



**2005-2006 PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
& CHARITABLE GIVING UPDATE**



**CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1889**

SUNY COLLEGE AT

**Oneonta**

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## 2005-06 VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP

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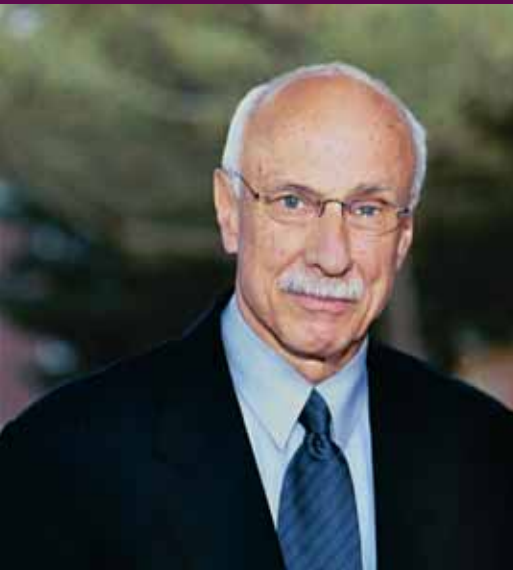
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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

2005-06 HIGHLIGHTS



**FOR BOTH THE LONG AND SHORT TERM,** 2005-06 was a remarkable year for the SUNY College at Oneonta. We received 11,440 applications for freshman admission, and we consistently receive over 5,000 more applications annually than we did just ten years ago. Our selectivity has soared, and we now accept under 43% of freshman applicants, making us one of the most selective colleges in the country. The number of freshman applications and our selectivity are the highest they've been in 30 years. In just ten years, the mean combined SAT score in the freshman class profile has increased 118 points and the mean high school average nearly eight points. More students are persisting in their studies, as shown by the freshman-to-sophomore retention rate, which jumped from under 61% in 1996 to over 80% this year.

These noteworthy accomplishments of the College at Oneonta community, as well as the stellar achievements of individuals and groups described later in this report, rightfully suggest that we have attained many of our goals. We will not, however, rest on our laurels. We will continue to seek ways to improve our performance and to offer an even better educational experience for our students.

Many of our achievements of the past decade are due to the foresight provided by our Comprehensive College Plan—the document that guides us from day to day as we put our mission into action. In April 2006, we adopted a revision of our Comprehensive College Plan, which will focus our vision for the years ahead. We have set new and ambitious goals in academic quality, enrollment management, student engagement, diversity and inclusion, the quality of campus life, community, and external support and image. Because you have played a vital role in our achievements and will continue to do so in the future, I invite you to review our new plan at [www.oneonta.edu/general/ccp.asp](http://www.oneonta.edu/general/ccp.asp).

So many of our accomplishments were made possible by the margin of excellence provided by individuals, organizations, and businesses that have supported our College. Your dedication to the College at Oneonta, your belief in our mission, and your commitment to improving the educational experience for current and future Oneonta students—these are the underpinnings of our success.

After you've read my report of selected accomplishments, please read on to learn about the charitable giving milestones you helped us reach through our "Changing Lives Since 1889" campaign, which has now raised \$9 million toward our \$10 million goal. As a supporter of the campaign, you are one of the many authors of the success story that is today's College at Oneonta.

With warmest regards,

Alan Donovan

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2005-06 HIGHLIGHTS



**PETER DI NARDO** of the Psychology Department and **GRETCHEN SULLIVAN SORIN '75G** of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in History Museum Studies received promotions from SUNY to Distinguished Professor. Professor Di Nardo was promoted to Distinguished Teaching Professor, SUNY's highest faculty rank, and Professor Sorin to Distinguished Service Professor.

Four members of our faculty were honored by SUNY at Commencement 2006. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching went to Associate Professor **CYNTHIA FALK** of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in History Museum Studies, Assistant Professor **JULIE FREEMAN** of the History Department, and Professor **PAUL LILLY** of the English Department. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship was presented to **MARY LYNN BENSEN '87G** of the Milne Library.

