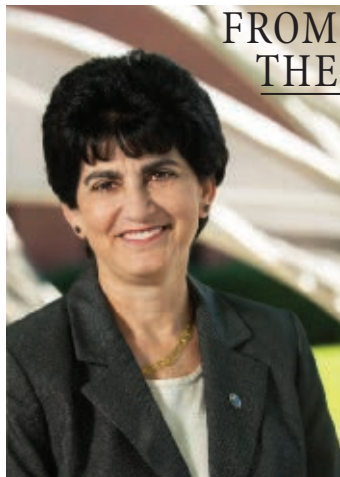


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**The Inauguration of
President Mary A. Papazian**



FROM THE President

Dear Southern Alumni,

Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting many of our returning alumni at our Homecoming activities that included the annual Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards Luncheon. It's always inspiring to hear our alums reflect on their days at Southern and listen to their observations about the current university and its continuing evolution.

This year's alumni honorees once again displayed the benefits of a Southern education. Our two main award winners, Clifford Nordquist Jr., and James O'Connell IV, both Class of '90 graduates and roommates, established Just Bagels, a celebrated New York City institution based in the Bronx that has now become a national brand. In doing so, they displayed the creative thinking and spirit of entrepreneurship that we seek to develop and nurture in all of our students.

I believe that a strong liberal arts core is a key element of workforce development, which as we know is a hot-button issue at the state Capitol. We all recognize that while workforce development prepares our students for their first jobs, it is a liberal education that prepares them to face and accommodate the inevitable change that is more and more characterizing our economy. Our alumni awardees are living proof of this.

On September 21, we celebrated another watershed day for Southern with the ribbon cutting for our new School of Business — with Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman, several legislators, and other business and political leaders in attendance. Southern now has a first-class home for its business programs, which are among the most in-demand from our students. Under the astute leadership of Dean Ellen Durnin, the School of Business is well positioned to be responsive to the needs of businesses and entrepreneurs, and build partnerships that will add value to students, faculty, and the entire state.

The event was also a thrill for me personally, as it was the first major building project to open under my

administration — and it certainly will not be the last! We will break ground for both the Buley Library renovation and the new science lab building in February, bringing with them new opportunities for academic growth and outreach. Enrollment in the STEM disciplines has increased by almost 20 percent in the last five years and, with the new building on the horizon, we are working to expand our offerings in these areas. For example, four new faculty lines that we added for this fall will be filled by hires in bionanotechnology, computer science security, bioethics, and chemical technology.

The Business School ribbon cutting took place during an extended week of activities celebrating Southern and culminating in my inauguration as the university's 11th president on September 28. As I said during my inaugural remarks, I am truly honored to be installed as the president of an energetic and notable institution with such strong values and traditions. I will do my utmost to lead Southern forward for the next decade to meet the increasing challenges of higher education in an ever more complex and demanding world.

I am excited about what the future holds for the coming years. Yes, these remain uncertain economic times, but I am convinced that together we can successfully embrace the opportunities and address the ongoing challenges facing Southern and universities nationwide. After all, we are all engaged in a common enterprise — the success of our students — and together we can make wonderful things happen.

Sincerely,

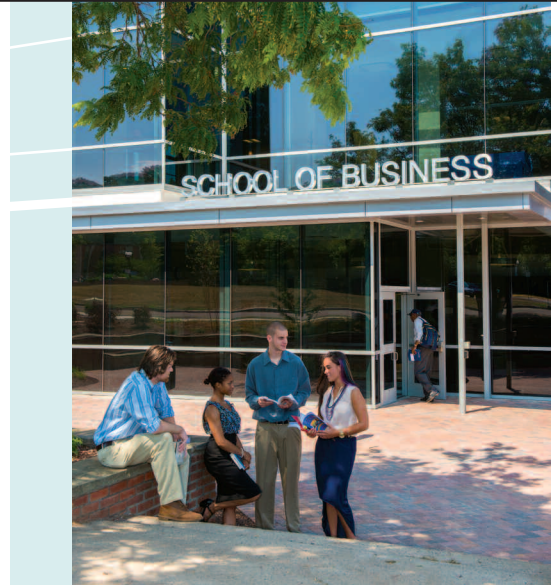
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary A. Papazian'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mary A. Papazian, Ph.D.
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Papazian Installed as 11th President



Mary A. Papazian, Ph.D., outlined her vision for Southern during her inauguration on Sept. 28, underscoring the importance of preparing students for a knowledge-based society and ensuring that the university is a significant player in higher education in the state and region.

“We must make it clear to the public, to the business community, and to the political establishment that investing in an institution like Southern is not only an investment in the students who attend the university, but also by extension, it is an investment in the whole community and – and this isn’t overstating it – in the very future of America,” said Papazian at the event, which was held at the university’s John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

Papazian is the 11th president in Southern’s storied 119-year history. She is the second woman to hold the position, following Cheryl J. Norton, who led the university from 2004 to 2010. Papazian also is believed to be the first Armenian-American woman to lead a U.S. university, according to the *Armenian Weekly*. More information on Papazian, including an interview detailing her background and goals for the university, is on page 10 and at SouthernCT.edu/inauguration2012/.

■ Southern Granted Reaccreditation

Like many U.S. colleges and universities, Southern undergoes a voluntary review by a regional accrediting agency approximately every ten years. Following a comprehensive evaluation in fall 2011, the university was reaccredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) through its Commission on Institutions of Higher Education.

Colleges and universities that have received NEASC accreditation have been found to meet standards in 11 key areas, including their academic program, faculty, physical and technological resources, and financial resources.

Additional information on the reaccreditation process, including Southern’s self-study report, an overview of NEASC standards, and a letter from NEASC announcing Southern’s reaccreditation, can be found at SouthernCT.edu/neasc.

■ **Southern Partner in \$31.5 Million Student-Success Grant**

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Connecticut a \$31.5 million, seven-year grant for the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) – and Southern is one of three colleges and universities in the state taking part in the initiative.

The program is designed to significantly increase the number of low-income students pre-

pared to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. In step with this goal, it also will provide scholarships for eligible high school seniors. About 3,000 students in East Haven, New Haven, and Waterbury will take part in Connecticut GEAR UP, which begins while they are in middle school and follows them through high school and their first year of college. Participants will benefit from a wide variety of services, including student mentoring, summer enrichment programs, student and parent work-

shops on topics such as financing college, campus visits, professional development for school teachers, and college scholarships.

Running through 2019, the program is a community-wide partnership among the Connecticut Board of Regents for Higher Education, three higher education institutions – Southern, Manchester Community College, and Naugatuck Valley Community College – and their local school districts.

At Southern, the program will be overseen by Joy Fopiano, associate professor of counseling and school psychology, and Aaron Washington, associate dean for Student Affairs. The university will receive approximately \$2 million from the overall grant to provide support and services to nearly 350 students attending eight schools in New Haven.

Among the many exciting components of the initiative at Southern is the GEAR UP summer program, set to begin in 2013. The program will provide about 125 incoming seventh graders with enrichment in math, science, literacy, and the arts. In addition to the scholarship funds available through the grant, Southern



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Ashley Kreiner, '12, student teaches a sixth-grade class at Barnard Environmental Studies School in New Haven.

will allocate \$1.2 million specifically for those students who participate in the summer program.

The university also will work with the New Haven students during the regular school year, including having Southern students from the teaching program provide mentoring and tutoring. In addition, several university clubs are “adopting” the schools, acting as mentors. Alumni, members of the business community, and others who are interested in providing sponsorship support to supplement the program, please contact the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research at (203) 392-6800.

■ **Nursing Aid**

Students accepted into a new Ed.D. program in nursing education offered collaboratively by Southern and Western

Connecticut State universities can have a portion of their tuition, fees, and books paid through a federal loan – most of which is forgivable if they become nursing professors after earning their degrees.

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded SCSU and WCSU a \$98,720 grant to help stu-

dents finance the costs of the doctoral program that began this fall.

“The program is really distinctive – one of the few that specifically seeks to bolster the teaching of nursing,” says Barbara Aronson, SCSU professor of nursing and Ed.D. program coordinator. “With a shortage of nursing faculty, it is very difficult for colleges and uni-

versities to maintain or expand their nursing programs, even though there is a serious need for more nurses and increasing student interest.”

The Ed.D. in nursing education program is offered online and requires students to earn 51 credits. It will take about three years to complete on a part-time basis, eventually costing each student about \$50,000.

Students who participate in the loan program and teach for one year after earning their doctorates will have 20 percent of their loan forgiven. That proportion rises to 40 percent after two years of teaching, 60 percent after three years, and 85 percent after four years.

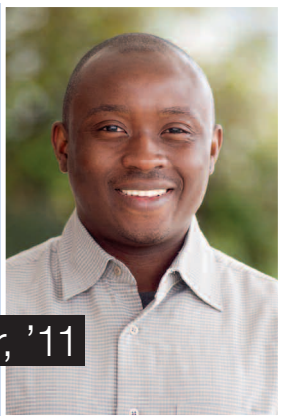


“The fact that we were awarded the federal grant is an indication of the quality of the program,” says Professor of Nursing and Ed.D. program coordinator Barbara Aronson [STANDING CENTER].

■ Honoring Stellar Students

The 2012 Henry Barnard Distinguished Student Award, one of Southern's most prestigious honors, was presented to four recent graduates in recognition of their exceptional academic achievement and contributions to the university and the community. Following are the honorees and some of their accomplishments.

Graduated with a 3.79 grade point average ★ A registered nurse in his native Nigeria ★ Majored in public health and received Southern's Public Health Award for Excellence in 2011 ★ Pursuing a master's degree in public health at Southern ★ Volunteered with Faithcare International, Yale-New Haven Hospital, and the Hospital of St. Raphael



Christopher Buter, '11

Graduated with a 3.82 grade point average ★ Double majored in elementary education and psychology ★ A member of numerous academic and service honor societies ★ Received the Barbara G. Mastroianni Memorial Endowed Scholarship for excellence ★ Plans to pursue a master's degree in reading at Southern



Melanie Guillerault, '11

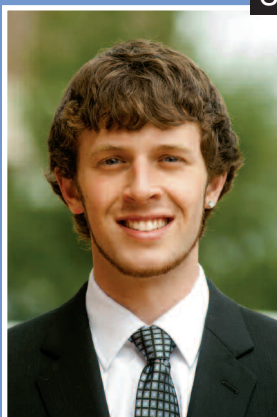
Christopher Knickerbocker, '12



Graduated with a 3.95 grade point average ★ A certified strength and conditioning

specialist ★ Received the Physical Education Outstanding Future Professional Award from Southern ★ Educational aspiration: earning a master's degree in exercise science/human performance

Jonathan Uhl, '12



Graduated with a 3.97 grade point average ★ Received the Dr. Harry O. Haakonsen Memorial Award in Chemistry. ★ Worked as a certified nurse's aid and as an assistant medical director at a summer camp for blind and visually impaired youth ★ Next goal: completing medical school

■ Beyond Business as Usual

Several talented teams of Southern students won top honors at the 2012 Connecticut Collegiate Business Plan Competition, which showcased 23 teams from 13 schools.

The Best Personal Business Award went to the Southern team of Eric Gabianelli, Kaitlyn Moran, and Kaitlin Franco who developed a business plan

for the manufacture and distribution of Petal Posts, a fence-post topper that doubles as a flower pot. The team, which earned a \$5,000 grant for its plan, also won a \$1,000 MetroHartford Alliance Prize in the inaugural Connecticut State University (CSU) Business Plan Competition.

A second team of

Southern students — Cari Tate, Mark Fields, and Stanley Lamour, impressed the judges with their plan for Haven Docu-Services, a document storage and shredding business that would establish a partnership with Chapel Haven to provide employment for adults with autism. The team brought home two awards, each carrying a

\$500 grant: Best Written Plan for a Venture Enterprise and Best Social Enterprise. Docu-Services also recently won the \$500 Walker Group/reSET Social Enterprise Award at the CSU Business Plan Competition. Michael Okrent, an adjunct faculty member in the School of Business, was the adviser for both groups.

■ **Big Heart at Service Day and Beyond**

Southern students proved great neighbors at the sixth-annual Dr. Ronald D. Herron Day of Service, which was held in collaboration with the New Haven Police Department. On September 22, almost 600 volunteers shared their time and talents at sites throughout the city. The volunteers included freshmen students enrolled in several First-Year



A record-breaking number of students volunteered at the annual Day of Service.

Experience classes who completed a tree-planting project and worked with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services.

The success of the service day exemplifies Southern's spirit of volunteerism, which has resulted in the university being included on the (U.S.) President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. At the state level, the Connecticut Commission on Community Service also recently honored Stefan Keller, '12, and the SCSU Service Team as the recipients of two major awards for volunteerism.

Keller, who graduated in May with a degree in social work, was honored while still a senior, becoming Southern's first recipient of the Individual Student Award for Outstanding Community Service. He has volunteered with numerous organizations — including Relay for Life, the Jewish Family Services food bank, and Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services — and was instrumental in forming the SCSU Service Team. The team, which coordinates a wide range of community service projects, also was honored by the commission as the recipient of the Student Group Award.

Fast Facts. Good News. 

Southern awarded approximately **1,800** undergraduate degrees at commencement in May 2012.

