Global Village
A piece of the international momentum
Campus growing in every direction

One of the most challenging aspects of my job these days is deciding where to initiate campus tours for visitors.

Do I start in the middle, showing off the Campus Center, the new hub of student activity? Or should we head south and observe the bustling activity on the new bike path and freshly landscaped pedestrian walkways?

To the north, we can visit an international arts treasure: the iconic work of international designers Massimo and Lella Vignelli is now permanently archived at the new Vignelli Center for Design Studies. This is in addition to the Sands Family Studios, a new wing replacing the School for American Crafts “village.”

I can also point to the future of Institute Hall, a new facility to support research, biomedical engineering and chemical engineering. A new facility for the Golisano Institute for Sustainability is also in the design phase.

Let’s head west. We’ve recently opened another jewel—Global Village. Global Village provides a unique environment for RIT students as they prepare to enter the global community, travel overseas and join a culturally diverse workforce.

We now have in place a full set of educational and administrative assets to support innovation and entrepreneurship on campus. This includes the Center for Student Innovation, an associated design and prototyping facility, an Entrepreneur’s Hall, our business development laboratory, our intellectual property management office, and our business incubator. We are building a reputation for RIT as the place to come if you have innovative and creative ideas. We can show you specific examples of how we work and we can point to the future of RIT with Sand Family Studios, a new wing replacing the School for American Crafts “village.”

It’s about the people: students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and partners. As you can see, I am very bullish on RIT’s future. Please review some annual metrics on pages 26 to 29 for further evidence.

Consider this your open invitation to visit the campus any time and reconnect with faculty members, mentors and friends. Be prepared for a busy and stimulating visit.

Go Tigers!

Bill Destler
President
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**Bobby Colón**
Chief Legal Officer, Rochester Institute of Technology

NRS member since 2007. Staff member for five years. Began leadership giving first as a steady supporter of RIT’s Endowed Fund for the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Currently, supports RIT’s Student Gift Challenge, which helps promote student giving.

**Victoria D. Griffith ’93**
Director of Quality Assurance, Clyde’s Restaurant Group

NRS Member since 2005. Past leader of RIT’s Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter; current vice president of Alumni Association Board of Directors and an NRS Executive committee member. Received the 2009 RIT Volunteer of the Year award and is an RIT Hockey season ticket holder.

**Vicki D. Schultz ’94, ’99 • Stephen L. Schultz ’89**
Chief Technology Officer, Pictometry International Corp.

NRS members since 2004. Vicki was a member of the RIT Development Office staff who also handled the RIT United Way Campaign for several years. Steve was an editor-in-chief of RIT Reporter and a co-founder of the hockey super-fans, the Corner Crew, as well as the Computer Science House. He worked at RIT’s Center for Imaging Science for 11 years and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007 from RIT’s Golisano College.
A FREE FESTIVAL FOR EVERYONE!

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Glazed treasure

Robert Bradley Johnson knew he was bitten by the collector’s disease when he couldn’t stop buying Frans Wildenhain’s ceramic pieces. When the two men finally met, the sculptor told Johnson, “You helped pay for the roof of my house.” “I started collecting his pieces in 1955,” says 78-year-old Johnson from his Scottsville, N.Y., home. “A friend introduced me to Shop One, which at that time was the only craft shop in Rochester. So I picked up a couple of his lamps, a tea caddy, a few bowls, enough to fill all the corners of my new apartment.”

Johnson later moved to his farmhouse in 1971, and the collection grew to fit the added space during several renovations to his home. The final tally was 330 pieces — 300 of which Johnson recently donated to the RIT Archive Collections.

Now Wildenhain’s artistry has come home to RIT, where he taught in the early 1950s and for the next 20 years in what is now known as the School for American Crafts.

Johnson describes Wildenhain—who received his artistic training in the early 1920s at the Bauhaus pottery workshop in Weimar, Germany—as an imposing person who exuded electricity. “You could feel his sense of power and confidence,” Johnson recalls. “Perfection is dull and what I treasured about Wildenhain’s pottery were the irregularities—how his fingers could mold clay into something that lives and breathes life. I never got tired of looking at them, and to me that was a priceless gift.”

Joint exhibitions of the collection are planned for fall 2012 at Bevier Gallery and Dyer Arts Center at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

Marcia Morphy
NTID Interim President James DeCaro announced plans for a new two-story building to be constructed connecting the southwest corner of the Dining Commons to the residence halls.

The 23,000-square-foot facility will be dedicated for scholarship and research and will house several research centers and major project labs. And it will provide a large space for faculty, staff and student collaboration on innovation and entrepreneurial projects.

“In the forefront of everything we do at NTID is the belief that our job is to give our students the skills and experiences they need so that upon entering today’s innovation-based economy, they cannot be denied,” DeCaro says. “The NTID Imagination Hall is essential in achieving this goal.”

The $8 million needed to construct the building will be raised from private donors, corporations and foundations.

The building will specifically engage deaf and hard-of-hearing students at associate degree levels, along with faculty and corporate partners, in the innovation process. It also will help those graduates who enroll in NTID’s seven transfer degree programs in other colleges of RIT. Projects envisioned for the center relate to health care technology and services, development of access and instructional technology and cross-disciplinary projects involving science, engineering and business.

The building is scheduled for completion in time for the 2013-14 academic year.

Greg Livadas
Grant boosts sustainability initiatives

In the early 1990s, Nabil Nasr, then an industrial and systems engineering professor at RIT, began working with companies to help them become greener while reducing costs.

He realized there was a need to improve how companies manage their waste production, so in 1996 he founded the National Center for Remanufacturing and Resource Recovery to address the problem. The center, which received support from U.S. Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, has worked with a host of businesses, government agencies and the U.S. military.

He would eventually expand his research to focus on sustainable production and design, which ultimately led to the formation of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability in 2007.

Nasr’s work and RIT’s goal to serve as a center for sustainable development for the region, nation and world received a significant boost this fall with a $13.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology. This prestigious, competitive grant will assist in construction of a new green facility that will house the Golisano Institute’s research and education programs in sustainable design, product development and green architecture.

Nasr’s efforts have dovetailed with a growing emphasis on sustainability—the development of systems and operations in all facets of society that have as little impact as possible on the world’s resources and environment while promoting better quality of life internationally.

“We focus on broader research and education initiatives in remanufacturing, alternative energy and pollution prevention to expand this work into other areas and to disseminate these processes to the broader community,” Nasr says.

Since 2002, this work has helped to create more than...
1,500 jobs, retain more than 1,900 additional positions and led to an increase in sales revenue of an estimated $164 million.

The grant is a component of the NIST Construction Grant Program and RIT was selected after an extensive competitive process. Only five projects were selected out of 124 proposals. The 75,000-square-foot facility has received $10 million in funding from the state of New York. Significant corporate and foundation support for additional institute programs includes $2 million from Xerox Corp. and $1 million from Eastman Kodak Co.

“Strengthening research and development in the United States is critical to our ability to create jobs and remain competitive,” adds U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke. “These construction grants will help the U.S. produce world-leading research in science and technology that will advance our economic growth and international competitiveness.”

The Golisano Institute was founded with a $10 million gift from Paychex founder and chairman B. Thomas Golisano, who is also a member of the RIT Board of Trustees.

“It is imperative that we accelerate strategies to promote a sustainable society and ensure future generations the opportunity to address their own needs,” Golisano says.

The Golisano Institute currently houses one of the world’s first Ph.D. programs in sustainable production and is developing master’s degrees in sustainable systems and sustainable architecture.

The new facility will include classrooms, research bays and state-of-the-art laboratories focused on environmentally benign manufacturing, alternative energy testing and validation and remanufacturing and recycling process improvement.

The institute also works with a host of businesses and state and federal agencies including Xerox, Kodak, General Motors, Staples, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Transportation.

It also has long-standing relationships with many other companies, assisting in promoting the use of environmentally benign manufacturing, which has reduced waste and energy use while also increasing productivity and efficiency.

“This tremendous support from the National Institute of Standards and Technology will assist us in developing new sustainable technologies and processes while also disseminating knowledge, education and training in the field,” says Nasr.

RIT expects to break ground on the new facility this spring with the facility opening in the fall of 2012.

The new building will be designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards set by the U.S. Green Building Council, which sets goals for waste and energy minimization and reuse in building construction and operation. The campus already features one LEED Platinum and one LEED Gold facility.

“RIT is committed to enhancing sustainable development through innovative research and education initiatives as well as increased implementation of sustainable processes in our facilities and campus design,” says RIT President Bill Destler. “We are extremely honored to have been chosen for this award from NIST, which will assist us in promoting both of these goals and will serve as a model for other universities across the country.”

Will Dube
GLOBAL INITIATIVE

Video chat program helps deaf students

RIT students have unveiled a new video chat program that enables deaf children across the world—even those in Third World countries—to communicate with one another through their connected laptops.

The program, Open Video Chat, is designed for use on One Laptop Per Child computers. One Laptop Per Child is a global initiative that seeks to provide low-cost, rugged, connected laptops to children around the world.

NEW STUDENTS

First class of Rochester Scholars starts

RIT welcomed its inaugural class of 26 Rochester City Scholars into the university this fall.

The program, for those meeting eligibility requirements, covers full tuition at RIT for these first-year students.

GETTING INVOLVED

Student’s plan would house disaster victims

Corey Mack saw the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. He was awed by the government’s flawed attempts to house its victims. So he decided to do something.

Mack, a fifth-year mechanical engineering technology major, has devised a plan to mass-produce disaster relief homes by making them out of steel shipping containers.

The key to the conversion is a process Mack developed to create the interior of the homes. Large molds, comprised of a malleable mix of composite materials, would be used to shape individual rooms. This mold would then be inserted into the container.

His method allows the homes to be built cheaply—he envisions them retailing for $45 per square-foot.

“I’ve applied for a provisional patent and then my next step will be building a prototype to prove I can do what my research says I can do,” Mack says.

Pulling for charity

RIT students raised more than $6,600 for Hillside Family of Agencies during the 15th annual Mud Tug in late September.

Mud Tug is a tug-of-war event between teams of 10 competing in all-male, all-female and co-ed brackets.

The event is co-hosted by Phi Kappa Psi fraternity and Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. The money raised

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One in every 90 has already started his or her own business.

131 have parents who are alumni and 40 have siblings attending as members of other classes.

186 are participating in the RIT Honors Program.
Global Village, RIT’s newest residential and commercial complex, brings an international flavor to the growing campus.

Visitors eat in the Mexican cantina, stop by the sushi bar or relax in what resembles a European courtyard. Offices inside provide resources that prepare students to enter a culturally diverse workforce.

But the global momentum at RIT goes beyond the $57 million Global Village project. The number of international students studying on campus is at an all-time high.

Students are spending time on RIT’s global campuses, studying and working abroad. And students living in Global Village are preparing for an international experience.
Miguel Adames always wanted to study abroad and had heard about opportunities for RIT students in Dubrovnik, Croatia. But his advisor suggested he think about studying at the American University of Kosovo in Pristina, which is affiliated with RIT. “I knew nothing about Kosovo,” says Adames, a fourth-year international studies and applied arts and sciences double major. But Adames did some research and in the spring quarter became one of the first RIT students to enroll at American University in Kosovo.

Meanwhile, Diellza Gashi, Etida Zeka and Nita Abrashi had finished their undergraduate degrees at the American University of Kosovo in 2009 and were interested in pursuing master’s degrees in the United States. They graduated with MBAs from RIT this year.

Now more than ever, international students are choosing to study at RIT and RIT students are spending time learning in other countries. This academic year, 1,673 international students are on campus, up from 1,082 in 2000 and more than double the number in 1996. More than half of those students are pursuing graduate degrees.

Jim Miller, senior vice president for Enrollment Management and Career Services, says RIT distinguishes itself on global initiatives because the university has partnerships in place to bring students to RIT as well as global campuses in Kosovo, Dubai and Croatia and relationships with the Dominican Republic and Turkey to give students an international experience.

Students also can study abroad through programs at universities affiliated with RIT or even work abroad.

Increasing student participation in global initiatives is a key component of RIT’s strategic plan, says Jeremy Haefner, senior vice president for Academic Affairs and provost.

“Students are choosing a school on the basis of whether they will have a study abroad experience,” Haefner says. “If we don’t react to that, we are limiting our ability to attract really good students to RIT.”

More opportunities

Adames says Kosovo impressed him with its opportunities for research and welcoming attitude. “People had open arms for me when they found out I was an American citizen.”

The New Jersey native hopes to return to Kosovo some day or study at American College of Management and Technology in Croatia, founded in 1997, or RIT Dubai, which began offering graduate classes in the fall of 2008 and undergraduate classes this year.

This academic year, 1,179 students are studying at RIT’s international sites and 231 more are studying abroad through other programs.

Haefner says few universities can boast that they have global campuses. These campuses are important because students in programs with few electives may find it difficult to study abroad without falling behind. But by offering the same programs in Dubai, Kosovo and Croatia, students can have an international experience while taking required courses from RIT faculty.

According to RIT President Bill Destler’s goals and progress report, RIT hopes to have 1,700 students enrolled in global campuses and 350 students participating in other study abroad programs by 2013.

In addition, RIT plans to market the global campuses to other colleges with the goal of having 100 non-RIT students study abroad annually at these campuses by 2013, Haefner says.

Nationwide, more students are participating in study abroad programs. The number of Americans studying abroad increased by 8.5 percent to 262,416 in the 2007-08 academic year, according to the 2009 Open Doors report by the Institute of International Education. Four times as many U.S. students participated in study abroad in 2007-08 than in 1987-88.

