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“Why I’m Coming Home”



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Among the many reasons I am so proud to be SUNY Cobleskill's new President is that this College has long dedicated itself to sending our students out into the world prepared for engaged citizenship and to use their knowledge, ideas and energy to help people not just here at home, but everywhere.

Our programs, from those in agriculture and natural resources to our many offerings in the liberal arts and sciences, all point in the same direction: to steadily improve the quality of life across the planet we share. A tremendous challenge? Certainly. But one that SUNY Cobleskill has always happily accepted and tirelessly worked to meet.

The stories in this magazine help tell the tale of SUNY Cobleskill through the years. Some of the individuals profiled are alumni who have gone on to significant accomplishments. Some are people who have in other ways been touched and enhanced by this place. Virtually all of them plan to attend Homecoming and to mark SUNY Cobleskill's "hinge moment" between what has been and what will be.

The upcoming Centennial Homecoming is, I think, a particularly fitting way to commemorate our unending commitment to improve the lives of millions. I heartily invite you to join us. I promise that it will be a grand celebration – a celebration, Cobleskill style, of our resolve both to help people in the here and now, and to do our part in creating for them ever more bountiful futures.

When you attend, you are sure to reinvigorate friendships and rekindle memories. I think you will also be amazed at how great and quick the College's progress has been in expanding both our academic reach and our educational facilities. And I know you will feel the non-stop energy that exists here, energy certain to carry us into our next century of transformative innovation.

I very much look forward to welcoming you home.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Terenzio, PhD
President

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A DIFFERENT WORLD

SAM YOUMANS '41

When Sam Youmans entered SUNY Cobleskill in 1939, it wasn't SUNY Cobleskill, but rather the Schoharie State School of Agriculture. "There were four buildings and the Quad," he recalls, "plus the dairy barn and a poultry house. And that was it." As for housing, Sam, like many of his peers, rented a room in a local boarding house. But there was great sociability among the students, plus top-notch professors, and he ultimately earned his Associate degree in Agronomy in 1941.

Raised on his family's Albany County farm, Sam felt that attending college was important given the changes then happening in agriculture. "Some farms were growing, while others were failing," he says. "Luckily ours was the first kind, with hundreds of acres and lots of farmhands. On weekends I'd go home and help out." Because the government

classified farming as essential work, Sam received a deferment from service in World War II.

"I have some great memories of my time there, and I have a lot of gratitude."

Meanwhile, college had one especially happy consequence for him. In just his first month on campus he met Kay, the girl he would marry soon after graduation; their marriage lasted until Kay's passing in 2001. "My wife stayed very active with the alumni," he recalls. "Eventually she was made President of the Alumni Association, and that kept us both closely involved with the College for many, many years."

While Sam won't be able to attend our Centennial Homecoming, he did return to campus recently for SUNY Cobleskill's Golden Grads celebration.

"I've been a farmer all my life," he says, "and I became a much better farmer after my two years of college. I have some great memories of my time there, and I have a lot of gratitude."

Top(L-R): Tom Roe, Dick Hart, Claire Ross and Sam Youmans.

"That hallway, that doorway – they changed everything."



TURNING POINT

GLENN KESNER '81

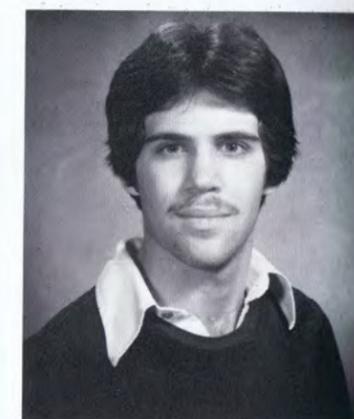
"I wanted to be a farmer since I was 12," Glenn Kesner says. "I read about farming and got up before dawn to watch the agriculture report on TV. My parents let me raise chickens in our house. And we weren't exactly in the farm belt. We lived in Brooklyn."

Eventually Glenn managed to find a high school in Queens that offered classes in agriculture. Despite a grueling daily commute, he persevered, and when it was time for college, SUNY Cobleskill was where he wanted to go.

Then fate intervened. "One day in my freshman year I was walking down a hallway in one of the buildings and just happened to glance through an open doorway," Glenn recalls. "Inside was WCOB, SUNY Cobleskill's radio station. And something went off in my head, and I knew – knew – that I'd just discovered exactly what I wanted to do with my life."

Top: Glenn Kesner with fellow WCOB team members.

Glenn began supplementing his agriculture courses with classes in the humanities, all while doing whatever jobs needed doing at WCOB, and graduated in 1981 with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences.



Glenn C. Kesner
Liberal Arts
Brooklyn, N.Y.

From there it was on to Syracuse University, where he was music director for the school's radio station, then back to New York City and a career that would include significant stints at VH-1, Nickelodeon, CNN and Turner Classic Movies. Today Glenn wears two hats: He owns Auracana, a Boston-area branding company and also heads studio production for digital agency Equisolve in Ft. Lauderdale.

