



# Update

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## Plugged In

### The Ganders Lecture Series brings prominent speakers to campus

**W**ired. Connected. Universities often use language from the computer age to talk about bringing the wider world into the classroom. It's easy to forget that students may benefit most from face-to-face contact.

That's what the Ganders Lecture Series at the School of Education has always been about: bringing to campus prominent speakers to engage and challenge students with issues of the day. In place since 1987, the series has brought to campus U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala G'70, H'87, former New York State Department of Education Commissioner Thomas Sobol, and Michael Cohen, an education advisor to President Bill Clinton. Not only do these experts lecture, they visit classes and seminars, and spend time with students.

On October 28, University of North Carolina President Molly Corbett Broad will address students and faculty. The 1999 Arents Pioneer Medal recipient is a 1962 graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, and a member of the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Advisory Board. As the first woman president of the oldest public university in the United States, Broad's name is writ large in the world of higher education.

"A full Syracuse education includes components you can't find in the classroom," says Steven Bossert, dean of the School of Education. "Lectures by outside experts, studies abroad, and internships round out what we provide. We're expanding our efforts to support the Ganders Lecture Series, and we hope alumni will recognize what a wonderful opportunity this series provides."

The late Harry S. Ganders revamped the School of Education and organized its graduate division during his time as dean, 1930-1952. He established the "All-University" approach, with professors dually assigned to the School of Education and other schools and colleges on campus.

Daughters Phyllis Ganders Seibel and Joan Ganders Glassey and their families endowed the lecture series in memory of Ganders and his wife, Elva. With about \$70,000 currently in the endowment fund, the school hopes to raise another \$60,000 to attract to campus the best speakers available.

Marion Meyer G'55, a former assistant dean of students in the School of Management, has long been a vocal advocate of the Ganders series, in part because Dean Ganders introduced her to her



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University of North Carolina President Molly Corbett Broad '62 will return to the SU campus this fall as part of the School of Education's Ganders Lecture Series.

husband. "He did so much for the University," says Meyer. "How often do you get to thank people who meant so much in your life? He was a great person who deserves to be remembered through this fantastic program."

To give to the endowment for the Ganders Lecture Series, contact Lori Golden at 315-443-5257 or [lbgolden@syr.edu](mailto:lbgolden@syr.edu).

To receive a free copy of *Commitments*, Syracuse University's newsletter about the Commitment to Learning campaign, please write or call Robby Jones at 820 Comstock Avenue, Room 100, Syracuse, NY 13244-5040. Telephone: 315-443-2865. Those interested in making a gift should contact Sid Micek, vice president for development and director of the campaign, at the same address and phone number.

## SHARING THE WEALTH WITH TWO SCHOOLS

"Ages," she says. "We haven't been up there in ages." Maybe it's time for Lucille and Irving Anderson to come back to Syracuse—at least to see what their gift of more than \$50,000 has wrought for the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science and the College for Human Development.

The Andersons have known each other since high school, when they lived in the neighboring small towns of Morton and Hilton, near Rochester, New York. He came to Syracuse as part of the chemical engineering Class of 1937. Lucille Stothard majored in home economics, Class of 1938.

After graduation, she taught in Westchester County, while he moved on to study management at Northwestern University and work for Exxon. He was assigned to a refinery in Aruba, where Lucille joined him and they married in 1941. After a few years, he transferred to New York, "and that started my career in a different direction." He headed up international marketing for the giant firm. After retiring in 1973, he taught international business at the University of Georgia.



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A recent gift from Irving '37 and Lucille '38 Anderson will support initiatives in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science and the College for Human Development.

Now living in Florida, the Andersons follow SU sports, but haven't really kept in touch with the University, aside from gifts to the Fund for Syracuse. "There came a time in my financial picture when we had the choice of paying Uncle Sam a fair bit of

change or doing something more constructive with the money," Irving says with a laugh. Along with supporting other organizations, they chose to give to Syracuse.

After their gift of Exxon stock arrived, the Office of Development contacted the couple to ask if they wanted to specify where their money would go. "Since we're both graduates," Irving says, "we decided to split it between our two schools."

"I'm just glad we could do this," Lucille says.

The gift includes \$15,000 of matching funds from Exxon.

At the College for Human Development, the Andersons' gift will help fund the Institute for Family Research and Education, which supports research projects and educational initiatives in the college's Department of Child and Family Studies to promote effective parenting, strong families, and child safety and well-being.

The L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science will use the Andersons' gift to support priorities of the Dean's Fund, which include student and faculty research.

## CELEBRATING DONORS AND STUDENTS



Donor Arielle Pepper '94, left, who spoke on behalf of donors at the Scholarship Recognition Luncheon, with Associate of the Chancellor Mary Ann Shaw.

Once a year it comes, dependable as spring rain: the Scholarship Recognition Luncheon. This was the fifth year the University feted donors who established named scholarships and the students who received them.

The Schine Student Center's Goldstein Auditorium was the site on March 26 for nearly 100 donors, 350 students, and 35 staff members to meet and celebrate how financial support eases the way for Syracuse students. "The last 10 years have seen enormous progress in our ability to offer competitive financial awards to worthy and needy students," says David C. Smith '66, dean of admissions and financial aid. "This, in turn, has helped lead to a higher-quality student population."

This year, the majority of the students were seniors as a result of the University's new Senior Scholar Program, which rewards every Dean's List senior with a named scholarship.

Addressing the attendees were Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw; Eliphalet Remington Professor of Religion James B. Wiggins; donor and Broadway producer Arielle Tep-

per, a 1994 graduate of the College of Visual and Performing Arts; and Jeffrey Somogyi, a senior in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Tepper, whose mother, Susan Levin Tepper, died during Tepper's freshman year, was prompted to give when the father of a college friend died soon afterward. "Her family could no longer afford to send her to Syracuse or any college," Tepper told the audience. "I was so angry she could not find the financial support. I felt my mother had left me the financial wherewithal to help others, and in my heart, I had no choice. If I could help someone stay in school and study what they wanted to study, then that was what I had to do."



Representing the Burton Blatt Scholarship in the School of Education are, clockwise from lower right, donor Ethel Blatt and graduate student recipients Grace Zabel '71, Catherine Ann Hancur, and Laura Robbins.



Representing the Muriel J. Rossman and Newell Rossman scholarships are recipient Ilya-Karina Bonet '99, left, donor Newell Rossman '39, graduate student recipient Jennifer Casten, and donor Kay Rossman '39.

The Susan Levin Tepper Chancellor's Scholarship is intended to encourage top-notch musical theater students. "It is so hard to choose a career that has absolutely no stability whatsoever," the Broadway producer says.

During the Commitment to Learning campaign, the number of endowed scholarships—graduate and undergraduate—has grown by 158 to 650.