Farmingdale State College

ALUMNI REUNION

OCTOBER 17-19, 2014

2350 Broadhollow Road
Ward Hall, Room 10
Farmingdale, NY 11735
ALUMNI ATTENDEES

Frank Allessio '64
Hud Ar-Bab
Nancy Bachthaler '64
Marie Barrett '54
William Blaauw '54
Lee Bowen '59
Gary Brown '64
Earle Couch '59
Gerald Danzy '80
Adolf Deynzer '54
William Dietz '64
Chris Dragone '14
Marjorie Farrell '80
Dennis Gillooly '72
Nicholas Gorgone '97
Doris Hansen '59
Ronald Hoage '64
Ronald Hoff '59
Janet Houston '59
Valerie Howit-Winter'76
William Jimenez '10
Stanley Kalinoski '64
Elizabeth Kirk '87
Carl Lanzisera '59
Rosalie Lusim '12
Yvonne McGee '13
Grace McDonough '63, '89
Eugene Norman '71
Francis O'Brien '54
Kevin O'Connell '54
Katherine Ortiz '13
Christopher Paul '83, '89
Gene Rohr '64
Doris Sattler Volz '84
Walter Schoendorf '50
Edgardo Silva '88, '91
Tracee Trax '69
Mary Lou Trombino '64
Joseph Vecchione '11
Katherine Volz '73, '79
Gail Whitefield '58
Schedule of Events

Friday, October 17, 2014

5:00pm  Reunion Kickoff Wine & Cheese Reception, Memorial Art Gallery, Hale Hall

7:00pm  Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, Sponsored by Athletics Department, Campus Center Ballroom

Saturday, October 18, 2014

9am  Women’s Alumni Lacrosse Game, FSC Lacrosse Field
     FSC Men’s Basketball Open Practice, Nold Hall Gym

10am  State of the College Address, Campus Center Ballroom

11am  Alumni Softball Game, Men’s Alumni Lacrosse Game
     FSC Athletic Fields, Nold Hall

11:30 am  Campus Tour, including Ornamental Gardens

1pm  Women's Soccer Game - FSC vs Mount St. Mary,
     FSC Soccer field, Nold Hall

2pm – 5pm  Homecoming BBQ,
            Great Lawn

4pm  Alumni Baseball Game
     FSC Baseball Field, Nold Hall

5pm  Alumni Dinner hosted by President Keen
     Campus Center Ballroom

Sunday, October 19, 2014

9am  Farewell Brunch,
     Campus Center Ballroom

* FSC Driving Range open to alumni Friday through Sunday, 7am – 7pm
* FSC Campus Bookstore open Friday 5:30pm-8:30pm and Saturday 9:30am-2:30pm
A MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

Welcome back to your alma mater! Sally and I are very excited to honor you at our Alumni Reunion 2014 and are happy you have returned to participate in this celebration.

Farmingdale State College has grown in many ways since you graduated. We know that our alumni enrich us with their knowledge, experience and perspective of our meaningful history. Each of you is a valued member of our Farmingdale State community.

This annual event brings us all together to formally appreciate the robust memories of the college’s legacy and highlights your successes as a result of attending the college.

We are proud to share the College’s successes with you as well. Tonight we get to reconnect with you and celebrate our rich history.

Thank you for joining us,

Sincerely,

W. Hubert Keen, PhD
President
Greetings Alumni and Friends,

It has been a wonderful experience to plan this annual event and welcome you back to ‘where it all began’. Farmingdale class reunions are always so heartwarming, and this year’s celebration is no exception. I would like to extend a very special welcome to our alumni celebrating milestone reunions this year – especially to the 25th, 50th, and 60th classes of 1989, 1964, and 1954.

As a new member of the Farmingdale community, it is an honor to be here to meet so many of you and to learn a bit about your history at this great institution. I truly enjoy seeing the College through your vivid memories. You embody the best of our past and I am grateful to you for coming from such great distances to share this time with us. I am confident that this reunion will rekindle many friendships and provide you with more memories to cherish for years to come.

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Keen for hosting this reunion dinner. I also want to thank my colleagues for all of their hard work planning this weekend. Many of you spoke to or emailed Regina Vazquez, our Assistant Director of Alumni Relations. I would like to thank her in particular for her diligence and loyalty to this school.

Please continue to keep in touch with both the alumni office and each other. As our alumni programming grows, I hope to see you on campus again soon.