Associate Professor of Biology **DONNA VOGLER** was awarded the College's 2006 Susan Sutton Smith Prize for Academic Excellence. She delivered the annual Susan Sutton Smith Lecture, a presentation entitled "Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water: A Global Assessment of the Natural Resources that Sustain Us," in April in the Morris Conference Center. The Susan Sutton Smith Prize for Academic Excellence, named in honor of the late professor of English, recognizes outstanding faculty achievement in research, scholarship, or art. The endowed prize is made possible through gifts to the College at Oneonta Foundation by the late **DR. THOMAS SMITH** and his wife, **MARY SMITH**, in memory of their daughter.

Dr. Vogler and **PAUL BISCHOFF** of the Secondary Education Department were selected as recipients of the 2006 SUNY Research Foundation Research and Scholarship Award from a pool of applicants that spanned the entire SUNY system.

Assistant Professor of Geography **BENJAMIN DIXON** was awarded the 2005 Richard Siegfried Junior Faculty Prize for Academic Excellence. In December, he delivered the eleventh annual Richard Siegfried Lecture, an address entitled "Changing America's War Perspective: How and Why U.S. National Battlefields and Military Parks Continually Re-educate the American Public." The Siegfried Prize, which recognizes a non-tenured faculty member for outstanding academic achievement outside the classroom, was made possible by a gift from **ALICE SIEGFRIED** in memory of her husband, theater professor **RICHARD K. SIEGFRIED**.

Professor **CAROLYN HAESSIG** and Assistant Professor **JENNIFER BUECHE** of the Human Ecology Department were named as recipients of the College's fifth annual Award for Innovative Uses of Instructional Technology. They received the

award at a reception in the Morris Conference Center, where they offered a presentation on their work with instructional technology in the College's web-based Dietetic Internship. The award, which is part of the College's Fund for Academic Excellence, was made possible by a grant to the College at Oneonta Foundation by the AT&T Corporation.

Ten faculty members were promoted to Associate Professor, effective with the 2006-07 academic year: **TRACY ALLEN** of the Geography Department; **ANNACLETA CHIWESHE** of Human Ecology; **ROBERT COMPTON** of Political Science; **CYNTHIA FALK** of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in History Museum Studies; **HUGH GALLAGHER, JR.**, of the Physics and Astronomy Department; **BRIAN HALEY** of Anthropology; **GRAZYNA KAMBUROWSKA** of Mathematics, Computer Science and Statistics; **RICHARD LEE** of English; **IZABELLA LOKSHINA** of Economics and Business; and **EILEEN MORGAN-ZAYACHEK** of English.

**STEPHEN RICE** of the English Department received the 2006 Simphiwe Hlatswayo Award for Outstanding Part-Time Instructor.

**JOSEPH CHIANG**, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, was honored for his work in nanotechnology by being named a founding member of the American Academy of Nanomedicine. Last summer, his alma mater, Tunghai University in Taiwan, selected Dr. Chiang as a consultant to its new Nanotechnology Center. He also contributed a chapter on "Biological Requirements for Nanotherapeutic Systems" for a new book entitled *Nanoparticle Drug Delivery Systems: Current Trends and Emerging Technologies*.

Assistant Professor **BRIAN BEITZEL** of the Department of Educational Psychology and Counseling has been named the 2007 recipient of the American Psychological Association's Division of Educational Psychology Paul R. Pintrich Outstanding Dissertation Award. Dr. Beitzel received the award for his dissertation entitled "Designing Contrasting Video Case Activities to Facilitate Learning of Complex Subject Matter."

**CHRISTINE QUAIL**, Assistant Professor of Communication Arts, is co-author of a new book entitled *Vulture Culture: The Politics and Pedagogy of Daytime Television Talk Shows*, which was released by the Peter Lang Publishing Group.

**JANET NEPKIE** and **CHARLES DAHAN** of the Music Department are major contributors to the recently released eighth edition of David Baskerville's textbook *The Music Business Handbook and Career Guide*. Dr. Nepkie also served as an organizer of the SUNY Celebration of the Arts that highlighted the outstanding creative work of SUNY faculty, students, and academic departments in the arts.



