

Leadership Changes Effective at 5 University Hill Institutions

University Hill is one of the most dynamic areas in our region and is a consistent leader in growth and new employment. With more than \$700 million of new capital projects planned or underway, the Hill stands out as the fastest growing area in the Central Upstate region. In the last month, there has been a significant change in leadership on University Hill as five of the major institutional presidents are newly appointed to their positions. These five new leaders will direct these projects and the collective vision for University Hill in the coming years.



Photo courtesy of SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry

Dr. Quentin Wheeler, former director of the International Institute for Species Exploration and Virginia M. Ullman Professor of Natural History and the Environment at Arizona State University, has been appointed president of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF). Dr. Wheeler replaces Cornelius B. Murphy, Jr. who served as president since 2000.

At Arizona State University, Wheeler served as interim dean of the Division of Natural Sciences and vice president and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Wheeler served in distinguished academic roles for 24 years at Cornell University, where he earned the rank of tenured full professor. Wheeler also previously served as the Keeper and Head of Entomology at The Natural History Museum in London from 2004-2006, and was director of the Division of Environmental Biology at the National Science Foundation from 2001-2004.

His research career has focused on the role of species exploration and natural history collections. He has received a number of academic honors, including several fellowships, and has had three species named in his honor. He is the author of approximately 150 scientific articles and six books. He has named more than 100 new species and writes a weekly feature on new species for *The Observer* newspaper in London. Wheeler holds bachelor, master's and Ph.D. degrees in entomology from The Ohio State University.

-continued-



Syracuse University Photo by Steve Sartori

Kent D. Syverud begins his tenure as the 12th Chancellor and President of Syracuse University January 13, 2014. Syverud has nearly two decades of experience in academic leadership at premier national universities. Syverud was the former dean of the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis and dean of Vanderbilt Law School prior to that. In these roles, he has worked on a broad spectrum of academic, diversity, fiscal, fundraising, human resources and strategic planning issues. Syverud was also on the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Law; an associate with the Washington, D.C., law firm of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering; and a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

A member of the American Law Institute and a fellow of the American Bar Foundation, Syverud served as chair of the Council of the American Bar Association's Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar. He also has served as president of the American Law Deans' Association, chair of the Board of the Law School Admission Council and president of the Southeastern Association of American Law Schools. He currently serves as one of two independent trustees of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Trust, a \$20 billion fund created to compensate victims of the 2010 BP oil spill. He has led several cross-sector partnerships, including a groundbreaking collaboration between Washington University and the Brookings Institution.



Kimberly Boynton has been appointed to serve as Chief Executive Officer of Crouse Hospital. Prior to her appointment, she had served as Chief Financial Officer since 2003. Boynton joined Crouse Hospital as a Financial Analyst in 1998, and was named Director of Finance in 2000 and Vice President of Finance in 2002. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Niagara University and a Master of Business Administration from Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management.

A Syracuse native, she is actively involved in the community, serving on the boards of the United Way of Central New York, Christian Brothers Academy, Catholic Charities, Elmcrest Children's Center and AAA of Western and Central New York. She also serves as board member for Rosewood Heights Health Center and Iroquois Nursing Home, and as an Advisory Board Member of First Niagara. A graduate of Leadership Greater Syracuse, Boynton is a past WTVH "Women in Leadership" honoree, MS Resources of CNY "Crusader for Care" award recipient and CNY Business Journal "Women in Business" honoree.

-continued-



Dr. Gregory L. Eastwood, who previously served as president of SUNY Upstate Medical University from 1993 to 2006, has been appointed Interim President. Dr. Eastwood is a University Professor, and in that capacity, he is a member of the Upstate faculty, teaching and pursuing scholarship in the Center for Bioethics and Humanities.

Following his departure from Upstate Medical University in 2006, Dr. Eastwood served as Interim President of Case Western Reserve University, where his term ended in July 2007. Dr. Eastwood also served as Director of the Inamori International Center for Ethics and Excellence and as an advisor to the new Case Western Reserve University president, until June 2008. Previously he was the Dean of the Medical College of Georgia from 1989 to 1992.



Dr. Mark Cattalani is currently the Acting Executive Director of both the Hutchings Psychiatric Center in Syracuse and the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center in Utica. Prior to joining Hutchings in July 2009 as Clinical Director, Dr. Cattalani was the Medical Director of the Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. He had also served as Special Assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and as Medical Director of Taunton State Hospital.

In addition to clinical administration he was also engaged in psychiatric clinical research and teaching at Harvard Medical School, the Harvard Longwood Psychiatry Residency Training Program and the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. Dr. Cattalani is certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in general psychiatry, with a subspecialty in forensic psychiatry. He received his medical degree from the Albany Medical College and completed residency training programs in Internal Medicine at Albany Medical Center, and in Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

###