Southern has about **84,000** alumni overall. Its graduates live in every city in the state of Connecticut.

In June, Southern held **five**, two-day New Student Orientation sessions, capped off by a New Student Welcome Weekend at the end of August. Topics covered ranged from academics to exploring campus.

The campus community values volunteerism. During the 2011-12 academic year, Southern student-athletes volunteered more than **3,000** hours.

Launched in **1999**, the Mary and Louis Fusco Distinguished Lecture Series brings political, social, and creative leaders to campus each year. Past lecturers include former Secretary of State Colin Powell, the late broadcast journalist Walter Cronkite, former Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Barak, and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

faculty faces

Nicole Henderson, Associate Professor of English and director of Southern's First-Year Experience Program (FYE)



RECENT ACCOLADES: Henderson was one of only 10 educators in the country honored as an Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. She received one of only two awards in the category of four-year colleges and universities with 7,001 to 15,000 students.

WHAT'S FYE? A comprehensive offering of programs, resources, and student support services designed to help students successfully begin their college careers. Initiatives include orientation sessions for students and parents/caregivers, a welcome weekend for new students, learning communities that group freshmen with the same students for several classes during their first semester, and much more. Additional information is at SouthernCT.edu/FYE/.

Nicole Henderson [THIRD FROM LEFT] is one of only 10 educators to be selected this year as an Outstanding Student Advocate by the National Resource Center for the First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. She is joined by three recent graduates, all of whom participated in the organization's national conference as students. They are [FROM LEFT]: Stephanie Waryasz, '12; Benjamin McNamee, '12; and Kaitlyn Hoffman, '11.



■ Applause! Applause!

The J. Philip Smith Award for Outstanding Teaching was presented to two faculty members. Jessica Suckle-Nelson, associate professor of psychology, was acknowledged for her exceptional work as an educator. Course evalua-



Jessica Suckle-Nelson



Leonard Santarsiero

tions show that over 90 percent of her students report on the high quality of her instruction and courses overall. Leonard Santarsiero, adjunct professor of psychology, also was selected as an outstanding teaching award winner. An adjunct faculty member at Southern since 1994, Santarsiero

operates a private psychotherapy practice.

Several other faculty members were recognized for exceptional teaching, scholarship, and contributions to their fields.

Christine Petto, professor of history, received the 2011 Faculty Scholar Award for her book, "When France was King of Cartography: The Patronage and Production of Maps in Early Modern France." Maria Diamantis, M.S. '94, chairwoman of the Education Department, received the Robert E. Jirsa Service Award. Michele Vancour, M.P.H. '94, professor of public health, was named the 2012 recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Academic Advising Award. Sousan Arafeh, an assistant professor of educational leadership, was recognized as the 2012 Technological Teacher of the Year.

■ On the Web

• **What's more fun than watching the Owls score? Watching it over and over again! For video highlights, including great plays and interviews with student-athletes, check out the university's athletics website at SouthernCTOwls.com.**

• **Share your school spirit with a friend. Free Southern eCards, highlighting scenes of campus, are available at SouthernCT.edu/ecards/.**

• **Shhhhhh! In the short documentary, "A Look Inside the Silent Way," Southern Spanish Professor Luisa Piemontese explains the benefits of a unique silent teaching technique. The story is available, along with many Southern highlights, on iTunes U at SouthernCT.edu/itunesu.**

■ License to Drive

No car? No problem . . . thanks to several initiatives that provide transportation options to students while forwarding Southern's commitment to creating an environmentally responsible campus. Here are a few of the options.

- **Zipcar, a self-service, car-sharing program, has arrived on campus. Members pay a yearly fee to join and can then reserve a car for an hourly rate, which starts at \$8, including insurance, maintenance, and gas. (At press time, new members paid a \$25 fee to join and received a \$35 credit for use toward hourly rates.) Two Zipcars are located on campus. Those over the age of 21 have access to cars around the world. zipcar.com/southernct**
- **SCSU Shuttle Services provides free transportation to and from Union Station in New Haven and weekend service to several shopping areas, including downtown New Haven.**
- **U-Pass provides Southern students with free use of Connecticut Transit local buses during the semester. Passes are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. hootlout.SouthernCT.edu/upass**
- **CTRides/NuRide, an online ride-matching network, is a free service supported by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Participants earn rewards in exchange for making greener transportation choices such as carpooling, biking, and using public transportation. More information on Southern's new transportation initiatives is available at SouthernCT.edu/transportation/.**





sport shorts

■ Championship Year

Southern student-athletes won three national NCAA Division II championships in the 2011-12 academic year: **Nick Lebron** (men's indoor track and field) won the heptathlon and **Amanda Thomas** (women's swimming and diving) won both the 200 individual medley and the 400 individual medley.

The Owls also won Northeast-10 Conference Championships in five sports: women's swimming and diving, men's swimming and diving, men's indoor track and field, men's outdoor track and field, and softball.

■ Student-Athlete Success

Congratulations to the seven student-athletes who were named Academic All-Americans by the College Sports Information Directors of America in recognition of their success in the classroom and in their respective sports in 2011-12: **Jackie Fede** (women's soccer), **Paul Templeton** (men's soccer), **Amanda Burden** (women's swimming and diving), **Brittany Bucko** (softball), **Kristen Whitley** (softball), **Logan Sharpe** (men's track and field), and **Stenson Jean-Baptiste** (men's track and field).

In addition, an impressive 36 student-athletes were selected for inclusion on the Northeast-10 Conference All-Academic Teams during the 2011-12 academic year — the best record in the entire league.

softball ▼

The Owls had a fantastic run in 2012, capturing their first Northeast-10 Conference regular season championship. In another first, the softball team gained a berth in the 2012 NCAA Division II College World Series (CWS) in Louisville. In the first game of the CWS, the Owls defeated Midwest region champion St. Joseph's College, before being edged out by the top-two-ranked teams in the country in their next two games. Southern closed the year with a school record of 43 wins and a sixth place national standing.



For more sports news, visit SouthernCTOwls.com.

Meet Southern's Student Athlete

Titilayo Vanriel

Majoring in pre-nursing

Cross Country and Track and Field



Some Achievements: Named to the 2012 United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Cross Country Team; NCAA qualifier in 2011 and 2012; All-region selection in the 800 meters in 2011 and 2012; Northeast-10 conference champion in 2011 in the 4x800 relay (indoors).

Hometown: Hartford, Conn. Attended Avon High School where she was an all-conference selection in cross country, track and field, and basketball.


The Beginning: An elementary school gym teacher noticed her speed and suggested she try track. She began competing in middle school.

In the Family: "My mom ran for Weaver High School in Hartford. She did gymnastics and track. I think that's where I get it from."

Influential Professor: Professor of Chemistry Robert J. Snyder. "He loves his topic and he loves to teach. He puts his all into making sure that you succeed."

On the Job: Works as a nighttime residence hall desk attendant during the academic year. (Shifts run from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. or 3 a.m. to 7 a.m.) Also works for Southern's Department of Residence Life during the summer.

Career Aspirations: "It's important to find a balance between working on track and academics. Some of my family members and the people who I grew up with unfortunately weren't able to go to college, and it can be a struggle for them. I want to work in a career in which I can be successful."



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FOR
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On September 28, the Southern community celebrated the inauguration of Mary A. Papazian, Ph.D., as the 11th president of the university.

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Mary A. Papazian began her tenure as president of Southern Connecticut State University on Feb. 1, 2012, but her appointment was predicted years ago when she was a graduate student at the University of California, Los Angeles. In the process of writing a recommendation letter, Papazian's dissertation advisor lauded her teaching ability and scholarship — and concluded his comments on a particularly high note. In the last paragraph, he wrote, 'and in 25 years she'll be a university president.'

Such praise has continued throughout Papazian's career — from her initial appointment as a faculty member at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., to her increasingly responsible leadership-roles in higher education. Speaking at the inauguration, Lt. Gov. Nancy Wyman expressed confidence in Papazian's ability to lead the university, calling her dedicated, hardworking, and innovative. "I have no doubt this is just the beginning of a great era for Southern Connecticut State University," Wyman said.

Prior to joining Southern, Papazian served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Lehman College, part of the City University of New York (CUNY) system, from 2007-12. At Lehman, she helped articulate a strategic vision and long-term goals for the college and played a leading role in their implementation. She also supported efforts to build strong relationships between the college and the community and was a key member of Lehman's leadership team as it launched the college's first capital campaign.

In the following interview, Papazian reflects on her journey to Southern and her vision for the university.

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SCSU: You were a very successful student, graduating summa cum laude and being elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

MP: “I grew up in a family that was very much committed to education. My mother, who was a teacher, was really the star of the family. She graduated from high school at 16 and was the first student elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior at UCLA. My father was born in Greece of Armenian parents and came to this country as a college student. He was an avid reader, so we were always surrounded by books. It was just something that was part of our household.

“I have three brothers and we’re all within a four-year span from top to bottom, so maybe there was a little bit of competition. For whatever reason, I seemed to do well in school. Some children are made for school and others succeed in other ways. I seem to be one of those who was made for school. All of my brothers also earned advanced degrees.”

You attended the first Armenian-American high school.

“I am of Armenian parentage on both my mother’s and my father’s side. My mother’s family came to the United States in the late 19th century, very early for Armenians. My father immigrated in the 1950s and met my mother at college.

“I actually was raised in my early years in more of an American environment. The ’60s weren’t a time of celebrating your ethnicity. We were coming out of the ’50s, and it was a time of everyone fitting in.

“Initially, my brothers and I went to the public schools. But when I was 12, we moved from one part of Los Angeles to another. Right before the move, my mother had started to teach English and American history at Ferrahian High School. When we moved, we became students there. We happened to live next door to the principal, and we didn’t have ties to the local schools.

“It’s a wonderful small school, with a college-prep environment. The students have done very, very well. I recently went to my reunion, and it was a lot of fun to see how well our graduates have done.”

The Armenian-American media covered your appointment with a sense of pride.

“It’s a small community with a common history that was born most recently out of the tragedy of the 1915 Armenian genocide, but actually has a many-thousand-year history marked by many successes. Because the American Armenian community is so small — and because it emerged from that tragedy early in the 20th century — people really do have common interests and a strong connection. There is a lot of celebrating of and pride in each other’s successes.”

You’re reportedly a basketball fan.

“I grew up in Los Angeles in the heyday of the Lakers, during the Lakers-Celtics competition. It was also the heyday of UCLA basketball under John Wooden. [The legendary coach led UCLA to 10 NCAA championships, including seven consecutive championships from 1966-73.] How could you be exposed to all that and not love basketball! I played for my high school, but wasn’t tall enough to play for a big school like UCLA where I attended college. But I played in leagues and such for years after that, and my two girls both love the game.”

You mentioned that your mother taught English. Did this factor into your decision to become an English literature major?

“There’s probably a direct connection. She was an English major and taught English literature for many years. From the time that I was about 5, I knew I was going to go to UCLA to study English literature. It was nothing that was forced on me; I just really enjoyed reading and the vistas that it opened. Majoring in English was a great opportunity to study something that I loved.

“At the time, my father, the practical one, would say, ‘What are you going to do with that degree?’ — which is what parents sometimes say to children who want to study the arts or the humanities. But the truth is you find a way to be successful if you have passion for something, and I always had passion for literature.”

You served as a professor for many years. What led you to become an administrator?

“I had the opportunity to participate in the university self-study for accredi-

tation for Oakland University, Michigan. That experience exposed me to the entire university, academic and non-academic. Ultimately the success of the self-study is what led me to be invited to be associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

“But it’s important to note that I never call myself simply an administrator. I consider myself an academic administrator, because I’ve always continued to nurture my identity as a faculty member. I try to stay active in my field as much as possible given the time constraints. At the end of the day, it’s what really motivates me . . . teaching, reading, and writing about what I love and sharing that passion with students and colleagues.

“In my experience, the best academic leaders are those who come out of rich academic traditions.”

What led you to pursue the position of president?

“The seeds were planted a long time ago, when I was a graduate student at UCLA, and my dissertation adviser was writing recommendation letters for me. He said some very nice things, mentioning my ability to teach and stressing the quality of my scholarship. And among all those kind, wonderful comments, in the last paragraph, he wrote: ‘and in 25 years she’ll be a university president.’

“So I think people did see that interest or skill set early on. But that same adviser also told me, ‘Don’t even think about it until you’ve already established yourself in an academic career.’ Which is what I did. I waited until I had 10-12 years of experience as a professor under my belt and had published and been granted tenure — and then I began to look at the next logical steps.

“It is a natural, logical, and clear-cut progression from associate dean to dean to provost to president. In a way, I am sort of catching up to where I always wanted to be. I thought when I graduated from college that I might seek elected office. Instead, I ended up going to graduate school. Public affairs and civic engagement have always been strong interests. The university presidency really brings all of that together.”

What was it about Southern that attracted you?

“I found that I felt a strong resonance with Southern’s powerful mission of engagement, social justice, and creating access, but with a strong commitment to excellence at the same time. It was very much aligned with the kinds of institutions that I have been at from the beginning of my career, and so I saw that there might be a nice fit here.”

What are some of your immediate goals?

