The History of the

Hofstra University

Graduates and Geology Club

(1939 – 2004)

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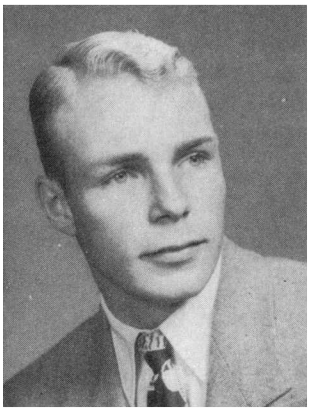
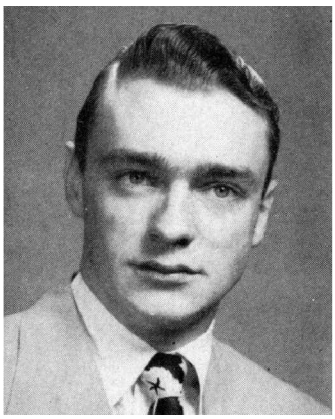
GRADUATES AND GEOLOGY CLUB

NEXUS YEARBOOK PICTURES

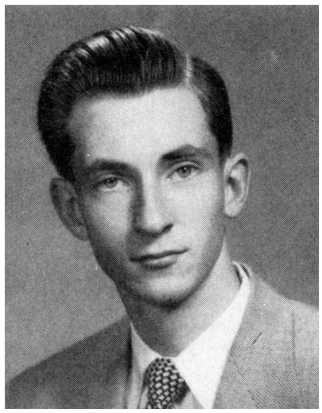
1939–1950 Yearbook has pictures of the graduates – but did not list degree or major.



Fred D. Eastty Jr., 1951.



William H. Kay, 1951.



Arthur S. Barnett, 1951.

Class of 1951, William H. Kay in 2003.

1951 Graduates
B.A., Biology–Geology (specialization) and B.A. Chemistry–Geology (specialization).
Fred D. Eastty, Jr., William H. Kay, and Arthur S. Barnett.

1952 Graduates (B.A. Biology–Geology)
Richard Mezer, Charles (Rosenthal) Rockwell, and Lynn Bogue Hunt.

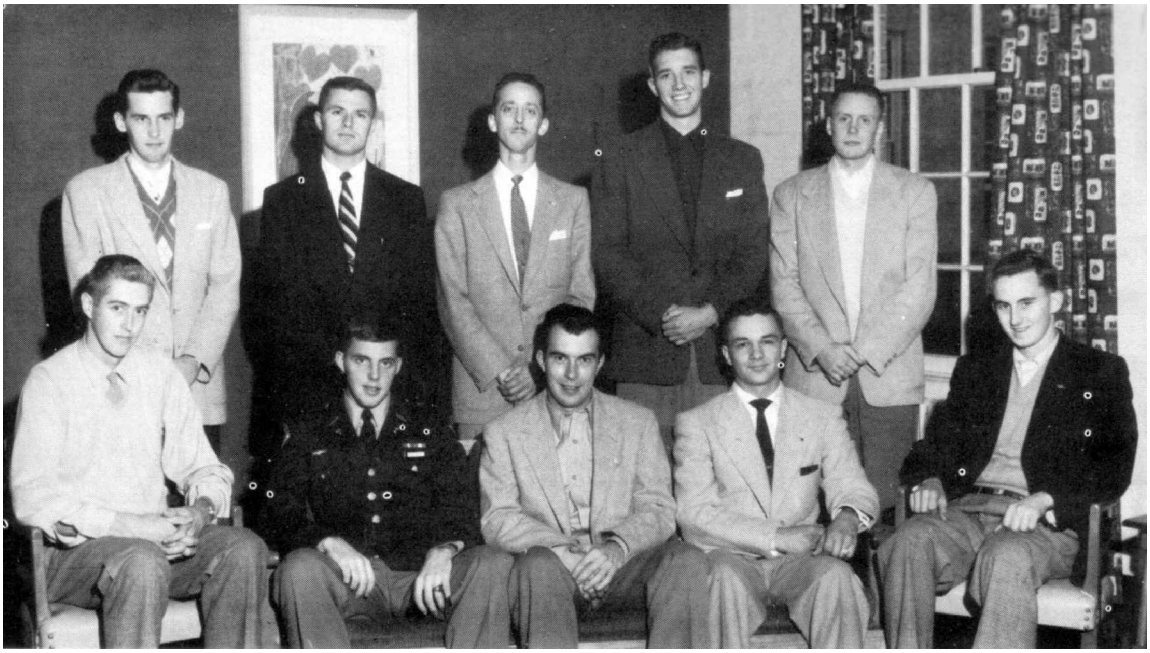
1953 Graduates (B.A., Biology–Geology)
William Beyer, William M. Kramer, Philip Casini, William P. Sander, Constantine Constant, John J. Tunney Jr., Ronald Cumella, Robert P. White.

B.A., Chemistry–Geology
Andrew A. Douglas and Robert D. Zaiser.

1954 Graduates (B.A., Biology–Geology)
Walter Boll, Gordon Hirt, Angelo Chiulli, and Walter Kuegel.

B.A., Chemistry–Geology
Thomas Arcoleo and Charles P. Smolski.

