

Salem

STATEMENT

ALUMNI MAGAZINE | FALL 2009



Capitol Improvements

Salem State's Upward Bound program is developing young leaders in Washington and beyond

President's Message



At Salem State, the commitment to student success begins early. For 20 years the college has partnered with the Lawrence public school system to run Upward Bound, a program that identifies students of promise who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college. Upward Bound, the cover story in this issue of the *Statement*, serves young people between the ages of 13 and 19 who are of limited means and in need of academic services.

The decades-long cooperative effort between Salem State and the Lawrence school system has proven integral to the success of students who need only a chance and for people to believe in them.

Quin Gonell '09, who graduated from Salem State in May, entered the college through its A.I.D. program for talented first-generation college students of limited means who may be educationally disadvantaged. Not only did the Lawrence native take full advantage of his opportunity for a college education, but he became a peer leader for Upward Bound. He can still be found on campus as a mentor to and facilitator for the next generation of Upward Bound students. This month he comes full circle, returning to Lawrence to begin a teaching career.

The dominant theme of this issue, ensuring student success is one of five goals identified in the college's strategic plan. By providing comprehensive support services and co-curricular opportunities, success on campus often leads to professional success thereafter. We are proud to feature three Salem State alumni who have achieved just that: Rep. John F. Tierney '73, '09H, Jim Muse '83 and Mary Kuconis '72.

Meanwhile, a dedication ceremony for the Bertolon School of Business Campaign on September 13 celebrated over \$6 million that has been raised toward the \$7.5 million endowment goal. Members of the board of trustees and I named rooms, and endowed scholarships and internships in honor of donors who have invested in tomorrow's business leaders by making generous campaign gifts. We toasted our donors for their philanthropy and for the critical role they play in ensuring student success.

It was our students who stepped into the spotlight when Salem State was selected to host the prestigious international World History Association conference this spring. Over a period of several days in June, many of the college's history students were hosts and tour guides for over 470 scholars from around the world; scholars who have since returned to their homes throughout the United States and beyond with word of Salem State.

As we welcome the Class of 2013 and all our students to campus this fall, I invite each and every one of you to visit salemstate.edu for schedules of alumni events, theatre and arts presentations and athletic competition.

Come back to experience the energy of student success that is your Salem State.

Patricia Maquire Meservey, PhD

editor

James K. Glynn '77
Marketing and Communications

design and production

Simeen Brown
Marketing and Communications

copy editors

Corey Cronin
Margo W. R. Steiner
Marketing and Communications

photography

Simeen Brown
Nick Krenmayer '10
Michael Dwyer
James K. Glynn '77
Joshua Horgan '09
Deneen Roberts '12
Margo W. R. Steiner
Michael Sterling
Jonathon M. Whitmore

writing

Corey Cronin
Susan Edwards
Jannell Frederick '00, '07G
James K. Glynn '77
April Halloran '09
David Liscio
Kathleen McDonald-Murphy '94
Jeffrey Pearlman
Tim Schnabel '66
Margo W. R. Steiner
Rachel Sturma

institutional advancement

Cynthia A. McGurran '83
vice president
John H. Barnhill
assistant vice president
Karen Murray Cady
associate vice president
Marketing and Communications
Corey Cronin
director of Marketing and Communications
James Dennis
executive director of leadership gifts
Christina Maguire
director of major gifts
Eileen O'Brien '01, '08G
director of Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving

t: 978.542.7519
e: statement@salemstate.edu
w: salemstate.edu/statement
Salem State College, Salem, MA
publishes *Salem Statement* twice a year.

Copyright © 2009, Salem State College.

All publication rights reserved.
Send address changes to Alumni Affairs.
a: 352 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA 01970
e: alumni@salemstate.edu
t: 978.542.7552

on the cover

Representing the United States Student Association (USSA) as the voice of students with loan debt at a press conference called by the Education and Labor Committee in Washington D.C., Jelisa Difo is a success story from Salem State's Upward Bound program. Surrounded here by congressional leadership, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, left, and Chair of the Education and Labor Committee George Miller, Difo spoke about the need for student aid reform. She credits Salem State's Upward Bound program with providing the opportunity to develop her leadership skills.

Photo: David Hartzler/Education and Labor Committee

Contents

NEWS

- 2** **Voices of Our Alumni**
Tim Schnabel '66 writes about life as a family counselor
- 3** **On Campus**
from Fulbright scholars to construction projects
- 6** **London, Morocco, Salem!**
Salem State hosts the World History Association's annual conference
- 10** **In the Home Stretch**
ceremony launches fundraising campaign into final phase



FEATURES

- 16** **Upward Bound**
partnership with city of Lawrence has teens focusing on college
- 20** **Student Success**
a goal of the strategic plan
- 22** **A Will and a Way**
Rep. John Tierney '73, '09H as a Salem State student
- 24** **Maintaining the Competitive Edge**
graduate school offers options in the workplace



ALUMNI

- 26** **Banking on Success**
spotlight on Jim Muse '83
- 28** **Class Notes and Alumni Events**
news about your classmates—their careers, their families and their accomplishments
- 30** **In the Cards**
spotlight on Mary Kuconis '72
- 32** **Alumni Weekend**
a tribute to veterans was the highlight



OnCampus

I Never Wanted to Become a Mortician, but in Some Ways I Have

BY TIM SCHNABEL '66



When I was a boy growing up in Beverly, wondering aloud what kind of job I might enjoy as a grown-up, my mother said I would make a good mortician. She complimented me on my friendliness and the way I cared about people, but focused more on the monetary benefits and the smart suits the profession required.

Extending support to the bereaved seemed something for which I had a talent. The role of a compassionate mortician is critical to any successful funeral home, and of solace to a deeply grieving family. I realized long ago, however, that there was little that could be done to assuage the profound loss of the bereaved through a short-term relationship between a mortician and the surviving relatives.

As a young man majoring in education at Salem State in the '60s, I knew I would carve out a career in a

helping profession, whether as a teacher, therapist, coach, or consultant. Today, I am a licensed family and marriage therapist and I am privileged to work with individuals, couples, families, and organizations, helping them make the changes that may lead to more fulfilling lives.

Being in a relationship with patients dealing with hurt, pain, fear, anger, and sadness can be challenging. Some couples have hired me to help them dismantle a painful and often long-term, unfulfilling marriage and I sadly become witness to a death of a relationship.

Had they been willing to seek help much earlier, they might have found a way to repair and heal, and to solve problems cooperatively instead of competitively. They could have discovered ways to infuse their relationship with vitality, trust, comfort, passion, and renewed commitment. By doing so, they might actually have become stronger individuals as well as a stronger couple.

Postponing help makes it a stretch beyond their reach to overcome entrenched bitterness, hurt, resignation, and, sometimes, contempt. Painfully, these folks show up in my office with their relationship already showing signs of advanced rigor mortis. It is my job to create a safe enough space where they can come to their own realizations and decisions. It is a profoundly touching

moment when one or both express to the other, "I don't want to hurt you, but I don't want to do this anymore." There is relief in letting go. Often one partner or both will follow with, "I wish we had come here years ago."

When this occurs, I help them dismantle their marriage with dignity. Where there are children, I assist them with the creation of an emerging bi-nuclear family. I try to do so with a minimum of suffering on all sides.

If a couple can begin closure on their marriage without resorting to blame, and without one punishing the other, then in a somewhat bittersweet manner my mother was partly right. I make a good mortician. ■

Tim Schnabel graduated from Salem State in 1966 with a degree in junior high education. He went on to earn a master's degree in counseling education at Duke University, and became a licensed marriage and family therapist, writer and consultant in private practice in Monroe, Georgia.

timschnabel.com
tim.schnabel@mindspring.com



Shaping it up on Central Campus. Construction of a new residence hall begins.

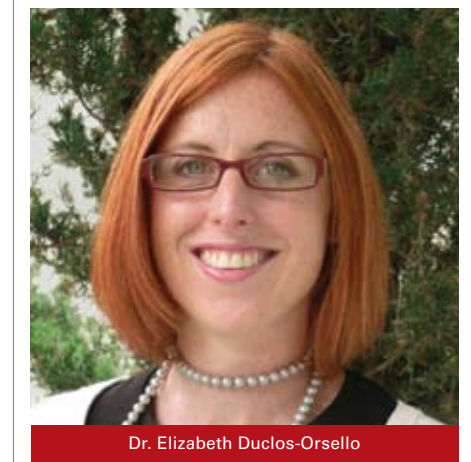
NEW RESIDENCE HALL ON COURSE FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 SEMESTER

Construction of a 525-student residence hall on Central Campus began in May, and proceeds on schedule for a September 2010 opening. The \$57.5 million project is being financed with revenue bonds sold by the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (MSCBA), and will bring the number of Salem State students living on-campus to 30 percent. To see updates on the project, as well as a live Webcam view of the construction, visit Salem State's Web site or go directly to salemstate.edu/community. ■

PROFESSOR AWARDED FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello received a Fulbright Fellowship for the spring 2010 academic semester. Dr. Duclos-Orsello, an assistant professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies and coordinator of the American studies concentration at Salem State, will use her fellowship to teach American studies at the University of Luxembourg. Among her particular areas of interest are U.S. cultural history, gender issues, immigrants, ethnicity in literature and history, social justice, cultural geography, and civic engagement. Each year, the Fulbright Scholar Program sends 800 U.S. faculty and professionals abroad, where they lecture and conduct research in a wide

variety of academic and professional fields. The program is sponsored by the United States State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Duclos-Orsello is one of five Fulbright scholars on the Salem State faculty. ■



Dr. Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello



Welch Scholars Stephen LaMonica and Sarah Shahin

2009 WELCH SCHOLARS NAMED

Sarah Shahin '13 and Stephen LaMonica '13 were recently named Jack Welch Scholars at Salem State. The award carries with it a full four-year scholarship for each student, and is presented annually to two Salem residents or Salem High School students entering the college's Bertolon School of Business. The scholarships are made possible by a \$1 million gift from former General Electric CEO Jack Welch and his wife Suzy to encourage the study of business. Now in its fourth year, the Jack Welch Scholarship Program funds eight full scholarships, two each for members of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

Sarah Shahin, daughter of Julie Shahin of Salem, carried a 3.8 grade-point average at Salem High School, and was elected to the National Honor Society in her junior year. She gravitated to business as the result of an accounting class she took. "I joined the Business Professionals of America my junior year," she says, "and participated in a regional business competition in which I did very well. After that, I was convinced that a business major is perfect for me." Shahin has walked for multiple sclerosis, the North Shore Medical Center Cancer Walk and the Walk for Greg Martinez, and volunteers regularly at a soup kitchen. When not in school, she works as a cashier at Crosby's Marketplace.

