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TECHNOLOGY, CHANGE, AND THE FUTURE

Individual and Collective Progress
Extraordinary Opportunities
Alumni who Give, Volunteer, Care
To participate in the next phase of the Pine Lake Challenge or to learn more, please contact Matt Metzgar ’10 at 607-431-4055 or metzgarm@hartwick.edu.

“Pine Lake is Hartwick’s Walden Pond.

“As one of the five faculty members who recommended the College purchase Pine Lake in the early 1970s, I have always felt it was ‘part of my being’ to support Pine Lake.

“So many students benefit from this space. They live here; establish their first-year college orientation here; do scientific field work, literary projects, or artistic creations here; and walk the shores or paddle a boat as they think about their present concerns or their future here.

“I encourage you to join me in being part of the Pine Lake Challenge and give generously to the Pine Lake Endowment Fund or the fund for Pine Lake facilities improvements. Both of these will be matched dollar-for-dollar.”

— DAVID “HUTCH” HUTCHISON, PHD, P’04
PROFESSOR EMERITUS IN GEOLOGY

SUCCESS!

PHASE ONE OF THE PINE LAKE CHALLENGE was met ahead of schedule. The $50,000 in gifts to Pine Lake’s infrastructure has been matched with $50,000 from anonymous donors.

PHASE TWO IS UNDERWAY to make an even greater difference for Pine Lake with another, equal match of $50,000. To get involved, contact Matt Metzgar ’10 at 607-431-4055 or metzgarm@hartwick.edu.

WEBExtra: See the latest IMPACT newsletter for more on the Pine Lake Challenge and students’ experiences. www.hartwick.edu/campaign/news. Click on June.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR HARTWICK STUDENTS

It’s personal.
Like many people, I can take high quality photos with ease, alter them to improve contrast or color, and store a seemingly limitless number on my laptop. I now have thousands of photos of the same six hummingbirds dining at the same two feeders. Though I don’t post these to Instagram, Twitter, or Facebook, I could, and thus potentially share them with millions in the event that a post goes viral.

Does this capacity make me a great photographer? No, though even I will admit that some of these photos are surprisingly good. What the technology does allow me to do is capture something that is meaningful to me (the beauty and grace of these birds), preserve it, and share it with anyone in the world almost instantly. My decisions along this path say something about me, and allow me an almost limitless potential to impact others. In other words, it is not the technology itself that has power; it is my ability (or inability) to use it to bring meaning to my life and the lives of others.

Technology is shifting our view of reality, not just of our present but also of our past. Professor David Anthony and his colleagues are making history as advances in DNA analysis change their (and our) understanding of people’s ancient migration patterns across the European continent. “Molecular archaeology” has changed the study of anthropology, vindicated some experts (like Anthony), and perhaps derailed the careers of others. In the end what is most important is that the technology helps us to come closer to comprehending our ancestry. The technology matters because it helps us to amplify our liberal education, finding truth as we construct meaning today.

And what about the future? Is technology accelerating change? Most certainly. As the diverse set of alumni highlighted in this *Wick* can attest, technology is unlocking our understanding of illness; restructuring our world; bringing us closer to a truly convergent, global society; making us safer; and even perhaps redefining reality. Their perspective on what is next is both mind-bending and provocative. Imagine the possibilities as we continue our most human search for meaning even as we use technology to catalyze our creativity in shaping our collective future.

Print a digital photograph of something that has meaning for you. Hold it in your hand. Be filled with wonder.

Best,

Dr. Margaret L. Drugovich P’12
President
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Hartwick College, an engaged community, integrates a liberal arts education with experiential learning to inspire curiosity, critical thinking, creativity, personal courage and an enduring passion for learning.

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ON THE COVER: Cosima Compton ’16 of Prattsville, NY, is a new John Christopher Hartwick Scholar. A business administration major in the Three-Year Degree Program, she spent the summer in New York City interning with Lisa Christensen Mayer ’05 at her social enterprise fashion company (mysocialcanvas.com). Compton’s experience was part of the new Baker-Simpson Entrepreneurship Fellowship program funded in The Campaign for Hartwick Students by Simon Baker ’93. (See pages 8, 14, and 38.)

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The Right Space, Right Now

It’s been a busy summer on campus, and it is only the beginning. Some important changes will hardly be noticed — new roofs, boilers, and chillers; other upcoming infrastructure improvements may seem unremarkable — drainage, repaving, and lighting. But just wait for 2017 when major projects are slated to begin: a new campus entrance, Hartwick Drive transformed, a new residence hall, and more. So, what’s it all about, and why now?

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The Hartwick campus is exceptionally beautiful. The view alone stops a first-time visitor in his or her tracks; no matter how long a person lives or works on this hillside, and no matter the season, the vista inspires.

Changes to the campus, rooted in the Master Facilities Plan that was approved by the Board of Trustees in 2012, are designed to take full advantage of this exceptional setting. Most notably, Hartwick Drive will be permanently closed to vehicles and become a walkway for people to stroll and linger. A new entrance to campus will welcome visitors and introduce the splendor of the space. Overall, the Hartwick campus will be more available and accessible. “It is a change that is long overdue,” says President Margaret L. Drugovich P’12.

The new entrance and pedestrian walkway at the core of campus will allow Hartwick to put its best foot forward in recruiting prospective students. It shifts the focus to people and away from automobiles. Seizing the power of a positive first impression, these changes will present the Hartwick community well.

FOUR YEARS IN THE MAKING

The priorities developed out of an extensive Campus Master Plan conducted in 2011. President Drugovich brought in The Collaborative, Inc. — a consulting firm focused on designs that build community — to assess campus challenges, gather input from stakeholders, and propose solutions. The goals of the resulting Master Plan included preserving and maximizing the view, clarifying vehicular circulation on a campus that includes two miles of roadway, improving pedestrian connectivity and safety, and improving the campus image along the public edge. Some recommendations were priorities in The Campaign for Hartwick Students and, thanks to the support of generous alumni and friends, they are already complete.

These include the Campbell Fitness Center, renovations to Stack Lounge as a true student gathering space, select renovations to Binder Physical Education Center and the Anderson Center for the Arts, and another food outlet in the form of a coffee shop that will open this fall. The upcoming campus changes are a complement to those recently completed.

“I’m proud that through The Campaign for Hartwick Students and this borrowing initiative, we are maintaining our laser focus on enhancing the student experience, even as we adapt to their evolving needs. These projects impact every student on the Hartwick campus.”

— President Margaret L. Drugovich P’12

The work of the campus-based planning Leadership Group in 2013-14 also contributed to setting the priorities for change. This 17-member group of faculty, staff, students, and former trustees was charged with defining a sustainable vision for Hartwick College. “Their work included pointing to campus improvements that would enhance the student experience and our competitiveness,” says Drugovich.

“The entire process of creating change has been fully anchored in thoughtful, forward-looking, Board-approved, community-wide planning,” she adds.
SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT
After raising Campaign funds to improve facilities, the College was successful in closing a spring 2015 bond offering to complete additional capital projects included in the Board-approved plan. Hartwick has carried a low debt burden and operated with balanced budgets throughout Drugovich’s presidency. Such fiscal responsibility earned the College an upgrade in the credit rating advice offered to investors by Moody’s and, later, Standard & Poor’s. In fact, Moody’s fourth quarter 2011 advice to its investors cited Hartwick’s upgrade as a “notable rating change” in the face of more downgrades than upgrades among not-for-profits in most of 2011 and anticipated for 2012; downgrades that were attributed to “ongoing operating pressures and strained liquidity.”

Hartwick received another credit rating increase in anticipation of its April 2015 bond offering. Well positioned to be attractive to investors, the College’s bonds sold quickly this spring.

“Bringing Hartwick to this place has required a tremendous amount of discipline to ensure our resources were allocated in a way that served the institution’s priorities,” says the President. “This sometimes required difficult choices on how to invest our resources. The Board, the senior management team, our employees, our benefactors, and the entire College community can be rightfully proud of this progress.”

Drugovich credits “the Board of Trustees and particularly the Board Finance Committee for providing guidance and support” throughout the borrowing process.

UNDERWAY IN 2015-16 ■ ($4.89 MILLION)
New roofs for Yager, Binder, and Johnstone
Exhaust systems for art studios
Chiller and boiler for Anderson
Rebuild West Street Stairs
Renovate Miller Science Center Greenhouse
Begin refurbishing residence halls (Oyaron, Hilltop, and Van Ess)
Abate and demolish West Street and Clinton Street houses
Plan a new townhouse-style student residence hall

COMING IN 2016-17 ■ ($9.52 MILLION)
New roof for Dewar
Additional campus light poles
Air condition select residence halls
Refurbish more residence halls
Make Lab Theatre handicap accessible
Begin constructing the new student residence hall

JUST WAIT FOR 2017-18 ■ ($12.34 MILLION)
Close Hartwick Drive to traffic
Recreate Hartwick Drive as pedestrian only
Refurbish more residence halls
Air condition additional residence halls
Repave roadways and parking lots
Complete the new townhouse-style student residence hall
Hartwick’s New Trustees Named

SIX NEW TRUSTEES JOINED THE BOARD ON JULY 1, bringing a broad set of experiences and perspectives to bear. As the College’s governing body, the Board of Trustees is responsible for Hartwick’s educational mission and fiscal policies.

Keith Granet ’79 of Los Angeles, CA, is the founder of Granet & Associates, a management consulting firm for the design industry. His company’s client base is made up of architectural, interior, environmental, landscape, product development and engineering design firms. Granet is also the founder of the Designer Speakers Bureau and the co-founder of the Leaders of Design Council. He is the author of Business of Design: Balancing Creativity and Profitability (Princeton Architectural Press 2011).

Tom Johnstone of Ridgefield, CT, is the senior executive, chief risk officer for GE Capital in transportation and energy, charged to act as independent risk oversight globally for $65 billion in assets. He has also served as chief risk officer for both GE Capital Americas Loss Mitigation and Corporate Lending areas and GE Capital CFS business development – sponsor group and bank loan group. He is the son of the late John Johnstone, Jr. ’54, H’90, PM’12, former Chair of Hartwick’s Board of Trustees.

Dottie Milligan Lewis ’65, EdD, of Medford, MA, is the interim dean of international education at Utica College, overseeing services and programs for international students, faculty, and staff. A former Peace Corps volunteer in Ghana, she began her career in education at Harvard University, where she worked in various administrative roles for 21 years. An experienced Hartwick volunteer, Milligan served 10 years on the Alumni Board of Directors, including five as vice president.

Bertine McKenna, PhD, of Cooperstown, NY, recently retired from the Bassett Healthcare Network, where she had been executive vice president and chief operating officer for nearly 13 years. She was the principal strategic advisor to the president/CEO, was accountable for the overall financial and programmatic performance of the organization, and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the regional healthcare system. McKenna has more than 30 years of experience in health care leadership.

Joel Patterson ’96 of Moraga, CA, is a television executive producer. He has been a producer and writer for CBS News, MSNBC, A&E, Discovery, and the History Channel, and his work for 60 Minutes and 48 Hours garnered Emmy Award nominations and recognition. The executive producer of 300 episodes of Pawn Stars, he also created Counting Cars, which remains the History’s Channel’s highest rated unscripted series premiere. Patterson recently launched Letter 10 Productions, and is anticipating the premiere of a new series for the Science Channel.