1955 Geology Club

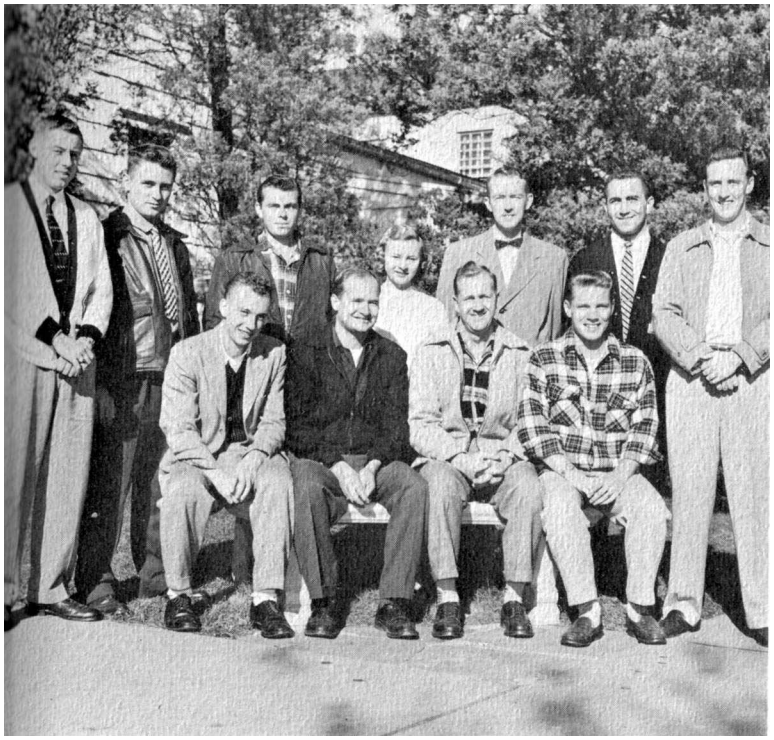


Second Row: W. Davis, B. Metz, Professor H. Revel, D. Bollwinkel, and D. Trimmer.
First Row: J. Dunne, G. Goller, E. Aleshin, and P. Anderson.

1955 Graduates (B.A., Biology–Geology and B.A., Chemistry–Geology)
Peter Anderson, Eugene Aleskin, William Davis III, Richard L. Fricklas, James A. Dunne, Alfred Milici, Walton C. Gagel, Joseph Seesney, Richard F. Goll Jr., Donald A. Trimmer, Gilbert F. Goller , Edward P. Riker, and Laurence M. Stuts.

1956 Graduates (B.A., Biology–Geology)
Donald Bollwinkel, Robert Collins, W. Jerald Bustard, and William Elfstrom.

1957 Geology Club



Second Row: W. Gamble, R. Lipp, H. Prostka, N. Prajmovsky, W. Finn, J. Pontrello, and A. Kellar.
First Row: J. Nugent, R. Williams, K. Knepple, and W. Teasdale.

1957 Graduates (B.A. – Geology)
Ralph Martin and James Nugent.

B.A., Biology–Geology
Roger J. Williams.

B.A., Chemistry–Geology
Harold Protska.

1958 Geology Club

Second Row: R. Nugent, B. Beckmann, R. Beckmann, G. Carpenter, F. Durham, W. Gamble, J. McGrath, and W. Finn.
First Row: F. DeLuca, C. Bunting, N. Prajmovsky, W. Teasdale, and J. Mushallo.

1958 Graduates (B.A. – Geology)
Robert Nugent, Benjamin Beckmann, Natalia Prajmovsky* (Secretary), Charles D. Curtis, Philip Saint Pierre, Walter Gamble (Vice Pres.), Warren Teasdale (President), Isabelle Geller*, and Bellemere W. Wodiuk*. *Note: * first female geology majors.*

B.A., Geology–Biology
Glen Carpenter

1959 Graduates (Geology)
David Bayer – B.S.
B.A. Biology–Geology
Arthur Bloomfield, Jan Arthur L'Hommedieu, Frank DeLuca.
B.S./B.A. Chemistry–Geology
Manfred Kehlenbeck, Anthony J. Broullon, John M. Mushallo, Sigmund J. Haber, Elliot Paisner, and Nelson R. Raimondo.

1959 Geology Club

Fourth Row: M. Bellofatto, L. Andrews, P. Buttner, F. Geier, O. Perry, C. Bunting, Professor F. Durham.
Third Row: J.Fitzgerald, B. Raiomondo, M. Katzman, G. Maurer, B. Van Name.
Second Row: B. Vaughn, G. Kolasa, J. Mushallo, E. Hagenson.
First Row: F. Wolff, F. Kehlenbeck, F. DeLuca, D. Bayer, A. Bloomfield.

1960 Geology Club

Second Row: F. Geier, C. Brown, J. Fitzgerald, R. Hippner, J. Scully, Dr. L. Andrews.
First Row: J. Turberg, M. Katzman, F. Wolff.

1960 Geology Graduates
Peter J. Buttner – B.S., William B. Ludman – B.A., James M. Fitzgerald – B.A., Warren G. Nelson – B.A.

