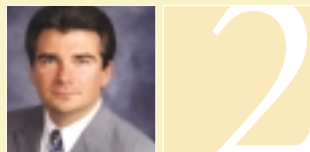


HELLO ALUMNI!



2004 IS A NEW YEAR, AND NJIT AND YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ARE STRIDING FORWARD CONSTRUCTIVELY TOWARD GREATER ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY AS WELL AS TOWARD MORE ALUMNI SERVICES AND EVENTS — DEVELOPMENTS THAT BUILD ON INITIATIVES ENERGIZED IN 2003.

A recently completed strategic plan lays the groundwork to improve alumni engagement by developing more programs, better communications, and broader alumni participation and leadership. Positive changes will be ongoing as we work to implement the plan's recommendations. You can take a look at the strategic plan on the Web at www.njit.edu/publicinfo/pdf/alumni_relations_plan.pdf.

In addition to Alumni Association input into the strategic plan, the past year saw other significant accomplishments. On campus, the Alumni Association sponsored the 2003 9/11 observance, which included the dedication of a plaque naming alumni who lost their lives in the attack on the World Trade Center. Contributions to the Alumni Scholarship Fund amounted to \$175,000, with some \$25,000 going to athletic financial aid. This continuing generous support for NJIT students is greatly appreciated.

NJIT President Robert Altenkirch has taken a very active role in reaching out to alumni. The program of "Meet the President" receptions launched in 2003 is giving alumni in New Jersey and other states the opportunity to share thoughts about the future of the university with President Altenkirch. Along with more of these meetings in 2004, there will be alumni events focused on athletics, such as the Soccer Reunion Weekend recently held in Florida. All of these events are an enjoyable way for alumni to gather, network, and learn more about the many developments under way at our university.

Work is also ongoing to enhance the value of the NJIT Web pages dedicated to alumni. Look for continuing improvements in communicating about events and services available to alumni. In the near future, you will be able to access an on-line alumni directory. So be a regular visitor to the *Alumni & Friends* pages on the NJIT Website.

Of course, we need to hear from you. Keep us abreast of whatever news you would like to share — marriage, a new baby, promotions, publications, travel, a change of address. Stay in touch with your university and classmates by sending news to your Alumni Association using the *Class Notes* form on the Web or via email to alumni-classnotes@njit.edu.

Finally, I encourage you to visit the campus and see how our alma mater is growing. There are a lot of changes on campus — like the dramatic new East Building and Campus Center featured in this issue. Enjoy something to eat in the new cafeteria or Highlander Club. Most importantly, please take pride in all the enhancements being made at NJIT to our academic programs and campus, and in the investments being made for future alums! These exciting developments wouldn't be possible without the generosity of our current alumni. The continued success of NJIT depends on alums willing to give the gifts of time, wisdom, and treasure.

Rick A. de Pinho '88, '91
President, NJIT Alumni Association

What's new? Do you have a new job, addition to your family, honor, award or publication to share? We want to hear from you!

There are now three ways to send us a class note. Clicking on *Alumni Resources* under *Alumni & Friends* at www.njit.edu and then *Class Notes* will give you access to a form that you can use to share your news. You can also send email and photographs to alumni-classnotes@njit.edu. Or mail notes and photos with your graduation year(s) to:

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A Theme with a Kick to It

READING THE NJIT ICON PROFILES IN THIS ISSUE, WE'RE SURE YOU'LL NOTICE A THEME — SOCCER. WITH NJIT MOVING TO NCAA DIVISION I IN MEN'S SOCCER, WE THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM SOME ALUMNI WHO PLAYED OR COACHED AT THE UNIVERSITY IN THE PAST, AND FOR WHOM SOCCER CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF LIFE.

1960s

Jerry Schaufeld '62 is director of the Samuel Slater Fund, which provides seed investment funding for new high-tech companies in Rhode Island.

Richard Raczynski '69, who is employed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, was chosen Government Engineer of the Year for 2003 by the North Jersey Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mal & Friends



AUTHOR: MAL SIMON is professor emeritus of physical education and athletics at NJIT. After joining the faculty in 1955, he served as director of physical education and athletics, and coached the men's soccer team for 30 years. In 1993, Mal was awarded the Cullimore Medal for his many years of dedicated service to the university.