“There are long-term goals and short-term needs. One of my long-term goals is to ensure that Southern continues to be a very significant player in the higher education landscape in the state of Connecticut and the region. Southern has a particular mission as a public institution to connect actively with its community and to create pathways to success for students who might not otherwise have them. I am very much committed to the access mission, but I am also committed to the excellence mission of the university.

“The 21st century is a knowledge-based economy, so we need to be developing a knowledge-based workforce. Southern has

in its curriculum a very strong liberal arts core. That liberal arts focus prepares our graduates to continue to reshape themselves as the economy reshapes itself. . . and helps them to become more independent in their thinking and, ultimately, to become leaders in their chosen fields.

“Southern also has a strong commitment to science education, the arts, and to everything in between. I am committed to ensuring that Southern maintains and strengthens its balance between the liberal arts core and professional education to best prepare students to become leaders in the workforce of the 21st century.

“In the short term, we have to look at the nature of our graduate programs to make sure they are best serving the needs of the business community and our students. We also have to look at how the new state system of higher education evolves as it brings together the state’s public institutions of higher learning — the two-year colleges, the four-year universities, and Charter Oak — and determine how we can become a leader in shaping its future. Those are some of the immediate challenges that we face, and I am confident that Southern is up to the task.”

Clearly there are budgetary challenges.

“I grew up and went to school in California. I worked in Michigan, New Jersey, and New York — these are states that have had their share of budgetary challenges. Limited budgets are the nature of public higher education today. Our challenge is to work within these constraints, while building resources and support from those who believe in what we’re doing. Then we can continue to move forward with a positive agenda.”

Where does the corporate community fit into the equation?

“It’s a win-win situation. We are only as strong as our partnership with the larger community, which includes the business community. They, in turn, are only as strong as Southern is because it’s our students who will be recruited as employees and, ultimately, business leaders and community leaders.

“The business community will help us understand how we can best prepare our students going forward. They can help us anticipate the future because they have to anticipate their own needs. We can then align our curriculum in a positive way, while always maintaining our liberal arts core, which is timeless. The relationship between Southern and the business community can become very powerful. We will be looking for a win-win situation where we invest in them and they invest in us.”

Much of your scholarship focuses on the English poet John Donne. Do you have a favorite line from Donne’s work?

“There are so many, but I’ll give you one. I have written a lot on Donne’s ‘Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions.’ There is a very famous line that comes from the work, which not everyone realizes is from Donne: ‘Never seek to know for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for thee.’ What I find so moving about the line is that it talks about our common humanity and how we are all linked. It’s about how what happens to one person affects all of us . . . and how we need to think about the good we do in the world. I find it to be a very moving line.”

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Career Highlights

2007-2012: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of English, Lehman College of the City University of New York

2004-2007: Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of English, Montclair State University

1999-2004: Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., where she had been on the faculty of the English Department since 1988

Education

Received a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. in English literature from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Graduated summa cum laude and elected to Phi Beta Kappa, 1981

Academic Research

Papazian’s scholarship focuses on the 17th-century English poet and clergyman John Donne. She has authored many articles and edited two books on the topic, and has been a member of the John Donne Society for about 20 years, previously serving as its president. She received the John Donne Society Award for Distinguished Publication on Donne in 1991.

Getting Personal

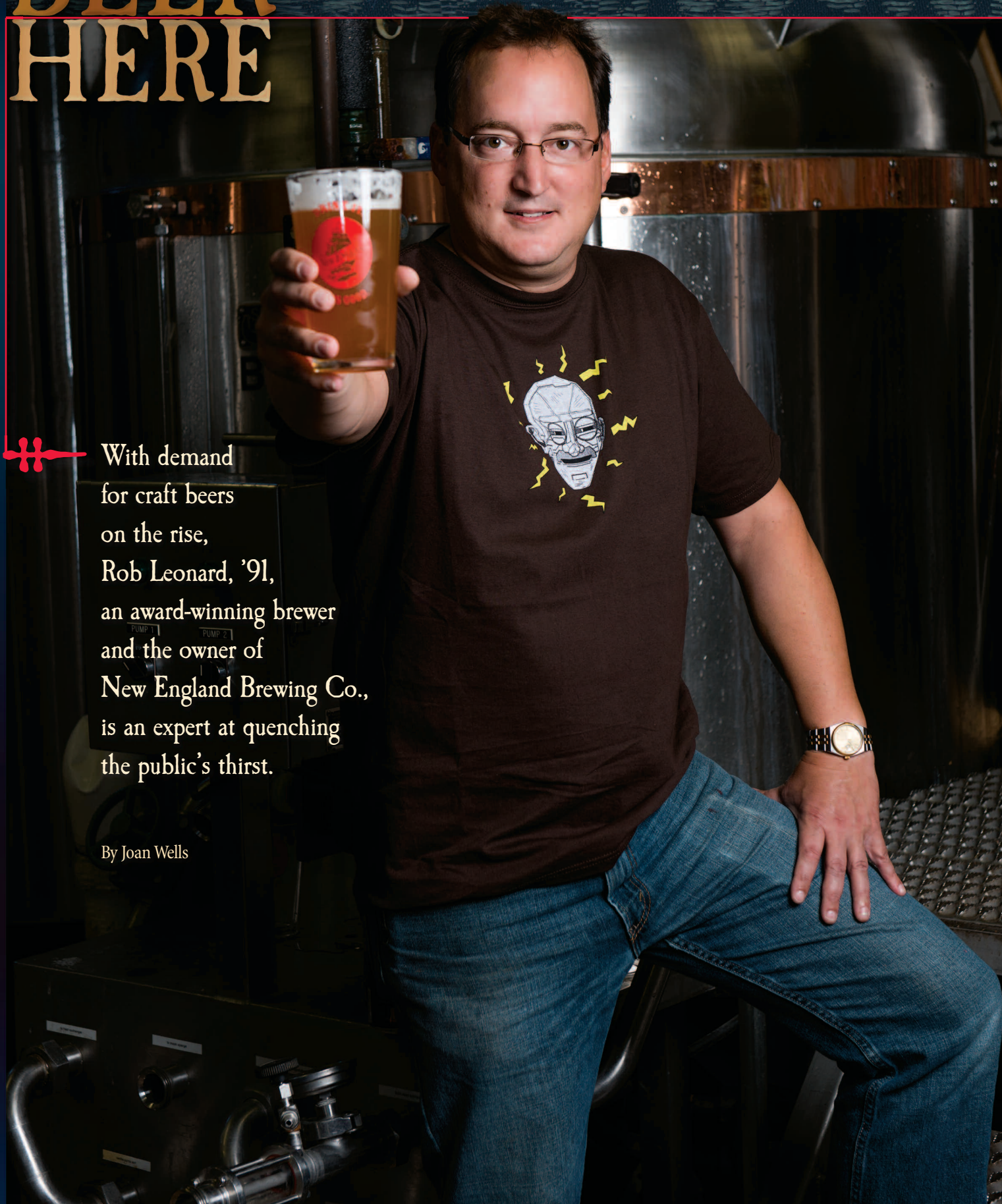
Married to Dennis R. Papazian, Ph.D., a longtime professor of history and founding director of the Armenian Research Center at the University of Michigan, Dearborn. They have two daughters, Ani, 19, and Marie, 14.

BEER HERE



With demand for craft beers on the rise, Rob Leonard, '91, an award-winning brewer and the owner of New England Brewing Co., is an expert at quenching the public's thirst.

By Joan Wells



Rob Leonard, '91, had visions of becoming a television writer

when he graduated from Southern with a bachelor's degree in communication. But life took an unexpected twist when he accepted a "temporary" job after college working the bottle line at a brewery. For Leonard, 43, of Woodbridge, Conn., it would become the detour to success.

Today he owns New England Brewing Co., a successful craft brewery that produces 3,000 barrels — or 93,000 U.S. gallons — of beer per year — an amount he hopes to double in the next 18 months with the addition of new equipment.

"I wake up feeling like I get to go to work, not that I have to go to work," says Leonard. "We're proud to be New Haven's local brewery. . . . We like what we do."

As do his customers. Based in a revamped former mechanic's garage, New England Brewing makes 12-20 seasonal beers in addition to four year-round signature offerings: Sea Hag India Pale Ale; Gandhi-Bot India Pale Ale; 668 the Neighbor of the Beast, a strong, Belgian-style golden ale; and Elm City Pilsner, Leonard's favorite.

Craft brewing took hold in the 1980s, after decades of dominance by large breweries following the prohibition era. There were eight craft brewers in the United States in 1980, according to the Brewers Association, which represents small and independent American brewers. By 1994, there were 537 craft brewers. In 2010, the number had ballooned to 1,600.

Craft brewing remains a relatively small segment of the overall U.S. beer market. Last year it accounted for 5.7 percent of overall beer sales by volume and 9.1 percent by dollars. But business is booming. The Brewers Association notes that the craft brewing industry grew 13 percent by volume in 2011 over the previous year — while overall U.S. beer sales fell an estimated 1.3 percent by volume during the same period.

What's driving the mass appeal of craft brewing? According to many, it's a matter of taste. Beer made in smaller batches at a craft brewery is fresher, fuller, and richer, says Leonard.

Beer typically is made from water, malted barley, hops, and yeast — but the brewing process, the quality of the ingredi-

ents, and variations on the types of those ingredients can make all the difference, says Leonard. For instance, his brewery uses 100 percent malted barley, while many of the big companies use some filler such as corn or rice.

At New England Brewing the process starts with malt from Europe that is mashed, then fed into a big silver tank called a Mash Tun. The malt converts to sugar, then goes into a big tank. Then hops — the seasoning of beer — is added. There's fermentation time, yeast added, and in as little as five days, a mouth-watering ale is created.

"Those chemistry and biology classes I had at Southern came in handy," says Leonard, who is willing to embrace change in pursuit of great beer. For example, New England Brewing was one of the first craft breweries to use cans, the best way to keep beer fresh, says Leonard. Still, the craft beer focus remains strong: the beer at the brewery is canned one at a time.

New England Brewing's beers are available in many package stores and restaurants in the Greater New Haven area and other parts of the state of Connecticut, which is the company's primary focus. "I don't need to be Sam Adams," Leonard says.

He is, however, an expert in all aspects of the business. Leonard made beer in his kitchen before landing a position at New Haven Brewing in 1992 — initially charged with packing cases and cleaning kegs. He stayed at that first brewery for four years, ascending to assistant brewer, then head brewer, before taking a series of jobs in the industry. Along the way, he won a gold medal at the Great American Beer Festival, while serving as brew master for the John Harvard's Brew House chain in Manchester and Weston, Conn.


Eventually Leonard wound up at New England Brewing Co. in Norwalk, Conn., serving as brew master and operations manager. When they decided to sell about 10 years ago, he bought the business and moved it to Woodbridge, near the New Haven line.



According to the Brewers Association, an American craft brewer is small, independent, and traditional. More specifically, a craft brewer:



- Produces six million barrels of beer or less annually.
- Is less than 25 percent owned/controlled by an alcoholic beverage member who is not a craft brewer.
- Has either an all-malt flagship beer or does at least 50 percent of its volume in either all malt beers or in beers in which adjuncts were used to enhance rather than lighten flavor.

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



A group of approximately 18 people, including faculty and Dean Ellen Durin, are posed for a group photo in front of a modern building with large glass windows. The building's facade is highly reflective, showing the surrounding campus and sky. The group is arranged in several rows on a brick-paved area. Dean Durin is positioned in the front center, wearing a white jacket. The overall scene is bright and professional.

THE BUSINESS PLAN

Southern rolls out the welcome mat for students and the business community at its new home for the School of Business. Plus a look at other construction on campus — including the ongoing renovation of the original wing of Buley Library, plans for a new Academic Science Building, and a 1,200-space parking garage nearing completion.

Faculty from the School of Business and Dean Ellen Durin [PICTURED FRONT CENTER IN WHITE JACKET] welcome students to their new on-campus home. With an entrance facing Crescent Street, the building is located next to Engleman Hall and the John Lyman Center for the Performing Arts.

With the fall semester in full swing,

the Southern community celebrated the opening of a new home for the School of Business at a ceremonial ribbon-cutting on Sept. 21 — part of a week-long series

of events that culminated in the inaugura-

tion of Mary A. Papazian as the university's 11th president. Faculty moved into the new building earlier in the summer, relocating from the woefully outdated Seabury Hall, a former dormitory built in 1956 that is being demolished.

In direct contrast, the 23,000-square-foot School of Business building, constructed at a cost of \$6.6 million, is state-of-the-art — built by refurbishing the front portion of the former Student Center. [The new student center, named in honor of the late President Emeritus Michael J. Adanti, opened during the

2005-06 academic year.] Among the many amenities found in the new School of Business building are a conference room equipped with

advanced audio-visual technology, several lecture/seminar spaces, student lounge and meeting areas, faculty offices, and more. Furthering the university's emphasis on experiential learning, the facility also contains a high-tech trading room equipped with a ticker tape display, flat screen TVs, and computer stations where students can learn the intricacies of the stock market.

used to establish the center — with a goal of expanding internship opportunities for business students, and ultimately providing academic advisement, technology

assistance, and other student services. (For more on the center, see the accompanying article at right.)

