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Fall 2006

## College kicks off Culinary Arts addition

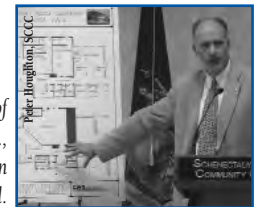
SCCC students, faculty, staff, governmental leaders and representatives from SUNY celebrated during the Culinary Arts Addition Kickoff on Oct. 4 in the Van Curler Room. Culinary Arts students in Instructor Thomas Alicandro's Banquet Management course served hors d'oeuvres during the festivities.

In April 2006, SCCC broke ground on a \$6.2 million Culinary Arts Addition to Elston Hall. The project, which includes two new labs, a dedicated kitchen for the Casola Dining Room, a seminar room, and a new dining room, is expected to be completed for the Fall 2007 semester. It is part of an \$11.7 million Campus Master Plan which also includes expansion to the Music/Drama wing in the Begley Building.



Left to right: Karl Griffith, AIA, President of Cataldo, Waters and Griffith, P.C.; Jessica Richardson, Culinary Arts major; Gabriel Basil, President of SCCC; Stefanie Plass, Hotel and Restaurant Management major; Thomas Alicandro,

Instructor; Corey Corbett, Culinary Arts major; Desiree Hyson, Culinary Arts major; Garrett Wolf, Culinary Arts major; Robert E. Ruggeri, Chair of the SCCC Board of Trustees; and Kathleen Neff, Culinary Arts major, celebrate during the Culinary Arts Addition Kickoff held in October.



Karl Griffith, AIA, President of Cataldo, Waters and Griffith, P.C., unveils renderings of the \$6.2 million Culinary Arts Addition to Elston Hall.

Join Us!

## CELEBRATING HOLIDAY TRADITIONS

Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006

6 to 8:30 p.m.

Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia, New York

Tickets: \$100 regular admission  
\$50 alumni/\$35 junior ticket (under 35)

The SCCC Foundation, Inc., cordially invites you to attend our Fourth Annual Addition Holiday Kickoff Party, *Celebrating Holiday Traditions*. Jack Aernecke, CBS 6 News Anchor, will serve as Master of Ceremonies while attendees enjoy gourmet food stations, festive choral performances, interactive storytelling and a silent auction with gift items fit for holiday giving.

For information, please call the Office of Planning and Development at (518) 381-1490.



## Alumni Spotlight



### Alumna sells sweets to FAO Schwarz

This fall Vera Dordick '03 and her family will make a special trip to FAO Schwarz in New York City. But unlike millions of others who have walked through the doors of the toy store framed by giant toy soldiers, she won't head right to the shimmering wonderland of dolls, stuffed animals, electronics and other toys. Instead, she and her husband will make a path directly to the store's café, the "Ice Cream Parlor."

There Vera will finally see for herself the display of biscotti that she ships to the world-famous store every week. The twice-baked cookies come in nine different flavors, four of them fall under the enticing 'Gone Wild' flavors, chocolate chipotle, cumin orange, mango curry cashew and white chocolate lime macadamia. The biscotti which bear the name of Vera's company, Queen of Tarts, represent a shift in focus, a new career path embarked upon and a risk taken.

First, the shift in focus. Vera served as a Communications Director at Albany Law School in the late 1990s. Following a health scare, she realized that the extensive hours she was dedicating to the job could be better spent at home or in a different career. It was then that she decided to take a baking class at SCCC, something she always wanted to do. She enrolled in Elements of Baking with Associate Professor Susan Hatalsky and soon was hooked. One class led to two, three and eventually Vera was graduating from SCCC with an A.O.S. degree in Culinary Arts with a concentration in Baking. She is now an Adjunct Faculty Member at SCCC teaching Elements of Baking.

The idea for her business, a custom bakery which specializes in cookies, biscotti and cakes, was born in an independent study project Vera completed for Professor Toby Strianese. She refined a business and marketing plan she created for the class and opened shop in 2004 on Western Avenue in Guilderland.

