone knows how to interact with people, the way they want you to, is part of being an Equal Opportunity Employer," Howard explains. "Personal responsibility and respect are part of our corporate culture; we start and end our days with this in mind."

# **Transformative Change**

In his first job out of college, Cyrus Mehri '83 made \$6,000 a year as a community organizer for a consumer advocacy group. Now, as a founding partner of Mehri & Skalet, PLLC, attorneys in Washington, DC, he settles class action lawsuits for hundreds of millions of dollars. His successes include a \$176 million case against Texaco and a \$192 million case against The Coca-Cola Company.

The settlements are important, certainly, but so is the change the suits engender. "We transformed the company's culture, policies, and practices," Mehri says of the race discrimination case against Texaco. The Coca-Cola case yielded what he calls "gold standard human resource policies against discrimination." His suit against the Ford Motor Company resulted in 279 apprenticeship positions for African-American employees in addition to a \$10 million settlement; apprenticeships that brought access and opportunity.

Mehri brings class action lawsuits "to make transformative change," he says. "You can't do that with one person or plaintiff. You need the collective effort to change policies and practices."

What is now known as The Rooney Rule in the National Football League started with a groundbreaking performance study and report by Mehri and attorney Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. (now deceased) on the league's top-level hiring practices. "It had a ripple effect throughout the league," Mehri says, and formed the basis for further studies and suits. His Women on Wall Street project, a collaboration with the National Council of Women's Organizations, yielded gender discrimination class action settlements totaling more than \$114 million.

"We're champions of a merit-based America," Mehri explains. "We challenge artificial barriers and enhance competition through more inclusive hiring practices. Transparent, inclusive processes let talent rise to the top."

Mehri learned from his mother that talent does not always bring access. His parents were Iranian immigrants; his mother the youngest child in a progressive and secular family from Tehran. The Shah's government banned her from completing her education at the American University of Beirut when a friend informed on her for being outspoken against the government. Years later, as a young mother in the US during the Vietnam War, she enjoyed the freedom of openly taking her children to anti-war demonstrations.

At Hartwick, Mehri developed a penchant for thinking broadly. "Critical thinking, writing, understanding the big picture, getting at the bedrock of things — these all enrich you as a person," he says. He studied existentialism with Dr. Stan Konecky and political philosophy with Dr. Sugwon Kang, with the latter topic forming the basis of his senior thesis. Two years later he was in law school at Cornell University.

In his more than 20-year career, Mehri has witnessed both progress and setbacks in the employment environment. "There are more champions of diversity and inclusion in companies now," he says. "They fight internally what we advocate for externally. The problem is their effectiveness fluctuates with the CEO."

Despite advances, "Discrimination is alive and well, now in the form of in-group favoritism," he says, adding, "I think we'll see more backsliding. Recent Supreme Court cases have made it harder to do what we do."

Still, Mehri remains both hopeful and dogged. "Private enforcement makes America exceptional," he says. "Laws mean something here because of that. Many countries have rights on paper, but that is meaningless without rights in practice."

**Cyrus Mehri '83** fights for a merit-based America.



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# Understanding Freedom Through Oppression

#### By Professor Thomas G. Sears P'07, CPA

Sears is a professor of accounting and business administration. He has been a member of the Hartwick faculty for 36 years and is now preparing for retirement.

### PERSONAL FREEDOM:

A rather abstract term that means many different things to different people. We in the United States can't imagine having our freedoms taken away, either slowly or abruptly. It's a topic I have addressed in my research. Through a series of faculty research grants I had the opportunity to do research in Romania and Bulgaria beginning in 2005. Being an accounting professor had nothing to do with the book I ended up writing, *Faces of Freedom, Lives of Courage*, with my co-author who acted as translator.

I started out with conventional research regarding the evolution of the two countries' tax systems. From there I began interviewing individuals who had lived under communism. Their stories were fascinating, and the cruelty of communism began to show its ugly face through their lives. Both Romania and Bulgaria intrigued me (and made me slightly uncomfortable) simply because they had the most repressive and cruel regimes in the Soviet Union.

Romania became a communist country in 1947 when, with the help of the Soviet Union, the entire country was taken over by the Romanian Communist Party which numbered fewer than 1,000 members. All but a very select few Romanians became prisoners of their own country. Their land and their possessions were confiscated, and they were forced to work not for themselves but for the benefit of their government. It happened literally overnight.

The regime instilled fear in the populace quite effectively with the secret police — The Securitate. It was said that half the population was informing on the other half, and you had no idea which was which. There were three types of informers: those who were blackmailed by the Securitate, those who were paid, and those who simply made up stories. Informers turned out to be friends, neighbors, co-workers, and even spouses and children. Countless innocent people were sent to what became known as extermination camps where more than 500,000 died.

More than two generations were destroyed under the reign of communism. The concepts of freedom and personal choice became



During J Term 2015, Tom Sears (on the right in the picture at left) introduced his students to Răzvan Rotta. Rotta bravely photographed the atrocities taking place in Romania's University Square while soldiers fired upon peaceful protesters in 1989.



unknown to them. Most, but not all, simply assumed that this was the way life was supposed to be.

While interviewing people and hearing their stories, I literally stumbled across The Association of Ex-Political Prisoners of Cluj-Napoca. This organization, staffed solely by former political prisoners as volunteers, tracks known ex-prisoners' lives and deaths. Totally innocent at the time of their arrest and incarceration, they were mainly intellectuals, clergy, college students, and people with wealth. They were guilty only of talking about the political and national state of affairs, or they were named as an associate of someone who had been beaten until he or she provided names to the feared Securitate.

I felt a responsibility to tell their stories and so dropped everything I was doing to accomplish this. When they die, each one's story dies with them, with no lessons learned about the consequences of having one's freedoms and liberty taken away. It took me four years to find and convince these individuals of the importance of their story. Many refused – some because they now live in isolation, others were understandably reluctant to relive the horrors of that time, and one still feared retaliation 25 years later.

Very few of these individuals are alive today. We interviewed nine in the

book, six of whom were political prisoners. Two have since died and two more are very ill.

I have stories upon stories of life with no freedoms. None of us living in a democracy can begin to comprehend a life other than what we are presently living. Experiencing a life with no freedoms through the stories of those individuals where it was a harsh and cruel reality was a very sobering experience for me. I have been struck by one strange consequence of having freedom: stress; for example, the stress of suddenly having choice in every aspect of life.

Romania freed itself through a bloody revolution in December of 1989. It was very slow in becoming a developing democracy since former communist party members ruled as recently as 2004. The aftereffects can still be seen and felt. Most of the students I have taken to Romania during three J Terms came away with a greater appreciation of what they have and how they have taken it for granted.

My research, meetings, and interviews have led me to a clear understanding of the adage that you don't appreciate what you have until you have it no more. We should always be aware of and appreciate the many rights and freedoms we have on a daily basis. You never know the world in which we could be living in the future.

"Hartwick College instilled in me the curiosity to step outside my box of comfort (accounting) and to explore totally unrelated areas (history and political science). I am proud to have told the stories of people whom I consider to be heroes."

# In Depth, Intense, That's J Term



# and Relevant –

Hartwick's off-campus J Term programs are demanding mentally, emotionally, and often physically. It's concentrated living and learning like never before.

Course destinations reflect faculty academic interests, sometimes even their heritage, and emerging issues worldwide. Students choose to go in-depth in their major; to test interests, feed new passions, or gain new perspectives; or to step outside their comfort zone within the security of a faculty-led experience.

This winter, first-time destinations included a diverse set of nations — the Netherlands, Hungary, Hong Kong, Cuba, and Belgium — for the equally varied study of criminal justice, art and geology, psychology, economics, and politics.

Plans for international study must be fluid. This year's education course in Ghana was cancelled because of the Ebola outbreak; the French immersion course was on edge when *Charlie Hebdo* was attacked a few days before departure. J Term 2016 proposals include a religious studies return to Egypt, a country that hasn't been a Hartwick destination in recent years because of political unrest. As faculty attest, when a course can safely proceed to a country in change, student learning is compounded.



