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Top photograph: Stephen and Joe get some help with their boutonniere.

Bottom row, left: Lisa is congratulated by the evening's emcee Cheryl McGrattan.

Bottom row, center: FM grad and Keynote Speaker Joe Calderone (right) catches up with his favorite former FM professor Bill Pierce.

Bottom row, right: Michael shares a laugh with dinner guest Steve McGrattan.

2009 Distinguished Alumni Awards

The Foundation of FM hosted its Third Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 24, at Johnstown Holiday Inn.

This year's recipients are **Michael J. Campos**, **Stephen M. Tomlinson**, and **Lisa Queeney-Vadney**.

Michael J. Campos, a member of FM's first graduating class of 1966, received the **Lifetime Achievement Award**. A teacher at Fonda-Fultonville Central School for 30 years, Mike has been involved in Martial Arts for 40 years, and is founder and director of Zen-Do Kai (ZDK) Martial Arts in Johnstown. While teaching full-time, Campos started his martial arts business part-time, which has grown to an organization of more than fifty clubs nationally and internationally.

Lisa Queeney-Vadney, Class of '78, received the **Excellence in Business Award**. For nearly 30 years, Lisa has been with Wachovia/Wells Fargo Advisors LLC in Johnstown where she is a Private Investment Management Financial Advisor and Vice President of Investments. Her day-to-day routine includes developing an asset base of

over \$65,000,000 and assembling an average of \$500,000 in new assets monthly.

Stephen M. Tomlinson, a graduate of FM's Class of '89, received the **Excellence in the Professions Award**. Tomlinson started his career in the education field as a Physical Education teacher at Broadalbin-Perth Middle School and later became Principal of the Broadalbin-Perth Primary School. Today, Tomlinson serves as Superintendent of Schools for the Broadalbin-Perth Central School District.

There was also special recognition for FM's Scholarship Program donors and current student recipients. The Keynote Speaker was FM graduate Joe Calderone '98, Capital News 9 Sports Director. ▲

Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients at right: Left to right: FM President Dustin Swanger; recipients Lisa Queeney-Vadney, Michael Campos, and Stephen Tomlinson; shown with Director of Alumni Affairs & Foundation Projects Amy Radik.





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New for Spring 2010: Office of Continuing Education

The 2010 Spring Semester brings many new Continuing Education course offerings, including:

- **Personal Finance.** Topics to be covered include retirement planning and how to weather market volatility.
- **Interpreting Your Dreams.** Psychic Ann Fisher will explore the interpretation of dreams.
- **Introduction to Chinese Cooking.** By popular request, learn how to create Chinese dishes.
- **How to Live More Effectively with Technology.** This course will provide an understanding of many new technologies, such as cell phone, Blackberry, WiFi, GPS, etc.
- **An Introduction to Chinese.** For those who have a personal interest in the language and culture, as well as for business people interested in developing international trade.
- **Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP).** Will help salespeople improve their sales skills.
- **Watercolor and Drawing People & Animals.** Two new art courses...develop your creative side.

Did you know the Office of Continuing Education offers over 500 online courses every month, too?

“Every semester brings new and exciting opportunities to the community,” says Reid Smalley, Director of Continuing Education & Workforce Development. “As an alumnus, we welcome you to continue your life-long learning



Ann Fisher, the Capital Region's most well-known psychic, taught a 2009 Continuing Education course at FM, “Discovering Your Psychic Skills.” The course had a full enrollment of 30 students.

journey at FM by participating in a continuing education course for professional or personal development. The Office of Continuing Education is always looking for new courses and instructors. If you have an idea for a course or are interested in presenting one, please contact me at reid.smalley@fmcc.suny.edu to find out how.”

To receive a copy of the Continuing Education brochure, contact Reid's office at (518) 762-4651 ext. 7-8102 or download one at www.fmcc.suny.edu. ▲

The Evans Library and Learning Commons

According to Dan Towne, Systems/Electronic Services Librarian, **The Evans Library & Learning Commons** is now offering interlibrary loan services and will soon be offering access to a suite of electronic databases to all alumni of FM.

“The library recently reviewed its policy on InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and decided to expand the service to alumni,” says Dan. “People interested in using ILL will be asked to identify themselves as FM graduates and acquire a Community Borrower card. The next step is to sign up for an InterLibrary Loan account—then alumni are ready to request materials from other libraries through The Evans Library!”

Alumni will also soon be offered the opportunity to use a set of alumni-edition electronic resources. The current plan is to have the databases ready by January 1, 2010.

