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## Students Help Create 'Stimulating, Exciting Place to Learn'

Not only is the number of new incoming students up, but their high school averages and SAT scores are also, which is good news for SUNY Oswego and current students.

The head count enrollment is expected to be 8,500 for the fall semester, counting full-time, part-time, undergraduate and graduate students, up from 7,718 in 1998-99, according to Dr. Joseph Grant, vice president for enrollment management and student services.

"That's a good, healthy number to have on campus, to generate the kind of positive, creative activity both in and out of the classrooms that we want," says Grant.

About 1,360 new freshmen enrolled at Oswego this year, compared with 1,325 last year. More were at the top of their classes than in earlier years. Those with high school grades averaging 93 and average SAT scores of 1230 almost doubled, from 109 students in 2000 to over 200 in 2004, drawn to Oswego partly by the Presidential Scholarship program and other merit awards.

This year Oswego gave 567 merit-based scholarships to the incoming class, including transfers. Overall, the college awarded \$2.5 million in merit-based scholarships and near-



Parents of new students were welcomed into the Oswego family at coffee and dessert receptions hosted by the Oswego Alumni Association during orientation sessions this summer. Associate Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Jeff Pratt '94, M'97 (right) visits with parents, while Brian Duran '04 provides musical accompaniment for the evening.

ly \$60 million in need-based aid. The average award was \$8,326.

Oswego has been successful in recruiting out-of-state and international students, swelling the numbers of students in the residence halls from 3,100 in 1999 to 3,720 in 2004. Oswego is in the midst of a residence hall renovation program and will complete replacement of all furnishings in the next three years.

"In terms of our academic programs, evolving student body and physical facilities, we are having a renaissance of sorts in recent years," says Grant. "We are moving to the environment all faculty and students can benefit from: a stimulating, exciting place to learn, live and work."

## Welcome from the President

One of my favorite activities is to welcome you, the parents and families of Oswego students, as we begin a new academic year. Lately it seems each year brings us so many new initiatives, projects and courses of study. It's a very exciting time at Oswego!

This year we have expanded our innovative FirstChoice network of small classes to include all first year students. This learner-centered approach to education helps students make the all-important transition to college. Our participation in the new American Democracy Project will help students become more engaged citizens. And new programs, like our biochemistry major, will help them become more competitive when they leave Oswego and enter the world of work or graduate school.

We are renewing our campus more than at any time in the last three decades. When you move your students to campus, you can't help but notice the "big dig" for the new Campus Center, which will include academic and co-curricular activities in a new state-of-the-art heart of the campus. This, added to the recently renovated Johnson and Rich halls, and ongoing work on our Lakeside residence halls, means Oswego is becoming a more up-to-date and comfortable place to live, study and learn.

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 visit campus, especially at Family and Friends Weekend, Oct. 15-17.

Sincerely,  
President Deborah F. Stanley

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## Lukajics Found Oswego a Good Choice

At his father's urging Michael Lukajic '04 conducted a thorough search for the right college. He made a spreadsheet and rated each potential school on a number of criteria such as size, distance from his Mississauga, Ont., home and the hockey team. His investigation led him to Oswego, where he became a journalism major and a star player on the Lakers ice hockey team.



Dragica, Michael '04 and Boro Lukajic at the Oswego Lakers' last home game of 2004

Boro Lukajic, Mike's dad, agreed with his son's choice. He points to the support Mike received from professors like Linda Morley Loomis '90, M '97 and hockey coach Ed Gosek '83, MSED '01. He also appreciated the welcome he and Mike's mom, Dragica, received on their many visits to Oswego to attend Laker games. "We formed very many friendships in this community," Boro says. "They opened their hearts, their homes to us."

A resident of the Toronto metropolitan area, he found Oswego's small town atmosphere a better fit for his son. "Students in this town are heroes," he says. "In a big city nobody notices them."

He was also impressed with the academic preparation his son received and the close relationship between the athletic staff and their academic counterparts. "The coaching staff provided not only hockey instruction but mentorship and the encouragement to learn," he says. "Our son will be an accomplished athlete and a professional. Now he has more options."

The family's satisfaction with Mike's academic and athletic experiences at Oswego led them to support the college financially, first as members of the President's Circle

giving societies. This spring, in honor of their son's graduation, the Lukajics pledged \$10,000 to help build the Campus Center, which will house a new hockey arena among other things. The Lukajics' gift is the largest parent gift in the current campaign, and the second all-time highest by parents who are not also alumni.