### Mind expanding; resume enhancing.

Where in the World Have They Been? J Term 2015 Destinations:
Bahamas: Island Biogeography (Biology 240)
Belgium, England, France, Germany, Luxembourg: European Union Politics (Political Science 250)
Cuba: Cuba in Flux (Economics 350)
England & France: Museums and Monuments of London and Paris (Art History 350)
France: Language Immersion in the Heart of France (French 105)
Hong Kong: Psychology and Culture (Psychology 250)
Hungary: Geology of Art in Hungary (Art/Geology 250)
Jamaica: Transcultural Health (Nursing 346)
The Netherlands: Comparative Criminal Justice in the Netherlands (Sociology 250)
South Africa: Changes and Challenges (Anthropology 355)
Thailand: People, Animals and Plants of Thailand (Biology 242)
USA: Sustainable Public Policies in Arizona (Economics / Political Science 350)
USA: Theatre in New York City (Theatre 205)

"There's a tension at the heart of the Cuban reality. Their healthcare system has its flaws, many of them associated with poverty, yet it produces results that a rich country would be proud of — for instance, Cuba's life expectancy is the same as ours in the U.S. and it does this by an emphasis on prevention. It would seem to be good for people's practical freedom to help them stay healthy rather than merely providing care when they fall ill.

"The country has a system of high-quality K-12 education and Cuban university students pay no tuition. One effect of that is to open career paths to people who might otherwise be shut out. Yet in other ways the population is clearly constrained. The Communist Party is the only political party allowed. The people who run the country are the ones chosen by the Party. The only newspapers and TV broadcasts are the ones that the government allows.

"One of the great questions for Cuba in the next few years will be whether they will sustain their accomplishments in health and education while allowing more political latitude."

Karl Seeley, PhD; associate professor of economics Department chair; first-time J Term course: Cuba in Flux



Cuba







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### Go in-depth in a major, test interests, feed new passions.



"The French have different ideas than we do. They're suspicious of particularism, of individuals or groups that set themselves apart. The French idea of freedom of expression is no sacred cows, except the Republic itself. The government takes a neutral stance, which means they can't prevent anyone from mocking any religion.

"We arrived in France on January 11, the day of the massive demonstrations after the Charlie Hebdo attack. The whole country was caught up in it four million people took to the streets. Maybe only on Liberation Day [in 1944] have the French seen a larger demonstration. My impression is that the Charlie Hebdo attack united the country."

Mark Wolff, PhD; associate professor of French; modern languages department chair Sixth-time J Term course: Language Immersion in the Heart of France





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"The economy is so bad that many people are not able to afford food and they are begging on the streets, there are more unemployed and homeless people, people are generally poorer than they were during the previous system. While there are more choices in the stores now, more people go hungry.

"On the other hand, since Hungary is part of the European Union, I can see the effect of the EU moneys city centers or downtown areas are polished up, remodeled, renovated, while a few blocks away buildings are falling apart with posted signs 'Collapse hazard! Be careful!'

"The people have freedom, but the standard of living decreased so much that many people are wishing back the 'good old days."

Zsuzsanna Balogh-Brunstad, PhD; assistant professor of chemistry and geology; co-coordinator of the Environmental Science and Policy Program; first-time J Term course: Geology of Art in Hungary







Gain new perspectives or step outside their comfort zones.







### Romania







San Salvador







Hong Kong





"The focus of the course was how different cultural elements (e.g., religion, education, family dynamics, welfare, etc.) play important roles in shaping human behavior. We spent time interacting with people from different layers of society and asked them questions about the recent protests demanding true universal suffrage in Hong Kong. One teacher pointed out that Hong Kong citizens never systematically demanded universal suffrage from the British government during its almost 100 years of colonial rule. Now that Hong Kong is part of China, a very specific sort (i.e., 'true' universal suffrage) of electoral representation has suddenly become a kind of basic human right."

KinHo Chan, PhD; associate professor of psychology; department chair First-time J Term course: Psychology and Culture of Hong Kong

### **Celebrate the Scholar-Athlete**

Hartwick scholar-athletes excel in the classroom and lab as well as on the court and field. Some of the characteristics that make an individual successful in one arena are applicable to the other, including time-management skills, a strong work ethic, and a focus on results. Being on a team often contributes to the individual athlete's success through study groups and peer support.

Team academic honors went to women's cross country with a collective 3.60 GPA this fall; men's cross country and tennis teams tied with a 3.34 collective GPA.

### Congratulations to the scholar-athletes who achieved a 4.0 GPA in the fall semester:



Jessica Bellai '16 women's basketball accounting major



Kevin Bersch '17 men's basketball biology major



Ashley Connolly '18 women's soccer nursing major



Rio Dhat '14 \* men's soccer economics and business double major



Gavin Jenkins '15 + men's cross country biology and religious studies double major





Lauren Johengen '15 women's swimming & diving biology major



**Colleen Jones '18** women's lacrosse psychology and Spanish double major



Stavros Kerchoulas '17 men's basketball undeclared major



**Gregory Martino '17** men's football economics major



Mateo Munarriz '14 \* men's soccer economics major



Monica Prager '15 + women's cross country nursing and Spanish double major



Kit Tregear '16 men's soccer math and accounting double major





#### SIX HAWKS QUALIFY FOR NCAA DIII Swimming & Diving Championships

Four women and two men qualified for the 2015 NCAA Championships this season. **Kaitlyn Campbell '15**, **Gwen Mathias '15**, **Imma Rutigliano '16**, and **Rachel Bellis '17** qualified for the women with **Miles Blaney '15** and **Ben Detar '16** earning spots on the men's side. Hartwick sent more athletes than any other college in the Empire 8. It's the 20th appearance for the men, the 15th for 'Wick women.

**Blaney** and **Detar** both went on to earn honorable mention All-America honors for top 16 finishes.

### Get the latest results, visit hartwickhawks.com

#### FIELD HOCKEY RECEIVES NFHCA ACADEMIC AWARD

Hartwick's field hockey team was one of 124 teams nationwide to earn the 2014 Gladiator by SGI/National Field Hockey Coaches Association (NFHCA) Division III National Academic Team Award. The award recognizes field hockey teams achieving a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the season. The Hawks have captured the honor 11 times in the last 12 seasons. Nine Hawks were named to the SGI/NFHCA Division III National Academic Squad.

AND ZONES

Congratulations to the 13 Hawks who earned qualification into the Regional competition in March: Cecilia Campala '16. Christine Confer '15. Colleen Cunningham '17. Taylor Johnson '16. Jessica Ott '16. Julia Ready '15, Renée Roberts '16, Brooke Smith '16, Kate Sullivan '16, Anna Sweet '17, Felicia Travers '15, Taylor Trombley '16, and Olivia Winchell '15.

Three qualified for the Zone II finals in April. Cunningham won in both Novice Flat and Novice Fences at the

and finished third for High Point Rider for the season. Ready placed second in Intermediate Fences.



#### **VONASEK EARNS ALL-CONFERENCE**

Forward Taylor Vonasek '17 was named to the 2015 Empire 8 Women's Basketball All-Conference Team as a Second Team pick. The Hawks' leading scorer (12.8) and rebounder (6.1), she ranked second on the team in three-pointers (19) and blocked shots (10), and third in assists (32).





Five E8 titles were earned, three UNYSCSA championships won, five Hartwick records busted, and four Hawks earned all-conference recognition at the UNYSCSA/Empire 8 Championships. Wick men finished 4th overall and 3rd in the Empire 8 while the women were 5th overall and 3rd in the E8. Miles Blaney '15 earned championships and set Hartwick benchmarks in the 200 and 500 free freestyles. Ben Detar '16 (200 fly) and Matt Plunkett '16 (200 back) also broke 'Wick records and earned E8 First Team honors in their respective events. For the women, Imma Rutigliano '16 secured conference second team accolades in the 400 IM. She combined with Kaitlyn Campbell '15. Gwen Mathias '15, and Rachel Bellis '17 for a championship swim and a Hartwick record in the 800 free relay.

#### SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARDS FOR SWIMMING & DIVING

Hartwick women's swimming and diving was named a College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Fall Scholar All-America Team. With a GPA of 3.07, 'Wick women, who ranked 100th in the nation, were among only three E8 teams to earn the award. In addition, 14 members of the Hartwick men's and women's swimming teams were named to the Upper New York State Collegiate Swimming Association All-Academic teams for earning a GPA of 3.3 or higher for the spring and fall semesters of 2014.



**MEN'S BASKETBALL BACK IN EMPIRE 8 PLAYOFFS;** NORTON. LUFKIN SELECTED ALL-CONFERENCE For the fourth time in five seasons, Hartwick's men's basketball team secured a spot in the Empire 8 playoffs. The Hawks finished the year 15-11 (10-6 in the league). Guard Trevor

Norton '16 was named to the Empire 8 First Team after leading

the Hawks in scoring (14.7 ppg) and three-point field goals

(.438). Guard Joev Lufkin '17. who paced the team in assists

(91), was a Second Team pick. Forward Justin Pratt '17 tied a

'Wick record for nine three-pointers in a game, matching the

1992 mark set by Greg Bonczkowski '96.