The library will start with two databases from EBSCO publishing—Academic Search Alumni Edition & Business Source Alumni Edition. The first is designed to meet the research needs of the post-college professional. This multidisciplinary database provides full text for more than 3,190 journals, as well as indexing and abstracting for more than 8,000 journals. Business Source provides access to 1,540 full-text business magazines and journals. This database includes publications in nearly every area of business including marketing, management, MIS, POM, accounting, finance, econometrics, economics, and more.

For additional information, contact the library at (518) 762-4651 ext. 5610. ▲



TheTOWER FACULTY FOCUS • Joe Marcuccio

Joe Marcuccio, Professor of Visual Communications Technology, grew up in Amsterdam learning his father's family printing business. "My dad started his 'mom and pop' letterpress print shop in 1950 and ran it for 48 years," says Joe. "My brother and I would help during summers and when it was busy. We set a lot of type in our time." Joe continued learning the trade at Amsterdam High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy.

"I really like professional development opportunities because the experience allows me to see trends in the industry. With a new vision I can bring current ideas and concepts into the classroom."

Joe's first duty station was Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where he worked as a Navy lithographer at the base government printing office. His second assignment landed him on the aircraft carrier USS Independence CV62. "Out at sea our job was to support the 6th fleet carrier task force while we were deployed in Europe," says Joe. "We worked with Navy photographers and journalists to produce forms, applications, newsletters, and newspapers." While in the Navy, Joe began photographing the various places and

people of the nations he visited. "I have hundreds of slides of France, Spain, Italy, Sicily, Israel, Switzerland, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, and Jamaica."

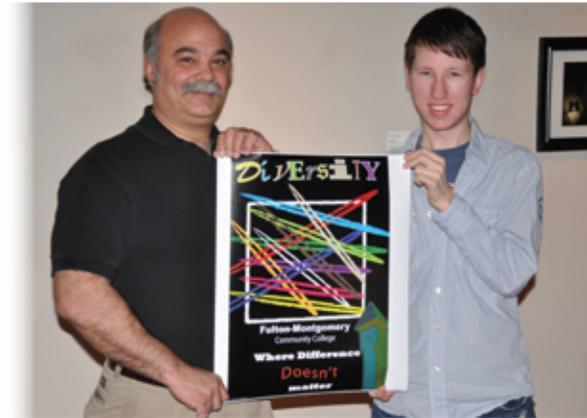
Upon completing his tours of duty, Joe attended Rochester Institute of Technology and graduated with a B.S. in Print Management. Joe maintained his status in the Naval Reserve and served aboard other ships and at various naval stations over a 20-year period. He received his retirement citation from the office of former Governor George Pataki and retired as Lithographer First Class in 1998.

After graduating from RIT, Joe settled in Saratoga Springs with his wife Elizabeth whom he met at RIT. Joe and Liz have a son, Joseph, and a daughter, Andreia. In 1985, Joe began his teaching career at FM. His task was to build the Visual Communications Technology program, develop new curriculum, and move forward with technologies.

"I like challenges and building this program over the years has kept me learning new technologies as they emerge," says Joe. "I lived through the first Macintosh era of 1984 when Apple launched the Macintosh computer with a commercial aired during the 1984 Super Bowl. The commercial had an Orwellian theme based on George Orwell's classic, *1984*. I survived all the operating systems and Apple models. The rest is history, Apple is here to stay!"

In the late 80s and early 90s, Joe completed his Masters degree in Curriculum Development and Planning at SUNY Albany. In 2000, he developed a new program at FM called Graphic Communications Sales & Marketing.

"I really like professional development opportunities because the experience allows me to see trends in the industry. With a new vision I can bring current ideas and concepts into the classroom," says Joe, who recently returned from a teachers' workshop sponsored by Hallmark Institute of Photography in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. There he met acclaimed Newsweek Photographer Gregory Heisler who offered his advice to the group. "The workshop was a great opportunity to network with high school and college teachers who share a passion for photography."



Professor Marcuccio with Diversity Art Show Contest 1st Place Winner Matthew Wadd

Joe has helped many community organizations with graphic design projects. His students have designed logos, posters, and invitations. Because of Joe's involvement with the industry he has raised more than \$13,000 in donations for the FM Graphic Arts Fund. As a result of these long-term relationships with the printing industry, a new scholarship for graphic arts majors has been developed in collaboration with the Foundation of FM.

Joe has served on a variety of campus committees and serves as FM's Graphic Arts Club Advisor. "As a veteran, I hold dear the US Marine Corp's annual campus 'Toys for Tots' program," says Joe. "The club's students do a great job in raising funds to buy toys for this event."