1961 Geology Club

First Row: Professor F. Durham, N. Reicher, J. Turberg, G. Collins, C. Brown, J. Kort, D. Hannon.
Seated: F. Wolff, M. Katzman, I. Krepp, R. Paulson, R. Rom.

1961 Graduates
Joel E. Adler – B.A., Neil Reicher – B.A., James Carey – B.A., James T. Scully – B.A., Fred M. Geier – B.A., Joseph R. Turberg Jr. – B.S., Richard C. Hippner – B.A., Robert D. Turner – B.S., Michael M. Katzman – B.A., Manfred (Fred) Wolff – B.S.

1962 Graduates
Warren C. Forbes – B.S., Richard W. Paulson – B.S., Donald Hannon – B.A., Richard Rom – B.A., James W. Miranda – B.A.

1963 Graduates
Conrad Brown – B.A., John Hickey – B.A., Gilbert Collins – B.A., Jack Kort – B.A., Steve Ragone – B.A.

1964 Graduates
Ronald Collins – B.A., Randall Neeb – B.A., James T. Francis – B.A., Neil F. Petersen – B.A.

1965 Graduates
James P. Collins – B.A., William A. Mulligan* – B.A., John Millettt* – B.A., Donald Richardson – B.A.

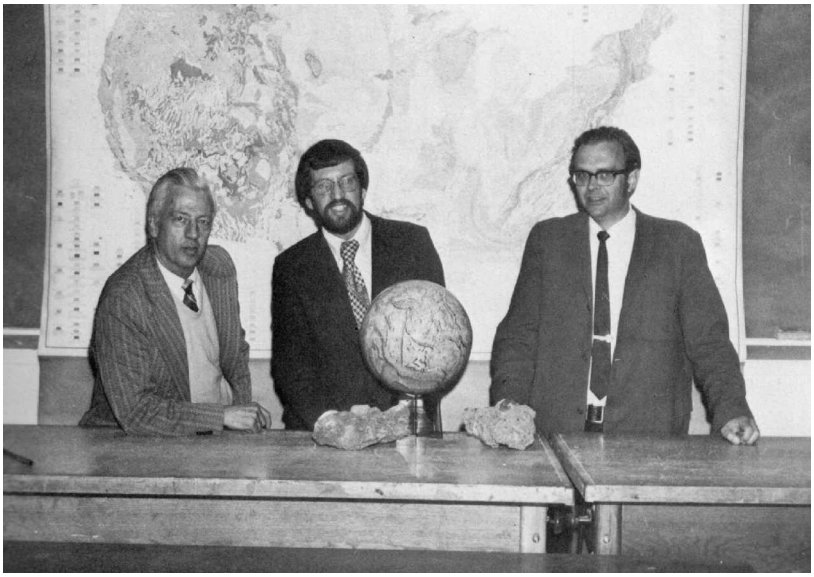
**** Start of Sydney A. Mayer Award for outstanding senior, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Rene Mayer. The Mayer Award was initiated in memory of their son who died of leukemia while he was a geology major at Hofstra.***

1966 Graduates
Leonard Konikow*– B.A., Richard Van Brederode.

1967 Graduates
Peter Beichman – B.A., Joseph O'Connor B.A., Fred Brunnemer – B.A., Neil Pearce – B.A., Joseph Harding – B.A., Laurence Ripak – B.S., John Lawther* – B.A., David Shamash – B.A., Philip Miller (Geol. – Biol.) – B.A., Douglas Wicks – B.A.

1968 Graduates
Barry Bruderer – B.A., Thomas Lochen – B.A., Ingrid Carlson – B.A., Thomas Pelligrini* – B.A., Thomas Gilligan – B.A., Alan Skelly – B.A., Michael Landau – B.A.

1969 Graduates
Lawrence Cassar – B.A., Joel Greenberg – B.A., Steven F. Durham – B.A., Alden Gunther* – B.A., Clifford Giles – B.A., Frank Lorenzo* – B.A.



Forrest and Steven Durham and Dr. Fred Wolff. Steven Durham graduated in 1969 and taught at Hofstra one semester. Photo taken 1971.

1970 Graduates
Gioia Armenia* – B.A., Neil Sachs – B.A., Richard Kemplar – B.A., Robert Scaringe – B.A., Gerald Kuslansky* – B.S., Robert Theesfield – B.A.

1971 Graduates
Ronald Block – B.A., Jan Shenda – B.A., Edwin L. Phillips – B.A.**, Michael Wolfert* – B.A.
*** first black Hofstra geology major.*

1972 Graduates
Kenneth Benz – B.A., George Dixon – B.A., Harold Corley – B.A., Robert Gordon – B.A., Lawrence Dittrich – B.A.

1973 Graduates
William Bard – B.A., Paul Lipinski* B.A., Dennis Damaso – B.A., Frank Lyman – B.A., Margaret Miller – B.A.

1974 Geology Club

Second Row: Dr. Fred Wolff; Dave Peterson (President); Rosemary Hickey (Secretary), Judy Gospodarec, Vincent Lauvetela, William Johnson (Vice–president), Pat Boesen. First Row: Gilbert Kruse, Christine Anderson, Margaret Johnson (Treasurer), Steve Dittrich.

