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“Approaching leadership from a collaborative stance, making it personal, that’s important to me. So, how can we make those connections, get to know each other better, and how do we tap into all of the talent that is the Castleton University community to continue to make this world a better place?”

**DR. KAREN M. SCOLFORO**  
**PRESIDENT**  
SPRING CONVOCATION ADDRESS



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## Introduction

Welcome to my first quarterly newsletter! I am very excited to invite you, our extended Castleton Family, to share in the success of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

You will find, within the contents of this publication, evidence of the quality education, holistic experiences, and co-curricular opportunities that our students enjoy.

I hope you will help me spread the word that Castleton University, the small university with a big heart, has become a destination for traditional and nontraditional students who appreciate the value of the liberal arts and the power of experiential learning.

Embedded in our curriculum are the top skills

necessary in the workforce identified in the *Future Jobs Report* from the World Economic Forum: complex problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, people management, coordinating with others, emotional intelligence, judgment and decision making, service orientation, negotiation and cognitive flexibility.

Castleton University is preparing its graduates for a global workplace.

Many of you follow Castleton University sports and arts programming and, as fans, take advantage of events and productions (see the student life section of this publication for more on this). We appreciate your support, and our students appreciate your patronage.

This year we are taking additional measures to shine a spotlight on academic excellence and innovative learning opportunities at Castleton University (check out the section on academic affairs!).

Our students are conducting research, interning, performing, and collaborating. They are engaged in diversity initiatives, mentoring other students, and leading.

Our faculty are fine-tuning curriculum to increase relevance and real-world competitive advantages, and our students are engaging with future employers at in-house job fairs, mock interviews, and career discussions.

I hope you will take the time to read my newsletter cover to cover. I invite your comments and I encourage your requests (for next time). On behalf of our students, I am looking forward to developing strong relationships throughout the region and beyond.

We are only just getting started. Together we will change the world.

Kind regards,

Dr. Karen M. Scolforo  
President, Castleton University

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MAY 12, 2018  
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## Academic Affairs



# SCIENTIFICALLY SPARTAN

### SCIENCE AT THE STATEHOUSE

-Dr. Christine Palmer  
Professor of Biology

On January 31, Castleton University students and faculty members presented original research at the Vermont State House to more than 30 legislators, members of the Vermont State Colleges System (VSCS) Board of Trustees, and VSCS Chancellor Jeb Spaulding.

The presentation, organized on-campus by professors Linda Olson and Jennifer Turchi, was part of a co-sponsored effort by the VSCS and the Vermont State Colleges Faculty Federation to showcase scholarly and community-service work produced by students.

The goal was to showcase their work as well as to ensure that our state government gets to see firsthand how important it is to support our students through increased funding for the Vermont State Colleges System. Students were poised, energetic, and engaging with members of our state government. Castleton is a place where science happens, and students are the

ones at the wheel, changing their futures, driving their careers, and making our world a better place.

The evening highlighted the scientific work that students created side-by-side with their faculty mentors as a stepping stone into their future careers in the field.

Castleton Biology student Angela Golding was one of the many students who presented, sharing her research on katydid microbiota and secondary metabolite tolerance.

“The academic symposium was a great way of bringing to the legislators’ attention what can be accomplished at Castleton and how many young professionals, like me, seek to conduct research and pursue my love for science here in Vermont,” Golding said.

In addition to natural science presentations in biology, chemistry, environmental science, and geology, social sciences were also well represented with presenters from sociology, social work, criminal justice, and women’s &

### FACULTY/STUDENT RESEARCHERS

#### DR. CHRISTINE PALMER

Kelsey Butler  
Angela Golding  
Cassidy Yrsha

#### DR. TIM GROVER

Ashely Smith  
Eric Baurle

#### DR. ANDREW VERMILYEA

Ashley Sanders

#### DR. PRESTON GARCIA

Ryan Duggan  
Megan Nadler  
David Harvey  
Breanna Babiarz

#### DR. MATT MORIARITY

Frankie Iacobucci

#### DR. JENNIFER TURCHI

Caitlin Cozadd

gender studies.

In all, a dozen students along with six members of the faculty (pictured on previous page) represented Castleton University with pride.

