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Halford Lobby Dedicated

The Faculty Office Building lobby was named in honor of John L. Halford, Sr., ’49, on April 11, 2005. The lobby is called the John L. Halford Sr. Lobby. Mr. Halford has supported SUNY Canton through a scholarship endowment in his name that has eased the financial burden of dozens of students.

Most recently, Mr. Halford made a $50,000 gift to the Canton College Foundation to support new college initiatives. This follows his original endowment of $20,000 in 1989 and an additional $10,000 gift to the endowment in 2002.

Additionally, in 1999 Mr. Halford became the College’s first member of the Legacy Society by establishing a $50,000 charitable remainder trust. The income from this trust supports eight annual scholarships for Gouverneur Central School students.

Mr. Halford graduated from SUNY Canton’s Air Conditioning Engineering Technology program in 1949. At age 17, during World War II, he enlisted and served 4-1/2 years in the Marine Corps and eventually returned to Gouverneur to complete high school.

After graduating from SUNY Canton, he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in research and nuclear reactor development. From 1973 until his retirement in 1987, he was the building maintenance manager for Suffolk County.

David Gerlach ’83, Vice President for Advancement, said the story of Mr. Halford’s successes makes his gift even more meaningful. “This is a man who pursued his professional and personal dreams and can inspire our students on both these levels. Hundreds of students each day will pass the plaque in the Halford Lobby that tells his story, and this will be a constant reminder of where their SUNY Canton education can take them.”

School of Engineering Technology Named After Former Student

SUNY Canton’s School of Engineering Technology was dedicated as the Canino School of Engineering Technology during a ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2005. The dedication recognizes the naming of the School for 1959 Air Conditioning Engineering Technology graduate Joel M. Canino. The naming was authorized by former SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King earlier this year. SUNY Canton requested authorization for the naming in recognition of Mr. Canino’s support of and service to SUNY Canton, which was highlighted by last year’s $2 million gift by Mr. Canino for scholarships and special projects. The gift was the largest ever received by any of SUNY’s eight colleges of technology.

Pictured above is the beautiful display that recognizes Mr. Canino’s commitment to the campus. Standing in front of the display is Mr. Canino (left) with Professor Emeritus Harry King, who was one of Mr. Canino’s professors during the late 1950s. Mr. Canino attributes his successful career to his SUNY Canton education and the guidance and direction he received from Professor King and others.

Mr. Canino was honored at SUNY Canton’s 97th Commencement on Saturday, May 14, 2005 as the 2004-2005 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award celebrates Mr. Canino’s highly successful career and dedication to SUNY Canton. He and his partner began Gemma Power Systems in 1997. Gemma Power Systems has become the largest power plant builder of its kind in New England and one of the top in the nation. The firm manages the engineering, procurement and construction of billions of dollars worth of power projects.

Dr. Earl W. MacArthur Receives Distinguished Citizen Award

SUNY Canton President Emeritus Dr. Earl W. MacArthur of Morristown (pictured with his wife, Joyce) received the College Council’s Distinguished Citizen Award on May 14 at SUNY Canton’s 97th Commencement.

MacArthur was president of SUNY Canton from 1972 to 1993. According to President Kennedy, “Dr. MacArthur led the College during one of the most difficult times in the history of higher education. Against a backdrop of declining college enrollments, declining state support, and rapidly increasing costs, he was able to maintain the College’s core faculty, facilities, and values. Even under these conditions, he was able to see a brighter future and took steps to ensure that we have that brighter future.”

Donald F. Garrett, CEO of D. Garrett Construction of Naples, FL, and a 1972 graduate of SUNY Canton, said he was moved to submit the nomination because, “Earl has been a wonderful ambassador for SUNY Canton, both in the business community and Alumni Association. The College has been truly blessed to have had Dr. Earl MacArthur, not only as President, but as a true leader, gentleman, professional and innovative representative.”
Helen Flanders-Farmer ’35 “Hello classmates! Hope you have a great reunion! Sorry we are unable to make the trip from Erie to Canton. At 91 and 94, we feel fortunate to still live in our own home and be able to drive. I’m giving credit to that good SUNY Canton Home Economics training!”

Catheryn Bowman Hamilton ’52 retired from Office for Aging, Canton, NY and has four children and seven grandchildren.

Hilda Wimmer Putnam ’55 is still working and has spent 49 years in retail ladies wear.

David P. Irish ’66 worked in Connecticut for 35 years. He is now retired and living in New York.