Stephen LaMonica, son of Stephen and Denise LaMonica of Salem, also had a 3.8 grade-point average at Salem High, was an "A" student throughout his schooling and is a member of the National Honor Society. He played both offensive and defensive tackle on the school's varsity football team, participated in wrestling every winter and played on Salem High's club baseball teams. School, however, has always been his first priority. "I have always put academics first, even while participating in intense sports," he notes, "knowing that academics will bring me further in life." ■

SEGAL TO CHAIR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Salem State's board of trustees elected Salem attorney Jacob S. Segal, as chairman. Segal, a resident of Marblehead, is managing partner of the Salem law firm Ronan, Segal and Harrington, and has served the college in a number of capacities over the years. President of the Salem State College Foundation's board of directors from 1993 to 1997 and from 1999 to 2000, he was re-elected to a third term in September 2000. He was appointed to the board of trustees in 2007. He and his wife have also established the Marilyn J. and Jacob S. Segal Scholarship at the college, which is presented annually to a female student who is a single parent.

Born in Lynn and educated in the Lynn public schools, Segal attended Boston College and subsequently received three degrees from Boston University. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in 1961, and prior to becoming associated with his current firm in 1970, he worked with the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C., the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bureau of Corporations and Taxation (now the Department of Revenue) and in the tax department of Coven & Suttenberg, a large regional accounting firm which subsequently merged with Ernst & Young. Segal also taught taxation at Bryant & Stratton Junior College in Boston, and at Boston University's Metropolitan College. ■



Jake Segal, with wife Marilyn, addresses the gathering for Salem State's 150th anniversary in 2005.



PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOANNE H. EVANS

WHERE
THERE'S
A
WILL
THERE'S
A
WAY

Professor Emeritus Joanne H. Evans was an entrusted teacher in Salem State's highly-regarded nursing program for nearly three decades, serving as chair of the School of Nursing for five of those 28 dedicated years. Her legacy lives on today with her decision to leave a generous estate gift to the college. "Because Salem State has been such an important part of my life, I wanted to guarantee that my contributions would continue to be instrumental in providing ongoing support to the School of Nursing," she explains. You too can leave a lasting legacy to Salem State through a bequest or other planned giving opportunity. Our giving officers are available to discuss the possible benefits of a gift annuity, the gift of a life insurance policy or the advantages of a tax-free gift of your IRA of up to \$100,000.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

James Dennis
Executive Director, Leadership Gifts
978.542.7596
jdennis@salemstate.edu

Christina Maguire
Director, Major Gifts
978.542.7534
cmaguire@salemstate.edu



Home to History

Left, history scholars on the deck of the USS Constitution with members of the Salem State alumni board. Above, *The Chronicle of Salem* mural.

On the World Map

International scholars descend upon Salem State



The nearly 470 international history scholars ...made Salem their home

SALEM STATE HOSTED THE 18TH ANNUAL WORLD HISTORY ASSOCIATION (WHA) CONFERENCE IN JUNE, CREATING "AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SALEM TO BE OBSERVED FOR ITS TRUE HISTORICAL VALUE, AS A RICH MARITIME TRADE PORT," ACCORDING TO ANTHONY GUERRIERO '92, PAST PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The association contributed \$2,000 to provide transportation to and from the USS Constitution in Boston for attendees.

The trip to "Old Ironsides" was one of several organized visits to historical sites in and around Salem. The nearly 470 international history scholars, representing the highest attendance at a WHA conference, made Salem their home for several days and visited the House of the Seven Gables, Salem Maritime National Historic Site, the Peabody Essex Museum, the Salem Athenaeum, and the Stephen Phillips House.

The conference workshops, some of which were free and open to the public, took place on the Salem State campus and other locations, including downtown Salem, Boston and nearby Endicott and Gordon colleges.

The WHA announced that it chose Salem State due to the college's strong history and international programs, and for its location in the historically rich city of Salem. Previous locations have included Morocco and Queen Mary College in London.

"This puts Salem on the world map for reasons beyond the witch trials," said Salem State history professor Chris Mauriello, an organizer (along with colleague Dane Morrison) of the conference. ■

A Brush with the Past

Meier Hall mural is an educational experience

THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF BRUSH AND PAINT, A FORMER SALEM STATE PROFESSOR CAN TAKE US FOR A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME. ALL WE NEED IS TO TAKE THE TIME TO STOP BY MEIER HALL WHERE A FOUR-STORY MURAL BY ROBERT LARTER TRAVELS VISUALLY AND CHRONOLOGICALLY THROUGH SALEM'S HISTORY.

Sponsored by the Salem State Alumni Association, *The Chronicle of Salem* was created in the lobby of Meier Hall in 1966.

Beginning at the bottom right corner, one observes John Endicott who arrived in Naumkeag (Salem) in September 1628. Along with his family and several colonists, he was the executive authority until the arrival of John Winthrop two years later.

Endicott is pictured grasping a piece of red cloth, symbolic of the incident in 1634 when, in anger, he publicly cut out the red cross of St. George from the king's colors hanging before the governor's gate. He felt the cross smacked of popery. Endicott, a member of the court of assistants, was reprimanded, removed from office and disqualified from holding any other public office for a year.

Looking behind Endicott, we see the flag of the Arbella, one of a fleet of 11 ships that carried immigrants to Salem in 1630. Winthrop led the well planned and financed expedition to the New World.

Moving left, we notice a Native American leaving the village of Salem. Perhaps fearing conquest, or as a result of a terrible plague, few Indians remained in the town at this point.

continued on page 8

BY JEFFREY PEARLMAN



Education has always been an integral part of Salem's culture.

Gazing above the first group of scenes, one is drawn to several images representing the Salem Witchcraft Hysteria of 1692. A coffin representing the 20 innocent victims, along with the young girls who falsely accused them of being in league with the devil, are quite prominent. Near the girls is a picture of Judge Samuel Sewell who, along with seven other magistrates, presided over the trials during that fateful time. Sewell is pictured holding a Bible while he condemns the accused to death.

Judge Sewell was later convinced of his grave error. After publicly repenting, he devoted the rest of his life to helping free the slaves and advance the cause of Native Americans.

Above the drawings of the trials, one comes to representations of Salem's rich maritime history. We can almost feel the physical demands as we study several shipbuilders framing a vessel. To the vessel's right are objects that Salem's seafarers brought back in trade from around the world, including a woven vegetable fiber rug, a ginger jar and a tea chest.

Nearby is the portrait of Elias Haskett Derby. Born in 1739, Derby was Salem's most prominent merchant and America's first millionaire. His ship, the *Grand Turk*, was the first Salem vessel to sail around Africa to China. As a result, trade markets opened for tea, coffee, pepper, and other spices.

Derby is seen holding a model of a dredge, something he hoped could be used to enlarge Salem Harbor and increase the number of trading ships. As a teacher of geography, I am especially proud of this section, and often talk with my students of Salem's importance in world trade.

Above the ship builders, Larter has depicted mathematician and astronomer Nathaniel Bowditch. Born in Salem in 1774, Bowditch's 594-page *New American Practical Navigator* included



As students listen, Jeff Pearlman unravels a four-story history lesson in Meier Hall.

information on navigational law and nautical measurement and terminology, and was written to be easily understood by the average sailor. In 1805, Bowditch published a navigational map of Beverly, Salem, Marblehead, and Manchester harbors. Truly a remarkable man, it is an honor for Salem to claim him as a native son.

At the top of the mural we observe several symbols of Salem's industrial past. Leather production and shoemaking were vital to the city's growth in the 19th century, as was the manufacture of electric light bulbs.

Education has always been an integral part of Salem's culture and Larter's mural depicts several examples. At the top left is the "father of American education," Horace Mann, standing with a youngster. Mann believed deeply

in public education and, as secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Education and later as a legislator, he reformed both education and teacher training. To the right of Mann, rather fittingly, sits a group of eager students, while in the background are drawings of great significance to those with a Salem State connection: Salem Normal School, the Sullivan Building, the auditorium, and the construction of the first dormitories.

We should take pride in our school. It is my hope that the next time you find yourself in Meier Hall you take a moment to travel through time and appreciate how inextricably connected the city of Salem is with Salem State College. ■

Jeffrey Pearlman is a lecturer of geography at Salem State.

DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Philip Schiller, Kim Gasset-Schiller '83 and President Patricia Maguire Meservey



Joe Robichaud III, Joe Robichaud II, William Robichaud '79 and Jim Robichaud at this year's Honors Golf Tournament.

COAST-TO-COAST VISIT FROM ALUMNA

During a visit this summer from their home in the San Francisco Bay area, Kim Gasset-Schiller '83, a Bertolon School accounting alumna, and her husband, Philip Schiller, toured four of the college's five campuses with President Patricia Maguire Meservey.

DANVERS BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INVESTS IN TOMORROW'S BUSINESS LEADERS

The Danversbank Charitable Foundation donated \$20,000 to the Bertolon School Campaign. The gift supports the college's excellence in business education as it continues on a path to AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation. The study lounge on Central Campus was named for the Danversbank Charitable Foundation.

HONORS GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES MORE THAN \$20,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

The 14th Annual Honors Golf Tournament at Kernwood Country Club raised more than \$20,000 for students accepted into the Commonwealth Honors Program. Dennis Drinkwater '67 represented sponsor Giant Glass while Bill Robichaud '79 represented lunch sponsor Collaborative Consulting and Brian Cranney '01H represented dinner sponsor Cranney Companies.

help us
**STAMP
OUT**
the cost
of postage!

email your address to:

alumni@salemstate.edu

Be sure to include your name and year of graduation. Or, call the Office of Alumni Affairs at 978.542.7529 with the information. You can't win if you do not keep us up-to-date! A new winner is drawn every six months. Prizes will vary.