The business community, as well as Southern students, will benefit from the new facility. During the past 30 years, nearly 6,800 students have graduated from Southern with undergraduate and graduate degrees in business — and about 80 percent of those graduates have remained in Connecticut. Today, the major remains extremely popular with more than 1,000 undergraduate students and nearly 200 M.B.A. candidates studying at Southern's School of Business. ■



A high-tech trading room and conference room equipped with advanced audio-visual equipment are among the many amenities found in the new home of the School of Business.



Learning by Doing

Never underestimate the power of a paid student internship. According to a nationwide survey of members of the Class of 2012 conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, about 60 percent of students who worked as paid interns received at least one job offer. In comparison, 37 percent of unpaid interns and 36 percent of graduates with no internship experience had received job offers at the time of the survey, which was conducted from mid-January through April 30, 2012.

With a goal of expanding internship opportunities for business students, the School of Business is establishing a Student Success Center. A \$90,000 grant from Northeast Utilities, to be distributed over a three-year period, will be used to launch the initiative.

"We want to create a database of quality internship experiences for our students," says Ellen Durnin, dean of the School of Business. "In particular, we would like to develop paid internship opportunities."

About two-thirds of the business students at Southern work more than 27 hours a week — generally in jobs unrelated to their career paths. The time commitment can be particularly challenging for those who also are full-time students.

"As a result, many students miss a golden opportunity to gain valuable experience because of the necessity of working many hours to pay for their education," says Durnin. "But if we can offer paid internships to these students, they will be able to work instead in areas related to their career path."

The center initially will encompass two rooms in the new School of Business building — an office and a student meeting room with computers. It will be expanded if money can be secured to renovate an additional section of the former Student Center to create an annex for the School of Business.

Durnin says she is thankful to Northeast Utilities for its generosity in getting the Student Success Center started. "I especially want to thank David McHale [executive vice president and chief financial officer for Northeast Utilities] for being the catalyst," she says. "He started his career at Northeast Utilities through an internship while he was an economics student here at Southern. Since then, he has worked his way up the ranks to one of the top positions at

the organization. He is quite passionate about the value of internships."

McHale, who earned a Bachelor of Science degree in economics from Southern in 1982, is a member of the SCSU Foundation Board of Directors. He and his wife, Shannon, previously established the David R. and Shannon H. McHale Endowed Scholarship at Southern. The scholarship benefits an undergraduate student in the School of Business who is a member of the men's or women's cross-country or track and field team.

Under Construction

With several major building projects in the works, Southern's campus is changing for the better. "The next two years of construction will forever change the look and feel of the university as a 21st-century institution of higher education," says Robert Sheeley, associate vice president for capital budgeting and facilities operations. Following is a brief overview of several new buildings in various stages of development:

Building a Better Buley



The long-awaited renovation of the original section of Hilton C. Buley Library is well underway — the second part of a two-phase plan to dramatically expand and update the facility. The first phase of the project — constructing a 135,000-square-foot, five-story addition to the building — was finished in 2008.

Moving forward, most of the older section of the library has now been demolished, leaving only the building's steel framework. The renovation — which will incorporate new exterior brick walls, windows, mechanical and electrical systems, and more — is slated to begin by February.

A Site for Science



Among the most anticipated projects on campus is the construction of a new Academic Science Building, which will be built next to Jennings Hall. The design for the 98,500-square-foot building has been

completed, with construction projected to start by February 2013 and be completed by fall 2014. Designed to advance the study of the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines at Southern, the building will feature state-of-the-art laboratory space and equipment.

Park and Go



A 1,200-space parking garage is slated to open for use in January, just in time for the start of the spring 2013 semester. Located next to Moore Field House on what was formerly an open parking lot, the garage will add more than 800 parking spaces than previously were available at the site. In keeping with Southern's focus on environmental responsibility, it will include four charging stations for electric/battery-powered cars, with plans for additional stations if needed.

Olympic Owls



Abraham "Abie" Grossfield



Munich 1972



John Crosby, '74



The 1976 silver medal-winning women's basketball team included Sue Rojcewicz, '75, and Mary Anne O'Connor, '75.



Peter Kormann, '78

The Olympic Games are the pinnacle of athletics competition, a world-class playing field where numerous members of the Southern community have made their mark — and earned their medals.

The XXX Olympic Games in Great Britain closed on August 12, but Olympic fever remains sky high, calling to mind numerous Southern coaches and athletes who participated in the past.

There were several Southern success stories at the games during the 1970s. The university was represented at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, Germany, which were marked by the worst tragedy in the event's history — the terrorist attack on the Olympic Village and the resulting deaths of 11 Israeli athletes. The men's gymnastics competition was held prior to the attack, with Abraham "Abie" Grossfield — who coached gymnastics at Southern from 1963-2004 — serving as head coach of the U.S. men's team for the first of three times.

Grossfield brought extensive experience to Munich. He competed in the 1956 and 1960 Olympics and was an assistant coach for the men's and women's U.S. teams in the 1960s.

But the 1972 games provided Grossfield with his first opportunity to lead Team USA, which included Southern student-athlete, John Crosby, '74. Although Crosby did not bring home an Olympic medal, he ultimately won 13 individual NCAA titles and led the Owls to their first-ever NCAA gymnastics championship in 1973.

The 1972 games spotlighted another SCSU connection: the U.S. women's gymnastics team was led by Muriel Grossfeld, who was a volunteer women's gymnastics coach at Southern. One of the sport's luminaries,

Muriel was a member of three Olympic teams (1956, 1960, and 1964) — and scored the first perfect 10.00 in the United States at the 1964 U.S. Olympic trials. She also coached the women's team in 1968 and later served as a judge at the games.

The 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal would be a hallmark for Southern. Sue Rojcewicz, '75, and Mary Anne O'Connor, '75, brought home silver medals as members of the U.S. women's basketball team. Both had played under Southern coach Louise O'Neal.

At the same games, student-athlete Peter Kormann, '78, became the first American male gymnast in 44 years to earn an Olympic medal when he won the bronze in the floor exercise. Southern's Abie Grossfeld served as Kormann's personal coach.

More victories would follow. In 1984 Abie was head coach of the American men's gymnastics team, which earned eight medals, including the men's only Olympic team



gold. He coached the men's team again in 1988, and in 2009 was inducted into the U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame.

The accompanying list highlights some additional Southern Olympic moments. If you know of other Owls who have participated in past competitions, please share their stories at struykv1@SouthernCT.edu or SCSU, Public Affairs/Southern Alumni Magazine, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven, CT 06515.

1996



Sandra J. Thielz, '68, was a judge at the Olympic Games in 1984 and 1996, and went on to initiate the Muriel Davis Grossfeld Endowed Gymnastics Scholarship, which was supported by numerous alumni. Thielz was a faculty member and the women's gymnastics coach at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. She was inducted into the SCSU Athletic Hall of Fame on October 12, 2012.

As head coach of the USA Olympic water polo team from 1992-96, **Richard J. Corso**, '77, led his team to within one goal of the medal round in Atlanta at the 1996 games. The team lost to Spain, the ultimate gold medalist. Corso was also the goalkeeper coach for the silver-medal winning 1984 and the 2004 Olympic teams.

2004

Swimmer **Ben Michaelson**, '03, placed third at the 2004 Olympic trials in the 100-meter butterfly, narrowly missing a spot on the team. Michaelson finished behind Ian Crocker, whose time of 50.76 set a world record, and Michael Phelps, who won 22 medals at the 2004, 2008, and 2012 games.



Alexandra Earl-Givan, '94, was the first gold medalist in the women's hammer throw at the Pan-American Games, and competed in the Olympic trials for the event.



Munich 1972

Patricia Panichas, '74, M.S. '78, 6th Yr. '85, who coached the Owls'

women's gymnastics team for 28 seasons, was the only U.S. judge selected to participate at the Olympic Games in Beijing in 2008. She won the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics All-Around Title in 1968 and qualified for the Olympic Team trials in 1972, competing with Cathy Rigby. She retired from coaching the Owls in 2004, but remained a member of the exercise science faculty.

1972

1976



Montréal 1976

Joan Bonvicini, '75, was a finalist for the 1976 U.S. Olympic women's basketball team, and went on to a successful coaching career. She is the head women's basketball coach for Seattle University.

Joan Van Ness, '80, who ranks among Southern's all-time women's basketball scorers with 1,272 points, was a finalist in the Olympic trials.

1988



AMES OF THE XXIVTH OLYMPIAD SEUL 1988

Soccer star **Brian Bliss**, '87, a four-year starter and three-time captain at Southern, was a member of Team USA at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul.

Before attending Southern, **Katrina Radke**, M.F.T. '97, was an internationally recognized swimmer who placed fifth in the 200-meter butterfly at the 1988 Olympics. She later overcame mononucleosis and a debilitating case of chronic fatigue immune dysfunction syndrome, and went on to compete in the 2004 Olympic trials. Radke is a therapist, college psychology instructor, and peak performance and health coach. She is also a motivational speaker and the author of "Be Your Best Without the Stress."

2012



Student-athlete **Amanda Thomas** qualified to compete in the 2012 Olympic trials in the 400-yard individual medley. She finished with a time of 5:04.34. Although Thomas didn't make the Olympic Team, she was the 2012 NCAA Div. II Swimmer of the Year.

Track standout **Selasi Lumax** qualified for the 2012 Olympic trials by winning the 800 meters at the New England Championships. Lumax, who has dual citizenship in Ghana and the United States, went on to compete in the African Track and Field Championships as a representative of Ghana. He placed third in his heat.

Life Lessons

Building on their commitment to education, two faculty members establish separate scholarships that honor loved ones while helping Southern students earn their degrees.

By Natalie Missakian

Thèrese “Terry” Petto wasn’t supposed to live past her first birthday. Born with a severe congenital heart defect, she found it difficult to climb a flight of stairs, walk outside in cold weather, or engage in mild physical activity.

But Petto grew up and defied all predictions, living a rich 35 years — the longest of any known patient with her diagnosis at the time — before succumbing to pneumonia in 1991.

Rita and Salvatore Misasi met as teenagers, coming of age in a small upstate New York town. Although neither went to college — an injury thwarted Salvatore’s chance to play baseball with the Brooklyn Dodgers — the couple worked tirelessly to make sure their three children pursued higher education.

The examples set by Petto and the Misasis are the inspiration behind two new scholarships at Southern, both established by loved ones who are members of the university faculty.



Professor of Exercise Science Sharon Misasi, ’83, established the Rita A. and Salvatore A. Misasi, Sr. Endowed Scholarship Fund to continue her parents’ tradition of promoting the pursuit of a college education.

The fund will benefit students enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences or School of Education who have at least a 2.7 grade point average. Candidates must write an essay demonstrating why they deserve the scholarship, and first preference will go to liberal studies majors, followed by students majoring in exercise science.

“My parents always taught us to help whoever you can in whatever way you can,” Misasi recalls. “If you have the opportunity, you pay it forward, because you didn’t get to where you are on your own.” Misasi remembers how they were always quick to lend a helping hand when friends

or neighbors needed a favor.

The pair, descendants of Italian immigrants, met at school in Saugerties, N.Y., when they were 15 and have been married for 57 years. After Salvatore’s short-lived baseball career, they both took jobs at IBM until Sharon’s brother was born. Rita

quit her job to stay home and raise the children while Salvatore worked his way up to a managerial position. To raise

additional money for college, they had a turkey farm on the side.

“They really wanted us to have more opportunities than they did and saw college as a way for us to do that,” Misasi says.

She says her mother broke down in tears when she learned about the scholarship through a packet of paperwork Misasi sent home to surprise them. “It’s exciting for me to be able to do something in their honor that will live on beyond any of us.”



Professor of History Christine Petto has established the Thérèse C. Petto Endowment Fund, a scholarship to benefit students pursuing the study of world languages. The fund will benefit full- or part-time undergraduates with at least a 3.0 grade point average who demonstrate financial need.

“She was really the scholar of the family,”

Christine Petto, one of eight children, says of her older sister. “She loved to read, she loved English literature, and she loved foreign languages.”

Petto says her mother could never forget the day a doctor diagnosed her infant daughter with a severe heart malformation. “He handed her back to my mother and said, ‘Enjoy her because she won’t live to be a year old,’” Petto recalls.

But with sheer determination, a sense of adventure that couldn’t be harnessed, and the unshakable support of her parents, Terry didn’t just survive, says Petto. She thrived — even after a subsequent diagnosis of severe scoliosis that required multiple surgeries.

Terry graduated from Boston College’s Evening College (completing her studies in eight years), traveled, and spent time living in Europe. She also earned her master’s degree from Middlebury College’s School in France and had a successful career as a translator and college professor.

“Somehow she summoned the energy and perhaps all the spirit in the universe to be able to do these things, because it was tremendous [given her limitations],” says Petto. “I just think she was a lot braver than I — and a lot more adventurous.”

An Adventurous Life

Terry had just returned from a summer study program in Strasbourg, France, when she developed pneumonia, which led to her death. She had been preparing to go back to Europe later that year to take a new job in Paris.

Petto gives much of the credit for

her sister’s success to her parents, recalling the lengths to which they would go so that Terry could have a typical childhood.

“When she first had her back surgery [for scoliosis], she had to be in a body cast in a horizontal position. We would go

for walks with my sister, and they would wheel the stretcher all around town and think nothing of it,” she recalls.