1974 Graduates
Joseph Cupo* – B.A., Frank Sardone* – B.A. (* Both were named for Sidney A. Mayer Award.)

1975 Geology Club

Second row: Frank Sardone ('74), H. Steve Dittrich, Linda Marasco, Gil Kruse, Tod Wexler, Bill O'Brian.
First Row: Dr. Fred Wolff, Margaret Johnson, Christine Anderson, Pat Boesen.

1975 Graduates
Harold (Steve) Dittrich – B.A., William Johnson – B.A., Judy Gospoderic – B.S., David Peterson – B.A. , Margaret Johnson – B.A.

1976 Graduates
Jeffrey Fenton – B.S., Richard Mollenhauer – B.A., Gilbert Kruse – B.S.; Linda Marasco – B.A.

1976 Geology Club

Back row: Bill Risberg and Terry Brennan.
Second Row: Dr. Fred Wolff, Bill O'Brian, Larry Oliva, Christine Anderson, Linda Marasco, Rosemary Hickey, Margaret Johnson, Dr. Dennis Radcliffe.
Kneeling: Gary Beck, Gil Stankovics, Richard Smath.

1977 Graduates
Christine Anderson* – B.S., Rosemary Hickey* B.S.,Terrance Brennan – B.S., John Kenny – B.A., Stephanie Drake – B.A., Lawrence Oliva – B.A., Linda Goldstein – B.A., Richard Smath – B.A.

1978 Graduates
Connie A. DePrado – B.S., William A. Risberg – B.A., Dino Gianatos – B.S., Barry Rava* – B.S., Fred M. Hoffman III – B.A., Edward Sidel – B.A., Robert Linker – B.A., Gilbert Stankovics – B.A., Karen Lau – B.A., Peter Walsh – B.A., William O'Brien – B.S., Steven Zaionz – B.A.

1979 Geology Club

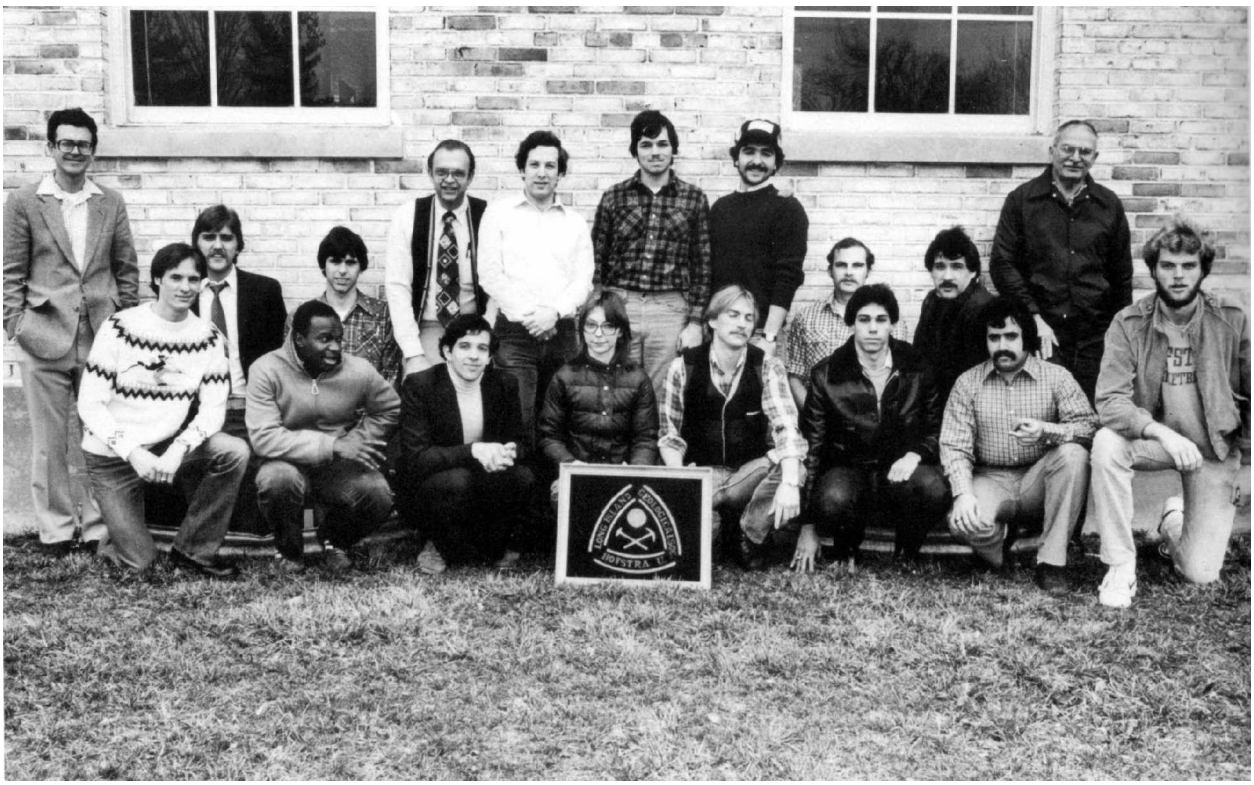
Third Row: Dr. Dennis Radcliffe, Al Lukas, Thomas Fleming, Thierry DeCourt, Gary Connellan, Michael Gartner, Noelle Grande, Carlo Rainone, Dr. Fred Wolff.
Second Row: Sergio Smiriglio, Altan Gulu(moglu), Blaine Fresco, Leo Matthews, (Vice–president), Rudy Esquivar, Tom Dowdican, Michael Pokalsky.
First Row: Jay Plotkin, Jack Sullivan (treasurer), Cyndy Kinch (President), Shay Silvestri (Secretary).

