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Alpha Chi Luncheon Features WSTM Anchor Matt Mulcahy

Two Cazenovia College students, Elizabeth Leveille of Port Henry, N.Y., and Kathryn Sepka of Webster, N.Y., members of the College's New York Tau Chapter of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society, organized the recent fundraising luncheon to benefit the College's Alpha Chi Endowed Scholarship, established by Alpha Chi students, families and friends in 2007. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Cazenovia College senior who is an inducted Alpha Chi Honor Society member.

Aided by Dr. John Robert Greene, advisor of the College's Alpha Chi Chapter, the two students secured news anchor Matt Mulcahy, of WSTM-TV3 in Syracuse, to speak about the changing face of media.

Congratulations to All on a Successful Fashion Show

Congratulations to our Fashion Studies students who were involved in the recent Fashion Show at Cazenovia College. It was wonderful to see so many proud family members, employees, friends and community members in the audience, all of whom visited campus to support your talent and see the results of a year of hard work and preparation. Thank you to fashion studies director Karen Steen, assistant professor Laurabeth Allyn, and the many faculty and staff members from various campus departments who also assisted.

To our students - whether you were back-stage or on-stage - you should be proud of your accomplishments. From promotion and merchandising students, to fashion designers and their models, your combined efforts resulted in a great production and a very proud Cazenovia College campus community.

Education Club Donates Recess Equipment to Bellevue Elementary

Cazenovia College Education Club members presented donated games and sports equipment to Bellevue Elementary School in Syracuse. Principal Joanne Harlow from Bellevue Elementary, a key school partner with our Education and Child Studies programs was on hand with the Bellevue second-graders, who were eager to answer Cazenovia College student Danielle King’s questions about the benefits of recess.

eNews Spotlight

You haven’t noticed the CazNet Campus Calendar? It’s been in the works for quite some time and is now poised to become a reliable internal communications tool for the entire campus community. When you log onto CazNet, you will see the calendar icon on the right side of the page, among all the icons that lead you to various types of campus information. The calendar is the ‘go-to’ spot for campus event information and seeks to assist members of the College community to become more aware of what’s happening on campus. In addition, each Monday, the Communications Office will send out an e-mail titled, “This Week’s Events,” extracted from the calendar. Visit soon and often. If you want an event posted, e-mail the details to your web contact or to sneedel@cazenovia.edu.

Cazenovia College ... On Facebook

Promoted in the recent alumni magazine, all members of the College family are encouraged to “connect with Caz by becoming a fan of the official Cazenovia College facebook page.” Nearly 400 “fans” have joined since the page was launched just a few weeks ago. Current students, alumni, parents and friends can find each other, and keep up-to-date on College events.
Baseball & Women’s Lacrosse Team to Compete in ECAC Tourney

Both the Cazenovia College baseball and women’s lacrosse teams were selected to participate in this weekend’s Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships in their respective sports. This marks the first postseason appearance in the history of both College programs. Congratulations and good luck Wildcats!

**BASEBALL**
at Fredonia State
Friday, May 8
3 p.m.

**WOMEN’s LACROSSE**
at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Saturday, May 9
2 p.m.

Faculty and Staff Accolades

**Roger Benn**, director of Information and Communication Technology, received an award for advocating for recipients of mental health services in Madison County as a volunteer. He has served on the Community Services Board for 11 years, and Central New York Developmental Disabilities Services Office’s board of visitors for one year.

Cazenovia College’s Director of Campus Safety, **Thomas Engelmann**, a charter member of the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA) was appointed to ILEETA’s board of advisors. ILEETA is a professional organization of criminal justice personnel from the United States, Canada and several other nations. Engelmann recently attended the annual conference in Wheeling, Illinois.

**Virginia Felleman**, director of the Center for Continuing Education and Professional Studies, was honored with the Jerridith Wilson Volunteer Recognition Award at Enable’s Shining Lights Annual Awards Celebration. The award recognizes a volunteer for leadership, dedication, friendship and creativity, who has given of their time and talent for Enable.

**Rhea Jezer**, senior lecturer in Cazenovia College’s Environmental Studies Program, chaired the Fifth Annual Symposium on Energy in the 21st Century at Cazenovia College in April. The symposium was focused on the theme of Smart Growth and Transportation. Featuring notable speakers from across the Northeast United States, the Symposium offered a number of brief presentations on various aspects of transportation, and a keynote speech by Joseph H. Boardman, chief executive officer and president of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). Boardman advocated for increased funding for high speed railroads in the United States.

Commencement 2009

The end of this academic year was a whirlwind for all of us, with finals, senior capstone defenses that included projects, papers, and art exhibitions. Now we’re gearing up for senior week and Cazenovia College’s 184th Commencement.

The College family looks forward to celebrating the accomplishments of the Class of 2009 on **Saturday, May 16, 2009**. Procession of the candidates will begin at 10:20 a.m., with the ceremony commencing at 10:30 a.m., on the campus Quad (weather permitting). A final determination on the location of the ceremony will come from the Office of the President sometime next week. Stay tuned.

Alumna **Melissa Klish Dino ’89** (pictured at right) – an Emmy award winning producer for Sesame Street – will address the graduates.

For more information [schedule of events, honorary degree recipients and more] visit the Commencement Web page at www.cazenovia.edu/commencement.

Hot off the Press ... College Magazine

By now you should have received a copy of the Cazenovia College magazine - spring/summer 2009 issue. Filled with information about our proud and successful alumni, the latest campus and employee news, as well as student and trustee features, the magazine will soon be available online as well at www.cazenovia.edu/magazine.

Enjoy!