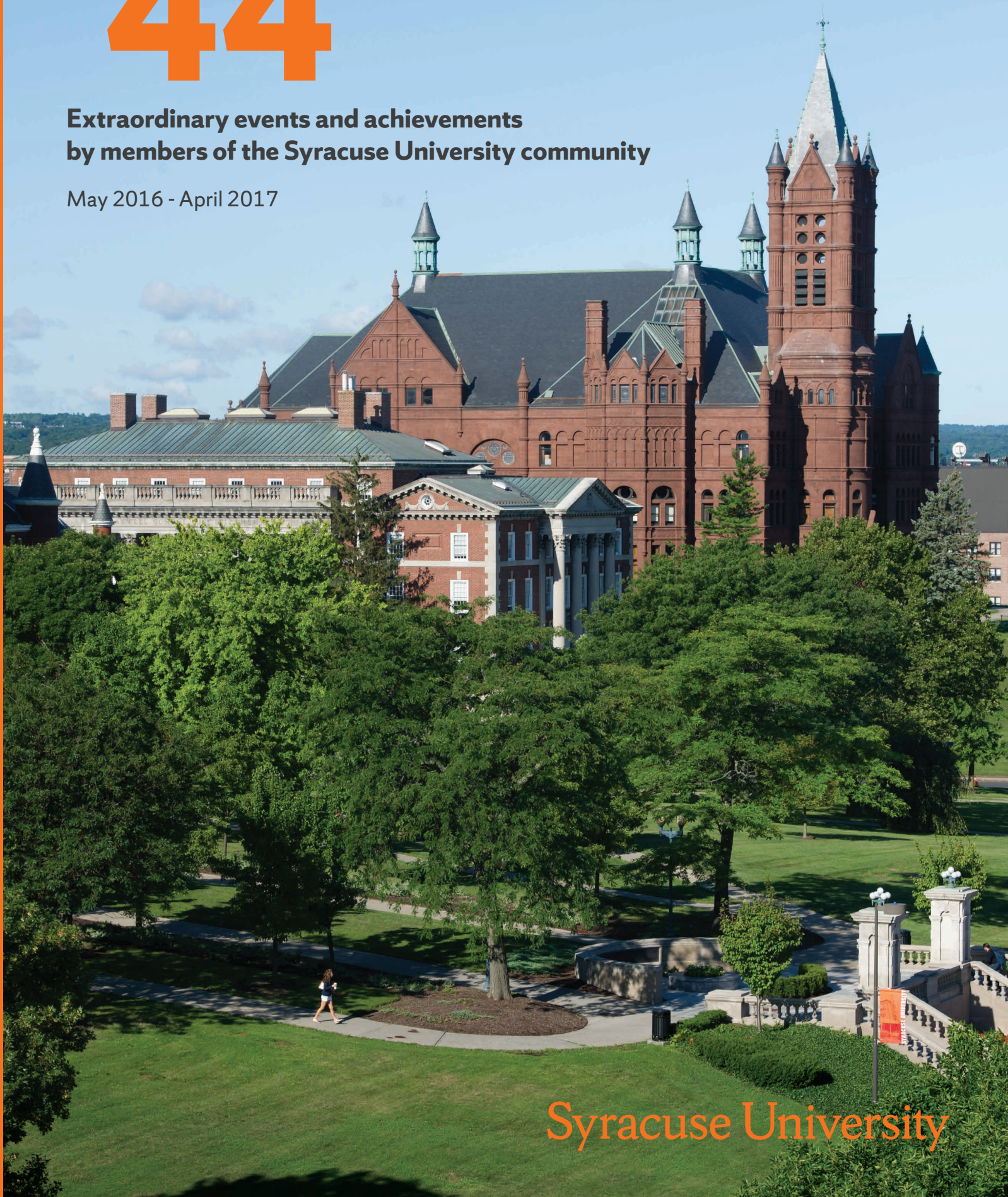


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## University

Several administrative appointments were made across the University. The Divisions of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management merged into one comprehensive division, the **Division of Enrollment and the Student Experience**, led by Senior Vice President **M. Dolan Evanovich**. He came to Syracuse from the Ohio State University. **Michael Frasciello**, former director of online learning in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, was named interim dean at University College. **Bea González**, dean of University College, was named vice president for community engagement. **J. Michael Haynie**, Barnes Professor of Entrepreneurship in the Whitman School of Management and executive director of the Institute for Veterans and Military Families, was named vice chancellor for strategic initiatives and innovation. He previously served as vice chancellor for veterans and military affairs. The **Rev. Dr. Brian Konkol** was named dean of Hendricks Chapel. He comes to Syracuse from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota. **Amir Rahnamay-Azar**, former chief financial officer at Carnegie Mellon University, was named as the University's senior vice president and chief financial officer. **S.P. Raj**, Distinguished Professor of Marketing in the **Whitman School of Management**, was named the school's interim dean. **Michael S. Tick**, former dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Kentucky, was named dean of the **College of Visual and Performing Arts**. **Peter Venable** was named associate provost for graduate studies and as dean of the **Graduate School**. He previously served as interim dean of the Graduate School, and continues to serve as interim vice president for research. **David Van Slyke**, the Louis A. Bantle Chair in Business-Government Policy, was appointed as the dean of the **Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs**. **John Wildhack '80**, former executive vice president for programming and production at ESPN, is the University's new director of athletics.