Kenneth W. Hammond '79 and Wendy A. Gruenewald '97 have been inducted into the NJIT Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame for 2003. Ken Hammond finished his college sports career as NJIT's 14th soccer All-American. During his four playing seasons, the university posted a 35-15-2 record and reached the NCAA Division III Tournament three times. His younger brother, Steve '81, was a teammate on two of these teams. Ken played professional soccer with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers in the North American Soccer League and with the Detroit Express in the American Soccer League. Ken worked for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, before moving recently to Orlando, Florida. He has remained active in soccer as a coach and clinician. Ken holds a United States Soccer Federation coaching license, has coached high school soccer in Detroit, and is currently coaching youth teams in Orlando.

Wendy Gruenewald participated in basketball, soccer, softball and volleyball. She is the only NJIT women's basketball player with more than 1000 points and 1000 rebounds. Wendy earned all-conference honors in three sports, was twice named NJIAW and NCAA Woman Athlete of the Year, and was chosen as NJIT's Most Outstanding Female Athlete in her senior year. She was an honor student and member of honor societies Pi Tau Sigma and Omicron Delta Kappa. She is married to Joe Streidl '97. Wendy joins Marilyn Dawson '86 and Liz Goldrick '90 in the Hall of Fame.

Coincidentally, Wendy, Joe, Liz and her husband, Tom Pitt, are among the couples who met at NJIT. Wendy was introduced to Joe by one of her professors, who suggested that Joe tutor Wendy in a mechanical engineering class. Joe was president of Pi Tau Sigma and the ASME student chapter, business manager of *The Vector*, and a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

After graduation in 1997, Joe and Wendy accepted positions with Northrup Grumman Corporation in Baltimore, taking them away from families and friends in New Jersey. During one of their car-pool trips to New Jersey, Joe asked Wendy out for a date. After a year and a half of dating, Joe surprised Wendy on her birthday with a trip to the Bahamas for the Thanksgiving weekend and, while there, surprised her further with a proposal for marriage. They were married in January 2001 at the Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark. Wendy and Joe live in Catonsville, Maryland, and are expecting their first child.

Liz, who also played four sports at NJIT, was on the softball team in her freshman year and Tom was assisting Coach Bob Moran. They began dating that summer and married in April 1992. Liz worked as a process engineer for Fluor Daniel Engineering and Construction Company for three years, taking maternity leave in 1993. She has since been a stay-at-home mom for their three children, Austin, Colleen, and Ryan.

Liz and Tom live in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Their lives revolve around their children and their activities — Liz as a softball and volleyball coach and Girl Scout leader, and Tom as president of the Home and School Association and Cub Scout leader. Tom, who was active in NJIT's theatre program and sang at NJIT President Fenster's retirement party, sings in their church's choir and local choral groups.



(From left) NJIT Athletics Director Leonard Kaplan, alumni Kenneth Hammond and Wendy Gruenewald, and NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch

NJIT is seeking nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame for 2004. You can contact Len Kaplan, Athletic Director, at Kaplan@njit.edu or by phone at 973-596-3638. In that regard, anyone who knows the address of any member of Andrew Brown's family should contact Len or me. Andy, who played soccer at NCE from 1956-60 and was a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity, has been selected for posthumous induction into the Hall of Fame and we would like to contact his wife, Patricia, or any other family member.

Bill "Chick" Garro '62, Dick Mazik '63, Pete Szabados '61 and Milt Wildrick '62 joined me at the memorial service for teammate Bob Zlotnick '64 in October 2003. Also attending were Joe '86 and Maggie Dias. At the service, Maggie noted that they had never met Bob but will never forget his warm relationship with them and the long phone calls and gifts to their son, Evan, during Evan's year-long struggle with leukemia. Joe and Maggie have taken on the responsibility for three foster children — boys ages 7, 5 and 3 — and are hoping to adopt them.

Ernie Andalcio '75, executive director, site head informatics for Pfizer Global Research and Development in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was honored with Pfizer's Dr. Marissa Jackson Leadership Award. The award is given in honor of Jackson's achievements as director of clinical pharmacology and the international acclaim accorded her work involving data-research studies of new drugs. Ernie was cited for exemplifying the core Pfizer values of leadership, innovation, integrity, teamwork and performance.

At NJIT, Ernie played varsity soccer, competed on the forensics team, and was active on *The Vector*, in Alpha Phi Alpha and the Black Society of Student Engineers. He has done graduate work in organizational dynamics at the University of Pennsylvania and has completed a business executive leadership course at the University of Michigan. Ernie, who keeps in shape by participating in rowing (sculling and crew), coaches youth soccer. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with his wife, Deborah, and sons Christopher and Sean.