**JOHN DAVEY**, who teaches jazz bass in the Music Department, was featured in a concert at the College in October to mark the release of his new CD, *Sound Bites*. The concert featured all original compositions from the CD, which was recorded during the spring and summer at the College's Music Recording Studio.

History Professor **WILLIAM SIMONS** is the editor of a new collection of essays entitled *The Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture, 2003–2004*, released recently by McFarland and Company Publishers. Dr. Simons wrote the introduction to the book in addition to editing the essays. It is the fourth collection in the series that he has edited.

Distinguished Service Professor **WILLARD HARMAN**, Director of the Biological Field Station, secured a National Science Foundation grant of \$125,442 to enhance the College's facilities at the field station in Cooperstown. Awarded through the foundation's Research in Undergraduate Institutions program, the award supported the renovation of a two-story building to provide offices and laboratory spaces at the former Thayer property.

**ADAM RYBURN** and **DONNA VOGLER** of the Biology Department received a grant of from the New York State Biodiversity Research Institute to conduct field surveys and produce vouchered specimens of vascular plants in Otsego and Montgomery counties. The local project is the first phase in initiating a state-wide effort to produce a more complete database of plant distributions in the state.

**HO HUN LEUNG** of the Sociology Department, who coordinates the College's Center for Social Science Research, received a SUNY Conversations in the Disciplines grant to organize a SUNY-wide conference on Language and Globalization, which was held at the College in October. Among the presenters were faculty members **JOHN CHIANG** of the Communication Arts Department, **JOSEPH CHIANG** of the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, **ORLANDO LEGNAME** of the Music Department, and **MARIA MONTOYA** of the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department.

**HUGH GALLAGHER**, Associate Professor of Physics and Astronomy, has assumed responsibility as Director of the Science Discovery Center at the College, following the retirement of the center's founder, **ALBERT READ**. Professor Read, who retired as a faculty member in physics in 1985, opened the interactive science educational facility in 1990.

**FRANK GOULD**, Associate Professor Emeritus of Sociology, is the author of *The Woman's Right: A Story of My Maine Grandmother 1848–1927*, which was recently released by iUniverse, Inc. With excerpts from letters, diaries, and newspapers, the book tells the true story of his grandmother's flight from oppression and her new destiny.

**B. CECILIA ZAPATA** joined the College as Director of the Office of Equity and Inclusion in February. Dr. Zapata came to Oneonta from Bates College, where she had served since 2003 as Director of the Office of Affirmative Action and Institutional Diversity.

The College's sixth annual Faculty Research Show, coordinated by **KIM MULLER** and **KATHY MEEKER** of the Grants Development Office, featured 47 research projects conducted by Oneonta faculty from 19 different academic departments and several programs. Kim Muller was also elected Vice Chair of the SUNY University Colleges Research Council at the council's annual meeting in April.

Approximately 75 students, representing a range of disciplines and academic majors, presented the results of their research conducted with faculty mentors at the College's sixth annual Student Research Day in April. The College's grants program for Student/Faculty Research and Creative Activity is funded by the College at Oneonta Foundation's unrestricted endowment. **DR. ANGELO SCOPELIANOS '77**, Vice President for Research and Development at Johnson & Johnson's Center for Biomaterials and Advanced Technologies, delivered the keynote address.

Well known scientist and author **MICHAEL ROSENZWEIG** presented an address entitled "Reconciliation Ecology" as the College's annual Cornell-Gladstone-Hanlon-Kaufmann Lecture on Environmental Education and Communication. A professor of ecology and environmental biology at the University of Arizona, Dr. Rosenzweig is best known as the author of *Win-Win Ecology: How the Earth's Species Can Survive in the Midst of Human Enterprise*. The Cornell-Gladstone-Hanlon-Kaufmann Annual Lectureship on Environmental Education and Communication was established by **WILLIAM KAUFMANN** and his late wife, **VIRGINIA KAUFMANN '44**, through a gift to the College at Oneonta Foundation in 1999.