1979 Graduates
Gary Connellan – B.A., Allen Lukas – B.A., Ethan Enzer – B.A.Thomas Moon – B.A., Rodolfo J. Esquivar – B.S., Michael Pokalsky – B.A., Thomas Fleming – B.A., Sergio Smiriglio – B.S., Michael B. Gartner – B.S., John J. Sullivan – B.S., Cynthia D. Kinch – B.S.

1980 Graduates
Gary Beck – B.S., Leo Matthews* – B.S., Thierry DeCourt – B.A., Shay Sylvestri – B.S., Blaine A. Fresco – B.S., Daniel Sullivan – B.S., John Lyon – B.S., Robert Zoller – B.A.

1981 Graduates
Robert Boiko – B.S., David T. Jacobs Jr. – B.S., Thomas Dowdican – B.A., James Masi – B.A., Mark Fisher – B.A., Mary Jane Nesfield – B.A., Noelle Grande – B.A., Jay Plotkin – B.A., George Ioannides* – B.S., Douglas Swanson – B.S., Gina Teuchler – B.A.

1981 Geology Club



Back Row: Dr. Dennis Radcliffe, Joe McAndrew, Tom Dowdican, Dr. Fred Wolff, Mike Raffoni, Dave Rogo, Altan Gulumoglu, Mark Fischer, Dave Jacobs, and Harvey Gottfried (PIER student).
First Row: Bob Boiko, Chidi Amadi, George Ioannides, Mary Nesfield, Neil O'Halloran, Mike Noto, Peter Carucci, Doug Swanson.

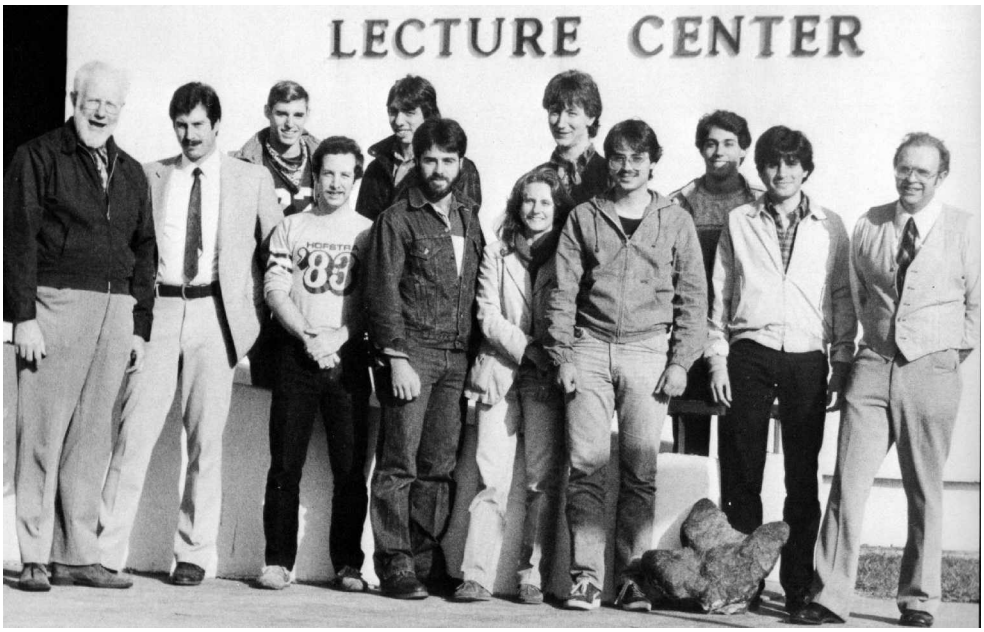
1982 Graduates
Peter Carucci – B.A., Christopher Maieli – B.S., Lawrence Connally B.A., Joseph McAndrew – B.A., Altan R. Gulumoglu – B.S., John McNamara – B.A., Jon Hay – B.A.Jean Nealon* B.S., John (Mike) Lipetri – B.A., Neil O'Halloran – B.A., Thomas Lonergan – B.S., David W. Rogo – B.S.

1983 Graduates
John Behrendt – B.S., Michael Noto – B.S., Joseph Boccuzzi – B.A., Michael Raffoni – B.S., Joseph Duminuco – B.S., Elizabeth Riggs – B.A., Richard Eliazarian – B.S., Diane Warner – B.S.

1982 Geology Club

Back Row: Richard Eliazarian, David Rogo, Chris Maieli, Mike Lipetri, Dr. Fred Wolff.
Front Row: Neil O'Halloran, Jean Nealon, Peter Carucci.

1983 Geology Club



Back Row: Bob Marcinkowski, Joe Duminuco, John Behrendt, Mike Noto.
Front Row: Dr. Harold Roellig, Dr. Charles Merguerian, Mike Raffoni, Joe Boccuzzi, Diane Warner, Mark Vetter, Richard Eliazarian, Dr. Fred Wolff.