Part of the family

Bob Barbato, a professor of management in the E. Philip Saunders College of Business, says teaching at American University in Kosovo was one of the most rewarding experiences in his 30-year career. He taught business ethics to undergraduate students during the 2008-09 winter quarter.

While there, Barbato identified Gashi, Zeka and Abrashi as strong students and talked to them about studying in Rochester.

They were skeptical at first. They worried about the high cost of tuition and wondered how they would be able to afford living expenses. But Barbato helped them get a scholarship to attend RIT and hosted the students in his home.

By August 2009, the women were in Rochester. They took four courses a quarter and graduated last May with their MBAs. They returned to Kosovo in late August.

Jeffrey Cox, director of international student services, says international students this year came from 113 different countries.

The biggest growth has been from China, India, Saudi Arabia and the Dominican Republic. China, for example, grew 34 percent to 264 students this fall. And 573 students came from India, up 6 percent from last year.

Diane Ellison, assistant vice president for...
Part-time and Graduate Enrollment Services, says RIT has a strong reputation in these countries. Her office works with government agencies and international organizations to recruit these students to RIT.

“It’s an easy place to talk about abroad because individuals are looking for applied learning—how do I take what I learn and solve economic development problems or problems going on in my country,” Ellison says. “So for developing countries, when you think about the RIT portfolio, there’s an incredible match.”

She says the next step is to attract more international students at the undergraduate level and continue to leverage the partnerships RIT already has to give more students international opportunities.

“Our greatest selling point is that people leave here very happy,” Ellison says.

Gashi says the experience in Rochester has shown her there are different viewpoints in life. “It made me grow up,” she says. “It made me stronger.”

“Our country is highly family-oriented,” Zeka says. “We didn’t miss that being here because we see professor Barbato and his wife as parents. If we had been alone from the start, it would have been more difficult.”

Abrashi added that the degree from RIT will open doors for them in Kosovo, a country that is rebuilding after declaring its independence in 2008. The average age there is about 25.

Barbato, who also taught at RIT Dubai, says that studying abroad is an experience that should be expected as part of a college education.

“It doesn’t matter where you go,” he says. “You grow so much when you find yourself in an unfamiliar environment. You get out of your comfort zone. That to me is what an international experience has done.”

That is certainly true for Adames, who hopes to one day work for a government agency or a non-profit organization. In the meantime, he created a slideshow of his time in Kosovo to generate excitement among other students.

“I learned that I am open to other cultures and people,” Adames says. “It was an experience I will never forget.”

Why study abroad?
A University System of Georgia study completed in 2010 found that four- and five-year graduation rates were higher for Georgia students who studied abroad than for students who did not. Study abroad enhanced graduation rates most substantially for minority students.

The four-year graduation rate was 49.6 percent for study abroad students compared with 42.1 percent in the control group, according to the study. Four-year graduation rates for African-American students who studied abroad were 31 percent higher than for African-American students in the control group.

“That’s an important finding because many critics of study abroad claim that it disrupts progress toward a degree,” says Don Rubin, professor emeritus of speech communication and language education at the University of Georgia and research director for GLOSSARI—the Georgia Learning Outcomes of Students Studying Abroad Research Initiative.

The study, which researchers started in 2000, also found that students who study abroad had an improved final semester grade point average, especially students who entered college with low SAT scores or low high school grade point averages.

To read more about the University System of Georgia study, go to www.glossari.uga.edu.

Global partnerships
American College of Management and Technology (ACMT) in Dubrovnik, Croatia, was co-founded in 1997 by RIT and the University of Dubrovnik. It is run by RIT Global Delivery Corp., which was established in 2004 to provide administrative and other support services to academic programs sponsored by RIT outside of the Henrietta campus.

RIT is also affiliated with:

• RIT Dubai in Dubai, United Arab Emirates;
• American University of Kosovo in Pristina, Kosovo;
• Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM) in Santo Domingo and Santiago, Dominican Republic;
• Yeditepe University in Istanbul, Turkey.

To learn more go to www.rit.edu/global.
Seventy-six undergraduate students started this fall at RIT Dubai. They are the first undergraduate students to enroll in engineering, business, service management and information technology courses since RIT Dubai opened with graduate courses in 2008.

Focusing on this type of relevant coursework to encourage workforce development has made for a strong, strategic partnership between Dubai and RIT, says Harvey Palmer, dean of RIT’s Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Halfway around the world, the same approach is being taken at RIT’s college in Croatia, the American College of Management and Technology, where undergraduate programming also will expand.

“ACMT is currently exploring options to establish an academic presence in Zagreb, the capital city of Croatia,” says Donald Hudspeth, dean of the college, who says degree programs potentially could be delivered in Zagreb next fall. “The degree program mix has not yet been finalized, but both undergraduate and graduate offerings are being considered.”

Success in each of the regions will have as much to do with providing relevant educational resources as understanding the unique qualities and goals of the countries and ensuring that there is a bridge between the Henrietta campus and its international peers.

“We have to have a link between RIT and the Dubai campus that is seamless. There must be an easy flow of professors, staff and students, otherwise this will diverge into two different entities and this enterprise might not work,” says Hany Ghoneim, professor of mechanical engineering in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

He took a one-year leave of absence from the Henrietta campus to teach undergraduate engineering courses at RIT Dubai and lead the program. He also is acting as an academic advisor.

Ghoneim, who has been with RIT since 1983, was raised in Egypt and educated at the University of Cairo. He has lived, traveled and taught extensively in the region.

For Hudspeth, expanding the number of programs being delivered in Dubrovnik is a chance to widen study abroad opportunities for students on the Henrietta campus and to increase the program options for students in Croatia and the surrounding area.

“Increasing the number of study abroad students at ACMT remains one of our key initiatives, and last year 62 students from the Rochester campus spent a quarter in Dubrovnik. This represents an increase of 77 percent over the previous year,” says Hudspeth.

One of those reciprocal arrangements took place during spring quarter this past year as 12 civil engineering technology students traveled to Croatia to take several of their upper division classes. Their professor, Scott Wolcott, accompanied them and taught the classes, Dynamics and Waste Water Treatment.

“The students took a third class from one of the professors at ACMT or an online course, engineering economics. Some took 16-credit hours,” he says, adding that all courses were part of the students’ degree program, keeping them on target for graduation. Wolcott also serves as the undergraduate coordinator for the civil engineering program in RIT’s College of Applied Science and Technology.

“We covered the same material we would in Rochester but it was the out-of-class part that was different,” says Mel Miller, a fifth-year civil engineering technology student from Portland, Ore.

In Dubrovnik, the group took field trips to different engineering facilities, including a wastewater treatment plant. They learned that Dubrovnik’s groundwater supply comes from mountains nearby. The topography of the land forms a river right at the base of the mountain, and the water treatment facility taps into that source, treatment is administered and it is then distributed to the community.

“It was interesting for the students to see that there are different rules to live by here and to see different approaches to technical areas,” Wolcott says. “Most of the students were upperclassmen, and they had work experience on co-ops, so they had been on construction sites in the U.S. Now they have seen construction sites in Croatia, too.”

Back in Henrietta, plans for more of these study abroad opportunities are under way. Ghoneim expects RIT Dubai students to travel to the Henrietta campus for Senior Design and other upper level courses, and vice versa for engineering students locally to attend RIT Dubai. A similar exchange would take place for Croatia.

“Our goal is to send 150 students from the Rochester campus to spend a quarter in Dubrovnik by 2013,” says Hudspeth. “Our domestic students really enjoy having the study abroad students here as it enhances the international feel of the college and the cultural exchange that occurs. And finally, we are excited to be sending our own ACMT students to ‘study abroad’ at the Henrietta campus. This is a great reciprocal experience that is enhancing our students’ global education.”

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Michelle Cometa
RIT Dubai students are expected to take classes in this new free-standing campus building within the Silicon Oasis complex in December. The building will include a dining facility, fitness center and bookstore. (Photo by Jim Yarrington)

Students from the CAST civil engineering technology program spent this past spring quarter at the American College of Management and Technology. They took advantage of the open-air markets near their apartments in Dubrovnik. (Photo by Scott Wolcott)
'I would challenge every student to spend time working and studying abroad,” says Joseph Featherall, a sixth-year mechanical engineering and philosophy major.

Alvaro Prieto, a fifth-year electrical engineering student, spent the summer of 2009 in Zurich, Switzerland, working for the Paul Scherrer Institute and this past summer in Tampere, Finland, working for Tampere University of Technology.

“Living in another country exposed me to various cultures from around the world,” Prieto says. “This not only helped me understand others better but myself as well.”

Tim Monahan, a fifth-year mechanical engineering student, also spent five months working for BMW this year.

He worked on the adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning and parking assistant systems that help make driving safer and more comfortable.

He got the idea to work in Germany when he was with the RIT Formula SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) Racing Team at an international competition the team attends annually in Germany. Each year, the team builds a car from the ground up.

“I have learned that it is important to be open to new ideas and new ways of completing tasks,” Monahan says about working abroad. “One last thing that I learned is that if I work hard, I can accomplish whatever I want to within reason.”

Mindy Mozer
Fourth-year biomedical sciences student Olivia Svrchek has a passion for travel that has taken her to Denmark, Italy, France, Germany, Poland and Mexico. And now, she has brought her love for travel back to campus in an effort to help other RIT students satisfy their desires for exploration.

Svrchek, from North Creek, N.Y., was one of the first students—and one of the first resident advisors—to move into the study abroad residence cluster of the newly opened Global Village complex. Her duties include providing insight to students who will soon embark on their own unique study abroad experiences, and welcome hugs to those returning to RIT from overseas.

There are 16 specially selected students living in the Global Village housing cluster. Interviews were conducted last spring, and in addition to some international students, the clusters house students with strong interests in study abroad travel as well as those ready to go and those who have already completed their travels.

“I consider myself fortunate to be able to help students with their day-to-day issues and experiences on campus in my role as an RA and offer my perspective on study abroad travel as well,” Svrchek says. “Study abroad is something that I really enjoyed and am passionate about. The world is so much bigger than what’s right in front of us, and traveling to other countries really opens your eyes to different ways of living.”

The study abroad office recently moved inside the Global Village complex, and according to the program director, the move is indicative of the powerful message of commitment that RIT has to overseas experiential learning.

“The study abroad office located inside Global Village is a one-stop shop for those students interested in traveling and learning in other countries,” says Tynelle Stewart, director of Study Abroad Programs for RIT. “In addition to providing vital information about the countries in which we offer programs, we provide students with a foreign language lab and details about overseas co-op placements.”

Stewart says her office serves a variety of students—from those who are just beginning to think about a study abroad experience and have a million questions, to those on the verge of travel, as well as those students who have completed their experiences and need to be re-acclimated to university living.

In 2009, more than 200 RIT students participated in study abroad programs in more than 45 countries—a 30 percent increase over the past three years. Stewart expects these numbers to increase due, in part, to the office’s presence in Global Village.

“Global Village is so new and exciting,” she says. “There is a lot of foot traffic in this area and students can’t help but notice the Study Abroad Office. Global Village and study abroad are a natural fit.”
Global Village, RIT’s residential and commercial complex replacing a portion of River Knoll Apartments, provides upper-class students a state-of-the-art global living experience and community.

In addition to suite-style housing with lounges, community kitchens, meeting spaces and laundry rooms, the complex, which officially opened Sept. 30, also features a number of services just a few feet away.

These services include the HUB Print Center and Post Office, Global Village Cantina and Grille, The Market at Global Village, Shear Global Hair Salon and Shop One² Arts & Gifts.

The complex also boasts a beach volleyball court and a mixed-use plaza offering year-round activities including heated outdoor seating, a small stage for concerts and student programming and a fire-pit area that transforms into an ice rink during the winter months.

By the numbers

- Cost: $57 million
- Project size: 182,271 gross square feet
- Number of residential beds: 414
- Retail space: About 24,000 square feet of commercial and retail space
- Academic areas: Study Abroad and Fellowships, Global Initiatives and Programs, Native American Future Stewards Program and the Entrepreneurial Center
- Commercial locations and other points of interest: Global Village Plaza; Shear Global Salon; Shop One²; The Market at Global Village; Cantina and Grille at Global Village includes Salsarita’s, Global Grille, Oishii Sushi; Better Me Wellness Center; HUB Print Center and Post Office. Coming soon is a sports outfitter.
Right: Students enjoy the fire pit and outdoor seating area at Global Village. (Photo by A. Sue Weisler ’93)

Below: The Global Village Market sells international and common grocery items, spices and ready-to-eat meals. The market also features fresh fruits and vegetables, cheeses, breads and a coffee station. (Photo by A. Sue Weisler ’93)

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Leading by example

From 1,000-mile canoe race to entrepreneurial ventures, RIT’s business college namesake completes what he starts
E. Philip Saunders didn’t want his teammates to get wet and muddy.

It was the last night of the Yukon 1000 Canoe and Kayak Race—the longest boat race of its type in the world—and Saunders’ six-man team, Sugar Creek Bears, had pulled into a muddy area to dock.

Saunders, who at 73 was the oldest person ever to compete in the race, decided he would get out and build a dock out of driftwood so his teammates could stay dry carrying their gear out of the boat.

“Everybody knows Phil as a team leader but he is also a team player,” says teammate Gerhard Munger. “He wasn’t asking someone to build it; he was doing the work.”

The Sugar Creek Bears came in fourth place out of nine teams in the race this summer on the Yukon River that began in Whitehorse, Canada, and ended in central Alaska. Four other teams, with participants half of Saunders’ age, couldn’t make it to the finish line.

The entrepreneur and namesake for the E. Philip Saunders College of Business says he knew he could complete the race even though it meant paddling in a 28-foot canoe from 6 a.m. until 11 p.m. for nearly eight days.

