

Innovations Help Oswego Serve Students Better

Helping students take care of business – so they can get on with the important business of learning – is the goal of continuing improvements to the Student Accounts Office and the college's Web site.

This year, Oswego completed physical renovations to the office where students pay their bills and online improvements to make it more convenient for them to register, apply for financial aid and file to graduate.

The spring semester saw the debut of the new Student Accounts Office. A comfortable waiting room with customer service representatives ready to help, direct deposit of refund checks, phone lines for student questions and a new timeline for paying tuition bills are all part of the package, devised by Christine McCullough, the new director of Student Accounts and her team. Students returning for the fall semester will see even more improvements — a redesigned cashier department, a lockbox system and a monthly statement of students' tuition balances among them.

Goal: more function

MyOswego, the new campus Web site page, allows students secure access to do things like check their grades, make out class schedules and review their financial status.

They can also link to campus offices' Web pages or services like search and e-mail.



Student Accounts staff member Carrie Izzo, right, helps Brian Demott, sophomore computer science major, with some paperwork.

"The goal is to make it more functional as time goes on," says Mary Schoeler, chief technology officer. One of the features coming later this year will allow students to pay their college bills online.

Schoeler said the revamp was a team effort and many people across campus contributed including McCullough; Mike Pisa, director of the Administrative Technology Center; Mark Humbert, director of financial aid; Bernadette Krenzer, assistant registrar; and Wendi Ackerman, Web coordinator.

MyOswego is one click away from the campus home page. Students can click on the rollover links that pop up under "Current Students" or go directly to <http://myoswego.oswego.edu/>. It also appears under the A-Z index on the home page.

"Students and parents can watch for more services that will save students time in completing their business services with the university," says Schoeler.

Welcome from the President

There's something about the beginning of fall that brings a spirit of renewal in all of us – the crisp air, the colorful trees and the first day of classes! It is my great pleasure to welcome you, the parents and families of Oswego students, as we begin the 2002-2003 academic year.

This is a time of renewal, growth and new beginnings for our campus, too. Oswego just received its reaccreditation from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the School of Education has been accredited by NCATE, and the School of Business is working toward its accreditation with AACSB.

Physically, we are renewing our campus on a greater scale than at any time in the past three decades. The renovation of Rich Hall into the new home of the School of Business is well under way and we are in the planning stages for our new Campus Center, which will be a multi-use facility in the very heart of campus. As I look out the window of my home at Shady Shore, the lakeside cottage our founder built, I can see the renovation work on Johnson Hall, the first year experience residence hall.

As incoming students join our campus, they will be ready to discuss *Haven*, the first book in our Oswego Reading Initiative. We have many other exciting intellectual activities and explorations planned for them.

As part of Oswego's extended family, we invite you to take part in the life of the college by recruiting students, developing internships, creating job opportunities for graduates and supporting Oswego through the Annual Fund. I hope you will come to visit us on campus. I look forward to meeting you at Parents, Family and Friends Weekend, Oct. 18 to 20.

Sincerely,
President Deborah F. Stanley

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Barbara Manwaring (left) shares scholarship information with students Dana Tomlinson, Ryan Farrell and Maureen Flynn.

Scholarships Can Reward Those Who Give *and* Receive

Ask Barbara Manwaring about scholarships and her voice glows with warmth and enthusiasm.

"The scholarship awards mean so much to the students," says the associate director of development, who administers scholarships funded through the Oswego College Foundation. "And the donors are satisfied with what they've done to help others toward their goals of a college education. So it's rewarding on both sides."

There are about 120 scholarships awarded through the Oswego College Foundation, and some have multiple recipients, meaning more than 150 students are helped each year through the scholarship program. This is in addition to the Presidential Scholarship Awards, with over 575 recipients now on campus, administered through the Admissions Office.

The scholarships cover various disciplines and criteria and they can vary immensely, Manwaring says. They can be based on academic excellence, financial need or leadership skills, in addition to relationships to alumni or unions and other affiliations.

Most of the scholarship applications require very little work. "It's a very simple process, and more students should try to take advantage of it," she counsels.

Scholarships are often established to honor a loved one and continue their legacy. Others are a tribute to people who are

still alive. "It's a great way for people to honor someone and insure that they are never forgotten," Manwaring says.

Scholarships have a great impact, too. Even a few hundred dollars can mean a lot to a student in need. And the encouragement a scholarship provides is invaluable.