Joe is currently exhibiting digital photography in galleries and at photography shows. This past June, two of his photos were chosen for a juried group exhibition in Rochester. He has also shown at the New Leaf Gallery in Saratoga Springs. Another photo is at the Saratoga Arts Center gallery through January 2, 2010. From February 28 through March 28, his photographs can be seen at Uncommon Grounds, Saratoga Springs.

Joe enjoys teaching at FM and tells us, "What I like best about FM is hearing and seeing graduates continue to support this college in many ways. Whether it be through the Alumni Association, sponsored internships, student testimonials or giving to the Foundation of FM, students do remember what FM is about: *Futures Made. Here.*" ▲



Left: Joe, answering the phone, aboard the USS Independence.

Below: Joe (bottom row, second from right) with fellow sailor Tom Burns (third from right) with a group of Sicilians.



Former Raider Studying at SUNY Upstate Medical



Benjamin Dankwah

Benjamin Dankwah attended FM as a General Studies major and is currently a Respiratory Therapy student at SUNY Upstate Medical, scheduled to graduate with a B.S. in 2010.

Benjamin nearly drowned in a swimming pool and had a friend who died from an asthma attack. "I know how it feels to be on a ventilator for six days," says Benjamin. "So when I'm on my clinicals, I have a desire to help patients. When a patient is taken off a ventilator, it's the best feeling they can ever have."

A native of Ghana on the west coast of Africa, Benjamin came to the United States with his family in 2003, settling in the Bronx. He plans to work in the medical field as a respiratory therapist and continue his education to become a Physician's Assistant or to earn an MBA and enter Healthcare Administration.

Healthcare and physical activity have always been important to Benjamin. While at FM, he played on the Men's Raiders Soccer team. "Benjamin was upbeat and treated everyone well; as a result, he was very well-liked by his teammates and the coaching staff," says FM Coach Chris Rogers. "He was a very strong defender who played the wing back position for us. He demonstrated the drive to achieve whatever goals he sets for himself." ▲

Alumni Soccer Reunion Game

This September, FM's Raiders played an exhibition game against a team of FM Raider alums. The alumni team included recent graduates and a group from the championship teams of the 1970s coached by Dr. Andy DiNitto. Players attended from as far away as Maryland and New York City. A highlight of the event was the reuniting of a host family from the 1970s with "their students." After the game, a barbecue provided a chance to mix and mingle and catch up with both current and former FM soccer players. ▲

Photographs at right, top: Former Coach Dr. Andy DiNitto (far left) and current Coach Chris Rogers (far right) pose with the Alumni Team.

Right, center: Anthony Cintron, Andrew Zeh, Jake Zidich, Coach Rogers, and Tyler Parker fire up the grill for an after-game barbecue.

Right, bottom: Gloria & Jack Broderick (center), host parents for FM back in the 70s, reunite with "their students"—Howard Wright, Michael Brotherton, and Otto Hays.



Raiders Reunite! Save the Date!

ATHLETIC
REUNION
WEEKEND

OCTOBER 1 & 2
2010

Former Raiders interested in participating in an alumni game next fall should contact:

Amy Radik, Director of Alumni Affairs, at amy.radik@fmcc.suny.edu.

The **TOWER** ALUMNA FEATURE • Lynda Naske '97

I was born and raised in rural upstate NY and was always to be found with my nose in a book or with a pencil in my hand. At FM, I minored in Art (through classes with Professor Joel Chapin) and later, as a mom, kept up my skills with pet portraits, calligraphy signs, bulletin covers, and any and all excuses for art projects “on the side.”

I have always been fascinated by the possibilities to be found at the tip of a simple pencil. I am one of those people who have “always drawn” and I have continued my art journey with classes when and where I could and lots of simple pencil practice capturing the little things around me. My art is representational and typically seeks to capture a close-up and fleeting moment of light and shadow as those elements play over the common objects of everyday life. I hope to inspire others to look closely at the subtle beauty hiding in corners of their own surroundings.