“It becomes an endurance thing more than anything,” Saunders says. “It really became more mental than physical.”

There aren’t many things Saunders doesn’t complete.

Saunders started his career in 1958 by opening Truckstops of America, a place where truckers could buy clothes, get a good night’s sleep and a hot meal. He came up with the one-stop shopping concept for truckers when working overnight shifts for the New York state thruway. He later sold the business to Ryder Systems Inc.

From there he has owned a variety of businesses, from Richardson Foods, which makes ice-cream toppings, to Sugar Creek Corp., a chain of gas and convenience stores, to Griffith Energy. His latest venture is Genesee Regional Bank and he has an interest in Western New York State Energy, the first ethanol plant built in New York state.

Saunders lives in Dansville, N.Y., with his wife of 55 years, Carol, on their farm.

Munger, 54, of Lowville, N.Y., met Saunders in 1996 after he bought his propane company, Gemgas, and Munger went to work for him. The two started talking about hunting and became good friends.

Even though he had raced with Saunders before, Munger says he wondered whether his friend could complete such an extreme race as the Yukon 1000. The participation waiver even notes that expert paddlers could die because the race is so demanding, physically and mentally.

“By the end of the third day I had no doubt he would finish and do well,” Munger says. “Once he commits to doing something, he finishes it.”

Mindy Mozer
E. Philip Saunders

The business college namesake is an entrepreneur, outdoorsman and philanthropist. Here are Saunders’ thoughts on success and happiness.

A good team has to have someone run the show. Every good team has to have a leader.

One of the key things if you are going to get into business, you need to find a business that you can put some kind of a brand around, a value-added brand.

Integrity is very important. To me the customer is always right. You know there are a lot of days when you know the customer isn’t right but you just can’t afford to have a customer upset with you.

Before you start a business you have to research the proper location and it shouldn’t be influenced by things such as where I live, a building that I own or a building that my friends own. It should be on the merits of the business without any emotional influences.

I was 40 years old, got enough money to live the rest of my life comfortably, and I said I was going to retire. Well, I lasted about six months.

I have since learned, and I still know this today, that I most generally have fun when I’m working and seeing the fruits of my work make a company, an organization, into a better one. That to me is more fun than going hunting, going fishing, playing golf, anything.

In the early days of the truck stop that I had on Jefferson Road, I had some RIT students work for me. They were always good kids who I become impressed with. Then I followed the school’s growth and I like the things they do there—engineering, business, graphics, photography.

I think it’s pretty nice (to have a college named after me). It’s one thing to have something named after you, but this is something where I can make a difference. I get to know a lot of the students.

I would have been a good engineer, a good architect. I sort of designed all of my truck stops. I drew out all of my truck stops on paper then I handed it to an architect.

I do like excelling in whatever I do.

I like being able to walk out and head out into the hills on my farm. I like going hiking, wandering through the property. I like seeing the crops grow.

I want to be remembered as a good honest person who always gave my best at what I did.
In one book, happy children run and play in front of the fieldstone house with green shutters.

In another, Jack and Jill walk toward the same house to fetch a pail of water.

The house, which was featured in many Little Golden Books, was the home of illustrator Eloise Wilkin, a 1923 graduate of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, now RIT.

The house in Canandaigua is now the home of College of Applied Science and Technology professor Jennifer Schneider, who lives there with her husband and two daughters.

“I think it is very funny that a house known for artistic things is owned by a couple of geeks. I actually flunked art,” says Schneider, who teaches safety and environmental management. Her husband, Tim, is a civil engineer.

When the Schneiders purchased the house on Parrish Street Extension in 2006, they had no idea that a previous owner had RIT connections or was a renowned children’s book illustrator.

The Schneiders had been living in a townhouse built in 1974 in the Rochester suburb of Brighton. The antique lovers were looking for an older home. They had admired this Canandaigua home 30 minutes from Rochester for years, but it wasn’t on the market. William Gorham built the house in 1832. He was the grandson of Nathaniel Gorham, who with Oliver Phelps purchased the rights to land in western New York.

In 2004, after being owned by one family for more than 40 years, the house went up for sale. In May 2006, the Schneiders moved in.

They learned about the Wilkin connection after closing on their Brighton home.

“If you look through her books, a lot of the details in them were everything she had in that house in Canandaigua,” says Wilkin’s
son, Sidney C. Wilkin, who lives just outside Rochester in the suburb of Pittsford.

The Wilkin family lived in the house between 1945 and 1961. Sidney Wilkin says his mother and father were also antique lovers. They saw an ad in the paper, drove by the house and knew they had to buy it.

After graduation, Eloise Wilkin opened an art studio in Rochester with her former classmate Joan Esley. But, according to an introduction in a collection of Wilkin’s work written by Wilkin’s daughter, Deborah Wilkin Springett, they couldn’t get enough work so they moved to New York City.

A week later, Eloise Wilkin was hired to illustrate The Shining Hours for Century Company. In 1930, Wilkin put her career on hold and married Sidney J. Wilkin. They had four children.

In 1944, a year before moving to the house, Wilkin signed a contract with Simon and Schuster to illustrate three Little Golden Books a year.

Sidney C. Wilkin remembers his mother working from 8:30 in the morning until 9 at night when a deadline was approaching. “We would run in and out of the house by her studio and she would stop us, show us something and ask if we liked it,” he says.

The house, which the Wilkin family and previous owners called Oak Hill, also became a gathering spot for Wilkin’s former classmates, who would meet in Canandaigua every summer to critique each other’s work. One classmate and Erie Canal artist, J. Erwin Porter, painted a picture of the house, which now is on Sidney Wilkin’s wall.

Eloise Wilkin died Oct. 4, 1987, but today is one of the most collectible Golden Book illustrators, Springett writes.

The Schneiders, who are the sixth owners of the home, know they are living in a special place and appreciate that previous owners preserved Wilkin’s stencils on the mantels.

“There’s a happy vibe in that house,” Schneider says. “That’s why I think people end up staying.”

Mindy Mozer

"If you look through her books, a lot of the details in them were everything she had in that house in Canandaigua."

Sidney Wilkin

About Eloise Wilkin

Eloise Wilkin ’23 (art and illustration) illustrated more than 110 books, including 50 Little Golden Books published between 1946 and 1975. Wilkin also designed dolls and is known for the Vogue Baby Dear doll. In 1990, the Wilkin family established the Eloise B. Wilkin Illustrator’s Scholarship in recognition of their mother’s creativity and contribution to the field of illustration and children’s literature. The scholarship is awarded annually to an illustration or medical illustration student at RIT.
Brick City 2010

Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend Oct. 15-17 was an event for the record books.

Weekend attendance reached an all-time high of 17,747, an increase of more than 2,500 from last year.

The hockey game at the Blue Cross Arena in downtown Rochester, pitting RIT against University of Massachusetts Lowell, was a sellout, drawing 10,556 spectators. (The game ended in a nail-biting 4-4 tie. UMass Lowell scored a goal with 1.3 seconds left on the clock.)

Film legend and Academy Award winner Al Pacino spoke to a sold-out crowd of 4,800. And 4,200 laughed along with comedian Craig Ferguson and 940 people attended the largest-ever Presidents’ Alumni Ball. To see more photos of this year’s Brick City Weekend, go to www.rit.edu/BrickCity.

(Photos by Ken Huth ’88 and A. Sue Weisler ’93)
The Presidents’ Alumni Ball, above, set a record with 940 participants. Friends enjoyed casino games and dancing. Also at the event, alumni were presented with awards. (Read about the winners on page 45.) Suzanne Eisele and Ronald Carlivati ’57 (business administration), left, look through yearbooks during the Golden Circle Luncheon. The luncheon is for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago. The class of 1960 was welcomed into the Golden Circle this year.

Left, Joanne and James Stevens ’76 and their daughter, Elizabeth, a Hospitality and Service Management student, were among 338 people who participated in the Brick City 5K Run and Walk. Comedian Craig Ferguson, above, opened the weekend with a lively show.
The health of a university can be measured in many ways. Here is a snapshot of some key metrics illustrating progress at RIT.

**A Balanced Budget**

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**RIT Endowment**

RIT’s endowment grew in fiscal year 2009-10 to $559.5 million. This return to positive growth followed an unprecedented decline in the capital markets during fiscal year 2008-09.

**Upward Trajectory**

I regularly track about 30 measurements across the university with my administrative team. These range from student retention to the percent of freshman applications we receive from high school students who live outside of New York state. We set aggressive short-term and long-range goals.

This report is not intended to tell the entire RIT story—after all it is really about the people behind the numbers. But you will see that RIT is making healthy progress on many fronts despite challenging economic times.

I am very bullish on RIT’s future. It is a remarkable university with many strengths that we will continue to exploit moving forward. Looking ahead, we will be working in many areas to continue the impressive upward trajectory of RIT—nationally and internationally.

*Bill Destler, president*
## Alumni

### Online Community Membership

To join, go to www.alumniconnections.com/rit/

![Bar chart showing online community membership growth from 2000 to 2010.](chart)

### Total Number of Event Participants

![Bar chart showing total event participants from 2000 to 2010.](chart)

There are more than 400 events annually including regional chapter, affinity, college-based and reunion events.

## RIT Alumni Chapter Populations

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**The Year in Review**

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Did you know?

- As of June 30, 2010, there are 15,194,656 bricks at RIT.
- RIT’s full-time undergraduate enrollment now ranks RIT among the dozen largest private universities in the United States.
- RIT is the third largest producer of undergraduate degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics among all U.S. private universities.
- RIT alumni—106,000 strong—can be found in all 50 states and 123 countries.
- RIT’s roots date back to 1829, but more than 50 percent of the university’s alumni have graduated since 1990.
- Seven RIT alumni have won 11 Pulitzer Prizes in photojournalism.
- *U.S. News & World Report* consistently ranks RIT among the nation’s leading comprehensive universities.
- The Sierra Club has selected RIT as one of America’s 100 greenest universities.
- RIT has 24 varsity sports—23 compete at Division III; men’s hockey at Division I.
- The RIT hockey team, elevated to Division I in 2005, reached the NCAA Frozen Four Championship in 2010. RIT offers no athletic scholarships.

Applications

Applications for admission to RIT continue to rise with freshman and graduate student applications setting all-time records. Total applications to RIT in the past year number 23,891—an increase of 8 percent over the prior year.

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<td>23,891</td>
<td>+1,715 (8%)</td>
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Enrollment History

![RIT Enrollment Graph]

Enrollment Distribution Among RIT’s Eight Colleges

- College of Applied Science and Technology: 25%
- College of Computing and Information Sciences: 18%
- Kate Gleason College of Engineering: 16%
- E. Philip Saunders College of Business: 7%
- College of Science: 9%
- College of Imaging Arts and Sciences: 14%
- College of Liberal Arts: 4%
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID programs only): 6%
- Other: 1%

Note: Included above is a total of 1,179 students enrolled at RIT’s international campuses in Kosovo, Croatia and Dubai.

*535 additional deaf and hard-of-hearing students are cross-registered and pursuing degrees in other colleges of RIT with NTID support.
**Research and Gifts**

**FY10 Research Awards from Federal Sponsors**

- Transportation $1.1M
- Defense and Intelligence $5.3M
- Department of Education $4.8M
- National Science Foundation $6.9M
- NASA $2.5M
- Other $2.7M
- Health and Human Services $2.3M

**FY10 Research Awards by Funding Source Type**

- Foundations $4.1M
- Corporate $9.6M
- N.Y. state $10.5M
- Federal $29.8M
- Other $0.8M

**Value of Research Awards**

- 2006: $35.2M
- 2007: $39.6M
- 2008: $48.5M
- 2009: $58.4M
- 2010: $54.8M

**FY10 Gift Distribution**

- Total support: $16 million
  - Student Life and Scholarships 22%
  - Unrestricted and Current Needs 18%
  - Athletics 2%
  - Academic Programs 51%
  - Faculty & Staff Development 1%
  - Building and Construction 6%

**FY10 Research Awards by College**

- B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences: $1.7M
- College of Applied Science and Technology: $1.2M
- College of Imaging Arts and Sciences: $5.5M
- College of Liberal Arts: $1.4M
- College of Science: $12M
- Golisano Institute for Sustainability: $15.3M
- Kate Gleason College of Engineering: $8.4M
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf: $7.5M

*University-wide units $1.9M

*Includes E. Philip Saunders College of Business, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Government and Community Relations, Finance and Administration and Office of the Vice President for Research.

**Record number of research proposals helps secure almost $55 million**

A significant increase in the level of outreach for external support highlights the success of Rochester Institute of Technology’s sponsored research programs during the recently completed fiscal year.

During fiscal 2010, RIT submitted 647 proposals for external research funding to a variety of federal, state, corporate and foundation sponsors, which represents a 10 percent increase in the number of proposals in the previous 12-month period.

In addition, the number of RIT principal investigators submitting proposals reached 268, an 8 percent increase. The university received a total of $54.8 million in funding during the most recent period, a decline from $58.4 million the previous year.

“In fiscal year 2010, researchers at RIT were more prolific than ever,” says David Bond, director of Sponsored Research Services. “While the pursuit of research funding has become increasingly competitive across all types of sponsors during our nation’s economic recovery, RIT investigators continue to enjoy significant support for world-class research from all types of sponsors.”
Massimo Vignelli describes it as a dream in gestation for nearly 30 years.

The world-renowned modernist designer finally witnessed the birth of that dream Sept. 16 as RIT officially unveiled the Vignelli Center for Design Studies.

Vignelli and his wife and design partner, Lella, spurred the creation of the center by donating their archives to the university to allow future generations of designers to study and learn from their work.

