

## UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

# Provost Position Is Restructured

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ON JUNE 14, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVED a restructuring of the provost's position and two new appointments recommended by President Joel Seligman following Provost Ralph Kuncel's appointment as president of the University of Redlands (see page 9).

Peter Lennie, currently Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering, will become provost and dean of the faculty of AS&E, and Rob Clark, currently dean of the Edmund A. Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will become interim senior vice president for research, both appointments effective with Kuncel's departure, Seligman said.

"This new structure will more effectively address the provost's role in our decentralized university governance model as well as the ongoing expansion of the research side of the Office of the Provost," Seligman said. "It will simplify and clarify responsibility, reduce an administrative level, and achieve some synergies by combining the provost's academic functions and the position of dean of the faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering and by creating a senior vice president to oversee the expanding responsibilities for research."

As provost and Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of AS&E, Lennie will oversee the School of Arts and Sciences, the Hajim School, the College, River Campus Libraries, the Memorial Art Gallery, the Office of University Graduate Studies, and the University of Rochester Press.

He will also have responsibility for accreditation, institutional research, University Health Service, the University Intercrossers, the Deans Council, academic and multidisciplinary awards, and the



**PROVOST:** Peter Lennie, who has led Arts, Sciences & Engineering since 2006, will become Rochester's new provost.



**NEW VP:** Rob Clark, dean of the Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, will become interim senior VP for research.

Deans Committee on Administrative Practices, and he will staff the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.

"The definition of responsibilities recognizes that the redefined provost position amplifies the position of dean of the faculty of AS&E," Seligman said.

Schools outside of AS&E that currently report to the provost on formal academic issues such as tenure and promotion (including the Eastman School of Music, Simon School of Business, and Warner School of Education) will continue to do so.

The units will continue to report to the president or president, provost, and senior vice president for administration and finance on budget, strategy, and facilities. The Medical Center CEO will continue to report directly to the president.

In this new model, the deans of the School of Arts & Sciences and of the Hajim School will assume responsibility that had rested with the dean of the faculty of AS&E for tenure, promotion, leave, and related faculty issues in their schools as well as for student appeals.

The Office of Faculty Development and Diversity will continue to report to both the president and provost. "This is a University priority and an area where I have a strong personal commitment," Seligman said.

Lennie has been dean of the faculty of AS&E since 2006, when he returned to Rochester after serving for seven years as dean for science and a professor of neuroscience at NYU. He is a professor of brain and cognitive sciences and during his previous time at Rochester served as director of

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the Center for Visual Science, dean of academic resources and planning, and chair of the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences. He received a PhD from the University of Cambridge.

As interim senior vice president for research, Clark will be responsible for the fastest growing segments of the current provost's position, Seligman said.


Those responsibilities include the Laboratory for Laser Energetics, sponsored research, including the Sponsored University Research Group, Office of Research Projects Administration, University Information Technology, Health Science Center for Computational Innovation (HSCCI), Center for Entrepreneurship, Office of Research Alliances, Office of Human Subjects Protection/Research Subjects Review Board, Office of Technology Transfer, online initiatives, and staffing the Research and Innovation Committee of the Board of Trustees.

"Rob Clark's efforts to bridge between University research and the corporate world through cross-school initiatives such as the TEAM program with Simon and the Center for Medical Technology Innovation with the School of Medicine and Dentistry made him a logical choice for the interim senior vice president's role," Seligman said.

"During Rob's period as interim, I will expect him to make decisions as if he were the permanent senior vice president," Seligman said. "We have time-sensitive projects under way that should not be delayed, including selection of a new director of Tech Transfer, our IBM project (HSCCI), and our online initiative."

Clark will continue as dean of the Hajim School while serving as interim senior vice president for research. He has been dean since 2008, when he arrived from Duke University, where he had served as senior associate dean and dean of the Pratt School of Engineering. An expert in the science of acoustics and in bionanomanufacturing, he holds bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Lennie's term will run through June 30, 2016. There will be a national search for the senior vice president for research when the academic year begins, Seligman said.

"I have asked both Peter and Rob to begin the transition to their new positions effective July 1 to ensure an overlap period with Ralph before Ralph departs for California," he said. "I greatly appreciate their willingness to assume these new responsibilities." 



**MR. & MRS. PRESIDENT:** New University of Redlands President Ralph Kuncl and his wife, Nancy, were introduced to the California university during an announcement this spring.

#### ACADEMIC OFFICERS

## From Provost to President

Rochester's chief academic officer Ralph Kuncl is named president of the University of Redlands.

A CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY WILL START THE 2012–13 academic year with a new chief executive who has helped guide Rochester for the past five years. Ralph Kuncl, a neurologist and noted academic leader who has served as Rochester's provost since 2007, was named president of the University of Redlands this spring.