Now for the risk. A friend urged Vera this spring to "audition" her biscotti for the CEO and others at FAO Schwarz as part of an annual contest the store hosts. "You walk into this room, sit across from the CEO of FAO Schwarz. They tasted the biscotti and loved them. I started supplying them this summer," Vera said. The biscotti are also marketed in several stores in the Capital Region as well.

As for the future of Queen of Tarts, "We are slowly expanding. We are going to be bigger and will do more and more wedding cakes," Vera said. She plans to participate in the 53rd Summer Fancy Food Show in July 2007 in Manhattan and expand her retail business.

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## Fall 2006 Events

Visit your alma mater and enjoy the following programs:

### Native American Heritage Event

Tuesday, November 7, 11:30 a.m.,  
Stockade Building, Room 102. Free.

### Leadership Training Series: *An Afternoon with Ellen, Enhancing Relationships For A More Fabulous You, with former ABC Radio host and relationship expert Ellen Gootblatt*

Thursday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.,  
Elston Hall, Activity Forum. Free.

### SCCC Players Fall Production

Thursday, November 16, 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 17, 2:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 18, 8:00 p.m.

Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium.

Tickets: \$5-general public; \$3-seniors and students at other institutions; free for SCCC community.

### SCCC Guitar Ensemble Concert

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 p.m.,  
Elston Hall, Lally Mohawk Room. Free.

### SCCC Chorus & Vocal Chamber Ensemble Concert

Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m.,

Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium. Free.

### SCCC Jazz Ensemble & Percussion Ensemble Concert

Wednesday, December 6, 7:30 p.m.,

Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium. Free.

### Holiday Craft Fair

Thursday, December 7, 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.,

Elston Hall, Van Curler and Lally Mohawk Lally Rooms.  
Free.

### SCCC Woodwind Chamber Ensembles Concert

Monday, December 11, 7:30 p.m., Elston Hall,  
Lally Mohawk Room. Free.

### Musicians of Ma'alwyck Concert Preview

Tuesday, December 12, 11:30 a.m.,

Begley Building, Room 160. Free.

### African Market Place

Thursday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.,

Elston Hall, Student Center. Free.

### Kwanzaa Celebration

Thursday, December 14, 11:30 a.m., Elston Hall,  
Van Curler Room. Free.

### SCCC Wind Ensemble Concert

Friday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.,

Carl B. Taylor Community Auditorium. Free.

## SCCC Foundation breaks record...again

### Foundation Highlights of 2005-2006

The SCCC Foundation again exceeded its fundraising goal of \$380,000, which was \$45,000 or 14 percent higher than the previous year! For the year ending Aug. 31, 2006, anticipated final results are approximately \$390,000 (including gifts, pledges, matching gifts and in-kind gifts).

**Bequest:** The Foundation was gratified to receive a \$1 million bequest from the estate of Mrs. Helen Begley, who was the widow of Owen Begley, first Chair of the College Trustees. This is the largest gift received in the history of the Foundation. The bequest has been designated for the endowment.

**Strategic Planning:** The Foundation Board of Directors completed the strategic plan, which includes four strategic thrusts: board development, fundraising, increased visibility of the Foundation, and business linkages. As part of the plan, the Foundation increased the part-time Coordinator of the Annual Fund and Alumni Activities position to a full-time position, now titled Coordinator of the Annual Fund and Business Gifts.

**Planned Gifts:** With the availability of partnering with the Research Foundation of SUNY to provide planned giving options through TIAA-CREF, two Charitable Gift Annuities have been completed.

**Bequest Society:** The Keystone Society added two new members, bringing the total to 14. Members were recognized at the Donor Recognition luncheon, in the Annual Report and newsletters and on the Wall of Honor.

**New Scholarships:** Three new scholarships were created this year including: Grayce Burian Award sponsored by Grayce Burian, SCCC Emeriti and former theater professor; John Krempa Memorial Endowed Scholarship, created by the family of former College Trustee John Krempa; and the Brown-O'Connell Tourism Scholarship, created by the SCCC Tourism Club in honor of two faculty members, Prescott Brown '71 and Ingrid O'Connell '87.