Family, friends and colleagues of the famous modernist designers flew in from Italy, Germany, New York City and Los Angeles to attend the dedication ceremony. The 19,000-square-foot facility is adjacent to James E. Booth Hall.

“I think this center is vital to preserving the legacy of two of the world's most influential design icons, Massimo and Lella Vignelli,” says Rob Englert ’09 (industrial design), founder of ram industrial design inc. in Syracuse, N.Y.

“The degree would focus on the history, theory and criticism of design that again follows the Vignelli philosophy, utilizing the archival resources that we have,” says R. Roger Remington, Vignelli Distinguished Professor of Design. “RIT is one of the few schools, if not the only school, in the world that has a place where design students learn about the history of design from real artifacts. They are not looking at slides or photographs, but working with the real book, the real model, the real production piece.”

For students, access to the Vignellis’ archives is a privilege. Cassandra Angerosa, a fourth-year graphic design student from Utica, N.Y., spoke at the ceremony on behalf of the school’s student body.

“We represent just the beginning of the generations of students who will grow and succeed because of the Vignelli’s mission to pass on their timeless knowledge through the center.”

Overcome with emotion at times during the ceremony, the Vignelli too are sometimes still in disbelief.

“The event was quite moving,” says Massimo Vignelli. “It’s a dream come true. Sometimes I can’t believe the center is real.”
Top: Massimo Vignelli and RIT students look at the public graphics program the Vignellis designed for the U.S. National Parks Service.

Second row: Lady Helen Hamlyn, left, at the dedication ceremony. A donation from the Helen Hamlyn Trust of Great Britain, in conjunction with RIT, funds the Massimo and Lella Vignelli endowed professorship.

Exterior shot of the Vignelli Center for Design Studies.

Furniture pieces from the Vignelli Collection featured in the Benetton Gallery.

Third row: Packaging designs done for Galerías, Zimmer + Rohde and Fratelli Rossetti that are on display in the Benetton Gallery.

Lella Vignelli gives an autograph to Paulina Garces Reid, a 2002 graduate of RIT’s graphic design program.


(All other photos by A. Sue Weisler ’93)
When Eddie Hill and Bob Gaines were on RIT’s new campus in 1969, they didn’t see many other minority students or faculty members.

So they developed the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee, a student association designed to educate the university about diversity issues. A year later, the committee hosted the first ever Black Awareness Weekend held at RIT, says Hill, ’70 (photography).

Members also developed and taught a black awareness course that took students into Rochester’s neighborhoods and discussed how issues in Rochester mirrored those across the country.

“Most of the activities on campus were directed at the majority student population,” Hill says. “The majority population had little knowledge or understanding of their fellow black students or the communities from which we came.”

Now more than 40 years later, Hill would like to organize a reunion of BACC members and set up an educational fund in honor of Gaines, ’72 (electrical engineering) who died in November 2009. Gaines worked at IBM as an engineer/scientist and later in the marketing department. He started Data Systems Consultants Inc., which became the first African-American-owned company to be named an IBM Business Partner. His passion was working with the youth of his church, says his widow, Carol Gaines.

Carol Gaines, who lives in a suburb of Washington, D.C., says their time at RIT has special memories for her. She says her husband saw a need on the campus that had just moved to Henrietta in 1968 and addressed that need by working to establish the BACC.

She cherishes the friendships she made with other families while living in married student housing.

“These relationships have lasted a lifetime,” she says. “Now our children’s children are establishing relationships.”

Hill, who retired from AT&T as a product manager in 1994 and now develops and manages the construction of commercial real estate, would like to bring former members of the BACC back to the RIT campus to mentor current students.

Obinna Ukachukwu, the current president of BACC, would welcome that.

He and about seven others are working to revitalize the group as a club. In September, the BACC hosted the first of a series of dinner dialogues where students were able to discuss political, social and cultural issues with faculty and staff.

Ukachukwu, a fifth-year electrical engineering student, says the goal of BACC members is to get involved in not only their events but in other student events.

“We want to re-establish ourselves as a liaison between African-American students, faculty and staff socially, culturally and academically,” he says.

Mindy Mozer

To learn more
If you were a member of BACC while at RIT or would like more information on a potential reunion, please contact Alumni Relations representative Dan Christner at reunion@rit.edu.

Original members of the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee pictured in Techmila 1970. The group sponsored a Black Awareness Weekend in 1970 with an appearance by comedian Dick Gregory. (RIT Archives)

Current members of the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee are hosting a series of “Dinner Dialogues” this school year where students are able to discuss political, social and cultural issues with faculty and staff. From left are Justin Mann, fundraising; Racquel Lett, publicity; Kenneth Davis, treasurer; Dannea Dixon, secretary; Obinna Ukachukwu, president; and Marcus Lowe, vice president. (Photo by student photographer Jared Rube)
“Single mothers who get their master’s degrees one class at a time while working full-time and shuttling kids to soccer and voice lessons are not the very model of modern philanthropy—but then again, maybe we are. Or maybe we should be.

“Establishing a planned gift—an endowed scholarship that will go into effect when I’m, umm, gone, was part of a promise I made during those days of graduate courses. Days when I would whisper a promise to my grandmother who, though she has passed on remains my spiritual touchstone, that when I finally got this degree I would honor her memory by establishing a scholarship in her name. A scholarship honoring a woman who did not attend school in her native Syria, yet sent any money she could back to her hometown to help support her deaf sister, who lived in a convent and was educated by nuns.

“Thus the idea of the Mageeda Murad Endowed Scholarship Fund at RIT/NTID blossomed.

“I don’t particularly relish the concept of leaving this earth, but I am happy to know that when I do, students will benefit from a scholarship named after the tiny, yet amazing woman who did so much to help others. Those students will have what my grandmother wanted for her family—the opportunity to succeed. And that makes me very happy indeed.”

Susan’s thoughtful legacy will make an important difference in the lives of our students. If you have any questions about how you can make a difference at RIT/NTID through a simple bequest or other planned gift, please contact Heather Engel, Assistant Vice President for Principal and Planned Giving or Megan Ball, Constituent Relations Officer at 1-800-477-0376 or plannedgiving@rit.edu for a confidential conversation.

Visit us online at www.rit.planyourlegacy.org
Thirty-one people took part in the CIAS Association of Medical Illustrators alumni reception in Portland, Ore., in July.

**College Alumni Programs**

Connect with your college! The ways to stay engaged with RIT keep growing. In addition to regional activities for all alumni, your college also supports special programming designed for you and fellow graduates of your department and college.

Check out upcoming events posted to your college’s alumni Web page, and check in with your college’s Alumni Relations contact. We love to hear from you!

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**College of Liberal Arts starts newsletter**
The College of Liberal Arts is proud to announce its new electronic newsletter.

Produced by the college’s communication specialist, Will Dube ’09, and designed by senior communications major, Alicia Schofield ’11, the newsletter has information on college programs, faculty, students and alumni.

Each month the newsletter will be e-mailed to the CLA community. Additionally, every three months a hard copy will be printed for special distribution. Be sure your e-mail address is up-to-date by reviewing your alumni profile at www.rit.edu/alumni/cla.

**CAST shows off at Brick City Homecoming**
Brick City Homecoming was the setting for CAST students to show off to visiting alumni. The Engineering Technology Interactive Exhibits featured the Baja Off-road Vehicle, the Concrete Canoe, the Hybrid Electrical Bike, IQ Bug Navigation, Package Chunkin’ and Pumpkin Chunkin’.

The School of Hospitality & Service Management held its 23rd Alumni Awards Dinner honoring Julie Hayes Fenske ’86 with the Sarah Margaret Gillam Memorial Award; David Brough ’92 with the Dr. Richard Marecki Memorial Award; Hector Garcia ’89, ’96 with the Dr. Paul Kazmierski Memorial Award; Kathryn McGuire ’97 with the Excellence in Health Award; Aaron Kulpa ’96 with the Entrepreneurial Award; William Myers ’98 with the International Award of Excellence and Abigail Holland ’11 with the Student Recognition Award.

Also held in October was a Deans’ Reception for CAST, GCCIS and SCB alumni in Syracuse. During November, CAST hosted two events. In Chicago, more than 100 packaging science alumni, students, faculty and friends gathered for a reception at Dave & Buster’s during Pack Expo. Back on campus,

CAST held its second annual college Hockey Night with alumni gathering for a tailgate dinner and then cheering on the men’s hockey Tigers vs. UConn.

**CIAS welcomes new faculty**
The College of Imaging Arts and Sciences welcomed many new faculty who are returning to their alma mater: Josh Shagum ’10, visiting assistant professor biomedical photography; Miguel Cardona ’04, visiting assistant professor in design; David Schnuckel ’10, visiting assistant professor in glass; Rachel Jerome Ferraro ’96, lecturer in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences; Chad Grohman ’94, lecturer in the School of Art; Shaun Foster ’02, assistant professor in 3D digital graphics; and Meredith Davenport ’86 ’88, assistant professor in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.

The opening of the Vignelli Center for Design Studies this fall was a spectacular kickoff to the 2010-11 CIAS Alumni events series. Check out the website at www.rit.edu/alumni/cias to see if we will be in a city near you.

**COS leadership takes shape**
In her first fall quarter as permanently appointed dean of the College of Science, Dr. Sophia Maggelakis has convened a committee of faculty, research scientists, staff, students and alumni Paul Conrow ’81, who are charged with drafting the COS Strategic Plan for the next five years.

Plans are also under way for the development of the Institute of Health Sciences and Technology, one of the many opportunities that are being realized as a result of the RIT & Rochester General Health System Alliance.

Earlier in the fall, Maggelakis announced her leadership team, which includes the following academic unit heads: Dr. Stefi Baum, Chester F.
E. Philip Saunders College of Business Alumni Advisory Board members Rachel Cornell '87 (business administration) and Lomax Campbell '07, '09 (executive MBA) with Dean Ash Rao at the board’s welcome reception in September.

Carlson Center for Imaging Science; Dr. Mike Kotlarchyk, physics; Dr. Doug Meadows, School of Mathematical Sciences; Dr. Paul Rosenberg, chemistry; and Dr. Gary Skuse, interim head of the School of Biological and Medical Sciences.

Members of the dean’s office include: Dr. Mark Fairchild, associate dean for research and graduate education; Dr. Andy Langner, COS strategic planning coordinator; Catherine Mahrt-Washington, assistant dean for student affairs; Dr. Darren Narayan, director of undergraduate education; Dr. Elizabeth Perry, director of science exploration program; and Dr. Laura Tubbs, associate dean for undergraduate education.

Computer science marks 35th year

The Golisano College and the RIT Alumni & Family Series Program joined forces to offer a ride-and-slide family day at Sea Breeze Amusement Park in August, hosting 125 kids and adults.

The Computer Science (CS) Department celebrates its 35th anniversary this year. Our kick-off celebration was the CS Blues and Brews event co-hosted by the CS Department in September at the Lovin’ Cup restaurant at Park Point. Thirty-eight guests enjoyed food and a beer-tasting while listening to the bluesy sounds of alumnus Steve Casilio '08 and his band, Cold Sweat Project. The celebration continued through Brick City Homecoming weekend with a dessert reception, where guests learned more about the history of computing.

Three RIT colleges hosted the first multiple deans’ reception on Oct. 27. Jorge Díaz-Herrera, dean of the Golisano College; Fred Walker, dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology; and Ash Rao, dean of the Saunders College of Business, invited alumni in the Syracuse, N.Y., area to gather and hear about what’s new at their alma mater. Fall finished with the third annual Golisano College Hockey Night, bringing together alumni on Oct. 29 for a tailgate dinner and to cheer on the RIT Tigers.

KGCCE’s Reeve retires

The Kate Gleason College of Engineering bids a fond farewell to Dick Reeve. We wish him the best of luck as he enjoys retirement with his family. With Reeve’s retirement, we welcome Jacqueline Mozrall ’87 as associate dean of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering. Prior to this appointment, Mozrall was department head for Industrial and Systems Engineering.

The KGCOE wrapped up a successful round of events during Brick City Homecoming, including the 30th Anniversary of Computer Engineering. During this celebration, Dr. Roy Czer nikowski was inducted as the first member of the Computer Engineering Academy.

NTID alumni participate in events

RIT/NTID alumni chapter events were well attended throughout the summer and early fall. Events were held in Centralia, Wash.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Columbus, Ohio. Receptions also were held in Rochester for alumni, faculty and friends of the ASLIE and MSSE programs.

The NTID Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomed the following new board members at the October meeting: Chad Ludwig SVP ’91, ’97; Laurent Bain ’07; Amy Crumrine ’94, ’97; Andrew Jacobson ’90, ’96; Alok Doshi, ’95; Arlene Sankey ’86, ’89, ’93 and Katherine Hoheusle ’00.

The RIT/NTID community mourned the loss of Anthony “Tony” Wallace ’08, who was killed in the line of duty as a police officer of the Hoonah, Alaska, Police Department on Aug. 28. Tony was a three-time All-American wrestler and served as an officer with RIT Public Safety. He was named to the RIT Athletic Hall of Fame in 2008.

A memorial service to celebrate Tony’s life was held on Oct. 21 in the Gordon Field House.

SCB board creates awareness

On Sept. 21, 2010, the Saunders College of Business Alumni Advisory Board kicked off the new academic year with a reception hosted by Dean Ash Rao at Monroe Golf Club in Rochester.

Founded in the 1980s as the College of Business Alumni Association, the board has worked toward supporting the Saunders College of Business on alumni-focused initiatives.

This year, the board has developed and attached quantitative metrics to its goals of increasing Saunders College alumni brand awareness, engagement and participation.