They bought a station wagon to make it easier to travel with Terry on the stretcher, even to the drive-in movies.

“They instilled in her this sense of determination and told her to follow her dreams,” Petto says. “In a different family, I don’t think she would have survived.” ■



[LEFT] Professor of Exercise Science Sharon Misasi, '83, (center) established a scholarship in honor of her parents, Rita and Salvatore Misasi.

[RIGHT] Furthering her work in the classroom, Professor of History Christine Petto honored the memory of her sister by funding the Thérèse C. Petto Endowment Fund, which benefits students pursuing the study of world languages.

Out and About

A look at events for alumni and friends on campus and beyond.

On Jan. 25, Mike Katz, '66, 6th Yr. '76, [RIGHT] a former professional bodybuilder and the owner/operator of a number of Planet Fitness gyms in Connecticut, was the featured speaker at "From Passion to Profit," the first in a leadership series presented by the Hamden Chamber of Commerce and the university. Katz, a former Mr. America and Mr. World, appeared with Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 1977 bodybuilding documentary, "Pumping Iron." He also played for the National Football League's New York Jets. Katz was interviewed by Ted Koppy, a financial adviser at Waddell & Reed and a former anchor and reporter at WTNH News 8 in New Haven.



Reminiscing among the dinosaurs, guests enjoyed a business after hours event at New Haven's Peabody Museum on April 4. Professor of Anthropology Michael Rogers was on hand to share some fascinating facts on these prehistoric creatures and his most recent dig in Tanzania.



The 2012 annual Owl Golf Classic was a tremendous success, with 128 golfers enjoying a great day on the course. The tournament, held on May 23 at the Lake of Isles North Course at Foxwoods Resort and Casino, provides funds for student programs and scholarships. Enjoying the day are [FROM LEFT] Thomas Desimpliciis, '89, James Powderly, Andrew Powderly, and John Powderly, '89.



Students received an insider's view of a wide variety of careers at Alumni Professionals Day. Thanks to the more than 55 Southern graduates who shared their expertise at the event, which was held on March 7 in the Michael J. Adanti Student Center.



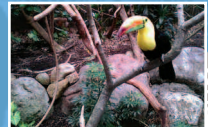
Southern recognized leadership-level donors at the second annual Celebration of Philanthropy, held on April 29 at the Michael J. Adanti Student Center. The event gave donors the opportunity to see the many benefits of their generosity, including the positive impact on the 2011-12 scholarship recipients.



Gouveia Vineyards in Wallingford, Conn., was the picturesque setting for a wine tasting on May 8.



On June 9, alumni spent a wonderful day at Connecticut's Beardsley Zoo, complete with lunch from the Verona Pizza Fire Truck. The zoo has a special Southern connection – alumnus Gregg Dancho, '80, is its director.



Alumni Relations student interns [FROM LEFT] Scott Westenerger, '13, Justine Hensey, '14, and Milena Kotara, '12, enjoyed the event.



Dear Southern Alumni,

I am honored to have been elected to serve as president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the 2012-13 academic year. I will work diligently with alumni board members and volunteers, the Office of Alumni Relations, and university personnel to promote activities in support of alumni, the university, and Southern students and their families.

The board consists of 20 dedicated individuals who collaborate with the staff of the Office of Alumni Relations, fellow alumni, and university personnel. Our traditional programs each year are Homecoming, the Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards, the Celebration of Philanthropy luncheon, and cooperative sponsorship of the Distinguished Lecture series.

In recent years, the Office of Alumni Relations has collaborated with the board to increase and enhance programming for its alumni with a focus on networking with each other and students. Today we have about 84,000 alumni who hold more than 92,000 degrees. Under Michelle Johnston's leadership, Alumni Relations has planned a variety of activities for the year, including Homecoming and the recent cocktail reception to celebrate the inauguration of our new president, Dr. Mary A. Papazian. Looking forward, we are planning business after hours events at the Mark Twain House in Hartford and Latitude 41° in Mystic, Conn., a variety of educational trips, reunions, and local and regional alumni networking events. To keep up to date on future events, check SouthernCT.edu/alumni/upcomingevents/.

If you are not currently a member, I urge you to join or renew your membership by contributing to the Annual Giving campaign currently in progress. A gift of \$35 or more entitles you to membership in the Southern Alumni Association. You may have already received a request. If not, you may make a gift online at SouthernCT.edu/supportsouthern/.

I look forward to an interesting and rewarding year. Hopefully, I will see you at one or more of our events! Please feel free to contact Michelle or me regarding alumni matters.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Teresa M. Sirico".

Teresa Sirico, '70, M.S. '73

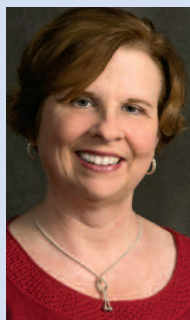
President

Alumni Association Board of Directors

Sirico earned two Southern degrees in political science and went on to establish a scholarship at the university. She has worked in the real estate industry since 1976 and is the owner/broker of Teresa Sirico Realtor LLC. An active member of the Greater New Haven Association of Realtors, she served as the organization's president in 1998 and was honored as the group's Educator of the Year in 1999 and Realtor of the Year in 2004.

■ New Board Members Welcomed

The Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomes five new members who will serve through 2015. Two — who were reelected after completing terms in recent years — were spotlighted in previous issues of the alumni magazine: **Judit Vasmatics Paolini**, '73, M.S. '79, 6th Yr. '93, and **Mary L. Vaughn**, '80, M.S. '84.



*Susan Love
D'Agostino, '79*

The other new members include **Susan Love D'Agostino**, '79, who is the senior vice president of operations and administration for Harris Connect in Brewster, N.Y. The firm works with non-profit organizations to engage members and raise funds. D'Agostino graduated from Southern with an undergraduate degree in Spanish, participated in the university's study-abroad program at the University of Salamanca, and received the New York Spanish Consulate Outstanding Student Award. She went on to earn an M.B.A. in international marketing from the University of New Haven.



Jeffrey M. Reilly, '58

Fellow new board member and U.S. Navy veteran, **Jeffrey M. Reilly**, '58, attended college through the G.I. Bill and went on to earn two advanced degrees from the University of Connecticut. Reilly served as a teacher and principal for 22 years, retiring in 1986, and had a nearly 20-year second career as a realtor/manager for Beazley Company Realtors. He is married to Southern alumna, **Marie Reilly**, '64, M.S. '71, 6th Yr. '80.



*Deborah Cedar
Vincent, '82*

Newly elected board member **Deborah Cedar Vincent**, '82, is a long-time volunteer with the Alumni

Association, having assisted with numerous events and initiatives, including Homecoming. She graduated with a degree in education and has a professional background as an office manager and legal assistant for a criminal defense law firm in New Haven.



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President Mary A. Papazian [STANDING, CENTER] and undergraduate commencement speaker Jenna Bush Hager [STANDING, FOURTH FROM LEFT], a contributing correspondent with NBC's "Today" morning show and the daughter of former U.S. President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush, meet with members of the 50th reunion class.

happy 50th!

The Class of 1962 joined the celebration at Southern's undergraduate commencement exercises on May 18 at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Conn. The alumni were recognized in honor of their 50th reunion, a milestone that was also commemorated at an on-campus gathering on Oct. 28.

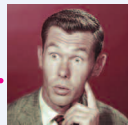


A few Memories and Milestones

* The Beatles released their first single: "Love Me Do."



* The "Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" premiered.



* For 13 days in October, the world hoped for – and ultimately received – a peaceful resolution of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

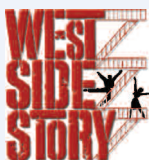


* The first Walmart and Kmart stores opened.

* The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution condemning South Africa's apartheid policies and called on members to end economic and military relations with the country.



* "To Kill a Mockingbird," "West Side Story," and "Lawrence of Arabia" were among the nation's most-popular films.



* John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.



* Escorted by federal marshals, the first black student, James Meredith, registered at the University of Mississippi.

Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Amico, '08, M.B.A. '11, was one of about 850 Southern students to celebrate graduate commencement last spring – but likely the only one to do so on a U.S. Air Force base in Afghanistan. “It’s unfortunate that I missed the commencement at home. I was really looking forward to it,” notes D’Amico, writing from Afghanistan.

A member of the U.S. Air Force Reserve, he completed his master’s degree in business administration in a year and a half by studying full time and taking winter-session and summer-session courses. “The fast pace I chose was challenging, but ultimately a good decision,” notes D’Amico, who graduated in December 2011 and was deployed to Afghanistan the following February – three months before Southern’s graduate commencement exercises were held at the Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport, Conn.

The graduation ceremony organized by the U.S. Air Force – complete with symbolic diplomas and black caps and gowns – provided a welcome alternative. “They offer a ceremony for people who either graduate while they are here or for people, like me, who finish back home but miss their ceremony,” writes D’Amico. Out of about 40 participating graduates, he was the only one who earned a master’s degree and likely the only one who went to a brick-and-mortar school versus completing online classes.

D’Amico has balanced life as a student and a soldier throughout his entire college career. He joined the Marine Corps in 1999 and was activated in 2002 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He trained at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, but due to a change in the timing of the invasion, wasn’t sent overseas. Once home, he began working on his undergraduate degree at Southern, completing three years of study before being called to active duty in May 2005. This time, he was sent to Iraq, serving in the greater Fallujah area before returning to his undergraduate studies in spring 2007. He completed his undergraduate degree in liberal studies the following semester.

Through it all, Southern has remained a touchstone. D’Amico brought a Southern banner to Iraq – the same one pictured in the graduation photo taken in Afghanistan. He credits Giacomo (Jack) Mordente, M.S. '77, 6th Yr. '79, Southern’s associate director of Student Supportive Services, with helping him throughout his academic journey. “Everyone loves Jack and there is a reason for that,” writes D’Amico. “He plays an important role for every service member who comes through SCSU. He is such a great resource and advocate for the veterans.”

There are currently 303 veterans enrolled at Southern, including 27 reservists and 12 from the National Guard.

D’Amico will be returning to the U.S. this fall. In addition to looking for a job, he will be pursuing a position as a commissioned officer with the U.S. Air Force.

By Villia Struyk



Stationed in Afghanistan, Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Amico, '08, M.B.A. '11, celebrates earning his graduate degree.

'50s

RHODA GORENBERG, '54, was honored by Congregation B'nai Jacob in Woodbridge, Conn., after serving 50 years as synagogue librarian.

DALE H. WENTZEL, '54, who has played senior softball for five years, notes that his team won the end of season tournament on Cape Cod. He lives in Yarmouth Port, Mass.

CELESTE DONOVAN BEATTIE, '56, M.S. '59, 6th Yr. '81, has retired after 55 years of teaching and was inducted into both the Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and the New Alliance Women's Sports Hall of Fame. Beattie lives in Shelton, Conn.

'60s

ALFRED BADGER, '60, was inducted into the Hillhouse High School Athletic Hall of Fame, representing the Class of 1953.

ARCHIE STEENBURGH, '62, a professor emeritus of Plymouth State University, was recently elected to a seventh term as director of Guaranty Bank Corp of New Hampshire.

BEVERLY V. PISCITELLI, '63, retired as the dean of student life after 35 years at Elizabethtown College. She lives in Lancaster, Pa.

JAMES R. DICKSON, '67, is a medical doctor and serves on the faculty at New York Medical College as an assistant professor of orthopedic surgery. He is married with two adult children and lives in Rye, N.Y.

TRUDY DUJARDIN, '67, president of Dujardin Design Associates in Westport, Conn., renovated her cottage on Nantucket Island to incorporate green design. The home was featured in the April 2012 issue of Traditional Home Magazine.

JUDITH SCHIFF, M.S. '68, was honored in 2011 as the first recipient of the Edward

Reunion News

• **Members of the Class of 1963 will be recognized in honor of their 50th reunion at the undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 17, 2013.**

For more information or if you would like to organize a reunion for your class, please contact Alumni Relations at (203) 392-6500.

Bouchet Legacy Award for her research on the life of Bouchet, the first African American graduate of Yale University and the first African American member of Phi Beta Kappa. Schiff is the chief research archivist at Yale.

tion and readiness officer at the Hartford Armory. He is building his retirement home in Hawaii.

JOHN FARLEY, '75, M.S. '87, 6th Yr. '88, was awarded the Connecticut Science Teachers Association Award for Excellence in Secondary Science Teaching. He is retiring after 36 years of teaching in Hamden, and lives with his wife, **JOSEPHINE CRISCUOLO FARLEY**, '74, in East Haven, Conn.

JERI RIPKIN, '75, M.S. '82, 6th Yr. '87, is retiring from Tuttle Elementary School after 37 years in education. He resides in East Haven, Conn.

FRANK CALAMARO, '76, was featured in the Valley Courier as "Person of the Week." The publication noted his love of theater and his career as a nurse and a former mental health director. Calamaro lives in Chester, Conn., with his wife, Charlene.

MICHAEL J. FUSCO, '76, M.S. '82, has retired from Plainville High School as the social studies department chairman.

'70s

FRANCIS G. DATTALO, '71, has been elected president and chief executive officer of Union Savings Bank in Danbury, Conn.