Yet even after all these years, SUNY Cobleskill holds a special place in his heart. "That hallway, that doorway – they changed everything," says Glenn.

Besides making regular donations to the College, he will be attending Homecoming "to show my appreciation for all that SUNY Cobleskill is and does. WCOB might not exist anymore, but the culture that created it needs to be kept alive and well."

BAND OF BROTHERS

JEFF BUCKINGHAM '78

It was the dream of becoming a dairy farmer that drew Jeff Buckingham from his native Connecticut to SUNY Cobleskill. But what he found here were experiences extending far beyond his studies.

"There was a fraternity back then called Zeta Alpha Phi," he recalls. "And my time in the ZAP house was literally life-changing. ZAP gave me the confidence to be my own person, along with the ability to work within a group. And it gave me great, great friends."

Upon leaving SUNY Cobleskill with an Associate Degree in Dairy Science, he eventually headed to California where he earned another Dairy Science degree at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

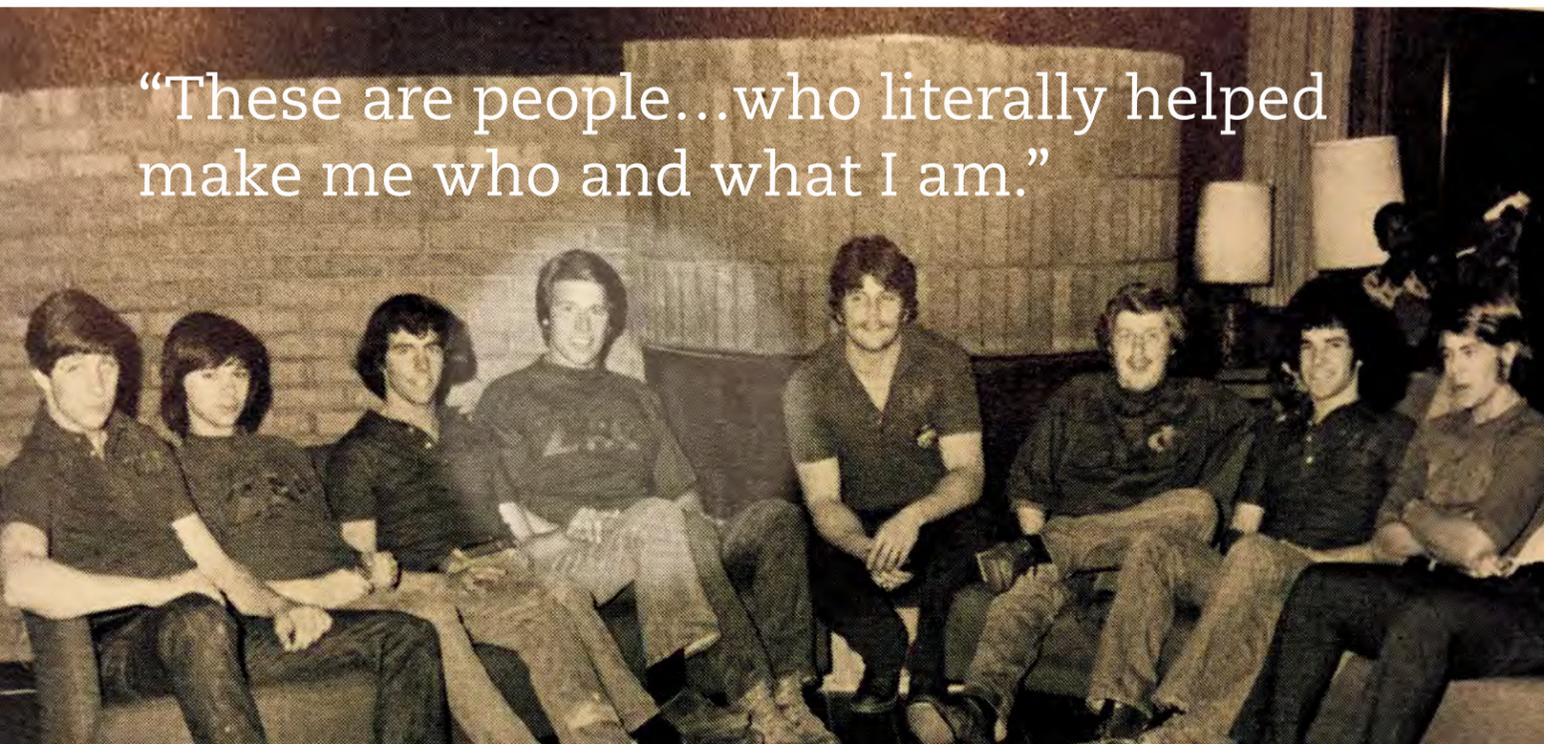
"While studying at Cal Poly, I managed to wheedle my way into some business courses," he says, "and those helped put me on the path to my current 'dual life.'" That duality consists of being the owner of a 540-acre cattle ranch in

the San Luis Obispo area and being president of Norcast Telecom Networks, a communications company he founded several years ago.

