

SUNY Oneonta

The Best and Brightest ... Spring 2009

Jordan Aily, Business Economics.....nominated by Hua Zhong

Jordan is a member of the Order of Omega and Omicron Delta Kappa national honor societies. He is active in the Inter Greek Council and the Accounting Society, and he is an active volunteer including the St. Jude's Letter Writing Campaign, Into the Streets, American Heart Association Walk, Boys and Girls Club of America, and the Lord's Table.

Kimberly Andrews, Child and Family Studies.....nominated by Karen S. Joest

Kimberly is active in the Human Ecology Club, helping to raise over \$1500 for toys for tots. She is a member of Habitat for Humanity Club, helping to build homes and raise funds for economically disadvantaged families. She has volunteered for the CROP program, an after-school program for educationally disadvantaged students, and for the ASPCA.

Alana Armstrong, Theatre.....nominated by John McCaslin-Doyle

Alana is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Theatre Society. She has volunteered backstage in several productions and interned for the Jupiter Theatre. She has volunteered with the local community theatres, most noticeably in a featured role in last fall's *A Chorus Line*.

Julia Backus, Computer Art and Communication Studies.....nominated by Ian Lascell

Julia is the recipient of the 2009 Academic Achievement Award for Computer Art and a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. She served as a Resident Advisor, is active in the Student Fashion Society and Resident Student Organization, and volunteered with the Oneonta Gulf Coast Collaboration, Habitat for Humanity, and Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

Heather Bailey, Political Science and French.....nominated by Janet E. Day

Heather is a delegate to the Model UN Conference, representing the country of Botswana, and is active in the French Club, BASIC, Political Science Club and Young Republicans. She is a tutor for CADE. As an exchange student, she spent a year in Brazil, where she volunteered for an after-school program and worked in a local soup kitchen.

Nicole Baldwin, Theatre.....nominated by Andrew Kahl

Nicole is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and the Apollo Music Club, serving on the executive board. She has worked as a stage manager for multiple theatre productions, is actively involved in the Mask and Hammer theatre club. She completed an internship with Glimmerglass Opera Company and is involved with the Orpheus Theatre.

Malorie Carrington, Professional Accounting.....nominated by Lisa Flynn

A scholar-athlete, Malorie was recently inducted into the Chi Alpha Sigma National Student-Athlete Honor Society and has been accepted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. Malorie works on campus as a Call Center Agent.

Maureen Casey, School Counselor.....nominated by Emily Phillips-Knapp

Maureen has been recommended for our Belmont Endowment Scholarship. She has been a mentor to other students in the School Counselor program, and she has been active in the community assisting local businesses in the clean-up following the flood of 2006, volunteering at a local nursing home, and participating in Walk for Life.

Lok Him (Ghini) Chan, Business Economics.....nominated by Margaret Maguire

Ghini is a recipient of the Richard Siegfried Student Award. He completed an internship with Merrill Lynch in Manhattan. He serves as an academic tutor and is active in the Business Economics Club, the Finance Club, and the Sociology Club. He was a volunteer in a church daycare in Hong Kong, and locally he participated in home rebuilding efforts following the 2006 floods

Sin Ting Chiu, Chemistry and Economics.....nominated by Huimin Xu

An outstanding student, Sin Ting is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society and a recipient of the OAS International Scholarship. She has been active as a member of the Economics Club and the Chemistry Club, and she has served as a Peer Academic Tutor on campus.

Jessica Csakany, Childhood Education: Social Studies.....nominated by Madeline Berry

Jessica was a member of the SUNYAC All Academic Team from 2005 to 2007. She volunteered in the Schenectady and Cooperstown School Districts as part of the Career Exploration Internship Program, participated in the Harvest of Hope Foundation service-learning project, and has been active in the community including Into the Streets and Relay for Life.

Oxana Darmogray, Professional Accounting.....nominated by Jason Swift

Oxana is a founding member of Young Alumni Council and an elected member of Alumni Association Board of Directors. She assists at Reunion and Homecoming and Family Weekends, is a member of the Accounting Society and International Student Organization, and has been involved in Theatre Club, Mask & Hammer, and Fashion Club.

Julie Dewey, Biology.....nominated by Jennifer Mahar

Julie is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society and the National Residence Hall Honorary. She has served as a Resident Assistant, Night Host, EOP Academic Tutor, Rhetoric Tutor for EOP Summer Academy, and Admissions Tour Guide. She has served as a student member of the SUNY Oneonta Presidential Search Committee, a tutor for CADE, a member of the Oneonta State Emergency Squad, and as a volunteer for Student Disabilities Services.