Some recipients are so grateful for the help, they have told her that when they get out into the world and start making money, they hope they can start a scholarship themselves.

When making their annual gift to Oswego, people can designate money to go to a particular scholarship. Starting a scholarship does not mean the entire amount needs to be paid at once. Funds can be built up over a period of years to create a scholarship.

Manwaring is not only an employee at the college, she is also the mother of an alumna. Her daughter, Melissa, received her bachelor's degree from Oswego in 2001. Although she was a donor already, Manwaring increased her giving recently to an even higher level to help fund a scholarship in memory of a friend who had passed away.

The scholarship book will be available online and in a print version in November. Applications will be accepted as soon as the listing goes online. See the Web site at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/scholarships or call 315-312-3003.

Join the Tradition: A Weekend Just For You

Parents, Family, and Friends Weekend has been a celebrated tradition at Oswego State for over two decades. We invite you to participate in the continuing success of this event by registering for "Unity on the Lake," scheduled for Oct. 18 to 20.

Weekend events will offer a variety of activities that showcase the scholarly, creative, and athletic talents of Oswego State students. Included are performances by the Solid State and StateSingers jazz ensembles, tours of the city of Oswego as well as the campus, Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by the theatre department

and a Saturday night dinner.

The Oswego Alumni Association will once again sponsor the Faculty/Staff Coffee for guests to interact with faculty and staff in an informal, social setting. You can meet professors and staff members from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Forum Restaurant in Hewitt Union.

Parents, Family, and Friends Weekend at Oswego State offers a wide array of activities. For updated information on the Parents, Family, and Friends Weekend schedule of events or registration, visit the Web site at www.oswego.edu/campuslife/pff.html.

KUDOS

★ To five of Oswego's most outstanding seniors, honored with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence: education major Cara Jacobson; secondary education major Patrick Martin, psychology major Melchi Michel, applied mathematics and applied mathematical economics major Michele Rambo; and communication studies and political science major Joseph Storch.

★ To two Oswego professors and an associate dean, recognized for their dedication to helping learners with Chancellor's Awards for Excellence, one of the highest awards in the State University system. Sharon Kane and William Waite of the School of Education were honored for teaching and Director of the Student Advisement Center Kathleen Evans for professional service.

★ To 26 student-athletes who qualified for the SUNY Athletic Conference Commissioner's List, by maintaining a grade point average of 3.3 for three semesters.

★ To the 93 Oswego student-athletes out of 625 total on the SUNYAC All-Academic Teams for the spring semester.

★ To a physics professor who spreads the message that science is for everyone and a psychology professor who explores the mind's effects on cardiovascular health, honored at Quest this year. Alok Kumar of physics received the President's Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity and Brooks Gump of psychology received the Provost's Award for Scholarly and Creative Activity.

★ To six undergraduate students and three graduate students who received \$500 research and creative activity awards to work with faculty members on projects in psychology, art and zoology.

★ To three members of the college community honored for their dedication to advising students. Lara Chappell of chemistry, Kelly Roe of art and Harry Shock of the Student Advisement Center are this year's recipients of the President's Awards for Excellence in Academic Advisement.

★ To 39 Oswego students listed in the 2002 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

★ To five field hockey players selected for the 2001 National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III National Academic Squad.

★ To senior Jason Hawthorne, who recently became the first Laker to earn Academic All-American honors from the U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, one of only 22 honorees nationwide this year.

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Business Students Make Good First Impression

If making a good first impression is an important part of business success, then members of SUNY Oswego's Students in Free Enterprise team appear to be on the fast track.

The new student group earned the Rookie of the Year award at the SIFE regional competition April 8 in New York City. Oswego's team also won first runner-up in its league of seven, coming home with more awards than Harvard University. SIFE focuses on presentation skills and promoting the principles of free enterprise.

The four Oswego students competing were Scott Gardner, Amy Rose, Kimberly McLaughlin and Brian Smith. Their presentations were about 401k plans, currency and setting up a Web site for a business. The four students earned free trips to the national competition in Kansas City.

While they did not compete, one student came home with the ultimate prize – a good job. Amy Rose landed a job with Coors, as a result of contacts she made at

the SIFE competition.

Other students took advantage of the networking opportunities with participating corporations, which in addition to Coors, included Wal-Mart, PetCo, American Greetings and RadioShack.

Clem Armstrong, an alumnus who received his MBA degree from Oswego, was mentor to the SIFE Oswego team.