“It was an incredible event highlighting the great things that our students have accomplished and the potential they represent for Vermont in the future.”

for mammalian pathogens. His lab of four Castleton students will be traveling to Atlanta in June to present their work at the 2018 American Society for Microbiology Microbe Meeting.

Professor Palmer was funded to study the gut contents of Neotropical katydids to better understand the molecular mechanisms of food digestion and detoxification. Her grant provides funding for students to be paid for summer research at Castleton, to travel to the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama for field research, and to attend a national conference to present their work and meet top notch scientists for networking and future career success.

### THE FUTURE OF SPARTAN SCIENCE

For the past 34 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to nearly 7,800 teams, and now in all 50 states as Castleton University was host to the inaugural Vermont Science Olympiad on March 10.

Nearly 100 students, teachers, and family members representing 11 Vermont High Schools attended the competition. South Burlington High School won top honors and will represent the state in the national competition. Previously, Vermont teams had competed alongside their neighbors in New York and New Hampshire, but were not able to advance to the national stage due to the tournament rules.

This effort, which was spearheaded by Castleton Professor Tim Thibodeau, brought together faculty members from science, mathematics, and nursing while leveraging funding from the Vermont Community Foundation.

Students who participated are each eligible to apply for one of three renewable \$2,500 scholarships upon their acceptance to Castleton University.

### NEW GRANTS TO FUEL CONTINUED RESEARCH

Castleton University professors Preston Garcia, Gregory Engel, and Christine Palmer were recently awarded over \$230,000 in grant funding from the Vermont Genetics Network to support the future of student-faculty research at Castleton.

Professor Engel will continue his research on the genetic contributions to alcohol sensitivity and tolerance using the fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*. His grant includes full-time summer research funding for two students to investigate the role of the gene *Nplp3* in alcohol behavior.

Professor Garcia was funded to study the genetic and biochemical regulation of the central metabolism in the bacteria, *Sinorhizobium meliloti*, an agriculturally beneficial species that also serves as a model

## EARTH WEEK

APRIL 20-28, 2018



4/20 • EARTH DAY 5K  
4:30 P.M. • PAVLION

4/21 • MUSIC FEST  
6 P.M. | WOODRIDGE HOUSE LAWN

4/26 • PLANT SALE  
12:30 | GREENHOUSE



# OUR GLOBAL CAMPUS

## FESTIVITIES FROM AFAR

-Debbie Singiser  
Director of International Student Services

Eating a plate of fried plantains while watching a young couple dance the “Bachata,” you might think you were on a beach in the Dominican Republic. However, then you see a female pass by in a traditional Kyrgyz dress serving a plate of samsa, a dish similar to chicken or vegetable samosas. But no, you are not in Kyrgyzstan, because across the room there is a table covered by Canadian maple leaf paraphernalia with a group serving piping hot poutine from a chafing dish. Are you in Montreal? No, because when you turn around, you see a young woman encouraging you to try Irish potato candy, which despite the name, is surprisingly delicious! You take the recipe she offers so you can make

this Irish delicacy at home. But you are not in Ireland because just then you hear a song that sounds vaguely familiar. It is called “Sukiyaki,” a traditional Japanese song that has become popular in the U.S. and Europe. So, where are you? You would have been on Castleton University’s campus this past December.

The 12 students from the ESL (English as a Second Language) Speaking and Listening class organized and hosted the University’s first International Festival introducing the Castleton community to a bit of culture from 13 countries in the form of food, drink, dance, music, songs, instruments, photos, posters, flags, literature, and much more. The 1787 Room in the Campus Center was filled to capacity with students, faculty and staff, representing the countries of Canada, China, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Ireland, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia,

Palestine, South Korea, Sweden, and Venezuela. Visitors circulated around the festive and colorful room sampling the food, speaking to the students about their home countries, and enjoying a variety of musical performances from China and Japan. Our global campus was on full display.

The event culminated with a traditional Palestinian dance, “Dabka,” which is performed at weddings and other celebrations in that country. It began slowly with one student tapping his foot while circling the dance floor with hands clasped behind his back and eyes cast down. As the music continued, the tempo increased, others joined in, and tables were pushed back making room for the line of more than 30 people clasping hands and snaking through the room, with others coming to the center to demonstrate their dance moves. Those not participating in the dancing stood around the periphery of the room clapping and stomping loudly as the tempo and volume increased and finished with a crescendo of wild cheering and applause.

