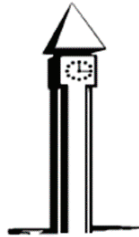


Eighteenth Annual
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Fifth Annual
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Awards Dinner



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A State University of New York Community College

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 Atty, Gretta
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 Barboza, Giovanni
 Barker, Emmaleigh
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 Borst, Madison
 Brockhum, Aubrey
 Calabrese, Ciarra
 Carey, Paton
 Christie, Maranda
 Christmas, Keonna
 Colabello, Kaylee
 Cooper, Sjarazade
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 Covington, Semajé
 DeAngelo, Michael
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 Despres, Madison
 DiCarlo, Ashley
 Dineen, Ellana
 Dutcher, Katie

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 Garcia-Cruz, Jann
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 Hayes, Madalyn
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 Parker, Natalie
 Perkett-Salisbury, Devin
 Phillips, James
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 Rodriguez Rivera, Esteisy
 Rouse, Alexandria
 Santiago, Briana
 Scunziano, Allison
 Shaw, Molly
 Simonds, Madison
 Smith, Brooklyn
 Smith, Kayde
 Smith, Megan
 Soto, Dante
 Sturgess, Benjamin
 Sturgess, Lilyana
 Swedick, Brielle
 Sweet, Lindsay
 Torres, Cristian
 Webster, Paige
 Windecker, Mercedes

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

AAUW
 Advanced Imaging Modality Award
 Amst. City Hospital Nurses Alumn Asso
 Amsterdam Rotary Club
 Amy "King" Steenburg Award
 Andrew J. DiNitto Award
 Anna Derrig Geraghty Nursing Award
 Bailey Madora Harris Memorial Prize
 Cap and Gown Bound
 Civility in the Classroom Award
 Clarkson Trans Achieve & Leadership
 Clifford T. Weller
 Debra Kozlowski-Rector Memorial
 Delores "Dee" Brown Nursing
 Deputy Gary Johnson/MC Stop-DWI
 Deputy James F. Glover Mem Award
 Donald and Violet O'Connell
 Doris Vincent Maceyka Business
 Dorothy Gennett Memorial
 Dorothy Roberts Nursing
 Early Admission
 Elaine Hoye Nursing
 Ellen Cast Lathers Memorial Nursing
 F.A.C.E. Awards
 Fenimore Asset Management

FM Nursing Faculty Award
 FM Student Nurses' Assoc. Award
 Forrest/Hammond Nursing Award
 Foundation of FM
 Frank Giaquinto Memorial
 Fulton County Healthcare
 FCHOA Norm Stahlman
 Fulton County Servicemen's Assoc.
 Gerda Lider Nursing
 Gloria J & Richard Rusnica Memorial
 Grace Brownell Felter
 Hadley "Stretch" DePuy
 Harold N. Martling
 Helen J. Kumpan Memorial Award
 Jane Peck Easterly Memorial
 Joel Ager Prize
 John D. Vadney Math Prize
 Johnstown Hospital Foundation
 Johnstown Moose Family Center
 Joseph H. Smith, Jr. 1945 Award
 Kathy Anne Marvel Nursing
 Katy Mae Peterson
 Ken Simek Award
 Kevin Christman Memorial Award
 Lexington

Lisa Queeney-Vadney
 Maceyka Family
 Maggie Bautz Nursing
 Marc A. Marino
 Marilyn Lord Nursing
 Margaret A. Collier Memorial
 MISA Club Award
 Maire Kearney Wagner Nursing
 Montgomery County Home Bureau
 Nathan Littauer Hospital
 New York State Sheriffs' Assoc.
 Northville Rotary Foundation
 Nurses for Nurses
 Rao Family Scholarship
 Return for Success
 RPI Excellence & PTK
 Richard Evans II Prize in English
 Rita Mary Burke
 Sal & Catherine Landrio
 Student Senate Association
 Southern Adirondack Dog Club
 St. Mary's Healthcare Nursing
 The Delaney Family
 Tribes Hill Fish and Game Club
 William Pac Memorial