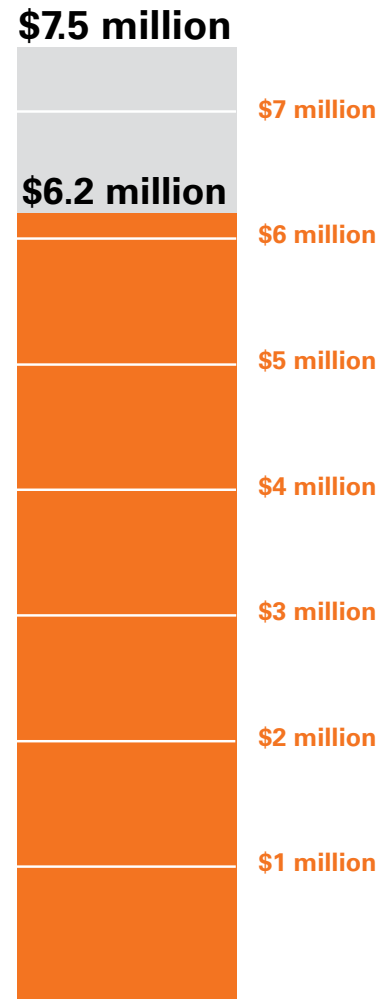
As part of Salem State's commitment to environmental sustainability and stewardship of college resources, we are reducing the number of print invitations and announcements sent to alumni and friends for events.

Send us your updated email address to be entered into the

**perpetual
email lottery.**

A new winner is drawn every six months for a great prize!

BERTOLON CAMPAIGN



PICTURED AT THE BERTOLON DONOR CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 WERE:

1. David Masse '86 with his wife Caroline and children Justin and Audrey
2. President Patricia Maguire Meservey with Tom Marmen '65 and Pat Marmen '66, '69G
3. Jim Dennis with President Meservey and Jim's parents Jean (Callahan) '50 and Bill Dennis
4. President Meservey with Kevin Noyes '86 of Danversbank
5. Roccie Caputo '98 and Gail Caputo '98 with Jim Dennis and Robert Lutts
6. Karla and John C. Pastore Jr. '94 with son Cole and John's parents Judith and John C. Pastore Sr.
7. Mike Prue, Anita Ciminelli, Richard Korzeniewski, Linda (Korzeniewski) Prue, Bob Korzeniewski '79, President Meservey, Fred Korzeniewski and Dandy Korzeniewski
8. Salem State Foundation Board member John Lindahl with President Meservey
9. Cheryl Durgan, Jacob Segal and Richard Durgan '69
10. Karen Cady, Joan Gillis, Gina Deschamps '92G and Marilyn Segal
11. Bertolon School of Business Dean K. Brewer Doran

A complete listing of donors to the Bertolon campaign will be included in *Impact* magazine, which will be distributed later this fall.



BERTOLON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



Dr. Patricia Maguire Meservey, president of Salem State, and Robert T. Lutts, president of the Salem State College Foundation Board

Donors Feted For Their Commitment To Ensuring Student Success

Celebration marks the \$6.2 million mark of a \$7.5 million fundraising goal

On Sunday September 13, Salem State President Patricia Maguire Meservey joined with donors to celebrate the naming of rooms and the endowing of scholarships and internships. The Bertolon School of Business Campaign has raised more than \$6.2 million toward a \$7.5 million endowment goal. President Meservey toasted the donors for their generous gifts and the critical role they play in ensuring student success.

With the campaign closing on December 31 of this year, Salem State is seeking the support of its alumni and friends to raise the \$1.3 million balance. For more information on the Bertolon campaign and other giving opportunities, visit saalemstate.edu/support.

Salem State is seeking the support of its alumni and friends to raise the \$1.3 million balance.

MORRISSEYS HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE BERTOLON CAMPAIGN

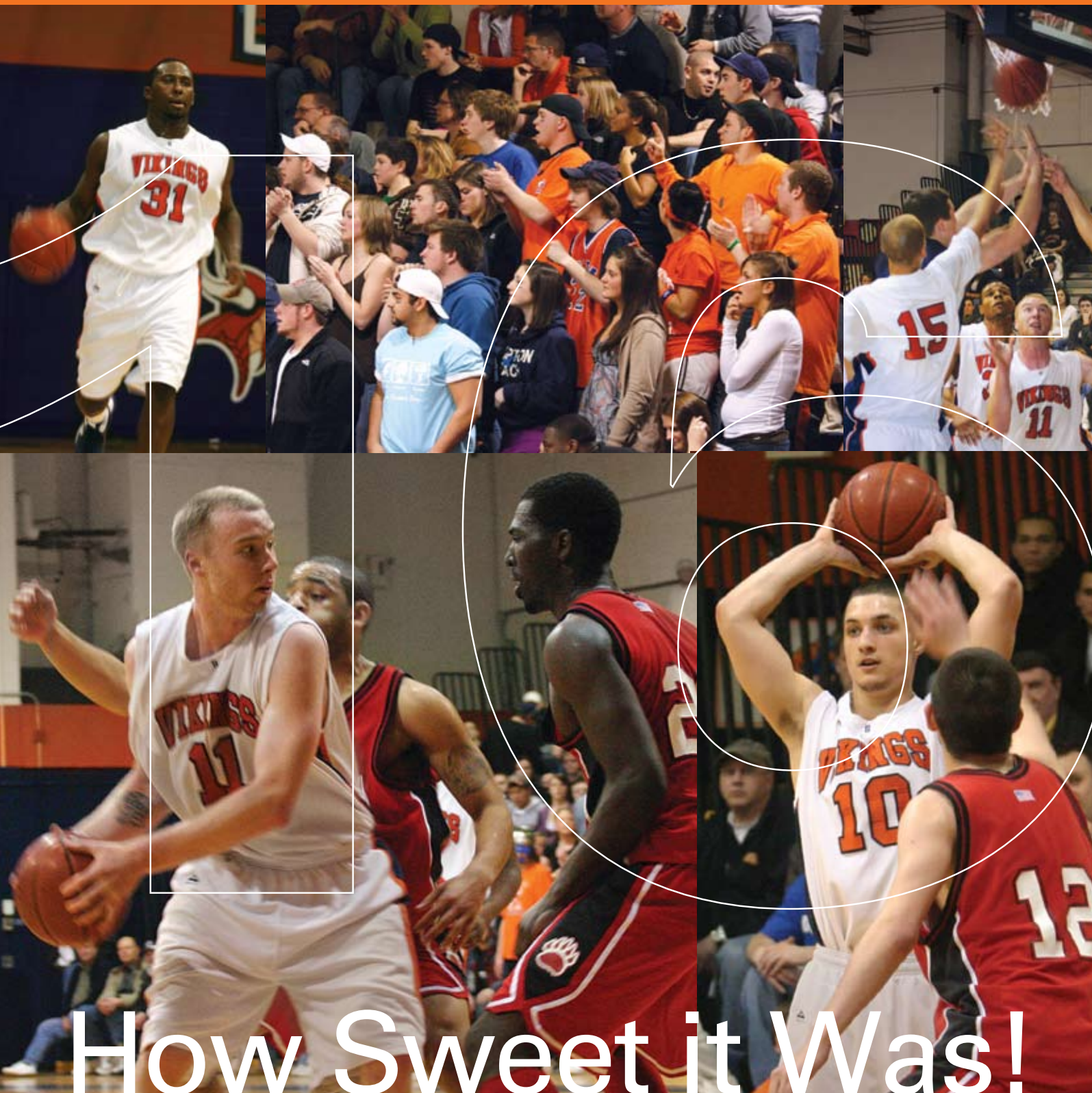
Gerry and Karen Morrissey '71, '93H, long-time supporters of the college and members of the 1854 Society, have again demonstrated their generosity with a leadership gift to the college's current development priority, The Bertolon School Campaign. Karen has been a trustee, a member of the presidential search committee, and was a lead sponsor of the Salem State College Series. Gerry and Karen were honored with the naming of The Gerry and Karen Morrissey Student Lounge during a campaign dedication ceremony on September 13 at the Bertolon School.



President Patricia Maguire Meservey, Chair of the Board of Trustees Jacob Segal, and Gerry and Karen Morrissey '71, '93H at the Sullivan Society Dinner at the home of Philip and Joanne Ricciardiello '68.

visit saalemstatevikings.com

for live game stats, free Webcasts of hockey and basketball games and mobile updates of scores on your cell phone.



How Sweet it Was!

Salem State advanced to the Sweet 16 round of the 2009 Division Three NCAA men's basketball tournament on March 13. In their 22nd trip to the NCAA playoffs, the Vikings faced Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Franklin and Marshall halted Salem State's tourney run, defeating the Vikings, 67-61.



Forward captain Andrew Angus '10 is ready to fill the role of leader for Salem State soccer.

Vikings Kick Off Another Championship Run

New head soccer coach Don Goodwin looks forward to the challenges ahead

THE SALEM STATE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM ENTERS THE 2009 SEASON WITH A NEW COACH ON THE SIDELINES, AND HIGH EXPECTATIONS ON THE FIELD. FIRST-YEAR HEAD COACH DON GOODWIN, A 1978 GRADUATE OF ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY IN CANTON, NEW YORK, WAS HIRED IN JANUARY TO TAKE OVER FOR FORMER COACH TURI LONERO.

Goodwin was an assistant coach at Babson College the past five years, and was instrumental in the development of several NEWMAC (New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference) All-New England players, including a pair of All-Americans.

Goodwin's first task will be to find a way to replace one of the most talented soccer players to ever wear a Viking uniform. Yuta Kizaki was the MASCAC (Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference) player of the year twice during his career at Salem State, and was the unquestioned leader of the Vikings over the past four years. "Losing an All-American like Yuta Kizaki will be hard to overcome," admitted Goodwin, "but there is a strong core of players returning (from last season's MASCAC championship runner-up); players talented enough to provide leadership, and who are ready for the challenge of a conference championship."

