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There was much to celebrate at SUNY Oneonta during the 2010-2011 academic year, as the college continued its strong forward momentum. Our mission, core values, and the six pillars of our new strategic plan—teaching, learning and scholarship; student engagement; community partnership; global connectedness; diversity; and sustainability—guided our efforts as we made great strides toward common goals.

In April 2011, after a year-long, national search, Dr. Maria Thompson was appointed to succeed Dr. F. Daniel Larkin as Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs. Early in her career, Dr. Thompson was an instructor at SUNY Oneonta before moving on to the University of Kentucky and later, to Tennessee State University, where she served most recently as Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs. I’m delighted to welcome Dr. Thompson back to SUNY Oneonta, and excited to work with her as she leads the college’s effort to craft an academic master plan built around the teaching and learning that are central to our identity.

Increasingly over the past several years, national organizations have recognized the college for academic excellence. In 2010-2011, we garnered even more recognition, vaulting from #81 to #47 in the list of Kiplinger’s magazine “100 Best Values in Public Colleges.” The college continues to attract superb students, with a record number of applicants and an outstanding incoming class.

Our students made exceptional contributions in research and scholarship in 2010-2011. For example, one became the first undergraduate ever to win the American Chemical Society’s Joseph Breen Memorial Fellowship; another was invited to the American Physical Society’s annual conference to present research he had conducted at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. Nearly 200 students presented their scholarly work at our annual Student Research Day, one of two events on our campus this past year attended by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher.

In January, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching awarded SUNY Oneonta its Community Engagement Classification in recognition of our civic partnerships and successful efforts to integrate service activities into the curriculum. Through our Center for Social Responsibility, SUNY Oneonta students performed more than 55,000 hours of community service in 2010-2011, and several faculty members led students abroad on educational and humanitarian missions.

As part of our work to foster an inclusive community, we offered a year-long series of events in 2010-2011 highlighting the contributions of contemporary Native Americans as part of a grant-funded project titled, “Restoring Indigenous Presence: Opening the Door to Native Americans.” Our focus on sustainability was evident in the establishment of our new Lake Management Program, the nation’s first master’s program designed to prepare students to lead efforts to preserve watersheds and conserve aquatic resources.

I appreciate all that you do to support SUNY Oneonta, and I look forward to collaborating with you to make the college even more extraordinary in 2011-2012.

With warmest regards,

Nancy Kleinekis
Dr. Karen Joest of the Human Ecology Department received the 2010 Ashok Kumar Malhotra Seva (Compassionate Service) Faculty Award and presented the Malhotra Seva Lecture, an address titled “The Sunflower: Finding Ourselves, Giving to Others.”

Dale CaPristo, student development associate and director of the Center for Multicultural Experiences, was named the first recipient of the college’s Tapestry of Diversity Award, given annually in recognition of exceptional contributions in fostering diversity and inclusion at the college through leadership, service or support.

Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Dr. Jacqueline Bennett was awarded the 2010 Richard Siegfried Junior Faculty Prize for Academic Excellence for her work on developing a “green” imine synthesis as an authentic research experience for students in organic chemistry. She also received the American Chemical Society’s 2011 Award for Incorporating Sustainability into Chemistry Education in recognition of this work.

Kjersti Vanslyke-Briggs received the college’s 2011 Academic Excellence Award for the Use of Instructional Technology for her work using web-based technologies to enhance the classroom experience.

Dr. Robert Compton, Africana & Latino Studies and Political Science.
MADELINE BERRY of the Elementary Education Department was recognized for her longstanding support of migrant workers across the country as the 2010 recipient of the Charles C. Mackey Excellence in Service Leadership Award presented by the New York Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

The American Dietetic Association named DR. JENNIFER BUECHE, director of the Nutrition and Dietetics program, its regional Outstanding Educator within the Northeast.

MARY DORN, reading specialist at the Center for Academic Development and Enrichment, received the New York College Learning Skills Association’s Award for Outstanding Service to Students.