### **Hartwick is Coming Your Way!**

### ALUMNI, PARENT & FRIEND EVENTS

- Presidential Reception | April 6 | TEQUESTA, FL
- Presidential Reception | April 8 | NAPLES, FL
- Presidential Reception | April 15 | PHILADELPHIA, PA
- New Student Meet & Greet | June 4 | CHITTENANGO, NY
- Presidential Reception | June 10 | LOS ANGELES, CA
- New Student Meet & Greet | June 11 | ROCHESTER, NY
- New Student Meet & Greet | June 18 | ALBANY, NY
- Red Bulls Soccer Game vs. | July 11 | **NEW JERSEY** New England Revolution

### CALLING ALL HOLDS

### Hawks Of the Last Decade

**HAPPY HOURS** are scheduled for Hartwick Alumni at a Happy Hour and Business Card Exchange.

May 12 | Boston, MA May 13 | Metro NY May 14 | Albany, NY May 15 | Washington, DC

Visit The Wall at **www.hartwickalumni.org** to learn about these and other events or to register.

### **SPECIAL** EVENTS

WINE AUCTION | Support 'Wick Athletics MAY 7 | Oneonta, NY Wine & Beer Tasting Reception & Benefit Auction



### A Day at the Biltmore Estate AUGUST 22 | Asheville, NC

Former trustee John K. Milne '76 and Mary Folsom Milne '79 are hosting Hartwick for a day of exclusive access to the Biltmore Estate — George Vanderbilt's 8,000 acre estate in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Travel back in time as we enjoy a private tour of the Biltmore House in the morning, a visit to the premier Biltmore Sporting Clays Club in the afternoon, and finish the day with dinner on Biltmore Lake with our hosts. Plan to visit beautiful Asheville, NC, this summer; you won't want to miss this fabulous opportunity. HARTWICK COLLEGE True Blue ALUMNI FAMILY REUNION OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2015

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# HARTWICK ONLine Student HARTWICK Online SUMMER '15 COURSES

Last summer's foray into online courses was a success. Hartwick's trademarks of small classes with experienced faculty translated well to the online format. More offerings in a wide range of subjects are now available for both Hartwick and non-Hartwick students. Registration is now open; act quickly for your college student because enrollment in each course is limited.

### Go to www.hartwick.edu/summeronline for more information.

#### **TUITION AND FEES**

\$300 per credit; \$100 technology fee for non-Hartwick students. Full payment must be made at time of registration. Limit to one online course per student per session.

#### SESSION 1: JUNE 1 - JULY 1

- Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab (BIOL 207)
- Pathophysiology (BIOL 350) (\*Note: this course runs from June 1 July 19)
- Macroeconomics Principles (ECON 102)
- Educational Psychology (EDUC 304)
- Jane Austen (ENGL 250)
- Contemporary Ethical Issues (PHIL 250)
- Astronomy with 2-hour lab (PHYS 121)
- International Relations (POSC 105)
- Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 105)
- Introduction to Regional Hispanic Studies (SPAN 160)

#### **SESSION 2: JULY 6 - AUGUST 5**

- Buddhist Art and Architecture (ARTH 280)
- Human Anatomy and Physiology II with lab (BIOL 207)
- Introductory to Sociology (SOCI 105)







THE EMERSON EXPERIENCE: Alumni, parents, and friends gathered in Oneonta, New York City, Greenwich, and Boston to learn more about The Campaign for Hartwick Students: It's Personal and to hear about the impact of Emerson International Internships. Tim Taylor '04, Stephanie Wrona Avery '09, and Shelley Polinsky Lynch '00 shared their experiences and the value of the Emerson program. (See page 14.)

## **Celebrating Our Centenarians**

Hartwick dates back to 1797. We have alumni older than many of this country's colleges.

Our graduates include at least four centenarians who have been witness to events that have shaped our history, our world, and our time. Hartwick, too, has grown and changed, all the while remaining committed to the liberal arts education they learned so well, so many years ago.

Florence Hoyt Mugglin '34 was educated in a small district school close to her family homestead in Delaware County. As a high school senior, she transferred to a small school in Treadwell, NY, solely to be eligible for a scholarship to Hartwick College. Philanthropist and Hartwick College Trustee Abraham L. Kellogg had built the school in Treadwell and promised any graduate a scholarship to Hartwick College.

As a college student in the early 1930s, Mugglin studied math and lived on Myrtle Avenue. "I walked up the hill each day," she recalls. "We were lucky if we had a path." She sang second alto in the A Cappella Choir and chaired the Moving Up Day committee. She vividly remembers a young student using his classmates as chess pieces in the foyer of Bresee Hall. "The floor had three foot square blocks," she shared. "These made a perfect board to move the student pieces on."

After graduation, Mugglin married and raised three children. When they went to school full-time, she pursued a master's degree in education from Syracuse University. She then followed in the tradition of her mother and grandmother and taught math to junior high students for 20 years. Mugglin continues to

#### "Hartwick gave you an idea of what your capabilities were."

— Danal L. Hotaling '39, H'79

reside in Walton, NY, and proudly displays photos of her children, 13 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Julia Riley VanDenburgh '36 grew up in Bainbridge, NY, and entered Hartwick at the age of 17. She studied math and minored in German and English. During her time on campus, she was involved in the Gamma Phi Delta sorority and fondly remembers many of her sisters and her classmates, including M. Hebbard MacArthur '36. "I've been up to Tablerock many times," VanDenburgh remembers of her college years. "I couldn't make it up there now!"

After graduation, she worked as an executive secretary for her uncle in his plastic manufacturing plant in Sidney, NY.

Following a 24 year career with the company, VanDenburgh began a second career in public service. She was active in the Order of the Amaranth, a women's organization affiliated with the Freemasonry, raising support for diabetes research. She currently resides in Oneonta and was recently paired with Imani Anderson '17 as an "adopted" grandparent

Noted for his leadership qualities, **Danal Hotaling '39, H'79** was voted president of his senior class and returned to his alma mater 40 years later to lead again as member of Hartwick's Board of Trustees. The College awarded him an Honorary Doctor of Law degree in 1979.

For his 100th birthday celebration, Hotaling received a package of birthday gifts from the College. "The Hartwick hat took precedence over all other birthday presents," wrote his daughter in a thank you note. "While a student at Hartwick, our father learned the importance of staying true to his principles and goals. College provided him with the tools needed to face life in a positive manner. His daughters, too, have benefited from his college years because he and our mother, Charlotte Orr Hotaling '39, insisted we live our lives accordingly."



Florence Hoyt Mugglin '34



M. Hebbard MacArthur '36



Julia Riley VanDenburgh '36



Danal Hotaling '39, H'79



National Recognition: Soccer alumni and friends gathered to honor Jeff Tipping '78, P'08 at the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) convention in Philadelphia in January. Tipping was presented with the 2014 NSCAA Honor Award, recognizing a member whose work through the Association enhances the soccer coaching profession and contributes to the game as a whole. A longtime college soccer coach and coaching educator, Tipping continues the proud tradition of Hartwick alumni making history in the sport of soccer.

#### 1944

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **David Trachtenberg**, davsel@att.net

#### 1950

Call your class correspondent **Dick Schoof**, with your updates, 334-798-2440

**Ray Davis** shared that his sweetheart, Helen, keeps him in line and that they are planning to move further south in Florida. They can't stand the cold of northern Florida!

**Richard Gillies** shares, "I have just returned from a river cruise on the Irrawaddy River in Myanmar. In Mandalay we drank champagne while riding on a "Flying Fish." The trip was nine days, stopping at river villages, visiting local industries such as clay pots, cloth, and lacquerware. I wore a kind of sarong for a few days. This is truly the land of pagodas. After this, Rebecca took me to Thailand's Andaman Sea (on the west coast) for kayaking, an elephant ride, and culinary arts. A night trek through the forest let us see snakes, spiders, and some monkeys in the trees."

**Dick Schoof** writes, "We did it for 50, let's do it in 15. It's our homecoming for 65 years. I am blind in right eye, deaf in right ear, but I plan to be there! October 9-11, 2015. Wheel chairs are acceptable. 50s Club dinner/dance with soft oldies. Make it a gala occasion with your presence. Get your hotel reservations soon." Dick also shared that he has three published books; *A German Christmas: Forest Hill Park Clifton, N.J. as Farmland; Howdy;* and *Tori-Shima* (which has been in discussion to turn into a movie).

**Sherri Wessel Craft** chatted with **Dick Schoof** recently. They spoke of old times at Hartwick remembering the "Big Ol' Rope" (a hemp rope from the bottom of the hill all the way up to the main building), and



**Family Reunion**: Since retiring from the Montgomery County, MD, school system in 2001, **Alice Morrison Busche '65** and her husband, Leon, have been traveling and spending time with family. They are pictured at their annual fall weekend with their two daughters and their families at Capon Springs, WV. In May 2013 the family also gathered at Capon Springs to celebrate Alice's 70th birthday.