That leadership role is expected to be filled by forward captain Andrew Angus '10, a first team All-MASCAC performer the past three years. Angus was the team leader in goals (10) and assists (six) last season. Meanwhile, sophomore forward Matt Figueiredo, who was honored as MASCAC Rookie of the Year, and as a second team all-conference performer in 2008, will also be back. Figueiredo scored eight

BY JOE BEITZ



Coach Dan Goodwin

goals during his freshman campaign, and will be a viable scoring threat along with sophomore forward Rafael Santos, a rising player who will assume more responsibility in the offensive zone.

Goal keeping is a major question mark. Gone is four-year starter Pawel Brzyczy: second-year player Tom Morrison will now have his chance to win the starter's job.

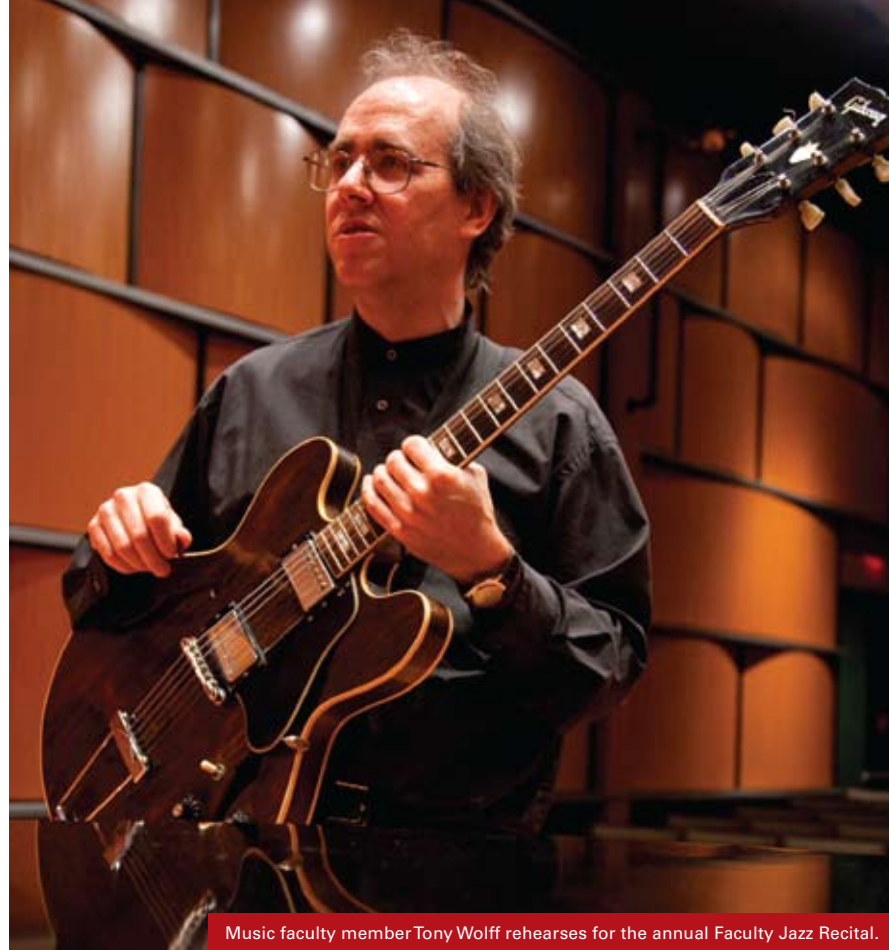
Depending on how fast the Vikings come together under their new coach, enough talent is returning to make a push for an NCAA bid. ■

Joe Beitz is assistant sports information/facility director at Salem State.

Salem State: Heart of the Arts North of Boston

Center for Creative and Performing Arts hosts over 100 cultural events each year

By KATHLEEN
MCDONALD-MURPHY '94



Music faculty member Tony Wolff rehearses for the annual Faculty Jazz Recital.

Recipients of Salem State's Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award:

CHARLOTTE ETTINGER

a founder of the college's
theater department

JON KIMBELL

former artistic director of the
North Shore Music Theatre

RICHARD MALTBY JR.

director/producer/playwright

JULIE HARRIS

Tony Award winner

PATRICIA ZAIDO

founder of the Center for
Creative and Performing Arts

ELIO QUARISA

master glassblower

HERB POMEROY

jazz trumpeter and educator

RHINA ESPAILLAT

poet and translator

PAULA SHIFF

dancer, founder of the
North Shore Civic Ballet

WHERE DO 20,000 PEOPLE A YEAR TURN FIRST FOR FIRST-RATE, FIRST-RUN CULTURAL EVENTS NORTH OF BOSTON?

For many, the venue of choice is Salem State. With the recent demise of the popular North Shore Music Theatre in Beverly, the college's Center for Creative and Performing Arts (CCPA) sees its role as cultural mecca expanding. Where outside of Boston can one enjoy readings by Pulitzer Prize-winning authors, or performances by Tony-, Emmy-, Bessie-, and Academy Award-winning actors, dancers and musicians?"

North Shore residents with a yen for "the arts" have for years found everything they need on Salem State's campus: a professionally curated art gallery; art openings; dance performances; jazz, orchestral, chamber, and contemporary music concerts; choral performances; light opera; and musical, comedic and dramatic theater.

The numbers are increasing as others continue to discover what longtime friends of the CCPA have known for years: At Salem State, one can experience the talents of both rising student stars and world class visiting artists from around the world—at prices that range from free to reasonable.

With an arts-specialized administrative support system, the CCPA's role is that of producer; advocate for the arts; contract negotiator; arts marketer; and matchmaker for campus and community collaborations. In addition to the over 100 public performances and events it presents annually, the CCPA also recognizes achievements in the arts. Each year, it presents creativity awards to 10 outstanding students, and honors an additional recipient with the college's prestigious Lifetime Achievement in the Arts award.

On the opposite page is a listing of upcoming events sponsored by the CCPA. ■

Kathleen McDonald-Murphy is the executive administrator of the Center for the Arts at Salem State.



CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS FALL 2009 SCHEDULE



OCTOBER

1 Frank Blessington,
The Bacchae
7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. room,
Ellison Campus Center
free

5 Aditya Kalyanpur
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general,
\$5 students with student ID,
seniors free

8 Brodeur & Hodgen, poets
7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. room,
Ellison Campus Center
free

14 Artist Reception:
Engravers
7:30 pm
Winfisky Gallery
Ellison Campus Center
free

15 The Weir
15-17, 22-25
Callan Studio Theatre
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

22 Susanna Kaysen, novelist
11 am
Martin Luther King Jr. room,
Ellison Campus Center
free

24 Dancing Zombies:
11 am
Multi-purpose gym
O'Keefe Sports Center
free

26 Phil Swanson in Concert
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

NOVEMBER

5 Alumni Reading
7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. room,
Ellison Campus Center
free

16 Women's Chorale &
Chamber Singers
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

18 Artist Reception:
Art Faculty
6 am
Winfisky Gallery
Ellison Campus Center
free

19 Perry Glasser: *New Work*
5 pm
Room 106,
Agganis Enterprise Center
free

19 Fools by Neil Simon
Nov. 19-21, Dec. 3-25
7:30 pm
Mainstage Theatre
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

23 Instrumental Chamber
Ensembles
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

30 Faculty Reading
7:30 pm
Martin Luther King Jr. room,
Ellison Campus Center
free

DECEMBER

1 Guitar Ensemble
5 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
free

3 Jazz Bands
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

5 Dance Interactive
7:30 pm
Multi-purpose gym
O'Keefe Sports Center
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

7 Percussion & World
Music Ensemble
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

8 Concert Band &
Wind Ensemble
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free

10 An Evening of
Choral Music
7:30 pm
Recital Hall, Central Campus
\$10 general/\$5 students
seniors free



Upward Bound

Paves the Way to Higher Ground



Elmer Moore Jr., associate dean of admissions at Bowdoin College, had a noticeably high approval rating from Upward Bound students at Salem State this summer.



MOUNDS OF SNOW PROHIBIT ACCESS TO THE SIDEWALKS IN DOWNTOWN LAWRENCE, NECESSITATING A SLIPPERY WALK ON ICY STREETS TO REACH THE UPWARD BOUND OFFICES IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. IT'S BEEN A HARD WINTER.

Inside the non-descript building, a meeting room is being set up: at its front, a stage; in the corner, a piano. Rows of folding chairs are aligned in anticipation of a presentation. At the back, along the wall, several six-foot long tables await the delivery of pizza, cookies, soft drinks, and other refreshments.

Slowly—and then more steadily—college students from all around the country enter the room. They remove their snow clothes and greet each other with high fives, hugs and exclamations of delighted recognition. This is the Salem State Upward Bound Alumni Reunion and, for many, it's the first time they've seen each other since leaving high school seven months earlier. Today is an opportunity for those who completed the Upward Bound program at Salem State to reconnect, review, renew, and reflect on both their shared pasts and their promising futures. It will also be an opportunity for them to meet later with rising Upward Bound students, those will be off to college in the next year or two, and offer them peer-to-peer advice on what

BY MARGO W. R. STEINER

Upward Bound is celebrating a 20-year partnership that links Salem State and the city of Lawrence, serving 65 aspiring collegians annually.

In photos above: Students enrolled in Upward Bound focused in classrooms at Salem State this past summer.



to expect, how to handle the inevitable difficulties and to share what the eventual rewards might be.

As part of President Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty, Congress in 1965 established a series of programs to help low-income Americans overcome class, social and cultural barriers to higher education. Known collectively as TRIO, they include Upward Bound and are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The initial 18 Upward Bound programs that were set up across the country have swelled to over 960, sending thousands of young people, for whom college was an impossible dream, on to promising futures.

Closer to home, Upward Bound is celebrating a 20-year partnership that links Salem State and the city of Lawrence, serving up to 65 aspiring collegians annually. Stipulations require that students be between the ages of 13 and 19, enrolled in the Lawrence public schools at the time of acceptance and in need of academic services. Two-thirds of those accepted must be both low income and first-generation high school

"It's about people believing in students' potential, and allowing them to achieve it."

attendees; the remaining one third must be either low income or the first generation in their family to attend high school.