Lisa Ann Kukelka ’77 has worked as a Hotel Sales Manager in Orlando, Florida for the past 10 years and enjoys her career and the Florida weather.

Laurie Perko McKinny ’78 graduated in May 2005 in Political Science and Religious Studies from Arizona State University.

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Aldo Bonacchi, ’01 is working as a Police Officer at Oswego City Police Department and was trained for S.W.A.T. by the F.B.I.

Seth A. Thompson ’02 currently works for SUNY Canton as the Director for Diversity Affairs, a field he studied while attending the college.

Ken and Gina Fitzgerald both graduated from SUNY Canton. Ken graduated in 1963 with a degree in Retail Business Management. He was captain of the wrestling team and a member of Sigma Delta Phi. Virginia (Gina) graduated in 1961 with a degree in Secretarial Science. She was Winter Carnival Queen, a member of Pi Nu Epsilon, and a cheerleader. Today, Ken and Gina are enjoying their retirement and live in Sarasota, Florida.
Jeffrey Bent ’93, and his wife Bridgette attended an alumni dinner gathering in Orlando, FL. Jeff owns and operates Broadband Engineering with his wife. They recently relocated to Florida with their two children.

Barbara (Bobbi) Butler Burnham, ’46 and friend, Richard enjoyed dinner with Peggy Sue Levaro, Director of Alumni Affairs, President Joseph Kennedy, and David Gerlach, ’83, VP for Advancement, during their visit to Arizona. Bobbi composed a lovely recollection of her memories of SUNY Canton (Aggie School) for the alumni office. Her treasured memories include her membership in the Pi Nu Epsilon sorority, her favorite teacher, Miss Lottie Southworth, hanging out at the Tick Tock, Crumps, and Evergreens, and meeting a local Canton boy named Bob Burnham, who eventually became her husband.

We Remember:

Alice L. Kenjarski ’36
Marjorie F. Fitzsimmons Collins ’37
June B. Reynolds ’41
Dr. Gordon J. Arquit ’42
Robert B. Ryan ’43
Jean Doane King ’44
George H. Webb ’44
Edward W. Ebbrecht ’47
Bernard J. Sweeney ’47
Kenneth A. Smith ’48
Patricia Ragan Corbine ’53
Douglas McNell ’59
Charles F. Rocca ’59

Helen L. McFerran VanOrnum ’63
Robert Joseph Leonard ’67
Julia E. Dionne ’71
CathyAnn Howes ’73
Cheryl A. Hanzlian ’75
Robert P. LaRouche ’76
Kenneth S. Ward ’77
James E. Christy ’80
George D. Fisher ’83
James English ’90
Christine L. Reif ’95
Joanne P. Brossoit ’97
Jeffrey S. Fiske ’01

Marriages

Robert Burnett ’95 & Christie Warren, October 9, 2004
Jeffrey Tubolino ’96 & Robin Krebs, September 11, 2004
Jamie Aldrich ’96 & Russell Bledsoe, August 28, 2004
Robert Boliver ’97 & Traci Buckingham, August 14, 2004
Douglas Adams ’98 & Sheree Serviss, August 14, 2004
Jennifer Bronson ’98 & Eric Burghardt, September 18, 2004
Erich Farmer ’00 & Jessica Magel, August 22, 2004
Heather Merkley ’00 & John Tamburello, September 11, 2004
Brian Seeley ’00 & Nicole Warren, August 14, 2004

Amy Fonda ’01 & Joseph Fortin, September 18, 2004
Kristin Olmstead ’01 & Steven Hill, February 11, 2005
Allison Warner ’01 & Robert Arquiet, August 7, 2004
George A.P. Caswell ’02 & Jessica J. Lewis, August 21, 2004
Jennifer Fleury ’02 & Sean Hurley, August 14, 2004
Steven Irish ’02 & Sarah Lindsey, September 18, 2004
Jillian Matthews ’03 & Andrew Pray, June 04, 2005
Trevor White ’03 & Rebekah Jordan, October 09, 2004
George Slate ’04 & Jan Kellar, August 7, 2004

Send us your memories of Canton, and we’ll publish them in future issues!
Alumni Weekend 2005

Tom Hunt, '65 and his wife, Sara Jane, owners of Joyful Vineyards in Penn Yan, NY headed up the wine tasting event during Alumni Weekend 2005. The wine tasting featured a number of Finger Lake wines and was attended by over 40 alumni and guests.