Currently, 21 alumni serve on the board, including officers Russ Schwartzbeck ’97, board chair; Bill Prentice ’97, development committee chair; Mark Forte ’91, golf tournament committee chair; Kate Turner ’08, networking committee chair; and Brandyn Jacob ’02, professional development committee chair.

To learn more, e-mail alumni@saunders.rit.edu.
Regional Alumni Activities

Megan Cheever, Candi Boston ’09, Jon Rodibaugh, James Macchiano ’06, ’09 and Dan Christner ’07 are your contacts in the Office of Alumni Relations for regional alumni activities. Don’t hesitate to contact them toll free at 1-866-RTU-ALUM. To learn more about the events listed below, go to www.rit.edu/alumniactivities. You can register for events through our secure website.

Albany
Recent activities: Alumni enjoyed a pregame reception at Pinhead Susans and a men’s hockey game as the Tigers took on Union Oct. 23.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

Atlanta
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event at Sweetwater Brewing Company this winter. Please check the website for details.

Austin/San Antonio
Recent activities: Alumni enjoyed a cooking class at Whole Foods on Oct. 18.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details. If you are interested in becoming a chapter volunteer, please contact Candi Boston at cabalum@rit.edu or at 585-475-4279.

Boston
Coming up: On Jan. 22, RIT alumni, family and friends are invited to a pregame reception and game as the men’s hockey team takes on Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. Please check www.rit.edu/alumni/boston for details.

Buffalo
Recent activities: On Sept. 25, alumni and guests enjoyed a train excursion aboard the Vineyard Express, with stops at Spring Lake Winery and the Medina Railroad Museum. Thank you to host Tom Stumpf ’89. Alumni also are scheduled to cheer for the RIT men’s hockey team as they face off against Niagara Nov. 24 in Dwyer Arena.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

Central Florida
Recent activities: Alumni got together at the Melting Pot in Melbourne for a fun evening of fondue on Nov. 9. Alumni and guests enjoyed a performance of the new musical Bonnie & Clyde at the Asolo Theatre in Sarasota on Nov. 16.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details or contact Candi Boston at cabalum@rit.edu or 585-475-4279.

Charlotte, N.C.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

Chicago
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details. If you are interested in becoming a chapter volunteer, please contact Dan Christner at dan.christner@rit.edu or 585-475-4893.

Cincinnati
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details or contact Candi Boston at cabalum@rit.edu or 585-475-4279.

Cleveland-Akron
Recent activities: Alumni and guests are scheduled to enjoy a beer sampling at Great Lakes Brewing on Nov. 30. Thanks to host Al Teufel ’73.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details or contact Candi Boston at cabalum@rit.edu or 585-475-4279.

Colorado
Recent activities: RIT alumni enjoyed a night at Coors Field as the Colorado Rockies took on the L.A. Dodgers Sept. 28. Thank you to hosts Dave Belden ’04 and Jennifer Wicus ’04.
Men’s Hockey Coach Wayne Wilson joined alumni on Nov. 7 for dinner before the hockey team faced Air Force.
Coming up: Plans are under way for an event this spring. Please check the website for details.

Connecticut
Coming up: Plans are under way for alumni events this winter. Please check the website for details.

Corporate Chapters
Recent activities: The Office of Alumni Relations held alumni gatherings at Citrix and Harris RF as well as a luncheon for those working in the Linden Oaks corporate park in Rochester.
Coming up: If you are interested in planning an RIT alumni event where you work, please contact Jon Rodibaugh at jjprar@rit.edu.

Dallas/Fort Worth
Recent activities: Alumni and guests enjoyed a night of hometown hockey as the Dallas Star took on the Buffalo Sabres on Oct. 30. Thanks to alumni host Scott Saldinger ’91.
Coming up: Plans are under way for alumni events later this winter. Please check the website for details.

Detroit
Coming up: RIT alumni, family and friends are invited to watch the hometown Detroit Red Wings Dec. 6 take on the San Jose Sharks at Joe Louis Arena. Please check www.rit.edu/alumni/detroit for details.

India
Recent activities: On Sept. 15, alumni and guests gathered for dinner at the Lalit Hotel in Delhi.
Coming up: Plans are under way for alumni events this winter and spring in Mumbai and Delhi. Please check the website for details.

Long Island
Coming up: Plans are under way for a cooking class this winter. Please check the website for details.

Los Angeles
Coming up: Plans are under way for an event this January. Please check the website for details.

Mid-Hudson
Recent activities: On Sept. 22, alumni and guests gathered and sampled beer and took a tour of the brewing process at Hyde Park Brewing.
Coming up: RIT alumni, family and friends are invited to cheer on the RIT men’s hockey team Jan. 8 as they take on Army in West Point’s Tate Rink. Go to www.rit.edu/alumni/midhudson for details.

The Mid-Hudson Alumni Chapter got together at Hyde Park Brewing on Sept. 22.
Alumni and guests enjoyed a vintage train trip and wine tasting on the Finger Lakes Railway on Nov. 6. Special thanks to alumni hosts Fran Versace ’08, ’09 and Rita Haschmann ’79. Alumni enjoyed a performance of Young Frankenstein at the Auditorium Theatre on Nov. 12.

Coming up: Registration is now open for a variety of alumni events. To view the most current calendar, go to www.rit.edu/alumni/rochester.

San Diego
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

San Francisco/San Jose
Recent activities: On Oct. 16, alumni and friends enjoyed Oktoberfest Napa Valley at the Napa Valley Expo. Thank you to host Mark Leonard ’94 for making this possible.

Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

Seattle
Coming up: Plans are under way for a Seattle Sounders game this spring. Please check the website for details.

Southern Florida
Recent activities: Alumni and friends participated in the annual ROCS (Reaching Out for Community Service) day at The Caring Kitchen in Delray Beach on Sept. 11. Alumni also gathered at The Melting Pot in Ft. Lauderdale on Nov. 8 for a fun evening of fondue.

Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

San Francisco/San Jose
Recent activities: On Sept. 25, alumni enjoyed a beautiful cruise on Skaneateles Lake with dinner from Doug’s Fish fry.

Coming up: On Jan. 15, alumni, family and friends are invited to a pregame reception and Syracuse men’s basketball game against Cincinnati. Please go to www.rit.edu/alumni/syracuse for details.

Utica/Rome
Recent activities: On Sept. 19, alumni enjoyed the fall beauty of the Adirondacks aboard the Adirondack Scenic Railroad for a Fall Foliage and Wine Tasting Tour.

Coming up: Plans are under way for a Seattle Sounders game this spring. Please check the website for details.

Washington, D.C.
Recent activities: RIT alumni watched the Washington Capitals take on the Buffalo Sabres in a thrilling match on Nov. 17. Thanks to host José Padín ’03.

Coming up: Alumni, family and friends are invited to a reception and live streaming of the men’s hockey game Jan. 29 against Mercyhurst at Clyde’s of Gallery Place. Please go to www.rit.edu/alumni/washington_dc for details.

Mumbai
Coming up: Plans are under way for alumni events this winter. Please check www.rit.edu/alumni/mumbai for more details.

Northern New Jersey
Coming up: Plans are under way for an alumni event this winter. Please check the website for details.

New York City
Recent activities: On Sept. 12, alumni and guests gathered for a night at the U.S. Open Men’s Tennis Championships. Thank you to Mike Larson ’93 for hosting this event.

Coming up: RIT alumni, family and friends are invited to cheer on the RIT men’s hockey team Jan. 8 as they take on Army at West Point’s Tate Rink. Please check www.rit.edu/alumni/midhudson for details.

Philadelphia
Coming up: Watch for details on a Philly Food Tour in February. Please check the website for more information.

Pittsburgh
Coming up: Come cheer on the RIT men’s hockey team as they take on Robert Morris at the Consol Energy Center on Dec. 30 as part of the NHL’s Winter Classic festivities. An alumni reception will take place before the game.

Raleigh-Durham
Recent activities: Alumni enjoyed a night of hometown hockey as the Carolina Hurricanes took on the Philadelphia Flyers Nov. 11.

Coming up: Another night of Hurricanes hockey is scheduled for RIT alumni March 1 as the hometown team takes on the Florida Panthers. Please check the website for details.

Rochester
Recent activities: Alumni and guests enjoyed a bus trip to Skaneateles for the Mailboat Tour & lunch at the Sherwood Inn on Aug. 18.

Alumni and guests gave back to their community on Sept. 11 by volunteering at Foodlink. Special thanks to all alumni and guests who participated.

RIT alumni had a fun evening of bowling and chicken wings at L&M Lanes on Sept. 29. Thanks to hosts Steve Gesinger ’77 and Maggie Reilly ’04.

Alumni and guests enjoyed a bus trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake for the annual Shaw Festival on Oct. 5. On Oct. 6, RIT alumni and guests gathered to watch a special screening of the award-winning Tour de France documentary Chasing Legends by alumnus filmmaker Jason Berry ’92.

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celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They have two sons, Richard, a pharmacist, and James, a tool and die machinist; three grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

1953
Dorothy Doyle ’53 (CIAS) exhibited her pen and ink renderings at the Wheeler Opera House in partnership with the Aspen Historical Society in September 2010. Renderings included 14 of Aspen’s magnificent buildings built in the late 1800’s. Dorothy lives in Carbondale, Colo., and would love to hear from classmates. dotdoyle@peoplepc.com.

John Ratcliffe ’53 (GAP) and his wife, Frances Long Ratcliffe ’53 (SCB) are still showing their RIT spirit.

1957
John Petrycki ’57 (GAP) is a Korean War veteran who served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1947-52, earning an honorable discharge. John was employed as an offset press technician at RIT in the Graphic Arts Research Department until 1965. From 1965 to 1968, he worked as an offset research manager at the American Newspaper Publishers Research Center in Easton, Pa. John moved back to his hometown of Boston, Mass., in 1968. There he accepted a position at the Lawrence Eagle Tribune as the production director and worked from 1968-96. After 27 years at the Tribune, John retired.

1959
Rodney Vane ’59 (KGCOE) says he has “pretty much retired.” However, he still provides technical consulting after approximately 50 years in various engineering and management positions in aerospace and reprographic fields. His future plans include counting blades of grass, traveling and spending time with family.

1961
John Rice ’61 (KGCOE) received a fellowship to Clarkson University and earned his master’s degree in electrical engineering. He worked in aerospace and defense for seven years as a radar system engineer. He returned to Penn State and received a master of engineering degree in transportation engineering. “I have worked for the U.S. Army, several Maryland counties, the state of South Carolina, and finally for a consultant in Virginia. I took the professional engineers exam at age 52 and passed. I retired in 2002. I am active in the Lifelong Learning Institute and have taught classes for them, including astronomy.”

Edward Catapano ’61 (CIAS) flew to Maine to see a papermaking mill and fell in love with flying which led to his earning a private pilot’s license. He has a lot of memories of the old RIT campus, spring break parades, float building and ice sculptures, the Bridge on the River Kwai, KSK fraternity, and working at Hammer Litho and the Democrat and Chronicle. Edward is proud to have been a RIT graduate and still lives in North Babylon, N.Y.

1962
Bruce James ’62 (GAP) was honored by RIT with its Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1996 and was the 33rd alumnus inducted into the John Marshall High School (Cleveland, Ohio) Hall of Fame. Bruce has served on and chaired the boards of more than 40 governmental bodies and non-profit organizations throughout the country, including five colleges and universities. He was chairman of the RIT Board of Trustees from 2002 to 2005. He and his wife, Nora, have resided at Lake Tahoe in Nevada since 1993.

1964
Dyan Monte-Verde ’64 (COS) was an invited speaker at the USA International Federation of Biomedical Laboratory Science (IFBLS) Delegate to the World Congress of Biomedical Laboratory Science in Nairobi, Kenya, June 2010. She also presented a workshop on “Diagnostic Microscopic Urinalysis and Related Renal Diseases,” based on work she did as head of the Laboratory Services Department, associate professor and educational coordinator of the Clinical Pathology Laboratories at Strong Memorial Hospital at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She has traveled extensively both nationally and internationally presenting Monte Verde Productions Inc. workshops, seminars and teleconferences. Today her audiovisual media slides and booklets are being used as an educational tool in many states and countries.

Denniston Wood ’64 (CAST) writes, “I lost my wife Jane to breast cancer in January 2006 and decided to retire from teaching. At that time, I had been teaching for 40 years. Since then, I have returned to teaching two 16-week semesters of drawing for Homeland Security at the Detention Center in Batavia, N.Y.”

1965
Andrew Botwic ’65 (GAP) married Dianne Jacobs in 1968, and declares he loves her now more than ever. Andrew retired after 28 years of service as an executive with Dunkin’ Donuts. The couple spends their retirement between homes in Lake Worth and Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Joel Entin ’65 (GAP) is president of GlennWrite News Service, a New Jersey marketing and public relations firm. Joel opened the IndustrialCaseStudies.com division to focus on developing sales boosting case study feature articles that showcase how a manufacturer’s product, equipment or service contributed to its customer’s success. www.industrialcasestudies.com

1966
Sara Jayne Freeman Cole ’66 (CIAS) learned to be a silversmith at RIT and while on a trip to Arkansas found a tiny origami book in the art museum gift shop. On the long bus ride back to Rochester she taught herself origami. It has long been her inspiration to combine the simple lines and suggested form learned by folding into silver to make components for jewelry. Metal clay sheet has made this possible. She is very excited about her book, Metal Clay Origami Jewelry, published by Lark Books.

David Page ’63, ’66 (CIAS) recently donated his collection of NASA imagery he collected while in charge of photographic processing quality control for the Apollo Moon Exploration Program. The gem of the collection is one of only eight first generation duplicates of Magazine “A,” the first pictures taken from the moon surface. The original roll of film was then retired and stored under archival conditions. All future negatives and prints were made from these first generation dupes. The moon mission images and those from a roll of film from the joint Mercury 6 and 7 missions will go into the photography study collection. The photographic imaging was made possible by the efforts of many RIT alumni and faculty of that era.