**JOHN ESPOSITO**, an international authority on Islamic culture, presented a lecture at the College entitled "The U.S. and Islam: What Lies Ahead" as the 2005 installment of the Mills Distinguished Lecture Series. The author of more than 30 books, Dr. Esposito is University Professor of Religion and International Affairs and Founding Director of the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. The Mills Lecture Series—established by the College at Oneonta Foundation to honor the memory of Education Professor **ALBERT MILLS** and his wife, **HELENA M. MILLS**—brings to campus a distinguished speaker of international reputation with expertise in broad areas of human concern.

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2005-06 HIGHLIGHTS



Five seniors from the College were among a select group of SUNY students chosen to receive the 2006 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence. SUNY Chancellor JOHN R. RYAN presented the awards to JESSICA GARABEDIAN, AUBRYNN NEALIS, TERESA TARTAGLIONE, ALEXANDER VITO, and AIMEE WOLONS. Since the 1998 implementation of the program, 40 Oneonta students have received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence, including 27 in the past four years.

The College recognized 27 students who were honored as "The Best and Brightest" for the Fall 2005 semester for their outstanding academic achievement, community service, and leadership: JONATHAN BELKNAP, ANGELA BENINCASA, LORI CADDEN, HEATHER CARROLL, KARI CUBITO, JENNA DOWNING, KRISTIN FEDOR, ALLISON FERRARA, JESSICA GARABEDIAN, JENNIFER GOMBACH, STEPHEN HAWCO, REBECA HILL, NOELLE HILLIARD, FRANK MATONIS IV, NICOLE NEARY, CHRISTINE NOONAN, JUSTIN PALERMO, MICHAEL REALE, ANN RICHARD, ASHLEE ROBERTSON, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY, TERESA TARTAGLIONE, JESSICA WIELINSKI, STEVEN WOLF, AIMEE WOLONS, and DIANA ZINNI.

Eight students from the College—SARAH WOODWARD, DANIEL ZINGER, S. JASON RODRIGUEZ, TARA LOHSEN, ERIC CHU, SCOTT HALL, MORGANN E. LAMBERT, and ROBERT KRAMER—had their artwork displayed in SUNY's Fall 2005 Student Art Exhibit on the main concourse of the State University Plaza in Albany.

The faculty of the Biology Department honored ABIGAIL COSTELLO with both the Jan Kee Ang Award and the Corning Award for Excellence in Microbiology for her outstanding academic performance. KATHERINE RIVARD received the 2006-2007 Jan Kee Ang Scholarship. KAILEE DIDOMENICO received the 2005-2006 Jan Kee Ang Scholarship. The John G. New Scholarship went to BRIAN BRENNER and ALEXANDER HEALY.

Eight students received awards during the Earth Sciences Department's "Majors' Night" in October. DANIEL NIERENBERG, a senior Geology major, received the sixth annual QTZ Scholarship Award. RANDALL WILSON received the Robert T. Simmonds Book Award, DAVID MASE the Philo C. Wilson Book Award, CHERYL LYONS the M. Ira Dubins Book Award, AMANDA BARNES the Peter Knightes '67 Book Award, KATHLEEN CARROLL the Stephen Berman Book Award, ANN TENYENHUIS the Alumni Book Award, and BRIEGEN PHETTEPLACE the Moira J. Beach Book Award.

Senior JEFFREY LEVINE was honored by the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation as its 2006 Collegiate EMS Provider of the Year. Jeff served as chief of the Oneonta State Emergency Squad and is certified as a crew chief, emergency medical technician, and driver. He received the national award at the annual conference of the National Collegiate Emergency Medical Services Foundation in Boston in February.

Junior AMANDA VILLARI and senior JONATHAN WINNICKI were elected to the College at Oneonta Foundation Board of Directors in October as the board's first-ever student directors. Past-President KAREN ELTING '84 and former Vice President JOHN BROOKS were re-elected to four-year terms on the board.

Students working through the ONEONTA GULF COAST COLLABORATION, a partnership between the College and the Southern Mississippi Migrant Education Program, raised over \$13,000 in one week in February to purchase a mobile classroom for children displaced by the devastating hurricanes of 2005. The classroom was renovated and retrofitted on campus and delivered to Mississippi in April. Groups of volunteers from the College also made several trips to Pass Christian, Mississippi, during winter and spring breaks to aid in the rebuilding of the community.