The International Festival, showcasing 13 of the more than 40 countries represented on Castleton’s campus, demonstrated a marriage between the international students’ passion for sharing about their home countries and a corresponding curiosity by the Castleton community to learn.

## CHINA AT CASTLETON

-Dr. Carrie Waara  
Professor of Asian History and Global Studies

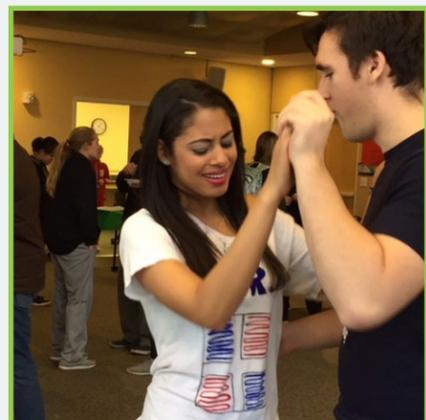
Ni hao! You may have been hearing that phrase (pronounced “knee how”) more often on the Castleton University campus for the past three years. Thanks to a Chinese government program that supports the goal of internationalizing China’s higher education system, university faculty members from China are spending time embedded in American universities and returning to their own classrooms with an enriched understanding of American society and culture. We at Castleton feel so fortunate to be able to host these Chinese faculty members

and to build meaningful bridges and relationships, in addition to those with our wonderful international students from around the world.

Each fall semester since 2015, Castleton has hosted a group of visiting faculty members primarily from Suzhou University in Anhui Province. Their purpose in coming to Castleton is to learn about American teaching methods and the higher education system of the United States, and improve their English language skills. They live on-campus in suite-style housing in Adams and Haskell Halls, eat together with students and staff in Huden Dining Hall, and sit in on a variety of Castleton classes both in and outside their areas of teaching expertise in China.

A collaborative effort between Castleton faculty and our international student office, each Chinese faculty member has one or more Castleton faculty member “mentor/liaisons” who teach in fields related to those of the Chinese. They also have the opportunity to attend English language learning workshops led by our own fabulous Adrienne Matunas (Coordinator of Castleton’s Pathway Program for English Language Learners), including a Pronunciation Workshop, the Multilingual Writers’ Group, and a Movie Discussion group.

But perhaps it is their local “host families,” the warmly welcoming Castleton community members who contribute most meaningfully to their international experiences by sharing meals, boat rides on Lake Bomoseen, and much more with these visitors. Both the host families and Chinese visitors happily enjoy their rich inter-cultural experiences, and forge lasting connections with the growing Castleton family in China.





# PARTNERS IN PHILOSOPHY

-Dr. Brendan Lalor  
Professor of Philosophy

Everyone knows the study of Philosophy connects us to the thinkers the world has most valued through the ages. But not everyone knows about the Philosophy Program's connections, in this age, across campus, and to the wider community and world. Here are a few highlights:

### Philosophy in the State Parks

Professor Joseph Markowski, who teaches a course called, "Zen Philosophy and Aesthetics," has forged a partnership with the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation. In spring, 2017, Castleton students in the Civic Engagement certificate program earned credit for over 200-hours of work on the Zen Garden at the Taconic Mountains Ramble in Hubbardton.

### Wisdom Study Tours

The Philosophy Program partners with Wisdom Tours, which is directed by Professor Jim Hagan who has lived, studied, and traveled in Asia for more than 25 years. Students, alumni, and professors from around the United States receive Castleton University credit for courses that take them to Tibet, Nepal, Cambodia, India, Thailand, and Bhutan. Says Nursing student Jess Grace '19, who traveled to southern India with Prof. Hagan during a recent winter break: "My trip was an exhilarating, eye-opening experience that completely transformed my outlook on life and even my future career as a nurse. It not only allowed me to gain insight about other cultures and religions, but also about myself."

### Philosophy and Environmental Remediation

Philosophy Program Coordinator Professor Brendan Lalor, who teaches Environmental Philosophy and reflects on the science of mycology, has received funding to begin a study during the coming academic year in collaboration with Environmental Science Program Coordinator Professor Andrew



Vermilyea. They will work in partnership with the Burlington node of the international Radical Mycology Mycelial Network to measure the effectiveness of mushroom mycelium for remediating waterways of high hydrocarbon levels (due, for instance, to parking lot runoff). Lalor describes the effort as a "cross-species partnership," noting that fungi have been in the business of breaking up tough compounds for about a billion years.