Class Notes

Key to abbreviations
CAST College of Applied Science and Technology
CCE College of Continuing Education (now CAST)
CIAS College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
CLA College of Liberal Arts
SCB E. Philip Saunders College of Business
KGCOE Kate Gleason College of Engineering
COS College of Science
FAA Fine and Applied Arts (now CIAS)
GAP Graphic Arts and Photography (now CIAS)
GCCIS 8. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
NTID National Technical Institute for the Deaf
SVP NTID “Summer Vestibule Program”

1933
Clarence “Barney” Wilson ’33 (KGCOE) writes, “My 100th birthday is coming up in spring 2011. I was born in 1911 and graduated from RIT during the depression years. I was a member of the co-op program then and spent the majority of my working years at Eastman Kodak Co. I just had a family reunion including my only surviving son, Charles, along with his family of three daughters and my five great-grandchildren.”

1945
Betty Eddy Goss ’45 (FAA) is loving life and just became one of our newest Alumni Online Community members. Betty now lives without snow in Hilton Head Island, S.C., with her dog, Mitzi. She continues to enjoy embroidering, needlepoint and knitting as well as keeping up with information technology.

1950
Ralph Fuller ’50 (KGCOE) retired in 1963 and is living in Pensacola, Fla. Ralph’s career was in bag making, packaging and related manufacturing with internationally known St. Regis Paper Company for 35 years. He held positions from design engineer to divisional engineering manager. He married his southern belle, Mary Beth Erickson, in January 1951 and they will soon
1967
Boyd Clausen '67 (SCB) is currently enjoying retirement with his family and friends. He recently purchased a lakefront home on Lake Ontario in Kent, N.Y., where he plans to relocate.

1968
David Folkman's '68 (CIAS) latest issue of Hogan's Alley magazine includes a massive and unprecedented oral history of SquarePants. Nearly two dozen artists, writers, voice actors, executives, producers, directors and more share their insights and reminiscences about the world's most popular sponge. For subscription information, go to hoganmag.com.

1969
Robert Shanebrook ’69 (CIAS) published a book: Making Kodak Film, The Illustrated Story of State-of-the-Art Photographic Film Manufacturing. Having worked for Kodak for 35 years, Robert was the worldwide product manager for professional films for 20 years and played a small part in the development and commercialization of films including: T-Max, Kichrome, Kodachrome and Portra Films. www.makingkodakfilm.com.

James Brown '69 (SCB) of Oneida, N.Y., was inducted into the Hall of Fame July 2010 for the New York Association for Pupil Transportation at its annual conference. This award was commissioned by NYAPT to recognize Brown's innovative efforts to coordinate the first Operation Safe Stop Program in 1993. In 2008, he was recognized by the N.Y. School Bus Contractors Association for his years of service with the Heart of the Industry Award.

John C. Williams '69 (CIAS) retired in 2005 as vice president of marketing for Cox Enterprises in Atlanta, Ga. John and his wife, Joy, moved to Whidbey Island, Wash., and are located about an hour north of Seattle. They are lifelong book collectors and in retirement started a small retail bookstore in Langley, Wash., a waterside island village. Words & Pictures Bookshop offers an eclectic mix of used, out-of-print and collectible books. Contact them at wordsandpictures@whidbey.com.

1971
David Loshin '71 (CIAS) was awarded Florida Optometric Association of the Year at the Florida Optometric Association Convention in July 2010. Loshin is the dean of the Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry.

1972
Stephen Schultz ’72 (SCB) is a retired executive director of Self Actualization Institute for the Deaf Inc. He has been married 27 years, living in Studio City and Palm Springs, Calif. He has two grandchildren. Stephen is a founding board member of Deaf Seniors Foundation of Palm Springs, Calif. (dsf-ps.org). He currently serves as the board director of the Greater Los Angeles Agency on Deafness (gladin.org). He is also a member of the Jaguar Owners Club of Los Angeles, and owns a Cotswold blue 1959 XK150 FHC.

Joyce Taylor Hill ’72 (CIAS) is one of 40 artists whose mixed media works have been published in a new book by Sterling Press called Masters: College Major Works by Leading Artists.

Brian Marder ’72 (CIAS) of Marder Machinery LLC has earned the Certified Equipment Appraiser (CEA) designation as set forth by the Association of Machinery and Equipment Appraisers. Ronald Berger ’72 (CIAS) completed a 31-year tenure at the College of Santa Fe in May 2010 and is now teaching a part-time exhibit for Lewis University in Alhambra, N.M. Berger recently held a one-man exhibit of new solar plate etchings at the Nu Arts Gallery in Santa Fe.

1973
David Arky ’72 (CIAS) recently finished his second cover shoot for Newsweek. The image was used to illustrate the story titled "The Science of Healthy Living" for their July 5 double issue. David also recently completed assignments for AARP Magazine, Comcast and Deloitte.

1974
James Riche ’74 (CIAS) was recently promoted to executive producer and head of digital production at Digital Domain. Digital Domain has long been a leader in the visual effects business for both feature films and television commercials. The company won the Academy Award for Visual Effects in 2009 for The Curious Case of Benjamin Button. Currently, the company is working on Iron Legacy.

Steven Zoref ’73, ’74 (CIAS) sold Kew Professional Photo & Digital Imaging in Norwalk, Conn. after 20 years in business with his brother, Cliff Zoref. In April 2009, the two brothers started New Digital, West Haven, Conn. They provide large format digital printing, banners, and Indigo digital printing to Fortune 500 companies in Connecticut. Steven married Jamie Klein in September 2010 and the couple purchased a home in Norwalk, Conn.

1975
Joseph Allen ’75 (KGCOE) retired from New York State Electric and Gas after 34 years in engineering management. He is now employed as a principal engineer with Substation Engineering Company. He and his wife, Patti, reside in Vestal, N.Y., and also have a residence in The Villages, Fla.

1976
Barbara Salmon Frielingshaus ’76 (CAST) graduated in May 2009 as a recognized lay minister of the United Church of Christ.

1977
Bruce Byers ’77 (CIAS) has traveled to many countries and into many lives. With the desire to get to know where he is, Bruce connects with the people through his lens. The past five years documenting medical missions and telling stories has brought Bruce into the United States, West Bank, Israel, Bangladesh, India, Cambodia, Vietnam, Turkey and China.

Mark McPhillips ’77 (CAST) has opened A Pinch of Salt Kitchens, located at 13 N. Main St., New Hope, Pa. apinchofsalt@verizon.net / www.apinchofsalt.biz.

Chingho Lu ’77 (SCB) became a director in August 2010 with TriVita, headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz. TriVita is a nutraceutical company in the direct sales industry with a cooperative marketing business model.

1978
Christina Edginton ’78 (GAP) retired in 2002 from a 25-year publishing career at Judson Press in Valley Forge, Pa. She is currently teaching high school science at Delaware Valley High School in East Falls, Pa. Christina also organizes community art events in Delaware, where her family owns a 100-year-old farmhouse they are renovating. In the spring of 2011, Christina will begin a doctoral program in Marine Policy at the University of Delaware School of Ocean, Earth and Environment. “I’d love to see some of my old classmates and catch up with them.”

1979
Patrice Simone Galbraith ’79 (SCB) recently formed a consulting company: Workplace Wisdom Consulting, LLC. “After several years of employment with large corporations such as Citibank, American Express, Saks Fifth Avenue and McDonald’s Corp., I discovered my natural ability and passions are in the areas of talent management and leadership development. I decided to get out there and do what I do best.”

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Jeffrey Cougler '77, '79 (CIAS) has been selected as one of seven Watertown High School graduates who will be inducted into the school district’s Distinguished Alumni Hall of Achievement. Cougler, an environmental designer, was creative director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. He also helped create signs and communication graphics to aid in the functioning of the World Trade Center during reconstruction after the 1993 bombing. Cougler, who is deaf, received an award in 2009 for his thesis on computer-assisted software that teaches the sign language alphabet and improves fingerspelling reception when using American Sign Language.

Gordon Mansell '79 (CIAS) embarked on an interesting and successful career in print production management, advertising and marketing. This career paralleled a long vocation as a church organist which continues to the present. “My passion for music eventually led me to re-enter academia in 2002 at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. In 2006, I graduated with an undergraduate degree in music (organ performance) and continued my studies at the graduate level. In 2008, I earned a master's degree in organ performance. I am the music director and organist at Our Lady of Sorrow's Catholic Church (www.sorrows.ca). I am also a co-founder and producer of a yearly music festival featuring the pipe organ (www.organonconcerts.ca) and president and artistic director of Glionna Mansell Corporation (www.glionnamansell.com).”

1980

Craig Messimer ’80, (KGCOE) started a business named Sundance Logos located in Rochester. “After 30-plus years of working on software systems, I have started a graphics design and logo wear business. Clients present us with an idea or sketch, and we design high resolution graphic images suitable for the highest quality screen printing and embroidered apparel and accessories. Our website is www.sundancelogos.com.”

Daniel Dister ’78, ’80 (CIAS) is the chief information assurance officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C., and is responsible for the overall cyber protection of the Defense Intelligence Community global information system infrastructure. Previously, Daniel was employed at the Department of Homeland Security as the National Security Systems chief information security officer.

1981

Toni Schuster ’79, ’81 (FAA) received a master of fine arts degree in visual communications in 2006 from the University of North Texas. She is the owner of Schuster Design Group and previously senior art director of internal publications for JCPenney Corp. Toni is currently the assistant director of the School of Design at The Art Institute of Dallas. Other accomplishments include certifications with the Aerobics and Fitness Association of America, The Cooper Institute, and the American Council of Exercise earning the recognition as an international top 10 instructor. The publication of her first fictional novel Merging Currents can be found at Rockpcking.com.

1982

Jane Stevens ’82 (CIAS) had her most recent project published in Fraction Magazine, an online juried publication of fine art photography. The work, Seeking Perfection: Traditional Apple Growing in Japan, examines the labor-intensive way in which the Japanese grow apples. Stevens, a professor of fine arts at the University of Cincinnati, photographed the orchards in Aomori Prefecture over the course of two growing seasons. www.fractionmagazine.com/artist/janaledenstevens

Robert Stewart ’82 (NDT) worked for nine years as a technical laboratory specialist for IBM in Owego, N.Y., until the plant closed. Shortly afterward, Robert moved to Dothan, Ala., working as a DC/AC motor tester for General Electric Corp., until that plant closed eight years later. Robert then went on to become a cobalt evaporation technician and maintenance technician at Sony for six years, the economy closing this plant as well. Robert says his next chapter will be as a full-time student at Enterprise-Ozark Community College where he will be studying to become an avionics and powerplant technician. Robert and his wife, Carmen, are happy to say their three children and four grandchildren are all doing very well.

1983

Robert Bianchi ’83 (CIAS) writes, “After 25 years in the fire service, I retired in May 2010. I was a fire lieutenant/medic with Nashua Fire Rescue in N.H. I am now the building maintenance supervisor of the Masonic Building and properties here in Nashua. Greetings to my old roomie Dan Troy.”

Gerald Hoffman ’81, ’83 (CIAS) writes, “Thank you so much to Alumni Relations for making the connection with Bob Manganelli ’83 (CIAS). We were best friends during our RIT years and have lost contact. For the past nine years, I have been working with Nelson Vigneault ’81 (CIAS). The company is called CleanPix. CleanPix is a digital asset management service providing an affordable solution for public relations and marketing to manage media files. I am also working in Brazil to facilitate opening connections for CleanPix in that country and performing camera work for a documentary. For the past few years, I have been working with at-risk youth in Salvador, Brazil, and Santiago, Dominican Republic, introducing photography to them as a means to understand and translate their world.”

1984

Martha Dimeo ’84, (CIAS) recently joined the New England Chapter of American Society of Picture Professionals (ASPP) and was interviewed for July’s Member Profile on the chapter’s Facebook page. The interview included questions about career path, finding inspiration, and her work as a photographer and imaging specialist. Jean Guck Graupman ’82, ’84 (CAST) is the executive director for Friends to School of the Arts in Rochester.

Robert J. Gerace ’84 (CAST) is a licensed associate broker working in Batavia, N.Y., for Bob Harris Realty LLC. “The firm started in 1956. My family took over the business in 1978. I received my real estate license in 1989. After the downsizing of ITTA/Valeo in Rochester in 2003, where I was a mold maker for 13 years working in product development/Model Shop, I went full time into the real estate market.”

Lori Baldwin ‘84 (CL) was recently promoted to director of safety and security at Rochester School District.

Alan Wyffels ’84 (CAST) has started an engineering sales firm. The company is called Precision Air Systems, LLC and is located in Rochester serving the local and upstate New York area. Precision Air Systems LLC offers industrial and residential HVAC products. In addition to sales, Alan is involved in design-building projects.

Irene (Sawall) Barber ’84 (SCB) is a graphics designer and powerplant technician. Robert and Irene have three children and four grandchildren. "Thank you so much to Alumni Relations for making the connection with Bob Manganelli ’83 (CIAS). We were best friends during our RIT years and have lost contact. For the past nine years, I have been working with Nelson Vigneault ’81 (CIAS). The company is called CleanPix. CleanPix is a digital asset management service providing an affordable solution for public relations and marketing to manage media files. I am also working in Brazil to facilitate opening connections for CleanPix in that country and performing camera work for a documentary. For the past few years, I have been working with at-risk youth in Salvador, Brazil, and Santiago, Dominican Republic, introducing photography to them as a means to understand and translate their world.”

