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Dear Alumni and Friends of Poly:

This fall we celebrate the beginning of a new academic year, and the potential beginning of a new era in Poly’s history. In August, the Executive Committee of the University’s Board of Trustees voted to enter into new discussions with New York University that we believe will lead to the successful merger of the two institutions. This merger would benefit Polytechnic greatly, accelerating the achievement of our strategic goals and ensuring the University’s continued growth and success well into the 21st century.

Why are we reopening a door that was closed less than three years ago? Simply put, each of us has a need for the other. The preliminary terms of this merger are far different than three years ago. Polytechnic has made tremendous strides in the past few years, with a new leadership team and an ambitious strategic plan that aims to infuse the University with invention, innovation and entrepreneurship. We are already seeing concrete results from our efforts to create new academic programs, fund innovative research, promote technology transfer, and increase enrollment. With access to the resources of New York University, we can accomplish more than we had ever dreamed for our students, faculty and institution in New York, throughout the nation and around the globe.

New York University is a major, nationally recognized and highly ranked research university with top programs in the arts and sciences. But for over 30 years, the university has lacked departments in engineering and the applied sciences – two areas that are crucial in today’s age of technological innovation. NYU’s leadership recognizes that the university needs increased innovation, invention and entrepreneurship to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Polytechnic, with its commitment to engineering, innovation and entrepreneurship, can significantly augment NYU’s education and research programs.

Polytechnic and NYU share a common vision for the university of the next century: education and research that advances the quality of life for people around the world; a student body that is hungry for opportunity, often needs support and aspires to make the world a better place; a rich, collaborative environment for faculty; and the innovative development of new products and services based on cutting-edge science and technology. As a combined institution, we believe we can better fulfill these ambitions and meet the challenges before us.

For more information and for updates on the merger discussions, please visit www.poly.edu/mergercentral. We invite you to join us as this dynamic partnership progresses and Polytechnic University moves to the forefront in the 21st century and beyond.

Warm regards,

Jerry M. Hulkin
President, Polytechnic University

Craig G. Matthews 71MG
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Three celebrated leaders with illustrious careers in business, academia and the military received honorary Doctor of Engineering degrees at Polytechnic’s 152nd Commencement ceremony:
Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani Jr., vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the nation’s second highest ranking military officer; Padmavati Wadkar, executive vice president and chief technology officer, Motorola Inc.; and William A. Wulf, president of the National Academy of Engineering and vice chair of the National Research Council echoed a common theme in their remarks to the Class of 2007: Stay ahead of the innovation curve and make the world a better place through technological vision and leadership.

President Jerry M. Hultin urged the graduates to keep three words in mind – innovation, impact and goals – as they go on to change the world. “You are now PolyThinkers and possess the scientific, technological and entrepreneurial skills with which to make an impact,” he said. “Be creative. Poly has provided you with a foundation upon which you can invent and innovate. We are counting on you.”

Eugene Kliemik, who graduated with an astounding 4.0 grade-point average (GPA) and earned a bachelor’s in computer engineering and a master’s in electrical engineering, encouraged his classmates to stay positive in his valedictory address. “Never be afraid of a challenge,” he said, “and remember that important people have to make important decisions.”

The Polytechnic Alumni Outstanding Graduate Award was presented to Jelena Culic-Viskota, who earned a master’s in chemical and biological engineering with a 3.87 GPA. In September, she will enroll in a doctoral program at the California Institute of Technology. Walter Zurawsky, associate professor of chemical and biological engineering, received the Jacobs Distinguished Teacher Award. In presenting the award, Erich Kuhnhardt, provost and chief academic officer, cited Zurawsky’s “unwavering and singular commitment” and his “steadfast patience, insightful counsel and good humor” as some of the virtues that make him a student favorite.

The 2007 commencement ceremony culminated with the conferring of 329 bachelor’s, 448 master’s and 22 Ph.D. degrees at New York City Center on June 3.