It's not an undertaking to be entered into lightly. Students, who may enter the program as early as eighth grade,

are required to make a significant commitment at a relatively young age. It's a commitment that requires they devote a minimum of four hours each week to after-school tutoring; MCAS, PSAT or SAT preparation; and personal development workshops. In addition, program participants return each summer for a six-week campus residency, during which they must complete a minimum of 125 hours of classroom instruction including math through pre-calculus, a



Class participation is evident here as students exchange views with their professor in the Sullivan Building.

lab science, a foreign language, English composition and literature, and English-as-a-Second Language, if appropriate.

Many of the students carry additional responsibilities: caring for younger siblings, working part-time to assist their family financially, translating for parents who do not speak English, and keeping up with homework. Some are also active in their churches and volunteer in their communities.



Back in Lawrence, and at a subsequent meeting on Salem State's campus during the summer, program director Wendy Porter-Coste, who doubles as mother

figure, mentor, advisor, friend, cheer leader—and yes, occasional taskmaster—gets the ball rolling. "Share with us," she says, "how you're doing in college. Is it what you expected? Did you feel you were prepared?"

One by one, they open up and talk: about how frightening it was to leave the familiarity and comfort of Lawrence, Upward Bound and their families; about feeling alone and without their support network; about the rigors of



families. "My mother didn't want me to go away," she says. "It wasn't something Latinas did."

"Going to college," notes Torres, "never crossed my mind until I found Upward Bound. I knew my mother needed my help and my goal was to get my high school diploma and go to work so I could help my family financially." Upward Bound showed Torres he could be a bigger help to his family, however, by earning a college degree. Today the rising senior at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts has big plans: I'm majoring in international business and sociology," he says, "and minoring in Spanish and Hispanic studies. I plan to go on to grad school, and eventually become a college president." Flashing his million-watt grin, this formerly "shy kid" says "Upward Bound taught me that it's okay to dream big."

Yosmery Frias, who graduates from UMass-Amherst next spring, acknowledges feelings of profound homesickness her first semester. On top of that, she struggled with an illness with which she'd recently been diagnosed; one that tired her. She lost her motivation and her grades slipped. A chance meeting with Porter-Coste during winter break

re-ignited her confidence. When she graduates in 2010, it will be with a bachelor's degree in sociology, and a double minor in criminal justice and Spanish. This is one woman who has clearly met—and is mastering—her challenges.



Ironically, it was an Upward Bound alumna who set the wheels in motion for the Salem State Upward Bound Program nearly a quarter century ago. Joyce Foster, project director of the college's student support services at the time, wrote the initial grant, knowing full well the potential value of collaboration between Salem State and the Lawrence public school system. Foster was herself a product of the Trinity Upward Bound program in Washington, D.C., and had experienced firsthand what students with the proper academic and other supports could achieve. In addition to a bachelor's and master's degree from Northeastern University, she would later earn a PhD from Brown University.

"Mentoring," she says, "is at the core of Upward Bound. It's about people believing in students' potential, and allowing them to achieve them. When

it works best, it works not just with the students, but with their families as well. It's all about partnering with promising students, with their families and with the schools. You don't want to take students

For most, the transition to college was difficult. "I won't sugar coat it..."

away from their families, you want to bring the families along with the students."

Porfiria Catalino, whose mother didn't want her Latina daughter to go away, knows that it works. When she graduated from Salem State in May, it was her mother who threw a surprise party to celebrate her daughter's greatest achievement. ■

In photos above: As the program director of Upward Bound, Wendy Porter-Coste (middle photo) is often at the center of conversations with students.

Strategic Plan Goal

2

Ensuring Student Success



Salem State's board of trustees approved a strategic plan in the fall of 2009, which has five main goals centered around the college's vision, mission and values. It will guide Salem State until 2014.

In the spring 2009 issue of *Salem Statement* an overview of the strategic plan was provided that identified the five goals: academic programs; student success and support; sufficient resources and facilities; community involvement and civic engagement; and positioning of the college and external communication. In this issue, goal two (student success and support) is featured. The remaining goals will be discussed in future *Salem Statements*.

The focus of goal two is to ensure student success by providing the highest-quality support services and co-curricular opportunities. This goal will be achieved by strategically implementing the recommendations of the Foundations of Excellence report. This initiative allows for each area of the college to develop specific actions and practices that, cumulatively, will help us ensure all our first-year students have experiences that will foster success. A component of the Foundations of Excellence are "Passion Courses," academically challenging seminars taught by faculty in areas beyond the purview of their traditional

discipline. We believe this will inspire intellectual inquiry on the part of both the faculty who teach them and the students who participate in them.

Another objective is to improve retention, progression and graduation rates for all degree-seeking students (undergraduate, transfer and graduate).

Salem State's vision during the next five years is to be a premier teaching university

As many of Salem State's students are enrolled on a part-time basis, we want to ensure that they stay connected and complete their degree in a timely manner. To this end, the college has developed a first-year philosophy to provide a student experience that facilitates the transition from high school to college, and that actively encourages students' involvement in the entire range of opportunities available in the college community. The first-year experience will lay the foundation for student success in academic, intellectual, social, and civic endeavors in not only the student's first year, but in each year until graduation.

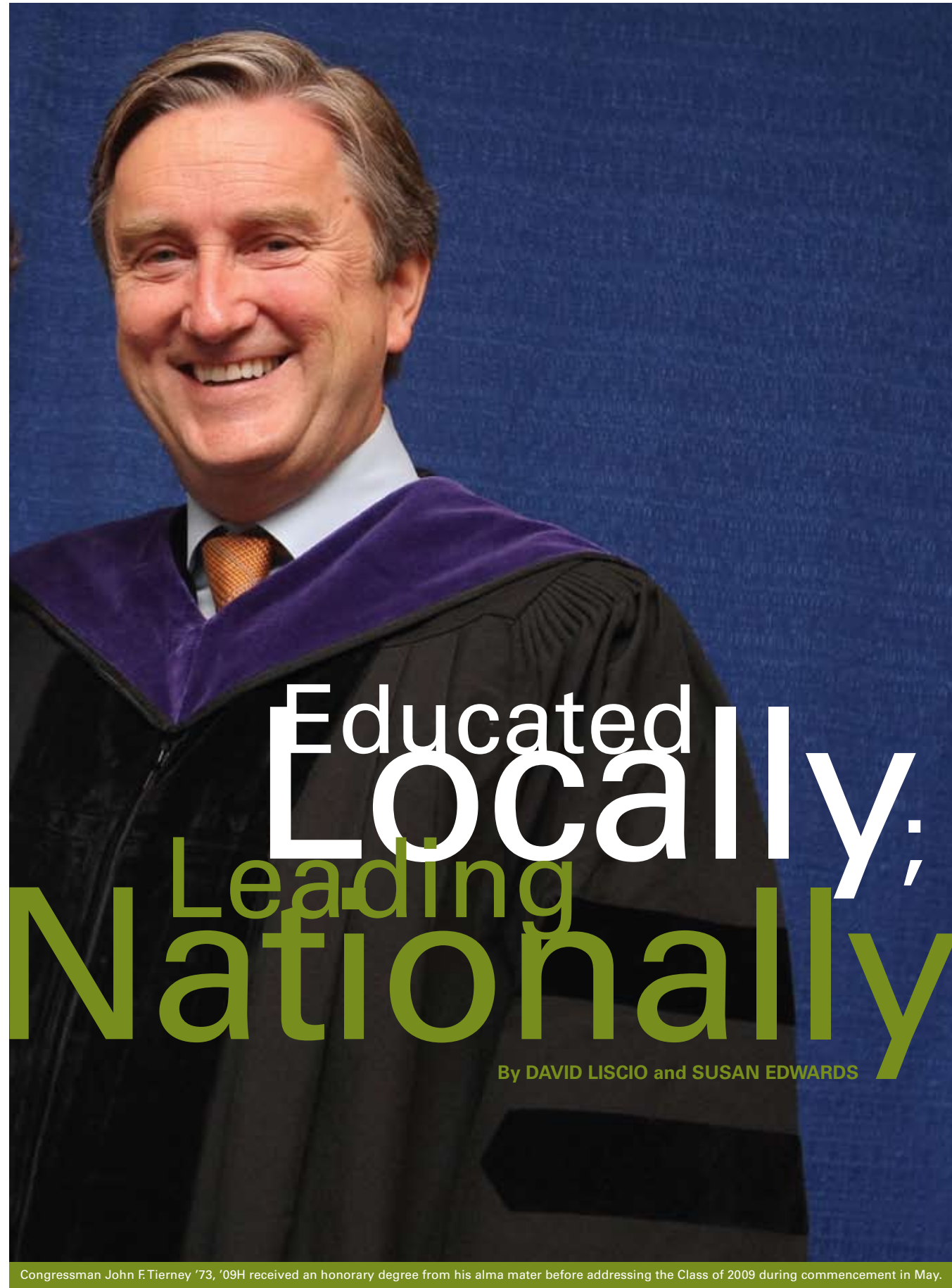
The college needs to expand student life programs and services to improve the collegiate experience. As part of this effort, Salem State needs to transition to

more significantly residential campus. With the new "green," 525-bed residence and dining facility opening in the fall of 2010. The college's undergraduate population will be 30 percent residential. The overall goal is to have 50 percent of the student body living on campus. This change will have profound programmatic and cultural implications for our community, and will provide a full college experience for many of our students.

Two of the objectives of goal two are more administrative in nature but will have an enormous impact on our students. The first is to continue to implement the best practices in emergency preparedness. With over 10,000 students and five campuses, Salem State needs to be prepared for all possible situations. As our world is constantly changing and new threats are identified, the college must continuously work to provide a safe environment for our community. The second objective is the development of a strategic enrollment management system that balances enrollment with institutional resources. The college is developing improved outreach strategies for connecting with potential students. One physical change is the relocation of the undergraduate admissions office. Recently, this office moved from the Alumni House on North Campus to the Agganis Building located on Central Campus. In its new location, next to the bookstore, admissions has more room for welcoming student candidates and their families and for advising and other enrollment services.

