Founders Day to focus on humanities

Laura Skandera Trombley, president of Pitzer College and a nationally recognized champion of liberal arts education, will deliver the keynote address at Founders Day on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 1 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. All are invited to the event, which commemorates the 220th anniversary of the College’s charter. Trombley, whose visit coincides with the recent opening of Karp Hall, will talk on “The Enduring Value of the Humanities.”

Karp Hall draws high praise
The opening of Karp Hall, the renovated former Humanities Building, represents a renaissance of sorts for one of Union’s most heavily used academic buildings. Judith Lewin, chair of English, may have summed it up best: “Karp is a coup.” For more, visit here.

College’s economic impact nearly $300 million
The College contributed $298.7 million to the Capital Region economy in 2013. This included $20.5 million its 2,200 students and thousands of visitors annually to the College generated, according to the analysis done by the Center for Governmental Research. (Photo: Schenectady at night by Brian J. Moak)

Third period outburst earns men's hockey the Mayor's Cup
A third-period six-goal outburst capped an 8-3 Union win over RPI in the Mayor’s Cup at Albany’s Times Union Center on Jan. 24. A crowd of nearly 9,000 turned out for the “Route 7 Rivalry” and Union’s second win in the third year of the popular matchup.

**Black History Month to feature lectures, films, discussions**

The calendar of events for [Black History Month](#) in February runs the gamut from a screening and discussion of the new film, “Selma,” to a talk on “The Intersections of Leadership, Identity and Diversity” by Robert Kelly, chief of staff, to a talk on the Civil Rights movement by Prof. Melinda Lawson. In between, we’ll celebrate Hip Hop and Motown.

**Tim Olsen releases CD**

Tim Olsen, associate professor of music, has released a CD, “Creature of Habit,” that features nine of his original jazz compositions performed by a six-piece band. Among his many area performances, the Tim Olsen Band is to perform Monday, Feb. 23, at 5 p.m. in the Taylor Music Center. For more on Olsen’s CD, visit [www.planetarts.org](http://www.planetarts.org).

**Still time to register; represent your company at Union**
For the strategic employer, the Union College Career Fair (Feb. 17) is a great way to connect with bright students who can become a valuable source of future talent. Interested alumni should contact Rochelle Caruso (carusor@union.edu) for details. Also, contact Rochelle to post jobs or internships for Union students.

Athletic Hall of Fame nominations due
Nominations for the Union College Athletics Hall of Fame are being accepted, and nominees for the Class of 2015 will be accepted until March 1. You can nominate conveniently online at UnionAthletics.com, direct links follow. 
Nominate an Individual here.
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Alumni in the News

With Letterman visit, Schwartz ’03 back on old turf

Ben Schwartz ’03, star of “Parks and Recreation” and “House of Lies,” recently returned to his show business start: the Late Show with David Letterman. Schwartz was a guest 11 years after he began as a page and freelance joke writer for Letterman. For more, visit Schwartz’s website.

Horn ’89 cited by DA association

Christopher D. Horn ’89 received the 2015 Robert M. Morgenthau Award from the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY). Horn, an assistant district attorney for Albany County, was given the prestigious award at DAASNY’s annual Winter Conference.

Jooris off to strong start with NHL’s Flames

Josh Jooris ’14, a center for the Calgary Flames, has scored 10 goals in the first 33 games of his NHL career.