Architect Arvind Tikku '85 and four colleagues have left the Hillier firm to form a new architecture practice in Princeton named Ikon.5 Architects. Between 1986 and 2002, the principals of Ikon.5 worked closely together, leading Hillier's Higher Education Studio and building an extensive portfolio of work that includes commissions at Arizona State, Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Duke, Howard, Johns Hopkins, NJIT, Princeton, Rutgers and Southern Methodist. Their accomplishments also include facilities for clients such as DuPont, Hoffmann-LaRoche and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Ikon.5 will continue to focus on colleges and universities and hopes to branch out into other areas appropriate to their experience. For more information, check out their Website at www.ikon5architects.com.

Another NJIT alumnus who has formed a new company is Carlos Restrepo '82. Carlos joins Steve Kahn as principals of Kahn-Restrepo Construction and Development Inc. Located in Boca Raton, Florida, the new firm will specialize in architecture, interior design, and general and roofing construction. Carlos can be contacted at restcar@gate.net.

Dick Chmielewski '70 joined the Peace Corps in the summer of 2003 and has been assigned to the Ministry of Health in Jamaica, BWI, where he works in the environmental health sector. His projects include developing regulations for drinking-water quality and reviewing plans and for water- and sewage-treatment systems. Dick can be contacted at dcres@hotmail.com.

Brenda Zabriskie DeNure, former NJIT women's basketball coach and assistant director of athletics, is recovering from extensive successful surgery to remove a tumor from her back. Fortunately, the tumor was benign. She can be contacted at bdenure@aol.com or at 973-927-2932.

NJIT Alumni Soccer Chapter News

Winners at the 2003 Soccer Alumni golf outing were Milt Wildrick `62 (low gross), Richard Schroeder `66 (low net and longest drive), Bill Morris `82 (most accurate drive) and Mike D'Antuono `60 (most honest score). Roy Knutsen `62 will host next year's golf outing at the Lake Mohawk Country Club in Sparta, New Jersey.

The 2004 Florida Soccer Reunion, hosted by Alfonso Cardenas `89, Manuel Garrido `68 and Alvaro Piedrahita `73, was held in Miami on February 13-15. Any former NJIT soccer player who wishes to get on the chapter's mailing list should contact me or Bill Morris `82 at bmorris@epicbuilds.com. We would especially like to hear from younger alumni who played on the men's and women's teams.

Keep all the news coming to my new email address: coach7157@yahoo.com

Now for more about accomplishments and notable events in the lives of NJIT alumni —

Taking Note of 50 Years — and a Special Guest



Members of the NCE Class of 1953 reunited on campus in October 2003 to mark the half century that has passed since their graduation.



Robert F. Schwarzwald (center), who graduated in 1929, was a special guest of the `53 class at a reception hosted by NJIT President Robert A. Altenkirch at his home. On the far left is NCE Dean Thomas R. Blake.

Class of `54 to Celebrate the Half-Century Mark

Members of the Class of 1954 are invited to the NJIT campus in October to celebrate their 50th reunion. The reunion committee, chaired by Marvin Smith, is finalizing the date and activities as well as getting a yearbook ready for printing. Assisting Smith are John Abate, Charlie Jasper, Hank Krauss, Art Linfante and Jack Mulligan.

The reunion committee will send a letter to `54 classmates with details and inviting submission of a photo for the yearbook and a few words about what's happened over the past 50 years. The deadline for yearbook submissions is August 1. If the letter hasn't arrived before *NJIT Magazine*, you can contact Marvin Smith at mfsmith@optonline.net or 732-566-7683. The mailing address is Class of `54 Reunion Committee, c/o Marvin Smith, 81 Avondale Lane, Aberdeen, NJ 07747-1239. The committee gladly welcomes more help in making the reunion a success.

The Class of 1954 Reunion Committee has a Website at <http://nce54.homestead.com/index.html>. There you'll find write-ups submitted by class members who give permission for their information to be posted. The Website is password-protected, but `54 alumni may request passwords from the Webmaster, Hank Krauss, by clicking on the email icon.