If you would like to read the entire strategic plan, please visit salemstate.edu/mission. ■

Quin Gonell '09 arrived at Salem State via the AID/ACCESS program and wasted no time taking advantage of his chance for a college degree. An internship at Sen. Ted Kennedy's office in Washington D.C. bolstered his leadership instincts and his studies in history and political science. Involved with the drafting of higher education legislation, Gonell attended federal hearings and was on the Senate floor for political debates. He was active on campus, ultimately becoming president of the Student Government Association. "I have grown socially, professionally and personally," he said. "The support from faculty and staff at Salem State has been essential to my success." Gonell will teach middle school history in Lawrence this year.



Congressman John F. Tierney '73, '09H received an honorary degree from his alma mater before addressing the Class of 2009 during commencement in May.

JOHN TIERNEY '73, BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE; HONORARY DEGREE IN 2009

It didn't take a young John Tierney long to appreciate the value of a dollar. "My mother drove my dad to work in the morning, and worked a split shift at the telephone company so she could be there when we got home from school," recalls the congressman, now 58 and among the ranking Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives. John was five when the family, including his brother, Michael, and younger sister, Catherine, moved from a home on Forrest Avenue (where the Salem State's O'Keefe Sports Center now exists) to his grandmother's North End Avenue home in Salem. He was eight when he began caddying at Kernwood Country Club, soon adding a paper route so he could buy a bicycle for transportation.

Salem State College, which occupied a modest campus between Loring Avenue and Lafayette Street, always loomed large, reminding the youngster of the importance of an education. Tierney saw it as the ticket to his future, but—like the bicycle he owned as a child—he knew he would have to find a way to pay for it. Part of his Salem State experience would later be stocking shelves and bagging groceries at Goldberg's Market; working in sales at Empire clothing store; and making deliveries for a package store in Vinnin Square—all while maintaining a work-study job. Still, "I enjoyed the greatest four years of my life," Tierney remembers. "We would hang around, sometimes 50 people at a time, and there was all this social interaction, discussion,



As president of SGA in 1973, John Tierney listens to comments being made by Steve Dickerson, left, Afro-American senator to the SGA, while administrator Arthur Gerald, right, looks on during an emergency meeting called by Tierney to address racial tensions on campus.

Photo/Salem State Archives

meeting new people, and learning new things."

Tierney majored in political science, served as president of his class for three years and was president of the college's Student Government Association (SGA) during a tumultuous time for race relations on campus. The issue came to a head in 1973, when the Afro-American Society published *The Valentine's Day Black Manifesto of Salem State College* in reaction to racial incidents on campus. Tierney, as president of SGA, called a campus-wide meeting that was so well-attended it was moved from the Student Union to the auditorium. According to *The Log*, Tierney stressed that the Afro-American Society's demands were "student and community concerns, not just black concerns." The meeting ignited three days of communication between all segments of the community about racial issues and led to changes at the college.

In addition to tackling important issues of the day, Tierney also affected campus life. "We pulled together some great concerts," he reminisces. "By adding our class dues to other funds, we

brought Grand Funk Railroad, Melanie, James Brown, and Sam & Dave to campus. Some were coming to the area anyway," he laughs, "and we'd get them cheaper by booking them the night before their big Boston shows."

Fueled by what he calls "a top-notch education at Salem State," Tierney put himself through Suffolk University Law School by working as a law clerk, and as a janitor at the State House. He practiced law for

nearly 20 years before setting his sights on Washington, where as a congressman he now advocates for education and work force development while immersing himself in foreign policy.

Closer to home, Tierney was instrumental in obtaining the \$4.8-million federal grant that delivered SMART classroom technology to Salem State's Central Campus. He also spearheaded a congressional appropriation for his alma mater's nursing program. When his party gained the majority in 2007, he was instrumental in passing higher education reforms. In 2008 he was one of the leading proponents of the Higher Education Opportunity Act that greatly advances student access to college.

An advocate for citizens of Massachusetts' Sixth District and a powerful voice for education and for America's working families, Tierney has won re-election six times since first taking office in 1996, a clear indication that taxpayers appreciate representation by a man who has, since the age of eight, understood the value of hard work. ■



School of Graduate Studies Readies Innovative New Programs

RESPONDING TO THE NEED FOR TECHNICAL SAVVY IN THE JOB MARKET, SALEM STATE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED A NEW GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) FLUENCY FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

The initiative was approved by the college's graduate education council, and commences in the fall 2009 semester with a course in information technology fluency in professional practice. A second course, communications in the global village, has also been approved, with an effective start date of spring 2010. The certificate program is the only graduate-level initiative of its kind in the Commonwealth.

The college anticipates that this 15-credit certificate program, in conjunction with a course on critical thinking and analytical writing for those entering graduate school after time away from academia, will position graduates more effectively for a job market requiring more technical skills than previously.

The innovative program is not designed to create or certify IT professionals, according to Dr. Christopher Mauriello of the college's history department, a co-sponsor of the initial proposal for the certificate program along with Dr. Judi Cooke of the communications department. "Its intent," he says, "is to educate professionals in any number of fields to be both confident and comfortable using information technology.

"By learning the concepts, skills and capabilities essential for success in the 21st-century work place, those completing the program will have the confidence to use technology more effectively, and solve problems more creatively." Additionally, he noted, they'll possess the skills and language necessary to work with IT professionals within their individual work communities.

The curriculum for the certificate was developed by an interdisciplinary faculty team at the college with input from an advisory group representative of off-campus professional organizations and private companies.

"With technology now pervasive in every aspect of our personal and professional lives," notes Mauriello, "it is critical that we prepare all students to creatively and effectively use it."

Salem State has 3,300 graduate students pursuing master's degrees, graduate certificates, educator licensure programs, or a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in education. Each graduate program develops professional competencies to advance careers. ■



BY MARGO W. R. STEINER

Salem State has 3,300 graduate students pursuing master's degrees, graduate certificates, educator licensure programs, or a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) in education. Each graduate program develops professional competencies to advance careers.



Jim Muse '83, senior vice president of retail banking at North Shore Bank's headquarters on Route 114 in Peabody, regularly challenges Salem State alumni to show their pride.

Stepping Up

James M. Muse – bachelor's degree in business administration in 1983

By JAMES K. GLYNN '77

GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY IN MARCH TO ADDRESS A NETWORKING RECEPTION FOR SALEM STATE ALUMNI IN THE FINANCIAL INDUSTRY, JIM MUSE DIDN'T MINCE WORDS. "WE HAVE A PRIDE CRISIS," HE INFORMED THE GROUP OF 40 GATHERED AT THE NAKED FISH RESTAURANT IN LYNNFIELD. "HOW MANY HERE WEAR SALEM STATE GEAR?" HE QUERIED. "HOW MANY KNOW THAT THE BASKETBALL TEAM ADVANCED TO THE NCAA 'SWEET 16' THIS YEAR?"

A member of the Salem State Foundation since 2007, Muse regularly challenges his fellow alumni to show their school pride. "We have to step it up and start looking out for one another," said the 49-year-old senior vice president of North Shore Bank. "I have a colleague who graduated from Boston College. What a network he has to work with when he needs to fill a position! We have to do more of that at Salem State."

Speaking from his corner office at North Shore Bank's headquarters on Route 114 in Peabody, Muse said Salem State was one component of a plan he made right after graduating Salem High in 1978. As he saw it, he would work part-time at the local CVS on Essex Street, commute to Salem State, earn a degree in education, and ultimately land a position as a middle school teacher.

By 1980, Proposition 2 ½ budget cuts to public education were rampant and things changed. "I wasn't sure what to do," he said. "I decided a career in business made more sense and, since Salem State offered that option, I took it."

Plan B was meant to be, it seemed. Muse landed a job as a customer service representative at Salem Five, at the same time accepting an invitation to enroll in a two-year management program. "It was all hands-on experience and I learned a ton," he recalled.

It was at Salem Five that he met his future wife, Patricia, who grew up in the shadows of the college off Lafayette Street. The couple married in 1986, and she went on to earn a degree in computer and information studies at Salem State.

Patricia's degree actually became part of a family trend. Three of Muse's four siblings followed him to Salem State and relative Bonnie Muse recently received the college's Outstanding Educator Award. His son, Michael Kmiec, is a 2003 graduate. "We've got a lot to be proud of," he says, "and it's up to us—as alumni—to show that pride."

"It's my hope that more alumni will realize how much a Salem State education has meant to their lives," he added. "And I hope they will want to give back." ■

"It's my hope that more alumni will realize how much a Salem State education has meant to their lives. I hope they will want to give back."

Patricia A. Muse passed away on March 17, 2003, at the age of 50. During a ceremony at the Bertolon School of Business on Sunday, September 13, Jim Muse, who has donated \$10,000 in her memory, participated in the naming of the Patricia A. (Tyrell) Muse office.

CLASS Notes

TURN YOURSELF IN!

KEEP YOUR SALEM STATE CLASSMATES CURRENT. HAVE YOU BEGUN A NEW CAREER, RECEIVED A BIG PROMOTION, BEEN ENGAGED, MARRIED? SEND US AN EMAIL LETTING US KNOW WHAT'S NEW AND WE'LL USE THESE PAGES IN EVERY SALEM STATEMENT TO KEEP YOUR FELLOW ALUMNI IN THE LOOP.

THE EMAIL ADDRESS IS: ALUMNI@SALEMSTATE.EDU. PHOTOS ARE WELCOME!

'69

HAROLD A. BROWN, of Palm City, Florida, recently married Dari Ann Beneville on Grand Bahama Island in the Bahamas while family and friends from as far away as South Korea and Italy danced the night away. The couple will divide their time between Atlanta, Georgia, and the Man-O-War Cay, Bahamas.

'70

JACQUELINE (MINICHELLO) COOGAN, of Melrose, received the Creative Leadership in Human Rights Award from the Massachusetts Teachers Association (MTA) at a ceremony on April 30 in Boston. Jackie, a member of the MTA, is a retired educator from Everett, and was recently appointed president of the Friends of the School of Education board at Salem State. She was recognized for her work with youth in Everett as well as her efforts to ensure health care for children in her region.