**SCCC Foundation Scholar Awards:** The Foundation offers 25 incoming and 25 returning Scholar Awards, which are half-tuition scholarships funded by the Foundation. Certificates are presented to Foundation Scholar Award recipients at the *Phi Theta Kappa - Foundation Scholar Award Reception and Awards Program* held in May.

**New Board Members:** The Foundation welcomed the following new board members: Judy Brodeur '94, Accountant, Not Just Accounting; Eddie Hicks, President, Prestige Services; Terry Phillips, Community Volunteer; and Laura LeClaire, Marketing Events Manager, Times Union, as new board members. Returning board members included Ben Round, President, Marshall and Sterling, and Bob Sullivan, Community Volunteer.

**Special Events:** The Donor Recognition Lunch held in October 2005 in the Casola Dining Room was attended by 69 guests and featured scholarship recipients Kristina Esquiviz and Rebecca Kraft '06. This event honors donors who have made an annual gift of \$1,000 or more. *A Dickens Feast* was held at Glen Sanders Mansion in December 2005 and raised \$11,915, 28 percent more than last year. *Food for Thought and All That Jazz*, the Foundation's signature event held at the College, was attended by 170 people and raised \$35,670, 11 percent more than last year.

## Food For Thought and All That Jazz



Guests enjoy the 15th Annual Food for Thought and All That Jazz, the gala SCCC Foundation event held at the College, which featured a South Beach décor. Culinary Arts students and professors, led by Professors Kim Williams and Tom Alicandro, and music students led by Dr. William Meckley again wowed the nearly 200 people in attendance. The event raised more than \$35,000. The proceeds benefit students through SCCC Foundation programs, including scholarships. Special thanks to sponsors: Platinum Corporate Sponsor: Times Union; Silver Corporate Sponsors: Banknorth Wealth Management Group, The Daily Gazette, GE Energy, Hannay Reels, Key Bank, Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, Stewart's Shops, SYSCO-Albany, and Time Warner Cable Business Class. Special thanks to Canandaigua Wine, Fine Affairs, Glen Sanders Mansion, and Niskayuna Wine and Liquors.

## Alumni Scholarship

Congratulations to Casey Greene on being named this year's Alumni Scholarship recipient. The award was made at last spring's Honors Convocation program. Casey is a Business Administration major, with a 3.87 grade point average. He plans to transfer to the University at Albany to continue his business studies. His parents, Suzanne Keeler Greene and Clark Greene, are both SCCC alumni.



## Meet the new SCCC Annual Fund Coordinator

SCCC welcomes Celeste Abbadessa to campus this fall. Celeste has been hired as the Coordinator of the Annual Fund and Business Gifts in the Office of Planning and Development. She joins SCCC after serving as the Development Coordinator for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless in Albany. She holds an A.A. in Liberal Arts from Broome Community College, a B.A. in Political Science from the University at Albany and is currently a graduate student at the Nelson A. Rockefeller School of Public Administration.

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### Tell us about yourself!

*It's usually about someone else, but this is an opportunity to tell us what YOU have been doing since you attended SCCC! What career path have you chosen? Have you gotten married and had children? Have you started your own business or purchased a winning lottery ticket? To share YOUR story with fellow SCCC alumni, please send an e-mail to Celeste Abbadessa, Coordinator of the Annual Fund and Business Gifts, at [abbadecl@gw.sunysccc.edu](mailto:abbadecl@gw.sunysccc.edu).*

## SCCC remembers

**Joe Longobardo '99**, *Criminal Justice*, A.A.S.

SCCC remembers New York State Trooper Joseph Longobardo, who died Sept. 3, 2006, from a gunshot wound suffered days earlier while searching for a fugitive, who was subsequently caught by authorities.

Joe, 32, graduated from SCCC in 1999 with an A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice. He was also a graduate of the American Military Institute.

In 1998, Joe entered the New York State Police Academy. He was named Troop G, Zone 3 Trooper of the Year in 2004. In 2006 he was selected to join the elite Mobile Response Team.

Joe and his wife Teri (LeMere) Longobardo met in Professor Bob Hoff's Juvenile Delinquency class. "Joe was a very good and dedicated student. He was very dedicated to the public good. He went over to the Middle East on some reconnaissance missions. He prepared here to become a trooper. He believed in serving people and the government," Professor Hoff said.