Yet, despite living nearly a continent away, Jeff definitely plans to attend SUNY Cobleskill's 2016 Homecoming. Having graduated almost 40 years ago, he's anxious to see the many new facilities he's heard about. But an even greater pull is the chance to rejoin his former classmates, particularly his fraternity brothers from Zeta Alpha Phi. "Those relationships, that bond, is permanent, even if we don't communicate with each other for long stretches," Jeff explains. "These are people who left an imprint on me, who literally helped make me who and what I am."

And as for advice he'd offer to current SUNY Cobleskill students? "Be grateful," Jeff says. "SUNY Cobleskill is a unique place in its combination of small-school atmosphere and real-world education. There are few other places out there that compare to it."

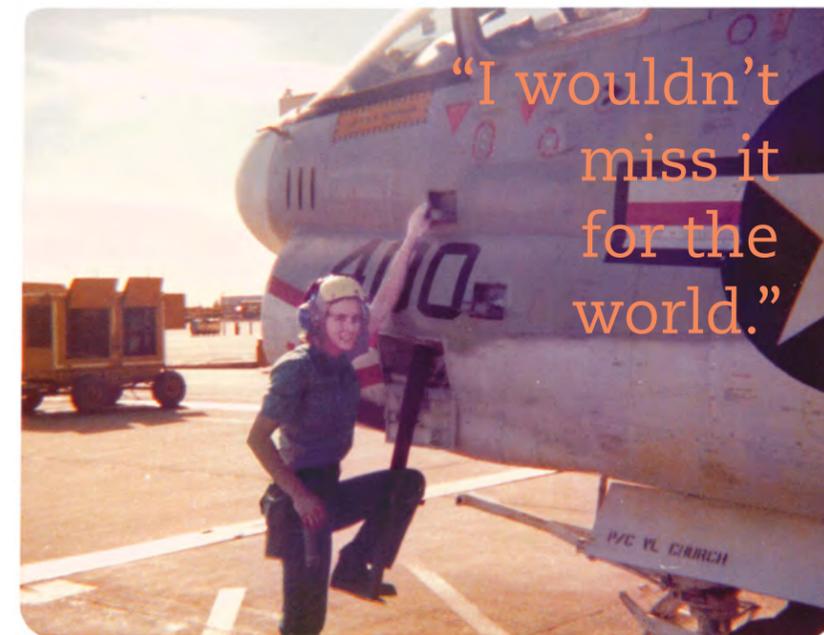
Below: Jeff Buckingham with ZAP fraternity brothers.



ANCHORS AWEIGH

VICKIE CHURCH '75

Right: Captain Vickie Church with U.S. Navy airplane, 1976;
Below: Binghamton Central High School graduation photo, 1973.



Upon graduating from SUNY Cobleskill in 1975 with an Associate Degree in SLT Environmental Health, Vickie Church took the next logical step.

She joined the U.S. Navy.

"I know that sounds odd," Vickie explains, "but I've always had kind of a wandering soul. Plus I knew I wanted to continue my education, and the G.I. Bill seemed like the best way to pay for it."

After four years of active duty, she was able to attend San Diego State University and earn a Bachelor of Science, Environmental Health degree. She then took a position at the San Diego County Department of Environmental Health, a job she held until 2009, all the while remaining in the Naval Reserve, from which she retired 23 years later at the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

As for SUNY Cobleskill's 2016 Homecoming, "I wouldn't miss it for the world," Vickie says. Even though she attended last year's 40th Class Reunion,

she still looks forward to the Centennial event. "I was there for a couple of days, but I still didn't see all the new things on campus that I wanted to see," she says. "This time I'm going to make up for that."



Today Vickie serves on SUNY Cobleskill's Alumni Association Board, an organization that's close to her heart. "One of the many things that sets this school apart," she notes, "is the effort that's made to keep its alumni connected. I have friends who went to other schools who are amazed at, even jealous of, how close we remain to our classmates."

And over the years Vickie has been happy to make gifts to the College because, she says, "I love the practical nature of the courses that are taught, along with the fact that students are encouraged to take diverse kinds of classes. It helps keep both their career options – and their eyes – wide open."



DYNAMIC DUO

Earl and Carolyn (Barkley) Morrison '05

“My life might have been completely different if I hadn’t discovered that I really hated dairy farming,” says Carolyn Morrison. “Before starting at SUNY Cobleskill I thought, ‘Dairy farming is for me.’ Then I tried it and knew I just had to do something else.”