PATRICIA (FURLONG) CRONIN, of Tewksbury, retired on June 30 from her position as superintendent of Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School in Wakefield. Patricia served 39 years at the school as an electronic accounting teacher, vice principal, principal, deputy director, and, most recently, superintendent.

'72

ROBERT WARREN, of Fiskdale, is the new principal at Ware Middle School in Ware. Robert had been serving as assistant principal at Ware Junior-Senior High School since 2007. Prior to arriving in the Ware district, he held several administrative positions at Woodstock Academy in Woodstock, Connecticut, including assistant headmaster-principal.

'73

LUCILLE OUELLETTE, of Beverly, was named Elementary English Language Learners (ELL) Teacher of the Year by the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Speakers of Other Languages (MATSOL). Lucille, a 35-year educator, teaches kindergarten in the Dual Language Program at the Nathaniel Bowditch School in Salem.

'76

CLAIRE MCGREAL of Del Mar, California is a volunteer for Organizing For America, formerly Obama For America. The organization focuses on performing community service and has four policy teams to examine issues of health, immigration, education and energy/environment. (See photo right.)

Salem Police Chief **ROBERT ST. PIERRE** retired in September, 36 years after joining the Salem Police Department and 25 years to the day after being named its chief. "It's time," he told the *Salem News*. "There's no particular reason. I'm not running away from the job. I want to spend more time with my family." St. Pierre said he has no other job lined up, except that of being grandfather to his two grandchildren, Olivia and Aiden.

'78

LISA (RUGGERIO) LAKE, of Oviedo, Florida, recently completed her master's degree in reading curriculum instruction at the University of the Southwest in Hobbs, New Mexico. She has been employed for 10 years by Seminole County Public Schools in Florida as a reading consultant and special education reading teacher at Oviedo High School.

'80

JOHN MIGLIOZZI, of Reading, has been promoted to senior vice president of East Boston Savings Bank. He is responsible for residential, commercial and consumer lending.



Claire McGreal is pictured here with President Obama when he visited Orange County, California, in March.

JOSEPH A. PALMIERI JR., of Nashua, New Hampshire, has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve. He has 15 years of military experience as a command administrative assistant. He is the husband of Lorraine M. Palmieri.

'84

MARK PARISI, of Melrose, has taken home the cartoon industry's version of the Oscar. Mark's cartoon panel, *Off the Mark*, was awarded the Best Newspaper Comic Panel designation at the National Cartoonists Society's annual gathering in Hollywood, California. *Off the Mark* features slightly skewed humor, and a twisted look at the little things we take for granted. Mark self-syndicated his cartoon for more than 10 years before being picked up nationally. His panel now runs in about 100 newspapers, including *The New York Times* and the *Salem News*.

'87

LISA A. (KITAYAMA) O'CONNOR, of Arlington, is one of 29 nurses selected nationwide as a 2009 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow. The national fellowship program focuses on expanding the role of nurses to lead change in the U.S. health care system. Lisa serves as vice president of nursing at Boston Medical Center (BMC). This fellowship will provide her the opportunity to design and implement a leadership project to address issues of essential importance to the future of BMC, as well as to the broader health care system.

'91

JOYCE X. SPEICHER, of Lynnfield, is the owner and program director of Wiggles and Giggles, a parent and tot music and movement program designed for toddlers and young children. She offers several classes at various preschools and community centers



Erik Champy '89, '94G, with his grandmother, Anne Dawson, welcomed Robert Redford to campus in 2006.

Champy Accepts New Role

Erik Champy '89, '94G has been elected president of the college's growing alumni board of directors, replacing Anthony Guerriero '92 who, after two terms, stepped down from the office in June.

Champy arrived at Salem State in 1985 as a student "with a strong desire to teach." Since earning a bachelor's degree in elementary education, and then a master's degree in school counseling, he has enjoyed a teaching career that began in the New Hampshire public schools and continued in Salisbury. Always eager to learn, Champy earned a doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in 1999 and most recently serves as a guidance counselor at Triton Regional High School.

Dr. Champy's career ambition has led him into professional activism. He served for seven years as a board member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, and joined the Salem State College Friends of Education Committee in the mid-1990s. Champy currently serves as that board's immediate past president while balancing time as member of the college's Professional Learning Community and with the Massachusetts PTA Executive Board.

"Salem State has furnished me with a progressive education, an impressive professional network and a community which has become dear to me," he said. "It is with pleasure that I share my time and talents with the many amazing individuals who make our college the best." ■



Mary Kuconis '72 runs MEK Search LLC from her home in Beverly.

Success Was in the Cards

By JAMES K. GLYNN '77

Mary E. Kuconis – bachelor's degree in English in 1972

THE TREND WAS TO GET GOOD GRADES IN HIGH SCHOOL, HEAD TO SALEM STATE FOR FOUR YEARS AND BECOME A TEACHER.

One of 22 Beverly High graduates who chose Salem State in '68, Mary Kuconis was admittedly running with the pack. She worked part-time at the local Brooks Pharmacy in Beverly, majored in English, minored in French and, in 1972, set out on a career as a high school English teacher in Westport.

It was a career that lasted all of one year.

"I hated my full-time job (as a teacher), but I loved my part-time job (at Brooks)," revealed Kuconis. With an appetite for retail and business, she left the classroom behind and embarked on a business career that included 19 years with The Stride Rite Corporation, a major marketer of athletic and casual footwear for children and adults.

Highly motivated and driven to succeed, Kuconis embarked on a second major career in 2005, when she launched MEK Search LLC, an executive search firm headquartered in Beverly. She anticipates a critical shortage of skilled workers when most of the baby boomers retire in the next five to seven years. Her firm is conducting extensive research now to determine who will be available to fill these positions. "It will require working around the clock," she admits, "but I love it."

Peering into the future is the biggest challenge Kuconis faces with MEK Search, but her past is never far behind. She has stayed connected to education by serving

as a Beverly School Committee member from 1976 to 1978, and has been a Salem State donor since 1983.

Describing her liberal arts education as a life skill, Kuconis points to the value of English as a major. She maintains that good writing, even in today's technology-driven economy, is a very effective tool. In fact, she notes, it's something that sets her company apart. "I have a card drawer in my office," she said, "and whenever I hear of someone being promoted in school, having a baby, getting married, or whatever, I reach into the drawer, hand write a message on a card and mail it. The profound effect that a hand-written note has is incredible."

Spoken like a true English major. ■

around the North Shore, as well as party entertainment for children. Her Web site is wigglesandgigglesfun.com.

'92

PAMELA SARTORELLI and Stephen Doherty were married on October 18, 2008, at St. Anthony's Church of Padua in Revere, with a reception following at Spinelli's in Lynnfield. Pamela is employed with Moschella & Winston Limited Liability Partnership in Somerville, and is enrolled in graduate courses at Northeastern University. They spent their honeymoon in Las Vegas, and live in Brockton.

'94

SARA MUNGER and Francis "Hank" Hennessy were married on May 23, 2009, at the Friends Meeting House in Westport, followed by a reception at the Dartmouth Holy Ghost Grounds. Sara is an occupational therapy assistant, and is pursuing a master's degree at UMass-Boston. The couple resides in Truckee, California.

'96

KEVIN WILLIAM TATE, of Athens, Georgia, is engaged to Brandy Alisa Sims. Kevin is

the owner of Tate Construction in Athens. An October 2009 wedding on Tybee Island, Georgia, is planned.

'02

PAMELA LATHROP, of Haverhill, is the new principal of High Plain Elementary School in Andover. She previously served as principal of Franklin Elementary School in North Andover for seven years.

JOHN RYAN and Jessica Mandarini '03 were married on June 21, 2008, at St. Francis Church in Dracut. The couple met at Salem State; they are expecting their first child in

November. John works for the Allen Lund Company. The couple resides in Tewksbury.

'03

JOSHUA DURHAM, of Mannassas, Virginia, was the assistant production office manager for the shooting of the television show P. Diddy's StarMaker, starring P. Diddy. The show airs on MTV.

JESSICA MANDARINI and John Ryan '02 were married on June 21, 2008, at St. Francis Church in Dracut. The couple met at Salem State; they are expecting their first child in

November 2009. Jessica works at State Street Bank. The couple resides in Tewksbury.

LORENZA A. MANIACI is engaged to Sandy J. Calomo. Lorenza is an assistant pharmacist at Eaton Apothecary in Gloucester. A November wedding is planned.

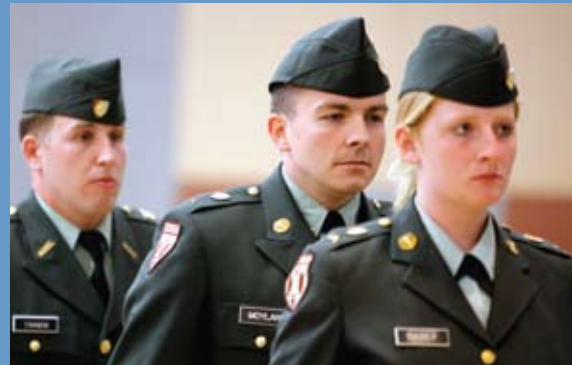
'04

REBECCA MAHONEY, of Hadley, is engaged to Michael Wanczyk. Rebecca is an assistant principal at Gateway Regional Middle School in Huntington.

'05

DIANNE CARAVIELLO, of Andover, received the Unsung Hero Award from the Andover Public Schools on May 8. Dianne is a kindergarten teacher at Bancroft Elementary School, and is the founder of Family-to-Family, a program that helps families with at-risk children deal with outside agencies, organize transportation and search for scholarships.

Alumni Notes
continued on page 35



Vets Tribute Highlights Alumni Weekend



A 1940s USO SHOW, ALUMNI BASEBALL AND TENNIS, A FAMILY BARBEQUE, A GRAND ALUMNI RECEPTION AT THE PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM, AND A SPIRITED TOUR OF SOME OF SALEM'S POPULAR RESTAURANTS AND PUBS. THESE WERE JUST SOME OF THE EVENTS THAT ATTRACTED OVER 700 SALEM STATE GRADS TO ALUMNI WEEKEND 2009 IN JUNE.