COMMENCEMENT 2007

Cheers, Energy, Excitement Fill City Center as Class of 2007 Urged to Stay Ahead of Innovation Curve

A young woman’s irrepressible joy upon receiving her graduation certificate.
Glamour, Celebrities, Music Electrify Promise Fund Dinner; Gala Raises Over $1 Million for Student Scholarships

Jodi Applegate, anchor/co-host of the Fox television show “Good Day New York,” David Pogue, best-selling author and personal technology columnist for The New York Times and legendary jazz guitarist John Pizzarelly added their star power to Poly’s 19th Annual Promise Fund Scholarship Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which raised over $1 million for scholarship support.

“Because of all of you here tonight, Poly will be at the center of education, research and invention shaping the 21st century,” declared President Jerry M. Hultin. “Promise scholars will lead lives as creators, inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs. As PolyThinkers, they will make the 21st century a success for themselves, their families and the world.”

The event honored Daniel Rose, chairman of Rose Associates, a preeminent New York-based real estate organization, who received an honorary Doctor of Engineering. “Help for Polytechnic represents the most sophisticated form of enlightened self-interest,” Rose told the more than 300 guests. “Our future economic well-being depends on our ability to create leadership in science, technology and engineering.”

Poly’s Distinguished Service Award for Science and Technology was presented to Elliot G. Sander, executive director and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. David Pogue was presented with the Technology Leadership Award and Jodi Applegate was honored with a Communication Leadership Award.

The Promise Fund has raised more than $18 million to support Polytechnic scholarships and the University’s pre-college outreach programs for inner-city youth since 1988. The dinner was held on June 16th.

Above: Promise Fund scholars Andrew Bacchus ’08, far left, Anita Zhu ’06, second from left, and Paul Budnitz ’07, far right, who were featured in a video about the Promise Fund screened at the event. Join Daniel Rose, Elliot G. Sander, President Jerry M. Hultin, Jodi Applegate, David Pogue and Craig G. Matthews ’71, chairman of Poly’s Board of Trustees.

Left: Promise scholar Jaclyn LoBello ’07, left with trustee Linda Jacobs, chair, Near East Foundation and Violet Jacobs.
Summer Research Initiative Builds Leaders with a Global Perspective

The summer research initiative captures the essence of Polytechnic’s mission to educate young men and women who will become innovators, inventors and entrepreneurs in a technology-focused world.

Eighty students from around the world became the first participants in an undergraduate summer research initiative that captures the essence of Polytechnic’s mission to educate young men and women who will become innovators, inventors and entrepreneurs in a technology-focused world.

An initiative of Erich Kunhardt, provost and chief academic officer, the program melds the University’s mission directly to the curriculum. While many faculty members have conducted summer research activities in previous years, 2007 was the first summer in which these discrete activities were formalized as a recognized University program.

The 10-week program was comprised of two-part: students engaging in research under the supervision of a faculty member, which Iraq Kalkhoran, dean of undergraduate academics, calls “PolyThinking,” and those working with Ohmmer Summer Fellows, faculty members in the Ohmmer Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies.

“The program keeps students engaged and involved throughout the summer,” said Kalkhoran. “To be a vibrant intellectual community, we need to have our students involved in using their classroom learning to conduct cutting-edge research alongside our research faculty.”

Some are already using their work to boost their future prospects. One of Jin K. Montclare’s summer students, Mandy Lee, published a paper on incorporating non-natural amino acids into proteins. Another, Promise Fund Scholar Anita Zhu, will publish her research on disorders with the misregulation of genes later this year.

“If they didn’t have the experience, they would not have been able to publish,” said Montclare, assistant professor of chemical and biological sciences. This experience will help the students when they apply to graduate school, she said, by “giving them confidence to design their own experiments and to think like a scientist.”

Another element of the program was participation in bimonthly lunches, where the students developed the ability to describe their research to non-specialists and to think across disciplines. During seminars in July and August, faculty members presented their ongoing research to the students.

“The program creates an atmosphere of academic excitement, fosters a community feeling and, overall, creates a class spirit,” said Associate Provost Kurt Becker.

Infusing students with the spirit of innovation, invention and entrepreneurship—Poly’s hallmarks—is the key differentiator between this program and those of research programs at other universities, said Becker. “These students are going to be Poly’s ambassadors for the future.”
Students Give YES Rave Reviews

“Great!” “Exciting!” “Awesome!” “Hats” Those were just some of the enthusiastic comments high school students used to describe their experience in Polytechnic’s YES Center Summer Research Institute (SRI).