Four new bells were installed in **Crouse College's** bell tower to expand the Chimemasters' repertoire. The new F bell was named by **Alex Ganes '15**, a Chimemaster and Setnor School of Music alumnus

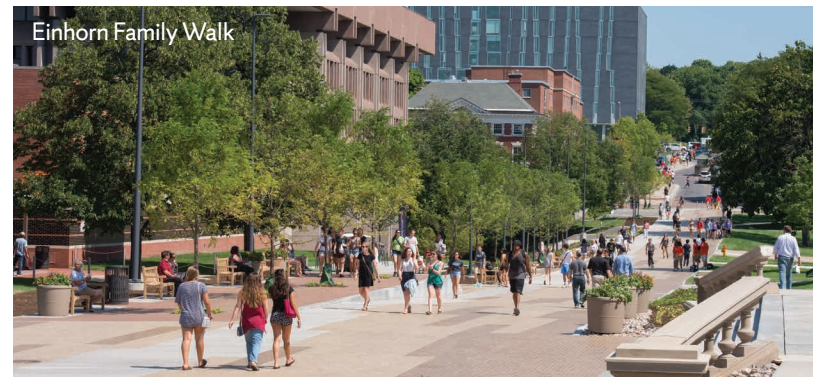
who was instrumental in the genesis of the Crouse College Chimes Project. The project, which has received support from alumni and other friends, includes the installation of the new bells, maintenance on the existing bells and structural supports, and installation of a programmable automatic chiming system. The Chimemasters are based in the **College of Visual and Performing Arts**.

In the archives of **Syracuse University Libraries**, a collection of materials highlighting a special connection between an early 20th-century typeface designer and the University caught the curiosity of

**William T. La Moy**, curator of rare books and manuscripts at the **Special Collections Research Center**. La Moy discovered paperwork and two sets of matrices (molds to make metal type), including a typeface known as Sherman, in a collection involving revered American printer and designer Frederic Goudy. La Moy's searching revealed an important piece of University history and, ultimately, led to a distinctive new typeface to represent the University.

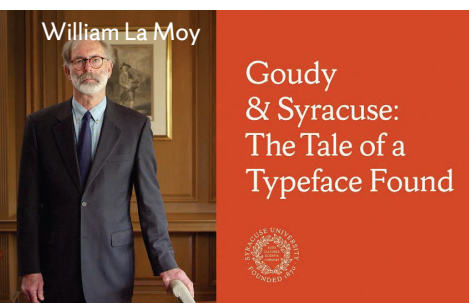
Syracuse University held its first **Service of Commemoration** on March 21, honoring the University's students, faculty, and staff who passed away in 2016.

The Einhorn Family Walk fully opened on Aug. 23. Stretching from the Newhouse School complex to the Schine Student Center and Bird Library, the project created a pedestrian-friendly walkway from what was once a busy street with heavy vehicle traffic. The walkway features activated plazas, improved landscaping, increased ADA accessibility, and a greater sense of community. The project received a \$1 million naming gift from **Steve '64, G'67 and Sherry '65 Einhorn**.