ICONS CILENTO FAMILY

NJIT AND SOCCER — A
CILENTO FAMILY TRADITION

Does a love for soccer run in families? Based on the Cilento family, you'd have to conclude the answer is "yes." Brothers Rodolfo (known as Rudy) and Guido, as well as Guido's son Guy (short for Guido), all played for the team during their years at NJIT.

It all started in a small town near Salerno, Italy, where Rudy and Guido grew up. Along with their sister, they emigrated to the U.S. in 1950. Although they were American citizens (their father had been born in New York), they didn't speak English. "I started learning English on the boat," says Rudy '54. At Newark College of Engineering, he quickly



Nerina and Rudy Cilento

mastered the language while he studied chemical engineering. After graduation, he served in the Army in France, and, in 1956, he married his wife, Nerina. When they returned to the U.S. in 1957, Rudy began working in pharmaceutical research and development at Bristol-Myers Squibb, where he stayed for 37 years. He retired in 1993; today, he and his wife live in Sunset Beach, North Carolina.

Of his years at NCE, Rudy recalls, "It was a great experience. I received encouragement and help from the dean of students, from colleagues and from professors. I have very fond memories of all that I learned and experienced." One memory he cherishes is his three-year stint on the soccer team. "I was happy to be with the team. And because I'd only been in the country a couple of years, it was fun and interesting to travel with the team to Long Island, Jersey City, and other

places." However, he modestly adds, "I was not a great player. For that, you have to talk to my brother."

Indeed, Guido '61 played soccer throughout his time at NCE, where he enrolled as a Korean War veteran under the GI Bill. "In Italy, I grew up with soccer, it was my favorite sport. I tended to be good at it." Perhaps modesty runs in families, too? Guido was co-captain of the NCE team that won a national championship in 1960-61. "We did better than we ever expected," he remarks. "The team had a good collection of foreign-born players, and that helped a lot." Cheering him on at every game was his wife Josephine, who, he jokingly adds, has a "PhT" (Put her Husband Through).

Guido studied mechanical engineering at NCE and went on to get a master's degree in business from the University of New Haven. Until he retired in 1996, his two major fields were fluids purification and filtration, and gas metering and gas-pressure regulation. He worked for a number of companies that manufactured products for utilities, such as Singer Company and American Meter. Guido and his family — he and his wife have two sons and a daughter — moved around quite a bit, from New Jersey to Connecticut, to New York, back to New Jersey, and then to Kentucky. For the last four years, he and his wife have lived in New Paltz, New York, where they moved to be near their three grandchildren.

Guido's education at NCE was, he says, "ideal for the career I picked, working with small companies and relatively small engineering groups, where you needed to be a jack of all trades." And soccer, he adds, was a key positive influence. "It relies very much on teamwork, and that applies to life in general, to work conditions, and to family matters."

Speaking of family matters, Guido's son, Guy '84, also played soccer at NJIT, where he majored in computer science. "One of the reasons I chose NJIT was soccer. My father recommended it for the academics and for the soccer coach," says Guy. It turns out that both father and son had the same coach, Mal Simon. And, like his dad, Guy was co-captain of the team during his senior year. "Our team did pretty well, although we didn't win any championships," he says.

Guy, who is single, lives in Bethesda, Maryland, where he works for a small consulting company,



Guido D. Cilento '61 with sons Guido R. '84 (right) and Dominic at Colgate University Soccer Camp in 1976 — proof that “the derivative of soccer equals family time and fun” according to the Cilento family. The senior Cilento in the picture also reports that Dominic and daughter TerriAnn are accomplished soccer players at Scranton University and Ithaca College.

writing help software. Soccer remains an important part of his life, although these days he's a spectator rather than a player. “I played in a men's league until recently. I had to stop because my legs were giving out and I was getting injured. But I miss it a lot.” Still, some of his best friends are from his NJIT soccer team.

What explains the family's love for soccer? Rudy and Guido attribute it to growing up in Italy, where soccer is ubiquitous. As Rudy explains, “In Italy, perhaps more than any place else, people are crazy about soccer. It's soccer, soccer, soccer. They talk soccer and they dream soccer.” Guido continued that custom with his son, Guy, who says “I grew up with soccer.” And it looks like the next generation of Cilentos will carry on the tradition. Says Guido, “We all still play, and we play soccer with our grandchildren.”

— Karen Baar

1970s

Carlton W. Josephs MS '70 recently earned PE registration in the state of Georgia. He is also registered in New York State. Retired from Corning Inc., he is currently a consultant in electrical engineering.