1984 Graduates
Richard Caputo – B.S., Robert Marcinkowski – B.A., Curt Duval – B.S., Maurice Scalisi – B.S., Cynthia B. Hall* – B.S., Richard Serio – B.A., James Henigman – B.A., Scott Van Valen – B.S., Bernard Mancuso* – B.S., Mark Vetter* – B.S.

(Department had 3 Sydney A. Mayer award winners this year!).

1984 Geology Club

Back Row: Dr. Fred Wolff, Robert Marcinkowski, Nancy Hartig, Bernard Mancuso, ?, ?, Professor Michael Sichko, Curt Duval, Wayne Kempski.
Second Row: ?, Ann Romeo, Cynthia B. Hall, Steve Carballeiria, ?, Jeanine Lancer, Scott Van Valen, Dr. Charles Merguerian.
Front Row: Mark Vetter, Maurice Scalisi.

1985 Graduates
Steve Carballeira* – B.S., Jeanine Lancer – B.A., Susan Harbor – B.A., Wayne Kempski – B.A., Mikel Smith – B.A.

1985 Geology Club

Back row: Wayne Kempski, Jerry Hnot, Steven Muller.
Front Row: Dave Lorthioir, Nancy Hartig, Steve Carballeira, Marian Volpe, Steve York.

1986 Graduates
Gerald Hnot – B.S., Ann Romeo* – B.S., Marian Volpe – B.S.

1987 Graduates
Peter Dermody – B.S., Andrew D. Lange – B.A., David Jacobs Jr. – B.S., Stephen York – B.A., Raymond Kucklinca – B.S., Fred Stumm* – B.S., Nancy J. Hartig* – B.S.
(* = Sidney A. Mayer Award Winners)

1986 Geology Club

Back Row: Chris Yeager, Dr. Charles Merguerian, Nancy Hartig, Fred Stumm.
Front Row: Jerry Hnot, Steven Muller, Ann Romeo, Joe Sasso, Steve York.

1988 Graduates
Wesley Boberg* – B.S., Brian Hughs – B.A., Rober Carvalho – B.A., Eric Johnson – B.A., Vincent Grassi – B.S., Christopher Yeager – B.A.

1989 Graduates
David Patton – B.A.

1990 Graduates
Kevin Higgens* – B.S., Rowan Sarju – B.A., Brennan Jordan* – B.S., Nancy Valentine – B.S.

1991 Graduates *(Note: the type of degree (B.A., B.S. B.B.A.) granted is no longer listed in the yearbook!)*
Patti Gentiluomo*, Monica Lechmanski , Philip Sherman.

1992 Graduates
Richard Bova, Charles Salomon, Diana Freda*, Donna Swicker*, Paul Hosek, Gail Vitale, David Lorthioir, Bernard Zsikla, Joseph Muscarella.

1993 Graduates
Paul Gruosso, Phillip Simone, Kevin Jablow, Yvonne Sherwood, Christopher Morris, Joanne Thissen*.

1994 Graduates
Cicelia Acevedo, Terri D'Elia, Micheal Baetens, Debra Herzfeld, Steven Crane.

1995 Graduates
William Corbett, Steven Salembier, Richard Styzer.

1996 Graduates
Peter Aievoli, Matthew Laux, Kathryn Carbone, Laura Panos, Tania Eshaghoft, Edward Reiman, Robert Gerbracht, Danielle Schmitt*, Jeanette Gizze, Christine Tappen, Christopher Johnke, Robert Vincenti.

1996 Geology Club

Very Back: Christopher Johnke, Kathleen Currington.
Back Row: Kathryn Carbone, Steve Salembier, Nancy Forsberg.
Front Row: Michael Engleman, Ellie Verdi, Danielle Schmitt, Edward Reiman, Drs. Bret Bennington and Charles Merguerian.
Front: Robert Vincenti.

1997 Graduates
Kathleen Currington, Michael Engleman, Dereeka Gascott, Deirdre Insalaco*, Bradley Kane, Jessica Levine, Karel Young.

1997 Geology Club

Standing: Patty Aluskewicz, Dr. J Bret Bennington.
Seated: Dr. Charles Merguerian, Kathleen Currington, Jennifer Mulvey, Jessica Levine, Jessica Miller, Nancy Forsberg, Elli Verdi, Kathy Schwager.

1998 Graduates
Vasilios Apostolou, Steven Roth, Orlando D'aniello, Kathy Schwager*, Danielle Knecht, Ellie Verdi*, Jennifer Mulvey.

1999 Graduates
Patricia Aluskewicz*, Brian Feely, Jason Canouse, Jessica Miller, Adam Demaine, Miron Yaghoubi.

2000 Graduates
Kathryn Benzenberg, Shawn Healey, Nancy Forsberg* , Lauren Kosmij, Tyrand Fuller, Daniel Lee, John Gangi, Erin Goelz, Lauren Kosmij, Michael Leone, Harry Gialvalis, James Magda, Lesley Short, Jeanette Greenidge*, Stephen Tauss, Christine Tyrell.

All Five Sydney A. Mayer Award Recipients, 2000.