By APRIL HALLORAN '09

The first-ever celebration of Salem State's veterans drew over 80 veterans from all branches of the military

The grand scale of events drew "one of the largest groups seen in the past several years," said Eileen O'Brien, the college's director of alumni affairs. The first-ever celebration of Salem State's veterans drew over 80 veterans from all branches of the military to a dinner event on North Campus. It was one of the highlights of the weekend. Members of Salem State's ROTC performed an emotional POW/MIA remembrance ceremony to honor the country's prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action. A table with five empty place settings, representing the five branches of our military, and various symbolic items recognized their service, their honor and our loss.

According to Sam Ohannesian, Salem State's veterans affairs officer, there are approximately 240 veterans currently enrolled at the college. "They come with high morale," says Ohannesian, "and they are very goal oriented."

"Now that we have identified a number of veterans within our alumni community," remarked O'Brien, "we will continue to work with them to develop an alumni veterans network/resource group, as well as a student veterans group, to focus on the unique needs of this community."

For information about how to get involved with our alumni veterans, or with other alumni outreach efforts at Salem State, email alumni@salemstate.edu or call O'Brien at 978.542.7529. ■

Clockwise from the top left on the opposite page: Cadets John Twinem '11, Richard Moylan '12 and Megan Davey '11 take part in the opening ceremony; Twinem speaks with Sergeant Samantha Lord '07, a veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan; Cadets Tim Mangan '11, Twinem, Moylan and Davey conduct the POW/MIA remembrance ceremony honoring the country's prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action; Lester Goodridge '51 and Paul Camello '51 enjoy a laugh; Cadet Mangan salutes; 10-year-old Kyle Murphy after leading the Pledge of Allegiance; and the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment Color Guard.



2009 ALUMNI WEEKEND



Glimpses of Alumni Weekend 2009 are offered above. For more pictures, visit salemstate.edu/alumni and open the media gallery "Alumni Weekend 2009."

JENNIFER MAHER, of Revere, welcomed the arrival of her first child, Nola Rose, on June 14, 2008, in Cambridge. Nola and her parents, Jennifer and Chris, are pictured here at Fenway Park.



MYRA MONTO, of Saugus, was named assistant principal at Belmonte Middle School in Saugus. Myra has taught English at Belmonte for the past 13 years.

'06

PATRICIA BRENNAN, of Beverly, was sworn in as a Salem State police officer in Boston on April 8. She is in the fourth generation of women in her family to graduate from Salem State, and is one of 17 relatives who are Salem State alumni. Prior to this appointment, Patricia worked as a diversion officer in the Massachusetts District Attorney's Office.



BRIAN LINEHAN, of Milton, was the town's unanimous choice for fire chief. Brian joined the department in 1983, and has held the rank of deputy fire chief for nearly 17 years.

JESSICA MARIE MCADAMS and Stephen Weaver were recently married. Jessica is a GIS technician at National Grid. The couple resides in Fitchburg.

'07

AMY VERSCHOOR, of West Newbury, is engaged to her high school sweetheart, Bobby Wilson. Amy is the physical education teacher at Dr. John C. Page Elementary School in West Newbury, and is pursuing her master's degree at Cambridge College.

NINA M. GRISWOLD, of Lawrence, is engaged to Thomas Patrick O'Halloran Jr. She is employed by the Winchester school system.

THEA MAR, of Lynn, is engaged to Jason T. Soohoo. She is the assistant director of financial aid at Fitchburg State College. A September wedding is planned.

'08

JAVIER MARQUEZ, of Salem, is a performer and composer whose recent composition, *Veni, Sancte Spiritus*, won a New England competition and made its public debut in May, when it was performed by the Cantemus Chamber Chorus in Rockport. Javier is the activities director at the North Shore Adult Day Health Center in Lynn. He continues to perform with the instrumental chamber ensembles at Salem State, sings in a choir and plays piano on Sundays at the First Baptist Church in Salem, where he also directs the choir.

VANESSA ONORIO, of Gloucester, is engaged to Patrick R. Silva '08 of Reading. Vanessa is a clinical associate and administrative associate for Addison-Gilbert Hospital in Gloucester. Patrick is a police officer in Reading. An October 2010 wedding is planned.

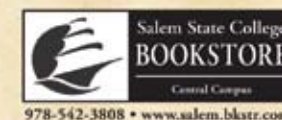
TARA J. ZIMMERMAN is engaged to Shawn M. Noyes. She is a social worker at Elder Service Plan of the North Shore, part of the PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) program in Lynn.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE

Even if you don't remember your fight song.

The Salem State College Bookstore has the best selection of Salem State apparel and gifts.

Visit us in-store or online at www.salem.bkstr.com



978-542-3808 • www.salem.bkstr.com



0198TGG21009A

2009-2010
SALEM STATE COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Erik J. Champy '89, '94G

Vice President

Alyce Davis '75

Coordinating Vice President

Jeremy C. Awori '99

Treasurer

John G. Adrien '89

Assistant Treasurer

Brenda Omondi '99

Secretary

Pamela (Sartorelli) Doherty '92

Historian

Marilyn E. Flaherty '54

Immediate Past President

Anthony T. Guerriero '92

Trustee

Wayne Gates '76

Members at Large:

Faroumata (Fatima) Barry '07
A. Thomas Billings '72, '75G
Linda A. Brown '02, '04G
Jay Carey '04, '06G
Eileen M. Connolly '59, '77G
Jacqueline Coogan '70
Rose DeLuca '73, '03G
Richard F. Durgan '69
Robert D. Ellison '92
Mary L. Enos '56
Dorothy (Mauriello) Foley '48
James Glynn '77
Timothy Gochlert '04
Karen A. Henneberry '64
Judith Josephs '63, '65G
Sheila P. Kearney '54, '67G
Josephine E. Kennedy '72, '76G
Franlinette Khuon '95G
Patricia Libby '71
Andrea Liftman '75
Frank A. Lillo '64, '69G
Dexter McKenzie '95
Jane E. Moroney '60, '62G
Jo-Anne Murphy '77G
Melissa Ogden '00
Gary M. Roach '80
Frederick A. Sannella '64
Deirdre A. Sartorelli '83
Jane R. Thompson '68, '03G
Alfred J. Viselli '59, '64G
Joseph Wamness '00G

IN MEMORIAM

Mary J. Nugent '24

Ruth Berkman (Zion) '28

Mildred E. Towers (Niles) '29

Grace E. Batstone (Batchelder) '30

Doris B. Calvin (Martin) '30

Marion F. Eldredge (Mugridge) '30

Beatrice M. Wilbur (Arthur) '31

Janet M. DeMeule (LeBoeuf) '32

M. Eleanor Connolly (Russell) '34

M. Dorothea Eaton (Sidmore) '34

Ernestine E. Maynard '34

Alice P. Towle (Pellitier) '34

Miriam H. Dodge (Staples) '35

Mary T. Doody (Crotty) '35

Lillian H. Wagshal (Rubin) '36

Virginia A. Holman '37

Queenie Delanjan (Parvanian) '39

Arline A. Walkup (Reynolds) '39

Althea H. Untiet (Quimby) '41

Rita M. Odom (Carney) '42

Robert E. Barry '43

Barbara R. Garneau (Sullivan) '43

Frances E. Crocker (Deleo) '44

Alice R. Jewett (Manning) '44

Anthoula P. Chicklis (Tzanetakos) '47

Mary V. O'Hara (Marrs) '48

Mary E. Follansbee (Boylan) '52

Harry J. Hewitt '52

Leah M. Ferris (Femino) '53

John J. Boyle Jr. '54

John C. Nihan '54, '76G

Gerard R. Gaudet '59

Richard F. Joyce '59

Ruth E. Warren (Farnham) '60

Margaret A. Kelly (Sullivan) '62

Theresa R. Ardagna '63

William P. Doyle Jr. '63G

Joan K. Robinson (Smith) '68

Loran B. Smith '68

H. Sharon Trohon '68

Mary P. Hernon '68G

Anne-Terese A. Carbone (Mascia) '71

Frank M. Osciak '72

Anthony J. Vaughan '74

Francis R. Halas '74G

Donna C. Dannenberg '75

**WHO ARE SALEM
STATE'S 20 MOST
INFLUENTIAL ALUMNI?**

Salem Statement would like to publish a list based on input from its readers. We are seeking a cross-section of individuals, such as community activists, volunteers, educators, firefighters, health care professionals, attorneys, and business leaders. To get the conversation going, here are some names you might recognize: Charlotte Forten 1856, John F. Tierney '73, '09H, Nancy D. Harrington '60, Dr. Mark Girard '98, Suzanne (Revalcon) Green '33, Michael Goldman '73, Tom Thibodeau '81, Henry Bertolon '74, Thomas P. Costin Jr. '62, Nick Costan '75, Dr. Claire Crane '60, Kimberley Driscoll '92, Jean (Dallaire) Durkee '54. Send your suggestions to statement@salemstate.edu.

Southern Italy

Sorrento • Naples • Amalfi Coast • Positano • Pompeii • Capri

NOVEMBER 1-9, 2009

\$1,699 per person
double occupancy
(plus air taxes)

Nine-day tour includes:

Round-trip air fare
Breakfast daily
Dinner daily
Welcome dinner
Farewell dinner
Local guides
Sightseeing
Seven nights accommodation
Luxury motor coach throughout

ALUMNI TRAVEL PROGRAM

Alumni Association
352 Lafayette Street
Salem, MA 01970
salemstate.edu/alumni
978.542.7529

Educating you for life saalemstate.edu

Save the Date

OCTOBER 3

Alumni, friends and family barbecue, part of the Family and Friends Weekend and sponsored by the Salem State Alumni Association

OCTOBER 22

Young Alumni Night at the Improv Asylum in Boston

NOVEMBER 4

Alumni reception in Manchester, New Hampshire

NOVEMBER 5

Alumni reception in Portsmouth, New Hampshire

NOVEMBER 14

Best Practices Conference at Central Campus

NOVEMBER 19

Multicultural Alumni Networking Soiree at the Brew Exchange in Lowell

DECEMBER 3

Alumni reception at the Bar Lola, Tapas Lounge on Commonwealth Avenue, Boston

Contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 978.542.7530 or saalemstate.edu/alumni for more information