All my best,

Michelle M. Johnson
Director of Alumni Relations
Hello Alumni and Guests,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to Farmingdale. For many of you, it may be the first time you have returned since your graduation. You will notice the many changes the college has implemented, however, the charm of this beautiful place remains.

As President of the Alumni Association I am very excited to be able to reconnect with my fellow alumni. It is this reunion weekend that is the highlight of the year. The memories shared with our alumni bring us all back to a simpler time. It’s hard to believe how quickly time flies and we are grateful that you have made the effort to be here with us.

You will be impressed with the growth of the college and how we continue to be a significant force in higher education in the region. Our alumni now number more than 85,000. I know that your lives were forever changed for the better by attending Farmingdale.

Enjoy this weekend’s events. I want to thank the President and Mrs. Keen for being our hosts, and Michelle Johnson and Regina Vazquez for their hard work in the preparation of the event.

Sincerely,

Joe Egan
President, Farmingdale State College Alumni Association
William Blaauw ‘54

Nickname: Bill
Farmingdale Degree: AAS Agriculture, Animal Husbandry
Farmingdale College Clubs or Activities: Fire Department, Grange, Cattle Club
Children: 3
Grandchildren: 5 + 5 Great-grandchildren
Employment Highlights: Retired- Superintendent of Highways, Town of Claverack
Adolf Deynzer ’54

Nickname: Al
Farmingdale Degree: Plant Protection Technology
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Campus Radio, Chorus
Favorite Farmingdale memory: Meeting my wife
Spouse: Barbara
Children: 4
Grandchildren: 11 + 9 great-grandchildren
Employment Highlights: Self-employed salesman, farmer & farm supply
Professional Accomplishments: 13 ½ years USNR; Chairman W. Greene Lions; Chairman & Solid Waste Authority, Board member Young Life; PA Farm Bureau; Lay Assistant, Church; Committee Man, Republican Party
Hobbies: Plant collection-native plants
Francis O’Brien ’54

Nickname: OB
Farmingdale Degree: AAS Animal Husbandry
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Cattle Club, Fire Department
Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Dorm #5
Spouse: Debbie
Children: 2
Grandchildren: 2
Employment Highlights: Owner and Manager of Orange Blueprint Inc.

Fire Department 1954
**Kevin O’Connell ‘54**

**Nickname:** Oakie

**Farmingdale Degree:** AAS – Agriculture and Soil Conservation

**Farmingdale Clubs or Activities:** Men’s Glee Club and Mixed Chorus

**Favorite Farmingdale Memory:** The gang, the classroom, washing dishes in the kitchen, the steps of the girls dorm!

**Spouse:** Catherine

**Children:** 4

**Grandchildren:** 8

**Employment Highlights:** Working on dairy farms in New York and New Jersey

**Professional Accomplishments:** Retired - NYPD, US Army, Motorola, State of Texas

**Hobbies:** Driving about Texas For Enterprise-14 yrs; Board of Elections; IRS; Working for a living! (Still Working!)

**Travel:** Europe, Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific – Family, Family
Lee Bowen ’59

Farmingdale Degree: Construction – Architecture
Engineering Technology

Spouse: Carol

Employment Highlights: Ford Motor Company,
Dearborn, MI, Finance Manager, 1965-1992

Professional Accomplishments: Leelanau County
Road Commission, 1998-present (a three man county-wide
elected Board overseeing all roads in the county). Now in
my third six-year term. Chairman since 2007.

Michigan State University, BA, 1962
University of Michigan, MBA, 1968

Travel: Spend two months each winter on Kauai, Hawaii. Travels have included
Australia, Bhutan, China/Tibet, Kenya/Tanzania, Morocco, Scandinavia, South
America, St. Petersburg, Russia, and Turkey.

Institute Council of Clubs 1959

Varsity Club 1959
Earle Couch ’59

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Highway & Bridge
Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Log Cabin, Acorn, Arrow
Spouse: Linda
Children: 5
Grandchildren: 10

Employment Highlights: Bid for and managed high profile projects at JFK, George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel, Moriches Inlet, Robert Moses Causeway
Professional Accomplishments: President of BiCounty Construction; past Chairman of LI Contractors Association; Vice President of Lizza Industries
Travel: France, Norway, Germany, England
Ronald Hoff ’59

Nickname: Ron
Farmingdale degree: Mechanical Power Technology
Spouse: Joan
Children: 3
Grandchildren: 3
Employment Highlights: Teaching technology
Travel: Europe, Asia, cruises, Africa
Hobbies: Woodworking, traveling
Janet Houston ’59