"Ralph has long been ready to assume a significant university presidency," said President Joel Seligman. "The University of Redlands is an exciting university on an upward trajectory, and all of us at Rochester are delighted that Ralph has been selected to lead Redlands at this important time. We wish him every success."

As provost, Kuncl led or directed initiatives in high-performance computing, corporate research collaborations, multidisciplinary initiatives, diversity, and online education. He also was responsible for review of University deans, the University library, faculty promotion and tenure decisions, sustainability, and faculty-driven learning assessment initiatives. And he created and led the annual Celebration of the Book, which brings faculty authors from across the University together to celebrate and build community around their creative

authorship in the arts and sciences.

Kuncl achieved international distinction as a scientist and an administrator during more than 20 years at Johns Hopkins University. While there, he and colleagues in his lab discovered the glutamate transporter defect in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease. The discovery changed the field and helped lead to the first effective treatment for the disease. He was also named the first vice provost for undergraduate education at Hopkins.

In 2002, he left Hopkins to become provost at Bryn Mawr College, where he helped create a variety of new interdisciplinary programs, diversified and hired a third of its faculty, and nearly tripled the institution's federal research grant support.

Kuncl received his undergraduate degree at Occidental College in Los Angeles and his MD and PhD degrees from the University of Chicago. An accomplished musician, Kuncl performed in the Baltimore Choral Arts Society, one of the most respected professional arts groups in the mid-Atlantic region. In Rochester, he has been a member of the Eastman Rochester Chorus. 

—LARRY ARBEITER

COMMENCEMENT 2012

## Spring Celebration

CLASSMATES: Members of the Class of 2012 begin the procession, marking the start of the University's 162nd commencement ceremony for Arts, Sciences & Engineering. The 1,200 graduates were joined on the Eastman Quadrangle by 5,000 family, friends, and other well-wishers. Outgoing Brown University President Ruth Simmons addressed the graduates, noting that they had a burden to use their education to help others. "Your education benefits society only if you are a drum major for human dignity." Brown, the Most Rev. Matthew Clark, bishop of Rochester, Pulitzer Prize-winning composer George Walker '56E (DMA), U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin, and Rochester business and civic leader Robert Hurlbut received honorary degrees at this spring's ceremonies. See more at [www.rochester.edu/commencement/2012](http://www.rochester.edu/commencement/2012). PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER





**STUDENT LIFE**

## Slip, Slidin' Away

SPLASHDOWN: Niki Holmes '12, an anthropology major from New Woodstock, N.Y. (left) and Kayleigh Hogan '13, a chemical engineering major from Geneva, N.Y., slide across a water-soaked tarp at the senior picnic for the Hajim School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Engineering students organized the end-of-the-year picnic, celebrating with activities that included a giant, homemade "Slip 'n' Slide," Hula Hoop-sized bubbles, volleyball, and other games. **PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER**





## VIOLA CONGRESS

# Instrumental Music

STRING SCENE: The Eastman School was the center of the viola universe this spring as several hundred acclaimed violists from around the world arrived for the 40th Viola Congress. Over five days, participants performed some 20 group and solo recitals, featuring eight world premieres, and presented or participated in more than 40 discussions, lectures, and master classes. Organizer Carol Rodland, associate professor of viola—whose 1791 viola made by Vincenzo Panormo is shown here—described the Congress as “an international music festival centered around the viola” that presents audiences with a rare opportunity to hear sought-after musicians from Asia, Europe, South Africa, Mexico, the United States, and Canada all in one place. PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER







## EASTMAN SCHOOL Boxing Clever

FIRST ROUND: A crew from the cable sports network ESPN films double bassist James VanDemark (right, center) and his Eastman School students at ROC Boxing & Fitness in Rochester this spring as part of a story on boxing's effect on musical performance. A professor of double bass at the Eastman School, VanDemark introduced boxing to his students after taking up the sport three years ago and noticing the benefits that the training had for his performance as a musician. The boxing program is offered weekly during the academic year as part of Eastman's wellness initiative for students. The TV crew was filming an episode of the network's show *E:60*, which was scheduled to air later this year. PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER





## Study of 50 State Legislatures Finds Contributions Influence Public Policy

Although campaign contributions are widely viewed as a corrupting influence, for decades political scientists have failed to establish a direct connection between money and legislative outcomes. A new national analysis of state legislators by **Lynda Powell**, a professor of political science at Rochester, is providing strong evidence that donations directly influence the legislative process.

In her new book, *The Influence of Campaign Contributions in State Legislatures* (University of Michigan Press), Powell documents the subtle and not-so-subtle ways in which money buys influence—from setting a party’s agenda, to keeping bills off the floor, to adding earmarks and crafting key language in legislation.