Peggy Levato, Director of Alumni Affairs, Grace Vesper '88, President of the Alumni Association, Tony LaFountain, '75, Board Member, Alumni Association, and Lynann LaFountain '75 take a coffee break in the Cybercafe at Alumni Weekend 2005.

SUNY Canton Alumni Strut Their Poker Skills!

One of SUNY Canton’s 2005 Alumni Weekend events had SUNY Canton graduates demonstrating their knowledge of when to hold them, fold them, walk away, or run. Approximately 20 players braved the above 90 degree temperatures and played their hands in a late night game of "Texas Hold 'em" style poker. Players were not required to invest any of their personal funds to play and were given the play money equivalent of $90,000 in poker chips to bid on their hands, which they could exchange for prizes at the end of the tournament.

Fred Liebi, '66, Baldwinsville, placed first in the competition, winning a portable DVD player. Mr. Liebi took the early lead and kept a textbook example of a poker face for the entire game. Mary McDowell, '80, Owego, placed second, winning a 512 megabyte portable computer data storage device. After a few rough hands, McDowell made a quick comeback by "going all in" or continually betting all of her chips.

Taking third place was Peter MacArthur, the husband of Mrs. Marti (King) MacArthur of Canton. Marti is a 1974 and 1978 alumna and the daughter of Professor Emeritus Harry King, '40. Peter won a SUNY Canton hooded sweatshirt.

Mrs. Karen Liebi, the wife of Fred, tied with Larry Allen, SUNY Canton residence hall director and lacrosse team coach for fourth place. Both won SUNY Canton shirts after the match.

Poker night was among many activities at the SUNY Canton 2005 Alumni Weekend, which also included a golf outing, historical tour, and a wine and cheese tasting session.
SUNY Canton Receives $805,000 from Professor Kalberer’s Estate

A check for $805,000 from the estate of SUNY Canton Professor Emeritus Herman W. Kalberer was presented to the Canton College Foundation to provide more student scholarships and operating funds.

The check was presented at the annual Employee Recognition Day by Dr. Robert Fraser, Vice President Emeritus for Academic Affairs. Dr. Fraser was also a close friend of Professor Kalberer and executor of the estate. Nearly everyone at the event had known Kalberer, and the crowd erupted into applause as the announcement was made.

According to SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy, Kalberer was often feared by students, but much admired. “Herm’s style of teaching was definitely tough love, but the veil of toughness was extremely transparent. Herm always said that the students he pushed the hardest were the ones in which he saw great possibilities.”

President Kennedy, second from left, accepts the check on behalf of the Canton College Foundation from Dr. Fraser. Looking on are, at left, Kalberer friend and SUNY Canton Professor Daniel Fay and, at right, Canton College Foundation Chair John C. Vose.

Shortly before his death from brain cancer in 2003, Kalberer, who was nicknamed “The Hermanator” by students, was asked about his reputation for toughness. “I admit overhearing students say to each other, ‘Ooh, you got Kalberer!,’” he said. “I suppose it’s because I’m tall, a big man, imposing, with a loud, raspy voice, and I never put up with any bull.”

As Prof. Kalberer’s illness progressed in 2002, SUNY Canton dedicated two chemistry laboratories in his honor. The Herman W. Kalberer chemistry laboratories are located in Cook Hall.

According to David M. Gerlach, ’83, Vice President for Advancement, Professor Kalberer directed the Foundation to use 90 percent of the annual proceeds from the endowment for scholarships, with the remainder to be used to fund the Canton College Foundation’s efforts to secure more gifts from alumni and other friends of the College.

“Anybody who knew Herm could never forget him, and this gift will help future generations of students understand the depth of affection he had for this College and its students,” Gerlach said.

SUNY Canton Announces Third 7-Digit Gift!

SUNY Canton received an anonymous gift of more than $1 million to provide student scholarships and support the College’s ambitious plan to develop more baccalaureate degrees, grow enrollment, and increase community service.

In making the announcement, SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy said, “This gift further indicates that our alumni and friends believe that this College has the momentum necessary to continue changing lives for at least another hundred years. We will celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2006 with a rapidly growing endowment, a hugely successful and generous base of alumni, and an enthusiastic and optimistic community of students, faculty and staff.”