As its senior class gift, the CLASS OF 2006 raised over \$14,000 from 628 members of the class to purchase a clock tower for the plaza between the Human Ecology and Physical Science buildings. Senior Class President KATIE GREENE '06 and a committee of hard-working seniors led the effort.

The STUDENT ASSOCIATION used \$50,000 in reserve assets to endow The Student Association Leadership Scholarship, which will benefit current and future students who have demonstrated leadership and financial need. Many students, including Student Association President JONATHAN WINNICKI '06 and Treasurer JASON GARDNER '07, provided leadership in the establishment of the new scholarship.

The POETRY SLAM TEAM from the College reached the national semifinals of the 2006 Association of College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational at Texas State University. Known as "The Intangibles," the Oneonta team finished eighth of the 22 teams invited to compete in the national tournament in April. They received the award for the "Best Group Piece" as well as two individual awards.

MATT LOPICCOLO was named the NCAA Division III Atlantic Region Coach of the Year for women's indoor track and field. He was also honored as the SUNYAC Coach of the Year for women's indoor track and field.



Senior runner **MUSU JACKSON-BUCKNER**, the College's female athlete of the year, won the NCAA Division III national championship in the 200 meters, was named the US Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association female Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Atlantic Region female track athlete of the year, was honored as the SUNYAC women's track and field Chancellor Scholar Athlete of the Year, was selected by *The Daily Star* as the best female college athlete in the area, and received an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to continue her studies in graduate school. Musu and graduate student **ASHLEE ROBERTSON** were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All District 1 women's track & field/cross country team. Musu, Ashlee, junior **KAITLYN O'SULLIVAN**, and junior **MAUREEN VERDIER** received national All-Academic honors from the US Track & Field/Cross Country Coaches Association, which also named our men's and women's track teams and women's cross country team as national All-Academic teams.

Senior wrestler **KYLE HAUPTFLEISCH** was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All District 1 men's team, earned National Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar All American honors for the third straight year, and won the Dr. Sam Molnar Award as SUNYAC's best male scholar-athlete. The wrestling team ranked sixth nationally in team GPA in NCAA Division III, earning recognition as the highest-ranked public college and the only ranked program in New York State.

Senior lacrosse player **JESSICA GARABEDIAN**, the College's female scholar-athlete of the year for the second straight time, was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All District 1 team, honored as the SUNYAC women's lacrosse Chancellor Scholar Athlete of the Year for the second straight year, and recognized with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence. Senior swimmer **SARAH MILLSPAUGH** was selected as the SUNYAC women's swimming and diving Chancellor Scholar Athlete of the Year.

The College welcomed three new individual members and its first team of distinction into the Athletic Hall of Fame at a ceremony in the Alumni Field House on Homecoming & Family Weekend. This year's class consisted of **EDWARD HUNTINGTON '52**, basketball and baseball; **JOHN MAGIN '71**, swimming; **GEORGE SEALEY '80**, baseball; and the **1972 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM**.

At Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Association Award honored Professor **WILLIAM PIETRAFACE** of the Biology Department with its Outstanding Faculty Service Award; **SYLVIA CAREY '80**, the Associate Provost and Dean of Honors at Dillard University, with its Distinguished Alumna Award; Alumni Association Past-President **COLLEEN BRANNAN '83, '89G** with its Excellence in Alumni Service Award; and volunteer leader **MARY MILMORE '06H** with its Friend of the College Award and by naming her an honorary alumna.

The College presented honorary SUNY doctorates to **JOSEPH POON '78**, well know master chef, community servant, and author, and to **DAVID DUBAL**, author, radio host, professor, and classical music expert.

Governor **GEORGE PATAKI** appointed former Oneonta school superintendent **JAMES PISCITELLI** and local businesswoman **MARIA KELSO** to the College at Oneonta Council.

