



# Class Notes

## The College of Arts and Sciences

### New Arrivals

**Stacy M. Ciccolini** '01 B.A., Music Industry, and Michael Ciccolini, son — Justin Anthony Ciccolini, May 20, 2008

### Marriages

**Stephanie A. Horbal** '99 B.S., General Dietetics, '01 M.S., Education, and Damon J. Ott, June 30, 2007

**Marisa L. Sano** '05 M.A., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, and John D. Keegan, October 13, 2007

**Angela M. Silvestri** '04 M.S., Education, and Brent A. Weaver, July 29, 2007

### Deaths

**Gordon P. Courtmanche** '64 A.S., General Studies

**Cynthia A. Grabarek** '07 M.S., Education

### 1970s

Grantham, N.H. resident **William C. Bruce** '74 B.A., Political Science, has been appointed senior vice president of the global labor and employee relations practice area of ORC Worldwide, an international human resources consulting and management firm. Bruce brings 30 years of experience, most recently as counsel to the New York law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King, to his new position. He is also the former vice president of labor and employee relations

for United Technologies Corporation.

### 1980s

The paintings of **J. Bradford Johnson** '89 B.A., Interior Design, of Greenville, S.C., in his exhibit, "An American Landscape," will be on display at the gallery at Centre Stage — South Carolina. Johnson has been a full-time artist since 2004 working in small to medium-sized plein air landscapes and is a commissioned oil portraiture artist. He is a member of the Metropolitan Arts Council, Upstate Visual Arts and the Plein Air Artist Society of South Carolina.

### 1990s

**Ann S. Astarita** '92 M.S., Environmental Science, of Sandy

Hook, has joined the town of Newtown in a position charged with enforcing the town's wetlands rules. Astarita has worked as an environmental analyst in environmental science positions for the past 20 years, and as an environmental consultant to developers, governments, and institutions.

Millville, Del. resident **Joan F. Bennett** '94 B.A., Political Science, is serving on the Town Council of Millville. Bennett previously worked for more than 20 years in Connecticut town government.

**Michelle Williams** '96 M.S., Education, of Meriden, was named principal of Clover Street Elementary School in Windsor. Williams was previously vice principal at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, also in Windsor. Prior to her three years as a

vice principal, she worked in the Middletown school district as an instructional support teacher and a classroom teacher.

East Hampton resident **Mario J. Almeida** '98 M.S., Education, was selected as principal of Rocky Hill High School. Almeida began his education career as a social studies teacher in Manchester, then became assistant principal at Windham High School. Almeida was most recently an assistant principal at Manchester High School.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Connecticut Chapter has named **Jennifer Raccio** '98 M.S., Education, a former teacher in the North Haven school system, a 2008 MS Corporate Achiever. Raccio, a resident of Cheshire, is a member of the Cheshire

## Alumnus Named Teacher of the Year



Teaching requires patience, creativity and determination, and the Newington school system found those attributes in **Thomas Myler** '94 M.S., Education, a kindergarten teacher at the Elizabeth Green School in Newington. Myler was named Newington's Teacher of the Year for 2008-2009. "When I first applied to attend UNH back in 1993 to earn my master's in Elementary Education through the accelerated one-year master's program, little could I picture myself as an experienced teacher, and never was there a thought of Teacher of the Year," Myler says. "Being selected as the Teacher of the Year for my district is indeed an honor."



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Newcomers and Neighbors and director of Ways and Means.

## 2000s

**Nikki Palmieri** '06 M.S., Education, of North Haven, is a U.S. and world history teacher at Greens Farms Academy in Westport.