#### **CLASS NOTES DEADLINE**

Submit your Class Notes for the next *Wick* by MAY 15, 2015. Send your news to alumniclassnotes@hartwick.edu or to the class correspondent listed under your class year. Please understand that we may have to edit Class Notes for length. Photographs must be 300 dpi and at least 800kb. Hartwick College reserves the right to edit photos for use as it sees appropriate.

Comments about Class Notes? Please contact **Alison Dodge '05** in the Office of Alumni Relations: dodgea@hartwick.edu or 607-431-4088.

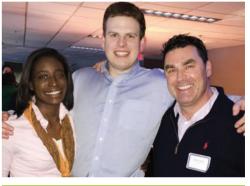


Wedding Reunion: Classmates from 1983 gathered for the wedding of Lisa Schaub to Dr. Monte Grossman on October 11, 2014, at the Corinthian Yacht Club in Philadelphia, PA. Pictured (I-r): Ruthann Fanuzzi Quintyne, the bride, Sandy Benson Gilmore, and Evelyn Milne Moore.



On the Slopes: An Alpha Sigma Phi brothers reunion in Park City Utah. Pictured (I-r): Ned Snow '86, Dave Clark '83, Pat Bloomfield, Russ Clark '78, Rich Berg '84, Peter Clark '85, John Nachbur '85, and Paul Clark '82. Not pictured: Tom Stransky '84 and Stephen Dubinski '86.





**Boston Strong**: Hartwick turned out in force (more than 50-strong) when the Boston Celtics hosted the New York Knicks in February. **Danee Harrison '09, Teddy Bridgmen** '12, and **Terence Connaughton '88** were among those who cheered the Celtics to victory!

Special Event: Bill DeVierno '79 and Mary Dubben DeVierno '81 hosted alumni from near and far for dinner with President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12 in Pembroke Pines, FL.

Big Wheel contest (a contest that allowed students to be President for the day). They would love to see this get started again. Health does not permit Sherri to travel so she regrets she will not be able to attend their reunion.

#### 1951

Charles E. Keator and Alice Riley Keator '52 heard from Carl Breitmaier after telling a resident in their retirement community that he knew them. They have also heard from Christine Klinger Paul '52.

#### 1957

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Donald Michel**, don1936@gmail.com

#### 1958

**Sonya K. Bloom** shares, "After having retired in 2000 from my career in social work and health care administration, I soon realized that I

wasn't ready for retirement, so I accepted a position as a paraprofessional in the Madison School District in Phoenix in 2001. What began as part-time soon became full-time, as I enthusiastically embraced my third career in special education working in a resource room with K-4 students. At age 77, I realized it was time to retire for good. The spirit was still willing but the body was telling me I needed to slow down, so it was with much regret that I officially retired at the end of the school year in March 2014. Unfortunately I am currently somewhat restricted by sciatic pain, but as soon as that is under control, I will be seeking volunteer opportunities where I can be of service to others while continuing to be a caregiver for my husband."

#### 1959

**Stephen L. Green** will be Hartwick's 2015 Commencement Speaker. He is the founder and Chairman of SL Green Realty Corp., Manhattan's largest owner of office real estate property. Green was awarded a Hartwick College President's Medal in 2005.



Basketball: A huge crowd of 'Wick fans enjoyed a pre-game reception before cheering for the Hawks men's basketball team in their game against the Binghamton Bearcats.



**Newly Wed: Jacky Burke '97** married Alexander Cherney on August 10, 2014, at Sedona Gold Resort in Arizona.



A Wedding Celebration: Many Hartwick friends gathered when Josh Truman '95 married Rebecca Hanft on September 27, 2014, in the Thousand Islands, NY. Pictured (front): Professor John Clemens, Karyl Clemens, Pat Russell Hanft '72, trustee Bob Hanft '69, Jennifer Kurowski Panzarella '97, and Kelly Partigianoni McGraw '88; (back): Nate Spencer '96, Cecily Knapp Spencer '95, former trustee Bill Streck, Liz Cook '05, former president Dick Miller (now deceased), Tom Russell '70, the bride and groom, Todd Kreikamp '96, Jeff Truman '65, Frank Panzarella '96, and Tim McGraw '88.

#### 1963

**Frederick H. Miller** shares, "My wife, Virginia, and I are enjoying retired life. We spend summers at our house on Cape Cod and also enjoy visiting our children and grandchildren who are scattered around the country."

#### 1964

**Christina Laurie's** third book of poetry has been released. *Song of the Dancer* includes the title poem plus others that have won prizes in national and regional contests. Over 30 poems depict many stages of life and nature, including a few haiku, which is her specialty. Christina's pen and ink drawings depict scenes with some poems. Her other books include *Seasons Rising: A Collection of Haiku, Inspirational Interludes* (one-page inspirational writings), and her children's alphabet book *C is for Cape Cod.* All books are available on Amazon or from Christina: 508-540-0762 or at PreacherPoet@comcast.net.

#### **1965** | TRUE BLUE 50th Reunion Celebration

**Grete H. Dodson** shared that she is recovering in rehab from a broken ankle and has been there since March of 2014. Grete is at Fairview in Binghamton.

#### 1967

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Bruce Cameron**, bpsychia@stny.rr.com

#### 1968

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Judith Bethe**, jeb2729@yahoo.com

In 2013 **W. Alexander Melbardis** was appointed judicial hearing officer for Suffolk County, N.Y., in the Traffic & Parking Violations Bureau.

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White Christmas: Louis Crocco '95 hosted a Hartwick group for the Boston performance of Irving Berlin's *White Christmas* during the holiday season. Guests were joined by cast members at a private reception prior to the show and treated to a backstage tour after the performance.





Wedding Bliss: During a beautiful December sunset, Meg Thomson '00 was married on the beach in the Turks and Caicos Islands. "It was such an amazing week and I was so happy that I was able to have Taryn Chase '00 and Amy Witherell '00 witness our union and celebrate in paradise!" Halftime Highlight: Sara Jean Willey 'O1 was seen in Maine as part of a Super Bowl halftime commercial for Husson University. She is currently finishing her MSN for Family Nurse Practitioner.

#### **1970** | TRUE BLUE 45th Reunion Celebration

#### 1971

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Barbara Vartanian**, blueswoman1117@yahoo.com

**Dr. Jeffrey D. Harrison** has been keeping busy as a professional athlete, pro skier, and coach of two National Championships. He is the youngest president of National Ski Coaches Association Sports Psychology. A retired consultant to the FBI, he now enjoys being a rancher and teaching at Arizona State University.

#### 1972

**David Tovey** is completing his sixth year as an associate dean at Ohio State University.

#### 1973

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Ronald Stair**, Ronalds@att.Net

John Brennan and Marsha Schattner Brennan '72 live in Libertyville, IL. Their son John '03 is a USCG Helicopter Rescue Swimmer based on Cape Cod.

New York State Senator **James L. Seward H'99** visited the Rural Health Nursing Theory and Practicum class on campus in January to discuss issues relating to health and nursing in rural communities.

#### **1975** | TRUE BLUE 40th Reunion Celebration

#### 1978

After retiring from private practice in Washington, DC, **Richard V**. **Lyschik** continues to serve his dental profession and other health services by expanding his national practice sales and staff training programs. His latest accomplishments are trademarking the Practice Rescue brand, and being added as a writer for CE Programs for Dental Economics. He has authored over 60 articles to date for the profession and continues to market his company as Dental Office Network, Inc. When asked why he writes so much, Richard often mentions the exceptional English language skills training he got at Hartwick College that gave birth to his passion for writing.

#### 1979

Keith N. Granet has been nominated for a Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum's 2015 National Design Award. This nationwide awards program honors excellence, innovation, and lasting achievement in American design. His nomination is as an individual and pre-qualifies for excellence in the Design Mind category.

#### **1980** | TRUE BLUE 35th Reunion Celebration

#### 1981

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Laurent Tetro**, ldtet2004@yahoo.com

#### 1984

**Karen McKelvey** writes "This summer, David Channell and I completed a 3,500 mile bicycle tour across the United States. We left from our driveway in Stafford Springs, CT, in June and arrived in Seattle, WA, in September. We had a fantastic time camping along the way, and seeing the country at 10 mph."

#### **1985** | TRUE BLUE 30th Reunion Celebration

**Lisa Carter, Maureen Tuthill Birken, Anne McDermott Lopez** and **Juliana Mitchell** attended The Today Show to remind classmates of their 30th year reunion October 9 – 11, 2015.