Carolyn’s “something else” turned out to be the pursuit of both Associate and Bachelor’s degrees in Agricultural Business. Not only did it prove a perfect fit for her, it led to her meeting Earl Morrison, a young man working on exactly the same degrees. They were married three years after graduation.

With their similar educational backgrounds, it’s hardly surprising that today Carolyn and Earl work in closely connected businesses. She manages Morrison’s Feed Bag, a family owned and operated pet, farm and garden supply retailer, while he is vice-president of Morrison’s Custom Feeds.

“The fact that Carolyn and I shared educational experiences at SUNY Cobleskill and now have parallel professions has been a blessing,” Earl says. “Our

mutual understanding of the ins and outs of the agriculture business allows us to have really interesting, productive conversations.”

Annual donors to the College Foundation, the couple has fond memories of their time at SUNY Cobleskill, most particularly the fast friendships they made with other students, relationships they attribute to both

the manageable size of the campus and the spirit of camaraderie that pervades student life.

While Carolyn and Earl have returned to SUNY Cobleskill for several Alumni weekends, their attendance at this year’s

Homecoming will have particular significance in that they are set to receive the College’s 2016 Young Alumni Achievement Award. “That’s a real honor,” Carolyn says, “plus on any visit there’s something new to see, like the Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources. And, of course, we always manage to reconnect with some of our favorite people. New buildings, old friends. We can’t wait.”

Above: Carolyn and Earl Morrison today.

“New buildings, old friends. We can’t wait.”

HONORING EXCELLENCE

On Homecoming Weekend, the SUNY Cobleskill Alumni Association will honor seven alumni whose outstanding professional and personal achievements have brought distinction to themselves as well as to their alma mater. Recipients of the Outstanding Alumni award, Distinguished Alumni award and Young Alumni award will come to campus to speak with students in the week before Homecoming. That weekend, they will receive their awards at the Alumni Awards Cocktail Reception.

Outstanding Alumni: Todd Lighthall '93 and Shari Lighthall '92

Todd graduated from SUNY Cobleskill with an AAS and BT in Agricultural Business Management and now operates the Oswegatchie Educational Center. Shari graduated with an AA in Sciences and currently manages the Cornell Agricultural Outreach and Education program.

The Outstanding Alumni award recognizes remarkable professional achievement, community involvement, and service to SUNY Cobleskill.

Distinguished Alumni: Matthew Fagnani '76 and Kyle Tuttle '84

Fagnani earned an AAS in Agricultural Engineering, Power & Machinery from SUNY Cobleskill. After graduating, he rose quickly in the ranks at Sperry New Holland before moving back to Schoharie County and taking a position as Territory Service Manager for Kubota Tractor Corporation.

Tuttle holds an AAS in Business Administration from SUNY Cobleskill. Today he is a Senior Vice President for LP Ciminelli, the construction firm that built the College’s new Alumni Commons residential complex.

The Distinguished Alumni award recognizes outstanding professional achievement, expertise in a field of study, community involvement and engagement with SUNY Cobleskill. The awardee must have graduated at least 10 years ago.

Young Alumni Achievement Award: Earl Morrison '05 and Carolyn Barkley Morrison '05

Earl and Carolyn both hold degrees in Agricultural Business and Agricultural Business Management from SUNY Cobleskill. Carolyn now manages Morrison’s Feed Bag, a family-owned and operated pet, farm and garden supply center, and Earl serves as vice-president of Morrison’s Custom Feeds.

The Young Alumni Achievement award recognizes outstanding professional achievement, leadership, community involvement and engagement with SUNY Cobleskill. The awardee must have graduated within the past 10 years.

Outstanding Student Award: Easton Murray '17

Murray is pursuing her bachelor degree in Agricultural Equipment Technology. She is active in the Collegiate Farm Bureau and Agricultural Engineering Club, among other things, as well as playing softball and serving as a student ambassador.

The Outstanding Student Award goes to a student who shows initiative in academic and campus achievements, has had a positive effect on the College, and has a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Honorary Alumnus: Richard Ball, New York State Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets

This year’s Honorary Alumnus, named by the Alumni Awards Committee, is New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets Commissioner Richard Ball. For the past 20 years, Ball has owned and operated Schoharie Valley Farms and the Carrot Barn while serving on a number of agricultural and community boards and organizations both locally and at the state level.

For more information about all the awardees, visit www.cobleskill.edu/alumniawards.



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JOIN THE CELEBRATION

We welcome our extended SUNY Cobleskill community back to campus on Friday, September 23 for a once-in-a-century Homecoming Weekend and Centennial Celebration. Events kick off Friday and continue through Sunday morning.

We march into our second century on Saturday evening with a grand parade and fireworks display. Campus clubs, organizations and departments will join with community groups to celebrate the past and greet the future as they parade from the Cobleskill fairgrounds to campus, winding from the south side to end on the north side. The night will be capped by a spectacular display of fireworks.