## The College of Business

## New Arrivals

**David M. Carlon** '93 B.S., Finance, and Nancy Carlon, daughter — Ava M. Carlon, March 12, 2008

**Joanne Fox** '77 A.S., Business Administration, son — Maddox William Fox, April 28, 2008

**Francis Otto** '96 B.S., Management of Sports Industries, B.S. Business Administration, and Dali Cordero, son — Kai Xavier Otto, May 12, 2008

**Megan L. Toy** '99 B.S., Communication, and Thomas Toy, daughter — Ana James Toy, May 20, 2008

## Marriages

Sharon M. Corriveau and **Benjamin M. Mercuri** '02 B.S., Business Administration, September 8, 2007

Barbara Palmer and **Christopher J. McLean** '06 M.B.A., December 29, 2007

## Deaths

**William C. Fers** '74 B.S., Business Administration

**Wayne J. McDonald** '90 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management

**Edward M. Neuweiler** '67 B.S., Business Administration

**Robert A. Palazzo** '78 M.B.A.

**Maryanne Romanytch** '02 B.S., Business Administration

**James J. Wilson Jr.** '57 B.S., Business Administration

## 1960s

**John C. Anquillare** '64 A.S., '66 B.S., Marketing, of West Haven, is the University of Bridgeport's head baseball coach.

Norwalk resident **Gary B. Liberatore** '67 B.S., Business Administration, was inducted into the Fairfield County Sports Hall of Fame.

## 1970s

**Raymond T. Siedlarz** '73 B.S., '75 M.P.A., of Tampa, Fla., retired from the Veterans Administration with 37 years of federal service. Siedlarz was honored at the White House for his leadership as a Senior Loan Executive to the Suncoast Chapter of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Folomena, a small, family-owned Italian restaurant in West Berlin, N.J., has named Voorhees, N.J., resident **Thomas A. Bonfiglio** '75 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, director of Catering.

Carpentersville, Ill., resident **Mark X. Dowling** '76 B.S., Hotel and Restaurant Management, is chairman of the Food Service Management Program at the College of Lake County. Dowling has a 40-year background as a chef and hospitality manager, most recently serving as vice

## A 'Gem' is Lost

**Heike Gehmacher** '05 M.S., an international graduate student who was one of the stars of the Tourism and Hospitality Management Program, died in a motorcycle accident in Germany this spring. Born July 30, 1968, she was a German native who made her mark on the UNH campus for her determination, friendliness and involvement with numerous programs at UNH, said Andrea Hogan, the director of the International Services Office and a friend. Associate Provost Ira Kleinfeld and Gehmacher also became friends when Dr. Kleinfeld needed someone to translate documents from Germany that he could not decipher. "She was a gem," he said.



president of Academic Affairs for Le Cordon Bleu Schools North America.

**Richard D. Gray** '77 M.B.A., of Cheshire, has been named vice president and chief financial officer of the University of Connecticut, including the Health Center in Farmington. Gray was executive director of the Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority for the past 12 years and has had a 36-year career in public finance, commercial lending, health care financial management and banking.

Tewksbury, Mass., resident **David C. Keniston** '77 M.P.A., is the business department manager for the Andover school department. Keniston served as business manager for the 3,200-student Marblehead public school district since 2004 and the Peabody public schools from 2002 to 2004. From 1999 to 2002, he was the director of financial operations for Franklin public schools.

## 1980s

Governor M. Jodi Rell has reappointed **Linda J. Yelmini** '81 M.B.A., of Glastonbury, as a member of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement Commission in the position of management trustee. Yelmini, the director of Labor Relations in the office of Policy and Management, has also served as commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services and as a deputy commissioner in the Department of Public Safety.

**Laureen G. Kennedy** '81 B.S., Marketing, '90 M.B.A., International Business, of Cheshire, is a realtor/relocation specialist with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in

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## David Morris, Marketing Professor, Dies

**Dr. David Morris**, 63, a professor of Marketing at the University, died April 25 while on a visit to Florida. An innovative poet, author and teacher who strived to connect poetry, stories, myths and fairy tales to marketing and business, he shared his



creativity with others on three websites, [www.marketingandstorytelling.com](http://www.marketingandstorytelling.com), [www.irishcelticpoetry.com](http://www.irishcelticpoetry.com) and [www.digitalinstructionaldesign.com](http://www.digitalinstructionaldesign.com). He received his Ph.D. in Instructional Design from Syracuse University in 1986, the year he arrived at the University of New Haven, and was a visiting professor in business schools

throughout the world, including the Ural Institute of Business in Russia, Cyprus College in Cyprus, Trinity College in Dublin, Yale and Syracuse universities.