### Support for the Study of Philosophy

Despite billionaire technology entrepreneur Mark Cuban's prediction last year that Philosophy would be among the highest-value majors in the economy by 2027, it's still not uncommon to hear misgivings about the practicality of a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy. But Professor Emeritus Robert Johnson has partnered with the Philosophy Program to incentivize the study of Philosophy. He funds the \$1,000 Robert Johnson Fellowship in Philosophy, which the program has awarded annually to a junior or senior Philosophy major since 2016.

### Philosophy for High School Students

Professor Markowski has offered Philosophy courses to students at Burr and Burton Academy in Manchester under the Dual Enrollment program since the spring of 2014.



# MUSIC THAT MOVES US

-Dr. Sherrill Blodget  
Professor of Music

Castleton University is on the move and so is the Music Department.

Throughout the academic year, a variety of world-class professionals are brought to campus to work side by side with current undergraduate and graduate students. Recent guests have included choral conductor, composer, arranger and pianist Ana Laura Rey of the Music School of the University of the Republic, Montevideo, Uruguay and Associate Conductor of the London Symphony Chorus Neil Ferris, each leaving a lasting impression on students.

Students in ensembles also have the opportunity to regularly travel internationally to perform. Italy, Cuba, and the Bahamas are among recent travel destinations, and in Spring 2019 ensembles will venture to Spain and Eastern Europe.

In addition to bringing guests to the Castleton campus and creating diverse music far beyond the Vermont borders, the department partners with various groups from around the state, as well as shares their musical talents throughout the community.

From serenading senior citizens at nearby living centers, attending national choral and music education conferences and singing with other Vermont colleges at yearly events, to hosting several hundred high school students for the annual Castleton Honors Choir and Band Festival and playing at football and hockey games, students in the University's chorale, athletic bands, chamber singers, Vocal Unrest, and jazz and wind ensembles experience it all during their time at Castleton.

The Castleton Music Department is a family of students and faculty who work together to learn, inspire, and create music.

## UPCOMING MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

TUESDAY, APRIL 24  
7 P.M.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

SATURDAY, APRIL 28  
7 P.M.

CHORALE AND CHAMBER SINGERS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2  
7 P.M.

WIND ENSEMBLE



EVENTS

ALUMNI REUNIONS | LIVE MUSIC | COMMENCEMENT  
THEATER PRODUCTIONS | ATHLETICS | GALLERY SHOWS  
LECTURES | HOMECOMING | WORKSHOPS | MOVIES | FITNESS  
CAMPUS TOURS & ADMISSIONS EVENTS | EARTH WEEK

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# FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

-Dr. Jonathan Spiro  
Chief Academic Officer

Most Fridays during the academic year, Dean Spiro sends a message to the faculty and staff informing them of "what he knows." Below is a collection of those quick takes, quips, and highlights of the past quarter.

## January 19, 2018

### DEAN KIMMEL

Professor Peter Kimmel is serving as a half-time Associate Academic Dean this semester. Kimmel is a former VSC Faculty Fellow and President of the Faculty Assembly who was voted Outstanding Faculty by the students in 2009. He will spend half his time in Jeffords, teaching some of his popular Biology courses and holding office hours, and he will spend the rest of his time in Woodruff helping out with Academic Affairs.

### GREAT GARCIA

In other good news about members of our distinguished Natural Sciences Department, the 2018 issue of *Vermont Genetics Network* features a full-page story on Biology Professor Preston Garcia. The article, illustrated with numerous color photographs of The Bearded One and his students, lavishes praise on Preston's "Small World Initiative" course in which Castleton undergrads learn how to do hands-on research by discovering new antibiotics in soil bacteria.

### KUDOS TO WOMEN'S SOCCER

Our women's soccer team had a banner season in which

they earned the North Atlantic Conference title after an 8-1-0 mark in conference play. And now comes news that the team was one of 104 teams in the country to receive the 2017 College Team Ethics and Sportsmanship Award from the United Soccer Coaches. The award recognizes teams that exhibit fair play, sporting behavior, and adherence to the laws of the game. The Spartans qualified because they received zero red cards and just five yellow cards over the course of the entire season. This is the fourth consecutive year the Spartans have won this award under the leadership of Coach Chris Chapdelaine.