#### 1986

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Robert DiCarlo**, rdicarlo@rochester.rr.com



Baby Face: Michele Schesny Nadler '03 and her husband, Anthony, are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Colton 'Cole' Anthony Nadler, born August 28, 2014. Cole is a very happy baby and who has brought much love and happiness to their family.



Finding Success: Cuyle W. Carvin '03 who has acted in episodes of *Hawaii Five-O*, *Criminal Minds*, and *NCIS*, allowed himself to become a cartoon character in "The Cuyle Carvin Coloring Book." Cuyle was very involved with the production of the non-profit book, which encourages youngsters to be active. Best known for his roles in several horror films including, *Assault of the Sasquatch*, and *Alien Opponent*, Cuyle has appeared in *The Mentalist* and the 'new' *Ironside*. Cuyle has amassed quite a following, starring as Jeremy in the popular web series, *Revelations*.



Happiness in Boston: Cheryl Swierczek DeLorey '04, her husband Matthew, and their daughter Samantha are living in Boston, MA. Samantha will become a big sister this spring.



Higher Ed Success: Caitlin E. Jewitt '06, PhD is an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Tech. She has been published in *American Politics Research* and *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, and has articles pending in *Public Choice* and *Electoral Studies*.

#### 1987

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Ronald Lynch**, ronaldlynch@comcast.net

Correction: Jayne Aquilina Denker's maiden name was left out in the last issue.

#### 1988

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Kathleen Fallon**, kfallon@pcgus.com

#### 1989

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Dorothy Holt**, holtcrew@maine.rr.com

#### **1990** | TRUE BLUE 25th Reunion Celebration

#### 1991

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Rena Diem**, NseMommy@gmail.com

**Rena Diem** shares a favorite memory of the 'Wick ... "There was a bridge in the woods and a stream — and some fun gatherings there." **Shanlee Ginchereau** writes, "A favorite memory of my time at the 'Wick was a gathering at the trestle at Pine Lake. We had such a blast jumping off the trestle, listening to music and creating much merriment! I remember **Tracey Stagg**'s '92 feet turned green from the dye in her wet sneakers. And once you drove in, you were blocked in so everyone was there for the duration."

Yvette Gomes writes, "I have been working at the Jewish Home Lifecare, Sarah Neuman Center — Westchester Division in Mamaroneck for the last 23 years. For the last four years I have been the director of performance improvement and as of October, I will be moving into my new role as the corporate director of risk management. In March of 2014 I became licensed nursing home administrator. I have been happily married for the last 15 years to Loren and our twins Cara and Jeremy  $(11\!\!\!/_2$  years old) are in sixth grade at Rye Neck Middle School."

**Deborah Herrmann** writes, "To all my fellow Hawks, I say hello. Last time I sent an update, I think my sons were all very small. So, I need to bring you up to speed on my babies. At 5' 10", my soon-to-be 13-yearold son, Peter, is taller than both his parents and thriving in middle school. My 11-year-old son, Logan, is a better bowler than his mom is, and his average will soon rival his dad's. My 9-year-old son, Kyle, wants to quit elementary school and work for Nintendo. Jim, my husband of almost 14 years, is enjoying his role of stay-at-home dad. In 2012, he made the move to full-time dad after the auto-parts company for which he worked closed. I recently marked 23 years working for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, which supervises national banks and federal thrifts. Our family continues to reside in Liverpool, NY." **Fran Hicks** says, "Every time it snows, I think about the fun times sledding behind Alumni (now Wilder) Hall. I was not a fan of the Leitzell hill; too many slams!"

**Carol Daggs** writes, "On July 19, 2003, I graduated from The Center for Natural Wellness School of Massage Therapy in Albany, New York. I'm a New York State-licensed massage therapist and have my own independent practice. December 20, 2014, marked the first year anniversary celebration of Jazzage Massage Therapy — a wellness studio in Saratoga Springs, NY. This celebration was a precursor of my 2015 CD release celebration of *Jazzage: 'Choose Love'*. Jazzage will also be performing in the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum Jazz Brunch series on April 5, 2015 in Hartford, Connecticut. I hope to see some Hartwick College folks in the audience!"

**Jerry Kalayjian** writes, "The first memory that comes to mind is packing ourselves into an old car and driving to Florida. Funny thing is, I remember more about the drive than the destination, breaking down, etc. Only vague memories of visiting with **John Howard '88** and his parents."

**Shawn Martin** remembers, "The great friends I have met, my wife, and the cross country / track and field teams. It doesn't get better than that."



Townhouse Reunion: Joseph E. Rocco, III '08 married Melissa Evanco on August 2, 2014, in Syracuse, NY. The couple now resides in Boston, MA, which is where they first met in September 2008. Pictured are "The D4 Residents" (I-r): Brendan Brucale '08, T.J. Rizzo '08, Brett "Boo" Radley '10, Greg Bazan '08, Joe Rocco '08, and Brian "Beegles" Radley '10.



Wedding Celebration: Bethany White '08 and Sam Mostue were married June 21, 2014, at Duston Country Club in Hopkinton, NH. The couple lives in Concord, NH, and took a wedding trip to Jamaica. Pictured (I-r): Samantha Herwig '08, Lauren Nardini '08, the bride, Trish Beamish '08, and Kate Van Vorst '08.

Tory Petty Stine remembers "10cent wings at Red's on Friday evenings!"

Julie Thomas writes, "I vividly remember one November evening piling about 10 people into my Reliant station wagon and driving out to the Harvest Supper at my grandmother's church in North Kortright. We all had to go in my car because the little car of **Kim Brooks Shibata** '91 wouldn't start. We were treated like the favorite grandchildren and stuffed with a delicious dinner and extra slices of pie."

#### 1992

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Rory Shaffer-Walsh**, roryshaffer@hotmail.com

#### **1995** | TRUE BLUE 20th Reunion Celebration

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Louis Crocco**, lbcrocco@aol.com

#### 1996

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Amy Cottle**, amycottle@comcast.net

Jolie Carey writes, "I recently connected with some Hartwick friends and it's been really nice to see what great things people are up to. I spent last year working in Haiti, took some time off recently and was able to improve my yoga practice in Bali. (Highly recommended, maybe a J Term outing? Balinese Hinduism is fascinating.) I will be a US diplomat shortly with the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and will be based at a US Embassy overseas implementing taxpayer monies on development projects."

#### 1998

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Jamie O'Riordan**, jamieoriordan@yahoo.com

#### 1999

Send your updates to your class correspondent: Kristen Falk, hartwick99@yahoo.com

Kristen Falk has spent much time in CT with her family and contra dancing as much as possible. She attended her 15 year reunion in the fall and was overjoyed to spend time with Greg Quilop, Meg Fitzgibbon Quilop '00, Eric Shoen, Kevin Stube and his wife Jessica, Jim Archer, Danielle Quilligan, Bret Schilkraut '95, Sara Renee Boilard, Karen Moyer Zapach, Forrest Lewandowski, Dan Morency, and Jamie Irwin Morency. Kristen is currently unemployed and looking for job opportunities in biological research or anything related to plants, trees, science, gardening, forestry, and outreach. Email hartwick99@yahoo.com if you have any leads or ideas.

Sara Robinson Gammack writes, "Life with three kids is busy and we are definitely feeling outnumbered! Our boys, six and nine, are busy with school and hockey and our daughter has just started dance lessons which, after three years of being dragged to hockey practice, seems very exciting although next year she wants to play hockey and dance. I am working in professional development for the Wayzata School District in Minnesota and I will be the summer school principal."

Kate Warner and Joe Johnson have a full schedule down in Austin TX. "Our three kids are keeping us very busy. All three of them go to a charter school called Athlos Leadership Academy in the northern part of Austin near where we work. Bethany is in sixth grade this year singing in the school choir and taking her first year of Spanish. This is her first year in our church youth group and she is on the youth leadership team and helping out with Sunday school. Jessica is in fifth grade. Both girls are still in Girl Scouts and we are planning already for their fourth summer at Girl Scout camp. Aaron is in second grade and a Wolf Cub in Cub Scouts. Joe is leading his Cub Scout pack this year and they are both having fun. All three kids are in Taekwondo; Jessica is already sparring and looking to become an instructor someday. In our spare time, the girls are sewing and we have started an Etsy site to sell the things they make. We are at that stage of life when the kids take up much of our time." Maria Johnson Messier and her husband, Ryan, were blessed with twins Bianca and Joseph in June 2014. "We are thoroughly enjoying our family, but having four under five years old certainly has its challenges. I have taken a year off from teaching at Maria College to be home with my children. More than ever, I value the professional path I chose. Not



Wedding Bells: William F.W. McDonald '08 shares, "On September 20, Jacqueline Millette and I were married at Quonquont Farm in Whately, MA. We had about 180 friends and family attend and it was a beautiful celebration. Afterwards we took a small honeymoon to Quebec City, Canada." Pictured (I-r): Tristan Petrie '08, Rachel Prouty '10, David Plossl '05, Meghan McCaffrey '09, Enrique Carrasco Jr. '07, the groom and bride, Daniel Johnson '10, Owen Landrey '06, and Sheileen Nicholson Landrey '07.

only is nursing rewarding, but it gives me the opportunity to be home with my children while they are young, yet I can jump back in at any time. My husband and I were able to go to NYC and meet up with **Carolyn Maguire**."