Name while attending Farmingdale: Janet Husslein
Farmingdale Degree: Transportation Security Administration
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Student Council, CISGA, Dorm Council, Newman Club, Orientation Committee
Spouse: Bill Houston OH ’58 (d)
Children: 3
Grandchildren: 5
Gary Brown ‘64

Farmingdale degree: AAS Biological Technology

Spouse: Jean

Children: 4

Grandchildren: 5

Employment Highlights: Professor of Biology at Farmingdale State College 1970-2013

Professional Accomplishments:
  - Chairman of Ornamental Horticulture Department at Farmingdale State College 2000-2009,
  - Recipient of Chancellors Award of Excellence in Teaching,
  - Recipient of Distinguished Service Award at Farmingdale State College,
  - Recipient of Alumnus of the Year Award - March 2014
William Dietz ‘64

Nickname: Bill
Farmingdale Degree: AAS Mechanical Technology
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Soccer Team (2 years),
                               Varsity Club, ASTME
Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Log Cabin
Spouse: Elizabeth
Children: 4
Grandchildren: 11
Employment Highlights: Retired after 42 years as a professional in Aerospace & Public Service from entry level to V.P. HR/ILR.
Professional Accomplishments: MS-ILR: Cornell University & CUNY Baruch College
Ronald Hoage ‘64

Nickname: Ron

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Mechanical Technology

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Dirty Ernie’s Bar, Dew Drop Inn, Mamma’s, Riding the cows

Spouse: Mary

Children: 3

Grandchildren: 2

Employment Highlights: Technical Director for the International Chemical Processing Corporation

Professional Accomplishments: American Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Travel: North America, South America, Central America, Europe, North Africa

Hobbies: automobiles, motorcycles, photography, flying, gardening, home construction
Stanley Kalinoski ‘64

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Construction Technology
Spouse: Sharon
Children: 3
Gene Rohr ’64

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Business Administration
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Glee Club
Children: 3
Grandchildren: 2
Employment Highlights: Principal, Arthur Anderson & Co.
Professional Accomplishments: CPA; Digital Designer; NY State Real Estate Instructor
Hobbies: golf
Mary Lou Trombino ’64

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Secretarial Science Advertising
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Cheerleader, Choir
Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Log Cabin dances, hanging out at The Dew Drop Inn, being a Cheerleader for our football and basketball teams, Dirty Ernie’s

Spouse: Joseph
Children: 2
Grandchildren: 1
Employment Highlights: Worked on Madison Avenue as an Administrative Assistant for Doyle Dane Bernbach, Inc. Advertising for 16 years from 1964 to 1980.
Hobbies: Community Theater, reading
Travel: Europe, Caribbean, and South America. My family and I now vacation in the US at our timeshare in Las Vegas and Florida.
Tracee Trax ‘69

Name while attending Farmingdale: Thomas Traks
Farmingdale degree: AAS Electrical Technology

Eugene Norman ’71

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Business Management
Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Evening Student
Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Great Instructors
Children: 3
Grandchildren: 7
Professional Accomplishments: BBA Dowling College, MPS LIU CW Post College
Valerie Howit-Winter ‘76

Farmingdale Degree:  AAS, Dental Hygiene

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: The pig pen next to Ward Hall

Employment Highlights: Working in the city

Travel: Italy, Israel, Cayman Islands, Cozumel, Martinique, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Turks & Caicos

Hobbies: Snorkeling, scuba diving, walking, bike riding
**Doris Sattler ‘84**

**Farmingdale Degree:** Food Technology, Animal Technology, Horticulture

**Spouse:** Ken

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**Elizabeth Kirk ‘87**

**Name while attending Farmingdale:** Elizabeth Portuese

**Farmingdale Degree:** AAS Business Technology

**Favorite Farmingdale Memory:** Taking a night class and we all came dressed in costumes on Halloween!

**Spouse:** Mike

**Children:** 3

**Travel:** Austria, Bavaria, Germany, Aruba

**Hobbies:** Skiing; horseback riding; cheering on all three of my kids in sports!
Grace McDonough ‘63 & ‘89

Name while attending Farmingdale: Grace Graybowski

Farmingdale Degree: 1963 Chemistry Technology, 1989 Electrical Technology

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Dew Drop Inn, Dances at the Log Cabin

Spouse: George

Children: 2
Christopher Paul ‘82 & ‘89

Farmingdale Degree: Engineering Science & Automotive Engineering Technology

Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: SAE Student Chapter

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Professor LaDante, Professor Byrd, Professor Kamp