Come for the parade. Come for the the Alumni Baseball Game. Come to bury the time capsule. Come to see all the changes on campus. Or just come to meet old friends and share fond memories. Whatever your reason, we'll be happy to welcome you home.



2016 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner,* 5:30 p.m. Bouck Ballroom
Student and Alumni Bonfire on Fake Field, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sponsored by the SUNY Cobleskill Alumni Association, Agricultural Engineering Club and the Cobleskill Woodsmen Team

ZAP Welcome Home, 6 p.m. Justine's

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

FAM Run, Registration at 8 a.m., run begins at 10 a.m.

Campus Farm Tours, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tractor Show, All day

Fishing Derby, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Alumni Baseball Game, 12:30 p.m.

Alumni Centennial Time Capsule Burial, 3 p.m. Old Quad

Alumni Awards Cocktail Reception,* 4 p.m. Upper Champlin Hall

Centennial Parade, 6 p.m. Starts at Cobleskill Fairgrounds, ends on the north side of campus.

Centennial Fireworks, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Alumni Breakfast at Coby's, Say goodbye to Homecoming 2016 over breakfast with alumni. 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

For more details and updates, visit www.cobleskill.edu/homecoming

**reservations required*



ZAP BROTHERS REUNITE

Alumni of the SUNY Cobleskill chapter of the Zeta Alpha Phi fraternity will return to campus for their annual Reunion Weekend during Homecoming, September 23 through September 25.

The reunion will start with a "Welcome Home" at Justine's in Cobleskill at 6 p.m., then continue the following morning with a Fraternity Meeting on campus at 10 a.m., which will include a hay ride and tour of the campus.

ZAP brothers will then march in the Centennial Homecoming Parade at 6 p.m. on Saturday before a ZAP Dinner and post-parade fireworks display later in the evening.

As in years past, returning ZAP brothers will gather for a group photo before heading their separate ways again on Sunday.



JUBILEE TO CENTENNIAL: TIME CAPSULE UNEARTHED

A model farm tractor. A photo album spanning the years 1979 to 1991. Four editions of the Campus Courier. A VHS tape titled "This is SUNY Cobleskill." This is the view of life in 1991 passed to us through the decades by the Student Government that buried a time capsule during the College's 75th Jubilee. The items were chosen by the campus community to give the future College community a snapshot of that moment in time, with instructions for the capsule to be unearthed 25 years later during the College's Centennial.

In early April, that time capsule was dug up as the campus community, from freshmen to alumni who buried the original capsule, gathered round to get the first glimpses of the dozens of artifacts inside.

"The capsule reminds us that we're standing on the shoulders of those who kept our Coby strong," SUNY Cobleskill President Dr. Marion A. Terenzio said at the opening. "It is our obligation, as it was 25 years ago, to make sure the future is a place that we would want to visit."

In 1991, the SUNY Cobleskill community chose several dozen items to carry its story to the future. Now it's our turn. Over the coming months, faculty, staff and students will decide what objects best represent SUNY Cobleskill at its Centennial. The time capsule will be buried on September 24 during Homecoming Weekend.



COMING FULL CIRCLE

ADAM WILD '12

Visiting Instructor Adam Wild on campus this spring.

For many alumni, attending this year's Homecoming will involve considerable travel. But not for Adam Wild. As a Visiting Instructor at SUNY Cobleskill, the celebration will take place virtually in his own backyard. But that doesn't mean he isn't eagerly looking forward to the event.

"I love seeing the alumni discover what's new on campus and what programs and courses have been added since they left," Adam says. "Even if they haven't been away long, changes tend to happen very fast around here."

For Adam, taking a teaching position has itself been a sort of homecoming. After graduating from SUNY Cobleskill in 2012 with a degree in Plant Science, he attended SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse, the country's leading institution for environmental studies. Then, having earned his master's degree in Forest Ecology at ESF, Adam returned to SUNY Cobleskill in 2014 to teach Plant Science.

"I give courses in landscape, wildlife and related subjects," Adam explains. "But I'm also offering a class in maple syrup production, which is something new for SUNY Cobleskill and something my students really seem to enjoy."

As for his own student experiences here, Adam most fondly recalls the many different people he met and subjects he discovered – and how they came to shape his choice of career. "The professors and students I met helped me zero in on my field of interest, then pointed me in the direction of graduate school, with the ultimate goal of teaching. So SUNY Cobleskill's impact on me has been tremendous."

And today with his own students he stresses the critical importance of constant exploration, whether in school or out. "I encourage them to keep pushing the boundaries of their experience," he says, "to not limit themselves just to courses required for their majors. And then to carry that persistent curiosity with them out into the world."

"I love seeing the alumni discovering what's new on campus..."