Eric Shoen continues to be inspired by Greg Quilop and Nathan Price who challenge him to keep running obstacle course races. He's got a few on his calendar for this year and hopes to be in the best shape ever. "Things on Oyaron Hill continue to be wonderful as we raise money for scholarships and campus improvements," he says.

**Jennifer Smith** bought a condo in Hoboken, NJ, and ran the NYC Marathon last year. She's been doing a little travelling, and recently went on vacation to Cartagena, Colombia for the first time and immersed herself in the smallest volcano.

Kara Thayer writes, "Life has definitely been moving fast but going very well! I became engaged in March 2014 to Winston Miller. Our wedding is planned for July 2015 at his family's home in Greenport, NY, and we couldn't be more excited. I finished my MBA at Northeastern University in August 2014. In May I completed an international field study on the "Comparative Economic Development of Turkey and Greece," for which I visited 10 companies throughout both countries, including 3M Greece, a Baklava factory, and the Turkish stock exchange. Following that, I completed a residency at the Northeastern satellite campus in Seattle, WA, where I participated in a program called "Managing Creativity for Entrepreneurs." Winston and I traveled to Colombia for a family wedding in October and we are looking forward to a trip to Ireland in 2015. As for work, my division at Novartis was acquired by Eli Lilly as of 2015, and I am now working for Eli Lilly in the Companion Animal Business Sales Unit."

#### **2000** | TRUE BLUE 15th Reunion Celebration

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Kristin Hall**, wickfh@ hotmail.com

**Christopher Altermatt** writes, "I am now teaching science at a public high school here in San Antonio, TX. I have two healthy sons, Owen, eight, and Ethan, five. Any old friends who'd like to get in touch can contact me at cmaltermatt@gmail.com."



Making a Difference: Joe Pellegrino '13 recently wrote President Margaret L. Drugovich P'12 with news that he is now a member of the NYPD. After three years in the application process and six months at the Police Academy, his first night on the job was New Year's Eve at Times Square.

Kristin Hall writes, "I hope you are all starting to think about returning to Oyaron Hill for True Blue Weekend October 911! I will be there for sure and am looking forward to seeing many of you! Not much is new up here in Bangor, unless you count the ridiculous amount of snow that we received."

**Jerome Schorr** and his wife, Ashley, welcomed a beautiful baby girl (you have probably seen her all over Facebook) on August 1, 2014; Madelyn June Schorr. He also completed his Master's degree in health service administration from Central Michigan University.

Svetlana Zakharchenko gave birth to a son last September.

#### 2001

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Jessica Hyde**, Jessicahyde@yahoo.com

**Shawn August**, writes "My wife, Crystal, and I welcomed our first child, Emilia Rose Bottieri August, on September 20th."

#### 2003

**Ildar Yussupov** writes, "I'd like to share my joyful news: on September 7, 2014, my wife Assel Yussupova and I welcomed a new baby girl, Adel Yussupova. I am still living and working in Almaty, Kazakhstan."

#### 2004

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Bryanna Anderson**, bryanna.g.anderson@gmail.com

**Nik Kourtis** played the lead role in the Repertory Theatre's production of Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, directed by David Cromer in January.

#### **2005** | TRUE BLUE 10th Reunion Celebration

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Nathan King**, nate24king@gmail.com

#### 2006

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Brian Knox**, brian.j.knox@gmail.com

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I Do: Jonathan Alger '10 and Stephanie Abajian '11 were married on August 2nd, 2014, in Simi Valley, CA. Pictured (I-r): Kara Foro '09, P.J. Prunty '10, James Mantas '10, Kyle Phillips '10, the bride and groom, Heather Daly '11, Bethany Lillie '11, and Matt Metzgar '10.

#### 2009

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Nicholas Forst**, nickforst710@gmail. com

Gregg Ducey and Richelle Schmidt were married on Aug. 30, 2014, in Beverly, MA.

#### **2010** | TRUE BLUE 5th Reunion Celebration

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Wyatt Uhlein**, wyatt@ stonehousesearch.com

**Josh Helmer**, was featured on "Articulate with Jim Cotter," a new arts/culture magazine program on the PBS-affiliate WHYY. Josh discussed an oft-overlooked Van Eyck masterpiece in the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

#### 2011

**Sarah Otto Sanders** and **James Sanders '13** bought their first home in Guilderland, NY, in November.

#### 2012

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Holly Sayman**, holly.sayman@gmail. com

**Courtney Desmond** is now an integrated media planner at Connelly Partners marketing agency in Boston.

**Brittany Morrissey** shared, "I'm very excited to say that I have officially accepted an offer as a legislative financial analyst with the New York City Council."

#### 2013

Send your updates to your class correspondent: **Joan Carregal**, j.carregal@gmail.com **John Stuligross** is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he is pursuing a Master's in public health (MPH) degree.

ATTENTION CLASS OF 2010 / It's been five years since you left Oyaron Hill and that means it's your turn to vote for this year's recipient of the MARGARET B. BUNN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING TEACHING. The faculty member you select will be honored as the most outstanding and influential professor during your time at Hartwick. He or she will be honored at Honors Convocation on May 6. Visit The Wall to update your address and email to make sure you receive your voting instructions.

#### ALUMNI

**1934** Grace Jackson Clayton passed away on July 29, 2014. She received her bachelor's degree in art and taught for many years in the Binghamton City School District. She was predeceased by two husbands and is survived by her children, 14 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

**1937** Norene Rebecca Salsbury Bigelow passed away on November 6, 2014. She earned her bachelor's degree in German from Hartwick and went on to earn a degree in library science from Albany State. She was predeceased by her husband, Wilbur, and is survived by three children, six grandchildren, and four greatgrandchildren.

**1938** | Lucena J. Kibbe passed away on January 20, 2015. She graduated from Hartwick College with a degree in French and earned a degree in library science from Syracuse University. She retired from the Mid York Library System and continued as a lifetime member of the American Library Association. She is survived by a niece, two nephews, and several greatnieces and nephews.

**1940** | **Ruth Tillotson Burton** passed away on November 12, 2014. She majored in math at Hartwick and received her master's degree from Syracuse University. After her retirement from teaching math at Oneida High School, she remained active with the Oneida Chapter of Business and Professional Women and was a member of Women of Rotary. She is survived by a daughter, two grandchildren, and three greatgrandchildren.

**1940** Frances Lodema Conner passed away on September 28, 2014. She graduated from Hartwick College with a degree in math, married Donald Conner '40 in 1945, and years later retired as a junior high school teacher of mathematics with Oneonta City Schools. She is survived by her daughter; son **James G. Conner '80** and his wife, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**1946** | **Beverlye Bishop Higgins** passed away on October 22, 2014. She joined the United States Cadet Nurse Corps after high school and then graduated from Hartwick College as a registered nurse. She worked as a school nurse at Groton Elementary School. After retiring, she and her husband operated an antique shop and traveled worldwide. Survivors include her three daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and 11 greatgrandchildren.

**1948** | **Marjorie Allen Anderson** passed away on January 18, 2015. She received an RN in the Hartwick College Cadet Nurse program and then a post-graduate certification in obstetrics at the Boston Lying-In Hospital (now Brigham and Women's Hospital). She worked at Moore Memorial until 1986 when she retired and joined her husband at their manufacturing plant (AM Industries). She is survived by two daughters, six grandchildren, and three great-grandsons.

**1948** | The Hon. **James N. Georgeson**, a former mayor of Oneonta, passed away on October 22, 2014. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in history and earned a master's from the University of Pittsburgh. He was mayor of Oneonta from 1960 to 1962 and president of the Hartwick College Alumni Association from 1966 to 1967. He held leadership roles in local organizations, including the Greater Oneonta Chamber of Commerce, the Oneonta YMCA Board of Directors, the Oneonta Kiwanis Club, and American Legion Post 239. He also served on the boards of directors of Wilber Bank, Opportunities for Otsego, Oneonta Community Chest and the Future for Oneonta Foundation. He was named the Hartwick College Outstanding Citizen in 1987. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; his five children; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

**1948** | **Faith Kennedy Murling** passed away on October 5, 2014. A graduate of the Hartwick College School of Nursing, she was a Registered Nurse at Rome Memorial Hospital before retiring in 1980. She was predeceased by her husband, Earl, and a son. She is survived by her children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

**1949** | Lillian Cole Card passed away on February 8, 2014. She earned her degree from Hartwick College and managed a Hallmark store for 12 years. Retiring to Melbourne, FL, she enjoyed 20 years of golf, tennis, tap dancing, bingo, water aerobics, mahjong and playing cards. She is survived by her husband, **Roger Card '50**, her daughter, three grandsons, and three great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son.