PROGRAM

WELCOME

Joette Quillan
Foundation Student Director

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

John Lesniewski, Foundation Board Chair

*****DINNER*****

CLOCK TOWER AWARD

Del B. Salmon

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

Ginger Cato, '2000
Stanislava Mladenova, Ph.D. '2000

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Gregory Truckenmiller



DEL B SALMON



Del B. Salmon is the owner and sole member of The Salmon Law Firm, PLLC in Amsterdam. His Law Firm was established by his Grandfather, Carl S. Salmon, Sr., on December 1, 1911. Del is a third generation Attorney in the firm. He is an Elder Law Attorney with a practice that focuses on Estate Planning, Estate Administration, Asset protection, and Medicaid Qualification. Del earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Vermont Law School. He also holds a master's degree in education from the University of Maryland College Park, and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rochester.

Del is actively involved in Community Affairs. Del was a member of the FM Foundation for over 25 years and served as Chair of the Foundation from 2002-2004 and again from 2013 -2019. Among other things, Del was intimately involved in raising funds for the construction of the Allen House. There has been a Salmon involved with FM for the past 60 years. Carl S. Salmon, Jr., was a founding Trustee and served on the Board for many years. In addition to FM, Del serves or has served as a Board Member and Officer of the following Charitable Organizations: The Robert and Dorothy Ludwig Jewish Community Center; Daughters of Sarah Community for Seniors Massry Residence and Nursing Center; Congregation Gates of Heaven; Community Hospice and Palliative Care; Mountain Valley Hospice and Palliative Care; Amsterdam Free Library; St. Mary's Hospital Foundation; Montgomery County Office for Aging Foundation; and WMHT Educational Telecommunications, Inc. Del is also a member of the Committee on Character and Fitness for the Fourth Judicial District for the New York State Bar Association.

Del is humbled to have been honored for his service to the community in the following ways: The 2024 Readers' Choice Award Winner for the best Law Firm in Montgomery/Fulton Counties by the Leader-Herald and the Recorder; The 2023 Congregation Gates of Heaven Humanitarian Award (joint with his wife Randie); The 2021 Rao Family Philanthropic Award for exceptional financial generosity to our community by the Montgomery County OFA Foundation; The 12/2021 Montgomery County Small Business of the Month Award; The 2018 Amsterdam Rotary Citizen of the Year Award; The 2014 Mountain Valley Hospice Gregory R. Hoye Award; The 2006 Joseph Grizone Award for Exemplary Service to Older Adults given by the Montgomery County Office for Aging; The 2005 B'nai B'rith Community Service Award; and the 1996 Herbert T. Singer Community Service Award for Continuous Devotion to the Community.

Del resides in Niskayuna with Randie, his loving wife of 45 years. He is proud of his three children, Benjamin, Stephen and his wife, Amanda, and Hannah and her husband, Scott. He is over the moon with love for his four grandchildren, Caleb, Sydney, Hayley, and Beckett.

GET TO KNOW DE B. SALMON - FUN FACTS

Favorite Color:	Turquoise
Favorite Song:	“I love you just the way you are” Billy Joel
Favorite Band/singer:	Billy Joel
Favorite Food and/or restaurant:	Lobster
Favorite sport and/or sports team:	New York Yankees
Favorite movie and/or tv show:	“I Love Lucy”
First car owned:	1974 Toyota Carrola (known as Rolling Rust)
First job:	Camp Counselor at Gloversville JCC Day Camp
Pets and/or favorite animal:	Penny the Poodle
Favorite pastime/hobby:	Cooking, Traveling, Gardening
Something on your bucket list:	Travel to all 7 continents (Done February 2025 w/Antarctica)
Something you do to unwind:	Ocean cruising
Person you most admire:	My Father, Carl S. Salmon Jr.
Most Interesting Person You've Met:	Katharine Hepburn
Favorite place to visit/vacation:	Paris, France
Who or what did you want to be when growing up:	An Architect
Three things you MUST have if deserted on an island:	Bleu cheese stuffed olives, Twizzlers, & Fritos
Favorite quote or words of wisdom:	“It's better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick”

GINGER CATO, '2000



Ginger Cato serves as the Director of the Rob Constantine Recovery Community and Outreach Centers, a program of HFM Prevention Council. Prior to this role, she was the Assistant Program Director at Montgomery County Domestic Violence, a program of Catholic Charities of Fulton and Montgomery Counties.

