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Dr. Lynn May Brown

Dr. Lynn May Brown received her Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts: Math and Science from SUNY Ulster in 1975. She went on to earn her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Organic Chemistry from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and her Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the University of California.

Dr. Brown is currently the Director of Regulatory Affairs of Biologics at Merck, where she is responsible for development programs in oncology, rheumatology, and diabetes therapeutic areas. Prior to her current position at Merck, Dr. Brown held director positions at Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Schering-Plough, Inc., and Enzon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

In order to honor her late mother, Kathryn J. Brown, Dr. Brown established a scholarship in her name through the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. As a hardworking single parent of five children, Kathryn was unable to attend college herself, but encouraged and supported her children’s education at SUNY Ulster, resulting in successful careers for her children. A recipient of a scholarship herself, Dr. Brown notes that the life-changing effects of the scholarship “made me feel like people believed in me.”

Dr. Brown and her daughter Eleanor reside in Fanwood, N.J.

We are honored to welcome Dr. Lynn May Brown into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame.
Scott A. Davis, PE

Scott A. Davis, a graduate of Onteora High School, received his Associate in Science in Engineering Science from SUNY Ulster in 1991. He went on to earn his bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. Davis founded Peak Engineering in 2008, a civil/structural engineering firm in Stone Ridge with a remote office in Petersburgh, NY. The firm serves the local and regional communities, with clients, including individuals, municipalities, government agencies, and commercial enterprises with projects that span across multiple sectors including residential, wastewater and stormwater, utilities, and transportation infrastructure.

Mr. Davis has more than 25 years of experience in Structural Design and Analysis and Civil Engineering. He is active in the Eastern New York Chapter of the Association for Bridge Construction and Design (ABCD) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Mr. Davis, his wife Patty, and their children are residents of Stone Ridge.

Since 2019, Mr. Davis has served as a Board Director for the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. Scott and his wife Patty sponsor two high school students in the President’s Challenge Scholarship program, an award-winning scholarship program that assists Ulster County first-generation economically disadvantaged students with overcoming socio-economic barriers associated with attending college.

We are honored to welcome Mr. Scott A. Davis, PE, into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame.
John A. DeGasperis, Esq.

John A. DeGasperis, a graduate of Kingston High School, received his Associate in Science: Individual Studies from SUNY Ulster. He went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts from SUNY Albany and his Juris Doctorate from Albany Law School. During law school, Mr. DeGasperis studied in Washington, D.C., as part of a Semester in Government Program.

Mr. DeGasperis currently practices personal injury and medical malpractice law at Basch & Keegan LLP, in Kingston, NY. Before joining Basch & Keegan, Mr. DeGasperis worked as a law clerk at the New York State Attorney General’s Office and served as a judicial intern in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of New York. Mr. DeGasperis is a member and treasurer of the Ulster County Bar Association with service as past president, a member of the New York State Bar Association, the American Association for Justice, the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association, the New York State Trial Lawyers Academy, and the Knights of Columbus.

He has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine and was named to the Top 40 Under 40 by National Trial Lawyers Association in 2014.

John resides in Kingston with his wife Emily, and two children.

Serving on the Board of Directors since 2016 and sponsoring a student in the President’s Challenge Scholarship program, Mr. DeGasperis is committed to the mission of the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc.

We are honored to welcome Mr. John A. DeGasperis, Esq. into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame.
Robert R. Jacobsen, Esq.

Robert R. Jacobsen, a graduate of John A. Coleman High School, received his Associate in Science in Business Administration from SUNY Ulster in 1998. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the State University of New York at New Paltz, and his Juris Doctor from Western New England University School of Law. Mr. Jacobsen is admitted to practice law in the states of New York and Connecticut and has been a practicing attorney in the Hudson Valley for the past 15 years. Currently, Robert is a sole practitioner in his office, Robert R. Jacobsen Attorney at Law, specializing in real estate law. Robert also is a New York State licensed title insurance agent and owns The Title Service Company, which is an agent for a leading top national title underwriter Westcor Land Title Insurance Company, providing title insurance services throughout the Hudson Valley.

Residents of Kingston, Mr. Jacobsen and his wife Carly, SUNY Ulster alumna class of ’98, are committed to giving back to the community. Robert and Carly were recipients of the 2019 SUNY Ulster Distinguished Alumni Award! Robert has been serving on the City of Kingston Planning Board for the past ten years and is a member of the New York State and Ulster County Bar Associations.

President’s Challenge Scholarship sponsor, Mr. Jacobsen, has served on the Board of Directors for the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc since 2019. He shared that his motivation to join the Foundation Board was based on him crediting SUNY Ulster with the start of his professional education. Mr. Jacobsen believes in the value of a community college education, “...SUNY Ulster is just the best financial decision one can make beginning their lives. I have seen too many students and parents go into debt for college, and I strongly believe this debt is just crushing people before they can even get a start in life. Financial freedom in life is very important to allow people to continue to grow and take risks in order to better themselves either personally, financially, or creatively in both their personal and professional lives. It gives you the freedom to live and do what you want in life.”