JOSEPH ONOFRIO II, '72, M.S. '77, superintendent of schools in Old Saybrook, Conn., has been selected to be the part-time superintendent for the Salem School District. He and his wife, Gail Markman Onofrio, '72, reside in Old Saybrook.

LINDA COPPOLA, '73, 6th Yr. '99, has been awarded the Mary Lou Cook Award for her service to children and families. Coppola is the principal of St. Mary-St. Michael School in Derby, Conn., and has served in the public school system for 37 years.

SUSAN PINSKY BLEEKS, M.S. '74, is the education director of B'nai Israel Religious School in Southbury, Conn.

MIMI PERL, '74, has celebrated her 20th anniversary as office manager of the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut. Perl lives in New London with her family.

MICHAEL D. VOLLERO, '74, M.S. '80, 6th Yr. '83, is serving as the Connecticut Army National Guard's force integra-

House of Representatives 89th District seat since being elected in 1994, is running for the office again. She represents Prospect, Bethany, and part of Cheshire.

JOHN RANK, '77, a teacher of automotive technology and carpentry for the past 34 years, is retiring soon. He was the featured "Person of the Week" in the East Haven Courier.

ROBERT SIMON, M.L.S. '77, director of the Canton Public Library for four years, was featured in the Canton Life publication. Simon lives in Avon, Conn.

Laurie J. Boske, '78, 6th Yr. '92, has been the principal of Brownstone Intermediate School in Portland, Conn., for five years. The school was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2011.

DIANE GENOVESE BUCCIERO, '78, M.S. '88, was inducted into the Hillhouse High School Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of her contributions as the girls track coach.

DAWN RUSSELL HASKIN, '78, has been living in California since graduating from SCSU. She currently lives in San Jose.

DORIE PETROCHKO, M.S. '78, is the president of Connecticut Natural Science Illustrators, a group of professional artists offering an educational program in natural science illustration at the Yale Peabody Museum Community Education Center in Orange, Conn.

GAIL S. SHAULYS, '79, has opened her new law offices in North

Currently he is a student-teacher supervisor for the University of New Haven. Fusco was elected master of the Center Lodge Number 97 of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Connecticut.

KEVIN MCMAHON, '76, M.S. '82, 6th Yr. '93, is working as a family counselor in the L&M Pediatric Obesity Program in New London and as a school psychologist at the Norwich Free Academy. McMahon, author of "Manny McMoose and his Chubby Caboose," lives in Groton, Conn.

DEBORAH SCHWAB, '76, is directing and teaching gymnastics at Olympiad Gymnastics in Wilmington, Del. She lives in Pennsville, N.J.

MARY CLARK MOSCHELLA, '77, who joined the faculty at Yale Divinity School in 2010, has been appointed to the Roger J. Squire Chair in Pastoral Counseling. Moschella has a M.Div. from Harvard Divinity School and a Ph.D. from the Claremont School of Theology.

VICKIE NARDELLO, M.S. '77, who has held the Connecticut



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BACK TO Guatemala

When Elaine Bennett, M.P.H. '04, decided to travel to Guatemala in 2003 with Southern's International Field Study in Health, she thought the trip sounded interesting and would expose her to a part of the world she'd never seen before. Little did Bennett, now an assistant professor of anthropology at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., know that Guatemala would become central to her life's work.

Bennett's educational pursuits focus on two passions: anthropology and public health. After receiving her undergraduate degree in anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh and her master's degree in public health from Southern, she went on to earn her Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Connecticut — choosing Guatemala as her area of study. Enter Southern Professor of Public Health William Faraclas, who has been leading the international field study since 1976. With Faraclas' assistance, Bennett contacted Dr. Carmen Cereza and her husband, Dr. Craig Sinkinson, who run the Mayan Medical Aid Clinic in Santa Cruz la Laguna, one of the 51 poorest villages in Guatemala. With a population of about 2,000, Santa Cruz is a remote village located along Lake Atitlan, accessible only by boat.



[ABOVE] Elaine Bennett, M.P.H. '04, with her husband and daughters on Lake Atitlan during a recent field research trip to Guatemala. [BOTTOM, LEFT] Professor of Public Health William Faraclas, Bennett, and Associate Professor of Public Health Deborah Flynn reconnect.



Bennett now studies malnutrition in Santa Cruz with the help of the Mayan Medical Aid Clinic and annually tracks the growth of about 250 children under the age of five. Her initial findings surprised her: about 68 percent of children under the age of 36 months in the Santa Cruz municipality were suffering from malnutrition. She attributes much of the problem to the local population's inability to grow their own food, the difficulty and expense of buying food in such an isolated area, and a lack of knowledge and maternal practices related to how and when infants are introduced to solid foods. Now, with the help of the Mayan Medical Aid Clinic, efforts to counsel mothers on basic nutrition may reduce the problem of chronic malnutrition in the area. Only time will tell, and the annual measurements of the children Bennett tracks will reveal any beneficial changes in growth patterns.

By Isabel Chenoweth

Haven. Shaulys was admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 1983 and is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association.

JOHN E. SHIELDS, '79, resides in Moorestown, N.J., and is a partner in the law firm of Muldoon & Shields in Philadelphia, Pa.

'80s

MICHAEL W. MASTRIANNI, '80, has been appointed town attorney by the Town Council of Plainville, Conn. He is a partner in the law firm of Mastrianni & Seguljic.

GARY ROSATO, M.S. '80, 6th Yr. '90, was named the new principal of Fairfield Woods Middle

School in Fairfield, Conn. He is the former director of curriculum, instruction, and assessment for Fairfield Public Schools.

FRANK H. WALLIS, '81, received his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in 1987, and has published a scholarly monograph, "The British Conquest of Afghanistan and Western India, 1838-49."

ROBERT D. CRONIN, M.S. '82, 6th Yr. '84, the superintendent of the North Haven School District, was featured as the "Person of the Week" by the North Haven Courier.

PATRICE FARQUHARSON, M.S. '85, the executive director of the West Haven Child Development

Center, and **GAYLE VAN DIJK**, '79, M.S. '91, the center's education coordinator, were lauded at the "Let's Move! Child Care" recognition luncheon as part of first lady Michelle Obama's campaign against childhood obesity.

MICHAEL E. KIRSNER, '85, is a marriage and family therapist for military families in the Fort Carson Army Hospital in Colorado. He is working on his second book, "Field Manual for the Army Marriage."

SHARON M. WISE, '85, joined Teach for America in 2012 and is teaching English in the Mississippi Delta region. Wise makes her home in North Haven, Conn.

DANIEL P. ANDERSON, '86, has

completed an M.S. program in instructional technology at the University of Bridgeport. His master's thesis consisted of a reading-retention study. Anderson resides in New Haven, Conn.

ROBERT DELLATORRE, '86, has been named senior relationship manager by First Niagara in New Haven, Conn. Previously, Dellatorre was vice president for JPMorgan Chase Bank.

JOHN T. GRIFFIN, '86, who lives in Fredericksburg, Va., is the director of the Virginia Department of Forensic Science-Northern Regional Laboratory in Manassas, Va.

JEAN LANDRIGAN, '86, M.S. '89, is the director of human

resources for the customer service group of the Kaman Industrial Technologies Corporation in Windsor, Conn.

LOUIS J. MARTOCCHIO, '88, an attorney in Southington, Conn., was appointed to the Town Council. He is the former town attorney and resides in Manchester, Conn.

MICHAEL F. REGAN, M.S. '88, 6th Yr. '89, has accepted an executive position at Cooperative Educational Services (CES), a Trumbull-based school support agency. Regan is also the president-elect of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education.

In Print AND On Screen

NEWS ON BOOK, TELEVISION, AND FILM RELEASES FROM SOUTHERN ALUMNI

Glenn Poveromo, '71, has written two books, "Change Your Thinking/Change Your Life" and "The Spirit's Self-Help Book." Poveromo lives in West Babylon, N.Y.

Nicholas Tomaiuolo, M.L.S. '87, a librarian at Central Connecticut State University, is the author of "UContent: the Information Professional's Guide to User-Generated Content." He resides in Wethersfield, Conn.

Vanessa Pomarico-Denino, '92, M.S.N. '98, is a contributing author to a new medical/surgical nursing textbook entitled, "Focus on Adult Health Nursing." She has co-authored two nursing textbooks with Southern faculty member Bernadette Madera.

Lisa L. Liedlarz, M.S. '07, has published a book of poetry entitled, "What We Sign Up For," a collection of war-related poetry. She facilitates a bimonthly creative writing workshop with combat veterans and their families at the New Haven Vet Center.

Erik Stocklin, '07, is an actor who will be appearing regularly on ABC's series, "Mistresses."

ROBERT J. WEBER, '88, has opened a law practice in Wallingford, Conn. He and wife, **MARLENE VOLPE-WEBER**, '88, M.S. '97, celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary. They have two children.

'90s

TANIA MAY CURRIER, '90, owns and operates Tania's Sober House in Canaan, Conn., a recovery from alcohol and substance abuse residence for women. Her website is tlcares.org.

BILL NEMEC, '90, M.S. '97, is the athletics director and dean of students for Regional School District 14. Formerly, Nemeć was the coordinator for physical and health education in the New Fairfield School District. He and his family live in Naugatuck, Conn.

DONALD M. CASEY, M.S. '91, and his students at Stepney Elementary School in Monroe, Conn., were awarded an educational grant from Alcohol

and Drug Awareness to support the school's original project, Stepney Elementary School Fit Kids.

SUSAN NOFI-BENDICI, '91, is the new executive director of the New Haven Legal Assistance Association. She and husband, **RAYMOND BENDICI**, '87, reside in Shelton, Conn.

ANDREW O'BRIEN, '91, of Middletown, Conn., is the principal of Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury.

PHILIP GALINSKY, '92, is co-creator of the Manhattan Monologue Slam (MMSlam.com), in which actors compete to see who is the best performer. Galinsky has appeared on Comedy Central, MTV, ESPN Classic, A&E, and USA networks. He lives in New York City.

ARLENE GOTTESMAN, 6th Yr. '92, was named interim principal of Darien High School. She was formerly the principal at Jonathan Law High School and most recently was the assistant superintendent in Wilton. She resides in Milford, Conn.

JILL HALE, M.S. '92, is the principal of Guilford Lakes Elementary School, having formerly served as assistant principal of Walter Polson Middle School. Hale lives in Clinton, Conn.

BRIAN K. HILL, '92, who lives and practices law in Hartford, Conn., is a Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate.

KEVIN M. THOMPSON, '92, was promoted to knowledge management analyst at MassMutual Financial. He lives in Danielson, Conn.

WILLIAM YULE, '92, is an educator at the Connecticut River Museum in Essex, Conn., and is a naturalist and lecturer aboard the museum's eagle-watch boat tours.

GARY CRONIN, '93, was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame. At Southern, Cronin was a member of the NCAA Division II national championship teams in 1987 and 1990, and helped the Owls make it to the Final Four in 1988. Cronin later played professionally for six years and now resides in Glastonbury, Conn.

STACIE D'ANTONIO, '93, M.S. '98, is the principal and literary specialist at Polk Elementary of Watertown, Conn. She and husband, **DOMINICK**, '95, live in Wallingford.

ANTHONY F. DiLAURO, '94, is the executive director of Read to Grow in Branford, Conn., a statewide nonprofit literacy organization.

JORDAN GROSSMAN, '94, has been named the assistant superintendent of schools in Canton, Conn.

SHANE LOCKWOOD, '94, has 17 years of experience in public health. He is the health director for the Plainville-Southington Regional Health District. Lockwood resides in Derby, Conn.

C. ROGER MOSS, M.S. '94, is the new recreation director in Norwich, after serving 15 years as parks and recreation director in East Hartford. Moss

lives in Berlin, Conn.

CHRISTOPHER BOYLE, '95, has been named director of public relations and marketing for Bristol Hospital. He was formerly the communications manager and primary news media spokesman for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, Conn.

DR. MICHAEL HOLINSTAT, '95, of Ardmore, Pa., was awarded the 2012 Kenneth M. Brinkhous Young Investigator Prize in Thrombosis from the American Heart Association. Additionally, he was awarded a Beginning Grant-In-Aid Award from the association to study novel anti-thrombotic therapeutics.

JERRY DAVIS, M.S. '96, the principal of Plainfield Central

School, received the Nicholas Criscuolo Reading Award for Administrators from the Connecticut Reading Association.

JOSHUA SMITH, '97, M.S. '04, has been appointed assistant superintendent of schools by the New Milford Board of Education. Smith lives in Plantsville, Conn.

JOE TONELLI, M.S. '97, is the baseball coach at the University of Bridgeport (UB). Tonelli has been on the UB baseball staff since 2009 and also serves as the director of the university's Wheeler Recreation Center. Previously, Tonelli served as assistant baseball coach at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

TINA ZIGO, '97, was featured in the Best of Fairfield County for

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2012 for her acupuncture practice in Monroe, Conn. Zigo earned her doctorate at the University of Bridgeport's College of Naturopathic Medicine.

MEGAN COLLINS, M.S. '98, a teacher in Weston, Conn., for 18 years, had her art shown at the ArtPlace Gallery.

EMILY JUDD, 6th Yr. '98, is the principal at Washington Primary School in Region 12. She was formerly principal of Polk Elementary School in Watertown, Conn.