OUR GOLDEN GRADS



Class of '66 Royal Court

As SUNY Cobleskill celebrates its Centennial, we welcomed the class of 1966 to Golden Grad status with a Golden Grads Reunion on Saturday, May 21. The new Golden Grads marked 50 years since their graduation along with members of the classes of 1966, 1961, 1956, 1951, 1946, 1941, 1939, and 1931.

Golden Grads were treated to a reception in Frisbie Hall, the College's oldest building, with a presentation and photo show about updates to the campus, before heading to the Quad for a champagne toast and luncheon. That was followed by a class photo and tours of the Old Quad buildings.

Much has changed at SUNY Cobleskill since 1966 – like the addition of the new Quad, introduction of four-year degree programs, and the new Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources – but the ties among these Golden Grads remain the same, and remain strong, year after year.

BE PART OF THE STORY

We invite you to contribute to our ongoing story by recording your memories of the College during our Centennial Homecoming Weekend.

StoryCorps, the non-profit organization that collects oral histories from around the country, will be at SUNY Cobleskill during our Centennial Homecoming Weekend with recording equipment to capture the rich history of the College.



StoryCorps' first StoryBooth opened October 2003 in Grand Central Terminal in New York City.

Did you meet the love of your life here? Start your career here? Learn something important about yourself? We want to hear it. The Van Wagenen Library, which is partnering with StoryCorps, will provide space and tablets to record your memories during Homecoming.

StoryCorps archives its collection of oral histories at the Library of Congress and airs a few of them weekly on NPR. The format encourages conversation, so bring a friend and stop by to contribute a lasting memory to the College archives. If you can't be on campus during Homecoming, you can record your story at home through StoryCorps' mobile app.

If you have any questions or would like to reserve a recording time, please contact Katherine Brent at the Library at BrentKE@cobleskill.edu.



NEW PRESIDENT, NEW CENTURY

“Education is the hope of the world.”

Above: SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, left, joins Dr. Marion A. Terenzio upon her Inauguration as the twelfth President of SUNY Cobleskill. Right (LF-RB): SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, Professor and Presiding Officer of the Faculty Angelika Hoeher, Former Deputy Under Secretary of Postsecondary Education Jamiene S. Studley, and U.S. Congressman Chris Gibson attend the Inauguration of Dr. Marion A. Terenzio at SUNY Cobleskill.



Dr. Marion A. Terenzio was inaugurated on April 8 as SUNY Cobleskill’s twelfth president, the first woman to permanently hold that office. She was joined in the Inauguration ceremony by SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher, elected leaders, and delegates from higher education across the country.

As her inauguration and the College’s Centennial converged, Dr. Terenzio reflected on SUNY Cobleskill’s founding 100 years ago and reaffirmed its mission as an institution of higher education that acts locally and thinks globally.

“On the occasion of this Inauguration, I am fully prepared to lead this institution into our second century with the same vision, fortitude and conviction that was required at our inception,” she said. “We at SUNY Cobleskill see opportunity rather than challenges because of the relevance of our vision as premier stewards of sustainability. We invite our students to join us in this practice by connecting their desires, talents and acquired knowledge and skills – and, yes, their calling: to restore the health of the planet, provide nutrition to food-insecure populations, and to reduce our carbon footprint.”

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME WELCOMES FOUR NEW TIGERS

The SUNY Cobleskill Department of Sport & Exercise is inducting four new members into the College’s Athletic Hall of Fame for 2016 during this year’s Homecoming Weekend. Each year, the Hall of Fame honors Fighting Tigers from across the decades who have distinguished themselves as standout athletes. This year’s inductees are Arthur McNamara ‘50, Fred Guay ‘59, Carl Tillipaugh ‘69, and Leslie Martin ‘05.

Arthur McNamara was a rising star when he came to SUNY Cobleskill in 1948 from Saint Augustine High School in Brooklyn after a short stint at Saint John’s University in Queens on a basketball scholarship. At Cobleskill, he quickly led the basketball team in scoring and carried it to two New York State Technical College Championship Tournament bids. When he graduated, he was the men’s basketball all-time leading scorer with 635 career points.

Fred Guay came to Cobleskill in 1957 after serving in the United States Army and played basketball under Hall-of-Fame Coach Albert “Nick” Iorio. He was the team’s leading scorer while he attended, earning All-NJCAA Regional and NJCAA All-American honors. After graduation, he took a position with the College and served faithfully for 33 years before retiring.

Carl Tillipaugh distinguished himself early in men’s track and field at Cobleskill High School before coming to SUNY Cobleskill to compete under Hall-of-Fame Coach Maynard Clark. In his time here, he earned NJCAA All-Regional honors and qualified for the NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships. He held the men’s record for outdoor high jump, at 6 feet, 8 inches, when he graduated in 1969.

Leslie Martin, a Hudson Falls native, distinguished herself in both basketball and track and field for the Fighting Tigers. In basketball, she was named Most Valuable Player in 2004 and earned All-Mountain Valley Conference the same year. On the track, she was a two-time women’s team Most Valuable Performer, four-time NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field All-American and three-time NJCAA Outdoor Track & Field National Champion, winning two national titles in the high jump and the heptathlon.