"As a professional myself, I attach a very high importance to education," says Boro, an engineer and president of his own engineering firm specializing in tunneling and hydraulic dams. While the money he gives is restricted to the athletic program, he stresses that other contributors can specify their donations for the enhancement of departments both athletic and academic.

The family also gives because they see a real need. "State support has dropped by almost 30 percent in the last 20 years," Boro says. "That's a strong reason for parents, alumni, and others to contribute to whatever limit is affordable for them."

*Note: Mike Lukajic recently attended the L.A. Kings hockey development camp. He is hoping to play somewhere in a pro hockey league this coming season. Mike and the family wish the Oswego Lakers a successful season.*

## Family and Friends Invited to Special Weekend

Join in a tradition more than two decades old! Family and Friends Weekend is set this year for Oct. 15 to 17. A variety of activities are scheduled to showcase the academic, athletic and creative talents of Oswego students. Watch a play, hear a concert or cheer on the Lakers in a number of sporting events. Meet Oswego faculty, staff and administrators at the Faculty-Staff Coffee Hour from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in the Forum Gallery

Restaurant in Hewitt Union, sponsored by the Oswego Alumni Association. Look for your Family and Friends Weekend registration form in the mail. Be sure and make your hotel reservations early as accommodations fill up quickly.



For more information, call the Hewitt Union main office at 315-312-2301 or go online to [http://www.oswego.edu/student/services/campus\\_life/mainoffice/familyandfriends.html](http://www.oswego.edu/student/services/campus_life/mainoffice/familyandfriends.html)

## KUDOS

★ To students from the Art Department who participated in exhibitions at the State University Plaza Gallery and four students who were featured in the "Best of Show" exhibition this summer.

★ To the charter members of the new Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor society for accounting and finance students.

★ To the Students in Free Enterprise team, who received the First Runner Up Award at regional competition in New York City.

★ To six students who received Chancellor's Awards for Excellence.

★ To Oswego's student athletes, who had a record number of All-Americans and Academic All-Americans.

★ To the School of Business chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society for students at AACSB-accredited schools, which qualified as an "exemplary chapter," and will be able to offer a BGS student member a \$1,000 scholarship in 2005.

★ To Oswego's Technology Education Collegiate Association team, which won all four competitive events: live manufacturing, problem solving, delivering a lesson and communication.

★ To Jean Conway M '95, student athlete academic advisor, who received the Chancellor's Award for Professional Service.

★ To the *Oswegonian*, which received second place for Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper in the prestigious Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards.

★ To the eight students in Oswego's German program who passed all nine Goethe Institute examinations.

★ To the cast of "The Importance of Being Earnest," which received a certificate of merit for excellence in ensemble playing from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

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## 'Senior Week' Toasts Graduates

A "Real World Survival Panel," a luncheon with a faculty member and a champagne toast were just a few of the ways that this spring's Senior Week made the transition from college to career a little less frightening, and a little more fun.

During the first ever Survival Panel, a group of four alumni, along with the recruiting supervisor from Enterprise, met with students to share their experiences with everything from job searching, to interviewing techniques, to writing the perfect resume.

"I thought that it was very useful," said Jenn Shepard '04, a women's studies and English double major. "It answered a lot of questions that my parents couldn't answer. It was comforting to hear that you could really do anything you want to, as long as you are persistent."

Senior Week also included a student-faculty luncheon, along with the recently resurrected Champagne Toast and the first annual time capsule.

Despite the threat of rain, more than 50 students gathered in front of Sheldon Hall for a class photo, a glass of champagne or sparkling cider, and an inspirational toast from Betsy Oberst, the executive director of the Alumni Association.

"I think that it was a nice thing that they could do for the seniors to bring them together," said Carrie Rosati '04, a journalism major. "I liked that you could add anything you wanted to the time capsule."

The capsule, which students voted to open at the 20<sup>th</sup> class reunion, contained a T-shirt signed by the seniors, a class photo, a current issue of *The Oswegonian*, fliers about the dedication of the Library Café, Rich Hall and Johnson Hall, and personal items from the students.

"I think it is great that Oswego State invites its seniors to an event like this, to toast to their successes and their achievements," said Alan Beaudoin '04.