A scholarship fund in David's name has been established as a way to preserve his memory at UNH. To meet the goal of endowing the fund in perpetuity, donations are gratefully encouraged by his family. Visit [www.newhaven.edu/supportunh/4842/](http://www.newhaven.edu/supportunh/4842/) to make a gift online or mail a check to 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven, CT 06516, Attn. Christopher Lukowski / Advancement Office. Checks should be made out to the University of New Haven – David Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Cheshire, serving New Haven County and Southington. Kennedy has been recognized as a member of the International Diamond Society for 2007.

Meriden resident **Richard Czaplinski** '83 B.S., Occupational Safety and Health Technology, was promoted to assistant director, Engineering at Guilford Specialty Group in Hartford.

**Paul A. Caiafa** '86 M.S., Taxation, of North Haven, has been appointed president of the Connecticut Estate and Tax Planning Council Inc. Caiafa, who has been a member of the council since 1988 and a board member since 2002, works for Solakian, Caiafa & Co. CPAs LLC in Hamden.

Former Orange first selectman **Mitchell R. Goldblatt** '86 M.B.A., has been named director of Human Resources for the Town of Guilford. Goldblatt is a member of the Orange Board of Selectmen, on which he has served for 15 years.

**Robert J. Wanzer** '86 E.M.B.A., of Dallas, Texas, is president and CEO of HomeTeam Pest Defense in Dallas.

Greenwich resident **Richard P. McStravick** '87 E.M.B.A., has been named mortgage loan officer at the Bank of New Canaan. McStravick has more than 30 years of experience in banking and lending, most recently as president and CEO of Sound Federal Savings in White Plains, N.Y.

**Harry J. Garafalo** '88 M.B.A., Computer and Information Science, owner and president of ShopRite of Milford, was inducted into the Connecticut Food Association Hall of Fame.

Gulfport, Miss., resident

**Kenneth B. Coleman** '88 B.S., Communication, was named vice president of Alabama Power's southern division. Coleman previously held management positions with Alabama Power and Southern Generation and was director of Business Development for Birmingham's Metropolitan Development Board.

## 1990s

**Matthew R. Robison** '90 M.B.A., Finance, of Middlebury, has joined the First National Bank of Litchfield as senior vice president, retail banking. With more than 15 years of retail banking experience, he was executive vice president, market manager and most recently executive vice president, regional executive at Sovereign Bank.

Weston, Fla., resident **Jeffrey R. Gold** '93 M.S., Health Care

Administration, '94 M.B.A., Health Care Management, accepted a position at the Blackmaple Group, LLC, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. as president and CEO. Gold was previously with Vista Healthplans, Inc. as senior vice president.

**Connie M. Grant** '94 Finance, of Charlotte, N.C., a Modern Woodmen of America representative, has attained the Fraternal Insurance Counsellor designation, earned by career life insurance representatives associated with fraternal insurance societies.

**Sandi J. Lane** '93 M.S., Health Care Administration, of Concord, N.C., has become a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Lane is currently program coordinator for the Health Services Leadership and Management Program at the Cabbarus College of Health Sciences.

**Francis Otto** '96 B.S., Management of Sport Industries of Tampa, Fla., the West Coast market manager for Jack Daniels, has



## White House Honors UNH Graduate

**Raymond T. Siedlarz** '73 B.S., '75 M.P.A., third from left in photo, was honored at the White House for his work as a senior loan executive for the Combined Federal Campaign, the federal equivalent of United Way. Siedlarz retired from the Veterans Administration after 37 years of service.



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## Hotel/Restaurant Alumnus Stokes a Red-Hot Career

For foodies who like to keep up with what's hip in the kitchen, Chef/Proprietor **John Platt** B.S. '90 Hotel and Restaurant Management, who owns the highly



successful restaurant, Q's, in the Hotel Boulderado in Boulder, Colo. and has achieved a following as a culinary innovator, lists his favorites on the restaurant's website:

**Favorite Tools:** "Excalibur" kitchen spoon, chef's knife, food mill

**Last Meal:** garden salad, chilled Wellfleet oysters on the half shell, char-grilled N.Y. steak with good bleu cheese, Sierra Nevada ale

**Most Influential Cooking Experience:** Opening team member for 5 Star, 5 Diamond Ritz Carlton Hotel in Laguna Beach, Calif.