Six collaborative research groups from the University's various schools and colleges were awarded more than \$230,000 in state revitalization funding for their projects in unmanned aerial systems (UAS). Projects include energy mapping of buildings, autonomous navigation, and the development of regulations and policies to integrate unmanned aerial vehicles into communities. An additional \$100,000 was also made available by the University's Office of Research to support these projects via shared facilities and capabilities. The groups selected represent faculty members and researchers from the **College of Arts and Sciences, College of Engineering and Computer Science, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, School of Architecture, School of Information Studies, and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs**.

The **College of Law's** Criminal Defense Clinic's Presidential pardon petition for one of its clients resulted in a full Presidential pardon from President Barack Obama. In 2014, the Criminal Defense Clinic, under the leadership of Director **Todd Berger** and Practitioner-in-Residence **Jason Hoge**, and with assistance of students **Rachel Campbell L'14** and **Jaclyn Morgese L'14**, submitted a pardon application on behalf of Lisa Jandro. On Jan. 17, 2017, Jandro was one of 64 individuals to receive a pardon. In support of the petition, the Criminal Defense Clinic team worked with Jandro in her submission to the Office of the Pardon attorney and continued to work with her throughout the close to three-year process. Jandro was found guilty of money laundering and conspiracy to commit money laundering in the District of Hawaii and was sentenced in 2000 to 33 months' imprisonment.



The United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims held an appellate hearing for *Cornell v. McDonald* at the **College of Law** on Sept. 28. This was the first time the court was held in Syracuse. The court has exclusive jurisdiction over decisions of the Board of Veterans' Appeals. The court reviews board decisions appealed by claimants who believe the board erred in its decision. The court's review of board decisions is based on the record before the agency and arguments of the parties, which are presented in a written brief, with oral argument generally held only in cases presenting new legal issues.

Accountability in the Syrian conflict was the focus of a daylong event hosted by the Newhouse Center for Global Engagement in the **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications** in October. "Running for Cover: Politics, Justice, and Media in the Syrian Conflict" was co-sponsored by the international relations and Middle Eastern studies programs in the **Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs** and the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism Carol Becker Middle East Security Speaker Series in Maxwell and the **College of Law**. Additional support came from the College of Law's Impunity Watch; the Syrian Accountability Project; and the Alexia Foundation.

The **Burton Blatt Institute (BBI)** was awarded a five-year, \$6.23 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), Administration on Community Living (ACL), National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) for the Southeast Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Center. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, the Southeast ADA Center provides information, training, and guidance about the ADA throughout the eight-state Southeast region. BBI provides the center with analyses of legal issues affecting the ADA as well as other resources such as "plain language" legal briefs written by Syracuse University **College of Law** students.

*Military Times* Report's college rankings identified **Syracuse University** as the No. 1 Private School and No. 3 Overall in Best for Veterans: Colleges 2017. Similarly, Syracuse University's Entrepreneurship Program ranked No. 1 for Veterans by *USA Today/College Factual* in 2017. Also, *U.S. News & World Report's* 2017 Best Colleges rankings identified Syracuse University as the 36th (out of nearly 300 colleges and universities) best college in the United States for veterans. Last year, Syracuse University ranked 50th on the same list. Additionally, the **College of Engineering and Computer Science** was recognized with a 2016 Engineering Excellence for Veterans Award from the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE).

Syracuse University hosted its 100th annual Chancellor's Review of the troops of the **Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC)** on March 31 in the Carrier Dome. Syracuse University has an unrivaled history of supporting students who aspire to serve in our nation's armed forces. ROTC was founded at Syracuse in 1918 as the Student Army Training Corps.

Syracuse University held the inaugural **One University Awards** on April 25. Awards were presented that honored teaching, scholarship, academic achievement, leadership, and service. The Chancellor's Medal was presented to **Samuel Clemence**, professor emeritus of engineering and interim dean of Hendricks Chapel, and his wife, **Carolyn**.