Jesse Norton '04 signs the senior class T-shirt for the Class of 2004 time capsule as Josh Grosvent '04 and Mary Beth Beaton '05 look on. The time capsule was just one of many aspects of Senior Week at Oswego.

The week, which also featured a senior barbeque and an online garage sale, was organized by the Senior Class Planning Committee, sponsored by the Alumni Association, and made possible through a grant from Auxiliary Services.

— Shannon Mahar '04

## Students, Faculty Collaborate on Research

Undergraduate students and faculty members have new support for their collaborations on scholarly and creative work thanks to the Challenge Grant program instituted this year with \$10,000 in funding,



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in part from the Oswego College Foundation.

Four faculty-student pairs have received the first round of Challenge Grants to work on scholarly projects beginning as early as this summer.

- Dr. Sharon Gabel, associate professor of earth sciences and Rob Venczel '06 are monitoring changes in the shoreline of eastern Lake Ontario. The project provides information for plans to preserve "this unusual and important freshwater beach-dune ecosystem," they wrote in their proposal. Venczel said that he hopes to pursue a career in environmental science and that the project will help him to do that.

- Katie Miloski '05, a biology major and chemistry minor, will work with Dr. Kestas Bendinskas, assistant professor of chemistry, on her study of medicinal plants used by diabetics in the Republic of Congo. She hopes to identify the mechanism by which these plants activate a response to insulin in human liver cells. Miloski said she plans to

attend medical school after graduating from Oswego.

- Dr. Craig DeLancey, an assistant professor of philosophy and cognitive science, and John Callan '06, majoring in computer science and cognitive science, will test a series of hypotheses about the nature of the social and economic role of anger. They will use a modeling technique called genetic algorithms to model retributive behavior.

- A paper by Courtney DeLosh '06 about the justice of the gender-structured family in Dr. Robert Card's public affairs class was the impetus for the project they will conduct. DeLosh, a psychology major, and Card, an assistant professor of philosophy, will conduct a Central New York survey on the division of labor by gender within the family.

"The possibility for this kind of collaborative work is really valuable," Card said, adding that involvement in undergraduate research improves a student's prospects for graduate school.

## A World of Arts on Campus

Oswego offers a diverse array of arts programming for SUNY Oswego students and community members, including fall semester's Spirit Songs with Bill Miller Sept. 17, (also part of the Oswego Reading Initiative and ALANA Conference), Ballet Folklorico de Veracruz Oct. 23 and Soul Manifesto with Rodney Jones and Co., part of the Jazz Guitar Festival Nov. 13. Parents can give their students the gift of the arts and save money by creating their own series.

SUNY Oswego student tickets for all events are only \$7 each, thanks to the Student Arts Fee. When parents order tickets to four performances, they save 10 percent for a total cost of \$25.20; six events, 15 percent or a total cost of \$35.70; and eight events, 20 percent for a series price of \$44.80.

For tickets, the entire schedule or more information, call the box office at 315-312-2141 or go online to [www.oswego.edu/arts](http://www.oswego.edu/arts)



Bill Miller will perform on campus Sept. 17

Patrice Clayton '94 (right), who works for American Express marketing division, shares information with students at

Oswego's successful New York City Career Connections program in January. The event, designed to



bring together alumni and current students for networking opportunities in New York during winter break, was sponsored by the Oswego Alumni Association and Oswego's Office of Career Services. It won a "Best in Category" award for alumni programs among all SUNY campuses in the SUNY Council for University Affairs and Development competition. Some past participants received internships and all made valuable connections in the world of work. Look for information in the mail this fall inviting your junior or senior student to attend this special opportunity.

# Campus Clips



## A WELCOMING GLOW

The Oswego Alumni Association sponsors the moving Torchlight Ceremony. It opens the academic year and welcomes new students to campus Friday, Aug. 27.



## FILE TO GRADUATE!

The Registrar's Office has sent letters to prospective graduates with instructions and information on how to file online for graduation. Once the student has signed in, the graduation application form is linked to the student's registration link from the URL:

<http://myoswego.oswego.edu/> Deadline dates for filing are Sept. 30 for December 2004 graduation and Feb. 15 for May and August 2005 graduation. Students are not automatically placed on a graduation list; it is the student's responsibility to make sure he or she files online by the appropriate deadline or contacts the Registrar's Graduation Area for help in doing so. Please note: Students must file by the deadline dates in order to be sure that their names will be printed in the commencement program.