Steve Suleski ’76, JD, of Madison, WI, is the senior vice president, chief governance officer and corporate secretary, and manager for governance, risk, and assurance for CUNA Mutual Group. He leads a staff of 50 responsible for supporting the company’s Board of Directors, its governance framework and ethics program, enterprise risk management, and internal audit and corporate compliance. A member of Hartwick’s Alumni Board of Directors since 2008, he recently assumed the position of president.
Exceptional Opportunities: Experiential Learning at Its Best

Hartwick students develop their confidence and define their direction through a myriad of on-campus experiences. Many test themselves further by taking their talents on the road or around the globe. Hartwick fosters such independence through financial assistance from dedicated supporters who literally invest in young peoples’ ambitions. Paramount among them: the Duffy Family Ambassador Scholarships, the Emerson Foundation International Internships, and the new Baker-Simpson Entrepreneurial Fellowships.

DUFFY FAMILY AMBASSADOR FUND SCHOLARS:
Duffy scholarships are designed to enable students “to expand their horizons; to see the world in unaccustomed ways; and to get to places so that they can hear new languages, eat different foods, and encounter unfamiliar people and situations,” according to trustee emeritus John Duffy H’00, P’91, P’95, who endowed the fund with his wife, Anne P’91, P’95.

In 2015-16, Lynda Birt ’16 is studying the topography of the Sagas in Iceland; Melissa Gifford ’17 is developing an understanding of women’s representation in Europe; Jessica Henderson ’16 is returning to Tanzania, after studying abroad there, to study the presence of ecologically and economically significant trees; Chrissy Jones ’15 is returning to Romania, after a J Term course there, to evaluate post-communist business transformation; and Kyle Smart ’17 is researching fungal interactions with silicate mineral surfaces at the micro-scale in the Czech Republic and Norway.

EMERSON INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP SCHOLARS:
Thanks to the gifts of many and the success of the $250,000 Emerson Foundation fundraising challenge for international internships, more students than ever are working and learning abroad this year. Hartwick students often use their Emerson funding to volunteer in underserved communities around the world.

In 2015-16, Firdavs Abdunazarov ’16 is a social entrepreneurship intern in Ghana; Tristan Davis Fralick ’17 is working in transcultural nursing in Ghana; Brandy DiJette-Pierce ’16 is doing international market research in Brazil; Margaret Elisofon ’17 is teaching English and music in Bolivia; Nick Hills ’15 is working on environmental causes in Australia; Nobel Htoo ’17 is doing a public health internship in a refugee camp in Thailand; Jamie O’Grady ’16 is working on community business development in South Africa; Allison Pinski ’17 is working in international relations in Italy; Marc Russell ’16 is doing an accounting internship at a school in Bolivia; David Styles ’15 is working in sports facility operations in the United Arab Emirates; and Kit Tregear ’16 is an equity research intern in Thailand.

BAKER-SIMPSON ENTREPRENEURIAL FELLOWS:
Five enterprising students spent the summer learning on the job in New York City or San Francisco. These budding entrepreneurs worked alongside the leaders of start-up companies and contributed to every aspect of the enterprise. Entrepreneur Simon Baker ’93 developed the fellowship program with Hartwick Professor Penny Wightman and funded it in collaboration with his business associate, the late Barclay Simpson.

Firdavs Abdunazarov ’16 spent the summer at Rothenberg Ventures, a millennial venture capital firm [rothenbergventures.com]; Cosima Compton ’16 worked with Lisa Christensen Mayer ’05 at MySocialCanvas, her social enterprise and fashion brand [mysocialcanvas.com]; Sawyer MacDonald ’15 spent his fellowship at GearLaunch, an ecommerce back office solution [gearlaunch.com]; Amanda Robinson ’16 spent the summer at Passavant and Lee, a handcrafted accessories company [passavantandlee.com]; and Brittany Tait ’16 worked with Simon Baker ’93 at BakerAvenue, his asset management company [bakerave.com].

WEBExtra: www.hartwick.edu/campaign/news

Read more about the success of the EMERSON CHALLENGE fundraising in the May IMPACT newsletter. Read more about what inspired SIMON BAKER ’93 in the October IMPACT newsletter.
Recognition for Scholar-Practitioners

The Board of Trustees has approved tenure for four members of the faculty. With this recognition comes promotion to the rank of associate professor: Zsuzsanna Balogh-Brunstad, chemistry and geology & environmental science; Amy Forster Rothbart, political science; Cecelia Walsh-Russo, sociology; and Justin Wellman, psychology. Promotions are effective with the start of the fall semester, but their achievements were recognized at a spring reception in the Shineman Celebration Room.

Associate Professor of Chemistry and Geology & Environmental Sciences Zsuzsanna Balogh-Brunstad, PhD received the Teacher-Scholar Award for her intellectual leadership in the campus community. She frequently engages students in her research, publications, and presentations.

Professor of History Edythe Quinn, PhD was honored with the Margaret Brigham Bunn Award at Commencement. The award recognizes an individual judged by students who graduated five years earlier to have been the most outstanding faculty member with whom they studied.

The Winifred D. Wandersee Scholar-In-Residence Award was given to Professor of History Mieko Nishida, PhD and Associate Professor of Philosophy and Coordinator of the Peace and Conflict Studies Program J. Jeremy Winsnewski, PhD.

Sessions Awarded a Fulbright

Hartwick College Professor of Biology Stan Sessions, PhD, P’14 has been awarded a Teaching/Research Fulbright Grant to research the evolutionary cytogenetics and developmental biology of the European Blind Cave Salamander, also known as the Olm or Proteus anguinus.

The grant will take him to Slovenia during the upcoming academic year to work at the University of Ljubljana. There, he says, he will follow in the footsteps of Dr. James Kezer, who visited what was then Yugoslavia in 1956 to study Proteus cytogenetics. Kezer was Sessions’ mentor when he was an undergraduate at the University of Oregon. The Fulbright grant builds on preliminary work supported by two Faculty Research grants to Sessions from Hartwick College.

Rites of Passage in an Academic Career: Tenure, Promotion, and Retirement

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Four members of this academic community have retired after committing a total of 138 years to generations of Hartwick College students. All were awarded the honor of promotion to professor emerita or emeritus status because of their exceptional service to the College. The retirees are: Penny Boyer, professor of nursing; Ron Brzenk, professor of mathematics; Stan Konecky, professor of philosophy; and Mireille Vandenheuvel, professor of Spanish.
SUCCESS TIMES TWO!

The Dieck Challenge brought in $11,105 and pushed the Binder Center campaign objective over the top. Many thanks to the parents who responded to the call from Eugenie Dieck P'15 and David Dieck P'15, who pledged to match up to $5,000 in gifts from parents of athletes.

In a surprise move, Ray Miller, Jr. ’73 asked to join the challenge. His gift made the difference in the successful conclusion of the Binder Physical Education Center objective in The Campaign for Hartwick Students.

Construction is being completed this summer on dedicated team rooms and locker rooms. Hartwick’s scholar-athletes will soon be enjoying larger lockers; more open space; new showers and bathrooms; and new flooring, seating, and ventilation. These improvements follow renovations of the Elting Fitness Center and pool-area changes that resulted in the naming of The Sally Griffiths Herbert ’88 Aquatic Center.

Construction is well underway on renovations to the Anna Meyer Team Room in the Binder Center. Kristin Hall’00 led the successful fundraising campaign to honor Hartwick’s longtime field hockey coach. (True Blue Weekend 2015 will include a celebration of the 50th anniversary of field hockey at Hartwick.)

IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS

For information, contact Vice President for Advancement Gregg Fort at 607-431-4026 or fortg@hartwick.edu.

New Trustee and leading design business consultant Keith Granet ’79 was the featured speaker at a Celebration of the Arts event in New York City in May. Alumni, parents, and friends gathered in support of The Anderson Center for the Arts objective in The Campaign for Hartwick Students.
The College took a new approach to year-end giving and the Hartwick Community responded.

On April 15, Hartwick launched an initiative to bring in 630 new gifts to the Hartwick Fund by 6/30/15. A multimedia campaign that included mail, email, telephone, and social media outreach netted 679 new gifts to the Hartwick Fund totaling $482,177! Gifts from alumni across the decades came in through the mail, website, Facebook, and Twitter.

Thanks to the many generous donors who made gifts throughout the year, Hartwick closed its fiscal year of giving just ahead of the $1.8 million goal.

AN INVESTMENT IN HARTWICK’S FUTURE

Generous individuals with foresight are helping to ensure the strength of Hartwick College well into the future. The Abraham L. Kellogg Society recognizes those individuals who have indicated in writing that they have provided for Hartwick College through bequests, trusts, or other life-income gifts. Trustee Emeritus Bill Davis '49 is the Society chair.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR HARTWICK STUDENTS:

Bequest Commitments (to date)  
$4.82 million

Realized Bequests (as of June 30, 2015)  
$2.96 million

Hartwick supporters most often designate their planned gifts to endowed scholarships, J Term scholarships, and unrestricted support.

For information, please contact Director of Planned Giving Pat Dopazo at 607-431-4020 or dopazop@hartwick.edu.
THE PRACTICE OF CRITICAL THINKING

Leading real estate entrepreneur — and political science major — Stephen Green ’59, PM’05, H’15 established the Stephen L. Green ’59 American Governance Award in 2010 to encourage Hartwick students to think deeply about issues that impact this country and the function of democracy. He endowed the award in 2012 as part of The Campaign.

Cash prizes are presented to students submitting the top research essays on a current public policy issue. This year’s problem statement:

There is bipartisan consensus that our national government is dysfunctional, gridlocked, and that our democracy is broken. What are your three best ideas for how to fix our democracy so that the government works better and to make this, in the words of the U.S. Constitution, “a more perfect union”?

Students in all majors were invited to submit proposals. Faculty chose 18 to develop their ideas and those students accompanied Political Science Chair (and project advisor) Laurel Elder to New York City to meet with Green. Ultimately, he and his brother, author and former New York City Public Advocate Mark Green, reviewed the top submissions and chose the winners.


A SCHOLARSHIP IS PERSONAL

The annual Partners in Scholarship luncheon gives generous donors and grateful students an opportunity to become acquainted or strengthen their connection. Alumni, parents, and friends experience first-hand the difference they are making in the lives of talented and thoughtful young people while the students become inspired to make philanthropy a part of their future lives.

NEWLY-ENDEWED SCHOLARSHIPS

The John Clemens Scholarship for Study in Business: endowed by Hartwick alumni and the family and friends of Professor Emeritus John Clemens
The Roger and June Gareau Scholarship: endowed by their son, Brian Gareau ’80, and Patricia Gareau
The Karim Karoui P’15 Endowed J Term Scholarship: endowed by Karim Karoui P’15
The Evelyn Moore ’83 Emerson Internship Scholarship: endowed by Evelyn Milne Moore ’83
The Douglas S. Rivenburgh ’89 Endowed J Term Scholarship: endowed by Doug Rivenburgh ’89
The Rural County Scholarship: endowed by Lisa Schulmeister Karlin ’78

“It is tempting to take credit for the things I have accomplished in my college career thus far, but the truth is, I did not get to be where I am today without help, without the scholarships I have received.

“Like many students here at Hartwick, my family is of a modest financial background, and without the aid of these scholarships, I would not be standing here today. I am not simply the recipient of a Legacy Scholarship; I am part of a legacy of scholarships.