Smith, a junior marketing major elected president of SIFE for next year, said Oswego's team stood out from the rest in their league because their projects tied into each other and they emphasized that they were a rookie team.

Some members of the group concentrated on helping Oswego High School start up a junior SIFE team. They will meet with the high school team about twice a month to advise the students this fall.

"The Oswego SIFE team exemplifies what students at SUNY Oswego can accomplish with dedication, hard work, leadership, teamwork and integrity," said SIFE

adviser Paula Bobrowski, an associate professor of marketing and management. She said that the students at the college are what make the faculty's jobs worthwhile.

Hispanic Magazine Honors SUNY Oswego

National magazine, *Saludos Hispanos*, has recognized SUNY Oswego for its commitment to diversity by bestowing its Publisher's Salute to Honored Educators of Distinction Award on the college.

"We know it is a commitment that starts at the top with (President Deborah F.) Stanley and is the mission of your entire organization," wrote Rosemarie Garcia-Solomon, publisher of the California-based magazine.

Oswego was one of three SUNY campuses recognized. The others were Brockport and New Paltz. In all, about 160 colleges from around the nation received recognition.

About 3 percent of SUNY Oswego's undergraduates are identified as Hispanic. The college has determined diversity goals in its strategic plan, "Engagement 2000."

SUNY Oswego Earns Middle States Reaccreditation

The Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools notified SUNY Oswego this summer that it has reaffirmed the college's accreditation.

Like every reputable institution of higher learning in the United States, SUNY Oswego undergoes an accreditation review every 10 years. A nine-member evaluation team visited the campus in April after reviewing the college's self-study report and documentation.

The team included two commendations for SUNY Oswego in its 25-page evaluation report. "The first-year retention program that consists of First-Year Advisement, FirstChoice, First-Year Residential

Experience, and Sheldon Leader Program is an area of distinction for the college and should be commended," the team wrote in the report.

It added special commendation for the scholarship funds available to students for international study.

Oswego's initiatives for first-year students are designed to acclimate them to college life and to the Oswego campus community to help them get the maximum benefit from their undergraduate education.

The college has also made special effort to make international study an option for students regardless of their economic background.

NCAA Grant to Help Promote Healthy Campus Climate

The National Collegiate Athletic Association has selected SUNY Oswego as one of 10 colleges it will fund to develop a program that uses athletics to deliver alcohol education.

"Building Oswego Pride Through Choices" is a three-year project funded with a \$30,000 Choices grant through the support of the NCAA Foundation and Anheuser-Busch Companies.

Jean Conway of SUNY Oswego's athletics program and Michael McNeil, health promotions coordinator in the college's LifeStyles Center, are co-directors of the project, which also has the support of Student Association.

"It's going to involve the entire campus," Conway said.

The two-part project calls for development of an alcohol education course and an alcohol-free homecoming celebration.

Alcohol on college campuses is a recurring topic in the news, McNeil noted. "It's important for people to know that we're working on this," he said.

Oswego was chosen from among 50 colleges applying for Choices funding. "It's kind of prestigious to have this," Conway said.

The Choices project is one of several programs at Oswego designed to foster a campus climate that helps students make healthy choices.

Regular surveys show some progress, McNeil said. "Slowly but surely, we're chipping away at it," he said.

Artswego Presents World of Arts

Brazilian movements, hip-hop dance, contemporary chamber music, a brass orchestra and a festival full of jazz are some of the stops on this year's journey for the Artswego Performing Arts Series at SUNY Oswego: from Rennie Harris PureMovement on Sept. 21 and the Elements Quartet Oct. 10, to the second annual Jazz Guitar Festival Nov. 16 and from the River City Brass Band Feb. 7 to the Brazilian dance troupe Grupo Corpo March 12.

Student tickets for the Artswego Performing Arts series shows are just \$7 (\$30 for the series of 5 performances, a savings of \$5). To make reservations call Tyler Box Office at 315-312-2141 or e-mail tylerbxo@oswego.edu.

Rennie Harris PureMovement, which will kick off the Artswego season with shows Sept. 20 and 21 on campus, translates hip-hop and urban culture into dance classes and performances.



Campus Clips



LIGHTING A SPARK OF

LEARNING The torch of learning is passed to incoming students in Oswego's moving

Torchlight Ceremony. It opens the academic year and welcomes new students to campus Friday, Aug. 30.