In 2016, the Pat Tillman Foundation selected **Syracuse University** as its 15<sup>th</sup> (and final) Pat Tillman Foundation University Partner. Founded in 2004, the Pat Tillman Foundation invests in the future of military veterans and their spouses through academic scholarships—building a diverse community of leaders committed to serving others. Tillman Scholars are selected on the basis of their extraordinary academic and leadership potential, their true sense of vocation and their deep commitment to create positive change. The designation as a University Partner means that at least one Syracuse University student veteran each year is guaranteed to become a Tillman Scholar.

Four Syracuse University professors, led by **John Tillotson**, associate professor and department chair of science teaching in the **School of Education** and **College of Arts and Sciences**, have received a three-year, \$999,719 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to support recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. The funding will launch a new program called "The Strategic Undergraduate STEM Talent Acceleration Initiative" (SUSTAIN), as well as research the program's effectiveness. **Karin Ruhlandt**, distinguished professor of chemistry and dean of the **College of Arts and Sciences**, is the grant co-recipient. Joining Tillotson and Ruhlandt in implementing the SUSTAIN program are **Jason Wiles**, associate professor of biology, and **Kandice Salomone**, associate dean for advising and career services in the **College of Arts and Sciences**.





## Schools and Colleges

The **School of Architecture** undergraduate (B.Arch) program was ranked No. 3 in the nation by DesignIntelligence, the design sector's leading source of school rankings. The program has been in the top 10 every year since 2004. The school's graduate program climbed to No. 8 after re-entering the top 20 in 2015. Dean **Michael Speaks** was named one of the year's "Top 25 Most Admired Educators."

Students in the **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications** covered the 2016 Presidential election season for a global audience through a unique partnership with Skype in Media. Focusing on the millennial perspective, students used Skype TX Broadcast high-definition technology to create a continual flow of content—including video blogs, podcasts, articles, and live interviews. Content was published on the "Elections Unpeeled" website at [electionsunpeeled.svr.edu](http://electionsunpeeled.svr.edu).



The **Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics** announced a new Bachelor of Science degree (B.S.) in sport analytics—the first undergraduate program of its kind in the country established within a professional sport management program—to provide students with a deep understanding of math, statistics, research methodology, sport economics, database management, finance, and computer programming integral to sport analytics. Upon graduation, students will be prepared to think conceptually and analytically while applying these principles to real issues in sport organizations.

More than 300 educators from across Central New York converged on Roxboro Road Middle School in the North Syracuse Central School District for a science conference that offered four "live" research lessons in which students and teachers engaged in practices aligned with the new state science standards. The event marked a unique collaboration among the Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Board of Cooperative Educational Services (OCM BOCES), Syracuse University's **School of Education**, the Smithsonian Science Education Center, and several local teacher centers. Additionally, **Benjamin Dotger**, professor of teaching and leadership, and **Sharon Dotger**, associate professor of science education, both in the **School of Education**, were awarded a National Science Foundation grant to continue their STEM-focused research into teacher education. They are using Simulated Interaction Models (SIMS), a teaching method first developed in medical schools, to evaluate how future elementary science teachers put their skills into practice.

Experts on the science and engineering of buildings will convene in Syracuse in September 2018 for the 7th International Building Physics Conference (IBPC). This is the first time this conference is being held in the United States; it is coming to Syracuse based on the region's strength in research, development, and innovations related to indoor environmental quality and high-performance buildings. The

conference is jointly organized by the **Syracuse Center of Excellence in Environmental and Energy Systems (SyracuseCoE)**, the **College of Engineering and Computer Science** and the **School of Architecture**.

The High Energy Physics Group in the Department of Physics in the **College of Arts and Sciences** was awarded a three-year, \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to support their work in theoretical particle physics and cosmology. The group's senior investigators are professors **Simon Catterall**, **Jack Laiho**, **Jay Hubisz** and **Scott Watson**.

**School of Information Studies** Professor **Jennifer Stromer-Galley** secured an \$11.5 million grant from the CREATE (Crowdsourcing Evidence, Reasoning, Argumentation, Thinking, and Evaluation) Program of the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA), an arm of the Office for the Director of National Intelligence, which heads the nation's intelligence services. The grant will help the research team develop digital tools for improving human reasoning and decision making.