“Your generosity has made my story, and that of my parents before me, possible, and that is a gift for which I could not begin to thank you enough. I am deeply honored.”

JENNY MCINERNEY ’17
History and English double major, Education program, Honors Program

Left: Kayce Savoie ’17 benefits from the Guiseley Family Scholarship endowed by Ken Guiseley ’55, P’80 and Beth Guiseley ’56, P’80. Right: President Margaret L. Drugovich P’12 presents Trustee Doug Rivenburgh ’89 with his Partners in Scholarship pin in honor of the fund he established for J Term study abroad.
The 8th Annual Student Showcase:

Some of Hartwick’s rising stars had a chance to shine at the annual Student Showcase in May. In presentations, poster displays, panel discussions, classroom sessions, performances, readings, table talks, exhibitions, and demonstrations, 219 students shared their best work on more than 200 major projects. The day-long event was a clear demonstration of the transformative power of Hartwick’s way of melding a liberal arts education with experiential learning.

One highlight of this annual event is always the presentation of Freedman Prizes for student-faculty collaborative learning, underwritten by Hartwick friends Judy Brick Freedman H’13 and Allen Freedman H’00. Recognition rewards unusual initiative in three academic consortia: natural sciences, cognitive sciences, and theatre arts.

In an example of advanced and applied interdisciplinary study, three students worked with Education Professor Mark Davies on “Methods for Institutional Food Waste Management.” Lianna Aharon ’18, Alycia Nicholson ’18, and Kelly Sprague ’17 assessed Hartwick’s handling of food waste and analyzed the most beneficial method of recycling it in terms of energy, the environment, and the College’s economy.
TRANSFORMATIVE POWER
And the Winner is . . .


The newest John Christopher Hartwick Scholars share one standout opportunity from their rich Hartwick experience to date.

Chemistry Professors John Dudek and Andy Piefer congratulate Calvin Yeager ’16.

“I had the opportunity to do summer research with Professor John Dudek that led to an oral presentation at a national conference. I was one of only two students to present. It was an incredible experience that I know will be a real stepping stone. It makes me look very good for graduate schools!”

CALVIN YEAGER ’16
Biochemistry major
Presented “Determining EA of a Series of Spectroscopic Imines” at the 2015 American Chemical Society National Conference Honors Program Executive Board

Tiffany Metty ’16 and her dad, Phil, share the good news with her mom, Monica.

“The community-based service learning (CBSL) component of two classes I took with Dr. Kate O’Donnell showed me a different kind of partnership. The experience was more than an internship. When you work as a community partner, you bring skills to the organization. Even though I was a student, I was autonomous. Right away I was doing my own research.”

TIFFANY METTY ’16
Sociology and German double major
Women & Gender Studies and Writing double minor
Co-founder and vice president of the Fair Trade Club
Two professional internships
“Working as a volunteer tutor at Job Corps, I saw for myself the differences that can exist in education systems. I tried to connect these high school students’ education to their lives. In many ways we’re the same and we can learn from each other. As a future educator, it was a very eye opening experience. It influenced how I want to teach; who I want to be as a teacher.”

MACKENZIE STAHLER ’16
Psychology major; Education program
Transfer student
Honors Program
Education mini-practicum: Springbrook Kids Unlimited preschool intern

“I was young coming to college, so at first I felt like a visiting high school student. A J Term course in London with Theatre Professor Marc Shaw was a turning point. After that I felt like a real Hartwick student and I made the most of it. I jumped in and became a Peer Leader, acted in a musical, and founded an organization to help other Three-Year Degree students. I knew I had found lifelong friends and a community in which I could really be the best I could be.”

COSIMA COMPTON ’16
Business Administration major
Three-Year Degree Program
Honors Program Executive Board
Two professional internships

“My Hartwick professors helped me get the opportunity to do a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates at the University of Michigan. I worked in a lab that’s trying to develop drugs to cure malaria. It was advanced research that let me see what it will be like when I’m in graduate school for a PhD in chemistry.”

MEGAN VAN DER HORST ’16
Chemistry and Mathematics double major
Five major research projects with Hartwick faculty
President of the Chemistry Club
On a cool spring morning under sunny skies, more than 300 members of the Class of 2015 processed into a gala tent on Elmore Field as college students and recessed as Hartwick’s newest alumni. That one day capped three or four years of hard work and extraordinary experiences and concluded a week of celebrations that included the emotional Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony and Baccalaureate. As in years past, proud family and friends came from near and far to celebrate both the achievements and the ambitions of Hartwick’s finest.
The largest group among Hartwick’s graduates is the only one to mark the completion of their undergraduate experience with two formal events. Held the day before Commencement, the Pinning Ceremony is a longstanding Hartwick tradition welcoming the new graduates into the nursing profession. For the first time this year, each graduate also donned a white coat to symbolize her or his transition from the study to the practice of clinical nursing.

Pictured. A tight-knit cohort in a very demanding academic program, Hartwick’s nursing graduates display a broad range of emotions at their Pinning Ceremony.
The top 10 majors among the 303 certified graduates: nursing (50); business administration (46); biology (29); psychology (28); sociology (24); English (14); political science (11); and anthropology, biochemistry, and economics (10 each).

In 2008, when President Margaret L. Drugovich P’12 presided over her first Hartwick graduation, 20 percent of seniors earned Bachelor of Science degrees. Just seven years later, that figure has more than doubled. Regardless of their choice of major, all Hartwick students benefit from the perspective that comes from studying in the context of the liberal arts.

Hartwick’s newest alumni include 28 Three-Year Degree Program graduates from as close as Sydney, NY, and as far away as Vietnam, Nepal, the United Arab Emirates, and Costa Rica. Psychology was the number one major among these ambitious students, closely followed by nursing and business administration.

This cohort demonstrated that, at Hartwick, three-year degree students can and do have full college experiences. They were involved in athletics, went on J Term courses overseas, served as RAs and TAs, did professional internships and MetroLink shadow experiences, and joined many clubs and student organizations.

“Some days were extremely busy, but by and large, I always had time to do what I wanted to do,” says Cody DeBernardis ’15, a double major in economics and business administration who was also on the cross country team, in a fraternity, and was an RA. “I definitely got everything I expected from college.”
Since 1797 those who have wanted to learn have come together with those who were prepared to teach, under the name of Hartwick, in the same tradition that brings us together today.

Over these years thousands of students from across the world have found, at Hartwick, the inspiration that fuels their curiosity, inspires their creativity, and arouses their passion for learning.

— PRESIDENT MARGARET L. DRUGOVICH P’12
Opening the 84th commencement exercises of Hartwick College
Commencement speaker and prominent New York City entrepreneur Stephen Green ’59, PM’05, H’15 was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Opportunity comes in many forms and with many different disguises. The most difficult thing is to recognize its appearance. There will be no formal announcement. No bell will go off. Your own antenna must be sensitive to it.

— STEPHEN GREEN ’59, PM’05, H’15
Commencement address to the Class of 2015

Above: Trustee Emerita Joyce Chesebro Buckingham H’15 received an honorary doctor of letters degree in recognition of her service to the College and her community.

Left: Music Chair Diane Paige presents singer Marni Nixon H’15 to President Drugovich P’12 for an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.
WHAT’S NEXT
For the Class of 2015?

Internships, research, and presentation experience add up to opportunities for Hartwick’s latest graduates.

Basketball captain MATT PETRUCCIONE is working in Boston for the technology company VMTurbo. He graduated with a major in business administration and a double minor in economics and political science. His Hartwick experience included an internship with the cloud-based business application company HOSTING of Denver, CO.

NIGEL RAMBHUN is at Carnegie Mellon University pursuing a dual master’s degree in materials science engineering and engineering technology innovation management. His Student Showcase presentation addressed “Ion-Selective Redox Chemistry of a Rhenium(I) Complex Using Cyclic Voltammetry.”

DANIELLE WEAVER was awarded a rare eight-week internship at the Stagecraft Institute of Las Vegas to learn cutting-edge design and technology for live theatre. The president of Cardboard Alley Players, she won a national award for set design at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival for her work on The Caucasian Chalk Circle at Hartwick.

Geology and environmental chemistry double major (and accomplished viola player) KEITH O’CONNOR is pursuing a PhD in environmental chemistry at the University of Notre Dame. One of three Hartwick students to present at the National American Chemical Society Conference, his presentation was titled, “Sediment and Water Analysis of a Glacially Formed Lake.”

SHANNON MCKELVEY is working as a surgical / neuroscience ICU nurse at Albany Medical Center, where she had completed her senior practicum and an externship as a patient care assistant. Her senior thesis (and Student Showcase presentation) addressed “Effects of Educational Preparation on Moral Distress in the ICU Setting.”
You must pursue a career that fits your best qualities. That means knowing and accepting your own strengths and weaknesses. Look at yourself honestly. Understand your passions, your skills, your temperament and, most important, your limitations.

STEPHEN GREEN ’59, PM’05, H’15
Entrepreneur
Founder / chairman of SL Green Realty Corp., equity value of more than $23 billion
Ginny Elwell ’77
INVESTS WITH CONFIDENCE

The world changes so fast, the best thing I can give Hartwick is flexibility.

For Ginny Elwell ’77, philanthropy and volunteerism operate in concert. “If you’re going to be a good advocate, you have to demonstrate that you’ll invest your time, which is extremely valuable, and your money,” she explains. “The corollary question is, how can you be an effective advocate if you haven’t invested first?”
Her approach to philanthropy is equally straightforward. “Money is only worth what you do with it; it’s not a score card,” she says. “Hartwick is my number one and I like to let it show.” She has — through 38 years of consecutive giving to her alma mater and uninterrupted volunteer service.

Elwell keeps an open mind in supporting Hartwick initiatives. Last year, this international relations (ISP) major designated one gift to the Emerson Challenge for international internships and another to the Hartwick Fund. Regarding the latter, she says, “I have great confidence in making unrestricted gifts to Hartwick for purposes that the College leadership decides are most important. The world changes so fast, the best thing I can give Hartwick is flexibility.”

Another favorite designation of her philanthropy: the Dr. James J. Elting H’13 Memorial Scholarship. The former chair of Hartwick’s Board of Trustees had become a great friend. “One of the best surprises of being a trustee is getting to know the people around the Board table,” Elwell reflects. “Very wise people I wouldn’t have known otherwise; people like Jim.

“As a Board, we get into some important debates about extremely complex issues and we don’t always agree,” she adds. “The responsibility is huge, but you know you’re really shaping the future. Being a trustee is not only an honor, it is also the most rewarding volunteer experience I’ve ever had. It doesn’t get better than this.”

Calling her relationship with Hartwick “a continuous connection; an unbroken chain,” she ticks off her volunteer roles: class agent… admissions volunteer… alumni board member… College trustee. “There’s never been a break,” she says, “and I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

Elwell learned early how to lead a life of service. “Being a volunteer runs in our family veins,” she says, noting her parents were leaders in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts despite having only daughters (her sister is Laurie Elwell ’75). “Our parents gave their time and money; it was always intertwined,” she explains. Outstanding mentors at Hartwick set further examples; professors who went beyond the job to form what she calls “my cheerleading squad of supporters.” Chief among them, Dr. Bryant Cureton, who was her principal advisor and a professor of political science before becoming dean and then provost of Hartwick College and president of Elmhurst College in Illinois. “I had a crowd around me that said: ‘You can make things happen.’” She has.