Garry Malone, Assistant Vice President for Philanthropy and Alumni Affairs at the Research Foundation of the State University of New York, lauded the anonymous donor’s generosity and humility. The Research Foundation plays a coordinating role in SUNY’s system-wide drive to raise $3 billion. He said, “This is the ultimate gift of quiet magnificence. A string of successes like those at SUNY Canton raises the bar at the institution. SUNY Canton continues to grow its chorus of voices that support the College, which helps position the campus for success in its upcoming campaign.”

The gift was made in the form of $100,000 in cash and $921,000 to be placed in a Charitable Remainder Unitrust, which will provide the donor guaranteed interest income for the remainder of the donor’s life. Many individuals have found this to be an attractive way to ensure their own financial security while providing an endowment whose interest income will support future students. The donor also hopes the gift can be used to demonstrate to other potential donors the outstanding tax benefits that are possible through charitable giving to the College.
Alumni News

Calling all SUNY Canton Hockey Players!

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Vet Tech Program Director Honored at SUNY Canton

Her love of animals and her love of SUNY Canton students, combined with her own unique form of quiet power, led Dr. Mary O’Horo Loomis ’76, program director and professor of Veterinary Science Technology, to receive the SUNY Canton’s 2005 Distinguished Faculty Award.

O’Horo Loomis received numerous letters recommending her for this award from current and former students, professional colleagues, and SUNY Canton faculty. Ann Lasher, Veterinary Science Technology instructor and tutor, nominated her from the perspective of a former student and as a current fellow faculty member.

“She is hard working and thinks of everyone before herself. I cannot think of anyone who deserves this award more than Dr. O’Horo Loomis. She is a compassionate and dedicated professor, a knowledgeable veterinarian, and a loyal friend.”

O’Horo Loomis followed in a family tradition both by working with animals and as a SUNY Canton alumnus. Her father, William J. O’Horo graduated from Canton Agricultural and Technical Institute in 1940 and operated a dairy farm in Canton. She graduated with an Associate in Applied Science Degree from SUNY Canton in 1976 and a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cornell University in 1978. She then earned her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from the New York State College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University in 1982. O’Horo Loomis; her husband, Scott Loomis; and their two sons, Colin and Connor operate Loomis Quarter Horses in Waddington.

She teaches Animal Agriculture, Health and Disease of Farm Animals, Large Animal Medicine, Animal Hospital Practices and Procedures, as well as several courses in Veterinary Pathology and Microbiology at SUNY Canton. Linda Pellet, SUNY Canton’s School of Science, Health and Professional Studies Dean said, “O’Horo Loomis was instrumental in developing the four-year Veterinary Services Management degree.”

She also lauded O’Horo Loomis for her role in establishing intercollegiate programs with Adirondack Community College and Osaka College of Japan. O’Horo Loomis has also brought in horses from her farm for different classes, giving some students their first chance to work with large animals.

Dr. D. Anthony Beane, Associate Professor of Veterinary Science Technology, said that O’Horo Loomis treats everyone with dignity and respect, regardless of their age, rank, or position at the College. He said students find her very approachable, and she helps bring a “family feeling” to the Veterinary Science Technology program.

“I’m still a little awestruck by receiving this award,” O’Horo Loomis said during her acceptance speech at the 2005 SUNY Canton Commencement Ceremony. “I think that if I asked any member of the audience who knows me to describe me, ‘distinguished’ would not be a word they would come up with.” She thanked her Veterinary Science Technology students and all those who nominated her for this award.

2005 Honors Convocation Honors Associate Dean Emeritus Margaret P. Vining

Each year SUNY Canton’s Honors Convocation is named for a faculty or staff emeritus who has maintained close ties with the College. The selection is made by the College’s Recognition and Awards Committee. Margaret P. Vining received the award in April. In addition to the Honors Convocation ceremony, a special dinner was held to recognize her achievement.

Mrs. Vining, who lives on Trout Lake near Hermon, retired in 1996 as Associate Dean of the School of Health and Medical Technology following a 28-year career at SUNY Canton. She began work at SUNY Canton in 1968 as an instructional support associate in the nursing lab and later was named director of the nursing program.

She was known as a challenging teacher who demanded that all of her students adhere to the highest professional standards. “I’ve heard I was a tough teacher, but I really didn’t think of it like that,” she says. “In nursing, things just need to be done the right way. But I have had former students come up to me years later and tell me that they’re glad I didn’t let them off easy.”

In 1991 she was one of only 407 nurses statewide to receive the Nurse of Distinction designation, which is based upon significant contributions to the field of nursing. The New York State Legislature selected her based on her years of dedicated service to the nursing profession in general and to nursing education in particular.

