

Honor Roll / Recognizing the accomplishments of Western New Yorkers

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Dr. Terri Julian, director of post traumatic stress services at the VA's Batavia medical campus, has been awarded a congressional proclamation

honoring her services to psychologically injured veterans.

Rep. **Eric J. J. Massa**, D-Corning, recently read a lengthy statement on the floor of the House citing Julian's many accomplishments and made arrangements to have it presented to her in a ceremony attended by Buffalo VA Director **William F. Feeley** and Veterans of Foreign Wars official **William "Doc" Schmitz**.

Julian is the director of the Jack H. Wisby Jr. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Clinic and the recently established Women's Residential Program. A past recipient of the Federal Woman of the Year Award, the licensed clinical psychologist, Massa said, has been recognized for her significant contributions to the VA system on behalf of veterans.

"Our servicemen and women sacrifice immensely for our great nation and I am honored that they are recipients of the quality care provided by Dr. Julian and those like her . . .," Massa said.

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The Buffalo & Erie County Historical Society has named educator and longtime cultural advocate **Joan M. Bukowski** president of its board of managers. She is the first woman to hold the position in the organization's 147-year history.

Bukowski is an assistant professor of business management at Erie Community College. She received her bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and her master's from the University at Buffalo. A member of the Historical Society's board since December 2005, she is also active with Albright- Knox Art Gallery, Burchfield Penney Art Center and Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo's 21st Century Fund.

Stepping down from the presidency is **Kenneth P. Friedman**, a partner with Hodgson Russ LLP. During Friedman's three-year tenure, the Historical Society increased its admission revenue, tripled the attendance of its Party on the Portico happy hour series and engaged in a series of new collaborations with cultural and academic partners.

The board of managers also named two new vice presidents: Buffalo City Judge **Henry J. Nowak** and M&T Bank Administrative Vice President **David N. Richardson**. In addition, **Catherine F. Schweitzer**, the executive director of the Baird Foundation, is now the board secretary.

Morgan G. Graham, a partner at Phillips Lytle LLP, continues as a board vice president.

Jeffrey P. Kingsley, Ph. D., director of research and development at Praxair, remains treasurer.

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• The Lancaster Volunteer Ambulance Corps elected the following members to its board of directors at its annual general membership meeting Dec. 12: director of operations, **Justin Ward**; director of training, **Greg Jankiewicz**; director of maintenance, **Paul Schnitzer**; director, **Paul Welker**. The ambulance corps is staffed by state-certified emergency medical technicians and paramedics who respond to medical emergencies in the Town of Lancaster and villages of Lancaster and Depew.

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• **Dhaval K. Shah**, a University at Buffalo student, was named winner of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Outstanding Manuscript in Modeling and Simulation Award last month at the scientists' annual meeting and exposition.

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• **John Buttino** has been elected to a second term as fire chief of the Eggertsville Hose Company. Other officers elected to serve the volunteer company include First Assistant Fire Chief **Brian Multerer**, Second Assistant Fire Chief **Kiel Gentry**, Fire Captains **Steve Hodges**, **Jeffrey Gilson** and **Brandon Peters**. Fire Lieutenants **Justyn Moore**, **Ryan Gerevics**, **Jeffrey Yap** and **PaulMc- Donald**. **Mike Flynn** was elected captain of emergency medical services and **Angela Stark**, lieutenant.

Patrick Galvin was elected president. Galvin, an Eggertsville firefighter for 17 years, previously served as vice president. Stepping down as president is **Roger Mazikowski**, a three-time president and 45-year veteran of the company. Other executive officers are Vice President **David Balduf**, Recording Secretary **Jason Talarczyk**, Corresponding Secretary **Rick Cumpston** and Treasurer **Robert Brand**. **George Zammit** and **James Day** were elected to the board of directors. **James McDonald** was re-elected to the position of sergeant- at-arms.

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• **Vikki Pryor**, University at Buffalo Law School alumna and Promise Prize creator, who is president and CEO of SBLI USA, the life insurance company, recently honored **Miles Gresham**, a second-year law student at UB Law, with the eighth annual **Marie Nesbitt** Promise Prize award in memory of her grandmother, at the Minority Bar Association of Western New York's 27th annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner.

Gresham is currently ranked in the top 15 percent of his class and a recipient of Howard University's Legacy and History scholarships.

Gresham said he was honored to receive the award.

"Our survival as African- Americans has always depended on a cycle of a few rising up and then reaching back to lift up our brothers and sisters. I am deeply humbled and honored that Ms. Pryor has reached back for me, and I look forward, one day, to reaching back for another," he said.

The \$5,000 Promise Prize is granted annually to a first-year UB law student who has demonstrated exceptional academic achievement and professional promise. Pryor created the award in 2002 in memory of her grandmother, **Marie Nesbitt**, an inspiring great-granddaughter of slaves whose formal education stopped at the third grade.

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• Recipients of the 2009 Hilbert College Alumni Awards were honored last month during the college's annual Alumni Awards and Reconnection Dinner. This year's award winners are:

Robert Drago, Hilbert trustee emeritus — Franciscan Values Award.

Todd Ehret (class of 1998) and **Scott Kashino** (class of 1996)— St. Francis Award for Community Service.

Thomas McArthur (Class of 2006)—Graduate of the Last Decade Award.

Edward Qualey (Class of 1974), chairman/associate professor of the Hilbert Criminal Justice/Forensic Science Division — Sister Adrienne Faculty/ Staff Lifetime Achievement Award.

Jerome Wszalek (Class of 1973) — Dominique Thompson Alumni of the Year Award.

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