**1950 Vivian Skeele Benton** passed away on December 1, 2014. She earned a bachelor's in Latin from Hartwick and a master's from Syracuse University. She taught school at Gilbertsville, PA, and Laurens, NY, before taking a permanent position in Syracuse, NY, where she taught for 32 years. She was predeceased by her husband. Survivors include a stepdaughter and stepson; several step-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins; and close friends.

**1951 Roger Bauman** passed away on January 8, 2015. An outstanding athlete at Hartwick College, for two seasons he started as a running back and defensive back, playing every minute of every game. He set records in the 100-yard dash, broad jump, 220-yard dash, and 220-yard low hurdles and was inducted into Hartwick's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. After graduating with a bachelor's in math, he joined the U.S. Army, served in the Korean War, and flew numerous missions over enemy territory as an aerial observer. He is survived by his wife, five children, four stepchildren, six grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

1952 | Victor Boehnlein Gilbert passed away on December 12,
2014. He earned a bachelor's degree in math at Hartwick and enjoyed a
33-year career with Met Life in sales, management, and as a statistician supporting an actuarial team. He leaves his best friend and wife of
58 years, Elizabeth; his children, Suzanne Gilbert, Melissa Gilbert
Mahoney '82, Tobin Gilbert '86; his daughter-in-law Monique
Fritts Gilbert '88; and nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**1953** | John S. Carlson passed away on October 24, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955 and then earned a

degree in business administration from Hartwick College. He was an accountant for the Unisys Corporation for 41 years and retired as the director of corporate property taxes in 1996. He is survived by his wife, three children, and seven grandchildren.

**1953** | Edward S. Gallmeyer passed away on October 25, 2014. He attended Hartwick before serving in the Korean War. Immediately after his discharge from the Navy, he played baseball with the San Diego Padres. He started his long and distinguished career with Bausch & Lomb holding various engineering and management positions until his retirement in 1981. Upon his retirement, he started his own company, ESG Associates, which was a manufacturer's representative and consulting firm. He is survived by his wife, three children, and six grandchildren.

**1953** | **Beverly Bennett Halcomb** passed away on September 14, 2014. She graduated from Hartwick College with a nursing degree and later stayed home to be a mother and homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, James. She is survived by seven children, 14 grandchildren, and seven great-grand-children.

**1954 A Robert Irving Cole** passed away on January 1, 2015. He earned a scholarship to play football at Hartwick College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history. It was there he met the love of his life, **Kay Bund Cole '55**, whom he married in 1954. He was a teacher at area schools, including Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Wells, Speculator, Piseco, Oppenheim, and Wheelerville school districts. He became a guidance counselor, and later a principal and superintendent of schools. Survivors include his wife, two children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandsons.

**1954** | **Gary A. Shaver** passed away on August 14, 2014. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Hartwick. He was an educator and principal for the New York State Department of Corrections, having worked at the Elmira Correctional Facility, Brookwood Center, Coxsackie Correctional Facility, and the Hudson Correctional Facility. He is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

**1956** | **James Edward McGinnis** passed away on January 5, 2015. He earned his Hartwick degree in business education and his master's and doctoral degrees at Syracuse University. He enjoyed a successful career as an educational administrator in New York. He was a Navy veteran of World War II and Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his wife, four sons and their families, and a niece and her family.

**1957 David N. Morrison** passed away on January 13, 2015. He attended Hartwick College on a full four-year basketball scholarship, earning a degree in business administration. He served two years in the U.S. Army and went on to a career with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, where he retired after 37 years. He is survived by his wife, **Sandra Morrison '57**, three sons, and four grandchildren.

**1958** | Milton C. Gilbert Jr. passed away on September 15, 2014. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, achieving the rank of airman first class. He was the first in his family to graduate from college, thanks to the G.I. Bill, earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Hartwick College. He became a sales engineer helping outfit the Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space capsules with electrical interconnect systems. He is survived by two sons and two grandchildren. **1959** | **Richard K. Hutcheson** passed away on August 1, 2014. He graduated from Hartwick with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is survived by his wife, three children, and two grandchildren.

**1960** Carl L. Case passed away on October 10, 2014. He proudly served his country in the U. S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He graduated from Hartwick College with a degree in accounting. He worked as an accountant at Rackett, Urmston & Forshe and later retired from Emergency Housing in Middletown, NY, as a comptroller. He is survived by his wife, four children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son.

**1960** | George Rosenfeld Schermerhorn passed away on December 8, 2014. He received his bachelor's degree in music education from Hartwick College; his master's from Yale School of Music, specializing in the French horn; and did additional studies at Indiana University and Syracuse University. He served as director of music at the Taft School (CT) from 1962-1988 and executive director at Community Music School (PA) until his retirement in 2005. He is survived by his wife, a son, and two step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a son.

**1961** | The Hon. **Stanley H. Cohen**, a former three-term mayor of Great Neck Estates, passed away on October 29, 2014. He graduated from Hartwick College with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He was a successful businessman, from manufacturing to hospitality. He also served Great Neck Estates for 13 years as deputy mayor and trustee. He is survived by his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

**1961** | **Chester W. Joslin** passed away on November 13, 2014. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in business and began his career with Glens Falls Insurance Co. He also held various management positions with businesses in the Capital District, retiring from the IRS in 1998. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, and continued to proudly serve his country as a member of the Naval Reserves. He was predeceased by his wife and a daughter. He is survived by two children.

**1963** | **Sandra Fraser Hayes** passed away on December 16, 2014. She graduated from Hartwick College with a bachelor's degree in Nursing and was an RN. She is survived by her husband, two children, and two grandchildren.

**1964** | Faith Meyer Sandles passed away on December 26, 2014. She majored in psychology at Hartwick College and was the former director for the Y-Teen program for the Troy YWCA. She worked for New Visions as the director of the respite program and then served on several boards of human service organizations. She is survived by her husband and her daughter.

**1968** | Anthony S. E. Bono II passed away on July 20, 2014. He graduated from Hartwick College with a degree in political science and was an officer of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Air Force, serving most of his enlistment at Norton Air Force Base where he was recognized as Airman of the Year from among 8,000 personnel. He built his career at Johnson and Higgins and later Marsh and McLennan, retiring in 2012. He is survived by good friends from Hartwick days and by his brother, two nieces, four great-nieces, and a great-nephew.

**1968** | **Susan M. Rapp** passed away on December 24, 2014. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Hartwick College and a master's in public administration from SUNY-Albany. She was a budget

examiner for the New York State Division of the Budget for over 30 years and a volunteer for Literacy Volunteers of Greater Rensselaer County and Companion Animal Placement Program. She is survived by a sister and a nephew.

**1970** | John M. (Mac) Cook III passed away on October 7, 2014. He earned his Bachelor's degree in sociology from Hartwick College and was a financial advisor for 40 years. In addition to his father, he is survived by his children, a grandson, and his siblings.

**1971** Christopher W. Martin passed away on January 8, 2015. He earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education from Hartwick College and spent his entire career in education, both teaching and in school administration. He served the Laurens Central School District for 22 years before moving to South Carolina in 1994. Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Rockwell Martin '72, and two daughters.

**1980** | Catherine Whitt Berdan Petitte passed away on September 17, 2014. She earned a bachelor's degree in Nursing from Hartwick College. She is survived by her husband, three children, and three granddaughters.

**1981** Stephen Senter Johnson passed away on October 29, 2014. He was a high school All-American lacrosse player as well as the captain of both his high school and college teams. He graduated from Hartwick College with a bachelor's degree in history. He served in various roles throughout his career including director of sales at Bar Coding Inc., and senior vice president at Symbol Technologies. He is survived by his wife, Janet Knowles Johnson '84, and their two sons.

**1984** | **Michael J. Nelson** passed away on October 2, 2014. He graduated from Hartwick College with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He was an analytical chemist, spending most of his career at Wyeth Pharmaceuticals. He is survived by his wife and three children.

**2005** | **Desiree M. Stockholm** passed away on November 21, 2014. She graduated from Hartwick College with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is survived by her mother, sister, and several close family members.