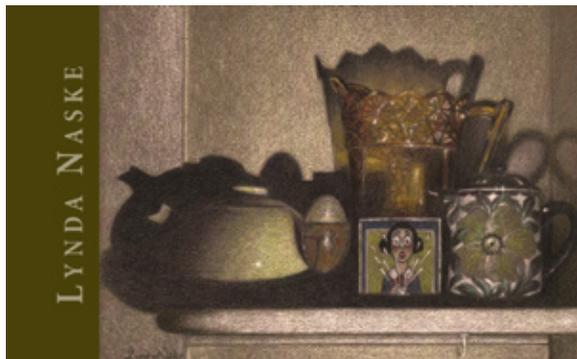
I live in Johnstown with my husband Bob and am proud to say that my deep love of “all things art” has blossomed in both of my daughters: Christa Germain is an art teacher for students with special needs (and a talented watercolorist) and Cara Nilsen is a high school art teacher and aspiring illustrator whose work may be seen at www.caranilsen.com. ▲

RECENT AWARDS AND AN UPCOMING EXHIBITION:

Lynda Naske has won awards in 2009 for her drawings at The Arts Center at Old Forge, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, and the annual Hagaman Fall Art Show. *Portals*, shown at the top of the photograph, is currently on exhibit at the Arkell Museum in Canajoharie.

Lynda's second solo exhibition, sponsored by Sacandaga Valley Arts Network, is scheduled for January, 2010, Northville Public Library, 341 South Third St., Northville. A Meet the Artist reception is slated for Tuesday, January 5, 6–8 p.m. All are welcome!

Follow Lynda's career at <http://lyndanaske.blogspot.com/>



Contact Your Former **FM** Classmates

Your classmates have taken the time to send in their updated contact information and you can do the same. Visit www.fmcc.suny.edu, click on Alumni & Foundation, then click **Update Your Alumni Info**.

▲ Stephanie Renee Bowman-Munford '04

Stephanie currently lives in Rotterdam, NY, with her husband Joshua.

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▲ Karen Butler Maloy '83

Karen resides in Syracuse, NY. She recently completed a Masters in Adult Education from Buffalo State College graduating with a GPA of 3.96. She is currently working on an Education Specialist degree in Teaching and Learning at Liberty University. Karen also serves as Eastern Division Governor for Toastmasters International District #65. She has four children and five grandchildren.

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▲ Amine Nhila '08

Amine transferred to The University of California at Berkeley and earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering. Currently, he is pursuing graduate studies at The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering with a focus on Dynamics and Controls.

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▲ Jane Smith-DeMeo '02

Jane is currently employed as a psychiatric nurse in Ellis Hospital's Crisis Unit and at Albany Med's Acute Psychiatry Unit. She lives in Niskayuna, NY, with her husband Joseph.

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▲ Kristina Wright Savage '01

Kristina resides in Mayfield, NY, and is a Direct Support Coordinator for Lexington Fulton County ARC. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in Psychology. Kristina is married to Brian and they have a four year old daughter named Rileigh. Kristina very much enjoys snowmobiling and four-wheeling and says her family and friends are her world and loves to hang out with them and have fun.

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▲ Bill Demakakos '79

After FM, Bill enrolled in Empire State College's Forum East corporate college program and graduated with a B.S. in Business Management. Today he is in his third career job assignment with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority in NYC Transit's Capital Program Management. Bill was recently recalled to active

military duty where he is now stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, with assignment to a Brigade HQ of the XVIII Airborne Corps. He will have 37 years of credited military service and will begin his transition to full military retirement at the end of this military assignment.

Bill would like to hear from old friends who attended FM during the years 1970–1973.

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Bill Demakakos '79

HAPPENINGS: FM's SCRABBLE TEAM CHALLENGE

The Foundation of FM once again hosted a Scrabble Team Challenge fundraiser. The College Union was filled with doctors, scholars, cops and robbers, and other outfitted players as bonus points were awarded to teams dressed in costumes.

Focused on raising funds for the Foundation while participants enjoyed a great time, players were encouraged to cheat. Teams were able to purchase extra Scrabble tiles to create a stronger board or buy a peek at the dictionary. All funds raised benefit various college endeavors, including student scholarships, equipment purchases, and special projects.

Last year's Epistolarians, a team of FM faculty, returned to vie for their title as Scrabble Champion which they again claimed. Second place went to one of two St. Mary's Hospital teams, the H.R. Headhunters. Third place was a tie between the Scrabble Doctors, a team of business and community members, and Gloversville High School's Word Court, a team of Gloversville teachers. ▲



Photograph, top: President Swanger awards FM's Epistolarians as Scrabble Champion

Below, left: Amy Radik, Director of Alumni Affairs & Foundation Projects, introduces "The Americans – Made in America", a team of Fulton County Chamber of Commerce staff & members

Below, center: Scrabble Challenge Sponsor NBT Bank had a team of "Money Baggers"

Below, right: FM's Student Affairs Staff came dressed as Cops & Robbers



ANNUAL FOLLIES

Each fall, FM hosts the Annual Follies, an amateur program showing off the talents of members of the FM community, including faculty, staff, students, administrators, and alumni.