**Rather Be:** Flyfishing, tending his organic garden

**Description of His Style:** Chef-crafted cuisine

**Who He'd Like to Dine With:** Thomas Jefferson, Jimi Hendrix

opened a sushi restaurant, Sip Sushi & Saki Lounge, on Davis Island in Tampa.

**Smira Bakshi** '94 M.B.A., International Business, of Glendale Heights, Ill., is manager of Marketing Integrated Communications for the L'Oreal Professional Products Division for care, style and texture. Bakshi joined L'Oreal in 1997 and is responsible for introducing L'Oreal Professionals and L'Oreal Professionnel Colour Trophy in India.

Hamden resident **June Han** '97 M.B.A., International Business, was named Marketing Communication manager at Gerber Scientific Products in South Windsor. Han began her career as a Marketing manager

trainee at Seton Identification Products and then as a Marketing specialist at Nyconn Data Systems before joining Zackin Publications in their Communications department as Marketing and Circulation manager.

The board of directors of Goodwill Industries of Western Connecticut has elected **Michael B. Murphy** '98 E.M.B.A., of Fairfield, as secretary. Murphy is vice president and general manager for Alinabal Inc.

Niantic resident **Robert B. Mills** '99 E.M.B.A., was named executive director at the Norwich Community Development Corp. Mills was previously Development director at the New London Development Corp.

## 2000s

Norwalk resident **Muhammed Ali Cinar** '02 M.B.A., International Business, accepted the position of Marketing manager, Western Europe, at Western Union in Montvale, N.J. Cinar was previously employed at Concord Industries as Marketing manager.

**Sabrina Failler** '02 B.S., Management of Sports Industries, of Laguna Hills, Calif., has joined the U.S. Olympic Committee with the Irvine, Calif., satellite office as executive assistant to the chief of International Relations.

Middlebury resident **Peter C. Greco** '05 M.B.A., joined Barnum Financial Group.

**Robert E. Post** '05 M.S., Health Care Administration, of Bristol, is administrator at Providence Care Center, in Lenox, Mass. Post was previously coordinator of Elderly Services with the Housing Authority of New Britain.

**Victor M. Diaz** '07 E.M.B.A., of Waterbury, is assistant city clerk of Waterbury. Diaz is also vice president of the Waterbury chapter of the NAACP, and a Connecticut representative to the Dominican-American National Roundtable.

The Tagliatela  
College  
of Engineering

## Deaths

**Fred R. Botte** '77 B.S., Electrical Engineering, '80 M.S., Computer and Information Science

**John Davie** '55 A.S., Engineering Science

**James J. Hays** '78 B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**Robert D. Iacozza** '70 B.S., Industrial Engineering

**John Martin**, professor, Civil Engineering

**John J. Schmitz** '91 B.S., Civil Engineering

**Edward P. Shortoff** '70 B.S., Electrical Engineering

## 1970s

**Anthony J. Picagli** '77 B.S., Electrical Engineering, '89, M.B.A., of Guilford, is a principal Electric System Maintenance engineer at United Illuminating in New Haven.

## 1980s

**Mohammad (Mike) A. Shehadeh** '83 B.S., Civil Engineering, has been appointed city manager of Homestead, Fla. A Miami resident, Shehadeh is a licensed Florida professional engineer and has accumulated more than 25 years of experience in both the private and public sectors. He was hired by the City of Homestead in 1994 as a civil engineer and has served the city in a number of positions.

Middletown resident **Robert T. Gallagher** '89 B.S., Electrical Engineering, '95 M.S., Electrical Engineering, was named vice president of Engineering for Communication Networks of Danbury (ComNet). Gallagher has more than 25 years of Electri-

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## DEATHS

### Two Board of Governors Emeriti

#### James Q. Benson

James Q. Benson, 94, of Madison, who served the University of New Haven as a member of the Board of Governors and as an emeritus board member for more than 30 years, died June 23. A UNH honorary degree recipient and graduate of Princeton University who was active in the Boy Scouts, the United Fund for Greater New Haven and the Princeton Alumni Association, he spent most of his career as a district sales manager at Bethlehem Steel.