Glenn Steiger '70, MS '87 is manager of the Imperial Irrigation District Power Department (IID — El Centro) in California. He will manage the operation of California's sixth largest power utility.

Robert Boxer '72 is the new director of the Department of Public Works for the Town of Herdon, Virginia.

Ernest Duckworth, Jr. MS '72 is president of the Lightning Protection and Grounding Institute (LPGI). He is a registered Professional Engineer in Colorado, New Mexico and Virginia.

Peter A. Nese '76 has joined Schoor DePalma as executive vice president and director of the water resources division.

Robert M. Haas '77 is director of materials management at Underwood-Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, New Jersey.

1980s

Al Gillen '81 is research director for system software at IDC, a market intelligence and advisory firm in the information technology and telecommunications industries.

Bryan Hall '81 has been appointed executive vice president of sales and business development for Pedestal Networks, which provides broadband communications solutions.

Paul E. Kaufmann '83 has joined STV Incorporated's National Transportation Group in Newark, New Jersey, as manager of bus-systems engineering. He has over 19 years of experience specifying, procuring and operating bus fleets, most recently as senior director of bus equipment and design for New Jersey Transit.


ICONS JOHN ROZEMBERSKY

STILL KICKING AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

"We may have to take some ibuprofen after a match, but we're still playing to win," says John Rozembersky of himself and his teammates in their New England "Over 30-50" soccer league. And win they do. Last year, Rozembersky's select New England team, which he captained, won the U.S. over-50 national championship tournament in West Virginia. This summer, the team will represent the U.S. in the international tournament to be held in Hawaii.

Soccer has been a life-long passion and learning experience for Rozembersky, a 1972 NJIT graduate with a degree in chemical engineering. Over the decades during which he has built a solid career as a corporate executive and entrepreneur, Rozembersky says that being involved with soccer has been key in developing the interpersonal skills needed for effective teamwork and taking on life's challenges off the playing field.



John Rozembersky today (top) and on the playing field (above) in 1971

"I'VE SEEN SOCCER INFLUENCE THE LIVES OF MY PLAYERS IN MANY OF THE SAME WAYS THAT IT HAS HELPED ME."

Rozembersky's soccer background was already impressive when he transferred to NJIT after a year at Stevens Institute, having been selected to join a statewide New York team as a high-school player. At NJIT, he says, coach Mal Simon brought out the best in every player. "Mal really knew how to motivate and challenge the talented group of players we had so that we would excel not only as individuals but also as a team." In his senior year, Rozembersky was nominated an All-American college player.

Asked why he left Stevens for NJIT, Rozembersky answers that, in his view, the curriculum at Stevens was geared toward fundamental theoretical concepts. "I was looking for a more applied, hands-on approach to engineering, and that's what I found at Newark College of Engineering," he says.

When it came to soccer, NJIT in those days offered a playing environment that was less structured in terms of competition among schools. "If you look at the schools we played back then, it was a strong mix of Division I and II teams by today's standards," Rozembersky explains. "And we did quite well, as we were ranked in the top 20 in the nation during the '70 and '71 seasons. It's very appropriate that NJIT is now on the way to official Division I designation."

NCAA rules back then allowed a college athlete like Rozembersky to play as an amateur for semi-professional teams during the off-season. As a member of the New York Hungaria in the German-Hungarian Soccer League, he helped the team win two U.S. national titles.

During the three years that Rozembersky played for NJIT, his team twice made it to national tournaments, though they did not finish with championships. "In the 1971 playoffs held in North Carolina, a four-inch snow storm played havoc with the tournament and schedule," he reminisces. "It's amazing how chaotic things can become in parts of the country that are not familiar with dealing with the white stuff."

One of the most memorable aspects of Rozembersky's soccer career at NJIT was the personal background of the talent on the team during those years. "Players from Central and

Eastern Europe, the Middle East and, of course, South America were the core of our roster. We were an international group that respected and supported each other. Making the effort to understand all of the cultures represented on the team developed a strong bond and chemistry that helped to build skills important later in our careers.”

After graduation, professional accomplishment complemented Rozembersky's success in soccer. His career started in marketing and sales at American Cyanamid, although he shortly left to help manage his father's construction business, which was going through a difficult period. Rozembersky had worked with his father since he was a child, and he was able to turn their business around.