This year's theme was "Blue Collar Blues." Proceeds from the event benefit the United Way of both Fulton and Montgomery counties and the Foundation of FM. ▲

Photographs at right, top: English Instructors Steve Hymowech and Mike Youngs perform an acoustic version of Styx's "Blue Collar Man."

Bottom: FM President Dusty Swanger, Accounting Instructor Larry Zuckerman, and Math Assistant Professor Bill Lomanto perform a "Blue Collar Comedy" skit as Ron White, Larry the Cable Guy, and Jeff Foxworthy.



ALUMNI ART SHOW

FEBRUARY 5–
FEBRUARY 26,
2010



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TheTOWER ALUMNA FEATURE • Joyce Bartlett Slater '79

Since she was a young teen, **Joyce Bartlett Slater** dreamed of becoming a nurse and decided to pursue her dream at FM when her son entered kindergarten.

“Every nursing instructor at FM had an impact on me,” says Joyce. “Two of my nursing instructors I still hold reverently. Miss Ellen Burns was the head of the Nursing Department. She was a professional and instilled in us the importance of nursing as a profession. She was open to progressive ideas and encouraged us to continue our education. Perhaps the most influential instructor was Mrs.

“Every nursing instructor at FM had an impact on me.... I feel very strongly that my education at FM prepared me well for my career.”

Breckenridge who began the first midwifery school in the U.S. Once in the OB rotation at FM, I knew I wanted to be a midwife. I also continue to “hear” my microbiology instructor Dr. Donald Emmeluth when I encounter infection, bacteria, microscopes, etc.”

Although the nursing program was very intense, Joyce said she received an amazing education from FM. “I feel very strongly that my education at FM prepared me well for my career. I know several nurses who have graduated from FM and have gone on to complete Masters and Doctorates.”

Joyce continued her own education at SUNY IT, graduating in 1989 with a Bachelor’s Degree in nursing. “In 1993–95 I attended Frontier School of Midwifery. Later, I continued towards a Masters in Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

I earned my MSN in 1999.”

Today, Joyce is the Nurse-Midwifery Service Director at a full-scope midwifery practice (antepartum, intrapartum, postpartum, well woman) at Community Hospital Anderson in Anderson, Indiana. “Our practice is called Pregnancy Plus,” says Joyce. “We are a hospital-based practice delivering about 300 babies per year—almost 5,000 babies since early 1990.”

Joyce lives in Tipton, Indiana, (having moved from Sharon Springs in 1993). She and her husband have five children between them. Joyce has five grandchildren and says she had the privilege of delivering two of them. “I delivered my daughter’s first child here in Indiana,” says Joyce. “My 1979 vintage photo (at the right) shows my daughter Melissa and me the day of my FM pinning ceremony. It was *her* baby that I just delivered! Nora Joy was born on November 20. That part of my career is amazing.”

In 2005, Joyce bought a small house in Sharon Springs where she still has family. She learned picture framing and began a small business...perhaps for her retirement.

Drop Joyce an email at joycemslater@tiptontel.com. ▲



Joyce Bartlett Slater '79



The Campus Quad AS I SEE IT • Shirley M. Garrison '87

From the steps in front of the west entrance to the classroom building, one enters the world of Fulton-Montgomery Community College campus.

—Each rise of land, landscaped with junipers, brings your eye to the Clock Tower.

This symbolizes to me the heights one can climb here.

—Southeast of the Tower stands the Administration Building, keeping records of the feats being accomplished here.

—Clockwise to the west sprawls the Activity Center and Cafeteria.

Here the social obligations are met and the sustenance for the body acquired.

—Moving on around to the west one sees the American flag flying in the wind... ever a reminder to us of our freedom, liberty and dedication.

—Then, behind this the library covers the west

side of campus.

This building houses the food for the minds of all who quest for it.

—To the north towers the Classroom Building.

This is the Learning Center, the place where knowledge is shared by teacher and student.

—The clock moves around to the east, where the sun comes up.

This large building welcomes all who want to keep their mind alert by physical activity.

—The Quad or Commons bears the imprints of all who have gone before in their search for education and life’s fulfillment.

The bricks are well worn; the moss of seasons gone by fills the cracks.

—Today, with spring sun and wind on my face, the shadows are many.

Perhaps they are all with me here in spirit and encouragement. ▲

“I went to FM to take a few courses in the fall of 1982 and surprisingly, at the age of 60, decided to work towards a degree in Visual Fine Arts. After five years I reached that goal. It was one of the best experiences of my life and I would recommend it to anyone.”



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