Deeply committed to advocacy, Ms. Cato is passionate about empowering those who have not yet found their own voice. She works tirelessly to break the stigma surrounding addiction.

She is a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate (CRPA) and Peer Supervision Professional (PSP), as well as a certified instructor for the CCAR Recovery Coach Academy and Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches. In addition, she is a New York State Department of Health certified opioid overdose prevention trainer.

In recognition of her leadership and dedication, Ms. Cato was named a Woman of Distinction in 2014 by Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara. She has long been engaged in community coalition work, serving as a member of multiple local drug-free coalitions and co-chairing the Montgomery County coalition for 11 years. Her academic background includes an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Fulton Montgomery Community College and a Bachelor of Science in Community and Human Services from SUNY Empire State College. She is also a graduate of the CADCA National Coalition Academy and the SAMHSA Policy Academy for Implementing Community-Level Policies to Prevent Alcohol Misuse.

Ms. Cato resides in Gloversville with her husband and daughter and is also the proud stepmother of two grown children.

GET TO KNOW GINGER CATO - FUN FACTS

Favorite Color:	Green
Favorite Song:	"Blackbird" by the Beatles
Favorite Band/singer:	Beatles
Favorite Food and/or restaurant:	Chocolate Jumble Cookies
Favorite movie and/or tv show:	"Great British Bake Off"
First car owned:	1987 Chevy Cavalier
First job:	Price Chopper Cashier
Pets and/or favorite animal:	Three cats
Favorite pastime/hobby:	Reading
Something on your bucket list:	Drive the California coast
Something you do to unwind:	Crocheting
Most interesting person you've met:	My best friend Lisa
Favorite place to visit/vacation:	Cape Cod
Who or what did you want to be when growing up:	Solid Gold Dancer
Three things you MUST have if deserted on an island:	A book, sunscreen, and a comfortable chair
Favorite quote or words of wisdom:	"Serenity now"

DR. STANISLAVA MLADENOVA, PH.D., 2000



Dr. Stanislava Mladenova is the NATO Operations Division Core Team Lead in Moldova, where she is responsible for NATO’s cooperation with Moldova in strengthening its security forces. As a practitioner and scholar in her 20 year career, she has held a variety of postings working at the nexus of security and international development. As a Senior Specialist at the World Bank in Washington DC, Mladenova led efforts that examined how climate financing can build security and economic resilience in places affected by conflict and violence.

During her time at the United States Institute of Peace, Mladenova worked in West Africa to establish dialogue between local police forces and communities with the aim to cultivate trust in some of the most vulnerable communities in six West African Countries.

She has served as an Emergency Responder for Operation Allies Welcome of the International Rescue Committee at the US Marine Corps Base Quantico during the Afghan evacuation. In her capacity as a Political Advisor during her time at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Mladenova worked to reform the Alliance’s processes and structures. As a NATO Political Advisor in Afghanistan, she was responsible for analysis of economic issues, governance, corruption, disaster management, gender, humanitarian assistance, and preventing the recruitment of child soldiers. Mladenova’s work has brought her to Africa, Central and South Asia, North and South America, Western and Eastern Europe, and the Balkans.

She is a nonresident senior fellow with Atlantic Council in Washington DC, a Global Fellow at Brown University. She has also served as an Irregular Warfare Initiative fellow at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Mladenova is regularly called upon to teach, train and speak on security matters to US government agencies, the irregular warfare community, international organizations (OECD, NATO, and UN agencies), non-governmental organizations, research institutions, professional and executive degree programs in international security and development, and other academic fora.

She holds a Ph.D. in War Studies from King’s College London, and is the author of When Rambo Meets the Red Cross: Civil-Military Engagement in Fragile States (Rowman & Littlefield, 2024). Her research on how US Special Operations Forces engage with populations and humanitarian and development organizations is regularly assigned to academic programs in military and civilian universities.