## January 26, 2018

### KUDOS TO WHITMAN

The Master's thesis of beloved Art Professor Phil Whitman has been made available online by Skidmore College: *"Long After the Battle: James Hope's 'Authentic' Commemoration of Antietam's Bloody Lane."* Whitman's fascinating project analyzes the 1888 painting by artist James Hope that commemorates the Civil War battle of Antietam (the bloodiest day in American history). The painting is displayed at Antietam National

Battlefield in Maryland alongside four other giant works by Hope depicting the battle. Hope, who fought as a Captain in the Civil War before becoming a famous painter, was a product of Castleton Seminary and built the Hope House in 1851 (which currently houses our good friends in Public Safety).

### SAVE THE DATE

Professor Helen Mango reminds us that the annual Scholars Celebration, a campus-wide showcase of students' original work, will take place on April 26, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. If you have never been to this event: trust me, you will be thoroughly impressed by the sophisticated research performed by our amazing students (and their faculty mentors).

## February 2, 2018

### REMARKABLE

Sixty-one international students studied at CU last semester and 41% of them made the Dean's List (GPA of at least 3.5) or President's list (GPA of 4.0). That is 11 points higher than the general population. And bear in mind that 68% of the international students who made these lists qualify as "English Language Learners."

## THREE REASONS FOR INTERNSHIPS

An article published by EAB (the Education Advisory Board) argues that to help students land jobs after they graduate, internships must become a graduation requirement. The authors provide three reasons why students need internships to succeed:

*Reason 1:* Students who have completed an internship are more than twice as likely to land a job immediately after graduation (42%) than those who did not have relevant work experience (20%).

*Reason 2:* Students with relevant work experience are more likely to land jobs that are "completely related" to their undergraduate studies.

*Reason 3:* Students who land degree-relevant jobs are more likely to consider the cost of their education worth it. And students who believe that their degree was worth the cost are twice as likely to have donated to their alma mater in the last 12 months.

### KUDOS TO PLEBAN

Professor Lisa Pleban received the Tilia Fantasia Service Award from SHAPE (the Society of Health and Physical Educators). The award recognizes Professor Pleban's positive contributions to the organization. By the way, she was presented the award by Lyn Porter, president of the Eastern District of SHAPE, who happens to be a 1984 graduate of Castleton University.

## March 2, 2018

### COMING SOON

Our Master of Science in Accounting will be converted to online delivery in the Fall. Accordingly, on Monday I will submit to our accrediting agency (NEASC) our beautifully-written Substantive Change Report seeking official approval to launch this new venture in distance education. Many thanks to the Business faculty for all of their contributions to the report.

### SO COOL

Speaking of Accounting, students from our Accounting program are volunteering their time and offering free tax assistance in Rutland to residents who are elderly, have a disability, or earn less than \$54,000. Under the guidance of Professor Paige Gallo, our students prepare income tax returns, homestead declarations, property tax adjustment claims, household income schedules, and renter rebate claims.

### KUDOS TO ROPER

Professor Scott Roper's book, *When Baseball Met Big Bill Haywood*, has been nominated for the Larry Ritter Book Award, presented annually to the best book about baseball history by SABR (the Society for American Baseball Research).

## March 16, 2018

### MEGA KUDOS TO OUR WRESTLERS

The National Wrestling Coaches Association has announced its Division III All-Academic teams and All-

Academic individuals. Coach Scott Legacy's Spartans were the number one team in the entire nation (!) with an average GPA of 3.66. Our second-year program also landed four student-athletes on the 189-member All-Academic team (comprised of all U.S. wrestlers with a GPA of 3.2 or higher and a winning percentage of .670 or better): Jared Costa (Sport Management), Nick Scott (Athletic Training), Max Tempel (Communication), and Jesse Webb (Physical Education).

## March 23, 2018

### WE GOT THE GRANTS

Director of Education Ric Reardon landed two grants to help us sponsor—for the second year in a row—the popular Early Childhood Institute in July. Director Reardon received a \$40,000 Race to the Top grant from the Agency of Education and a \$30,000 grant from the Henderson Foundation.