IAN NEVIASER, M.S. '98, 6th Yr. '00, was appointed superintendent by the Lyme-Old Lyme Board of Education. He was the former assistant superintendent of Regional School District 4 (Essex, Chester, and Deep River).

JUSTIN PICCIRILLO, '98, M.S. '06, an art teacher at Lincoln Middle School in Meriden, Conn., had his art exhibited at the Sandman Gallery and Frame Shoppe.

THOMAS SCARICE, M.S. '98, was appointed superintendent of schools in Madison, Conn., having previously served as assistant superintendent of schools in Weston. He lives in Cheshire with his wife and children.

JASON BLUESTEIN, 6th Yr. '99, is the principal at Burr Elementary School in Fairfield, Conn. Formerly, he was the assistant principal at Weston Intermediate School.

KATHRYN E. HART, M.S. '99, 6th Yr. '05, has been appointed to the position of principal of J. Milton Jeffrey Elementary School in Madison, Conn.

'00s

BETH CROWLEY, M.L.S. '00, is director of the E. C. Scranton Memorial Library in Madison, Conn. Previously, Crowley spent 13 years at the Groton Public Library. She lives in Noank.

KIMBERLY KUS, M.S. '00, 6th Yr. '06, the curriculum instructional leader for physical edu-

cation and health at Hurlbutt Elementary School, is also the interim assistant principal of the school.

KATHLEEN MARSZYCKI, M.L.S. '00, was named director of library services at both the Granby Public Library and the Cossitt Library in North Granby. She lives in Wethersfield, Conn.

KENNETH G. CRAW, 6th Yr. '01, has been named assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction of Weston Public Schools. Craw lives in Ridgefield, Conn., with his wife and two children.

ANN DONNERY, M.S. '01, is the new principal at New Haven's Edgewood Magnet School.

DAVID MACNIVEN, '01, was promoted to the position of director of Team Hole in the Wall with The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, which was founded by Paul Newman.

JEFFREY SOUSA, 6th Yr. '01, is the assistant principal at Sedgwick Middle School, as quoted by the West Hartford Life newspaper.

KAREN TUCKER GARNER, '02, is living in Knoxville, Tenn., and is the director of communications at the Christian Academy. She was married in June 2011 to Jason Garner.

HYUN JOO JUNG, M.S. '02, had an exhibition of her art entitled, "Voice of Silence" at the H. Pelham Curtis Gallery of the New Canaan Library. Jung works in oils.

STEVEN MADANCY, M.S. '02, is the principal of Kennedy Middle School in Southington, Conn., and lives in Wallingford.

CHRISTOPHER LONGO, M.S. '03, 6th Yr. '06, has been named secondary assistant principal at New Milford High School. He completed his doctorate at Western Connecticut State University in March.

DEREK MUHAREM, M.S. '03, 6th Yr. '05, is the principal of Bethel Middle School.

NIKIA EDWARDS, M.S. '04, has opened her own business,

Abundant Solutions, which provides clinical supervision, consultation, and counseling services. She lives in Newport News, Va., with her three children.

JOSEPH KOBZA, 6th Yr. '04, has been appointed principal of Masuk High School in Monroe, Conn.

ROBERT MONTEMURRO, 6th Yr. '04, is the principal of Orville H. Platt High School in Meriden, Conn. He was formerly principal of Washington Middle School.

DOUGLAS CUCCHIARELLI, M.S. '05, 6th Yr. '08, is the new assistant principal at Branford's Walsh Intermediate School.

KOREN M. PAUL, 6th Yr. '05, earned her Ph.D. from Capella University, graduating summa

cum laude. She is an elementary school principal.

STACY L. (GRAHAM-HUNT) DAVIS, '06, won first place in the commentary category in the 2012 National Association of Black Journalists Salute to Excellence Awards, a national journalism competition. Her piece, "A television is just a screen, not a mirror," described how television portrayed — or failed to portray — African-Americans' experiences and daily lives.

GRETCHEN M. GURR, '06, a history teacher at James Hillhouse High School, was named National History Day Teacher of the Year. She lives in Hamden, Conn.

JENNIFER MIELE, M.L.S. '06, after several years in Arizona, has returned to the area and is

the new director of the Preston Library.

REBECCA CAVALLARO, 6th Yr. '07, the special services director for Oxford Public Schools, lives in Middlebury, Conn.

DAVID ARCONTI JR., '08, was nominated by the Democratic Party to run for the 109th District General Assembly seat to represent northeast Danbury.

EILEEN BARNES, M.S. '08, was named the 2012 Teacher of the Year at Platt Technical High School in Milford, Conn.

KATIE FARGO, M.L.S. '08, is the teen services librarian at Madison's Scranton Library.

STEFANIE DION JONES, M.L.S. '08, is an editor and writer at the University of Connecticut (UConn) in Storrs, Conn. Her

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responsibilities include writing for UConn President Susan Herbst and serving as associate editor of the university's alumni magazine. She and her husband live in Glastonbury, Conn.

SUZANNE LANG, '08, led a workshop on basic drawing techniques for grades five through 12 at the C. H. Booth Library in Newtown, Conn. She teaches in the New Fairfield Public Schools.

ADAM ROSEN, Ed.D. '08, is the principal of Bedford Middle School in Westport, Conn.

ROSA BROWN, M.P.H. '09, was honored by Governor Dannel P. Malloy at the 15th Annual Immigration Day Ceremony in Hartford. Brown, originally from Panama, is active in promoting civil rights and health equity.

LAUREN COYLE, M.S. '09, an environmental educator from the Livingston Ripley Waterfowl Conservatory in Litchfield, Conn., was the guest speaker at the Western Connecticut Bird Club. Coyle lives in Southbury, Conn.

ROXANNE SADOWSKI MELARAGNO, 6th Yr. '09, was named by Connecticut Magazine as a "40 Under 40" honoree. The annual award is given to 40 Connecticut residents, each of whom is under 40, who are making a difference in the state. She is a third-grade teacher at Middle Gate Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

DANA PIETROSIMONE, '09, is a teacher of anatomy and physiology and environmental science at Thomaston High School in Thomaston, Conn.

JENNIFER SLOAT, '09, is the program coordinator for Colchester Youth Services. She previously worked in the Stratford Community Services Department and Health Department.

ELISE TORRES-BROWN, 6th Yr. '09, is the principal of Roger Sherman Elementary School in Meriden, Conn. She previously served as assistant principal at Lincoln Middle School for six years.

'10s

LEAH SAUNDERS, '10, is a member of the Morgan School Task Force, charged with bringing to referendum a proposal to build a new school. Saunders lives in Clinton, Conn.

JENNIFER BOURQUE, 6th Yr. '11, was appointed assistant principal at Memorial Middle School for the Region 15 school district. She lives in Hamden, Conn.

CHRISTINA CHIARELLI, '11, performed in the Steven A. Merrihew Performing Arts Scholarship Benefit Concert at Trumbull High School, her alma mater.

NICOLE GLORIOSO, '11, is a development associate at Clifford Beers Clinic in New Haven, Conn.

CAROL A. LAUER, '11, is a nurse on a medical/surgical and hospice floor at Griffin Hospital in Ansonia, Conn.

CHRISTINA MENESELLO, '11, manages Patty Cakes Italian Bakery in Glastonbury, Conn. The business is co-owned by her mother, Patty Liseo-Fichandler.

EMILY NICOSIA, '11, sang the soprano role of Peep-Bo in the Troupers Light Opera Company's performance of "The Mikado" in Stamford, Conn.

CAROLYN M. SHEA, '11, was elected queen of the 2012 Greater New Haven St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Marriages

MICHELE COHEN, '01, and David Humbert Jr., Aug. 26, 2011.

MARY JO ELLEN HUGHES, '03, and Bryan Gentile, July 8, 2011.

TINAMARIE MUCCIACCIARO, '04, and Paul Boncek, July 8, 2011.

LISA DABKOWSKI, M.S. '05, and Christopher Van Zanten, June 24, 2011.

ANJULI TOHAN, '06, and Dale Bodyk, Oct. 1, 2011.

KRISTA M. BOUTOTE, '07, and Timothy Casey, July 15, 2011.

KRISTEN GALL, '08, and Adam Veneziano, April 14, 2012.

GLORIA GUERRERA, '08, and George Tsiouflikis, Sept. 27, 2011.

MEREDITH WALDRON, M.S. '09, 6th Yr. '10, and Charles Hood, Aug. 6, 2011.

LAUREN ALBIS, '10, and Richard Davis, April 29, 2011.

ALISON MARTIN, 6th Yr. '10, and Peter Carmody, July 9, 2011.

JULIA KATHRYN SAAD, M.S. '10, and Daniel Bershefsky, Nov. 20, 2011.

KRISTIN WILSON, M.S. '10, and Stephen Mastriano, July 2, 2011.

ERICA J. SCHRUMM, '11, and Mario Bencivenga, June 3, 2011.

Births/Adoptions

JENNIFER (RONDINARA) SOLLA, '03, and husband, Italo, welcomed their second son, Christian Thomas, to the family in July 2010. Christian joins brother, David Michael.

IN MEMORIAM

CYNTHIA BARNES, '30, June 11, 2012, Cheshire, Conn.

DOROTHY STEBBINS SIMMONDS, '31, Dec. 30, 2011, Glen Arm, Md.

DOROTHY PATRICIA O'CONNOR HANSEN, '35, Jan. 28, 2012, Oceanside, Calif.

ROSE L. PASCALE, '36, Dec. 27, 2011, Wallingford, Conn.

ELIZABETH HALL DELUCIA, '38, June 6, 2012, Marlborough, Mass.

REBECCA FRAUNDORFER FLANDERS, '38, Mar. 8, 2012, Columbus, Ohio.

CALLISTA D. HEALEY, '39, Dec. 29, 2011, Fairfield, Conn.

SHIRLEY RESNIK GLICK, '40, June 14, 2012, Laguna Woods, Calif.

ELEANOR DEPINTO GRACE, '40, March 1, 2012, Clinton, Conn.

LENORE PEDERSEN MACAULEY, '40, June 5, 2012, Hamden, Conn.

SHIRLEY SEARS, '40, April 15, 2012, Stafford, Va.

DORIS DUNCAN KINGSBURY, '43, Feb. 24, 2012, Hartford, Conn.

ROBERT F. PITT, '43, May 9, 2012, Keene, N.H.

ROBERT E. RUCCIO, '51, November 2011, Naugatuck, Conn.

NANCY JEAN ALTRUI, '52, Jan. 25, 2012, Branford, Conn.

ORELIA LEDBETTER, '53, June 9, 2012, Washington, D.C.

LOIS W. MILLER, '53, Jan. 4, 2012, New Haven, Conn.

MICHAEL "MICKEY" D. J. SKURAT, '54, May 10, 2012, Ansonia, Conn.

BARBARA ANN KAMPH, '55, April 29, 2012, Fairfield, Conn.

LAWRENCE C. RUDD, '55, Feb. 24, 2012, Duluth, Ga.

EDWARD BOWERS, '56, M.S. '75, Dec. 25, 2011, Tampa, Fla.

ANN C. CASHMAN, '56, June 29, 2012, West Haven, Conn.

MARIO LIVIERI, '57, March 8, 2012, Branford, Conn.

CONSTANCE JEAN WHALEN, '57, April 6, 2012, Hamden, Conn.

JOSEPH G. PFISTER, M.A. '58, June 14, 2012, Wallingford, Conn.

SUSAN HADELMAN SLOIN, '61, Dec. 27, 2011, Hamden, Conn.

KEITH J. BODNAR, '62, 1973.

PETER R. DELVECCHIO, '62, Aug. 18, 2010, Benton Harbor, Mich.

JOHN J. "JACK" MCGOVERN III, '62, March 28, 2012, Shelton, Conn.

JANICE J. SWODITCH, '62, March 25, 2012, Naugatuck, Conn.

RICHARD E. BROCKETT, '63, Dec. 9, 2011, New Haven, Conn.

MARY ELLEN LEE, M.S. '64, Jan. 25, 2012, Osterville, Mass.

JOHN M. REILLY, '64, Nov. 20, 2011, Madison, Conn.

DOLORES HULLETTE CHAGHATZBATIAN, '65, Jan. 22, 2012, Kerby, Ore.

ROSINA GINNETTI CUSICK, '65, March 25, 2012, Riverside, Calif.

ROBERT L. LENGYEL, '65, M.S. '73, Jan. 7, 2012, Suffield, Conn.

NANCY BRENNAN, '67, March 23, 2012, Waterbury, Conn.

ROBERT M. DIBBLE, M.S. '68, Jan. 2, 2012, Thomaston, Conn.

VIOLET R. FEE, '68, Dec. 22, 2011, Stratford, Conn.

MARY BOTSOLAS SEKAS, '68, M.S. '76, Jan. 25, 2012, Orange, Conn.

HELEN J. ADAMCZYK, '69, Dec. 12, 2011, Stamford, Conn.

ELEANOR WETHERBEE BORKOWSKI, '69, M.S. '92, June 27, 2012, Middletown, Conn.

WILLIAM ROBERT "BOB" MACK, '69, July 8, 2012, Punta Gorda, Fla.