While at SCCC Joe was President of the Criminal Justice Club. "I worked closely with him and he impressed me as a motivated young man with a clear vision of what he wanted to do in his life and that was to be a New York State Trooper," said Associate Professor Richard Hegney, an advisor to the Criminal Justice Club, along with Professor Hoff.

## SCCC Keystone Society

The Keystone Society is the name of the SCCC Foundation's Bequest Society. The word "keystone" was chosen because keystones symbolize a central cohesive source of support and stability. Support from generous donors through bequests and other planned gifts symbolize both strength for the College's future and entrance to SCCC for students dreaming of an education.

We thank and recognize the following individuals who have made a special commitment to SCCC through their estate plans. We are grateful to these donors for their vision, which will enhance the educational opportunities for future SCCC students.

Benita C. Allaire  
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Vladia C. Boniewski '71  
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Anonymous (2)  
Charles W. Carl Jr.\*  
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Professor Mary Jane Dike, Emeritus  
Karen and Walter Grattidge  
Dr. Margaret (Peggy) King  
Professor Jessica K. Malheiros, Emeritus, Founding Faculty Member  
Janet P. Robbins, Emeritus

\* In Memoriam

# Class Notes

(Look for e-mail addresses on the SCCC Alumni Web page at [www.sunysccc.edu](http://www.sunysccc.edu).)

## Class of 1973

Robert (Bob) Cetnar, *Management Engineering Technician*, is an Engineer with General Electric. Bob and his wife, MaryLou, have five children.

## Class of 1976

Mark Cieslak, *Accounting*, is employed by General Electric. He is married to Deborah (Boyer) Cieslak, '93.

## Class of 1982

Susan J. (Ferguson) Guido, *Business Administration*, and her husband, Gary, are both retired and live in Florida.

James H. Hays Jr., *Business Administration*, earned an A.S. in Environmental Conservation and Criminal Justice and a B.S. in Families and Society from SUNY Empire State College in 2006. He is employed by NYS DEC Division of Law Enforcement as an Environmental Conservation Police Officer.

## Class of 1985

Joseph J. Vasko, *Music/Business*, earned a Bachelor's degree in Music from the University of Miami. He is employed at Mapex Drums in LaVergne, Tenn., as their Vice President and General Manager.

## Class of 1987

Andrew S. Berry, *Humanities and Social Sciences*, earned a B.A. in Psychology from SUNY Albany, an A.L.M. from Harvard

University, a Ph.D. from the Union Institute and University, and an M.A. at Forest Institute of Professional Psychology. He is currently an intern working at a community mental health clinic in mid-town Manhattan. He and his wife Kimberly have been married for four years.

## Class of 1993

Deborah K. (Boyer) Cieslak, *Clerk/Typist*, is a Secretary at the Scotia-Glenville Sacandaga Elementary Schools. She is married to Mark Cieslak '76.

Denise M. Volpicello, *Culinary Arts A.O.S.*, is General Manager of Striped Bass in Philadelphia, Penn.

## Class of 1998

Victoria (Amell) Barber, *Computer Science, Computer Information Systems and Electrical Technology*, earned an M.B.A. from the Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University.

Tina M. Colliton, *Business Administration A.S.*, earned a B.A. in Sociology with a minor in Psychology from the University at Albany in 2005. She is currently a student in Non-Profit Management and Leadership at the same institution. Tina is Habilitation Specialist at the Capital District DDSO, OMRDD in Schenectady, N.Y.

## Class of 1999

Philip A. Laura, *Humanities and Social*

*Sciences*, is employed as an Executive Chef at McMurdo Station in Antarctica by Raytheon U.S. Antarctic Program. He earned a degree in Historic Preservation from Northern Virginia Community College in Sterling, Va..

## Class of 2003

Adebola Elefontuyi, *Computer Science*, earned a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from the University at Albany. She is a Computer Specialist at Key Bank and the mother of three children.

Christine M. Meinhold, *Tourism and Hospitality Management*, is retired from New York State DCJS.