According to Provost Brown, “During Margaret’s 28 years of service, the nursing program at the college thrived, and work commenced on establishing our Bachelor of Technology degree in Health Services Management. Her commitment and dedication to the nursing program and the College continues to improve many lives in our community today through the nursing care provided by SUNY Canton graduates.”

She enjoys traveling in her camper van with her Golden Retriever “Happy,” and is continuing to develop her skills as a watercolor artist. She says, “I’m enjoying life, keeping busy and neglecting my housework!”
New SUNY Canton BBA in Technology Management Degree to Begin Fall ‘05!

A new Bachelor of Business Administration in Technology Management degree program that will help students prepare for the ever-expanding technology of the modern workplace is beginning fall 2005 at SUNY Canton.

“The implementation of the Technology Management program is an integral part of our future plans for the expansion of our baccalaureate programs,” SUNY Canton Provost Dr. Jeremy D. Brown said. “This new program will be one of the cornerstones of our management offerings, which comprise Health Services Management, Mortuary Services Management and Veterinary Services Management programs.”

SUNY Canton School of Business and Public Service Dean, Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, stated “This is one of a unique set of programs that will integrate aspects of the programs already offered by SUNY Canton and prepare students for the insatiable appetite of leading industries,” Gueverra said. “It will prepare students to integrate and implement technology into the workplace.”

Gueverra said that along with the classes required, students are encouraged to take professional electives from the SUNY Canton Canino School of Engineering Technology, additional business electives, criminal investigation technology courses, or computer information technology courses.

SUNY Canton Offering MBA with SUNY IT

“SUNY Canton has partnered with the SUNYIT in Utica to add a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program beginning fall 2005,” SUNY Canton Provost Jeremy D. Brown announced.

“By offering the SUNYIT MBA degree at SUNY Canton, we are encouraging our own students and alumni to complete another rung on the ladder to success,” said Brown. “Furthermore, potential students from other fields may take some of SUNY Canton’s courses in preparation for the MBA and thereby earn credit in this stimulating program. We are thrilled to be working with SUNYIT in this exciting venture.”

“With this degree, we are saying that when you start here you can finish here, and then you can go anywhere,” said Jonathan Gueverra, SUNY Canton School of Business and Public Service Dean. “It will provide additional opportunities for students and more qualified employees for North Country employers.”

Nursing Program offers January Classes:

One of the most popular and competitive curriculums at SUNY Canton is the Nursing Associate Degree program. The Nursing program has a long history of producing some of the best health care providers for Northern New York. Over the past five years, 90 percent of nursing graduates have passed their registered nurse licensing exam.

The high demand for registered nurses has attracted large numbers of students to SUNY Canton’s Nursing program. By accepting a second freshmen class in January, the Nursing program has doubled their capacity to train students and address the shortage of registered nurses. This shortage is expected to continue for many years. After graduation, nursing students have a nearly 100 percent job placement rate.

SUNY Canton anticipates that by Fall 2006, the college will be offering a Bachelor Degree nursing program. The program will be designed to offer courses online for students who are already working registered nurses who want to further their education without having to return to college on a full-time basis.

Regan Flag Station

An alumnus, his wife, and area veterans helped SUNY Canton break ground on the site of a new flag station honoring the sacrifice and service of North Country soldiers on Wednesday, June 22. Bernard Creighton Regan, a 1965 alumnus and a U.S. Army Veteran, and Jane M. Regan donated the funding to build the new flag station at the front entrance of SUNY Canton.

The Regan Flag Station will proudly display the United States Flag, the New York State Flag, and the SUNY Canton Flag. In 2004, Regan established the Bernard C. Regan Family Endowed Scholarship to support students in the air conditioning and electrical curriculums. Pictured are (from left): Donald E. Leonard, ‘67, Senior Vice Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1231, Mr. Regan; Blanche K. Woodcock, co-chair of the SUNY Canton Centennial Campaign; Joseph L. Kennedy, SUNY Canton President; Mrs. Regan; and Ronald L. Woodcock, ‘59, co-chair of the SUNY Canton Centennial Campaign.
Professor Emeritus Walter Kingston Donates 1940s Camera

Tucked away in a cabinet for a half century, a camera that helped launch one of SUNY Canton’s signature academic programs has found its way back to campus.

A camera that was used by professor emeritus Walter Kingston in the late 1940s to create promotional materials for the automotive technology program was donated back to the campus during a visit by Kingston.