Designed to encourage high school students to pursue science, engineering and math careers, the YES Center program uses real-life scenarios, laboratory experimentation and mathematical modeling simulations to engage their interest. “Most people do not live next door to a mathematician, engineer or scientist,” says Beverly Johnson, the center’s director. “At Poly, we have a very diverse group of students and a dedicated faculty and mentors who champion our efforts to provide young people with hands-on applications.”

The activities range from DNA testing to cyber-crime investigation to biological sensors to wireless network communication. In one project, high school students are engaged in independent research to find microorganisms that break down polymers. Others are having the time of their lives searching for an enzyme that can break down PPD, the hard substitute for plastic that was invented by Poly’s own Professor Richard Gross ’86Chem, the Herman F. Mark Professor of Polymer Science and the director of Poly’s National Science Foundation’s Center for Bioanalytis and Bioprocessing of Macromolecules.

“Our mission is to grow the next generation of scientists,” says YES co-coordinator Phyllis Serfay, a research teacher at Port Richmond High School in Staten Island. “That’s so important because we’ve got to nurture the interest in science that our young people have and focus their dreams. Many of them have expressed an interest in returning to Poly to pursue their careers.” Sala Mukta, a junior at Brooklyn Tech, is planning to pursue a medical research career. She says her mentors play an important role in making research experimentation comprehensible. “Poly faculty and mentors get in the trenches and do the work with you.” Daniel Liao, a junior at New Hyde Park Memorial High School, influenced by the success of Poly’s pantheon of scientist/inventors and such feature films as “Leonardo’s OIL” and “Litter of Tears,” is on a mission to find cures for incurable diseases. He expressed an interest in returning to Poly one day to mentor the next generation of scientists. These students are also some of the best ambassadors Poly could have. Exchanging their experiences in the program with their classmates when they return to school in the fall brings Poly to an entire new group of potential undergraduates.

“Our faculty show SRI students how they can change the world,” adds Peter Swanson, retired New York City schoolteacher and SRI co-coordinator. “In fact, these students have access to some of the most brilliant professors you will ever see collected in one place.” In addition to Richard Gross, those professors include: Nazir Memnon, professor, Computer and Information Science, who works with students in digital forensics; Elisa Linsky, an instructor in humanities and social sciences, who conducts the technical writing course and Carolyn King, a lecturer in mathematics, who teaches and assists in coordinating the Math and SAT Prep Institute.

“YES means: ‘All things are possible!’” says Johnson. “Poly is passionate about educating the leaders of tomorrow and working beyond the dreaming. So it makes my day when a student in our summer program drops by to say, ‘Thank you. I can do this!’”

Morancie Leads a Parade to Success!

As the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Polytechnic University approaches, Horace L. Morancie is still reaching for new heights.

In 1969, Horace L. Morancie ’58CE could not have imagined that he would be dancing up Eastern Parkway in full view of millions of people! Yet, that’s exactly what he will be doing this Labor Day when the Eastern Parkway comes alive—rain or shine—with elaborate costumes, magnificent floats, steel bands, orchestras and colorful flags representing the Caribbean nations at the West Indian Day Carnival Parade.

Forty years ago, the parade was a local, five-block event on the verge of becoming a Harlem fixture. Since the majority of New York’s Caribbean population resided in Brooklyn, it made sense to Morancie and other community activists that it should be moved to the County of Kings. Brooklyn had the perfect venue, they reasoned—tree-lined Eastern Parkway where the floats could be enjoyed by all parade lovers.

Over time, the parade has taken on global proportions. It is winding its way through 59 cities in the United States and Canada. The West Indian Day Carnival Parade is one of the largest in North America and is viewed by more than two million people annually. The parade also provides the world with an insight into the cultural contributions of the Caribbean islands and generates more than $300 million dollars for New York City.

Implementing viable, revenue-producing concepts is a gift that Morancie demonstrated long before the 1960s. To earn money for his college expenses, Morancie recalls, he worked summers at a Brooklyn candy factory. He used his engineering savvy to create a “sweet” deal for the nightshift workers by fixing the candy-making machine to cut the work by two-thirds the time. He graduated from Poly in 1958 with a degree in civil engineering and later received a Master of Science in Sanitary Engineering and Microbiology from Cornell University. During the 1960s, New York Mayor John Lindsay appointed Morancie assistant administrator/neighbor director for the Central Brooklyn Model Cities Program. He worked with a committee of Central Brooklyn residents to put together a proposal that brought $19 million dollars annually to New York City—$9 million went to Brooklyn and the remainder was shared between the other two Model Cities areas (The Bronx and Harlem) and City Wide Administration.