#### Roland M. Bixler

Roland M. Bixler, 94, a devoted supporter of UNH and a member of the University's Board of Governors since 1946, died Aug. 30. He was chairman of the UNH board from 1950 to 1971, received an honorary doctorate in 1972, and was elected a governor emeritus in 1992. A prominent Connecticut business leader, he founded J-B-T Instruments Inc. and was active in numerous organizations.

cal Engineering and department management experience.

## 1990s

Naperville, Ill., resident **Victor M. Polanco** '93 B.S., Industrial Engineering, is chief operating officer at True Partners Consulting, a Chicago-based tax and business advisory firm. Polanco began his 22 year career in operations management at Mademoiselle Knitwear.

**Geoffrey A. Rego** '93 M.S., Computer and Information Science, is CEO and co-founder of Market2Lead, Inc. A resident of Cupertino, Calif., Rego previously led the technology build-out of the insurance lead generation platform at InsWeb. He has also held various management and architect roles at technology companies, including Oracle, Microsoft, Apple and Cisco Systems.

The Henry C. Lee  
College of Criminal Justice  
and Forensic Sciences

## New Arrivals

**Brian W. Severs** '03 B.S., Criminal Justice, and Colleen Severs, daughter — Taylor F. Severs, November 20, 2007

## Marriages

**Naseam Behrouzfar** '04 B.S., Criminal Justice, and Nelson Fonesca, September 8, 2007

Kelly Dischiavi and **Benjamin S. Keller** '04 B.S., Fire Science, September 1, 2007

Rebekah Guskiewicz and **Christopher Perez** '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, October 21, 2007

## Deaths

**Matthew H. Conlon Jr.** '91 M.S., Fire Science

**James P. Ernst** '72 B.S., Criminal Justice, '75 B.S., Business

## 1970s

Clinton resident **William L. Chapman** '71 B.S., Criminal Justice, retired from the Clinton Police Department. Chapman joined the department in 1970.

**Ronald G. Beliveau** '75 A.S., Criminal Justice, '99 B.S., Criminal Justice, a former Wilton Police Department captain, has been named manager of the Schenectady Campus Security and Fire Department for GE Energy. Beliveau, a Wynantskill, N.Y., resident, joined GE Energy in 2006 after serving five years as public safety director at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y. He also served with the Wilton Police Department for 25 years.

New Canaan resident **William D. Ferri** '76 B.S., Criminal Justice, is lieutenant of the New Canaan Police Department. Ferri has been with the department since 1967.

## 1980s

Windsor Locks resident **Edward J. Banasiak** '80 B.S., Forensic Science, '94 M.S., Forensic Science, retired after serving the Windsor Police Department for 31 years.

**Gary M. MacNamara** '88 B.S., Criminal Justice, '94 M.P.A., of Fairfield, was sworn in as deputy chief of the Fairfield Police Department. MacNamara has been with the department for more than 20 years, most recently as the administrative division captain.

Wallingford resident **Timothy S. Topulos** '89 B.S., Criminal Justice,

'00 M.S., Criminal Justice, is captain of the Meriden Police Department. Topulos has been with the department for 23 years.

## 1990s

Derby resident **Holly A. Wasilewski** '92 B.S., Criminal Justice, '94 M.S., Forensic Science, was promoted to lieutenant in the New Haven Police Department.

West Haven police chief **Ronald M. Quagliani** '93 B.S., Criminal Justice, '05 M.S., National Security and Public Safety, received the Distinguished Chiefs Award from the Police Commissioners Association of Connecticut. A lifelong resident of West Haven, Quagliani is a member of the West Haven Early Childhood Commission, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Executive Research Forum and the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association.

**Gerald S. Hanson** '97 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Waterbury, a six-year veteran of the Waterbury Police Department, was promoted to detective. Hanson is also a certified instructor for the state's Police Officer Standards and Training Council. He has created a girls high school basketball league that is operated by the Police Athletic League. It now has 125 members who compete regionally.