FIRST-YEAR EFFORTS

AWARDED Associate Provost Rhonda Mandel received a national award for her efforts to

enhance the experience of Oswego's first-year students. Mandel won one of two Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate Awards allotted for colleges and universities in Oswego's enrollment category. "She has succeeded in weaving a fabric of first-year experiences which have benefited many students and enlivened the tapestry of academic and student life programs at the college," wrote President Deborah F. Stanley.



FILE TO GRADUATE ONLINE

Filing the necessary paperwork to graduate from Oswego just got easier - students can do it

online. The Registrar's Office has sent letters to prospective graduates with a paper form, but also instructions about how to file online. If students file online the paper form is not necessary. Deadline dates for filing are Sept. 10 for December 2002 graduation and Feb. 1 for May and August 2003 graduation. Students are not placed on a graduation list until they do file to graduate, either online or by turning in the paper form to the Registrar's Office.



ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU

Oswego Parents is an award-winner. It took home the "Golden Quotes Award" for Best Newsletter at the Oswego Press Club ceremonies last winter.



GOODIES FROM HOME

No need to get out the apron and mixing bowl to send a sweet something to your son or daughter.

Sweet Occasions helps you mark a special occasion or just show you care. Call 315-312-2331 to order baked goods, baskets or mugs of goodies, or a pizza party.



OPEN HOURS PLANNED

President Deborah F. Stanley regularly opens her office doors to members of the Oswego

campus community for her popular Open Hours. This year she will take the show on the road, so to speak, and hold Open Hours in residence halls and snack bars on campus. The president has held regular afternoon Open Hours most weeks for the past two years and said she was looking forward to hearing from students in the coming academic year.



STAYING IN SHAPE

What are the top five reasons to join the Cooper and Glimmerglass Fitness Centers?

- 1) Cost - The best deal in Oswego!
- 2) Location - Two centers on campus
- 3) Personal Trainers FREE to members
- 4) A variety of equipment in both centers
- 5) A healthy way to spend time.

Memberships for resident students are \$60 per semester and just \$70 for the whole academic year, and they make great gifts. Call 315-312-2431 or 315-312-3963 to order one for your son or daughter.



SURF FOR INFO

The Oswego Alumni Association Web site invites you to visit at www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu.

Calendar

Fall 2002

Aug. 30	Welcoming Torchlight Ceremony
Sept. 2	Labor Day, no classes
Sept. 3	Classes begin
Sept. 13- Oct. 5	"Ruth Gruber: Photographs as Witness 1944-1947," and "Off The Wall: Ceramics from the Permanent Collection," Tyler Art Gallery
Sept. 16	Yom Kippur, no classes
Sept. 19-22	ALANA Conference
Sept. 20-21	Rennie Harris PureMovement, Artswego
Sept. 27-29	Alumni of Color Reunion Weekend
Oct. 11	Elements Quartet, Artswego
Oct. 11- Nov. 2	Art Department Faculty Exhibition and "My Mother's Name Is Anna, Her Maiden Name Was Lanzo," Tyler Art Gallery
Oct. 18-20 & Oct. 25-27	"A Midsummer Night's Dream," Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall
Oct. 18-20	Parents, Family and Friends Weekend
Nov. 9-10	"The Magic Flute," Oswego Opera Theatre
Nov. 15- Dec. 13	"The Abstract Tradition," Tyler Art Gallery
Nov. 16	Peter Leitch Sextet, Artswego
Nov. 20-24	"Little Footsteps," Lab Theatre, Tyler Hall
Nov. 27- Dec. 1	Thanksgiving recess
Dec. 6-8	Renaissance Madrigal Banquet, Forum Restaurant
Dec. 13	Last day of classes
Dec. 16-20	Final exams
Dec. 21	Commencement

Spring 2003

Jan. 22	Spring semester classes begin
March 24-28	Spring Recess
April 7	College Open House
April 23	Honors Convocation and Quest '02, no classes
May 9	Last day of classes
May 12-16	Final exams
May 16	Torchlight ceremony and dinner
May 17	Commencement



Kristin Marang '95 (third from right) shares her experiences in the publishing world with students in an English class. Kristin is the assistant to the vice president of HarperCollins Children's Books. She visited campus classes as part of the Alumni-in-Residence program, one of many student programs funded by the alumni fee on the fall student bill. Participating in the discussion are, from left, Nicole Avery, Treska Daughtry, Jason Lambert, Kristin Marang '95, Denise Warchol and David Russell.