This summer, a newly launched Invention Accelerator will train undergraduate students to "design, prototype, and pitch" as they develop tangible products. A collaboration among the **College of Engineering and Computer Science**, the **School of Architecture** and the **College of Visual and Performing Arts' School of Design**, this immersive, six-week program will be held on the Syracuse University campus and at the University's Fisher Center in New York City. Students will learn about design, ideation, and intellectual property, then conceive an original invention, prototype the invention, and refine it in response to weekly feedback from diverse audiences of guest evaluators.

The **Whitman School's MBA@Syracuse** program recently was ranked No. 6 best online program in the nation by *Financial Times*. The online business programs—MBA@Syracuse, Accounting@Syracuse, and BusinessAnalytics@Syracuse—have enrolled a combined 1,521 students since MBA@Syracuse was launched in January 2015. In addition to their asynchronous and synchronous coursework, online MBA students have networked face-to-face with each other, faculty, and staff at four weekend-long, conference-style residencies in Syracuse, as well as in Seoul, South Korea; New York City; Mumbai and Delhi, India; Dublin, Ireland; Seattle; and Lima, Peru. Upcoming residencies include Dallas; London; Minneapolis; Dubai, UAE; Florence, Italy; and Atlanta.

The **School of Information Studies** launched a new master's degree program in enterprise data systems. The degree will address the demand for skilled professionals who understand new paradigms for enterprise computing and have the ability to design, configure, and manage modern digital enterprise and cloud computing environments.



Susan R. Klenk  
Learning Café  
and Kitchens

The **Falk College of Sport and Human Dynamics** opened the Susan R. Klenk Learning Café and Kitchens, a new hands-on learning laboratory to prepare students with traditional and emerging professional competencies for careers in food, nutrition, dietetics, and public health. The new facility includes an experimental food lab kitchen, commercial kitchen, baking nook, and café. A generous and visionary gift from Falk College alumna **Susan R. Klenk** made the learning café and kitchens possible.

In summer 2016, **University College** hosted 50 Brazil Scientific Mobility Program engineering students from universities across the United States. As participants in the Engineering for Economic Growth program, the students developed and applied the skills most valued by employers in the key industries driving economic growth in Central New York and in the global market.

## Athletics

The **men's cross country team** earned a spot on the podium at the NCAA Championship for the second consecutive year. Junior **Justyn Knight** led the Orange with his national runner-up performance, guiding Syracuse to a third-place finish. It was the fourth straight top-10 finish, and third consecutive top-five performance, for head coach **Chris Fox's** men's team. Knight, who led the team to both the ACC and NCAA Northeast Region Championships, earned his second ACC Performer of the Year honor. Fox earned USTFCCA and ACC Coach of the Year honors for the fourth year in a row. On the **men's track and field team**, Knight and teammate **Freddie Crittenden III** both won

individual ACC titles: Knight in the 5K and 3000 and Crittenden in the 60-meter hurdles. Both took silver at the NCAA Championship to earn All-America honors. Mile runner **Adam Palamar** earned All-America honors as well. Knight was named ACC Track Performer of the Year. In April, Crittenden posted the third-fastest time in the world in the 110-meter hurdles at the Miami Hurricane Alumni Invitational.

Multiple Syracuse teams earned recognition for their performances in the classroom, including the **field hockey team** (National Academic Team Award from the National Field Hockey Coaches Association), and the **women's cross country team** (USTFCCA Scholar Team Award). The awards recognize teams that achieved a minimum team grade point average of 3.0. **Cameron MacPherson**, a **football** student-athlete working toward his master's degree in Pan African studies, earned Academic All-America honors, while soccer student-athlete **Hendrik Hilpert**, a dual major in finance and economics, was named to the Academic All-America Third Team. Three student-athletes earned ACC academic honors, including **Saydee McQuay (rowing)**, **Kaeli O'Connor (lacrosse)**, and **Adam Palamar (track and field)**. The Syracuse student-athletes are among the 54 chosen as 2017 Weaver-James-Corrigan Award recipients. The postgraduate scholarships are awarded to selected student-athletes who intend to pursue a graduate degree following completion of their undergraduate requirements. Those honored have performed with distinction in both the classroom and their respective sport, while demonstrating exemplary conduct in the community.

