Class Notes: January 2014 through December 2014

1940s

Bettie Roth ’44 just launched a sewing book, Create Space, and also has a weaving book offered on Amazon.com.

1950s

Arnold Spinner ’57 retired after 45 years at New York University as Dean and Director. He came out of retirement in 2007 as Associate Dean Grad School Touro and was named Interim Dean in September 2014.

1960s

Ray Scharf ’61 recently competed in the Masters World Swimming Championships in Montreal. His personal best was in the 400 meter freestyle race where he took five seconds off his best time.

1970s

Joe Doody ’74, President of Staples North American Commercial, has been named Vice Chairman of Staples.

Jonathan Raymon ’70 retired after 36 years as a certified rehabilitation counselor at Harlem Hospital Center in New York City and White Plains Hospital Center in White Plains, New York.

Carl Wahlstrom ’71/’77 retired in May 2012 after teaching full-time for 37 years. He continued to teach as an adjunct at both Genesee Community College and SUNY Geneseo. He has also co-authored many college text books throughout his career and most recently co-founded a higher education consulting group.

Robert Bunnell ’73 was named Dean of Continuing Adult and Professional Studies at Neumann University in Caston, PA.

Frederick Stoss ’74 was selected as the inaugural Friends of the National Library of Aruba Award recipient.

Sean McCrossan ’77 is the new Vice President of the chair-nominating committee at the Greater Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame.

Rodger Friedman ’78 joined the Washington, DC, office for Steward Partners Global Advisory LLC.
Reverend Margaret Morin ’71/’85 has returned to the village of Brockport to lead the Brockport United Methodist Church.

Robert Lewis ’75/’85 has been employed by the New York State Unified Court System for over 25 years and is presently the Chief Clerk of Livingston County Family Court and is serving as the President of the New York State Association of Clerks of Family Courts.

Patricia Powell Becker ’76 has retired after 30 years of teaching reading with 22 of those years being with the Middleburgh Central School District.

Jim Dennis ’75 is the current Research Director for the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. He recently received a grant from the National Institutes of Health to investigate the effects of the innate immune system on bone turnover.

Diane McCue ’77 teamed up with her sister Deb Story to form Savvy Girl Golf, a company that creates golfing purses that are aesthetically appealing and functional at the same time.

Rodger Friedman ’78 published his first book, Forging Bonds of Steel: How to Build a Successful and Lasting Relationship with your Financial Advisor.

Sharon Belle-Render ’79 was featured in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle in the Woman to Watch section on September 23, 2014.

Dave Trembley ’73 has been hired as the director of player development with the Atlanta Braves minor league system.

Sister Christine Wagner ’74 is the recipient of the 2014 Farash Prize for Social Entrepreneurship with her work as the Executive Director of St. Joseph’s Neighborhood Center.

Peter Bernhardt ’76 recently published the book, Darwin’s Orchids: Then and Now.

Sheldon Lasda ’75 is retiring after five great careers including scientist, marketing, automation technology, newspaper circulation, and elementary school teacher.

Jennifer Albright ’77 recently opened her family care home for women with dementia, Lynn’s Care Village, in Durham, NC.

1980s

Phil West ’81 was selected as the new chairman of the Washington-based law firm Steptoe & Johnson.
Pete Rogers ’89 was support staff for the USA Men’s Hockey Team in Sochi for the Olympics. He is the fulltime Equipment Manager for the Nashville Predators in Tennessee.

Mark Craft ’80 received appointment by the New York State Board of Chiropractic.

Stan Van Gundy ’81 was named the new head basketball coach of the NBA’s Detroit Pistons.


Liz Banner ’89 was selected for the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra’s 2014 Music Educator Award for her work as a music teacher and choral director at Brockport High School.

Kevin Bernstein ’82 has been named the 2015 Best Lawyers in America “Lawyer of the Year” in Syracuse for Litigation-Environmental.

Dianne Chamberlain ’85 is co-owner and Creative Director of The Sandbox Indoor Playground and Consignment Shop in Fairport, NY.

Amy Hoistion Keegan ’89 recently relocated from the Washington, DC, office to the Overland Park, KS, office of Children’s Hospital Association.

John McEntee ’81 was named to the 2014 New York Super Lawyers list.

Mike Andriatch ’85 was promoted to Vice President for the Division of Advancement at The College at Brockport, effective January 2015.

James Land ’87 is the new Chief Operations Officer/Chief Security Officer for Upstate Shredding-Weitsman Recycling in Owego, NY.

Ronald Milon ’87 was appointed Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs at the Fashion Institute of Technology in April 2014.

Paul Wojtaszek ’87 was elected as a judge on the New York State Supreme Court for the Buffalo District.