The camera, a German-made Bentzin-Primar, and several of the original negatives produced by the camera, are now on display in the lobby of the College’s Advancement Division in French Hall.

“At some point we started using another camera, so somebody put this old camera in the garbage,” Kingston said. “Even though it was obsolete, I decided to pull it out of the garbage and hang onto it. It ended up in a cabinet at my cottage, and stayed there until I ran across it recently. I realized that the college might want to have it back.”

David Gerlach, ’83, Vice President for Advancement at SUNY Canton, said “Artifacts like this camera help connect the history of the new campus with the history of the old campus. Mr. Kingston’s gift is very thoughtful. Had he not brought it to us with its story, we might never have learned these rich details behind the founding of our automotive program.”

Alumni/Development staff members Lou-Ann Morrow, ’87 and Elizabeth Irvine, ’02 enjoyed dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Kingston during a visit to Florida in January.
SUNY Canton Steel Bridge Team Ranks Fifth in National Competition

The SUNY Canton Steel Bridge Team members and advisors pose with their steel bridge after ranking fifth in the nation. Pictured are (from left) back row, Michael Gagnon of Carthage, Bob Blickwedehl, SUNY Canton civil engineering technology instructor, Paul Hitchman ’79, SUNY Canton civil engineering technology instructional support associate, and Dennis Tuper, automotive technology instructional support associate. Middle row - Michael Breault of Fort Ann, Paul diVincenzo of Norwood, Christopher Violette of Plattsburgh, Jessica Poirier of Mooers, Jennie Wilson, of Chazy, Jason Aucter of Croghan, and Norman Gagnon of Ogdensburg. Reclining in the front is Timothy Bedore of Tully.

The SUNY Canton Steel Bridge Team placed fifth in the American Society of Civil Engineers, American Institute of Steel Construction National Student Steel Bridge Competition May 27 and 28 at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

“Part of the challenge is knowing all of the pieces of the competition and then designing the bridge to perform best in the most important categories,” Hitchman said. “Construction speed was the most important category. The Bridge Team finished fourth overall in construction speed.”

More than 40 colleges and universities were invited to compete in the 2005 competition. SUNY Canton followed, in order of finish, University of California, Davis, University of Florida, Louisiana State University, and North Dakota State University.

The team received two $500 awards for their performance in the competition: one from ASCE; the other from Lincoln Electric, a welding tool manufacturing company. Both awards will help defray the costs associated with the trip to Florida.

The team is primarily sponsored by Jeffords Steel and Engineering Company, Potsdam. Jeffords Steel provided the team’s embroidered uniforms and the majority of the materials to manufacture the bridge. The team also received support from the Canton College Foundation, the College Association, the Student Cooperative Alliance, and numerous individual donors from the extended SUNY Canton community.

SUNY Canton Office Technology Interns Gain On-The-Job Experience

Area businesses provided on-the-job experience and, in some cases, employment for SUNY Canton Office Technology interns.

“Internships provide great work experience for our students,” said Dr. Jonathan Gueverra, SUNY Canton School of Business and Public Service Dean. “North Country businesses have provided infinite professional development for the students. They have also granted an opportunity for interns to begin applying what they have learned in their classes.”

Participating North Country businesses include: Madrid-Waddington Central School, Clarkson University, Citizens Against Violent Acts, Lekki Hill Fischer and Duprey, P.C., and Canton-Potsdam Hospital.

Internships play a key role in the professional development of the SUNY Canton Office Technology students, according to Gueverra. Potential future internships will soon be sought for SUNY Canton’s newest Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Technology Management, which begins this fall.
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Spotlight

If you live in Northern New York or the Syracuse area, Kevin Fear is a name that you’ve heard. Kevin Fear, class of 1987 and an Alpha Theta Gamma brother, is the owner and promoter of his company Universe Cellular & Dish. He opened Universe Cellular & Dish in October 2000 and the company has enjoyed rapid growth. Currently, there are two locations in Watertown and Dewitt. The company is also one of the most successful Verizon agents north of New York City and is the largest seller of satellite systems in Central and Northern New York.

Mr. Fear graduated from SUNY Canton with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Banking, Insurance and Real Estate. After graduation, Mr. Fear worked in retail for an auto parts chain and then for his father’s company, Fear Insurance Agency in Syracuse. In 1990 he opened AA&J Insurance in Watertown. By 2000, AA&J Insurance had six offices and Mr. Fear sold his share of the business and began Universe Cellular & Dish.

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