After earning an MBA in multinational business and marketing from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Elwell embarked on a 20-year career in corporate sales in the high-tech industry. She remembers “working for nimble companies, including two start-ups, and selling to large, conservative companies in the New York City area; that’s where you prove yourself.”

When the high-tech bubble burst, Elwell proved she, too, was nimble. She jump-started a new career in non-profit management, becoming a development officer for the National Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian Institution, where “my background in international relations taught me a lot about working with sovereign nations.” She advanced to become director of development for the museum before taking on her current role as executive director of development for arts and sciences at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, VA.

“Basically I reinvented myself in 2001 and turned my night job into my day job,” Elwell recalls, referring to her service on non-profit boards throughout her corporate career. “I have not led a linear life. The ziggs and zags teach us a lot. That’s the challenge, and the fun.”

To talk about what you can do for Hartwick students, contact Gregg Fort, vice president for college advancement, at fortg@hartwick.edu or 607-431-4026.
Optimistic, excited, and open minded, Hartwick graduates are tapping into the explosive field of technology. Some see it as a tool; others recognize it as a mainstay; all regard it as invaluable.

“Technology is changing everyone’s life in a fundamental way,” says Rory Read ’83, P’09, who is advancing the industry as COO and president of worldwide commercial sales at Dell. “It’s changing how we live, think, and conduct business.”

Jim Bartel ’90 can attest to that. “I never could have predicted this,” he says of his manufacturing career that has evolved into the burgeoning field of 3D printing. With more change bringing greater efficiency and increased profits, he notes, “the potential is unbelievable.”

The opportunities do appear limitless. Robert Occhialini ’92 leads a team at NBA Digital in “a really interesting segment in the evolution of technology.” Yet the challenges of change can be daunting. Journalist and editor Bill Mickey ’90 says, “We’ve had to reorient ourselves around a digital mindset.” Never has the demand for flexibility been greater.

Hartwick graduates are using their liberal arts education in ways they never could have imagined. Allison Sulock ’04 calls it “applicable knowledge” in her highly technical work of theatrical lighting and design. Critical thinking skills are proving invaluable. Kojo Kyei-Baffour ’07 is making a career of problem solving while Elena Sapozhnikova ’97 works toward increased productivity across disciplines.

Combining their broad-based knowledge with advances in technology, Hartwick alumni are well prepared to anticipate challenges and affect outcomes. Scientists Erin Bell ’91, PhD; Chris Belnap ’03, PhD; Patrick Hanley ’06, PhD; and Helena Khazdozian ’10 are using technology to make progress in epidemiology, food safety, cancer and virus treatment, and wind energy, respectively. Bell notes, “Technology is a fundamental component of all of our work.” And Belnap says, “Now we have the tools to understand the potential.”
CONVERGENCE

“Technology nets the world together. The convergence of technology and industry of all sorts has been going on as long as there has been industry. Today it’s the cloud and the Internet of Things netting every part of life together … changing how we live, think, and conduct business. This is not new and we have seen it many times throughout history … examples like the printing press, the telephone, the highway system, the internet, and now mobility. Each time, a technology convergence fundamentally restructures life, society, and business in profound ways through the flow of information and the connection of people. This was the basis of my choice of study in information science at Hartwick College in 1983 right around the birth of the personal computer.

“New technology emerges in pockets of early adoption, then it accelerates and becomes the basis for each next convergence event. We’re seeing a convergence right now based on the cloud and the miniaturization/modularity of technology. Every component of life and business is now being interconnected into a set of data points and that’s creating the next major wave of innovation. The amount of data now being generated and analyzed is leading to huge advances across all parts of society, business, medicine, and government.

“We need to focus on spotting each next wave of technology convergence, as it will create huge new opportunities. The winners and losers are reset in these times of major change. You should create an open-minded business environment around looking, listening, and learning. Make your company a learning entity to adapt and capture emerging trends.

“I have been very fortunate to work in some really great companies. IBM is one of the planet’s best-known firms, and it has fundamentally changed its business several times around major convergence events. Lenovo and its Chinese leadership saw 10 years as short term and we strategically drove that company to become a global technology leader. Advanced Micro Devices saw dramatic changes in personal computing and moved to capture new graphics and compute opportunities in gaming and servers. And Dell, which built a $60 billion innovative business around the client-server convergence, went private to create the strategic business horizon to capture the next convergence underway.

“This is the cloud era and the Internet of Things — and it’s creating a new set of possibilities. It’s the next evolution and I’m more optimistic about the future than ever. Anything seems possible. This is why I feel so strongly about an applied liberal arts education. It is the foundation to keep learning, leveraging a diverse set of experiences, and building our knowledge to keep growing. Remember, life is always in front of you whether you are 15, 50, or 85 years old.”

RORY READ ’83, P’09
COO and President of Worldwide Commercial Sales at Dell
Formerly President and CEO of Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD); President and COO of Lenovo Group, Ltd.; and Managing Partner, Business Consulting Services at IBM
Austin, TX
Information Science major
“I call epidemiology the perfect example of the liberal arts. It’s a very collaborative field that requires the understanding of how biological, social, and environmental factors contribute to the health of a population. In my work, I study environmental exposures and the impact they may have on health, in particular birth defects and child development.

“We use technology as a tool in large, population-based research studies. We use it to gather data, to manage large data sets, and to conduct statistical analyses. Technology helps us to characterize exposures to populations and how these exposures may impact our health. For example, the use of GIS [Geographic Information System] mapping techniques to estimate exposures to location-based contaminants and extreme weather conditions or improved laboratory techniques to measure contaminants in a small amount of blood.

“Epigenetics is a new and exciting area in science and public health that requires new techniques in the lab and in the design of epidemiology studies. We are learning that some exposures may have an impact by altering the function of the genes (e.g. whether or not they ‘turn on or off’) without changing the gene sequence itself. Since epigenetic changes are a normal component of human development, the scientific community is trying to understand whether some of these changes are influenced by our environmental exposures and therefore influence our risk for disease.

“Technology is a fundamental component of all of our work. It is constantly changing and improving our ability to understand how social, environmental, and biological systems may interact to impact our health and how we may improve the population’s health as a result of our work.”

ERIN BELL ’91, PHD
Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Environmental Health Sciences
University at Albany, School of Public Health, State University of New York
Co-Principal Investigator of the Upstate KIDS study, a collaborative study of children born in New York State, funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
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Biology major, Mathematics minor
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TARGETING CANCER

PATRICK HANLEY ’06, PHD
Director of Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Immunotherapy,
Children’s Research Institute
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Washington, DC
Biology and Chemistry double major
PhD in Immunology, Baylor College of Medicine Center for Cell and Gene Therapy, TX

“We manufacture immune cells for patients with viral infections or cancer and we do it in a controlled environment so we do not contaminate the cells and to ensure safety. We follow federal laws and regulations established by the FDA. The intent is to create a safe product with the best chance of working for the patient.

“Technology comes in our ability to manipulate cells. Without it we’d be back 30 years ago blasting cancer patients with chemotherapy. Now we can target the disease or infection with cells that recognize a protein. It’s personalized, specific technology. And it’s not only for cancer; it’s also for viruses and for any patient who doesn’t have a functioning immune system.

“CAR T-cell therapy has been in the news a lot. We literally target the cancer using the patient’s own genetically-enhanced cells. Studies from other groups are being done with worst-case patients, and with an overall response rate of 90+, the results look promising.

“The next phase will be to make these protocols the standard of care. There are only about five of these cell therapy programs in the country, including ours; no one else has the grant funding or expertise. The work is very expensive, so the next advances might require investments from pharmaceutical companies.

“It’s exciting to be in this field right now. I have a lot of work ahead of me.”

A GLOBAL ISSUE

CHRIS BELNAP ’03, PHD
Research Scientist
Project lead in charge of microbial product development
Taxon Bioscience, which was recently acquired by DuPont
San Francisco, CA
Biology and Geology double major; John Christopher Hartwick Scholar
PhD in Microbiology, University of California Berkeley

“As a scientist, my entire field is technology. We’re constantly asking questions, designing new assays to tell us what microbes are doing. We use new sequencing techniques and new cultivation methods to find microbes that enhance the growth of agricultural crops. It’s cross-disciplinary work, especially with botany.

“The big breakthrough will come in the reduction of chemical pesticides in favor of new, bacterial treatments for plants. We’ll add microbes to plants to carry out the same function as pesticides. The aim is to make the food supply cleaner. It’s very much a global issue.

“The technology and the industry surrounding microbes have exploded in the last five years. I had no idea that what I was studying at Hartwick would be relevant to the world. Now we have the tools to understand the potential.”
“The public understands the term 3D printing, but in the industry it’s additive manufacturing (AM).

“Historically — meaning 20 years ago — 3D printing was for prototyping ideas and that was very exciting. Now the techniques and materials are going far beyond. Our company is pushing boundaries in the automotive, aerospace, medical, and energy industries and more.

“The technology is truly changing manufacturing and that’s changing processes and altering entire industries. 3D printing allows you to shorten the product development cycle. You get immediate feedback from customers and have the flexibility to respond and make changes before your company makes major investments.

“This technology applies to almost any vertical market and now it’s viable for large-scale projects. Aerospace is really embracing AM — they always want everything to be lighter and more efficient. We could build an aircraft carrier in AM if someone wanted to pay for it. Our company made the entire outside of the Urbee car in 10 to 15 parts bonded together. The medical field also has huge potential, including bioprinting using human cells. By 3D printing prosthetic limbs for children, we’re transforming lives.

“Additive manufacturing was a $3 billion industry in 2014 and in the next five to 10 years it’s expected to be as much as $20 billion. The manufacturing industry as a whole is huge globally, so the potential is unbelievable. I’ve been involved in product development for 20 years and I never could have predicted this.”

JIM BARTEL ’90
Senior Vice President of Strategy, Marketing, and Business Development
Stratasys Direct Manufacturing
Eden Prairie, MN
Economics and Management double major
MBA in Marketing, University of Saint Thomas, MN

“You have the world in your pocket in your handheld device. Smart phones are smarter now, therefore people are smarter because the information is right there; it’s available all the time.

“Not only are we dependent on technology, it’s also making people more productive. You achieve more when you are connected and that’s quite fulfilling.

“There’s a high demand for information to be available very fast and for equipment to be very light. Faster internet around the world is going to be critical in the future.”

ELENA SAPOZHNIKOVA ’97
Engineering Team Lead at Oracle Sales Cloud
San Francisco, CA
Formerly with three technology start-ups in Boston
Wanted to work for Oracle ("The database company") when she was a Hartwick student
Computer Science major
AUTOMATION

“This is a behind-the-scenes industry; we make things work at most manufacturing plants where automation is key for production. I do problem solving with customers, determining which sensor technology is best for them and why.

“The safety aspect of automation in manufacturing is very important, especially when workers are alongside machines and robots. Our safety laser scanner emits a planar laser beam – human presence detected in the protective range of the scanner during machine operation causes the machine to stop, avoiding injury. The light curtain is another protective device that keeps workers out of harm’s way. With the 3-D vision system, we can, very accurately, scan random parts in a bin or on a conveyor and send the information to a robot to grab the right one. That’s easy for a human, but not for a robot. This is helpful in picking very heavy parts that cannot be done easily by humans.