Then, after four years in which he also completed the course requirements for an MS in chemical engineering at NJIT, Rozembersky joined Millipore Corporation, a Massachusetts-based firm specializing in the fast-growing field of membrane separation technology for biopharmaceutical applications. Rozembersky says that making the move from running a successful business to starting as an engineer at Millipore was a difficult decision. But his grandfather's “strong recommendation” resolved any indecision. Within five years, he was director of engineering for the company's chromatography division.

After eight years at Millipore, Rozembersky had another tough career choice to make. On the same day that he was called into his manager's office and offered the position of director for all of Millipore's North American operations, he submitted his resignation — to launch a new company in the membrane-separation field with three associates. “My manager was surprised and shocked, to say the least, that I turned down his very attractive offer and preferred, instead, to face the risks of starting my own company. But I had to do it. In all seriousness, playing soccer on a high competitive level taught me not to walk away from a challenge, that you have to find out if you can make the goal.”

Rozembersky and his associates did indeed score a goal with their company, Filtron Technology Corp. Their ultrafiltration solutions in the life-

science, pharmaceutical and bio-technology fields eventually generated annual sales close to \$20 million. In 1995, Pall Corporation acquired Filtron. Rozembersky has stayed on at Pall as a vice president and today is responsible for global technical sales support in the area of tangential flow filtration in the biopharmaceutical market.

But soccer is never far from Rozembersky's mind and personal schedule. Holder of a national coach's license, he combines playing with coaching youth town, select and club teams. Currently, he coaches a girls' under-18 team for the Bandits, a soccer club based in Groton, Massachusetts. He also founded the Acton Boxborough Cosmos, a highly successful select team, and over the past 15 years has developed two generations of skilled male and female players. (A “generation” refers to players 10 to 18 years old). One young woman currently playing for Boston College also practices with the U.S. National Team.

In addition to taking his teams to high-level tournaments in the United States, Rozembersky has traveled internationally with his players. Several years ago he took his team to England to practice with the professional Middlesbrough Football Club on route to the prestigious Gothia Cup youth tournament in Sweden. Another trip that included Iceland was an experience beyond their expectations, he says.

“I've seen soccer influence the lives of my players in many of the same ways that it has helped me,” Rozembersky reflects. “You learn how to be a team player as well as a leader, to be on the same page with everyone you work with to achieve a common goal. You learn that success in life really requires challenging yourself and living outside your comfort zone. I've seen my players excel not only on the field but also in the classroom — all eventually become honor-roll students.”

As for his own experiences playing soccer these days, Rozembersky says that he plays the same position he did at NJIT — left wing midfielder. “It's the same as it was in college and in the over-30, over-40 and over-50 leagues. Playing the game with the same love, passion and competitiveness.”

ICONS JIM STAMATIS

BUILDING ON AND OFF THE
SOCCER FIELD

Jim Stamatis is a builder. As a civil engineer with The Louis Berger Group, Inc., he oversees a wide range of the company's projects in a region that encompasses Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Stamatis is also a builder on the soccer field, building winning youth teams as a coach and helping to develop values essential for success in life as well as soccer.

Today, Stamatis is a senior vice president at the Berger Group, one of the world's leading infrastructure, engineering, environmental science and economic development firms. In soccer, as a coach with a national license, he works with teams organized by The Players Development Academy (PDA). Based in New Jersey, this non-profit

college soccer players. This singular honor is comparable to football's Heisman Trophy. On the field, his performance earned him selection for the Pan American Games Team, the U.S. Under-23 National Team and the U.S. Olympic Team.

Then, although he hadn't completed his degree at Penn State, professional soccer beckoned. "I played for the Pennsylvania Stoners, the Denver Avalanche and the San Diego Sockers," Stamatis says. "Playing pro soccer was a great experience, but an injury put an end to that phase of my life and I decided that I'd better look into making a living in the consulting engineering field. I had to use my head and team skills in quite a different way."

Stamatis, a native of the Bethlehem area in Pennsylvania, explains that at this turning point in his life he was also planning to marry and that

his fiancée was a New Jerseyan. That's how he became a student at Newark College of Engineering. In Newark, soccer was still very much a part of his life, though now as assistant varsity coach working with Efraim Borja and former coach and athletic director Mal Simon. While Stamatis did earn a few dollars from coaching, money was hardly what led him back to the soccer field. "I love the



Jim Stamatis (far left) with the Under-12 Boys Team that he helped coach to a Region I Championship (Northeast U.S.) in the summer of 2002.