DR. ROBERT COMPTON, associate professor of Africana & Latino Studies and Political Science, received the 2011 Susan Sutton Smith Prize for Academic Excellence and delivered the 17th annual Susan Sutton Smith Lecture, a presentation titled, “Mad Scramble for Africa: Is China Winning and the U.S. Losing?”

Assistant Professor of Earth Sciences DR. DEVIN CASTENDYK received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching; Director of Special Programs LYNDA BASSETTE-FARONE received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service; and Creative Media Services Secretary DONNA BAKER received the Chancellor’s Award in Classified Service.

NICKEEMA COX ’11, a Psychology major from Far Rockaway; KRISTIN SANTIAGO ’10, a Child and Family Studies major from Walkill; AYESHA QAMAR ’11, a Communication Studies and Psychology dual major from Al-Muzahmiyah, Saudi Arabia; and ZISHAN WARIACH ’10, a Business Economics major from Al-Muzahmiyah, Saudi Arabia; received the 2011 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence.

Former NASA researcher and director MALCOLM M. COHEN was presented an honorary SUNY Doctor of Science degree and addressed the graduating class at Commencement 2011.

Distinguished Teaching Professor DR. ASHOK MALHOTRA of the Philosophy Department has published his third work regarding Jean-Paul Sartre, titled “Sartre and Yoga.” He dedicated the book to colleague DR. DOUGLAS SHRADER, who died in July 2010. Shrader, who was a Distinguished Teaching Professor of Philosophy at SUNY Oneonta as well as the founder and editor-in-chief of the Oneonta Philosophy Studies Series, worked with Malhotra on the book.

Associate Dean of Economics and Business DR. WADE THOMAS and Professor Emeritus of Economics DR. ROBERT CARSON have published a new textbook, “The American Economy: How it Works and How it Doesn’t.” They also authored a student study guide and instructor’s manual to accompany the book.

DR. ORLANDO LEGNAME of the Music Department is the composer of “Sinerese” for piano, violin, cello and clarinet, which was performed in March 2011 at the Facolta di Lettere e Filosofia in Rome, Italy.

DR. WILLIAMS SIMONS of the History Department edited the recently released anthology “The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture: 2009-2010,” for which he authored the introduction and contributed a chapter.

Professor Emeritus of Political Science DR. PAUL CONWAY had 10 stories, among dozens that were collected from interviews conducted in Rwanda in 2008 and 2009, published as a magazine in Kinyarwanda language. His online collection is titled, “Righteous Hutus: Stories of Courageous Rescuers During Rwanda’s 1994 Genocide.”

Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry DR. HARRY E. PENCE is the co-editor of the book, “Enhancing Learning with Online Resources, Social Networking, and Digital Libraries,” published by the American Chemical Society.
Distinguished Teaching Professor **DR. ASHOK MALHOTRA** of the Philosophy Department was nominated for a 2010 Nobel Peace Prize based largely upon his humanitarian work in establishing the Indo-International Schools through the SUNY Oneonta Learn and Serve in India program. In 1979, Dr. Malhotra established the SUNY Oneonta study-abroad program in India. Since then, he has led 17 groups with more than 300 students, faculty and community members to India to build the Indo-International Schools, feed those in need, work with Mother Teresa, assist in medical clinics and improve life for the poorest of the poor.

Since its founding in 1996, the original Indo-International School has grown from 50 children to 550, and 10 of its graduates already have gone on to college. The five Indo-International Schools now serve more than 1,100 children and employ more than 40 teachers with the support of Dr. Malhotra’s Ninash Foundation, a 501(c) (3) charitable organization established in 1996 in honor of his late wife, Nina, to promote literacy among children and adults throughout the world.