Employment Highlights: Senior IT Technical Writer
Edgardo Silva ‘87 & ‘91

Nickname: Eddie

Farmingdale Degree: AAS Mechanical Technology ‘87, AAS Auto Technology ‘91

Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: 1987 NJCAA Championship Lacrosse Team

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Celebrating 1986 Mets World Series win with my friends


Travel: Puerto Rico

Hobbies: Golf
Nicholas Gorgone ‘97

Farmingdale Degree: Computer Systems and Business Programming

Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Rams Hockey

Spouse: Theresa

Children: 1
William Jimenez ’10

Nickname: Rambo

Farmingdale Degree: BS Science and Business Management with concentration in sports management

Farmingdale Clubs or Activities: Captain of Tennis Team, President of SAAC, Treasurer Sociology and Anthropology Club, CAB, LASO, Mascot-Rambo the Ram

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Being Rambo at FSC events, good fun and memories with athletics and tennis teams, taking advantage of all the events on campus.

Employment Highlights: Working for Farmingdale State College as Instructional Support Associate. I’ve done Rambo from 2010 until last year. Being manager for tennis team.

Hobbies: Sports, adventures, games, travel, hang out with friends, enjoying life to the fullest

Travel: Road trip to Florida with friends
Katherine Ortiz ‘13

Farmingdale Degree: BS Business Management

Favorite Farmingdale Memory: Yankees vs Blue Jays game
1954 - Remember When ...

- First successful kidney transplant
- Elvis Presley recorded a 10 minute demo
- The first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched
- “Godzilla, King of Monsters” was released
- Bill Haley & the Comets recorded “Rock around the Clock”
- Hurricane Hazel, the third of 1954, became the most severe to hit US
- JRR Tolkien published “The Lord of the Rings”

- House: $17,500
- Average yearly income: $4,700
- New car: $1,950
- Milk: 92 cents
- Bread: 17 cents
- Postage Stamp: 3 cents
- Minimum wage: 75 cents
1959 - Remember When ...

- “The Twilight Zone” first aired on CBS-TV
- Mattel introduced the “Barbie” doll
- Alaska and Hawaii were admitted to the U.S.
- Sony introduced the first transistorized TV set
- Dodgers won World Series

- House: $18,500
- Average yearly income: $5,500
- Gas per gallon: 30 cents
- New car: $2,200
- Postage Stamp: 4 cents
- Gallon of Milk: $1.01
- Loaf of bread: 20 cents
- Minimum Wage: $1.00
1964 - Remember When ...

- Hasbro introduced the G.I. Joe doll
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr awarded Nobel Peace Prize
- Supremes released “Baby Love”
- President Johnson signed enacted Medicare
- St. Louis Cardinals won the World series

- House: $18,500
- Average yearly income: $5,880
- Gas per gallon: 25 cents
- New car: $2,200
- Postage Stamp: 5 cents
- Gallon of Milk: $1.06
- Loaf of bread: 21 cents
- Minimum Wage: $1.00
1969 - Remember When ...

- Richard Nixon became President
- Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon
- Woodstock Music Festival reigned for four days in the Catskill Mountains
- “The Godfather” by Mario Puzo was published
- The Brady Bunch first aired on ABC
- New York Mets won the World Series

- House: $40,000
- Average yearly income: $6,500
- Gas per gallon: 32 cents
- New car: $2,000
- Postage Stamp: 6 cents
- Gallon of Milk: $1.10
- Loaf of bread: 23 cents
- Minimum Wage: $1.60
1989 - Remember When ...

- George H.W. Bush became President
- Dalai Lama won the Nobel Peace Prize
- The Berlin Wall was taken down by East and West Germans
- The first of 24 Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites were placed into orbit
- Nintendo began selling the Game Boy
- The Oakland Athletics won the World Series

- House: $124,348
- Average yearly income: $14,347
- Gas per gallon: $1.08
- New car: $8,243
- Postage Stamp: 25 cents
- Gallon of Milk: $2.14
- Loaf of bread: $1.29
- Minimum Wage: $3.35
Alma Mater

On the land between the waters, where the wind blows from the sea,

Stands our noble Alma Mater for everyone to see.

We will raise her name to glory as the years go rolling by,

Her precepts stand before us now, like stars up in the sky.

We salute thee, Alma Mater, as we gather here today,

All thy sons and daughters will honor thee always.

As our voices swell the chorus, we will hold on high your light.

Fling wide your banner over us, fair hues of green and white.
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