"I LOVE THE GAME, AND COACHING HAS ALLOWED ME TO EXPERIENCE ALL ITS EXCITEMENT ALONG WITH HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BECOME BETTER PLAYERS AND GAIN SOME IMPORTANT VALUES AND LIFE SKILLS."

organization is committed to competing at the highest levels through programs that help young people build soccer skills and foster sportsmanship, citizenship and fair play.

Stamatis has had quite an odyssey toward his present level of professional and athletic accomplishment, one that includes his 1985 NJIT engineering degree. But before he came to NJIT, he spent several years at Penn State, where he continued to hone the athletic prowess that had made him a championship player in high school.

In 1979, Stamatis won the Hermann Trophy, awarded annually by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America to outstanding Division I

game, and coaching has allowed me to experience all its excitement along with helping young people become better players and gain some important values and life skills."

Finally, civil-engineering degree in hand, Stamatis joined the Berger Group, which is headquartered in East Orange, New Jersey. His avid interest in soccer hardly diminished, although for the better part of a decade scoring goals in engineering took precedence over active participation as a player or coach. However, the addition of two children to life's equation prompted his return to coaching and playing, and increasing involvement in youth soccer.

In addition to his current affiliation with The Players Development Academy, Stamatis has coached various community and traveling teams, taking many of his players on to championships. He has coached teams that include the Union Rockets, the Clark Conquistadors, the PDA Socrates, and a boys' Olympic development team sponsored by the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association. Among the honors garnered by his teams are three New Jersey State Cup championships and two Region I (encompassing 13 northeastern states) championships with two different teams.

"It's all a lot of fun, of course," Stamatis says of soccer once again having become a part of his life and helping to balance the demands of his community involvement. "However, there's much more to it than that. As a student, I actually did better academically when I had to organize my time to hit the books as well as practice and play. You have to be more focused, to make the best use of your time.

"There are many studies that support how playing a team sport like soccer can have a positive influence on young people in everything from better overall fitness to increased self-esteem. In addition, studies by leading business schools show that prospective employees who have participated on sports teams, especially successful teams, will be more successful in the workplace because of their strongly developed sense of both teamwork and personal dedication."

Stamatis admits that advocating the character-building benefits of team athletics can sound like a cliché. "You hear about it all the time," he says. "But that's because it's true. You do learn to work together to meet challenges and try your best as a group to reach worthwhile goals.

"You also learn that there are times when you have to give something extra from inside yourself to help others achieve something greater, and that it may not be the easiest thing to do. I think we can all agree that this is a valuable lesson to take away from any playing field."

_John Yakimik '84 is the new borough engineer for Allendale Borough, New Jersey.

_Andy Kamilaris '85 was named Engineer of the Year by the North Jersey Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

_Tim Krulan '88, director of fire services for Cintas Corporation, has been appointed to the New Jersey Fire Protection Equipment Advisory Committee by Governor James E. McGreevey.

_Ying Wu MS '88, chairman and chief executive officer of UTStarcom China, has been named one of China's top ten "movers and shakers" by *China Business Weekly*. Wu, a global leader in the telecommunications industry, has pledged \$1.5 million to NJIT's electrical and computer engineering department for graduate fellowships.

1990s

_Christopher J. Taylor '93 was named Young Engineer of the Year for 2003 by the North Jersey Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Taylor is employed by Systra Consulting in Bloomfield, New Jersey.

_Abdel A. Denho MS '95 has been named a principal professional at Vollmer Associates, a national engineering, architecture, landscape architecture and planning firm.

_Humberto Baquerizo '96 has received a Community Award from Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) Inc. He was nominated for the award by the Citywide Boston Hispanic Center. In 2002, Entravision Communications Corporation promoted Baquerizo to retail sales manager for WUTF-TV, Boston's new Telefutera Network station, the sister station of Univision.

_Gregory Blasi '96 has joined Ford, Farewill Mills and Gatsch, Architects, LLC. The experience that he brings to his new position

ranges from corporate interiors to civic and residential design and construction administration.

_Robert DiBartolo MS '98 has been promoted to associate with Maser Consulting P.A., an engineering firm based in Matawan, New Jersey. He is a licensed professional engineer in New Jersey and a certified public manager.

2000s

_Hung Lieu '00 is now serving in Iraq as an officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. His responsibilities include helping to rebuild the communications infrastructure and provide coalition troops with the communications capabilities needed to accomplish their mission.