Director of International Education **CAROL MANDZIK** was one of five recipients of the 2011 Fulbright International Education Administrators Program, U.S.-Japan. The grant award is through the Fulbright Scholar Program, administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

**DR. ARTHUR FALBUSH** of the Music Department was profiled in the March 2011 issue of *DownBeat* magazine in a feature that highlighted his work as co-director of the Proctors Summer Jazz Institute, one of New York state’s...
largest summer jazz programs. A veteran trumpet player who has worked with Dee Dee Bridgewater, Dr. Billy Taylor, Mercer Ellington and Tom Harrell, Dr. Falbush is the founder and the executive director of the Oneonta Jazz Festival, the only inter-
SUNY system jazz festival.

Associate Professor DONNA VOGLER of the Biology Department was named Pro-
fessor of the Month for December 2010 by the Network of Conservation Educators & Practitioners (NCEP) project. A global ini-
tiative of the American Museum of Natural History, NCEP works to promote the sus-
tenance of biological and cultural diversity.

Distinguished Teaching Professor DR. LAWRENCE GUZY of the Psychology
Department was elected as a Fellow in the Aerospace Human Factors Association, a
constituent organization of the Aerospace Medical Association.

Assistant Professor DR. MIGUEL LEÓN of the History Department has received a grant from the Ancash Association
commissioning him to write a book on the history of Conchucos, a region in the north-central highlands of Peru. His book will be used as the basis of three secondary-school textbooks that a publishing company will assemble with a commission from the Ancash Association, an organization supported by the Antamina mining company of Peru.

YOLANDA SHARPE, professor and chair of the Art Department, was awarded an international Fulbright Scholar grant to teach, conduct creative research and produce her art at the Krasnoyarsk School of Fine Arts in Russia during the spring 2011 semester. Sharpe taught watercolor and acrylic painting and mixed media techniques to students in the school's graduate program; completed mixed media drawings for a solo exhibition of her work; and developed collaborative online exhibits with Russian artists at the school, in the city of Krasnoyarsk and at SUNY Oneonta.

SUNY Oneonta’s POETRY SLAM TEAM finished 12th in the nation at the 11th annual College Union Poetry Slam Invitational held April 6-9 at the University of Michigan. The team, consisting of Vanessa Perillo, Mary Taibi, Maryanne Rojas, Kristen Tomanocy, Anny Miner and Jessica Bailey, narrowly missed earning a semifinal bid, and bested the University of California-Berkeley, Brown University, Brandeis University, the University of Pennsylvania, Middlebury College, the University of Washington and The Ohio State University, among others. SUNY Oneonta’s slammers were selected for the prestigious Group Piece Showcase, performing, “ex-girlfriend.” Taibi was honored as Best of the Rest and performed during the national championship finals.

LUKE D’IMPERIO ‘11 was invited to present the results of research he conducted as a summer intern at Princeton University at the American Physical Society’s annual conference in November 2010. He studied ways to control high-energy particle beams at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL) as one of 48 college students from across the United States selected to participate in the PPPL’s prestigious Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship program.

Senior Chemistry major MICHELLE LINDER ‘12 was the first undergraduate student ever to receive the Joseph Breen Memorial Fellowship from the American Chemical Society. The international award sponsors a young scholar of green chemistry to participate in an international green chemistry technical meeting, conference or training program. Linder will use the award to travel to the 2012 American Chemical Society annual meeting in San Diego.

Senior Environmental Sciences major ALEXANDER SOROKA ‘12, was selected to participate in the Research Experience for Undergraduates, a highly competitive summer research program sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Soroka conducted research at the Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study, a long-term ecological research site in New Hampshire where scientists were among the first to document the link between the burning of fossil fuels and acid rain.

PROMOTIONS

Seven faculty members were promoted to Associate Professor, effective with the fall 2010 semester:

SVEN ANDERSON
Art Department

GUSTAVO ARANGO
Foreign Languages and Literatures Department

BRIAN BEITZEL
Educational Psychology and Counseling

JACQUELINE BENNETT
Chemistry and Biochemistry

AMY DOUGHTY
English

GEORGE HOVIS
English

SEN ZHANG
Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics
For a college to experience the kind of success that SUNY Oneonta has enjoyed in recent years requires strong partnerships and even stronger leadership. Over the last 30 years, some of the college’s most committed partners and most passionate leaders have served as volunteers on the College at Oneonta Foundation Board of Directors.