“Soon a lot more robotic applications will be safe enough to be out in the open. We should see a lot of robotic breakthroughs on different levels, like self-driving vehicles. Automated/self-guided vehicles already exist and are largely used indoors now in manufacturing plants. The outdoor challenges of changing light and other unstructured conditions make it difficult to achieve what we can indoors. How can sensors integrate random factors? That is the ultimate solution being sought.”

RENEWABLE ENERGY

“Direct drive wind turbines are currently not used much in the US because of the large size, weight, and dependence on imported materials. Such technology presents one solution to gearbox failure, which is important because that is arguably the biggest challenge in the wind industry. My research focuses on the wind turbine generator, which converts mechanical energy into electricity; I focus on reducing the size and weight of permanent magnet generators by investigating the magnetics. I also research how we can use different materials in the permanent magnet, materials more readily available in the US.

“Wind energy is on track to offset some of our fossil fuel dependency and it is currently generating far more energy than solar in the US. Wind doesn’t use water and doesn’t emit any harmful emissions. It is an important part of our energy future. The Department of Energy has stated a goal of the US achieving 20% of its energy from wind by 2030; we’re on track to reach that goal.

“We need the support of the public and the investment of the government to be successful. The wind industry needs to start a better dialog and the government needs to play a role. With public and government support, we have the choice to make renewable energy our standard and to become a world leader.”
There’s relentless change in technology and it’s not slowing down. If anything, it’s speeding up. The fact is, no matter what’s happening on a Monday, I know the world’s going to be different on Friday.

Looking at emergent technology, it’s really hard to predict what’s next just because the pace of change is so high. I’m very excited about Virtual Reality – it presents opportunities for immersive media that don’t exist now — and Augmented Reality, like Hololens from Microsoft. Both are pretty far away from mass media adoption.

Streaming Media is a really interesting segment at this point in the evolution of technology. The migration to digital viewing is just exploding. In 2008-09 we built our first NBA League Pass Web player, and now we’re streaming on 16 platforms. I run the products side of the team that builds and runs the NBA Game Time app for phones, tablets, game consoles, and connected TVs. We’re targeting a market of convenience, as well as the market of ‘cord cutters.’

The design and development of digital products is a manifestation of the liberal arts. The work is dependent on prerequisite knowledge across multiple subject matters. We mix the humanities and science together to make internet things work. That’s technology in 2015.

ALLISON SULOCK ’04
Theatrical professional specializing in lighting design, programming, production/stage management, and music
Just signed on as events manager and product specialist with TMB Entertainment, Los Angeles, CA
Freelance rock concert “roadie” for five years, including lighting for the latest world tours of Paul McCartney and Beyoncé
Theatre Arts, Music Education, and Music triple major

“Lighting design is at the confluence of art and technology. I started doing it at Hartwick, then in town at Orpheus Theatre. When I was a student I wanted to learn more about intelligent lighting.

When I’m designing, I’m also programming. It keeps my left and right brain in nice balance. I know what I want to see in a project, but you don’t always get unlimited resources. You need to know what technology is available to make the design work; the lighting console or media server make a difference in what I can do.

Knowing music and how it will feel is important. I also need to know enough about the overall production to imagine how my part should look. For example, as video programmer for Disney on Ice Presents: Frozen, I officially only had a technical role, but still needed to utilize my artistic mind in order to create the proper environment. I enjoy helping a design come to life.

There are so many new developments in this industry — 3D projection mapping on irregularly shaped objects, 4k video, the Hippotizer server used in rock concerts and award shows, and interactive technology that’s becoming big in trade shows. Technology is always changing, so it’s impossible to know every piece of it. You need applicable knowledge to build on. I got that at Hartwick.”
“The internet’s impact on traditional or legacy publishing has been huge. We’ve had to reorient ourselves around a digital mindset. Publishers are now organized around a multi-platform portfolio that includes print, digital, live events, mobile, video, and many other kinds of products.

“Lately, technology’s biggest influence has been on data collection and management. If you follow the money, advertisers are much more interested in digital marketing because it’s easier to target specific audience segments, track results, and measure ROI.

“The marketing community is focused on digital methods and that requires data on customers and audiences. This has impacted every facet of publishing, including content. By measuring which stories are being read, how long people stay on a page, and where they go from there, publishers can tell which content resonates with readers. The data informs the business side and guides decisions on opportunities to match advertisers to content. The more they know about the readers, the better they are able to sell their product.

“Data really is the next big thing and we’re just at the beginning. Publications have always been subscription oriented. They’re already specialists at targeting audience niches. But digital data collection has driven publishers to step up their game. It’s required a whole new infrastructure: email systems, fulfillment systems, and website traffic measurement — all of these need to feed into a single, unified data structure.

“In most cases, print is not going away anytime soon in the magazine industry. We’re not in a panic mode with everyone looking for an exit. Publishers still are launching print products, they’re just being more strategic about it. The runway to profitability needs to be a lot shorter than it used to be. Print is still the largest revenue stream for most publishers, but they’re trying to diversify. Digital video, for example, is an opportunity many of the bigger publishers are pursuing, driven largely by the explosion in mobile technology.”

BILL MICKEY ’90
Editorial Director of Folio: media company, part of Access Intelligence
A veteran journalist and editor who has been covering the industry “during an era of profound change.”
New York City
English major

ROBERT OCCHIALINI ’92
Vice President, Products at NBA Digital, Turner Sports — a joint venture of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. and the National Basketball Association
A “pioneer blogger” in the early 1990s, he wrote about what was happening with the emerging web technology.
English major
At the broadest level, people are interested in their history. More than 450,000 people have purchased National Geographic’s Genographic Project DNA Public Participation Kit to learn about their personal genetic past. But the human past is and always will be a difficult subject to know well. Photographs and letters take us back only so far before we enter the less personal province of town names, ship passenger lists, and military pension lists. Beyond that, we slip into the almost-anonymous past and have to depend on the silent potsherds, tools, graves, and monuments studied by archaeologists.

Getting from the potsherd to the person who made it has always been a challenge for archaeologists. Countless academic books and papers have advanced competing theories on how to uncover the individual people who created the long-term processes of economic and cultural change that we can see pretty well archaeologically. But ancient human DNA is opening a new window on the lives of individuals — their eye color, skin and hair color, possible stature, tolerance of lactase (an adaptation to dairying), and other traits impossible to recover with a shovel. Ancient DNA taken from a cemetery full of people can reveal each individual’s family, the geographic region from which that family came, and which people in the cemetery were immigrants from a different gene pool. We can now track ancient migrations with an exactness unthinkable 10 years ago.

Each human genome is a library of the intertwined genetic histories of thousands of ancestors, and even distant ancestors can be sniffed out using powerful mathematical models. This permits us to determine where geographic populations like ‘the English’ or ‘the Greeks’ actually came from, to identify the ancient populations that contributed to their genetic ancestry, to reveal how modern populations are internally structured into genetic sub-groups, and to describe how they got that structure.
My spouse-collaborator Dorcas Brown and I were among the co-authors of a June 11, 2015, article in Nature that represents an early volley in the coming revolution. It was met with a flurry of headlines (www.nytimes.com/2015/06/16/science/dna-deciphers-roots-of-modern-europeans.html).

Our team was led by David Reich at the Laboratory of Medical and Population Genetics at Harvard Medical School. By comparing the DNA of 69 prehistoric people who lived in various eras in places scattered across Europe, we discovered that a massive migration of wagon-dwelling nomads happened about 5,000-4,500 years ago, moving from the Russian steppes into the agricultural heartland of central and western Europe. It introduced into Europe the genetic ‘recipe’ or combination of traits that remains typical of Europeans (and Euro-Americans) today. Nothing since that event 5,000 years ago has had an equal impact on the genetic makeup of Europeans. The same migration also probably introduced the languages that later evolved into Greek, Latin, Celtic, German, English, and most of the other languages of modern Europe, all members of what is known as the Indo-European language family. I suggested that the Indo-European languages probably came from the Russian and Ukrainian steppes in my 2007 book, The Horse, the Wheel, and Language: How Bronze Age riders from the Eurasian steppes shaped the modern world (Princeton Press). But in 2007 I couldn’t prove that changes in funeral customs, pottery, and weapon styles indicated that people migrated from the steppes into Europe — perhaps just the new styles and rituals spread. DNA from ancient humans settles this question clearly: the people of 2500 BC in Germany were genetically 70-80% derived from Russian steppe nomads.

Hartwick students played a supporting role in the new discoveries. The skeletons from the Russian steppes that defined Bronze Age steppe nomad genes in the Nature article came from the Samara Valley Project, which Dorcas Brown and I directed in the steppes near Samara, Russia between 1995 and 2002. A hardy band of Hartwick students went to Samara to work on our excavations in the summers of 1999, 2000, and 2001. We obtained bone samples for radiocarbon dates and dietary analysis from 66 prehistoric individuals who had lived in the Volga steppes during various eras. After two scientific labs sampled the bones, they returned the remaining pieces to Hartwick, where they were stored in Yager Hall for 10 years.

A chance meeting at a conference in 2012 connected me with David Reich, who was studying the history of human populations and their migrations around the globe. Did I have any human bones from the steppes? Soon Dorcas and I were driving to Boston to contribute our 66 bone samples, the first set of samples studied in the Reich lab when it began operating in 2013. Only 10 of the 66 individuals have been published as of summer 2015; many more results are to come.

As other labs begin to use the same methods and the recovery of ancient DNA becomes more routine, our knowledge about the people who were our ancestors will expand rapidly. With that explosion of new information, many modern myths of national identity probably will explode too, but our understanding of who we are and where we came from will be improved greatly.
Scholar-Athletes Honored for Achievements

Cross-country runner **Gavin Jenkins ’15** of Holbrook, NY, is the 2014-15 Empire 8 Male Senior Scholar-Athlete. The first Hartwick student to earn this recognition, Jenkins was honored by the conference faculty athletic representatives.

On the field, Jenkins holds the Hartwick record in the 8k cross country (26:30.5) and finished in the top three in scoring/placing among his teammates in every one of his Hartwick races. A John Christopher Hartwick Scholar, he maintained a 3.90 GPA as a biology major and psychology and religious studies double minor.

Swimmer **Miles Blaney ’15** of New York City and soccer midfielder **Kylie Thayer ’15** of Ithaca, NY, headlined Hartwick’s Intercollegiate Athletics Awards ceremony, taking home the Roy Chipman Memorial Award for Male Athlete of the Year and the Anna Meyer Female Athlete of the Year Award, respectively. The Empire 8 Swimmer of the Year and the Co-Male Swimmer of the Meet at the conference championships, Blaney majored in business administration. Psychology major Thayer led the soccer team in both assists (10) and points (18), led the league in assists, and tied a 34-year old program record for assists in a season.

DI water polo player **Lara Dendy Young ’15** of Cape Town, South Africa, has been nominated for the 2015 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Woman of the Year award, which honors graduating female college athletes who have distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service, and leadership.

One of just two water polo players nationwide to be nominated, Dendy Young concluded her Hartwick career with 98 goals, 70 assists, 168 points, and 107 steals. She majored in business administration and minored in graphic communications at Hartwick.

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Wine Auction Reaps $33,000 for Athletes

When the Hartwick community gathers to celebrate Wick athletics, students benefit. That was the intent, and the result, of the 12th annual Wine & Beer Tasting Reception & Benefit Auction held at Stella Luna Ristorante in May. Restaurant co-owners (and fans of Hartwick athletics) Vinne and Tony Avanzato generously hosted the event again this year. Pictured: Auctioneer Vinne Avanzato (right) enjoys coaxing trustees Doug Rivenburgh ’89, Bill Kitson ’86, Keith Fulmer, and Francis Landrey P’06 to raise their bids in support of Hartwick’s scholar-athletes.