Gina DiCosola, English.....nominated by George Hovis

Gina is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies. She is editor of *Art & Scope* magazine and President of the Art & Scope club, where she has been involved in fundraising for the Wish You Well Foundation, an organization that promotes family literacy in the U.S. She is a member of Parnassus English Club and serves as an academic tutor for EOP.

Luke D'Imperio, Physics, Option A.....nominated by Sunil Labroo

An exceptional student, Luke has been involved in several research projects with the Physics Department Faculty, and he presented his work in a student poster at a regional conference. He is an active member of the Physics Club and has volunteered time to staff the Science Discovery Center.

Michelle Dolojan, Business Economics.....nominated by Izabella Lokshina

Michelle is a member of the Chi Alpha Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. She is a tutor for CADE, took part in the Economics assistantship tutoring students in Economics, is a member of the Accounting Society and Business Economics Club, and is an active volunteer including coaching soccer for the National Soccer Hall of Fame Clinic, SUNYAC Leaf Raking, and Munchkin Camp.

Sarah Eichas, Human Ecology, Apparel and Textiles.....nominated by Katherine Angell

Sarah is a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society and the Student Fashion Society, and she is active in residence life, recently having been nominated as an outstanding resident. She took part in the study-abroad program at the American Intercontinental University, London., and secured an internship with the high-end fashion company Matthew Williamson in London.

Sean Engel, Mass Communication.....nominated by Gayane Torosyan

Sean is a member of The Wire Television Production Club and has participated in the recording of the Theatre Department's production of *Scotland Road* and will record the Terpsichorean Dance Company's spring production. He has volunteered for Relay for Life with the Wire Club.

Tara Ford, Child and Family Studies.....nominated by Theresa Russo

Tara has served as a teaching assistant. She is member of the Marketing Club, where she has helped Habitat for Humanity raise money to send students to Mississippi and is working with Catholic Charities to organize a major fund-raising event. She is involved in the Human Ecology Club, where she helped raise \$1500 for Toys for Tots.

Dana Forlini, Mass Communication.....nominated by Jon Arakaki

Dana is an exemplary student. She is involved with the *Art and Scope* student literary magazine, is a teaching assistant in Communication Arts, and is assisting with the Mass Communication faculty job search.

Christopher Fremgen, Computer Science.....nominated by Sen Zhang

Christopher actively participated in SUNY Oneonta Student Research Day and the student research poster session of the Northeastern Region Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges. He is a volunteer tutor, works for the Information Technology Help Desk and has database programming internship experience with the computing department on campus.

Yan Garcia, Business Economics.....nominated by Iain Byrne

Yan is a two-time SUNYAC All-Academic team member and SUNYAC Commissioners' List member. He is a captain of the men's soccer team and a two-time All-Conference selection. He serves on the Athletic department's "Captain's Leadership Committee" and is one of two student-athletes on the Intercollegiate Athletics Board. He participated in the SUNYAC leaf-raking project, volunteered at Habitat for Humanity, and contributed to the Migrant Workers Christmas Project.

Ashley Gray, Childhood Education.....nominated by Mark Jury

Ashley is part of the Oneonta/Mohawk Valley Community College program in Education. Since coming into the Oneonta portion of the program this past fall, she has been active in recruiting MVCC students. She volunteered to tutor fourth graders in a Utica grade school and played a leading role in organizing and carrying out a charitable coat drive for children in need.

Elyse Hallenbeck, Psychology and Anthropologynominated by Sheila A. Serbay

Elyse is a member of the Psi Chi Honor Society and the Psychology Club. She is a volunteer note taker, and she recently assisted during a college and community food drive by engaging other students and organizing the marketing materials showcasing the student project. She has participated in Habitat for Humanity efforts in the community.

Michelle Hammer, Computer Art.....nominated by Geoff Hassard

Michelle is a member of the spring 2008 SUNYAC All Academic Team. She held an internship with the Athletic Department and is an active volunteer including adopting a special-needs classroom with the lacrosse team, Leaf Raking, Relay for Life and the SAAC Fun Run.