**2016** | **Stephen Quigley Lyden** passed away on January 1, 2015. He was a junior majoring in business administration. He had worked at the Country Knolls Pool in Ballston Lake for many years and became the manager of the YMCA outdoor pool in Oneonta. At Hartwick he was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his three siblings; three grandparents; and many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

#### FAMILY

**Doris R. Cheyne** passed away on August 28, 2014. She had a varied teaching career that included master sewing and tailoring classes and assisting her husband in his beverage distributing business in Malone, NY, for many years. She retired to DeLand, FL, where she was deacon of Glenwood Presbyterian Church and taught well into her 90s. She is survived by her daughter, **Patricia Cheyne Washburn '63** and son-in-law, two grandchildren, and niece **Betty Cheyne Jones '53**.

Anthony Paul DeBlasio passed away on January 10, 2015. He was the only child of Maude E. Wilson '39. He is survived by his three children and four grandchildren.

Anthony DeSandolo passed away on December 9, 2014. The father of Nancy DeSandolo '72, he was best known among her friends as sending great "care" packages of pepperoni and provolone... and for his yearly March 8th birthday visits to the Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame. He owned and worked in his Gulf Station for over 40 years in White Plains, NY.

**Marianne Divers** passed away on September 25, 2014. She was a proud WWII veteran having served in the Women's Army Air Corps at the Rome, NY, airbase during the war and then in the Reserves. She worked as a research chemist for Allied Chemical in Solvay, NY, for nearly 40 years. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years and is survived by her daughters, **Pamela D. Korte '78** and Lorrie D. Divers.

**Lynn Parkhurst Greene** passed away on November 20, 2014. He served his country in the U.S. Army and practiced dentistry for over 40 years. He is survived by four children, including his son **David Greene** '**86** and daughter-in-law **Gretchen Mitchell Greene** '**88**, and nine grandchildren.

**Wayne T. Haddock** passed away November 14, 2014. He retired after 33 years at the Ithaca City School District where he was a mechanic in the transportation department. He is survived by his wife, a son, and his daughter, Elizabeth Haddock '11.

Linda Sue Herman passed away on October 4, 2014. She attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and accepted a teaching position at J.W. Leary where she taught art. She is survived by her life partner, Sue Kelly, and their son, Ethan Kelly '16.

**Curtis James (Jim) Herrick**, professor emeritus at Hartwick College, passed away on December 23, 2014. He received his undergraduate degree from Franklin and Marshall College before attending Harvard University. He was drafted into the Army and used the G.I. Bill to pursue his master's in psychology at the University of Pennsylvania. Later he completed his doctoral work at Penn State University. In 1960 he came to Hartwick College where he served several terms as the chair of the Psychology Department before retiring in 1990. He is survived by his sons Craig and **Kevin Herrick '86**, daughter-in-law **Denise Camp Herrick '88**, four grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

**Priscilla Micka** passed away on July 17, 2014. She was a volunteer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Baystate Franklin Medical Center's Gift Shop, the Greenfield Visitors' Center, and during elections. She is survived by three children, 10 grandchildren including **Ann Micka '06**, and two great-grandchildren.

Kellie M. Place passed away on January 18, 2015. She was most recently a "Multi-Million Dollar Top Producer" with Century 21 Chesser Realty in Oneonta and won the coveted Century 21 Quality Service Award. She chaired the Town of Oneonta Planning Board and coached youth soccer, both for over 25 years. She is survived by her husband and her two daughters, Jessica Place '09 and Jamie Place.

Louise Isabelle Redden passed away August 1, 2014. She worked for the telephone company in Oneonta and Newburgh during World War II. It was while working in Newburgh that she met her husband, George C. Redden, Sr. '42. She is survived by her three children, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Adam K. Van Eron passed away on October 26, 2014. He was the son of Nancy Grimley Erickson '76 and Keith Van Eron '77.

#### **FRIENDS**

**Richard W. Burnett** passed away on June 30, 2014. He studied French in Paris and German in Munich and during World War II he served with the U.S. Army in Europe as an interpreter. He taught philosophy at Lawrence University in Appleton, WI, and then became a farmer, raising starter pullets on Charlotte Creek Road in West Davenport. A longtime supporter of Hartwick College, he is survived by two daughters, two granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren

James A. Christiance Sr. passed away on December 27, 2014. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was active in the Korean War. He then began his career as a mason and was a bricklayer. In 1978, he went to work for Hartwick College as a mason. Several buildings were erected under his foremanship and in 1986 he was promoted to director of the physical plant at the College, a position he held until his retirement in 1992. He was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the Board of Trustees, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Eastern College Athletic Conference, and the Meritorious Service Award from the Hartwick College Alumni Association in 1992. He is survived by his wife, two sons, five grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. His family requests that donations in his memory be made to the Hartwick College Scholarship Fund, 1 Hartwick Drive, Oneonta, NY 13820.

Heather Ann Lesh Forsha passed away on November 4, 2014. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Westminster College and was an adjunct professor at Hartwick College for four years, teaching music theory, aural skills, class and individual piano. She also accompanied numerous students, faculty members, and choirs. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

William Sherman passed away on October 25, 2014. He served in World War II with the OSS in Europe from 1943 to 1946 and became a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, assigned to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. In Oneonta he started W.F. Sherman and Associates, an asset management company. He was also a volunteer probation officer and retired as the director of the Otsego County Probation Department. He supported Hartwick College over the years, especially the Hartwick Fund and Pine Lake. He is survived by his two children and three granddaughters.

**Johanna Svrakov** passed away on December 31, 2014. She graduated from the University of Amsterdam as a qualified pharmacist and moved to Switzerland, where she met her future husband, Borislav. The family moved to Oneonta in 1960 when he became professor of languages at Hartwick College. She lived the rest of her life in Oneonta and was an active member of the College community over many years. She is survived by her son and his wife.

Kathleen M. Wright passed away on January 24, 2015. She and her husband, Mark, moved to Oneonta in 1997 and in 2002, she co-founded ERA Realty. She was a longtime supporter of Hartwick College, especially the athletics program. Survivors include her husband, two sons, and a brother.

### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT**

## **Returning the Favor**

Charlie Hulbert, Jr. '93 got his start through Hartwick's MetroLink. He went on the job shadow program the first year there was an organized trip. In those days student participants stayed with alumni hosts living in the destination cities. His Boston host was Paul Johnson '67; the chance encounter changed Hulbert's life.

"Paul and I hit it off right away," Hulbert recalls. "He asked for my resume and was so generous with his time." That summer after graduation, Hulbert went to Cyprus with a friend. "When I got back, my first phone call from the airport wasn't to my family, it was to Paul." An interview with Johnson's accounting firm — now Johnson O'Connor Feron & Carucci, LLP — led to a job and this management and accounting double major was on his way. Hulbert is now a CPA and audit manager with Kenneth Freed & Company in Boston.

In those early years, Johnson and his wife, Chris Winant Johnson '68, figured prominently in Hulbert's life. "When I first moved to Boston, Paul said, 'Come live with us until you get an apartment'," Hulbert recalls. "I took the bus with a duffle over my shoulder and \$20 in my pocket. Paul picked me up at the station; later he sold me his car and even co-signed my loan." In another life-changing event, the Johnsons introduced Hulbert to the woman who would become his wife; they have been together for 20 years.

Early in his career, Hulbert hosted MetroLink students at work while Johnson hosted them in his home. At one Link reception they attended, Hulbert was drafted to serve on the planning committee. He co-chaired it with Jamie Sommerville O'Riordan '98 for a few years and has now served as chair for at least seven years, working closely with the College's career services office. "As long as they need my help I'm happy to assist," he says. "For me, networking was everything. I believe in the concept."

The MetroLink concept continues to evolve to give students exposure to various career paths. "In the real world, networking is how almost all jobs are found," Hulbert explains. "You never know where a connection will lead. Maybe not right away, but down the road. What starts at MetroLink can take you anywhere."

All the great things in my life can be traced back to MetroLink.

The Alumni Board of Directors recognized Charlie Hulbert '93 as the Outstanding Volunteer in 2008. He learned how to volunteer from one of the best — Paul Johnson '67, treasurer of Hartwick's Board of Trustees.

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Hartwick friends Allen Freedman H'00 and Judy Brick Freedman H'13 hosted the Experience New York: Liberal Arts in Practice students and staff at a reception in their Manhattan apartment this J Term. "The Freedmans helped us understand networking," says Lynda Brit '16. "It's not just business, it can be a personal way to build relationships." The Freedmans introduced the students to some of their theatre contacts and hosted them for a performance of *The Scarlet Ibis* opera at the ProtoType festival.