The College Foundation was created in 1982 by forward-thinking individuals to provide funding through philanthropy. Armed with its mission to enhance the academic status of the college, the Foundation has raised and administered millions of dollars for scholarships, equipment, student and faculty research and institutional programs. In partnership with the SUNY College at Oneonta Alumni Association and the greater College community, the Foundation has been instrumental in providing for the extra margin of excellence that elevates SUNY Oneonta above its peer institutions.

As the College Foundation celebrates 30 years of impact in 2012, it will continue its work supporting SUNY Oneonta’s rise as a leading public college.
SCHOLARSHIPS
Growth of the college’s scholarship program has always been one of the Foundation’s top priorities. In addition to supporting students with financial needs, the program assists the college in attracting, retaining and rewarding a talented cross-section of students who choose SUNY Oneonta to pursue their educational dreams.

STUDENT RESEARCH
Student research opportunities have increased dramatically as a result of funding made available through the Foundation’s unrestricted endowment. The hands-on learning that takes place as a function of the research is one of the most effective tools in teaching. The Foundation also provides funding for the college’s annual Student Research Day.

PROGRAM SUPPORT
The Foundation has partnered with faculty, staff and graduates to create departmental funds in a number of disciplines. These funds provide resources for equipment and technology that would otherwise be unavailable. As a major sponsor of the Life of the Mind program, the Foundation supplies a forum to spotlight teaching, research, creative activities and scholarly contributions of the college’s accomplished faculty.

AWARDS AND LECTURESHIPS
A number of prestigious student and faculty awards are funded through the College at Oneonta Foundation. These awards recognize and honor the achievements of members of the SUNY Oneonta community each year. Through gifts to the Foundation, multiple annual lectures bring world class speakers, including Nobel Prize winners, as well as distinguished alumni and guests, to SUNY Oneonta’s campus.

Photos clockwise from top:
Dr. William McVicar ’81 returned to campus in 2010 to present a lecture titled: The Politics of Science: Managing the Development of New Drugs.
Laboratory equipment in Science Building I.
A student utilizes the resources of the highly-rated Milne Library.
Joanna Salvino, Biology Major, presenting her research at the 2011 Student Research Day.
Caroline Schroeder D’Antonio ’67 knows how important access to high quality, affordable higher education is. Her two older brothers were already in college (one at Ithaca College and one at Syracuse University) when she began her freshman year. Caroline and her family were seeking a place where she could receive an incredible education at an exceptional value. She found both at SUNY Oneonta.

Caroline ’67 and her husband, David, established the Caroline Schroeder D’Antonio ’67 and David D’Antonio Scholarship as a way to say ‘Thank You’ to SUNY Oneonta for all her education gave her.

“My very first impressions of SUNY Oneonta are still with me today; the stunning beauty of the campus set amid the rolling hills of Oneonta, and the friendliness of the faculty, staff and community,” she recalls. “SUNY Oneonta gave me so many opportunities, and a chance to grow and mature in a safe and guided setting.”

Caroline and David want to ensure that SUNY Oneonta’s high quality educational experience remains a financial possibility for students seeking a better future for themselves and their families. Establishing a scholarship through the College at Oneonta Foundation to assist students with financial need helped them achieve this goal.

The D’Antonios are not alone. Through the gifts of other generous graduates and friends to the College Foundation, the number of scholarship awards made to SUNY Oneonta students has increased by 130% in the last ten years. While the charts to the right show impressive growth, the real impact of scholarships at SUNY Oneonta can be heard in the words of our students.
“I hope that you can see how inspiring and wonderful you are to me. The scholarship means so much, but the inspiration I gain from you is priceless. I have started my sophomore year and am looking forward to acquiring new knowledge and achieving even greater success.”