Sean M. Wendell, *Music/Business*, earned a B.S. in Music Industry from the College of Saint Rose. He is employed by Electronic Music Foundation in Albany, N.Y. and is married to Hillary Wendell.

## Class of 2005

Christine (Trombley) Hall, *Humanities and Social Sciences*, is a Paraprofessional at Challenged Child in Gainesville, Ga. She and her husband, George, have two children, Gabe and Shannon.

Becky N. Letko, *Paralegal*, is employed as a Court Analyst by the Unified Court System in Cohoes, N.Y. She adds, "I think my degree at SCCC really helped on my resumé. Thanks SCCC for making it possible to get a degree while working full time."

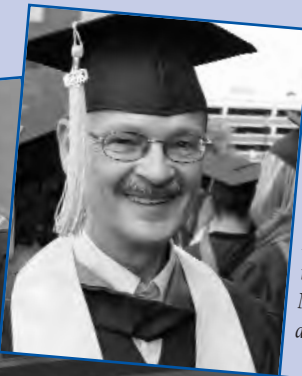
# Commencement 2006

(l. to r.) Culinary Arts students Jennifer Chandler, Jason Jakubowski, Julie Ritchie, Annie Segrue and Danielle Crandell share a laugh before the ceremony.

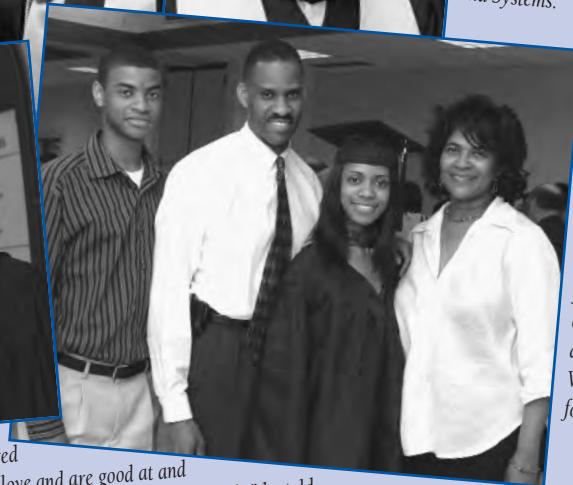


SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan delivered the keynote address telling the students to pursue a career

that they enjoy and follow the four habits shared by very successful people. "Find what you love and are good at and do it, be a lifelong learner, be a person of character, and lead a balanced life," he told the members of the Class of 2006. He praised the hard work of the graduates saying, "We are all very proud of you today for your hard work, persistence and performance."



Victor Jakway prepares to enter Proctor's Theatre to receive his A.A.S. degree in Computer Networking and Systems.



Kendra Jones, who earned her Music Certificate, is congratulated by her brother Anthony Jones Jr., father Anthony Jones Sr., and mother Deborah Jones during the reception in the Van Curler Room following Commencement.

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All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.  
Thank you. Your contribution is very much appreciated!  
Please remember us in your will.

## College announces Chancellor's/Foundation Award winners

Congratulations to the following SCCC faculty/staff members who received awards this year:



### 2006 SCCC Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching

David M. Hughes, Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences Department



### 2006 SCCC Foundation Award for Excellence in Professional Service/Librarianship

Cynthia Zielaskowski, Associate for Academic Services



### 2006 SCCC Foundation Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Dr. David J. Hennessy, Associate Professor/Chair, Business and Law Department



### 2006 SCCC Foundation Award for Excellence in Support Service

Mary Ann Sheehy, Information Processing Specialist II, Personnel Office



### 2006 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Cynthia A. Taber, Professor, Developmental Studies Department



### 2006 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service/Librarianship

Brian F. McGarvey, Associate Dean/Director of Financial Aid



### 2006 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

Dr. Constance J. Ostrowski, Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences Department



## Computer Science Professor retires — a technology pioneer at SCCC

Professor Christine Grossman retired from SCCC in December 2005, after over 20 years at the College. She first came to campus in Fall 1983 as an Adjunct Faculty Member and a Math Lab Tutor. When she was appointed as Coordinator of Academic Computing, Chris was a pioneer in the emerging field of computer science on college campuses and was charged with teaching all of the College's faculty and staff how to use four Apple II E computers. She conducted workshops and taught fellow faculty members and staff how to design spread sheets and use word processing programs. In Fall 1984 she was appointed as a full-time Assistant Professor and later as a Professor.