DIANE NOVAK MATURO, '69, Nov. 25, 2011, Cheshire, Conn.

CAROL J. RACCIO, '69, May 1, 2012, Pompano Beach, Fla.

ALYSON KLUTH, '70, M.S. '75, November 2011, N.Y.

PHYLLIS KUTT, '70, Jan. 30, 2012, Cambridge, Mass.

PATRICIA SMITH QUIGG, M.S. '70, April 24, 2012, Groton, Conn.

JUDITH DOWE STANDISH, M.S. '70, March 6, 2012, Preston, Conn.

EVE ARIES, '71, Nov. 21, 2011, Vernon, Conn.

DOMINIC B. BARELLARI, '71, Dec. 19, 2011, Brookfield, Conn.

MARY E. PACYNA, M.S. '71, Jan. 18, 2012, Newington, Conn.

FRANCIS "SKIP" EVON JR., '72, Dec. 31, 2011, Wallingford, Conn.

ANGELA CIARLEGLIO POLLETTA, M.S. '72, June 23, 2012, Wolcott, Conn.

WILLIAM H. WALLING, M.S. '72, Dec. 24, 2011, Madison, Conn.

RUTH CHASEN WHINNEM, M.L.S. '72, Jan. 7, 2012, Newington, Conn.

JOEL E. BEASON SR., M.S. '73, Dec. 16, 2011, Old Lyme, Conn.

JAMES E. BENNETT, '73, Nov. 30, 2011, Newport, R.I.

JANET SACHS SASLOW, M.S. '73, Dec. 29, 2011, Hamden, Conn.

SUSAN G. BATEMAN, '74, May 28, 2012, Orange, Conn.

PRISCILLA S. CLARK, M.S. '74, Feb. 25, 2012, Southington, Conn.

STEPHANIE T. HEAD, M.S. '75, Feb. 26, 2012, Weston, Conn.

KENNETH J. LIBERMAN, M.S. '75, Dec. 18, 2011, Trumbull, Conn.

RICHARD HEGEL, M.S. '76, Director Emeritus of Library Services, Feb. 14, 2012, New Haven, Conn.

LYNN A. MEYER, M.S. '76, Dec. 12, 2011, Dataw Island, S.C.

GRACE QUINLAN, 6th Yr. '76, June 6, 2012, Branford, Conn.

TEXAS SABINE SWANJORD, M.S. '76, Aug. 30, 2011, Madison, Conn.

PRUDENCE SHELDON WETHERELL, '76, June 6, 2012, Woodstock, Mass.

SYLVIA STROVINK GRIFFITH BURGER, M.L.S. '78, Nov. 20, 2011, Woodbury, Conn.

JUSTINE HASSETT PETERSON, '78, July 6, 2012, Cheshire, Conn.

DAVID M. GAMBINI, '79, June 21, 2012, Wolcott, Conn.

KAREN DUNFORD REILLY, '79, April 25, 2012, Trumbull, Conn.

GEORGE LAVIGUEUR III, '80, May 13, 2012, Norwich, Conn.

RAYMOND WIXTED, 6th Yr. '80, April 9, 2012, Elkton, Fla.

KATHLEEN MARYCLARA CAMPION, M.L.S. '81, Rio Rancho, N.M.

SHIRLEY COE, M.S. '81, 6th Yr. '82, June 14, 2012, Arlington, Va.

CLIFFORD ABBOTT DODD, '81, Feb. 15, 2012, Cape Coral, Fla.

ROSEMARY MAXWELL, '81, May 4, 2012, Milford, Conn.

KAREN MOZDY-KEMP, M.S. '82, 6th Yr. '85, Oct. 21, 2011, Prospect, Conn.

PATRICIA K. BROZEK, 6th Yr. '84, May 25, 2012, North Haven, Conn.

PATRICIA HUNDT, '85, Nov. 11, 2011, Old Saybrook, Conn.

JEFFREY ZAVATKAY, '85, May 3, 2012, Windsor, Conn.

BRIAN F. SMITH, M.S. '86, April 17, 2012, New London, Conn.

ENIO J. SUSI, 6th Yr. '86, Jan. 18, 2012, Stratford, Conn.

WILLIAM MURDY JR., '87, June 8, 2012, Old Saybrook, Conn.

LUBA SOLDRA, 6th Yr. '87, Feb. 4, 2012, Ansonia, Conn.

MARY SYLVESTRE, 6th Yr. '87, Feb. 5, 2012, Waterford, Conn.

RALPH J. ELISEO JR., M.S. '88, March 19, 2012, Milford, Conn.

RICHARD DEFILIPPO, '89, Jan. 31, 2012, East Haven, Conn.

MARILLA "SUSIE" GREEN, '89, Jan. 11, 2012, Durant, Okla.

JOSEPHINE M. DERBY BUTLER, '90, M.P.H. '96, March 26, 2012, Derby, Conn.

ANTHONY GRIGNANO, 6th Yr. '90, former adjunct professor, March 31, 2012, West Haven, Conn.

ELEANOR MELLETT SMITH, '90, Dec. 21, 2011, Suffield, Conn.

DOLORES MACK, '91, Dec. 11, 2011, Hamden, Conn.

JEAN MARGARET YOUNG BROWN, M.L.S. '92, Dec. 29, 2011, Newport, R.I.

MARYANN CURRY FERRIGNO WILSON, M.L.S. '92, April 12, 2012, Old Saybrook, Conn.

BEVERLY M. (CHAPMAN) BRAY, 6th Yr. '93, Nov. 27, 2011, Southampton, Mass.

ALLAN BRANDT, '94, Adjunct Professor, May 1, 2012, Milford, Conn.

MARJORIE ANNE WILLIS, M.S. '95, Dec. 8, 2011, Windsor, Conn.

LISA ANN KYDES, '05, Jan. 24, 2012, Middletown, Conn.

TOM TOMSICH, M.B.A. '10, June 6, 2012, Guilford, Conn.

MILFORD J. DEPREY, Professor Emeritus, April 16, 2012, Orange, Conn.

DEBRA EMMELMAN, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, May 27, 2012, Guilford, Conn.

JOAN A. FINN, Professor of Exercise Science and Director of the Human Performance Laboratory, March 22, 2012.

ALAN H. LEADER, Dean Emeritus of the School of Business, March 11, 2012, Seattle, Wash.

BARBARA J. LYNCH, M.S. '74, 6th Yr. '75, Professor Emeritus of Marriage and Family Therapy and founder of Southern's Family Therapy Clinic, May 20, 2012, Branford, Conn.

MYRON D. MOSS, former chairman of the Music Department and band director at Southern, July 2, 2012.

ERIC V. SANDIN, Associate Professor Emeritus of Physics, March 25, 2012, Guilford, Conn.

CATHY L. SCHWARTZ, Adjunct Professor of Social Work, Dec. 23, 2011.

STUART SOLOMON, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Dec. 5, 2011.

Class notes are compiled from submissions from alumni as well as announcements made in newspapers and magazines.

You're the parent of a college freshman. Has this provided any new insight?

“One thing that the experience has really called to mind — and this is an interesting issue for Southern — is the balance between the residential student experience and the commuter student experience.

“I was a commuter student in college. It was the only way my parents could manage to send four of us to college in such a short period of time. Our older daughter, a freshman at Tufts University in Boston, lives on campus. She's very happy and has adjusted beautifully. But I've noticed that she talks as much or more about what goes on outside of the classroom as what goes on in the classroom. It's not that she's not interested in academics. She's a great student — she was valedictorian of her high school class — but she is really interested in and affected by all that goes on outside of class. Here at Southern, this is something we have to pay a lot of attention to on behalf of all of our students — both those who live on campus and those who commute. Their education extends beyond the classroom. It's a critical part of our students' growth, and we have to think about their education holistically to best meet their needs.” ■

Beer Here
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Today Leonard has a brewer and a team to oversee the brewing and packaging of his products, but he still works the line in addition to running the office and sales. Leonard also, not surprisingly, still likes beer, but says he considers tasting it to be work related. (Smelling and tasting are part of approving the final product.) As for recreational imbibing, when it comes to dinner, Leonard says he prefers a glass of wine.

Meanwhile, the craft-brewing revolution shows no sign of abating. On average, most Americans live within 10 miles of a brewery, according to the Brewers Association. Back home in Connecticut, Leonard is more than happy to serve his neighbors and growing legion of fans. ■

While Leonard isn't allowed to sell beer to be consumed at the brewery, free samples on tap are available at a small bar located off to the side that belies the manufacturing feel of the place. Customers can also buy a half-gallon "growler," a brown bottle with the New England Brewing Co. logo, and pay to have it filled with fresh, cold beer on tap to take home. The growler, which can be reused, is \$4 and the beer fill is another \$10- \$15, depending on the variety.

LAUGH OUT LOUD

COMEDY NIGHT



featuring Bill Burr Nov. 17 8 p.m.

Star of two Comedy Central specials and the popular "Monday Morning Podcast," Burr's also kept them laughing on "Chappelle's Show" and "The Late Show with David Letterman."

\$35 for general admission; \$25 for Southern active alumni, faculty, staff, and student guests; and \$10 for Southern students. (203) 392-6154

A Business After Hours at Mystic Seaport

Nov. 27 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Connect with fellow alumni in the Mystic and New London area when we meet at Latitude 41° for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Call Charlie Davison at (203) 392-6500. \$10

Student-Directed One Acts

Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 8 p.m.
Dec. 2 2 p.m.

Kendall Drama Lab

Theater at its finest directed and performed by Southern's students.

\$10 for general admission; \$5 for senior citizens and Southern active alumni, faculty, staff, and student guests; and \$5 for Southern students. (203) 392-6154

Jonathan Butler Christmas

Dec. 8 8 p.m.

Enjoy a dazzling arrangement of holiday favorites mixed with contemporary jazz and spirited melodies.

\$32 for general admission; \$28 for active alumni, Southern faculty, staff, and student guests; and \$16 for Southern students. (203) 392-6154



Hay Fever

March 5 – 9 8 p.m.
March 9-10 2 p.m.

Noel Coward's classic comedy follows the action when four eccentric members of the Bliss family each invites a guest to their English country house. Performed by Southern students and directed by Professor of Theater Sheila Hickey Garvey.

\$10 for general admission; \$5 for senior citizens and Southern active alumni, faculty, staff, and student guests; and \$5 for Southern students. (203) 392-6154

Career Fair

April 10 1 - 4:30 p.m.

Michael J. Adanti Student Center
Grand Ballroom

Alumni and students are invited to meet with employers to explore a wide variety of career opportunities.

(203) 392-6536

Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

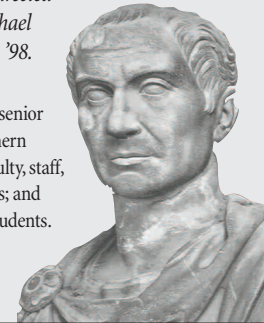
April 23 – 27 8 p.m.
April 28 2 p.m.

Kendall Drama Lab

The Great Bard's classic tragedy performed by a talented cast of Southern students.

Guest directed by Raphael Massie, '98.

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Garrison Keillor



April 14 7:30 p.m.

The best-selling author and host of "A Prairie Home Companion," shares hilarious anecdotes about growing up in the American Midwest, the people of Lake Wobegon, and late-life fatherhood.

\$100 for premium seating and a preshow reception; \$55 for premium seating; \$35 - \$45 for regular seating; \$35 for regular seating for active alumni, Southern faculty, staff, and students. (203) 392-6154



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I give each year because Southern regards **student success** as its highest priority and strives to remain accessible and affordable for all.

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James Barber, '64, M.S. '79
Director of Community Engagement

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Southern has emerged a sustainability leader, placing fourth out of 98 schools across the country in the 2012 Campus Conservation Nationals, a competition that challenges colleges and universities to cut energy consumption in residence halls. Southern students made numerous small changes – including turning off lights, televisions, and computers when not being used – to help reduce electricity use an impressive 20.5 percent during a three-week period from March 26 to April 16. Prior to the contest, a benchmark usage rate was taken at each school.

The energy reduction posted by Southern during the competition – equal to 76,251 kilowatt hours – translates to a cost savings of more than \$11,400. In addition, as one of the top schools in the conservation contest, Southern won a credit for 200 megawatt hours of renewable energy from Sterling Planet, which works with businesses and organizations to reduce their carbon footprints. The energy credit is expected to be enough to power one of Southern's smaller residence halls for about a year.

In addition to Southern Connecticut State University, other schools realizing the greatest electrical energy savings in the competition include Bowling Green University, University of Kentucky, Hofstra University, and Western Technical College.

For more on campus sustainability at Southern go to SouthernCT.edu/campus_sustainability/.

THINKING GREEN.

Winning Big



Many members of the campus community, including the staff of Residence Life, helped Southern to significantly cut energy consumption during the Campus Conservation Nationals competition. Pictured are: [FRONT ROW] Jenna Retort, residence hall director, and Robert DeMezzo, '99, M.B.A. '07, associate director of Residence Life. [BACK ROW, FROM LEFT] Carisa McLaughlin; Chermele Christy, residence hall director; Jay Henderson; Suzanne Huminski, M.S. '10, an instructor of science education and environmental studies; Joshua Sumrell; and Angela Todaro, who oversees the Student Teaching Placement Office.