1985

Robert Fetter ’85 (KGCOE) was employed as a U.S. Navy captain and recently retired from active duty after 25 years of service. Fetter most recently served at Naval Exchange Service Command, Virginia Beach, Va.

Alex Bruski ’85 (CIAS) started a new company, Jerimiah Publications, in Bonney Lake, Wash. Alex also owns and operates AI Enterprises as a handyman. Three years ago, Alex left his position at Tharco Box as maintenance technician III. “After 30 years in the industry, and with the passing of my father, I decided to make a change. I am running my own company as a handyman and have recently started a new endeavor as an electronic book publisher. I have been enjoying the semi-retirement and the new opportunity. If you have a book you would like to get published, please contact me.”

1986

Mahmoud Gimie ’86 (CAST) has been working for the last 12 years with the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office as a patent examiner in internal combustion engines. Previously, he worked with Lockheed Martin in the computer science field. “Soon after, I realized my passion is in engineering and received a master of mechanical engineering degree and worked for the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. I am happily married and have children.”

Kenneth Murphy ’86 (NTID) has written a book, Mississippi, State of Blues: A commentary on the state of the blues in the state of the blues. The book includes an essay by blues historian Scott Barretta and photographs by Ken Murphy. It is published by Proteus Publishing and Ken Murphy Publishing, Jackson, Miss.

1988

Kenneth Vorndran ’86 (CLA), ’88 (KGCOE) was recently promoted to director of hardware engineering at ChemLmage, Pittsburgh, Pa.

W. David Dougherty ’88 (KGCOE) writes, “My previous company, Intrinsity Inc., Austin, Texas, was acquired by Apple Inc. in April 2010.”

1989

Daniel Shafer ’89 (KGCOE) is the director of instrumentation, electronics, and sustainment programs at BAE Systems, Fort Walton Beach, Fla. Prior to that, Daniel was employed at Blackbuid Inc. as a senior program manager. “In addition to enjoying the challenges of a new job, I am also enjoying the white sand beaches of the Gulf Coast with my lovely bride and two children.”
Exotic cars drive this photo graduate

Michael Furman ’74 is known for his photos of classic automobiles.

When Michael Furman was about 12 years old, he saw an orange, 1963 split-window Corvette roll down the street.

“We all reached for cameras,” says Furman ’74 (photography).

That was 45 years ago. Today, Furman is world-renowned for his photos of classic automobiles.

In collaboration with leading museums and collectors, he has produced nine high-end books, which he describes as "photographic essays on cars." Titles include Speed, Style and Beauty, the Cars of the Ralph Lauren Collection, produced for a 2005 exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Curves of Steel, for a 2007 exhibit at the Phoenix Art Museum; The Art and Colour of General Motors, celebrating the company’s centennial in 2008; and most recently, The Art of Bugatti: Mullin Automotive Museum, released in conjunction with the 2010 Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance, the prestigious annual classic car event.

Noted car collector Jay Leno, who has interviewed Furman several times, calls him “one of the great, great automotive photographers.”

Furman creates his gorgeous, meticulous images using still-life techniques he began to develop at RIT. Initially, he was interested in photojournalism. But, in what he calls “one of the landmark moments of my life,” a professor steered him away from photojournalism. Furman turned his efforts to fine art and commercial photography.

After graduation, Furman lived briefly in New York City with friends before returning home to Philadelphia. But he continued to use a New York phone number, which he believes carried some weight with potential clients. He began to get some assignments, and his career took off.

“Back then, art directors were interested in looking for new talent. They were willing to take risks,” he says. “I was very, very lucky.”

Furman has shot the gamut of subjects for a wide variety of clients. The automotive specialty began with a small assignment for Mercedes-Benz. Since then, he's worked for Jaguar, BMW North America and many others.

Furman's goal is to “capture the essence of these amazing vehicles. Truth is beauty and elegance is simple beauty.” Although he's photographed hundreds of exotic cars from the world's foremost collections, his enthusiasm remains strong. “I can think of dozens of cars I would like to photograph,” he says. “I'm not going to live long enough to accomplish everything on my list.”

Gloria Betlem ’89 (CIAS) is a Livonia artist, developed a passion for letting her art tell stories for land at risk. She published a book in 2007, Hemlock and Canadice Lakes, featuring her paintings and her husband, Kent Divers' photography. While visiting her family in Florida, Gloria was offered the opportunity to have a solo exhibition of her work at Leesburg Center for the Arts. The show, titled “Wild Florida: The Preserved, The Restored and The Vanishing,” required a great deal more research which kept her deeply immersed in learning the most telling issues of the Florida biota.

Now the exhibition will be available for viewing in her Livonia studio. You can get a glimpse of her work at www.gloriabetlem.com.

Gina Ford ’90 (KGCOE) and her husband, Bob, of Zaretsky and Associates Inc., a landscape design and installation firm in Penfield, N.Y. Sharon is proud to announce Zaretsky and Associates Inc. is the recipient of the Upstate New York Better Business Bureau’s 2010 Torch Award. This award honors businesses for their ability to demonstrate the highest standards of customer service, community involvement, adherence to truthful and honorable business practices and outstanding reliability.

Kathy Lindsley

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RIT alumnus answers 9-1-1 call in Big Apple

Brett Whitney ’07 makes sure New York City residents stay updated.

On any given day, someone might receive an e-mail, text message, phone call, Twitter post or an RSS feed alerting to a power outage in Brooklyn, a film shoot taking place in Manhattan on 48th Street, or an AMBER alert of a child abducted in another borough.

Welcome to Notify NYC—“What you need to know, when you need to know it.” It’s the official source for information about everything from water main breaks and air quality advisories to traffic tie-ups, school closings, citizen protests, major fires or bomb scares. Since June 2008, RIT alumnus Brett Whitney has worked with the NYC Office of Emergency Management, the coordination agency for all emergencies across the Big Apple.

“As the program manager for the Emergency Public Notification office, I’m responsible for emergency public notification, the communication of anything that affects the standard way of life within the city,” explains the Brockport, N.Y., native. “Before I came on board, New York City’s broad ability to reach out and tell people about emergencies was really after the fact through press releases, major TV news networks or radio broadcasts.”

And now? “Any city agency can reach out to residents who have registered for information via e-mail, text message or phone, or proactively via the Emergency Alert System and emergency television and radio briefing sites.”

Whitney started his career as a consultant at Corning, and after earning his FastTrack MBA degree in technology management from RIT’s E. Philip Saunders College of Business in 2007, was employed at EMC2 as a project manager on New York City’s $2 billion program to upgrade the 9-11 system. For the past 12 years he has also served as a non-commissioned officer in the 198th Army Band located in Rochester.

According to Whitney, the Big Apple had notification systems prior to 9/11, but following the final 9/11 Commission Report in 2004, there was a significant investment to fill the communications gap. A pilot system was launched in 2007, and this is where Whitney came in: He consolidated the alerting technology into a single office, expanded the notification pilot citywide, improved the City’s Emergency Alert System and integrated the many new technologies, including Twitter.

“Our mass communication system has become an example of 21st century emergency notification and a model for cities across North America,” he says.

Marcia Morphy
1995

Jeffrey Pinard '95 (CAST) and wife, Sharon, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a baby girl named Madelyn Mae. She was born on May 14, 2010, in Dover, N.H.

William Barlow '99 (SCB), '95 (KGCOE) was promoted to director of small and medium business solutions development for IBM Corp. and is currently living in Newburyport, Mass., with his wife, Jeanette, and children Amelia, 5, and Merrick, 3.

Kim-Christine "KC" Ryan-Foster '95 (CAST) and Todd Foster '94 (CIAS) are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Waverly Violet. She was born on March 20, 2010, in Madison, Wis.

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Candice Lucas '06 (SCB), '96 (CLA) has been selected as one of Rochester's Outstanding Community Leaders by the Rochester SANKOFA Festival of the Arts Committee for her contributions to the growth and well being of not only the African-American community, but of all of Rochester's citizens. She was recognized for her outstanding service to the community on Aug. 28 at the SANKOFA Festival in Rochester.

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1997

Jonathan Gippe '96 (CAST) and wife, Rebecca, are proud to announce the birth of their baby girl, Mackenzie Ann. She was born on May 14, 2010, at Lehigh Valley Hospital in Allentown, Pa.

1998

Stephen Mac '98 (CIAS) and wife, Jen, are happy to announce their marriage on Aug. 7, 2010, in Livonia, N.Y. They currently reside in Camillus, N.Y. Because of his long-time, season ticket holding, Corner Crew member's passion for RIT Tiger Hockey (she let him follow them to Albany and then Detroit), the wedding party was introduced by Rocky Perrotta, the announcer at the men's hockey games during their reception at the Rabbit Room Restaurant at the Lower Mill in Honoree Falls, N.Y. Rocky announced them as a "starting line-up" complete with the bridesmaids and groomsmen creating a hockey stick arch for the happy couple to walk through as "Eye of the Tiger" played in the background.

Patrick McGuire '86, '98 (CAST) has had a book published titled Conveyors: Application, Selection, and Integration. The book is part of CRC Press' Industrial Innovation series. "The book is based on my over 20 years of material handling experience in a variety of industries and positions."

Angelo Santabarbara '98 (SCB), '97 (COS) and Melissa Reagan Santabarbara '98 (KGCOE) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Bella Antonia. She was born on Dec. 31, 2009, in Niskayuna, N.Y. "Bella joins our RIT cub pack of Luca, Olivia, and Dina." Darvin Peterson '98 (SCB) accepted a position at Siemens AG located in New York, N.Y., as a staff software engineer. Darvin recently was employed at Xerox as a technical program manager.

Alison Riley '98 (CIAS) writes, "I graduated from RIT's graphic design program in 1998. I just traveled to Tanzania with my company, Thomson Safaris, where I am the art director. While in Tanzania, I directed a film crew to get marketing footage for my company. When I was done, I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and made it to the summit."

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Mark Higgins '03, '97 (SCB) accepted a position at Higgins Henderson LLC located in Fairport, N.Y., as a financial advisor. Mark recently was employed at BCC Software as vice president of customer service. "I am excited to make a move that I've been thinking about making for years. Working with my dad, to help people plan for their futures financially, makes it all the better." Joyce Vachon '97 (COS) and husband, Robert, would like to announce the birth of their second child, a son, Christopher Roland Vachon. He was born on July 29, 2010, at Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children, Huntsville, Ala.

Kyle Bates '97 (CIAS) accepted a position as paramedic for the town of Tonawanda. Paramedic Unit, located in Tonawanda, N.Y. Kyle recently was employed at Mercy Flight, WNY as a flight paramedic. "I have two articles published in EMS trade magazines, been a regular on various EMS podcasts, as well as starting three of my own. These activities have helped me gain recognition nationally, allowing me to travel across the U.S. and Alaska speaking at various conferences."

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The thing I wanted to share with you was that while I was in the Serengeti, I spotted a fellow RIT student. He was wearing RIT lacrosse shorts which I also happened to have with me in my pack. I’ve attached an image of Evan Gelfand ’10 (KGCOE) and I as we waited for our bush plane in the Serengeti. Small world, huh?"

Robbie Mumford '98 (COS) and wife, Nicole, are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Timothy James. He was born on July 4, 2010, in Warren, Ohio.

Fermin Colon-Lopez ’98 (COS) received a Ph.D. in imaging science from RIT in August 2010. Fermin also received a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt certification in January 2010.

Peter Huggins ’98 (CAST) has been appointed director of meetings for the International and American Associations for Dental Research (IADR/AADR). Most recently Peter was employed with the American Chemical Society (ACS), where he worked for the past nine years with increasing responsibilities in the Society’s education and scientific conferences department. There, he managed more than 100 educational courses per year, including many webcast and “hybrid” meetings with both physical and virtual aspects. In addition, he was responsible for hotel and conference center/contracts negotiations, and his department generated significant revenue for the ACS.

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2003

Cheryl Williams Lomedico ’96, ’03 (CAST) and Joseph Lomedico are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Joseph Charles. He was born on May 19, 2010, in Strong Hospital.

Johndaniel Lemp ’03 (GCCIS) is an entrepreneur and lead of Integraclick, LLC and its core CPA network Clickbooth.com. “What began just eight years ago in a one-bedroom apartment, is today a multimillion dollar corporation. Integraclick assists online marketers, businesses, and advertisers achieve their business goals in the online sphere in ways that were never possible before.”

2004

Kathy Mast McClure ’04 (CIAS) and Steve McClure are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Caleb Michael. He was born on Dec. 17, 2009, in Lancaster, Pa.

Kathryn Cole Landolt ’07, ’04 (CIAS) and Kevin Landolt ’07 (CIAS) are happy to announce their marriage on March 28, 2010, at the Winfield Inn in Austin, Texas, where they currently reside. The couple began their relationship after attending graduate school together and working on a cooperative project for Prof. Emeritus Frank Romano ’67 (COS) of the School of Print Media. Fellow RIT alumni Audrey Lallier ’05 (SCB); Courtney Malin; Mark Nacey ’05 (CIAS); Jeremy Smythe ’03 (CIAS); ’04 (CAST); Jake Elstraton ’03 (CAST); ’04 (CIAS); Winson Shuen ’04 (CIAS); and Lynn Willett ’08 (CAST) all served as members of the bridal party. Several other RIT alumni were guests at the event as well.

Kristin Mills ’04 (COS) graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine on May 29, 2010. Dr. Mills plans to enter the Internal Medicine Program at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, N.C.