Out of this project came what Morancie considers his profound achievement: the establishment of a Summer Academy. This initiative lasted 11 years and impacted many of New York City’s youth, who moved on to find success in such professions as law, medicine and education. “The program took students from Central Brooklyn junior high and high schools to colleges and universities across the United States for eight weeks to study and participate in cultural heritage events,” he says. The first of these colleges was Morancie’s alma mater, Polytechnic Institute.

Currently employed by the U.S. General Services Administration as a regional coordinator, he has managed to engineer programs that impact people’s lives. He is the founder of the ARTC (Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation), one of the nation’s largest substance abuse treatment programs, and has served as chair of ARTC’s Board of Trustees since its inception in 1969.

With the Labor Day carnival parade firmly ensconced as an end-of-summer tradition, Morancie is looking at the iconic event as more than a display of Caribbean heritage. He wants it to produce revenue for the borough where it takes place. He was instrumental in the recent conversion of Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm’s house into a museum dedicated to West Indian Day Carnival Parade memorabilia.

With so many far-reaching achievements to his credit, it is no surprise that as the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Polytechnic University approaches, Morancie is still reaching for new heights. “There is so much more to do,” he said. And this year, for the first time, after a lifetime of being an observer at the parade, he will proudly don a custom-designed and tailor-made costume representing his homeland of Trinidad and Tobago to dance down the parkway in Brooklyn that is now a Labor Day national household name.

Our mission is to grow the next generation of scientists.

Employee of the Month

Horace L. Morancie

Photo at right: Nazir Memnon, professor, Computer and Information Science, instructs students in digital forensics.
Stellar Fundraiser Dawn Duncan Joins Poly as Vice President of Development

Dawn Duncan, a prominent developmental executive, has been named vice president of development and university relations for Polytechnic University. She most recently served at New York University as assistant dean for development and alumni relations at the Steinhardt School of Culture, Education and Human Development. Before that, Duncan was director of development and alumni affairs for the University of Florida’s Warrington College of Business.

“At a time when resources are essential to Polytechnic’s strategic growth and educational transformation, we are delighted that Dawn Duncan is bringing her extensive experience in fundraising to the University,” said President Jerry M. Hultin. “She will bring tremendous energy and expertise to our development and alumni relations initiatives.”

Duncan holds a bachelor’s from East Stroudsburg University, a master’s in education from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and has completed coursework for her PhD in higher education administration at both Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and the University of Florida.

“As we continue to celebrate the distinguished history of Polytechnic University, we must also create new partnerships to support the initiatives, inventions and entrepreneurial ventures of our students and faculty,” notes Duncan. “It is an exciting time to be associated with Polytechnic and I am honored to have the opportunity to share our story—past, present and future—with potential investors.”

Online Community Network Connects Alums with University Goals

Poly launched an exciting, new website community for alumni worldwide that promises to reinvigorate current friendships, reconnect you with fellow alumni from your past and establish new relationships with alumni sharing similar interests. And it even makes contributing to your alma mater easier than ever before.

The Polytechnic NetCommunity (http://community.poly.edu) is easy to access, password-protected and only accessible to other alumni. Once your status as an alum has been verified, you will be able to update all of your personal data in the directory function, decide what information can be accessed or opt out of all fields except for class and major.

“The communities of practice are an ideal networking tool that will strengthen relationships among alumni and support the University’s goals of furthering innovation, invention and entrepreneurship,” says Poly’s President Jerry Hultin. “The exchange of information and ideas will be vital to Poly’s mission of assisting and further educating industry leaders as they turn science and technology into products, services and jobs for New York, the nation and the world.”

Alumni can also establish online communities based on practice—a common industry or interest, geographic location or special interest. Establishing a community requires a brief, online training session that is facilitated by Alumni Relations staff members. The only requirements are a common interest and a volunteer among the group who is willing to serve as the community’s moderator.