Dylan Yeomans
Sophomore
Recipient of the Michael ‘87 and Deborah ‘87 Curcio Scholarship

“Beginning at a young age I knew I wanted a career in teaching. I enjoyed going to school, ‘playing school,’ and even liked doing homework! As I grew older my passion for teaching developed. I now realize I want to teach children because I want to make a difference in children’s lives. Thanks to the Alice Hull George ’31 Scholarship I am able to make my dream of becoming a teacher a reality.”

Christine Cooper
Sophomore
Recipient of the Alice Hull George ’31 Scholarship

“I have achieved so much at SUNY Oneonta; I honestly believe this would have been impossible without your support. But most importantly, thank you for believing in me. I truly appreciate everything you have done for me. I hope that I have lived up to your expectations and have made you proud.”

Michelle Linder
Senior
Recipient of the Chemistry and Bio-Chemistry Department Scholarship

“You have no idea how much receiving this scholarship means to my family. Last year I received a 3.65 GPA and my parents are so proud…none of my successes here would be possible without your scholarship.”

Phoebe Moore
Sophomore
Recipient of the William Pietrafaza and Marjorie Miller-Pietrafaza Scholarship

“Words cannot explain how much I appreciate the Paul O. Meadows Scholarship. It gives me that much more motivation to be the best I can possibly be and I just want you to know that I don’t take this for granted one bit…I will be sure not to disappoint you.”

Madison Morency
Sophomore
Recipient of the Paul O. Meadows Scholarship

“I am both honored and humbled to receive this scholarship award… Coming from a working middle class family, I have never taken the opportunity to attend college for granted. My goal is to one day be in a position to help students at SUNY Oneonta to achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

Jonathan Gibbs
Senior
Recipient of the John ‘88 and Claudia DeMelis “Founders Scholarship in Accounting”
The College at Oneonta Foundation Endowment provides long-term financial support for SUNY Oneonta and its students. Endowment funds are held in perpetuity and carefully managed and invested for stable long-term growth and income. When graduates and friends invest in the College at Oneonta Foundation Endowment, they know that their gifts will benefit generations of students at SUNY Oneonta.

We are proud of the endowment’s fiscal performance—and the impact it has on SUNY Oneonta. Endowment funds are invested according to the Foundation’s Investment Policy, developed by the College at Oneonta Foundation Board of Directors.

### FOUNDATION INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE VS. BENCHMARK COMPOSITES

**12-MONTH PERIODS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30**

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 RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

In the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the College at Oneonta Foundation continued its long-standing record of responsible and effective stewardship of its endowment and assets. The Foundation is committed to utilizing its resources in a fiscally-responsible way that best serves the needs of SUNY Oneonta and its students. The detailed breakout on this page illustrates the high level of programmatic efficiency demonstrated by the College at Oneonta Foundation.

**Program Service** includes expenditures for scholarship awards, departmental restricted funds, faculty/student research, lecture series, and other direct programmatic services.

**Management** represents the administrative costs to manage all accounts of the College at Oneonta Foundation.

The Foundation is committed to utilizing its resources in a fiscally-responsible way that best serves the needs of SUNY Oneonta and its students.
Scholarship Awards for 2010-2011 totaled $1,813,301 with 1,023 scholarships awarded to students.

10 scholarships reached endowment level and were awarded for the first time in 2010-11. These awards totaled over $100,000.

We had a **RECORD YEAR** for newly established scholarships. 22 endowed scholarships and 5 annual scholarships were created. A total of $810,000 in gift commitments were made for these scholarships.

The College at Oneonta Foundation Endowment reached $37.8 MILLION.

**OVER 5,000** graduates and friends made a gift to the College Foundation.

Faculty and Staff contributed $197,458

2010-2011 became the **7TH STRAIGHT YEAR** with total gifts exceeding the $2 million mark.
For more information on how you can give to the College at Oneonta Foundation now or in the future, please contact:

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