**THE CAMPAIGN FOR HARTWICK STUDENTS**

It’s personal.
OYARON HILL IS CALLING ALUMNI, FAMILIES, & REUNION CLASSES!

NEW THIS YEAR!

Featured Alumni Artists
Hartwick is celebrating the accomplishments of alumni artists during True Blue 2015. Join us for a juried exhibit of the visual art of 25 alumni and a “Jazz the Night Away” Alumni Artists Concert.

Local Trade Fair

1. View the full schedule of activities and events at www.hartwickalumni.org/trueblue.

2. BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS EARLY. Visit the True Blue webpage.

3. REGISTER IN ADVANCE. Pre-registration is required. While many events are free, tickets are required for signature events. Registration will close two weeks prior to the Weekend.

Join us for Favorite and Featured Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
- 24th Annual WAA Golf Classic
- Golden Jubilee Reunion / 50-Year Club Induction
- True Blue Kickoff Party
- Men’s NCAA DI Soccer vs. Georgia Southern University

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
- Golden Jubilee Breakfast
- The Value of a Liberal Arts Education in the 21st Century: Panel discussion featuring alumni
- “It’s Personal”: A Conversation with the President
- Brooks’ BBQ and Craft Beer Tasting
- True Blue Carnival
- Varsity Football vs. Ithaca College
- Wine & Cheese Reception with Faculty and Staff
- Explore the Lake (Hartwick’s Pine Lake)
- Calling All Greeks
- Women’s Field Hockey 50-Year Anniversary Celebration
- Rock the Reunions Party (for classes ending in 5 and 0)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
- Memorial Gathering to remember those we lost in the last year
- Legacy Family Breakfast

True Blue
ALUMNI FAMILY REUNION
OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2015
The Hartwick College Alumni Association congratulates the recipients of the 2015 Alumni Awards. These distinguished individuals will be recognized during the True Blue Weekend 2015 reception with faculty and staff.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE  
GINNY ELWELL '77
Elwell is being recognized with the 2015 Meritorious Service Award, the highest award given by the Alumni Association for loyalty and effective service to Hartwick College. Elwell has served on the Board of Directors of the Hartwick College Alumni Association and on the Washington D.C. Alumni Network Committee. She currently serves on the Board of Trustees and is vice chair of the Development Committee. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in an Individual Student Program at Hartwick and is an executive director of development for The College of William and Mary in Virginia. (See page 24.)

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS  
RORY READ '83, P'09
Read is being honored with the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award, which recognizes outstanding achievements in a professional career and/or civic or charitable activities. Read is the Chief Operating Officer and President of Worldwide Commercial Sales for Dell Inc., a computer technology company. He earned a Bachelor of Science in information science at Hartwick College. He and his wife, Mary Savoy-Read ’84, P’09, are parents of four children, including Alex Read ’09. (See page 27.)

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNAE  
LISA CHRISTENSEN MAYER ’05  
and  
ALIRIA MUÑOZ ’07
The Outstanding Young Alumni Awards recognize alumni who have shown outstanding achievement in professional and/or volunteer activities within a few years of graduation.
Mayer is the founder and CEO of My Social Canvas, a start-up company involving consumers in the design of apparel and products from which a portion of profits are donated to social causes. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology at Hartwick and was a member of Student Senate and Phi Sigma Phi.
Munoz is a clinical assistant professor at Arizona State University in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation. She also practices as an ICU nurse and has volunteered her nursing skills in Mexico and Peru. Muñoz earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing and was a member of Hartwick’s Division I Water Polo team.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE AWARD  
PROFESSOR LARRY MALONE
Malone is the 2015 Outstanding Employee being recognized for going beyond the scope of his job responsibilities to make meaningful contributions connecting alumni to each other and to the College. He has taught economics at Hartwick College since 1986, where he has also served as vice president for enrollment, chair of the faculty, honors program co-director, and department chair.

Special Event Moments in and Around Hartwick

Commencement Legacy Celebration: Generations of Hartwick graduates gathered for breakfast before Commencement to celebrate the newest alumni among them.
NEW STRATEGY, NEW STRUCTURE

The Alumni Board has been very busy! Last October, we adopted a new strategic plan focused on alumni engagement. In May, we changed our governance structure to move to a more action-oriented approach. Now, we are implementing both and are calling for alumni volunteers to join us in this exciting journey.

After interviewing and surveying key alumni, members of the College administration, and the Board of Trustees, it became abundantly clear that major changes in what the Alumni Board does and how it operates were essential. From these discussions, a strategic plan was developed and approved. The full plan is available for review at www.hartwickalumni.org/ab.

To help focus the Alumni Board, we developed a Guiding Statement — “to engage alumni to create and build lasting connections with the College and each other.” To meet this objective, we identified six areas to work on with the College: Communications; Commitment to Service; Interconnectivity; Create Connections with Future Alumni; Touch Points (Networking & Events); and a Seat at the Table.

The Alumni Board concluded that the only way to make our new strategy come alive was through ACTION. We had to re-align our structure to promote alumni engagement. The new structure allows us to identify, assign, and complete tasks that the Alumni Board and alumni volunteers can do to assist the College with alumni engagement. A full list of the task categories is included in the strategic plan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Alumni Board needs your help! We need alumni to participate on teams to accomplish these tasks. Each team will be led by an Alumni Board member. The time commitment is relatively small: four to five hours each month for the duration of the task (generally three to six months) — just 12 - 30 hours total.

If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities in support of the College, please contact Alicia Fish ’91 at fisha@hartwick.edu or 607-431-4021. Thank you.
1950  
Zelpha Card Hoyer spent her usual four months in Plant City, FL, to escape Central New York's snowy weather.

1959  
Stephen L. Green PM’05, H’15 addressed the Class of 2015 as their commencement speaker in May, at which time he was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree. He was previously honored with the Hartwick President’s Medal in 2005. (See pages 11, 19, and 23.)

1965  |  TRUE BLUE 50th Reunion Celebration

1966  
Bruce Dearstyn, PhD has published two new books: The Spirit of New York: Defining Events in the Empire State’s History (SUNY Press, 2015) and Leading the Historical Enterprise: Strategic Creativity, Planning and Advocacy for the Digital Age (Rowman and Littlefield, 2015).

1967  
Bruce Cameron shares, “The long, cold, languid winter forced me to flee upstate New York in March for a 10-day charter on a 53-foot sailboat in the British Virgin Islands. The easterly winds were strong, the warm water was inviting and the beer was cold. I’ve already signed up with my friends to do it again late next winter.”

1968  
Richard Struck retired in 2014 as director of economic development for Orange & Rockland Utilities after 31 years. He and his wife, Jeanne, continue to live in Pearl River, NY.

1969  
Michael Wolfe has retired from academia and forensic economics.

1970  |  TRUE BLUE 45th Reunion Celebration

1971  
Peggyason Smith shares, “I have retired from Gwynedd Mercy University after 28 years as their director of financial services. My retirement plans include an upcoming trip to Alaska and a Viking River Cruise on the Elbe. My son is getting married in NYC so my husband and I have a lot to look forward to.”

CLASS NOTES DEADLINE
Submit your Class Notes for the next Wick by OCTOBER 1, 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.
Frank Chillemi retired from IBM in May 2014 and is now enjoying his family and three young grandchildren while doing some interpreting from Italian to English. His wife, Angela, is a teacher of Italian. Their daughter is a professional photographer and their two sons are doctors.

Judy St. Clair Daniel shares that she and her husband, John Daniel, have settled in Lake Monticello outside of Charlottesville, VA. “The lake, and community, remind us a great deal of living in the Adirondacks. But, without the ‘feets’ of snow! Although we both tried retirement (briefly) we discovered we had too much energy and too much to offer in our given fields (John as a senior property claims professional, and me in residential mortgage lending), so we both are working again. It’s a little more difficult to keep up with the 30-somethings, but there is NO substitute for experience!” Their daughter, Lisa, (who was born their senior year at Hartwick) and her family live outside of San Francisco; their daughter, Jennifer, lives in Charlottesville and was recently married. “Our lives are full of love, and laughter... and when we look back to our time at Hartwick, we realize that it all started there! We hope all of our dear Hartwick friends are well.”

Pamela Pugsley Kelliher says she is busy fulfilling her “Bucket List!” After retiring from her teaching career in Summit, NJ, Pam and her husband are now living in Southport, NC. They’re enjoying summers at the Jersey Shore with their four grandchildren and are looking forward to a trip to the National Parks and touring nine western states. Janet Mitchell writes, “I am still on the Hartwick Board of Trustees, completing my second year. It has been eye-opening and inspiring.” In June she traveled to Armenia with Morris County New Jersey Habitat for Humanity to renovate and restore housing for the Armenian people. In August, she is going with the National Association of Black Social Workers to the Dominican Republic and Haiti to attend their international conference on social, political and economic issues.

1975 | TRUE BLUE 40th Reunion Celebration

1977
Candace Korn Jeffres, NP received the Distinguished Nursing Alumna Award at Hartwick’s Nurses’ Pinning Ceremony in May. The honor was presented by Professor Emerita Sharon Davidson Dettenrieder ’65. Jeffres is a family nurse practitioner and wound care and ostomy specialist in the Bassett Healthcare Network in Cooperstown, NY.

1978
Jessie Wallingford Dean shares, “After 35+ years in Northern Virginia, my husband, Steve, and I have retired and headed for the hills... the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. We built our dream home, and look forward to kicking back and doing all the things we’ve put off. Our two kids are great; Emily working in LA and Jeff in DC. Email me, I have time!” She can be reached at juudean@msn.com.

1980 | TRUE BLUE 35th Reunion Celebration
Jerry Fulmer shares “My daughter, Shereene, was married to Nathan Robers on April 4, 2015 in Huntersville, NC.”

1984
Karen McKelvey shares, “Last summer David Channell and I completed a 3,500-mile bicycle tour across the United States. We left

Gathering in Connecticut: George Stephan H’01, P’78 and Gesella Stephan P’78 welcomed President Margaret L. Drugovich P’12 and Vice President Gregg Fort to Connecticut in June. Alumni, parents, and friends joined them for a dinner reception at The Golf Club of Avon.

Cool Dude: One of Hartwick’s youngest fans, Nicholas Harry Wanes, is the son of Maria Lambros Wanes ’02 and Rob Wanes of Pompano Beach, FL, and the grandson of Nick Lambros ’59, P’02, PM’03 and Sharon Lambros P’02.
from our driveway in Stafford Springs, CT, and arrived in Seattle, WA, in September. We had a fantastic time camping along the way, and seeing the country at 10 mph.”

Ginger Stevens has a new job. She is a wealth management associate for Morgan Stanley in the Rochester, NY, area.

1985  |  TRUE BLUE 30th Reunion Celebration

1986

Greg Howard has accepted a new position as vice president of Human Resources with Mohawk Valley Health Systems in Utica, NY. He has relocated to Clinton, NY. His son, Ryan, just graduated from Johnson & Wales University and his daughter, Sarah, has her LMSW and works in oncology at the former St. Frances Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY.