- Maiko Hayashi, Human Ecology, Apparel and Textiles.....nominated by Annacleta Chiweshe**
Maiko is the recipient of the OAS International Student Scholarship award and is currently a teaching assistant for Fashion 223, Computer Applications in Fashion. She is a tutor for Japanese and is active on campus including the International Club.
- Sarah Humiston, Psychology.....nominated by Geoffrey O’Shea**
Sarah is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and a SUNYAC All-Academic team member and SUNYAC Commissioner’s List member. She actively volunteers, including swim instructor for Springbrook, Springbrook Duck Derby Fundraiser, Prestwick Chase Retirement Community, Into the Streets, and Boy Scout Swim Day.
- Richard Jaworski, Meteorology.....nominated by Laura Munteanu**
Richard is a member of the American Meteorological Society and the Oneonta Meteorology Club. He is currently part of the team for Weather Podcasting through the SUNY Oneonta Weather Center for WONY 90.9 and for TV weather broadcasting on the Wire. He has assisted the St. Hughes and the St. Elizabeth's children's baseball camps.
- Olivia Kenyan, Anthropology and Biology.....nominated by Tracy Betsinger**
Olivia is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Tri Beta honor societies. She interned with the Sea Turtle Conservation Research Project in Zakynthos, Greece, and with Bassett Hospital, and she has been involved in an independent study project with the Anthropology Department. She is active in the Biology Club and Anthropology Club, and she has volunteered with Into the Streets, Take Back the Night, Kidney Walk, and St. Jude’s Letter Writing Campaign.
- Julie Ketchen, Family & Consumer Sciences Education and Human Ecology.....nominated by Rosemarie Avanzato**
Julie is a recipient of the Susan Sutton Smith Award and the Richard Siegfried Student Award. She is a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron National Honor Society. She is a member of the Human Ecology Club and CHOICES and has held the position of Academic Team Leader.
- Brittney Koster, Business Economics.....nominated by Stephen Walsh**
Brittney is a member of the Marketing Club and has chaired two project teams. One generated a marketing plan on behalf of a community-based business and the other spearheaded a recycling campaign for cell phones to benefit battered women and children. She is involved in intramural sports and has frequently been a night host in her residence hall.
- Jessica Lamendola, Political Science.....nominated by Robert Compton**
Jessica is a member of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society. She is a participant in Model UN 2009 and a member of the Pre-law Society, History Club, Student Ambassador Club, Political Science Club, Outing Club, Arabic Club, and Protect Your Environment Club. She tutors students with learning disabilities at Floral Park Memorial HS and volunteers at PS 193, Queens, NY.
- Erin Logan, Theatre.....nominated by Barbara Kahl**
Erin is a voting member of the Mask and Hammer theatre club and has participated in several Theatre Department shows as an actor and an assistant stage manager. She has served as Director for the United Church of Phelps U-ACT Summer Drama program for all ages and has volunteered for Adopt-A-Highway, Relay for Life, and Service Day.
- Michael Lowenski, Professional Accounting.....nominated by William O’Dea**
Michael is a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society and a recipient of the Richard Siegfried Student Award. He is a member of the Accounting Society and the Student Advisory Council, Division of Economics and Business. He volunteers for an organization that collects and distributes Christmas gift boxes to underprivileged children.
- Amanda Minnock, Anthropology and Biology.....nominated by John Relethford**
Amanda is a member of the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society. She has taken on six independent studies, received three Student/Faculty Research Grants, and given three presentations at Student Research Day. She is active on campus including PR²EPS Summer Science Camp, Honorary Director for the College at Oneonta Foundation Board, and a member of the Resident Student Organization and the Anthropology and Biology Clubs. She has volunteered for Into the Streets.
- Barbara Mislán, Sociology.....nominated by Brian Lowe**
Barbara is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society. She is working on a collaboration with the founders of a new animal sanctuary intended to facilitate the activities of the animal shelter and to conduct a sociological analysis. She is pursuing a career in international relations, which will allow her to pursue her interests in animal advocacy and non-governmental relations.
- Amanda Morine, Human Ecology, Fashion Buying & Merchandising.....nominated by Yun-Jung Choi**
Amanda is an active member of the Student Fashion Society and an intramural indoor soccer player. She has been active in various community volunteer programs including the Wesley Health Care Center for the elderly, Philadelphia University’s “The Plunge,” and SPCA Animal Shelter.
- Abdul Rahim Nurani, Business Economics.....nominated by David Ring**
Abdul has participated on the College’s Federal Reserve Challenge team competing with 30 other colleges at the New York Federal Reserve Bank. His activities include being a founding member of the Indian Cultural Club and a member of the Finance Club, Accounting Club, Economics Club, International Student Organization, Resident Advisor, and EOP tutor.

Stephanie Ottino, Food Service & Restaurant Administrationnominated by Shih-Ming Hu

Stephanie is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. She has been involved in the Harvest Party after-school program for Valleyview Elementary School, a nutrition education lesson for the Center Street Elementary School special education class, and the Safe Space training program. She is an active volunteer including a charity basketball tournament and MS Walk.