2001 Graduates
James Bonelli, Candice Falk, Christopher Grosser, Linda Katz, Robert Marino, Conor McDonough, Crystal Pearl*, Joseph Sakellis.

2002 Graduates
Marc Bieler, Kimberley Coke, Adina Hakimian*, Karen Krajenke, Kevin Nohejl, Coleen Osborne, Philip Rutkowski.

2003 Graduates
Tanya Abela*, Alana Brannon*, Rich Chlystun, Andrew Falco, Celina Pena.

2004 Graduates

2002 Geology Club

Back Row – Dr. Merguerian, Alana Brannon, Rich Chlystun, Ken Ulrich, Dr. Bennington, Frank Boccabella, Christine Mauriello, Dr. Radcliffe.
Front Row – Celina Pena, Jennifer Dunn, Karen Krajanke, Tanya Abela, Britt Wenzel.

2003 Geology Club

Back Row – Andrew Falco (Legacy), John Bigowski, Frank Boccabella, Dr. Wolff, Tim Firth, Jennifer Dunn, Tanya Abela, Waseem Dean, Ken Ullrich, Dr. Radcliffe, Meaghan Baldwin, T.J. Cirina, Sara Babyatsky.
Front Row – Andrew McCauley, Alana Brannon, Dr. Bennington, Andrew Lentini, Nidia Vaz.

Ms. Alana Brannon (L) and Tanya Abela (R), Sydney A. Mayer Award Recipients, 2003.

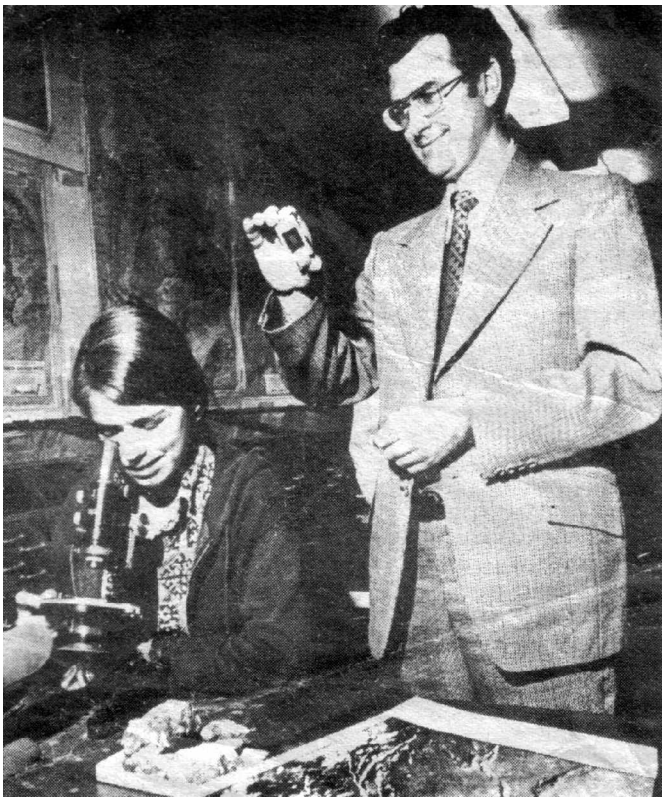
2004 Geology Club

From L to R - Theresa Moriarty, Meaghan Baldwin, Andrew McCauley, Dr. Bennington, Michael Sperduto, Andrew (Vito) Lentini, Sara Babyatsky, Tim Firth, Tracy Bispham, John Bigowski, Dr. Radcliffe, Dr. Wolff, Elisabeth Donovan, Dan Rubin, Dan Hoffman, and Dr. Merguerian.

GRADUATES AND CLUB IMAGE ALBUM

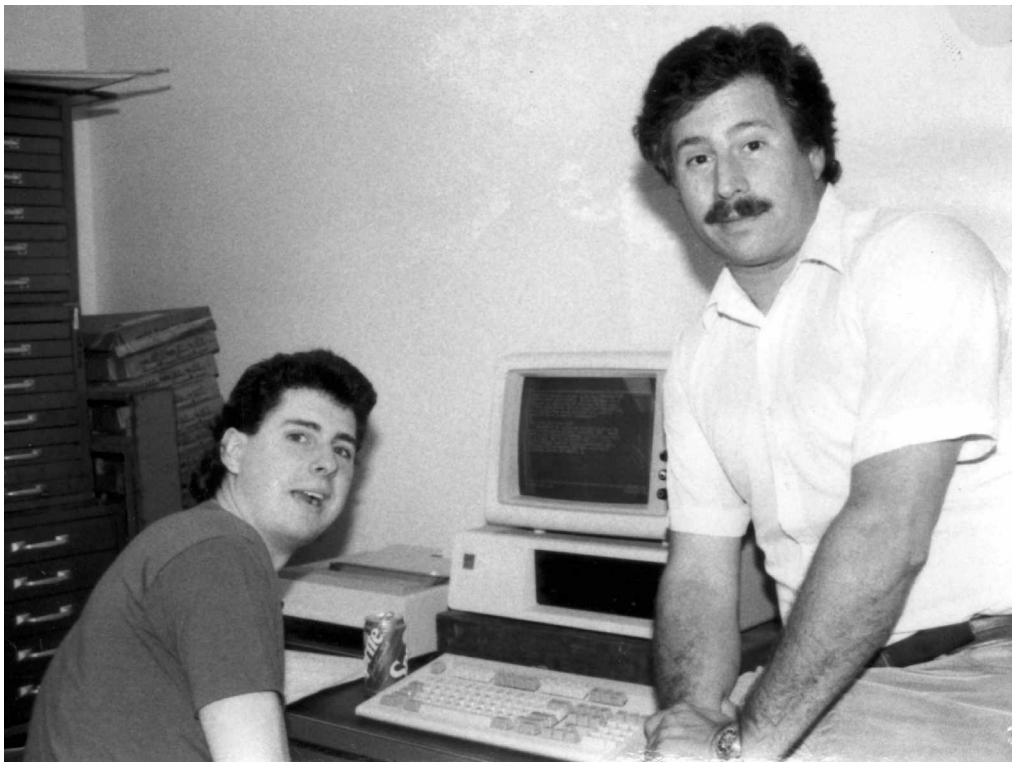
Establishing a Tradition for Hofstra Geology Field Trips, Dr. Forrest Durham (R), 1959.