## EXAM TIME TREATS

Send your student moral support — and an energy boost — to finish those papers and cram for exams. Snacker's Delight and the Lighter Snacker are offered along with other choices to mix and match to meet individual students' needs. Ordering information will be mailed to families as exams approach, or contact the Hewitt Union main office at 315-312-2301.



## HERE'S A BIG PLUS!

You can make sure your student has a hot lunch or late night snack — and save yourself some

money — when you sign up for Plus Plan. Save 12 percent on all purchases (a five percent bonus and seven percent sales tax). Plus Plan is accepted at several campus eateries. And when the late-night munchies hit, your student can use the card to order food delivered from Domino's Pizza or the Oswego Sub Shop. To sign up, call 315-312-2588, e-mail [dining@oswego.edu](mailto:dining@oswego.edu) or go online to [www.oswego.edu/auxserv](http://www.oswego.edu/auxserv)



## DECEMBER GRADS, TAKE NOTE

The Oswego Alumni Association hosts a Commencement Eve Dessert Reception and Senior Toast for all December graduates and their families at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17. Join us for an elegant reception in Oswego's historic Sheldon Hall ballroom and celebrate the Class of 2004's passage from students to alumni. Visit [www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/seniorclass](http://www.oswegoalumni.oswego.edu/seniorclass) or call 315-312-2258 for information about this and other programs for seniors by the Oswego Alumni Association.



## SEND A SWEET SURPRISE

Sweet Occasions can help you mark a special occasion or just show your student show that you care. To order baked goods, baskets of fruit or goodies, balloon-a-grams or a pizza party, for any occasion, call 315-312-2331 or go online to [www.oswego.edu/auxserv](http://www.oswego.edu/auxserv)



## HOW ABOUT A VIRTUAL VISIT?

SUNY Oswego has a brand-new Web site. Explore the campus at [www.oswego.edu/](http://www.oswego.edu/) and be sure to click on Parents for news and features especially for you.



**Jim Triandiflou '88**, vice president of operations for Centive, looks over a resume for Treska Daughtry '04, an information science major with a minor in business administration, at the Business Symposium this spring. The symposium is co-sponsored by the Alumni-in-Residence Program of the Oswego Alumni Association and the School of Business Student Advisory Board. Triandiflou made presentations and held one-on-one sessions with students about career issues. Alumni also help students plan for the world of work through the Alumni Sharing Knowledge Program and panel presentations, sponsored by the Oswego Alumni Association.

## Calendar

### Fall 2004

- Aug. 27 Welcoming Torchlight Ceremony
- Aug. 30 Classes begin
- Sept. 6 Labor Day, no classes
- Sept. 13–Oct. 1 "Mad Sally's Marvelous Adventures, Paintings by Joy Adams," Tyler Art Gallery
- Sept. 16 Rosh Hashanah, no classes
- Sept. 17 Spirit Songs with Bill Miller, Artswego
- Sept. 17–Oct. 23 American Indian Baskets, Tyler Art Gallery
- Sept. 16–19 ALANA Conference
- Oct. 7–9 and Oct. 15–17 "Infinity's House," Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Oct. 10–Nov. 9 Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors, Tyler Art Gallery
- Oct. 15–17 Family and Friends Weekend
- Oct. 23 Ballet Folklorico de Veracruz, Artswego
- Nov. 4–7 "No Such Thing as Solo," Frances Marion Brown Theatre, Fort Ontario
- Nov. 5–Dec. 10 Bachelor of Fine Arts/Masters Thesis Exhibition, Tyler Art Gallery
- Nov. 13 Soul Manifesto with Rodney Jones and Co., Artswego
- Nov. 16–21 "[SIC]," Lab Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Nov. 24–28 Thanksgiving recess
- Dec. 4–5 Renaissance Madrigal Banquet, Forum Restaurant
- Dec. 10 "Collage," The Music Scholarship Concert, Waterman Theatre, Tyler Hall
- Dec. 10 Last day of classes
- Dec. 13–17 Final exams
- Dec. 17 Dessert Reception for December Graduates, Sheldon Hall Ballroom
- Dec. 18 December Graduation

### Spring 2005

- Jan. 20 Spring semester classes begin
- Mar. 14–18 Spring Recess
- April 11 College Open House
- April 20 Honors Convocation and Quest '05, no classes
- May 6 Last day of classes
- May 9–13 Final exams
- May 13 Torchlight ceremony and dinner
- May 14 Commencement