For more information, visit www.cobleskill.edu/halloffame

BASEBALL IS BACK



Big news for the Fighting Tigers: America’s favorite pastime is coming back to SUNY Cobleskill. The College is resuming its long and proud tradition of sponsoring intercollegiate baseball with the first season of play planned for spring 2018.

For students, alumni and the broader Cobleskill community, that means rediscovering the pleasure of watching a hometown baseball game. For prospective students, it’s yet another reason to choose SUNY Cobleskill.

The Fighting Tigers baseball team will be a member of the Northeast Athletics Conference and NCAA Division 3. The Department of Sport & Exercise plans to hire a coach by January 2017 to begin recruiting players and building the program.

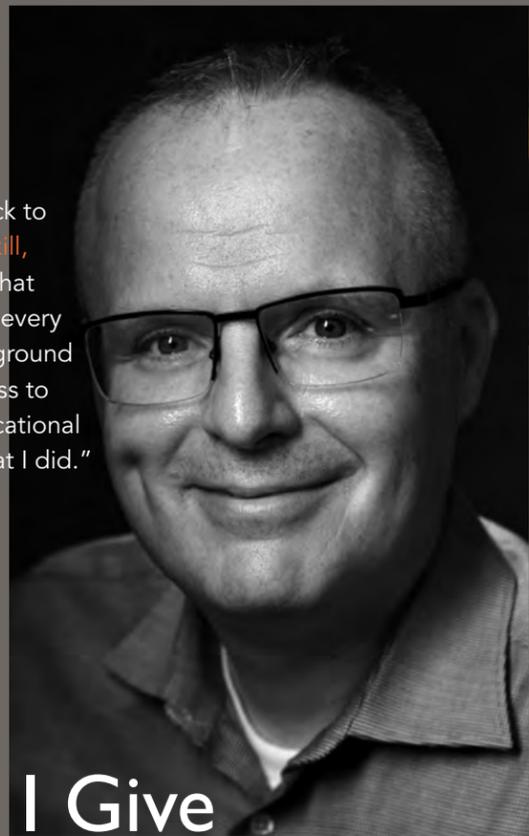
To accommodate the new team, the College’s baseball field will be renovated in the summer of 2017 with cosmetic improvements and turf upgrades.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

Homecoming will mark the official announcement of baseball’s return to SUNY Cobleskill. We are looking for alumni of the baseball team to play in an Alumni Baseball Game on Saturday, September 24 at 12:30 p.m. For more details or to register, contact Kevin McCarthy at mccartk@cobleskill.edu or 518.255.5127.



"By giving back to SUNY Cobleskill, it is my hope that students from every financial background can have access to the same educational experience that I did."



Why I Give

Alumnus Mike Reilly, '87
AAS Animal Husbandry Dairy

LEVELS OF GIVING

Frisbie Society	\$5000 and up
1916 Society	\$2500 to \$4999
Old Quad Society	\$1000 to \$2499
Van Wagenen Society	\$500 to \$999
Rolling Hills Society	\$250 to \$499

For more information, please contact Lois Goblet, Chief Advancement Officer, gobletle@cobleskill.edu, 518.255.5524, Knapp Hall, Cobleskill, NY or visit us online at www.cobleskill.edu/presidentscircle.



MAKE YOUR MARK

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GIVING BACK FROM WITHIN

Our faculty and staff at SUNY Cobleskill give back to the College for many reasons: "Because I believe in this place." "Giving back is my way of paying it forward." "Because I was the first in my family to go to college. And I know for a lot of our students, it's the same way."

Their generosity year after year means we can stride confidently into our second century as stewards of sustainability. It means we can offer our students not only the same opportunities, but better opportunities, and better tools to reach their goals.

Their generosity means our students have many reasons to be thankful: For that trip to a national conference. For that scholarship that made an education more attainable. And for leadership and volunteer opportunities that help shape the leaders of tomorrow.



Dear Alumni and Friends:

As we begin our second century at SUNY Cobleskill, our mission is more important than ever. We are preparing for the next generation of big questions: how to feed the world, how to preserve the earth, and how to create a sustainable future.

The dynamic education, acquisition of professional skills, and building of engaged citizenship that our students benefit from today will ripple outward tomorrow. Whether it is in agriculture, clean energy, business, or the humanities, the scope and reach of our thinking is global.

Our community of alumni and friends is global, too. SUNY Cobleskill has launched countless stories of success – and countless reasons to give back. Whether it is to enhance a specific program or build cutting-edge facilities, your donation helps our students learn and lead in a rapidly changing world.

Your story is an indelible part of our story, and your generosity is integral to our students' success. By joining the President's Second Century Circle, your annual gift will carry SUNY Cobleskill's momentum into the next century. Donate now. Future generations will thank you.

