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Oswego State's 146th Commencement was the first in the new Campus Center.
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President's Desk



President Deborah F. Stanley

One of the great things about working on a college campus is the ever-present sense of anticipation about the future. Students are preparing for successful careers in education, business, science, communications or dozens of other fields. They are preparing for the future. The same is true of the college itself. At Oswego, that sense of anticipation is greater than ever right now. Big things are happening on campus and we couldn't be more thrilled. This May we celebrated the inaugural Commencement in the new Campus Center convocation space. In June, I was happy to welcome alumni back for our first-ever Reunion events in the Campus Center. People who had not been on campus in decades marveled at the changes to Sheldon Hall and Johnson Hall as well. This October will mark the official opening of the Campus Center as the final piece is completed. The renovations going on right now to the former

Swetman Hall will make it a home for student organizations and media, and a center devoted to advisement and academic planning. Students will be able to go from the easternmost buildings straight into the heart of campus in an enclosed walkway that gives them shelter from Oswego's notorious weather as they walk, talk and connect with each other on the way to class, social activities and athletic events. The renewal of Riggs Hall and Lakeside Dining Hall is complete. And the changes are much more than physical. We are constantly upgrading our degree programs. Right now, this means we are pursuing a degree program in software engineering, and are exploring possible degrees in electrical and computer engineering. There's a buzz on campus, an almost palpable feeling of expectation as we continue to grow, improve and renew ourselves. Please, visit us soon and catch the excitement.

Deborah F. Stanley
President

FROM

the Editor's Pen

My father used to say, "Some people eat to live, I live to eat." Actually, "I live to cook" would have been a better credo for him. I remember Sunday afternoons with a dish of chicken cacciatore bubbling on the stove, its savory taste enhanced with onions, peppers and tomatoes grown in his own backyard garden. Or the aroma of a crock of sauerkraut and little green tomatoes fermenting in a corner of the kitchen. Or the first warm bite of his homemade pita breads, formed in a wooden mold a friend of his had made. Memories of my mother center around food, too, especially her colorful and tart Jello-flavored Christmas cookies and the sweet scent of her braided bread on Easter morning. I'll bet the same is

true for most of you — food forms some of our earliest and most enduring memories. And when we want to celebrate special times with family and friends, we do it over good things to eat and drink. That's why creating this issue of *Oswego* was such a pleasure. Our alumni share their enthusiasm for cuisine, whether it's supplying, cooking or serving food to people. And what better companions to enjoy all these gustatory delights with than our own Oswego family. *Bon appetit!*

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