The communities of practice already have sites for construction, law and engineering. There are also geographic area sections for areas with a significant number of alumni such as New York, Westchester, New Jersey, Northern California, Washington, DC and Israel. The Special Interest Community focuses on common interest in any number of fields—sports, specific majors, student organizations, fraternities, for example.

The online community also has a gift site where you can make donations and track your gift history to ensure that all donations have been received—all at your fingertips with the click of a mouse.

Join Poly’s online community today by visiting http://community.poly.edu.
Poly 100 Dinner
Members of the Polytechnic 100 enjoyed an evening of good company and fine repast at the 14th Annual Poly 100 Dinner at Bayard’s in New York City on May 18. Members of the Poly 100 contribute $500,000 over five years and are recognized with an inscription based on a six-foot abacus that is on permanent display in the lobby of the Dibner/CATT Building. President Hultin, center, is joined by Keith Ross, the Leonard J. Shustek Distinguished Professor of Computer Science, far left; Jin Kim Mantlare, assistant professor, chemical and biological sciences; the evening’s guest speaker, John LaMattina, president, Pfizer Global Research and Development; Zach Emnett ’08; Joseph O’Rourke ’07/CE; Joseph Lombardino ’86Chem and Stavroula Sofou, assistant professor, chemical and biological engineering.

Service with a Smile
Forty-six members of the Poly community were honored at the University’s annual Service Awards for individuals with five or more years of service. A complete list of honorees appears below, as well as photos of individuals with 20 or more years of service.

Five Years: Paulette Bancraft, Financial Operations; James Barrett, Athletics; Vivian Chan, Accounting; Richard Feltman, Registrar; Barbara Hickernell, Engineering Conferences International; Greys Jassurum, Career Services; Kevin Korpins, Engineering Conferences International, Arni Lubrano, President’s Office; Melissa Melendez, Payroll; José Dinto, Chemical and Biological Engineering; and Kari Schwartz, Assessment and Institutional Research.

Ten Years: Carol Campbell, Student Accounts; Ellen Daniels, Electrical and Computer Engineering; John Di Bartolo, Physics; Dennis D’Onfino, Financial Operations; Robert Griffin, Student Development; Lisa Hefnerstein, Computer and Information Science; Bohdan Honchynsky, Management; Margaret Jacino, Athletics; Dwans Leda, Facilities Management; Bharadwaj, Bho, Management; Ivan Salesnick, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Jonathan Soffer, Humanities and Social Sciences; Stuart Steff, Computer and Information Science; Ana Torres, Library Services; Veronica Vanderpool, Academic Affairs; Juan Vilchez, Facilities Management; Gaoyou Zhang, Mathematics; and Nina Zin, Management.

Fifteen Years: Jonathan Chao, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Valeria Davis, Electrical and Computer Engineering; Harold Nijman, Humanities and Social Sciences; and Yu Zhang, Library Services.

Twenty Years (top photo): from left: Dana Tyson, Residence Life; Lorcan Folan, Physics; Dylla Frankl, Computer and Information Science; and President Hultin. (Walter Zurawsky not shown.)

Twenty-five Years (center photo): from left, President Hultin; Cheryl McNair, Student Development; Beverly Johnson, Admissions/YESS Center; Maureen Bressel, Athletics; Mary Bowman, Chemical and Biological Science; and Kok-Ming Leung, Computer and Information Science. (Said Nourbakhsh not shown.)

Thirty Years: Richard Wener, not shown.

Thirty-five Years (photo, far left): John Falcechio, Civil Engineering, after receiving his award.

Forty Years (photo, left): Leroy Copney, Electrical and Computer Engineering, makes his way to the podium for his award.
Donor and Scholar Snapshots

Tahru Takekoshi ‘66Chem
Chemist
Cyclics Corporation

“...I arrived at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1961. It was a tumultuous decade when the cold war was at its peak. The Cuban missile crisis and the assassination of President Kennedy followed. Despite the gloomy political backdrop, however, the supremacy of the U.S. in science and technology seemed rock-solid. Our supremacy was supported by a strong government and industrial commitments in areas such as aerospace and new materials. The Polymer Research Institute (PRI), led by Professor Herman Mark, was an epicenter of such activity. Polymer science and technology were indeed the high-tech fields of this era. I was very fortunate to be accepted as a graduate student and mentored by Professor C.G. Overberger. I will always remember that my exciting and satisfying career was made possible by the generous support of Polytechnic and its alumni.”