Charles Piper, School Counselor.....nominated by Joan Marshall

Charles is a recipient of the Richard Siegfried Academic Excellence Award, Honors in English, Outstanding Senior in English, and the Robin Ross Higgins Scholarship Award. He attended the American School Counselor Association Conference in Atlanta, GA, and he has been active in sports, coaching soccer, basketball, and track in the local community.

Amy Pondolino, Mathematics.....nominated by Dennis Higgins

Amy is working to start a Children’s Museum in Oneonta, OWL: Oneonta World of Learning. She built an impressive website for OWL including a calendar of events, lesson plan search/upload/download, staff biographies, and search and email utilities. Amy has been instrumental in organizing Science Saturdays, a joint OWL/SUNY Oneonta project.

Zubaida Qamar, Dietetics, Pre-Medicine.....nominated by Kirsten Hilpert

Zubaida is President and a founding member of the Muslim Student Association, President of Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society, and a member of the International Student Organization and the Indian Cultural Club. She is active in the Food and Nutrition Association, Students of Color Coalition, International Student Organization, and SUNY Oneonta Cricket Club. She is an Academic Team Member and a peer tutor for CADE.

Chelsea Reimer, Adolescence Education: Mathematics and Mathematics.....nominated by Jessica Pausewang

Chelsea is a member of the Chi Alpha Sigma National Student Athlete Honor Society and was nominated for the National Residence Hall Honorary. She helped conduct a sports clinic on campus for local elementary students, acted as a tour guide and overnight recruit host for the women’s lacrosse team, and adopted a local special needs classroom with the women’s lacrosse team. She actively volunteers including Relay for Life, Heart Run, and Breast Cancer Awareness.

Kayla Reinstein, Dietetics.....nominated by Mary Ann Dowdell

Kayla is a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society and is a recipient of the Richard Siegfried Student Award. She is active in the Food and Nutrition Association, the College Union Activities Council and Hillel. She has participated in several service-learning projects and has volunteered for South Nassau Communities Hospital, Relay for Life and the Kidney Walk.

Ashley Renko, Physics: Option B.....nominated by Hugh Gallagher, Jr.

Ashley is active in the Science Discovery Center, where she has assisted visitors and school groups in their exploration of exhibits, maintained membership records, and developed a solar system exhibit. She has participated in several projects with faculty and has presented at the 2007 Fall Meeting of the New York State Section of the American Physical Society and SUNY Oneonta’s Student Research Day.

Jennifer Schultz, Food Service & Restaurant Administration.....nominated by Oscar Oberkircher

An outstanding student-athlete, Jennifer is a member of the Chi Alpha Sigma and the Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. She serves as a Resident Advisor, is actively involved with CHOICES and the Food and Nutrition Association, and participated in the College’s Emerging Leaders program.

Rebecca Shea, Adolescence Education: Physics and Physics.....nominated by Paul French and Karen Munson

Rebecca is a participant in SUNY Oneonta Student Research Day and has presented at national and state Physics conferences. She is active in Residence Hall Government, as an Admissions Tour Guide and Admissions Assistant, in PR²EPS Summer Camp 2008, and PAIRS. She is a member of the Physics Club. She has volunteered for Relay for Life, Into the Streets, as an Oneonta Job Corps tutor, and with the Sidney Memorial Library.

Stephanie Smith, Dietetics.....nominated by William Proulx

Stephanie is an active member of the Food and Nutrition Association and the Outing Club. She serves as an office assistant in the Outdoor Resource Center, and she is on a co-ed intramural soccer team. She has volunteered for the YMCA and the blood drive table, raised funds for Habitat for Humanity, and taught Headstart children about nutrition.

Joshua Wake, Professional Accounting.....nominated by Howard Buchan

Joshua is an NCAA Division III Scholar All-American and has been named to the SUNYAC Commissioner’s List. He is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, an Eagle Scout, and involved in activities including Boy Scouts of America, Saturday’s Bread, and AmeriCorps. He is a member of the Accounting Society and the Student Advisory Council.

Zishan Q. Wariach, Business Economics.....nominated by Hurrem Yilmaz

Zishan is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies and a recipient of the Susan Sutton Smith Award. He has been active in the International Student Organization and the Economics Club and is founder and treasurer of the Muslim Student Association. He has served as an orientation leader for the Office of International Education and a tutor for CADE.

Amanda Willsey, Business Economics.....nominated by Linda Drake

A non-traditional student, Amanda is a recipient of the Susan Sutton Smith Award. She has been recommended as a peer Tutor, and she actively volunteers in the fundraising efforts for the Kevin J. Belrose Memorial Golf Tournament each year, which raises money for a scholarship for a Cooperstown High School Senior.