We are honored to welcome Mr. Robert R. Jacobsen, Esq. into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame.
The Honorable Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. has a well-earned reputation as a community leader and bipartisan arbitrator. Ken's desire to enter public service began during his education at the Chapel Field Christian School. He remained actively involved in local issues during his studies at SUNY Ulster, where he earned an Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Sciences in 2006. Ken first ran for and was elected to the Ulster County Legislature while attending classes at SUNY New Paltz, where he earned his BS in Political Science in 2007.

Ken was one of the youngest Ulster County Legislators ever elected when he was sworn into office in 2008 and quickly earned the respect of his colleagues, serving in a leadership role on key committees before being elected Majority Leader in 2012. In 2016, Ken was elected as the youngest Chairman of the County Legislature, where he spearheaded projects like the Restorative Justice and Community Empowerment Center and advanced local laws to expand and protect human rights at a local level. He continues his legislative leadership duties today as Legislative Minority Leader.

Ken's early career was in a family-owned business, WCC Tank Technology, where he gained first-hand insights about the struggles of sustaining a small business in the Hudson Valley. He is currently the Director of Downstate Regional Services for New York State Assembly Minority Leader Will Barclay. Ken is known for his ability to network throughout the Mid-Hudson region to bring innovative policy discussions and common needs back to Ulster County.

Ken enjoys world travel and finds the hiking trails and vistas of the Hudson Valley a relaxing reprieve from his busy career. He is proud of his Ulster County roots and remains close to his community today as a volunteer with the Wallkill Ambulance Corps and the Wallkill Fire Department. Ken enjoys living in the heart of his hometown of Wallkill in the Town of Shawangunk with his beloved pit-bull mix George Ronk.

We are honored to welcome The Honorable Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame.
The Honorable Beatrice Wilkinson Welters

Beatrice Wilkinson Welters, former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, has a strong record of service to her country and her community, with a special focus on providing opportunities to underserved young people.

Mrs. Welters received an Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts: Humanities and Social Sciences from SUNY Ulster in 1972. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts from Manhattan College and Master of Arts from the City University of New York. She also received an Honorary Doctorate from Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, in 2009.

Mrs. Welters serves as the Founder and Co-Chair of the AnBryce Foundation, a foundation she established with her husband, Anthony Welters (LAW ’77), Esq. in 1995 as a way to provide opportunities to underprivileged children. She established Camp Dogwood Summer Academy in 1996. In 1998, the mission of the foundation was further advanced through the creation of the AnBryce Scholars Program at NYU Law School. In 2004, the Welters founded a second organization to serve underserved youth, the Vincent Wilkinson Foundation.

Mrs. Welters served as the United States Ambassador to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago from May 2010 through November 2012. She serves on the board of the Brookings Institution and is a member of the Board of Visitors of Colin Powell’s School for Civic and Global Leadership and City College. She and her husband are recipients of the Woodrow Wilson Award for Public Service in recognition of their long-standing commitment to philanthropy. Mrs. Welters serves on the Perlmutter Cancer Center Board at NYU Langone Medical Center.

She resides in Virginia with her husband and has two adult sons.

We are honored to welcome Ambassador Beatrice Wilkinson Welters into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame.
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SUNY Ulster recognizes all of its alumni by identifying a few who exemplify the achievements of many. In 1994, SUNY Ulster and the Ulster Community College Foundation inducted the first class of honorees into SUNY Ulster’s Alumni Hall of Fame. We are proud to honor these special individuals.

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Gerald Garfman
Rosanne Yetzer
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Our Mission is to raise funds to collaborate with SUNY Ulster to promote academic excellence, accessibility to higher education, and economic vitality in Ulster County.

Our Vision is to promote and manage philanthropic giving for student success through developing scholarships and student support funding, assisting in capital and technological advancements for the college, forging partnerships with businesses and local school districts; and by fostering strong community awareness and engagement.

To date, we have awarded over $5,800,000 dollars in scholarships to more than 7,300 SUNY Ulster students. In 2020, we will award over $100,000 in emergency support and over $400,000 in scholarships to students, all thanks to the commitment of our community and our generous donors.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors from our local community and beyond, the President’s Challenge Scholarship assists first-generation Ulster County high school students with overcoming financial barriers associated with attending college. Students are identified in eighth grade by their sponsoring school district and receive guidance counseling and mentoring through the completion of high school. Upon graduation from high school, students are able to attend SUNY Ulster tuition-free for two years!

The Life in Legacy Society honors donors to SUNY Ulster who have created endowed and honorary & memorial scholarship funds. Scholarship awards give the vital support needed for students to further their education at SUNY Ulster and beyond. Endowed scholarships provide this life-changing assistance to our students, forever. You may join the society by forming a scholarship fund or Endowment in Growth and experience the impact of your legacy during your lifetime.

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