1988

Nancy Leib Pisani married Allen Pisani in July of 2012. “All our siblings, as well as my nieces, were in our wedding party. Several Hartwick alumni joined us to celebrate. I also was blessed to have many of my patients come to the church to celebrate our wedding. It was a special day!”

1990  |  TRUE BLUE 25th Reunion Celebration

Kira Cherny de Souza retired in June of 2014. She and her husband reside in the Dominican Republic where they do not miss the snow, ice, freezing rain, and cold. They do, however, miss their friends and family. They taught together in the Asbury Park School District for 14 years. They plan to relax, go to the beach, garden, read, and travel the world (but never during the cold months).

1993

Matt Chase was recently recognized with an Alumni Achievement Award by The George Washington University’s Graduate School of Political Management. He serves as executive director of the National Association of Counties, representing America’s 3,069
county governments. Matt and his wife, Shana Meehan Chase, live in Arlington, VA, with their sons Nicholas and William.

Ben Elliott will soon open Saltbox Kitchen, a café just three miles from the family farm in West Concord, MA. The menu will feature seasonal, globally-inspired dishes featuring fresh produce from the family’s Saltbox Farm.

1995 | TRUE BLUE 20th Reunion Celebration

1998

Ed Herman writes, “My wife, Alison, and I have welcomed our first child into the world. Adeline Elizabeth Herman was born on 12/05/14.”

1999

Kathleen Brennan Mills shares, “We welcomed a baby girl, Helen Marian, on December 12, 2014. We still live in Connecticut and I am currently preparing my dissertation for publication!”

Mike Bruny shares about his son with Ji-Eun Yoo ’01, “Emerson is getting big. Crazy to think he is already one year old. After a year of project work and running Daddy Daycare, I’m getting ready to jump back into the workforce. To do that I created a website, www.MikeBruny.Strikingly.com. I am really interested in helping to increase and retain diverse talent in the tech space.”

Maria Johnson Messier has invented a product for expectant and new moms. The “eXtendHer” is now for sale on Etsy; she invites you to check it out.

Marissa Parisi reports that she and Mike Martin ’00 are “great! We’ve been doing a lot of work to our house in Shelburne, VT. I’m still the executive director of Hunger Free Vermont but am doing more nonprofit consulting for other organizations, which is fun. Next year is our 10-year wedding anniversary so we are hoping to head back to Jamaica, where we were married by Dr. McFarlane, to celebrate.”

Nathan Price completed a double Trifecta in the Reebok Spartan Race series, one of them with Greg Quilop. They had a lot of support and encouragement from wives Julia Speck Price ’97 and Meaghan Fitzgibbon Quilop ’01 and friend Kristen Schlansker Watrous ’00. Nathan also completed his first 50km ultra marathon in November. He is looking forward to more races in 2015 and celebrating 15 years of wedded bliss.

Don Sawyer reports, “Things are going well. My daughter, Nyelah, who was born while LaToya Cauley Sawyer ’98 and I were at Hartwick, turned 18 in January. Time sure flies. She is in the process of applying for colleges and LaToya is completing her dissertation. I recently traveled to the Dominican Republic to work with Haitians who live and work on the sugar fields. I am looking to build partnerships with Haitian communities focusing on youth initiatives.”

Eric Shoen shares, “I’ve escaped to Brooklyn and am now the executive director of the SUNY Downstate Medical Alumni Association. I look forward to connecting with other ‘Wick alumni in Brooklyn and the NYC area.”

Graham Shafer ’94 was invited by Professor Laurel Elder to talk with political science students. Shafer is a partner at OnMessage, a political consulting firm that crafts campaign ads as well as opinion and media strategies for high-level Republican candidates. He also runs OnMessage Sports, working with the firm’s sports business clients.

Gayle Huntress ’99 visited campus in April to talk about her memoir, Beyond Words, which describes how she coped with losing both her parents to cancer. Beyond Words is her first book; Huntress donates 20% of proceeds of sales to Comfort Zone Camp and Hospice.

Kevin Q. Gray ’01 was the celebrity guest juror of Peep Show 2015. A fine art photographer, his work spans digital, film, and alternative photographic processes such as dry-plate tintypes, wet-plate photography, and emulsion lifts. He earned an MFA in Visual Arts from the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University.

Melissa Lareau ’08 hosted a Q&A session with students in which she shared her experiences working in development in Africa and serving as the finance director for a non-profit organization. A double major in economics and political science, she received a master’s in International Economic Development from the Bush School of Government and Service at Texas A&M University. She currently works with the Women’s Microfinance Initiative as the East Africa Finance Director in Buyobo, Sironko, Uganda.

Suzanne Rigdon ’11 returned to campus to read from her debut novel, Into the Night, as part of the 2014-15 Visiting Writers Series at Hartwick. A John Christopher Hartwick Scholar, she earned degrees in history and English at Hartwick and is currently pursuing her MFA in fiction at George Mason University.

Ben Wronkoski ’11 presented “Keep the Earth Beneath my Feet” in the Anderson Center for the Arts. He shared selections from his photographic portfolios and spoke about his travel and work experiences since graduating from Hartwick.

2000 | TRUE BLUE 15th Reunion Celebration

WEBEXTRA FOR H.O.L.D. EVENTS AND PHOTOS: www.hartwickalumni.org/classnotes
2001
Jessica Hyde took a year off from major travel, but still has secret savings accounts for Costa Rica; a return trip to Bangkok; the US Virgin Islands; and a visit to her brother who lives in the original Jersey, off the UK’s Channel Islands. Jessica is making sourdough bread on a regular basis, which she says is a horrible yet delicious idea. She is also gardening like a maniac in her 100 square feet of yard that gets any sort of sun (she is seriously considering terrace farming).
Sueann Teal Edwards writes “My husband, Woody, and I are still living in Central NY. The small town life has grown on us! We welcomed our third child into our family in December. Hayley Lucinda is adored by all, but especially by her big brothers! I finished my ninth year teaching in Norwich; it’s crazy how quickly the years are flying by! Our boys have been taking gymnastics lessons at the YMCA in Oneonta. Driving through Oneonta has brought back so many good memories of my four years there!”
Marcelle Irvine got a new job this year. She is now a high school assistant principal in the Denver Public Schools.
Dave Olsher is still living in Baltimore and working as an admissions counselor in the Office of Graduate Admissions at Maryland University of Integrative Health, a university dedicated to integrative health and wellness. He is also a stage manager at the Maryland Renaissance Festival, which takes place in the fall.

2002
Jacey Lambros and a partner recently opened The Sports Barre in Jersey City, NJ. The boutique fitness studio fuses dance technique and athletic conditioning to provide a total body workout.
Nancy Boulin Golden shares, “My daughter, Sara Schmidt Eichelman ’96, gave birth to twin boys. Harrison Stewart and Benjamin William arrived on May 8, 2015 weighing in at 5 lbs., 12 oz. and 7 lbs., 4 oz., respectively. Sara is the campus director at Miller Motte Technical College of Charleston, SC. She and her husband, Brian, make their home in Folly Beach, SC.”

2005 | TRUE BLUE 10th Reunion Celebration

2007
Ashley Kern Schell and Eric Schell welcomed their first child, Theodore Christopher, on February 10, 2015.

2008
Bronwen Knox, former star of Hartwick water polo, scored twice in the Australia National Team’s 5-3 win over host China to advance to the 2015 FINA World League Super Final Championship game. She was inducted into Hartwick’s Athletics Hall of Fame in 2012.

2010 | TRUE BLUE 5th Reunion Celebration
Darcy Dolge is now the program director at Art Center at the Old Library, La Grande, OR. Also known as the Union County Art and Culture Center, the organization’s mission is to enrich the community through inspiring interest and maximum participation in the arts through education, exhibits, and cultural experiences.

2011
Brooke Anderson shares, “I am graduating with my master’s in social work from Wheelock College. And recently my college sweetheart, Robert Sovocool ’10, proposed to me at Hartwick College.”
Dylan Nord is working at OLIVERS Apparel in San Francisco, a premium men’s athletic brand. He says, “We’ve just launched our
ALUMNI

1941 | **Emily Wolak Lozoski** passed away on February 26, 2015. She graduated from Hartwick with a degree in nutrition, worked as a dietician at Faxton Hospital in Utica, and helped establish the Utica Meals-On-Wheels program in the 1960s. She was a dietician at the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center, New Hartford, and retired from the Oneida County Office of Aging. She is survived by her three children.

1943 | **Marion De Angelo Green** passed away on February 6, 2015. She majored in English at Hartwick and completed graduate work at the Oneonta Normal School and Albany State College. She was an English teacher for 20 years. She is survived by her daughter-in-law, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

1946 | **Rose Marocchi Capoccia** passed away on May 3, 2015. She earned a degree in nursing from Hartwick and served during World War II in the Army’s Cadet Nurse Corp. She then developed a career as a Registered Nurse and an operating room supervisor. Survivors include her husband, three children, seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter and son.

1947 | **John B. Mirola** passed away on March 18, 2015. He majored in business and education at Hartwick. He taught high school business, became department chair, and retired as a school business manager. He served in the Army Air Force during World War II and was a 55-year member of his local American Legion Post where he served as Adjutant for several years and as Commander. He is survived by his wife, five children, two stepsons, nine grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

1950 | **Rev. Robert D. Liguori** passed away on January 6, 2015. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in history and then attended the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale. He was ordained as an Episcopalian priest and served in many parishes in upstate New York and Sarasota, FL, before retiring. He is survived by his wife; his brother-in-law, William F. Morell, III ’54; four sons; and three grandchildren.

1951 | **Charlotte Sachs Jacobson** passed away on February 15, 2015. At Hartwick she met and married Edwin S. Jacobson ’50, who survives her. She is also survived by two sons, a granddaughter, and a great-granddaughter.

1952 | **Nelson G. Burhans** passed away on March 12, 2015. He graduated from Hartwick with a bachelor’s degree in history before entering Gettysburg Seminary. After Seminary, he returned to Hartwick College as public relations manager and the first alumni secretary. He then worked for Amos Post Company and retired from there as credit manager. A member of the Catskills Glee Club since 1946, he was chosen as its conductor in 1986 and held the position for 22 years. He is survived by his extended family.
1953 | Floy Reynolds Kruse LaForce passed away on March 27, 2015. She graduated from Hartwick as a registered nurse and spent much of her time involved with the retired missionaries of the African Inland Mission in Minneola, FL. She was predeceased by her first and second husbands and a son. She is survived by a son, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1955 | Thomas K. Barbur passed away on February 11, 2015. He earned a degree in business administration from Hartwick. Inducted into the Hartwick Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998, he was the basketball team captain, an all-time leading scorer with 1,178 career points, and one of the top free-throw shooters in the nation. He served in the United States Army before a 30-year career in sales and marketing of agricultural equipment. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and six grandchildren.

1957 | Rev. Henry Lewis Atwell passed away on April 24, 2015. After graduating from Hartwick, he earned a master’s degree from Rutgers University and a doctorate from Geneva Theological College. He honorably served during WWII and the Korean War, attaining the rank of Major. He taught at and was principal of several upstate New York schools before serving as education officer at Griffiss Air Force Base and Hancock Field Air Force Base until his retirement. He then studied for Holy Orders, was ordained a deacon in the Anglican Episcopal Church, and consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of New York of the Southern Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife; four daughters, including Susan R. Gathen ’86; a son, Douglas A. Atwell ’90; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, John Atwell ’60; and a niece, Stephanie Wenck ’09.