Molly Kearsen Enjem ’04 (KGCOE) and Stefan Enjem ’04 (KGCOE) are happy to announce their marriage on June 19, 2010, in Boldt Castle, 1,000 Islands, N.Y. They currently reside in Long Beach, Calif. The wedding was attended by bridesmaid Jessica Vastola ’04 (KGCOE); Karen Palumbo ’03 (KGCOE); Megan MacNeil ’04 (CIAS); Cindy Ostrander ’05 (KGCOE); Caitlin Vanderbush ’04 (KGCOE); Greg Basil ’04 (KGCOE); Michael Pastka ’03 (CIAS); Chris Moore ’04 (KGCOE); Jason Grow ’05 (KGCOE); Ray Ward ’04 (KGCOE); Greg McGraw ’04 (CIAS); Mike Wilson ’04 (KGCOE); Brian Mihalko ’03 (COS); and Eric Chapman ’04 (KGCOE).

Ashima Agarwal ’04 (SCB) writes, “I am currently managing my own company, Cosmos Biosciences Pvt Ltd. and have been elected as a youth leader for the committee on women entrepreneurs in the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India. This is an apex chamber of the country.”

Andrea Green Pogorek ’04 (NTID) and Brian Pogorek SVP ’97, ’01 (NTID) were married on Aug. 7, 2010.

Patrick Rickles ’04 (CAST) recently accepted a position at Mapping Application located in London as managing director. “I’ve launched my own company which focuses on geographic information systems development for various clients” www.mappingapplication.co.uk

2005

Lauren Aiello ’05 (CIAS) and Henry Lorraine ’05 (CAST) are happy to announce their marriage on June 12, 2010, at Park Country Club in Buffalo, N.Y. They currently reside in Natick, Mass. The wedding party included fellow RIT alumni Jennifer DeWitt Glazer ’04 (CAST); Jaclyn Fiorie

Meng Jiang ’06 (KGCOE) has decided to go back to school for a business degree and will be attending Harvard Business School starting in fall 2010. Meng recently was employed at Intel Corporation as product marketing manager responsible for Intel’s Core® 2 Duo, Pentium® and Celeron® lines of notebook CPUs.

Ilena Finocchi ’05 (CIAS) was featured in the Six McKnight Artists show at the Northern Clay Center in Minneapolis, Minn., during the summer of 2010. Ilena was selected for the McKnight residency and worked in the studio during the spring of 2009. Her new work is based on the social political idea of the Society Freak Show. It is her way of looking past the pop culture version of physical deformities to the root of something much more disturbing, greed and selfishness.

Sheila Sarratore Chabot ’05 (CIAS) and Matt Chabot ’07 (CAST) are

happy to announce their marriage on July 10, 2010, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cicero, N.Y. They currently reside in Liverpool, N.Y. Bridal party included six RIT graduates with many others in attendance, maid of honor Sarah Pathoff ’04 (CIAS); bridesmaids Megan Harkeroad Jaros ’05 (CLAS) and Ashley Hennigan ’07 (CIAS); groomsman Lindley Garcia ’07 (KGCOE), Adam Mattina ’06 (GCCIS) and Ryan Belanger ’05, ’07 (CAST).

Michael Savage ’05 (SCB) and Paige Foster Savage ’05 (SCB) are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Kieran Everett Savage. He was born on April 29, 2010, at Highland Hospital in Rochester. Kieran joins big sister Sienna Jane, 2.

Patrick Smyton ’05 (CAST) is the yield revenue manager for The Signature at MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev. Vernon Wages ’05 (GCCIS) writes “I just graduated from the Entrepreneur Leadership Development Program and was recently promoted to senior software engineer at BAE Systems, San Diego, Calif.”

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Erin Mc Ewan ’06 (CAST), ’06 (CIAS) writes, “Roommates Reunite in Hawaii!”

They currently reside in Boston, Mass. Amongst alumni who also attended were my brother, Ashwin Agrawal ’04 (GCCIS), sister-in-law, Ritu Agrawal, and college roommate, Rohan Dang ’06 (GCCIS).

The Show was called “Girlometry” and featured my paintings and prints by Melanie Ciufo; ’08 (SCB); and Steve Shapiro ’05 (GCCIS).

Rebecca Kielty ’02, ’07 (CAST) received a master’s of science degree in professional studies from RIT on May 22, 2010. “As well as earning my MS, I earned an advanced certificate in training design, both through the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies at RIT.”

David Moffitt ’07 (CIAS) was featured on Aug. 9, 2010, on a live YNN broadcast for his business, Coworking Rochester. In the last four months, Moffitt and Coworking Rochester have been featured on all the major networks and papers in Rochester.

Richard Lines ’07 (SCB) received a MBA in management/marketing from Seton Hall University on May 14, 2010. “I also just finished firefighter training for my local volunteer Fire Department in Sussex, N.J.”

Caroline Walters ’07 (CIAS) and Dan Boardman ’08 (CIAS) were married on Aug. 21, 2010, in Union Springs, N.Y. Dan is attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in the Fall of 2010 working toward his master’s degree in photography.

Alumni Updates

Susan Holliday ’85 (business administration) is RIT’s Outstanding Alumna and Andrew Brenneman ’86, ’88 (accounting, business management) is Volunteer of the Year. The awards were presented at the Presidents’ Alumni Ball, part of the annual Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Three years of open fields, brown cows, and a chicken or two make up the life of Jennifer Friede ’01 (CIAS). ’06 (NTID), ’06 (CIAS) and her husband, Adam Peck ’06 (CIAS) in Rexford, N.Y. Dan is attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in the Fall of 2010 working toward his master’s degree in photography.

Alumni recognized for service

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After spending 10 years in the field of agricultural finance, Holliday switched careers and purchased the Rochester Business Journal in 1988. She orchestrated a financial turnaround of the company, and today the weekly newspaper that specializes in business news has a readership of more than 80,000.

Holliday was asked to join the RIT Board of Trustees in 1998 and serves as chair of the conflicts of interest committee. She serves on the endowment and university relations committees, committee on trustees and executive committee of the board.

In 2000, Holliday received the Distinguished Alumna award from the Saunders College of Business in recognition of her business accomplishments and dedication to the university.

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Erin Mc Ewan ’06 (CAST), ’06 (CIAS) writes, “Roommates Reunite in Hawaii!”

They currently reside in Boston, Mass. Amongst alumni who also attended were my brother, Ashwin Agrawal ’04 (GCCIS), sister-in-law, Ritu Agrawal, and college roommate, Rohan Dang ’06 (GCCIS).

The Show was called “Girlometry” and featured my paintings and prints by Melanie Ciufo; ’08 (SCB); and Steve Shapiro ’05 (GCCIS).

Rebecca Kielty ’02, ’07 (CAST) received a master’s of science degree in professional studies from RIT on May 22, 2010. “As well as earning my MS, I earned an advanced certificate in training design, both through the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies at RIT.”

David Moffitt ’07 (CIAS) was featured on Aug. 9, 2010, on a live YNN broadcast for his business, Coworking Rochester. In the last four months, Moffitt and Coworking Rochester have been featured on all the major networks and papers in Rochester.

Richard Lines ’07 (SCB) received a MBA in management/marketing from Seton Hall University on May 14, 2010. “I also just finished firefighter training for my local volunteer Fire Department in Sussex, N.J.”

Caroline Walters ’07 (CIAS) and Dan Boardman ’08 (CIAS) were married on Aug. 21, 2010, in Union Springs, N.Y. Dan is attending the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in the Fall of 2010 working toward his master’s degree in photography.

Alumni Updates

Susan Holliday ’85 (business administration) is RIT’s Outstanding Alumna and Andrew Brenneman ’86, ’88 (accounting, business management) is Volunteer of the Year. The awards were presented at the Presidents’ Alumni Ball, part of the annual Brick City Homecoming & Family Weekend.

After spending 10 years in the field of agricultural finance, Holliday switched careers and purchased the Rochester Business Journal in 1988. She orchestrated a financial turnaround of the company, and today the weekly newspaper that specializes in business news has a readership of more than 80,000.

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By day, Chris Conlon ’99 (computational mathematics) is in front of a computer designing, implementing and installing communications networks for the federal government.

At night, Conlon might be found on a stage or in front of a camera.

“Math is all about numbers and I wanted to expand my artistic horizons,” says Conlon, about pursuing a hobby in acting.

Conlon’s latest artistic venture will be in theaters Dec. 17. He is an extra in the James L. Brooks film How Do You Know, starring Reese Witherspoon, Owen Wilson, Paul Rudd and Jack Nicholson.

Conlon’s scene was filmed at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. In the movie trailer, you can see him on the bench with Wilson in a Nationals uniform.

The Baltimore, Md., resident says his baseball experience at RIT helped him get the part. He was a pitcher for four years.

While on set he offered advice to Wilson and the other professional actors on baseball etiquette, such as only needing to wear the jacket on one arm during that hot summer day.

“We did get to chit-chat and share a few jokes,” he says.

Baseball Coach Rob Grow ’89 isn’t surprised his former player is acting. “He doesn’t miss opportunities. That’s what I like about Chris.”

For his day job, Conlon hasn’t missed opportunities either. He has been to Afghanistan eight times and Iraq one time setting up communications networks.

Since taking acting classes five years ago, Conlon has landed several roles. He has played an inmate on the television series America’s Most Wanted, a police officer on HBO’s The Wire and was in a commercial for the Baltimore Orioles and national health care.

He was on the set of National Treasure 2 during the birthday party scene but he didn’t get any screen time. How Do You Know was filmed in June 2009.

“I have been hesitant to get too excited following my day on set because I am well aware that many scenes end up on the cutting room floor,” Conlon says. “However after viewing the trailer, I’m looking forward to the premiere gathering to view with family and friends.”

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Matthew De Persis ’07 (SCB) is now partner marketing coordinator for MTV Networks located in New York, N.Y. “I support Logo and EPIX; Viacom’s newest movie channel, a joint venture between Paramount, Lionsgate and MGM.”

Megan Charland ’08 (CIAS) recently moved back to Rochester, after having lived and worked in New York City, to attend graduate school. “I am pursuing a master of fine arts degree at Visual Studies Workshop. I currently work at Strong National Museum of Play and volunteer at Rochester Contemporary Art Center. I am an active visual artist and you can view my website at www.megancharland.com.”

Jeffrey Conner ’08 (CIAS) recently accepted a position at West Chester Area School District located in West Chester, Pa., as a technology and engineering educator. He will be teaching classes at the middle and high school levels.

Kevin Jesse ’08 (GCCIS) and Martha Jesse are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Elizabeth Anne. She was born on July 5, 2009, in Rochester. They were married on Aug. 17, 2008, at Belhurst Castle. They currently reside in Macedon, N.Y.

Matthew Vimuslik ’09 (CIAS) is a freelance illustrator who has done work for Carus Publishing and Rex Brewhing. You can see more of his work at www.vimuslikart.com.

Adam Cornwell ’09 (COS) writes, “I have spent since September of 2009 studying Japanese at a language school in Okayaki, Aichi, Japan. Also ran the Tokyo Marathon in February. I will be heading back to America to hopefully begin employment in a couple months.”

Courtney Wenner Martin ’09 (NTID) and Cody Martin ’09 (NTID), both graduates of the American Sign Language Interpreter Education program, are excited to announce their marriage. They began dating after meeting at RIT in 2006 and celebrated their marriage in Lockport, N.Y., on July 17, 2010.

Bradley Sheremeta ’10 (SCB) writes, “I started my own business. CollegeZag is something I believe in very strongly. It’s the only place on the Web where college students and graduates can easily tube their video résumés and share them with thousands of potential employers. I’ve also decided to start off helping students and alumni of my alma mater. To the first 50 video and post résumés I receive via e-mail, I will post them free on the CollegeZag database. Feel free to contact me at 315-945-9949 for more information, including help creating a video résumé.” www.collegezag.com

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Eisenhart remembered for contributions to RIT

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Chairman emeritus of RIT’s Board of Trustees Richard Eisenhart died Aug. 29 at his Pittsford, N.Y., home. He was 95.

Mr. Eisenhart was the retired founder of R.H. Eisenhart Inc. He was first elected to the Board of Trustees in 1972, succeeding his late father M. Herbert Eisenhart, who was the former president and chairman of Bausch & Lomb Inc. and served on RIT’s board for 50 years.

Together, their ties to RIT date back to the 1920s.

The Eisenhart family began the Eisenhart Award for Excellence in Teaching at RIT in the memory of their late father and the M. Herbert Eisenhart Memorial Scholarship, supporting more than 350 students over the past 35 years.

In 1999, Mr. Eisenhart and his wife established the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, which recognizes and supports faculty who have taught three years or less.

In 1976, Mr. Eisenhart was named chairman of RIT’s Board of Trustees.

Early on, he was conscious of the need to develop a high standard of technical education at RIT. His visions helped propel RIT into a tradition of seeking out students and shared programs from around the world.

He also recommended the renovations to RIT’s City Center campus in downtown Rochester and oversaw planning for City Center’s first tenant, RIT’s School of Applied Industrial Studies. He was also instrumental in the creation of the RIT Research Corp. in 1980.

“Dick Eisenhart and his family leave an amazing legacy at RIT,” says RIT President Bill Destler. “Dick was an active contributor to RIT until his very last day. He had tremendous vision for both the university and the Rochester community. We will miss him dearly.”

His wife, Virginia, died in 2009. He is survived by his two sons, Doug and Rick; and two daughters, Debbie and Susan.
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Home-cooked meal

The RIT Women’s Club hosted a dinner for international students in January 1968. If you have additional information about this event, we would like to share it with other readers. Send comments to The University Magazine, University News Services, Rochester Institute of Technology, 132 Lomb Memorial Drive — Brown Hall, Rochester, NY 14623. E-mail can be sent to umagwww@rit.edu.