

**BOLD
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BINGHAMTON**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY



BY THE NUMBERS

DOLLARS RAISED..... \$300,375

RECEIVED TO DATE \$204,760

NUMBER OF DONORS... 255

NUMBER OF GIFTS 179

BY CONSTITUENT

Alumni..... 61	Friends 41
Faculty/Staff/ Retirees..... 48	DAF 1
Parents..... 1	Foundations/ Corporate 27

Over her 20 years at the helm, President Lois B. DeFleur transformed Binghamton University into one of the finest public universities in the country. Her vision grounded the University in the local community while opening it up to the world.

To recognize her deep commitment to the University and the region and thank her for the extraordinary vision that has made Binghamton the internationally recognized University it is today, in April the campus community initiated the endowed **Lois B. DeFleur Faculty Prize for Academic Achievement**, which awards faculty members who work across disciplines and across boundaries on innovative topics affecting the international community. These numbers track the fund's success.

MEETING THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE

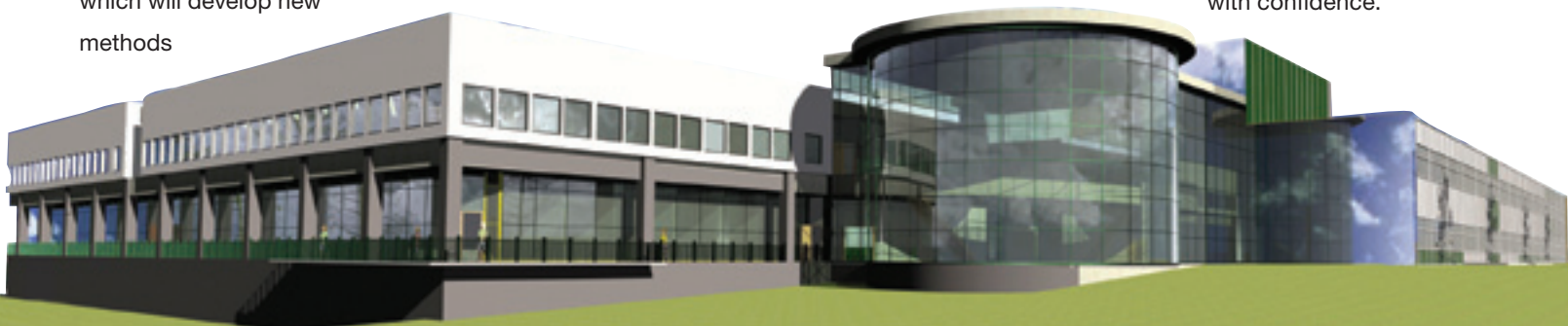
GARY KUNIS '73 HONORS HIS FATHER WHILE SUPPORTING THE WATSON SCHOOL'S GROWTH

The Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science is one of the fastest-growing engineering programs in the Northeast, with undergraduate enrollment increasing by over 30 percent in the last five years. To keep up with demand, Binghamton University is constructing a 125,000-square-foot Engineering and Science Building that will allow for expansion of engineering and computer science programs, and will spark innovation and regional growth through its suites for business start-ups and seven core state-of-the-art laboratories.

Earlier this year, Gary Kunis '73 honored his late father by donating \$500,000 to name the Seymour Kunis Media Core, which will develop new methods

of improving computer and network security. It was one of the many naming opportunities at various levels that will create endowments to fill the growing gap for equipment acquisition, leverage student excellence in research and academics, and enhance teaching quality and faculty retention.

“To ensure that the Watson School continues to grow and maintains a reputation for excellence, endowed funds are essential to strengthen our core, address new opportunities and ensure resources for strategic planning and innovation,” said Dean Hari Srihari. “This building, and generous donors like Mr. Kunis, will ensure that we can meet the challenges of the future with confidence.”



CELEBRATING THOSE WHO GOT US THIS FAR

THROUGH THE DEDICATION OF BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY'S COMMITTED SUPPORTERS, WE HAVE RAISED \$85.3 MILLION, WHICH IS NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF OUR GOAL. BUT THAT LEAVE ALMOST \$10 MILLION TO RAISE.

Thank you to all who have given their time, their talents and their treasure to bring us so close to our goal — we're nearly 90 percent there.

As of August 15, *Bold.Brilliant.Binghamton — The Campaign for Binghamton University* has received 70 gifts between \$50,000 and \$99,999, more than 50 gifts between \$100,000 and \$249,999, and 23 worth more than \$250,000 each.

These striking numbers show the strong enthusiasm Binghamton University's alumni and friends, people like you, have for providing an outstanding education to all with the desire and drive to better themselves and their lives, regardless of their economic situation. You have opened up access to a multitude of students by helping the Binghamton University Foundation establish and distribute thousands of scholarships since the



beginning of the *Bold.Brilliant.Binghamton Campaign*.

These students thank you. You have truly made a difference in their lives.

But we still have further to go. With less than two years remaining in the campaign, we have just under \$10 million yet to raise.

In this tough economic climate, fundraising can be challenging, but because of our supporters' commitment, our numbers continue to rise.

Please help us maintain our momentum as Binghamton University climbs its way to becoming the very best public university in the nation.

Paul Turovsky '73, *Campaign Chair*

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JOHN SMELCER

ENGLISH GRADUATE STUDENT IS ONE OF THE MOST PROLIFIC WRITERS IN THE PROGRAM'S HISTORY

With the recent printing of his novel *Edge of Nowhere*, John Smelcer now has more than 40 books published in just about every genre imaginable: poetry, fiction, movie scripts, television scripts and plays. ("I haven't written the romance, no Harlequins.")

Based loosely on a true story, his latest novel is about a young man who falls overboard from a commercial fishing boat during a storm in Prince William Sound, Alaska. Presumed drowned, he must make his way homeward, island by island, surviving off the land.

Smelcer knows Alaska well, growing up there with his grandmother in the Ahtna tribe, whose language is his lifelong passion — two of his books are dictionaries preserving the fading Ahtna and Alutiiq languages.

"I'm constantly expanding them," he says. "I go back and work with elders who still speak it, but none of them are very fluent and none of them can read or write it. As far as I know, I'm the last person in the world who can speak, read and write two native Alaska languages."

Smelcer came to Binghamton on a Clifford D. Clark Fellowship,



(which strives to increase participation of underrepresented minorities), two years after winning the school's national Milt Kessler Poetry Book Award for *Without Reservation*. Last year he received a graduate student award for research.

This year Smelcer is publishing three more books: *The Indian Prophet* (a bilingual poetry book), *Tracks* (poetry book), and *Alaskan*, a collection of short stories written over 28 years and edited in part by J. D. Salinger and James Michener.

EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENTS

July 1, 2005 – October 31, 2010

\$25,000,000 +

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\$5,000,000 - \$9,999,999

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\$1,000,000 - \$4,499,999

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\$86.1 MILLION RAISED / \$95 MILLION TOTAL GOAL

BINGHAMPTON

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