Sergeant **John J. Albanese** '99 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Waterbury, Oxford's resident trooper supervisor, was promoted to the rank of master sergeant. Albanese has been a state trooper since 1992, working in Bethany, New Haven, Waterbury and Bridgeport. He was promoted to sergeant in 2004 and assigned to Troop B in North Canaan.



## Class Notes

### 2000s

**Christopher J. Reed** '00 B.S., Fire Science Administration, is the new deputy chief of the Allington Fire Department. Reed, a resident of Madison, will also serve as fire marshal.

Brooklyn, N.Y. resident **Craig M. Cooley** '01 M.S., Forensic Science, is a staff attorney with the Innocence Project, a national group dedicated to exonerating wrongfully convicted defendants through DNA testing.

Hamden resident lieutenant **Burton V. Gifford** '01 B.S., Criminal Justice, has been elected president of the West Haven Police Union. Gifford, a 27-year veteran of the force, served as vice president and treasurer of the union before being elected president.

**Natasha M. Majeski** '02 B.S., Criminal Justice, of New Britain,

has joined the Drug Enforcement Administration in Hartford as secretary/investigative assistant. Speckman was previously security assistant at the Department of Defense, USAF.

Stone Ridge, N.Y. resident **Lisa M. Simpson** '05 B.S., Criminal Justice, presently on active duty with the 108 Training Command with the U.S. Army serving at Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey, Calif., was promoted to sergeant.

**Adam R. Pacheco** '06 B.S., Fire Science, of South Windsor, has joined the Ridgefield Fire Department.

**Adam Regnere** '08 B.S., Criminal Justice, of Putnam, who has begun training at the Connecticut Police Academy, will join the Colchester Police Department during the 2008 holiday season.



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### A Day at the Beach

Alumni, family and friends enjoyed a summer afternoon in July in Madison, Connecticut, at the beachfront home of UNH Alumna **Ida Etherington** '83 M.S., Industrial/Organizational Psychology, at the Annual Alumni Association Family BBQ & Beach Party.



## Class Notes

### John C. Martin, Who Founded Civil Engineering Program, Dies

**John C. Martin**, 82, a structural engineer and retired UNH professor of Civil Engineering, died June 9 from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He was a leader in the engineering field, educated at Yale, served in the Army Corps of Engineers, designed buildings, worked on the Titan missile, ran his own engineering firm, and eventually entered academic life as a professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University. He founded UNH's Department of Civil Engineering while continuing an active engineering practice. Memorial contributions may be sent to the John C. Martin Memorial Scholarship Fund, Advancement Office, c/o Timothy Stanton, University of New Haven, 300 Boston Post Road, West Haven CT., 06516.



### A R E M I N I S C E N C E

A letter from retired Professor Thomas Warner Jr., first dean of the Engineering Program at the University, who was moved to write after reading our story on the Concrete Canoe Club in the summer 2008 issue of the Alumni Magazine:



*It was the first or second senior class of Civil Engineering students who built the first concrete canoe under the direction of Professor John Martin, the first chairman of the Civil Engineering Department. When completed, the students took the canoe to Lake Phipps in West Haven to try it out. They asked John Martin to take a ride. He sat in the center of the canoe with two students doing the paddling. Then the students asked me to take a ride. I agreed but insisted on sitting in the back seat, paddling and steering the canoe. When we left the shore, there was a roar from the students, like, 'what is the dean doing?!'*

*The students that year (I think it was the mid-60s) entered a white-water race somewhere in northern New England and had quite an experience. First, the river rocks punched so many holes in the canoe that they had to go ashore for help. They found auto body cement at a local garage, patched the holes and re-entered the race. If my memory is correct, they finished first or second, but as they crossed the finish line the canoe sank. It is refreshing to remember the good experiences from my 35 years or so as a teacher and administrator at UNH.*

*Ormond Beach, Fla.*



**President Steven H. Kaplan and Dr. Henry C. Lee hosted alumni and their guests at a recent reception held at the Grand Hyatt in Taipei, Taiwan.**