The College unveiled a new **FINANCIAL SERVICES LABORATORY CLASSROOM** in Schumacher Hall in August. Using the technology in the classroom, Economics and Business faculty can present current financial data on the stock markets, gainers-losers, most active stocks, and other areas. They can also create custom presentations to track selected securities, mutual funds, and other financial products. The displays in the classroom include a 116" tri-color LED graphical ticker system and a 32.4" x 57.8" tri-color LED data-wall.

The College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the completion of the **NEWLY RENOVATED DINING FACILITY** in Hulbert Hall in September. The project marked the completion of a seven-year, \$10.5 million renovation of all of the College's dining facilities through a successful partnership among the College, Oneonta Auxiliary Services, and the College's food-service provider, Sodexo.

The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) granted continuing accreditation to the College following its 2005 review of the **DIVISION OF EDUCATION**. The College is the first SUNY institution to achieve accreditation under the new NCATE program review process, which went into effect in 2004.

*CosmoGirl* magazine named the College to its second annual list of the **50 BEST COLLEGES** in the United States in its October issue. The list included such prominent universities as Duke, Stanford, and the University of Pennsylvania. The College at Oneonta was the only SUNY institution on the list.

# CAMPAIGN FOR THE COLLEGE AT ONEONTA

CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1889



## UPDATE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of you who has contributed so generously toward our \$10 million “Changing Lives Since 1889” campaign goal. Your gifts, which now

total over \$9 million, further demonstrate your commitment to our four Campaign initiatives—Scholarships, Milne Library Endowment, Science Initiative, and Unrestricted Endowment.

A number of years ago, we were able to endow a scholarship to be awarded to a student with financial need. The impact of our scholarship and all the other scholarships that are awarded yearly is tremendous and has truly turned students’ dreams into realities. We who have benefited so much from the fine education we received during our years at Oneonta understand the importance of giving back so future students can have the same wonderful experiences we did.

Your generosity is the reason why we continue to set new records in charitable giving at the College at Oneonta. One area dear to our heart and which we are particularly proud of is the growth of scholarship awards at the College. In 1995, we awarded 60 scholarships for a total of \$137,266. Now, just 12 years later, we are pleased to report that for the 2006–2007 school year, we will award almost \$1.3 million and over 700 scholarships.

With less than a year remaining to the conclusion of our Campaign, we ask that you continue your support by making a gift to our College so that we may achieve and even surpass our \$10 million goal. We look forward to meeting and thanking many of you personally in the coming months. Our heartfelt appreciation to all of you who have made our job as Co-Chairs memorable and enjoyable.

Bob and Sheila Sheridan Striffler, Class of 1972  
Campaign Co-Chairs

# CHARITABLE GIVING

2005-06 STATISTICS AND HIGHLIGHTS

**CAMPAIGN GOAL:  
\$10 MILLION  
RAISED BY JUNE 2007**

**TOTAL OF GIFTS,  
GRANTS AND PLEDGES  
AS OF JULY 7, 2006:  
\$9 MILLION**



**TOTAL GIFTS, GRANTS, AND  
BEQUESTS TO THE COLLEGE  
FOUNDATION AND ALUMNI  
ANNUAL FUND: \$2,120,334**

Alumni set a new record with contributions to the Alumni Annual Fund totaling **\$475,560**—a **14.2%** increase from last year—as **7,667** Alumni made a charitable gift, an increase of **3.65%**.

We concluded the year with an **18%** alumni participation rate in giving. This sustains our #1 ranking among our SUNY peers for the **FIFTH** consecutive year.

College Foundation Board of Directors once again had **100%** participation in giving. Their gifts totaled **\$143,336**.

The Class of 2006 set a new record with its Senior Class Campaign, raising **\$14,090** for the purchase of a new clock tower for our College campus.

Gifts from parents to our College this year totaled **\$33,716**, with **849** parents contributing.

Nine new endowed scholarships have been established this year, bringing our total number of named scholarships to **157**. Scholarships remain our priority, and we are pleased to report we will award over **700** scholarships totaling more than **\$1.25 MILLION** for the coming school year—another record for our College.