The 2016-17 season was another historic one for the **women's basketball** program. The team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the fourth straight season. Senior guard **Alexis Peterson** and redshirt senior guard **Brittney Sykes** combined to average 42.6 points per game on the season, holding the title of America's top-scoring backcourt. Peterson was named an All-American by three organizations and a finalist for several national player-of-the-year honors. She scored a record 45 points against North Carolina State on Jan. 12, the most points scored by an individual, male or female, in the history of the Dome. Sykes finished her career as the winningest player in Orange women's basketball history, playing in 101 victories in her time on campus. Senior **Briana Day** became the first women's basketball player to post at least 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds in a career. Head Coach **Quentin Hillsman** became the winningest coach in Syracuse women's basketball history.



Freddie Crittenden III



Justyn Knight



Women's Basketball



## Across Campus

Nine exhibitions, featuring collaborative artwork from 10 different international and local city schools and organizations, were mounted in Syracuse's Link Gallery as part of the Photography and Literacy Project (PAL Project). PAL is an innovative program, positioned under the University's **Coalition of Museum and Art Centers (CMAC)**, that brings Syracuse University students into city schools to develop projects involving photography, video, audio recording, and writing.



**Hana Cervinkova**, director of **Syracuse University Abroad's** Central Europe program, and faculty member **Juliet Golden** were awarded the Excellence in Education Abroad Curriculum Design award from the Forum on Education Abroad, the premier study abroad organization in the nation. The honor reinforced Syracuse University Abroad's reputation as a premier study-abroad provider.

Eight members of the **Department of Public Safety** were trained in American Sign Language (ASL), expanding the department's ability to assist members of the University community.

The **SUArt Galleries** hosted a print fair and symposium in September 2016 that attracted an international audience of art scholars and dealers. More than 200 guests explored the exhibition *About Prints: The Legacy of Stanley William Hayter and Atelier 17* and listened to a keynote address by the former deputy chief curator at the Smithsonian American Art Museum during the three-day event.

## Students

**Kyra Azzato '17** will be the first woman from Syracuse University—and among the first few in the nation—to attend the Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course (IBOLC). Eventually, she will go on to Army Ranger school. Azzato, a dual major in broadcast and digital journalism in the **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications** and in

political science in the **College of Arts and Sciences** and **Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs**, was a member of the Army ROTC during her four years at Syracuse. She will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.



**Jordan Barrett**, a junior mathematics and physics major in the **College of Arts and Sciences**, and **Maizy Ludden**, a sophomore biology major in the **College of Arts and Sciences** and geography major in the **College of Arts and Sciences** and the **Maxwell School**, were named among the 2017 recipients of the prestigious Goldwater Scholarship. **Ismael Gonzalez**, a junior majoring in neuroscience and biochemistry in the **College of Arts and Sciences**, was named an Honorable Mention.

In the **College of Engineering and Computer Science**, a team of seven undergraduate researchers in Assistant Professor **Shikha Nangia's** research group published in the *Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation*, identifying the diverse properties of eight bacteria species' membranes, including the harmful (i.e. pertussis, chlamydia, and salmonella) and the beneficial (i.e. E coli and H pylori). The research was conducted by undergraduate students over the course of 10 weeks in the summer of 2016. The team included **Natalie Edelstein '18**, **Jerry Gomez '17** (also a CSTEP Scholar), **Aliza Khan '17**, **Masud Llewellyn '17**, **Tara Picudella '17**, **Sarah Willsey '17**, Dan Cummins (University of Southern California), and graduate student **Huilin Ma**.