GET TO KNOW DR. STANISLAVA MLADENOVA - FUN FACTS

Favorite Color:	Green
Favorite Song:	U2– Beautiful Day
Favorite Food and/or restaurant:	Bellamy’s—Mayfair, London
First job:	Budget Examiner at NY State Division of the Budget
Favorite pastime/hobby:	Hiking
Something on your bucket list:	Antarctica (to visit the penguins)
Something you do to unwind:	Exercise
Favorite place to visit/vacation:	Goa for yoga
Favorite quote or words of wisdom:	There is only one way to eat an elephant: “one bite at a time.”
Who or what did you want to be when growing up:	Urban Architect

PAST CLOCK TOWER AWARD RECIPIENTS



- 2021 Johnstown Hospital Foundation
- 2022 Dr. Govind, Mrs. Jyothi Rao and Family
- 2023 Fenimore Asset Management
- 2024 Rick and Mary Frasier

THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING



When planning my estate, I made FM a top priority. As a faculty member here, I have witnessed first-hand the tremendous impact that FM has on the lives of hard-working students who need and deserve a helping hand-up, as opposed to a hand-out.

It is very reassuring for me to know that part of my legacy will help ensure that education and training at FM will continue to help so many people right here at home in Fulton and Montgomery Counties. I also enjoy gifting to the College so I can witness the progress of the Foundation of FM, while still contributing to the College as a faculty member.

It is my honor and my privilege to support this institution. FM is an important part of my life, and I really believe the Foundation empowers the College to be the best it can be.

*All the best,
Laurence K. Zuckerman, CPA, MST
Associate Professor, Department of Business
Proud Member of FM's Foundation Board*



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2007

Donna Gatto Fraley '67
Michael J. Pepe '78
Dr. Donald F. Staffo '66

2009

Michael J. Campos '66
Stephen M. Tomlinson '89
Lisa Queeney-Vadney '78

2011

Pierre Alric '66-'67
Angelo Graziane '75
James R. Landrio '80



2013

Tom DiMezza '75
Hon. Traci DiMezza '89
Trudy J. Venette '87

2015

Susanne Guttenberg '77
David Northrup '66

2017

Sue Nigra '87
Stan Kucel '75
Neal Packer '71



2019

Karyln LaBate '07
Daniel R. Richardson '97
Jeanne R. So '70 & '95

2022

Geoff Peck '87
Joel Bien-Aime '83

2024

Jine Maroney '08
Brent Phetteplace '92
Jenny Rulison-Fisch '03

2008

John E. Jablonski '81
Mary Jane Balzano Paris '67
Faith Takes '77

2010

Michael Decker '81
Joseph Iannotti '86
John A. Monteiro '77
Rebecca Preston '98

2012

Alexa Barnoski Serfis, Ph.D. '86
Steven V. Serge '93
Albert V. Turo '72

2014

Terri G. Easterly '97
Wally Hart '78, '82-'84
Dr. Erik D. Wert '92

2016

Dr. Emily Etzkorn '82-'86
Ambrose C. Schaffer '03
William T. Winsman '87

2018

Joel Chapin '78
Dr. Robert Kruger '72
David Schroeder '74

2021

Dr. Rev. Bonnie Orth '77
Roberta Winsman '10

2023

Joseph Semione '81
Kayla Henry '07

2026 Distinguished Alumni Awards

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

For many, the road to lifetime achievement included study at FM. Each year, the College recognizes alumni who have achieved outstanding success and made a lasting impact on their community.

Please take a moment to nominate an FM alumnus whose commitment to excellence is a tribute to our fine academic standards. The recipients will be recognized at the Annual Awards Dinner in November 2026.

Candidates must have completed a minimum of two semesters at FM (a minimum of 24 credits), demonstrated achievement in their profession or business, and provided service in their community.

I wish to nominate:

Contact information for nominee:

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Employer: _____

Please provide a brief description of his/her achievements:

My Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Nominations must be received by September 11, 2026. All completed applications will be reviewed by an independent judging panel. Thank you for your assistance.

Please leave completed form with the FM Foundation Office or:

Email: fund.dev@fmcc.suny.edu

Mail: 2805 State Highway 67, Johnstown, NY 12095

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