In Spring 2006, the College at Oneonta Student Association endowed the **STUDENT ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP** with **\$50,000** of reserve assets, which will benefit current and future students. Students who have demonstrated leadership and who have financial need will be supported as they strive to reach their educational goals. Special thanks go to SA President Jonathan Winnicki, Class of 2006, and SA Treasurer Jason Gardner, Class of 2007, and the many other students who made the establishment of this scholarship possible.

Corporate matching gifts to the Alumni Annual Fund and the College at Oneonta Foundation totaled **\$32,232**.

The College received gifts from **9,652** donors this fiscal year. This group includes alumni, current and retired faculty and staff, parents, and friends of the College. This represents an increase of **4.6%**.

Faculty and staff charitable giving to the College continues to be strong. This year gifts from current and retired faculty and staff totaled over **\$113,000**.

The Cooperstown Graduate Program successfully completed a **\$600,00** match for the National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant, exceeding it by **\$40,000**. CGP's endowment funds have increased **\$840,000** in four years.

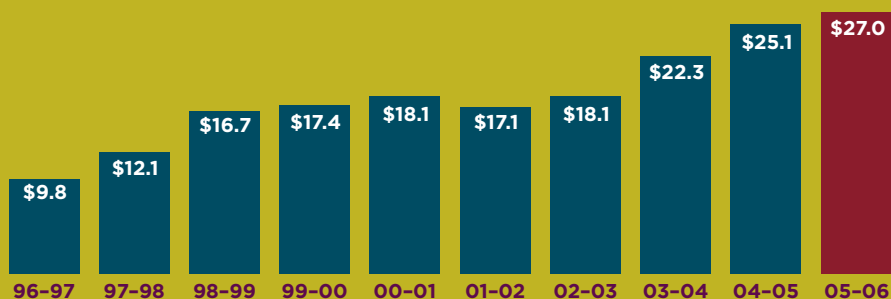
# ENDOWMENT FUNDS

COLLEGE AT ONEONTA

**ENDOWMENT AS OF  
JUNE 30, 2006: \$27,002,891**



## ENDOWMENT GROWTH OVER 10 YEARS IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



## INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

67.5% Equities

30.3% Bonds

2.1% Cash

## INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE VS. INDICES

12-MONTH PERIODS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

	05-06	04-05	03-04
Portfolio's Equities Return	17.49%	9.75%	23.78%
S&P 500 Index	8.65%	6.31%	19.11%
Portfolio's Fixed Income Return	0.57%	4.05%	1.56%
Lehman C&G Bond Index	-1.53%	7.24%	-0.71%
Total Portfolio Return	9.45%	8.13%	16.42%
NBT Composite Index	5.83%	6.49%	13.46%

# WAYS TO INVEST IN THE COLLEGE AT ONEONTA



**A GIFT TO THE COLLEGE AT ONEONTA IS AN INVESTMENT IN ITS FUTURE. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

**CASH** All gifts made to the Alumni Annual Fund and the College at Oneonta Foundation are tax deductible as permitted by law. For gifts to the Alumni Annual Fund, make checks payable to *SUNY Oneonta Alumni Annual Fund*. For all other gifts, make checks payable to the *College at Oneonta Foundation*.

**CREDIT CARDS** Charging your gift to your credit card is an easy, fast option. You provide the information required, and we do the rest. Please contact us, and we will be pleased to help you.

**PAYROLL DEDUCTION** If you are a New York State employee, including one employed at another SUNY institution, you may choose to make a tax-deductible gift through payroll deduction. Contact your payroll office to find out just how easy it is.

**ONLINE** You can make gifts to a variety of different funds through the College at Oneonta Alumni Online Community at [www.oneontaalumni.com](http://www.oneontaalumni.com). This is a secure and convenient way to make your gift.

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**APPRECIATED STOCK** Contributing appreciated stock is a way to make a significant gift while saving capital gains and income taxes as well. Appreciated stock in certificate form should be sent unendorsed to the Office of College Advancement. Send separately a signature guaranteed by your bank or broker. If your stocks are held in street name (electronically by a brokerage firm), please have your broker call us for directions after you have instructed him or her about the number of shares or dollar amount you wish to give. We will be happy to answer any questions you have about giving appreciated stock.

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