Joseph J. O’Rourke ‘07CE
Poly 100 Scholarship
Oceanic Heritage Foundation Scholarship

“The generous contributions to Poly’s scholarship funds enabled me to study at the University and eventually earn a degree in civil engineering. The knowledge I gained at Poly will contribute one day to the greater good of society. I hope other PolyThinkers who follow me will have the same opportunities and support I had.”

“...Thanks to the Poly 100, I was able to test my skills and become an engineer. The support of our alumni allowed me to focus all my energy on the task of studying. Being a part of this special scholarship inspired me to press harder and get the most of my Poly experience. I am forever grateful for your support.”

“I must also thank the Oceanic Heritage Foundation for their support during my time at Polytechnic. I have the donors to thank for my education and for the great experiences I had while attending Poly. I hope they continue to contribute to future PolyThinkers who will follow in my footsteps.”

Letter from the Alumni President

In August, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Polytechnic University authorized President Jerry McNulty to hold discussions with John Sexton, president of New York University (NYU), to draft a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a possible merger between Polytechnic University and NYU. The alumni leadership, including several Board members, learned of the issue after the Executive Committee had cast its vote. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will include terms regarding the merger and will formally authorize both parties to proceed toward a merger agreement. Poly’s Board of Trustees will meet on October 10, 2007 to vote on whether to enter into the MOU.

The initial discussion between Poly and NYU, thus far, is as follows: Polytechnic University will become the Polytechnic Institute of New York University; the NYU Board has ultimate and immediate authority over the Poly Board, i.e., the Poly Board will become an advisory board (this is likely to affect the quality of Poly Board members). The University is able to attract and maintain; the NYU Board will approve all nominations to the Poly Board with the authority to replace 10 percent of Poly Board annually; NYU will invest or loan Poly funds to create programs that are mutually beneficial to both universities; Poly’s Board will oversee its real estate for the first five years with authority to vest with NYU’s Board in all subsequent years; interest from Poly’s $130 million endowment and proceeds from selling Poly’s air rights will be used solely for Poly’s benefit; two Poly Board members will be named to the NYU Board; and NYU will become the sole member of the Polytechnic University Corporation, i.e., the owner of Poly’s assets.

Discussions are currently underway between the two universities to work these and other terms prior to drafting the MOU. At the time that Cable went to press, the alumni leadership had not voted on a formal position regarding the Poly-NYU merger, but had discussed the proposed merger and posed questions to the Poly administration and the Board of Trustees. The questions posed by the alumni leadership provide a basis for terms the alumni leadership want to see in the MOU, if it is drafted and presented for a vote in October.

Terms to be considered include: whether Poly’s campus will remain in Brooklyn; for the foreseeable future (20-30 years); what percentage of the Poly Board will be comprised of Poly alumni; how much will NYU pay for acquiring Poly’s assets which are estimated to be worth several hundred million dollars; will NYU invest a specific dollar amount in Poly’s infrastructure; and will NYU ensure that a specific number of NYC residents will be able to attend Poly.

With respect to our alumni association and its members, the alumni leadership want clarification of the following terms included in the MOU: will NYU honor the MOU entered into nearly nine years ago between our former Alumni President Charles Hinkley and former Chairman of the Board of Trustees Arthur Martinez? This agreement requires that the University fund all operations and share its alumni records with our association. Will Poly alumni be offered the same benefits and services currently offered to NYU alumni; and will our alumni association have autonomy in representing and serving the needs of Poly alumni as well as the needs of the alumni of the new institute.

The above-mentioned items are of great interest to our members and our alumni association regarding the future of Polytechnic University and our association. This is evidenced by the e-mails and calls the alumni leadership received from many of you. By the time you read this article, the alumni association will have posed your concerns, comments and questions to the Poly administration and Board of Trustees, as well as sent an e-mail questionnaire to over 1000 alumni. The answers and information received will assist and guide your alumni leadership in making an informed decision regarding the position of the alumni association in the proposed Poly-NYU merger.