## SCCC welcomes SuperPower employees to faculty

In August 2006, officials from SCCC and SuperPower, Inc., signed the Nanoscale Materials Technology Project Agreement, marking the next step in an exciting workforce development initiative undertaken by SuperPower, Inc., SCCC and Union College. The three entities were awarded, collectively, a \$5 million New York State grant this year to help develop a highly skilled local workforce to enable SuperPower to successfully achieve its goal of manufacturing scale-up and commercial production of second generation (2G) HTS wire.

SCCC and Union College will work with SuperPower on developing new curricula to provide the education and training needed by future employees in the manufacture of 2G HTS wire and related industries.

SCCC is pleased to welcome SuperPower employees Dr. Jodi Reeves and Dr. Yijie Li to the College's faculty this fall. Through the new agreement, both will serve as Assistant Professors during the

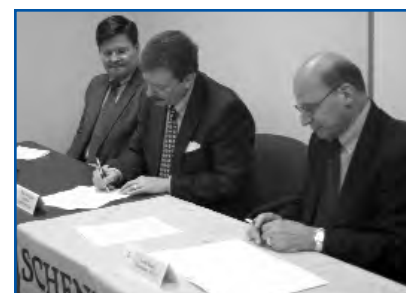
2006-2007 academic year. During the Fall 2006 semester, Dr. Reeves and Dr. Li will concentrate on curriculum and program development in a proposed Nanoscale Materials Technology A.A.S. degree program, as well as student recruitment and internships at SuperPower. They will serve as consultants to determine the specifications for new labs and equipment at the College.

SCCC received \$1 million in the 2006 New York State Budget for the acquisition of microscopy and spectroscopic testing equipment; facilities upgrades; and curriculum development in HTS manufacturing processes. Dr. Reeves and Dr. Li will work at the College on a part-time basis while continuing to work at SuperPower as well.

"We're extremely pleased to welcome Dr. Reeves and Dr. Li to our faculty as the next step in this exciting and important economic endeavor. Having faculty with this level of expertise would otherwise be outside the reach of SCCC. With the partnership and financial commitment of SuperPower, this has become a reality," said Gabriel J. Basil, SCCC President. "This partnership with SuperPower and Union College affords us the opportunity to strengthen our technology programs while pursuing an economic development initiative that holds great promise for Schenectady," he said.

Philip J. Pellegrino, President of SuperPower, added, "SuperPower is currently transitioning from being wholly devoted to the development of 2G HTS wire, to manufacturing

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Philip J. Pellegrino (middle), President of SuperPower, Inc., signs a Nanoscale Materials Technology Project Agreement following Gabe Basil, President of SCCC, (right) as Dr. Ron Bucinell, Professor of Engineering and Chair of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Union College, observes. The agreement marks the next step in an exciting workforce development initiative undertaken by SuperPower, Inc., SCCC and Union College.



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## Career and Employment Services

### Things alumni should know

1. SCCC provides professional career and employment counseling and job search assistance to alumni without a fee.
2. Alumni are and can be actively involved in the education and advisement of students who are seeking similar career paths.
3. Alumni regularly provide excellent internship, volunteer, and employment opportunities through their place of business.

If you're interested in sharing your expertise or need support in developing a new career direction, contact the Career and Employment Services Office at (518) 381-1368 to get started. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with availability for evening appointments.

To register your place of business or to seek employment on EASE, the SCCC online career management system, please visit [www.sunysccc.edu/ces](http://www.sunysccc.edu/ces) and register.

### **SuperPower** *(Continued from page 7.)*

long lengths of the high performing wire that is already being shipped to a variety of customers around the world. As the market for our product continues to grow we will need to add a significant number of highly-skilled new employees to help meet the anticipated demand. We look to our partners at SCCC and Union College to train and develop that workforce that will help us succeed and we are pleased that by sharing the skills of Drs. Li and Reeves we are able to support the development and delivery of the appropriate curriculum at SCCC.”