### OUR FACULTY LEAD THE WAY

Professor Leah Matteson attended the Vermont State School Nurses' Association Annual Spring Conference and provided a presentation on Individualized Health Care Plans for children with special physical and emotional needs. Professor Matteson also participated in a panel discussion discussing tools and resources for Vermont State School Nurses to use in caring for their special populations.



## Advancement



# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### SPANISH + SOCCER = SUCCESS

-Dr. Ana Maria Alfaro-Alexander  
Professor of Spanish

What could be sweeter than to receive fantastic news from our alumni? In my mind, nothing! So, I thought I would spread the good news.

I recently received a wonderful video from Patrick Infurna '14, a Bomoseen, Vermont native who combined his passion for soccer and love for learning Spanish into a position with Copa90, a soccer-focused media brand in New York City.

As an associate producer for Copa90, Infurna has traveled across the U.S. and to Panama, Honduras, Mexico, Trinidad, Ireland, and England producing.

Patrick proudly exclaims, "it has been great, and my Spanish language skills have been critical!"

### CHECK OUT SOME OF PATRICK'S WORK



### GEORGE CROSS HONORED BY VSCS

At the Third Annual Vermont State Colleges System Hall of Fame Ceremony, George Cross '57 was honored by the Board of Trustees with their Extraordinary Contribution Award. Cross has devoted his career to education and public service. He served as a teacher, principal and superintendent for over 40 years, including 12 years as the Superintendent of Schools in Winooski. George has served as a multi-term state representative and chair of the House Education Committee, a valued member of the Board of Trustees of Vermont State Colleges System, Board Chair of the Community High

School of Vermont and member of the Board of Directors of the Sudan Education Foundation. He received Castleton University's Outstanding Alumni Award 2013.



# ALUMNI BRIEFS

**SARAH MERRILL '93** is the new principal at Arlington Memorial Middle and High School. Merrill began her career in education at the Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts. She then returned to Vermont, where she served as an educator at many levels, including Director of Student Life and Athletics at Long Trail School, teacher at Manchester Elementary Middle School, and Principal at West Rutland School.

**JESSICA PIERPONT '13** has created the Vermont Chamber Artists, an ensemble of 16 professional singers. The VCA performed Fauré's *Requiem* in Montpelier. An article in the *Times Argus* gave an extremely favorable review of the concert and stated: "Pierpont is an up and coming Vermont musician with real promise and dedication - and one to watch."

**DEBORAH RODOLFY '10 (M.A.)** is the new co-principal at Rutland Town School. Rodolfy has been principal at Proctor High for the past three years. Before that she taught science at Rutland High for 27 years. Rodolfy's co-principal at RTS will be **SARAH TETZLAFF**, who earned her master's degree at Castleton at the same time as Rodolfy.

**CODY TANCRETI '13** won the SHAPE VT Rising Star Award for his work at Woodstock Elementary. The award recognizes an outstanding beginning teacher who demonstrates great commitment to promoting health, wellness, and physical activity in education.

**LUCAS HERRING '00** was elected Mayor of Barre, Vermont after spending seven years on the city council.

**AARON BOYNTON '04 (M.A.)**, who has been the principal of Rutland Town School since 2012, was selected from a field of 25 applicants from around the country to be the new principal at Berlin Elementary School.

**SHANNON MATTESON '98** is now on the Board of Directors of the Food Bank in Geneva, NY (in the Finger Lakes region). Shannon is a controller at Pathways, Inc., a local not-for-profit community agency that services 15 counties, and she serves as the Secretary of the Financial Managers Association of Rehab Agencies, which coordinates the work of not-for-profit agencies across New York State.



## Student Life



# SPARTAN SPORTS

-Jason Behenna  
Director of Athletic Communications

The 2017-18 academic year has seen numerous highs for the Castleton University athletics program in both the fall and winter seasons, and the Spartan spring sports are aiming to continue that positive momentum into the rest of the year.

In an exciting tripleheader on Nov. 4 at Spartan Stadium, the football team closed out its home schedule with a 28-17 victory over Gallaudet, the women's soccer team took the NAC championship on a golden goal by Bronwen Hopwood in overtime, and the men's soccer team held off Colby-Sawyer for the conference title after scoring a goal with one second remaining in the first half.