_Stephen R. Sutpin MS '01 has joined Church & Dwight Co. in Princeton, New Jersey, as contract packaging manager. Previously, he worked as an industrial engineer at Oki Data and Chesapeake Display & Packaging Co.

In Memoriam

Walter L. Brytczuk '30
Peter J. Skurla '41
Vincent J. Bonadies '42
John M. Rausch, Jr. '42
Frank Antalec '43
Conrad Nordfors '49
Robert L. Emery '52
Walter I. McCann '54
Charles P. Gillies '56
Frank V. Carrea '58
William J. Librizzi, Jr. '58
Frederick C. Borjes '59
Edward C. Lis '60
Alfred J. Salomon '60
Robert P. Furth '62
William J. Fricke '64
Thomas F. O'Neill '64
Louis Gausman '65
Charles O. Thelen '65
James E. Wilson '65
Peter A. Jaroszewski '66
George V. Tines, Sr. '69
Anne Kaslusky '73
Michael J. Carvill '85
Jorge Luis Vidal '97

ALUMNI CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, April 28

Annual Banquet — College of Science and Liberal Arts

Guest Speaker: Sylvia Nasar, journalist, economist, educator and award winning author of *A Beautiful Mind*

For more information, contact Khatmeh Osseiran-Hanna at 973-596-8548.

MARCH

Alumni Athletic Geo-Reunion, St. Petersburg

Saturday, March 6

Hosted by Vincent Naimoli '62, managing general partner/ CEO Tampa Bay Devil Rays

Barbeque and Tampa Bay Devil Rays Spring Training Game

11:30 a.m. barbeque

1:05 p.m. Tampa Bay Devil Rays vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

Progress Energy Park, Home of Al Lang Field St. Petersburg, Florida

For information: call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu

NJIT Spring Career Fair

Career development for recent alumni

Wednesday, March 24, free event for alumni

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

NJIT Zoom Fleisher Athletic Center

For information: visit www.njit.edu/cds or call Jo-Ann Raines at 973-596-3250

Civil and Environmental Engineering Alumni Breakfast

Meet CEE faculty and students, network with alumni in the field

Thursday, March 25, free event for alumni

Featured speaker: Patrick Natale, PE, '70, '75, executive director of the American Society of Civil Engineers

8:30 a.m., Room 3730, NJIT Guttenberg Information Technologies Center

For information: contact Jane McClellan at 973-596-3408 or mcclellan@njit.edu

Meet the President Reception, San Francisco

Sunday, March 28

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hotel Nikko

222 Mason Street San Francisco, California www.hotelnikkosf.com

For information: call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu

Meet the President Reception, Palo Alto

Monday, March 29

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Restaurant Zibibbo, Garden Room 430 Kipling Street Palo Alto, California www.restaurantzibibbo.com

For information: call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu

Meet the President Reception, San Diego

Tuesday, March 30

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hotel Del Coronado 1500 Orange Avenue Coronado, California www.hoteldel.com

For information: call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu

APRIL

Government Contracting for Small Businesses

Free workshop for small businesses that want to obtain state and federal government contracts

Friday, April 16

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room 3710, NJIT Guttenberg Information Technologies Center

For information: contact Letty Jumbo at 973-596-3105 or jumbo@njit.edu

Meet the President Reception, Philadelphia

Hosted by Ronald Panitch '62

Tuesday, April 27

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center 525 Arch Street Independence Mall Philadelphia, Pennsylvania www.constitutioncenter.org

For information: call the Alumni Office at 973-596-3441 or email Dottie at d.david-wilson@njit.edu

MAY

Government Contracting for Small Businesses

Free workshop for small businesses that want to obtain state and federal government contracts

Friday, May 7

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room 3710, NJIT Guttenberg Information Technologies Center

For information: contact Letty Jumbo at 973-596-3105 or jumbo@njit.edu

JUNE

Government Contracting for Small Businesses

Free workshop for small businesses that want to obtain state and federal government contracts

Friday, June 4

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room 3710, NJIT Guttenberg Information Technologies Center

For information: contact Letty Jumbo at 973-596-3105 or jumbo@njit.edu

Installation Dinner, Alumni Association of NJIT

Saturday, June 5

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

New Jersey Performing Arts Center 36 Park Place Newark, New Jersey www.njpac.org

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