Sincerely,

Marion A. Terenzio, PhD
President

AGWEEK 2016

AgWeek 2016, hosted by SUNY Cobleskill's Ag Council, celebrated women in agriculture with a week of special events capped by an Earth Day Celebration on April 30.



OLIVE SCOTT & GERALD ROBIDEAU

LEADING THE WAY

In 1987, Olive Scott had the opportunity to come to SUNY Cobleskill from southern California to establish the College's first Bachelor degree program as Provost. It meant moving across the country and taking a position never before held by a woman to lead the College through a major milestone in its history. She couldn't resist.

Nearly 30 years later, Scott is the chair of the College Council, and she's still captivated by the College's growth – and still driving it. From developing Bachelor degree programs and pioneering the College's partnership with John Deere to serving on the search committee that selected Dr. Marion A. Terenzio as the College's twelfth President, Scott has been deeply involved in much of what makes SUNY Cobleskill so unique, and so dynamic, today.

"Olive Scott's service and dedication to Coby is unparalleled. Through her many leadership roles, which span over 30 years, Dr. Scott has worked tirelessly in support of the College's mission and overall success. Her husband, Jerry joins her in her labor of love, and we are grateful to both of them," said Dr. Terenzio.

With so much experience behind her, Scott is as optimistic as ever about the future of the College. "We're going to grow more," she says, citing the new Center for Agriculture and Natural Resources: "I think the possibilities there are endless."

While Scott was still working at community colleges in Southern California, Gerald Robideau – now her husband – was already setting down roots in Cobleskill. He came to the area from northern New York in the early 70s before his career took him to Vermont for a few years. When he came back in 1977,

he knew this was home. Among the bucolic scenery and country charm, Robideau recognized what Scott came to know, too: That this small, friendly community held a gem in SUNY Cobleskill.

Last year, Scott and Robideau together established the Olive Scott and Gerald Robideau Scholarship for returning Schoharie County students with a GPA of 3.2 or higher and demonstrated financial need. The scholarship is an extension of the pair's earlier contributions to a grant the College had received for faculty and staff development. When that came to an

end, they wanted to continue their support by helping local students grow and achieve their goals.

"We wanted to help kids in our county, because we plan on living here the rest of our days," Scott says. "We think the College does a great job. So it was a no-brainer as far as we were concerned."

She and Robideau attend Homecoming each year to share stories with old College friends, and usually meet a few new ones. They'll

be here this September, likely somewhere near the center of the action, for SUNY Cobleskill's Centennial Homecoming Weekend.

The rich history of the College and close ties among its graduates struck Scott from the very start, especially having come from younger institutions in California. She remembers sitting at the Homecoming dinner in 1987, her first year at the College, and meeting a couple that had graduated in 1928.

"That was quite an experience to me," she says. "They were still high on the College and they were still coming back."



CELEBRATE THE HARVEST AT OUR CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Faculty chefs and students will collaborate with local restaurants, chefs, and alumni to present SUNY Cobleskill's 5th Annual Culinary Extravaganza this October. Traditionally held in the spring, this year's Extravaganza will be a celebration of the fall harvest – as well as the College's Centennial – with seasonal ingredients sourced from local producers as well as from the campus' own farm and gardens.

The event will be co-chaired by Garth Roberts, also a College Foundation Board Member, and Doug Plummer, proprietors of The American Hotel in Sharon Springs.

The Extravaganza is one of two major annual fundraisers for the College Foundation. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to reserve your ticket, call the College Foundation at 518.255.5524.

The event is scheduled for Friday, October 21 at 6 p.m. in the Bouck Hall Ballroom. Tickets are \$50 per person. The evening will include appetizers, entrees and desserts, as well as wine and beer tastings. Read more about the featured chefs at www.cobleskill.edu/yum.

WELCOME HOME

Whether you graduated last year or 50 years ago, it's never too early – or too late – to come home. Our Centennial Homecoming is the perfect time to return to your alma mater. See old friends and old stomping grounds, meet alumni from years past, and discover the exciting new developments on campus.



THERE ARE COUNTLESS REASONS TO RETURN THIS SEPTEMBER. HERE ARE JUST A FEW:

HOMECOMING PARADE

Celebrate 100 years of SUNY Cobleskill pride with our Centennial Homecoming parade and fireworks display.

ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME

Watch Fighting Tiger alumni step up to the plate once again in a friendly game – or join in yourself.

TIME CAPSULE BURIAL

Witness history as we bury a time capsule, and take a peek at what the class of 1991 left behind.

ZAP REUNION

The brothers of Zeta Alpha Phi will reunite on campus for a full weekend of events, including the annual group photo.

Campus tours, a bonfire, a fishing derby – the list goes on. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with SUNY Cobleskill at a moment of tremendous celebration. It only comes around once every hundred years.