On March 4, two teams of student entrepreneurs from **Syracuse University** competed in the regional finals for the \$1 million Hult Prize. The teams—Thrive Projects and on PARR—competed in Boston and San Francisco, respectively. The Hult Prize is the world's largest student competition that focuses on social impact. This annual competition challenges undergraduate and graduate students to find a business solution to a critical issue faced by millions of people. This year, the Hult Prize is focused on finding solutions that will decrease the human cost of involuntary migration and restore the rights and dignity of individuals forced into motion due to economic, environmental, and political pressures. The Syracuse University teams competed in the inaugural Hult Prize at Syracuse University on December 10, 2016. Over 40 students competed. Team Thrive Projects provides alternative energy education and vocational training to communities in need, empowering them with the skills necessary to find innovative solutions to everyday problems and to build those solutions into sustainable enterprises. The students comprising Thrive Projects are **Ryan Brinkerhoff**, **Khalid Khan**, and **Joshua Moon** from the **College of Arts and Sciences** and **Amanda Chau** from the **S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications**. Team on PARR built an app that centralizes the different resources that are available to refugees. It allows nonprofits and businesses with an interest in helping refugees, as well as refugees, to register. Nonprofits/businesses can match with refugees by services needed and provided. Team on PARR includes **Newhouse School** seniors **Anjali Alwis** and **Rachel Gilbert** and **College of Arts and Sciences** seniors **Rose Cote** and **Patty Terhune**.

## Faculty and Staff



Bea González

**Bea González**, vice president for community engagement, was honored by F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse as a 2017 Wisdom Keeper. The award is presented to a citizen who has shown leadership, continual caring, and an understanding of the importance of the vision for tomorrow.

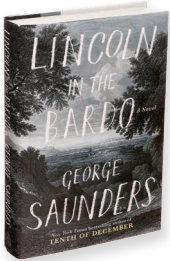
The National Communication Association (NCA) awarded career achievement awards to two faculty members in the Department of Communication and Rhetorical Studies (CRS).

Associate Professor **Erin Rand** is the recipient of the 2016 Karl R. Wallace Memorial Award, the NCA's highest honor in early career achievement in research; it also acknowledges scholarly promise with grant support of a future project. **Charles E. Morris III**, professor and chair of CRS, has been named a Distinguished Scholar by the Rhetorical and Communication Theory Division of the NCA. The award honors "a figure who has earned renown in the field for his or her scholarship and whose body of scholarship serves as a touchstone in rhetorical and/or communication theory."

Members of the **M.F.A. Program in Creative Writing**, in the **Department of English** in the **College of Arts and Sciences**, are having a standout year. **George Saunders G'88**, professor of English, is promoting his first novel, *Lincoln in the Bardo* (Random House, 2017),

which debuted at No. 1 on the New York Times Bestsellers List and is being made into a film. Saunders also has finished a TV screenplay adaption for his short story "Sea Oak," whose pilot has been greenlighted by Amazon. His colleague, Associate Professor **Dana Spiotta**, is basking in the success of her fourth novel, *Innocents and Others* (Scribner,

2016). The subject of a major profile in the *New York Times Magazine*, Spiotta is the winner of the 2017 John Updike Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters and is a finalist for both the *L.A. Times* Book Prize and the inaugural Simpson Family Literary Prize (chaired by author Joseph Di Prisco '72).



**Farhana Sultana**, associate professor of geography in the **Maxwell School**, was invited to speak at The Human Right to Water workshop hosted by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in Vatican City on Feb. 23-24. She was one of several international researchers, humanitarian workers, government officials, and corporate leaders invited to present and debate issues about water insecurity and ongoing global efforts to ensure access to clean water. At the end of the two-day workshop, Sultana and the other participants were part of a small audience to hear Pope Francis speak about the issues of water insecurity and the human right to water. Sultana met and spoke with the Pontiff.



Farhana Sultana

**Daniel Welker**, a supervisor with **Physical Plant**, spent a month in the summer of 2016 working with flood victims in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and surrounding parishes as a reservist with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In his role as an applicant services program specialist, Welker worked with survivors in Disaster Recovery Centers to help them apply for FEMA assistance or eliminate some of the hurdles blocking that assistance.

**Johan Wiklund**, the Al Berg Chair and professor of entrepreneurship in the **Whitman School**, has been granted the inaugural RMIT Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. During his time as a Fulbright Distinguished Chair, Professor Wiklund will travel to RMIT University in Melbourne, Australia, to extend his research on mental health and entrepreneurship.





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