Randall Moore ’81 has been selected as a 2015 Ohio Super Lawyer in the field of Personal Injury-Products: Defense.

Mavis Johnson-Collie ’83 was recently selected as the Corporate and Consumer Relations Manager at the Bahamas Utility Regulation and Competition Authority. She also accepted an appointment to the leadership team of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
Rochelle Pavlin ’85/’95 was selected as the 2015 Director Elect of the Washington State Human Resources Council and the Vice Chair for the American Red Cross Benton-Franklin County board of directors in Washington.

1990s

Corinda Crossdale ’96 was nominated by Governor Cuomo to be Director of the State Office for the Aging.

Sean Murphy ’94 recently graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago with an MSN in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program.

Dan Connelly ’96 has been promoted to Director of Branding and Programming for WSUN-97X at Cox Media Group in Tampa, FL.

Lloyd Matt Landers ’99 was selected as the Assistant County Manager for Genesee County in New York.

Joe Scalise ’99 is the new Director of Physical Education and Athletics at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake School district.

Jennifer Wolfley ’90/’95 has been selected to receive the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children/New York Region 2014 Community Service Award.

James Groff ’92 has been appointed the new Chief Financial Officer for VirtualScopics Inc.

Troy Pearley ’92 was selected as the Head of Sales at Divine Chocolate in Washington, DC.

Sandy Cutarella ’98 and her radio partner, Scott Spezzano, host the morning show weekdays on 98.9 the Buzz in Rochester, NY.

Ryan Nobles ’98 will join CNN NewsSource as a national correspondent based in Washington, DC.

Vince Gonzales ’90 is the coordinator of master’s programs at USC’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.


John McGowan ’94 was selected as the director of business employee skills training at the BEST Center at Genesee Community College.

Patrick Davis ’95 was recently promoted to a captain in the NYPD.

Chuck Mitrano ’99 is the new president of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

2000s

Jeff Commaroto ’02/’03 was selected as the Ad Operations and IT Manager at Tipping Point Communications.

Amy Zieziula ’05 was selected as Assistant Dean of Student Integrity at Armstrong State University in Savannah, GA.

Marisa Ballaro ’07 choreographed Barefoot From Buffalo that was performed at The Riverside Theatre in New York City on June 26 and 27.

Jamie Caldwell ’07 joined Goldberg Segalla in its Rochester office as a member of the Workers’ Compensation Practice Group.

Ray Montinarello ’00 was selected as the Assignment Manager at WHEC-TV 10 in Rochester, NY.

Brian Sauers ’01, Sharitta Gross ’03, and Carla D’Angelo ’05 were all selected for the 20th Annual Rochester Business Journal Forty Under 40 award. The honorees are professionals under the age of 40 who demonstrate leadership in the workplace and their community.

Megan Mattice ’06 and Corey Moran ’06 have a new morning show, #TeamPXY with Carter and Corey, on Rochester’s hit music station 98 PXY.

Dan Walczak ’07 will be making his premiere with Gallim Dance this October in the dance company’s live world premiere of eight by eight.

Salena Morgan Sachman ’09/’11 was selected as the regional director of membership for the Girl Scouts of Western New York.

Amalia Dache-Gerbino ’03 has received the Dissertation of the Year Award from the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

Michael Henningsen ’05 is the President-Elect at New York State Transfer and Articulation Association.
Don Sisson ’05 was selected as a Special Assistant to the President of Legislative Affairs at the White House.

Kyle Amendola ’09 is the new Portfolio Management Leader at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics.

Lindsey Cain ’09 is a member of the Pittsburgh Passion in the Independent Women’s Football League. The team won the IWFL championship in July 2014.

Greg Bump ’02 is the new superintendent for Mount Morris Central Schools in New York.

2010s

Melissa Carlson ’12 was promoted to Service Account Executive with the Memphis Grizzlies in Tennessee.

Elissa Rowley ’12 is this year’s recipient of the Young Person on the Move award from The National MS Society: Upstate New York chapter.

Maria Sgro ’12 has joined Cooper/Haims Advisors LLC, a Rochester-based wealth management and tax consultation firm, as a Client Services Assistant.

Matt Stone ’13 has joined the Audit Department of EFP Rotenberg LLP in Rochester.

Emily Marullo ’11/’13 is the recipient of the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Genesee Valley’s 2014 scholarship to the annual Regional Conference.

Sarah Parton ’10 was selected as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Alzheimer’s Association, Central New York Chapter.

Clay Connor ’11 has accepted a full-time position at the University of Buffalo in their alumni office.

Richard Deverell ’13 has accepted a position at Genesee Country Village and Museum where he demonstrates and teaches the history of the 19th century Genesee region.