The football team finished the 2017 season with

an overall winning record, including a victory over Norwich on Homecoming to reclaim the Maple Sap Bucket Trophy. The field hockey team enjoyed its best season in four years, returning to the NAC Tournament.

Individually, Grandon Smith won his second straight NAC Runner of the Year award and finished 11th at the NCAA New England Regional Championships to qualify for the NCAA National Championships, where he ended his collegiate cross country career with a personal-best time.

Both the men's and women's ice hockey teams won their respective WSYB/Catamount Radio tournaments, the first time that has happened in Castleton ice hockey history. The women's ice hockey team finished third in the NEHC and won a home quarterfinal playoff game to advance to the tournament semifinals.

The Spartan women's basketball team won the regular season NAC title with a 16-2 league record, reaching the 20-win mark overall for the sixth time in the last seven seasons. Senior Makayla Farrara scored her 1,000th career point on a night in which she finished with a career-high 30 points against rival Norwich.

For the second consecutive year, the Castleton men's alpine ski team finished third at the USCSA National Championships, combining a second place finish in the slalom with a fourth place finish in the giant slalom. Team MVP Paul Rechberger won the slalom and combined national titles and finished third in the giant slalom to become a three-time All-American, plus he received Scholar All-American honors.

The Spartan women's alpine ski team produced its best-ever result at the USCSA National Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y., combining a third place finish in the giant slalom with a program-best second place finish in the slalom to complete the championships in third place. Kylie Mackie received team MVP honors after becoming a three-time All-American and

finishing eighth in the combined standings at the national championships.

So far this year, Castleton boasts three conference players of the year, two league defensive players of the year, seven conference rookies of the year, and six league coaches of the year. In addition, Spartan student-athletes are performing well in the classroom, highlighted by two NAC Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year and two CoSIDA Academic All-District honorees.

As the spring season kicks into full gear, several teams will be looking to complete Castleton's tenure in the North Atlantic Conference on a winning note. The women's lacrosse team has won six straight NAC titles, while the baseball team has been victorious in the NAC Tournament four straight times. The men's lacrosse team has reached the NAC Tournament title game in 14 straight years, and the softball team has advanced to the conference tournament championship round in four of the last five years.



### CAST & CREW

Katy Albert	Abby Mayo
Brandon Bailey	Kyle McCarthy
Robert J. Bizek	Harry McEnery
Sherrill Blodget	Danielle McKeighan
Jess Bowen	David McKenzie
Angela Brande	Alex Messier
Anders Bright	Eric Neilsen
Alain Burtonboy	Jess Nguyen
Alex Bushey	Josephine Novotny
Janeea Choiniere	Rachel Patch
Kaetlyn Collins	Susan Pipolo
Viviane D'Amico	Bill Ramage
Katherine Diguardia	Eric Ray
Harry Drum	Harry Reid
Matthew Eckler	Leo Richardson
Sydney Ferguson	Garrett Robin
Mary Franks	Sam Rodgers
Leia Gilding	Rebecca Russell
Kyle Gosley	Rudy Ryan
Steven Gross	Gary Schmidt
Kristin Harris	Gabe Sequeira
Nate Hinson	Eliza Sigel
Jennifer Hudak	Laney Smith
Kit Hudson	Elijah-Joseph Spiese
Josh Jakab	MacArthur Stine
Nicole Jane	Chello Taravella
Noelle Jepson	Vinny Tatro
Jasmine Keefer	Gannon Teunisson
Eric Korzun	Jordan Thrane
Maya Kraus	Thomas Tifft
Cydney Krone	Andrea Trudeau
Sam Lafontaine	Virgil Van Guilder
Philip Lamy	Tess Webber
Sweeter Lan	Cameron Wescott
Gabrielle Lazzaro	Alex Wetherby
Sam Lewis	Joseph Yarbrough
Charles Madsen	Clara Young
Helen Mango	Weiling Yuan



PRESENTED BY THE CASTLETON UNIVERSITY

THEATER ARTS & MUSIC DEPARTMENTS

7 P.M. MARCH 21-24 | 2 P.M. MARCH 24-25

CASELLA THEATER, CASTLETON UNIVERSITY FINE ARTS CENTER

"GUYS AND DOLLS"

A MUSICAL FABLE OF BROADWAYBASED ON THE STORY AND CHARACTERS OF DAMON RUNYON  
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