1958 | Robert A. Lanna passed away on May 23, 2015. He earned a degree in business administration from Hartwick. His career developed to include executive positions at major insurance companies; partner at The Dowler Agency on Long Island, NY; and the founder and sole proprietor of Personal Financial Services in New Canaan, CT. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife, three children, and five grandchildren.

1958 | Arthur N. Stewart Smith passed away on December 1, 2014. He served in the Air Force before graduating from Hartwick with a bachelor of science degree. At Hartwick he met and married his wife, Ginny, with whom he had three children.

1962 | Evelyn Baker Scott passed away on March 20, 2015. She earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Hartwick then became an engineering aide at General Electric in Schenectady before dedicating herself as a homemaker. She is survived by her daughter and two grandsons.

1963 | Frank Marotta passed away on May 1, 2015. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in biology and went on to the Georgetown School of Dentistry. After serving two years in the US Army at Fort Knox, KY, he returned to Hampton Bays to establish his dental practice. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Marotta ’64; three sons, and six grandchildren.

1964 | Lois Angell Gast passed away on September 10, 2014. She graduated from Hartwick with a bachelor of science in nursing. She is survived by her husband and three children.

1965 | David W. Hess passed away on February 17, 2015. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in history and received his master’s in educational administration from Buffalo State College. His career included positions as assistant principal, principal, and assistant superintendent with Buffalo Public Schools before retiring in 2000. He is survived by his wife, three children, and six grandchildren.

1965 | Linda Seaman Ruckh passed away on December 26, 2014. She graduated from Hartwick with a degree in English. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Ruckh ’65; two sons; three grandchildren; and three siblings.

1966 | Stephen J. Osborne passed away on March 7, 2015. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in medical technology. He was a veteran of the US Navy, and worked as a lab manager and medical technologist. He is survived by his wife, two children, a stepson, and six grandchildren.

1967 | George H. Blohm, Jr. passed away. He majored in history at Hartwick. Survivors include his uncle, Kenneth F. Blohm ’60.

1974 | James H. Ross passed away on January 2, 2015. He majored in history at Hartwick. He is survived by his wife, a brother, Douglas Ross ’72, and two sons.

1976 | Thomas H. Buffum passed away on March 15, 2015. He majored in economics at Hartwick before joining the family business. The company eventually acquired Pulver Importing and he became a co-owner, moving to New York in 1995 to manage that part of the business. He is survived by his wife and two children.

1976 | David “DJ” Johnson passed away on February 9, 2015. He was a German major at Hartwick. He moved his family to Miami in the 1980s and developed a career as a paralegal. He is survived by his wife, five children, and a grandson.

1981 | John Young passed away on April 25, 2015. He played soccer at Hartwick and was an NCAA Division I First -Team All American and Offensive MVP at the 1979 Final Four. He graduated with a degree in sociology and went on to play professional soccer in the Major Indoor Soccer League. He is survived by his wife, Holly Young ’82, and daughters, Heather Young ’13 and Skye Young ’16.

1985 | Kenneth Karetnick passed away on February 2, 2015. He graduated from Hartwick with a degree in management and received an MBA from Fordham University. He spent his career as a proprietary trader with several investment firms on Wall Street. He is survived by his wife and two children.

1993 | Jonathan E. Morse passed away on May 6, 2015. After earning a degree in business and accounting at Hartwick, he built a
career in the financial world. He was the youngest president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in Boston, MA, and recently received the Presidents Club Award from Dreyfus Corporation in NYC, where he worked in investment sales. Most recently, he went on an astronomical expedition to view a solar eclipse in Australia. He is survived by his wife, two children, and his parents.

1995 | Caroline Mae Rakowski passed away on April 15, 2015. She earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Hartwick and worked as a medical receptionist at Dermatology Associates of Western CT. She is survived by her two daughters.

1996 | Laurie Amanda Lanman Kluzak Clifford passed away on March 24, 2015. She graduated from Hartwick with a degree in sociology. Her work included social service positions helping low-income residents find employment and become self-sufficient. Most recently she ran a successful barbecue business with her husband. She is survived by her husband, son, step-daughter, and extended family.

FAMILY

Donald C. Berwick passed away on February 24, 2015. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he served in the US Army for two years before joining the family business. He is survived by his wife; four children, including Deborah Carl ’88; and seven grandchildren.

Thomas A. Dorato passed away on April 6, 2015. He was a Master Sergeant in the National Guard and worked for the family-owned Hospital Television Systems before working at RCA as a television technician. He operated Dorato’s Restaurant with his sons until his retirement. He is survived by four children, including Susan Heaney ’86, and eight grandchildren.

Mary M. Drugovich passed away on April 6, 2015. She worked in the banking industry before raising her family and then served as the elected Clerk of Harpersfield Township for 20 years and as the bookkeeper for the Northwest Ambulance District. She and her husband, Frank, were grape farmers and members of the National Grape Cooperative for the Welch’s Company. Survivors include her daughter, Hartwick President Margaret L. Drugovich P’12; her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Steele P’12; and their children, Elizabeth Kelly ’12 and William Kelly. She was predeceased by her husband. Contributions may be made in her memory to The Mary M. and Frank E. Drugovich First Generation Award scholarship at Hartwick College, P.O. Box 4020, Oneonta, NY, 13820.

Bella Foster passed away on March 1, 2015. Survivors include her two sons and her only granddaughter, Hanna Foster ’14.

Lewis Gajadar passed away on March 29, 2015. He was an insurance underwriter in Jamaica and, after moving to the United States, became a machine operator in Oneonta. He is survived by his wife, Hartwick System Manager Colmin Gajadar; one daughter; and three grandchildren.

Oscar A. Gottscho passed away on September 23, 2014. He was commissioned an officer in the US Army and served in Germany. After clerking for a judge of the US Tax Court, he built a legal career focused on US tax law. He is survived by four children, including Nicholas Gottscho ’95.

Joseph G. Kelly passed away on March 27, 2015. He was a US Navy veteran who served during World War II before developing a career in real estate that included operating his own appraisal company. Survivors include his granddaughter, Elizabeth Kelly ’12, and his former daughter-in-law, Elizabeth Steele P’12.

Joseph Losier passed away on June 8, 2014. He was a veteran of WWII and the Korean War who served in the US Coast Guard and the Merchant Marines. He was retired from IBM Corp. He is survived by four children and 17 grandchildren, including Joel Collins ’12.

Bernice Millspaugh passed away on October 11, 2014. She was predeceased by her husband, Stanley Millspaugh ’51, and is survived by two children.

Susanne LaCroix Phippen passed away April 28, 2015. She served as on the Board of Trustees of Hartwick College, the Board of Directors of the Trustees of Reservations, and the Boards of both the Wenham Museum and the Peabody Essex Museum. She is survived by her husband; her seven children, including David Phippen ’81 and Joanna Phippen ’86; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

FRIENDS

Joyce Enders passed away on February 26, 2015. She worked at Hartwick College as a secretary and then at Wilber Bank as a bank teller. She is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

James Edward Konstanty passed away on Friday, April 3, 2015. He volunteered for many area organizations and was a generous supporter of Hartwick College. After graduating from Oneonta High School, he went to Cornell University and received his law degree from Syracuse University. He was attorney for the towns of Oneonta and Davenport, as well as the Otsego County Attorney for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, five children, and eight grandchildren.

Barclay Simpson passed away on November 8, 2014. With his colleague and friend Simon Baker ’93, he endowed the Baker-Simpson Entrepreneurial Fellowship at Hartwick College as part of The Campaign for Hartwick Students. Simpson was the founder and chairman of Simpson Manufacturing (SSD) and he served three terms on the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transport (BART) Board of Directors. As a philanthropist, he was active in the building of programs and institutions focused on education and the arts. He is survived by his wife, seven children, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
George Voynick ’85 is a Facebook Friend

First-time volunteer George Voynick ’85 is now the lead volunteer in planning his 30th reunion. Doing what he calls “minimal work” as a class agent, he’s looking forward to “a great turnout” in October. “It’s very exciting,” he says. “People who haven’t been in touch are reconnecting; people who have never been back to campus are coming back.”

Voynick posts something online every week, often including old photos he’s copied from the yearbook or college archives. “It’s stirring up positive emotions for a lot of people and that’s rewarding,” he says. “Now I’m not the only person posting; others are looking for ‘lost’ classmates or asking about our professors.” He wants the feelings, and the connections, to last and so plans to continue the Facebook page long after reunion. “We have momentum,” he says. “It’s going to be easy to continue.”

The lasting effects of his own college experience inspire Voynick to be part of Hartwick’s future, not just its past. Like so many alumni, he made lifelong friends on the Hill. “I met a phenomenal group of people and we’ve stayed in touch,” he says, citing Jon Hart ’85 and John Nachbur ’85 as examples. Being an “Alpha Sig” brother brought professional as well as personal benefits. “I was the fraternity treasurer and that gave me insight into how to run a business,” he recalls. “When I ran our company’s European office out of London, I used some of the same approaches.” An economics major who took a lot of computer science classes, he says, “Even today I cite things that I learned at Hartwick; the liberal arts classes last.” (Voynick is now a business analyst at Global Partners, Alliance Energy in Boston.) And then there was J Term in Austria with Dr. Wendell Frye. “It was spectacular,” Voynick says. “It gave me exposure to the world beyond what I understood it to be. We went to East Germany and Czechoslovakia while they were still communist. I lived in Prague in the late 90s and the contrast was remarkable.”

Voynick is a donor to his alma mater as well as a volunteer. (He often supports the women’s water polo program, of which he is a loyal fan.) “I give back to Hartwick because I see things happening that make me excited about the future” he says, citing everything from the Guiding Eyes for the Blind puppy training program to the new Center for Craft Food and Beverage to the renowned Three-Year Degree Program. “The College is doing a lot of creative things that make it unique, innovations that make me proud that I’m a Hartwick graduate.”

Facebook is the catalyst. “Without social media this wouldn’t have been as easy and successful,” he says. Voynick established a Hartwick Class of ’85 Facebook page and used a class list and contact information from the Alumni Relations Office to begin reaching out. “It started with my core group of friends, but I wanted to be comprehensive and inclusive,” he explains. “I invited friends, they invited more friends, and we invited others who were close to us in the Class of ’85. It had a snowball effect.” (Knowing that not everyone’s on social media, he’s making phone calls to encourage others to return for their reunion.)
HARTWICK NEVER STANDS STILL. Its 1797 founding as a seminary for the education of Lutheran ministers, the 1928 move to Oneonta as Hartwick College, the 1943 start of the Cadet Nurses Corps, the 1971 purchase of Pine Lake, and the 2010 launch of the innovative Three-Year Degree Program are just a few of its many milestones. The College community has embraced change throughout its history and generous supporters have made it happen.

It is fitting, then, that The Campaign for Hartwick Students has evolved to include THE OPPORTUNITY FUND. Gifts to this objective support College priorities outside the scope of existing goals of The Campaign for Hartwick Students. The objective appeals to alumni, parents, and friends with an entrepreneurial mindset as it provides a vehicle for them to advance further innovations.

To discuss how you can get involved in the Opportunity Fund at Hartwick College, please contact Vice President of College Advancement Gregg Fort at 607-431-4026 or fortg@hartwick.edu.
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