Have Field Vehicle – Will Travel, Dr. Forrest Durham (R), 1960.



Dr. Radcliffe (Standing with Lunar Rock Thin Section) Directing Petrographic Study for Rosemary Hickey, 1975. Professor Hickey is Presently Professor of Geology at Florida International University in Miami.

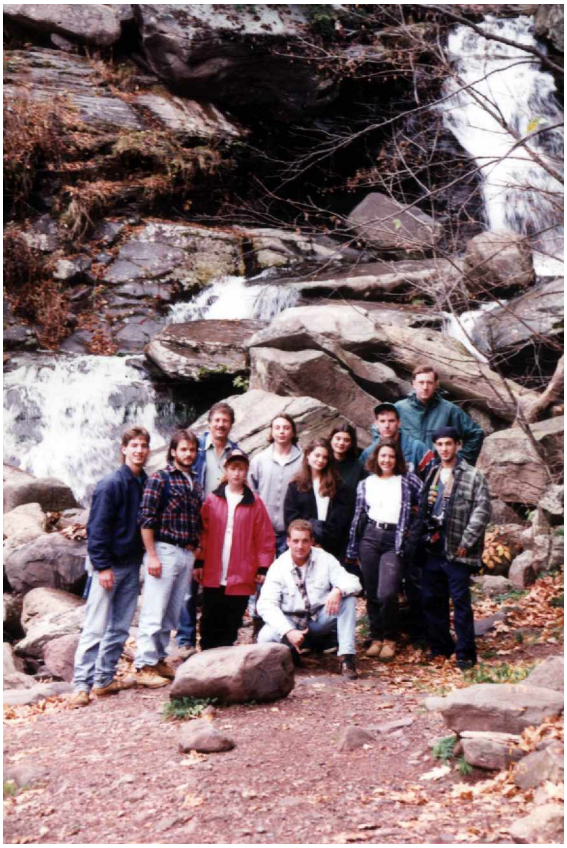
The Legendary Camp Singewald Field Trip, 1987.



Our First, New 4.77 MHz IBM XT Computer Arrives - We Are Enlightened. Former Club President Kevin Higgins (L) with Dr. Merguerian, 1988.

Structure Fieldtrip to Western Connecticut, 1989.

Geology 2C Fieldtrip to Catskill Escarpment, 1990.



Catskill Field Trip, 1994.

Holiday Party 1995.

Picnic at Eisenhower Park, 1996.

Selling Trading Cards for the Geology Club Fund Raiser, 1996.

Cartography, Spring 1997.

Rainy Day in the Field, Western Connecticut, 1998.

Utica Fossil Trip, 1999.

Geology Faculty and Students in the Queens Water Tunnel, 1999.

Geology 151 Trip to Port Jervis, 2000.

Catskill Fieldtrip, Spring 2000.

Mineral Collecting Trip to Connecticut, 2000.

Geology 1C Students Learning - On The Rocks, 2000.

Geology Majors in the Hofstra Computer Lab, 2000.

Taconic Field Trip, 2001.

Cave Trip with Dr. Bennington, Fall 2001.

Dr. Radcliffe Opening Gifts at the Geology Holiday Party, 2002.

Wild, exotic, Baseless Theories on a 1C Field Trip with Drs. Nehru and Merguerian, 2002.

Helderberg Escarpment Trip, Fall 2003.

We hope that all Hofstra students will enjoy this volume on Hofstra Graduates and the Geology Club. This compilation is the direct result of lots of hard work by Dr. Fred Wolff in his retirement year (2004). Dr. Merguerian took over the task of putting the document into computer format and will continue to edit and update the history on a yearly basis. Please keep in touch with us by email or mail. Let us know what you are doing these days. We are planning an Alumni Book and need pictures, stories, etc. We apologize in advance for any spelling errors in names or any incorrect dates. We will be happy to correct this for the web edition and for the full color Acrobat file (.pdf) that you can download from our website for color printing: http://www.hofstra.edu/Academics/HCLAS/Geology/index_Geology.cfm

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