The alumni association will present a position paper to all parties involved prior to the Board of Trustees meeting in October. We welcome your thoughts and input. If you want a copy of your association’s position paper, please e-mail me at glikozer@cfllaw.com.

Very truly yours,

George Likozaros, Esq. ’92 EE
President
Polytechnic University Alumni Association

In Memoriam

Henry F. Hornick ’27
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For breaking news on the Polytechnic-NYU merger discussions, visit www.poly.edu/mergercentral.

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Class years are determined by the year the Office of the Registrar certifies the granting of the degree. Alumni receiving multiple degrees from Polytechnic are listed under the first graduating degree only.

Regional Vocational Technical High School. He recently attended his 65th reunion at the University of New Hampshire.

Richard H. Kremer ’67HU graduated in May from the Andover Newton Theological School with a Master of Divinity and is pursuing parish ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Richard C. Zvierko ’67PHD works at the NASA headquarters in the area of risk and asset management for exploration systems. Robert E. Iulissi ’68CMH works in the environmental, safety and health field and is interested in “O” gauge model railroad.

Edward T. Wolyptic ’69CMH retired as chief technology officer of Enginetta Corp., upon its acquisition by Base.

Anne Dibaza ’20CMH ’72CMH is a physician in Wallingford, SC, and is a certified hypnotherapist specializing in neuro-linguistic, hypnotherapy techniques. She is completing a PhD in hypnotherapy.

Henry Garcia ’72CMH and his wife, Janet, own and operate a 110-acre alfalfa farm in New Hampshire. He invites other alums to visit the website, www.stationyachtalpacas.com.

Herbert Henkel ’70AE ’72ME joined the advisory council of the Environmental Institute for Golf. He was also elected to the board of directors of 3M. Robert V. Wood ’71ME joined Washington Group International as vice president of their Middle East construction program.

Theodore J. Barns ’72HU ’75PHD retired from the U.S. Air Force as a lieutenant colonel after 28 years of service. He is currently a senior logistics management specialist with DRS Technical Services Inc. in Fort Monmouth, NJ. Eli Kotlon ’73 ’75CMH is the chief information officer at Rafael in Haifa, Israel. Bruce E. Miller ’74AE is helping to develop the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter as the F-136 engine program manager.

Nicholas J. Pelliccione ’75CMH is senior vice president for regulatory affairs and quality assurance at Aeterna Zentaris Inc., a biopharmaceutical company specializing in endocrine therapy and oncology. Edward Sandock ’76 V4E is the chair of the community advisory board of WNYC radio.

Alexandar Alaniz ’77 ’78NE joined the board of directors of Amynt Biosciences.

David Welt V76CMH is senior vice president of the technical operations center at St. Inc. in Greenwich, MD. Arthur B. Corwin ’79CMH has been named CEO of Morovert Chicago American Corporation of Rockaway, NJ. Morovert is a specialty contractor involved in groundwater control and earth support for underground construction.

Ko kim Ko ’79 ’82ESE is senior engineering manager for Seagate Technology International in Singapore.

Gary L. Fellmann ’80ESE is a senior project manager for IBM in England, where he lives with his wife, Jodi, and three children.

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Poly on the Air!

“Tomorrow’s Technology Today,” WFAS AM’s weekly radio show hosted by Andres Fortino, associate provost of Poly’s Westchester campus and a world-renowned specialist in information technology and technology management, kicked off its summer programming in early June.

Featured guests included Richard Gross, the Herman F. Mark Professor of Polymer Science at Poly and the recipient of the Green Chemistry Challenge Award by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; David Pogue, best-selling author and personal technology columnist for The New York Times; and Jeff Schick, vice president at IBM.

According to Fortino, the radio show was programmed to educate the public on new technology and to help with the inevitable changes that it will bring about. “We also wanted to help parents and children understand the excitement and opportunities with careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” he said. “We are looking at our options to do another series in late fall.”

The show aired on Monday evenings from 7 to 7:30 pm on WFAS AM 1230 in Westchester from June 4 through mid-August. Listen to the podcast at www.poly.edu/west.

Upcoming Events

Polytechnic’s 31st Annual Fall Career Fair
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
10:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
The Gymnasium of the Jacobs Academic Building
Six MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, NY