Emily Drzewieki ’13 has joined the public relations team at McDougall Communications in Rochester, NY.

Cassie Negley ’13 recently joined Thomasville Times-Enterprises in Thomasville, GA, as a sports editor.

Justine Pruss ’10 has moved from 98.9 the Buzz to 92.5 WBEE, both radio stations in Rochester, NY.
Stacey Gibbons ’11 is the Director of Programs at the Northwest Association for Blind Athletes in Vancouver, WA.

Chrissy Scaffidi ’11 was selected for a senior management position with the ESPN SEC-TV Network in Atlanta, GA.

Chris Debbins ’14 has taken over the 7 pm to midnight timeslot on the Rochester radio station, 98PXY.

Betsy Balling ’13 is the new assistant principal for Twelve Corners Middle School in Brighton, NY.

Charlie Ferrusi ’13 is the recruitment and outreach coordinator at NYU’s Center for Health, Identity, Behavior and Prevention. He has also co-authored a journal study on crystal meth and HIV transmission among gay and bisexual men and published a blog on the Huffington Post about bridging the LGBT generation gap.

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Marriages

John W. Fingar ’10 and Sarah Fannis Fingar ’09 were married on August 17, 2013.

Joseph Seroski ’10 married Diana Daniel on October 26, 2013.

Nicholas Lind ’13 and Elissa Mesler Lind ’13 tied the knot on April 5, 2014.

Dr. Michelle Mauro ’71 and Edward Meara wed on May 17, 2014.

Kyle Amendola ’09 married Lindsay Geyer ’09 on May 31, 2014.

Meghan Parnell ’07 and Michael Parnell were wed on January 18, 2014.

Trevor Trovato ’13 and Sarah Hankey ’14 were wed on August 9, 2014. The couple met at The College at Brockport where they were both involved in ROTC.

Bill Sachman ’07/’13 and Salena Morgan ’09/’11 were joined in marriage on October 4, 2014.

Amy Kruppenbacher McNulty ’02/’04 married Todd McNulty on January 11, 2014.

Sarah Wasser ’11 was recently promoted to Director of Marketing and Creative Services for the New Orleans Zephyrs, the AAA baseball team for the Miami Marlins.
Robert Rupp '12 has completed six and a half years with the Technical Services Section of the City of Rochester Police Department.

**Births**

Meghan Parnell ’07 and Michael Parnell welcomed their child, Seamus Martin Parnell, on October 29, 2010.

On July 14, 2014, Adam Huck ’05 and Michelle Huck ’07 welcomed their second child Harper Avery Huck.

Andrea Hink McClatchie ’96 and her husband Ernie McClatchie welcomed their son, Gavin Shawn into the world on August 6, 2014.

Amy Kruppenbacher McNulty ’02/’04 and Todd McNulty welcomed Liliana Bernadette on August 17, 2014.

**Alumni Deaths**

Louise Callard ’38  
Michael Kohut ’62  
Michael Pratt ’87  
Jacquelyn Trobia ’62  
Rachel Audi ’89  
Betty Bohrer ’60  
James Dash ’51  
Ronald Davis ’55  
Alexander DiPasquale ’72  
Darcy Frisina ’02  
Ruth Hutton ’78  
George Jurik ’49  
June Karassik ’01  
Vernon Lown ’62  
James Schupner ’77  
Doris Miller Sullivan ’42  
Robert Woolston ’65  
Doris Carson ’57  
Marcia Cleary ’59  
Robert Cramer Jr. ’75  
Cindy D’Amico ’82  
Anthony Drago ’52  
Raymond Flint ’67  
Walter Kennedy ’50  
Ruth Lucey ’60  
Albert Maerz ’73  
Richard McNulty ’81
Catherine Hutchins '65
Kathryn Kelder '71
June Liddle '49
Kenneth McCaffrey '75
Robert Nicol '57
Pamela Peet '79
Irene Robbins '74
Dolores Saporito '62
Paul Setter '67
Craig Vosburgh '74
Heather Watson '78
Brenda Adams '82
Judith Barnum '72
F. Lance Bennett '72
Gennaro DiSano '68
Jeffrey Factor '77
Thomas Fahner '78
Ellen Ferris '73
Christopher Hopkins '95
Catherine Hutchins '65
Dennis Lesslie '87
James MacTavish '52
John Marion, Sr. '69
Carol Meckley '74
Jack Peterson '53
Marie Poprawski '81
Deo Read Jr. '70
Nina Shelton '60
Beatrice Wilder '39

Emeriti Deaths

Barbara Ames
Dr. William Stier, Jr.
Carol Timby
Jack Dudley
Ralph Gennarino
Felix Okoye
Chad Skaggs