

Michael J. Knight Sr., '87, (CA&S/Political Science), Delmar, N.Y., was presented the District Award of Merit at the 2009 Fort Orange District Awards in March. This is the highest award presented to district volunteers. Knight has served as Boy Scout cubmaster for Pack 258 since 1997.

Andrew W. Smith, '87, (CBA/Accounting), Ogdensburg, N.Y., has accepted the position of staff accountant with Hooper & VanHouse, CPAs.

Thomas C. Brandt, '88, (CBA/Marketing), Sanford, Fla., has been named general manager of the Ruth's Chris Steakhouse Restaurant in Lake Mary, Fla.



Carl Pfeiffer, '89, (CA&S/Criminology & Criminal Justice), Mechanicville, N.Y., joined the firm of Tully Rinckey PLLC as the firm's chief operating officer. He is responsible for the firm's overall operations, including financial management, business and marketing planning, organizational development, and human resources.



1990s Joseph M. Falbo, '91, (CBA/Accounting), Grand Island, N.Y., was elected secretary/treasurer of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants at its 112th annual election meeting in May 2009.

Eric Connor, '94, (CBA/Management), Lockport, N.Y., started his new financial services business, Connor Wealth Management, in Lockport, N.Y., in February 2009.

Lon Gondek, '94, (CBA/Accounting), Grand Island, N.Y., was promoted from commercial underwriter to vice president in Citizen Bank's corporate banking group. He works in the bank's Buffalo office.

Abigail Mitchell, '95, (CN), Youngstown, N.Y., was named the 2009 Nurse of Distinction of WNY by the Professional Nurses Association of WNY and The Buffalo News.

Todd Finnerty, '98, (CA&S/Psychology), Worthington, Ohio, recently published his first book, "Depressive Personality Disorder: Understanding Current Trends in Research and Practice."

Mary B. (McDonnell) McCormack, '98, (CN), Rockaway Point, N.Y., graduated from Molloy College with a master of science degree in family nurse practitioner in May 2009.



Jim DeVivo, '99, (CA&S/Theater Performance), Woodbridge, N.J., received a 2009 New Jersey Governor's Award in Arts Education – Distinguished Service to Theatre Education, which is sponsored by the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey. He was also inducted into the Liverpool

Central School District's Fine Arts Hall of Fame, which was established six years ago to recognize individuals who have excelled in the area of fine arts.

Shawn Vainio, '99, (CA&S/Chemistry, Biology), Kodiak, Alaska, has been a doctor in the Providence Medical Center's emergency room for the past two and a half years. He just recently finished a month-long mission to provide free medical and dental care to the poorest people living in remote regions of the Indian and Nepal Himalayas.



2000s Toni Ann Daley, '00, (CBA/Commerce), Camillus, N.Y., has been named chief development officer for The Alzheimer's Association, Central New York chapter. She oversees the fundraising and marketing programs and manages the chapter's special events, planned giving,

major gift and corporate initiatives.

Michael Taberski, '01, (CA&S/Criminology), Westminster, Md., has accepted the position of dean of students at Mount St. Mary's University, the nation's second oldest Catholic university.



Leah Yaworski, '02, (CBA/Human Resources), Farmington, N.Y., has been appointed by the Hillside Family of Agencies to the position of manager of special events for the Crestwood Children's Foundation and the Hillside Children's Foundation. She will be responsible for the develop-

ment, management and execution of all special events and fundraising for all affiliates of the Hillside Family of Agencies.

Katherine (Adams) Courtney, '03, (CA&S/Social Work), Webster, N.Y., has been chosen by the New York State Women's Bar Association to be a recipient of the Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award.

Ashley Baker, '05, (CA&S/Political Science), West Henrietta, N.Y., has accepted the position of associate with the law firm Nixon Peabody LLP. She focuses on advising clients about real estate matters including acquisitions, development and financing.

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