“Other scholars have examined the relationship between campaign contributions and the floor votes an individual legislator casts, but this is the wrong way to approach the question,” says Powell. “On floor votes, most legislators vote with their party and constituency. Any influence of donations is likely to



be limited to a small set of close votes that are not important to the legislator or to his or her party or constituents.”

Through formal models and statistical analysis, Powell teases out the personal, institutional, and political factors that make moneyed interests increasingly powerful in some states, but not others. For example, her data shows that political money carries more weight in states with more highly compensated

legislators, larger chambers, and more professionalized leadership structures. Money is also more important in states whose majority party’s advantage is tightly contested and whose legislators are more likely to hold hopes of running for higher office.

By contrast, donors to campaign coffers wield less power in states with term limits and more highly educated voters.

—Susan Hagen

## A New Target in Fighting Alzheimer’s Disease

Rochester researchers may have found an important clue as to why people with a gene that has a documented connection to Alzheimer’s disease are more prone to the debilitating illness. In a study published in the journal *Nature*, Rochester scientists say that the well-known genetic risk factor triggers a signaling cascade that results in leaky blood vessels in the brain, allowing toxic substances to enter brain tissue in large amounts. Led by **Robert Bell**, a postdoctoral associate at Rochester who is first author of the paper, the researchers report that a gene called ApoE4 triggers a molecular cascade that weakens the blood-brain barrier. That network of tightly bound cells carefully regulates what substances are allowed to enter and exit brain tissue. People with two copies of the gene have roughly 8 to 10 times the risk of getting Alzheimer’s disease than people who do not. Bell notes the finding may help establish a new target to fight the disease. —Tom Rickey

## The Goldilocks Effect: Babies Learn from Experiences That Are ‘Just Right’

Long before babies understand the story of Goldilocks, they have more than mastered the fairy tale heroine’s method of making decisions.

Infants ignore information that is too simple or too complex, focusing instead on situations that are “just right,” according to a University team that has dubbed the finding the “Goldilocks effect.”

Published in the open-access journal *PLoS ONE*, the study

sheds light on how babies learn to make sense of a world full of complex sights, sounds, and movements.

The findings could have broad implications for human learning at all ages and could lead to tools for earlier diagnosis of attention-related disabilities such as ADHD or autism, says **Celeste Kidd**, lead author on the paper and a doctoral candidate in brain and cognitive sciences at the University. —Susan Hagen

## Vaccine Aims to Give the Heaves the Heave-Ho

A Medical Center team is one of five groups across the nation testing the effectiveness of an experimental vaccine against a virus that inflicts gastrointestinal illness on more than 20 million Americans each year. Led by **John Treanor**, chief of the Infectious Diseases Division, the team will test whether the vaccine, developed by Montana-based LigoCyte Pharmaceuticals, is effective against norovirus, the leading cause of the abdominal

cramping, diarrhea, and vomiting that most people describe as “the stomach flu.”

More than 70,000 people in the United States are hospitalized each year because of the infection, according to officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It’s also the cause of the majority of food-borne illnesses in the United States. The study is funded by LigoCyte.

—Tom Rickey



## Volcanic ‘Plumbing’ Provides Clues to Eruptions, Earthquakes

New studies into the “plumbing systems” that lie beneath volcanoes could bring scientists closer to understanding plate ruptures and predicting eruptions—both of which are important steps for protecting people from earthquakes and volcanic hazards. Published in *Nature Geoscience*, the studies by international teams of researchers, including **Cynthia Ebinger**, professor

of geophysics, and **Manahloh Belachew**, a postdoctoral associate in earth and environmental sciences, indicate that the ground beneath magma chambers and rift zones starts “uplifting” for months before an eruption. The team members hope that the models they developed for measuring such activity will indicate signals that are fundamental to predicting eruptions. The

teams studied the location and behavior of magma chambers on the Earth’s mid-ocean ridge system, a vast chain of volcanoes along which the Earth forms new crust.

The team built and tested computer models to measure how the ground elevated as new magma increased pressure in underground chambers.

—Peter Iglinski

## Study Links PTSD to Hidden Head Injuries Suffered in Combat

Even when brain injury is so subtle that it can only be detected by an ultra-sensitive imaging test, the injury might predispose soldiers in combat to post-traumatic stress disorder, according to a Medical Center study. Published online by the *Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation*, the research may help physicians who are caring for troops in the years following deployment, as doctors try to untangle the symptom overlap between PTSD and mild traumatic brain injury and provide the appropriate treatment. The nature of the interaction between mild brain injury and PTSD has been unclear, and Medical Center researchers believe they are the first to find an association that can be demonstrated with advanced imaging techniques.

“Most people believe that, to a large extent, chronic stress from intense combat experiences triggers PTSD,” says lead author **Jeffrey Bazarian**, associate professor of emergency medicine and a member of the 2007 Institute of Medicine committee that investigated brain injuries among war veterans.

“Our study adds more information by suggesting that a physical force such as exposure to a bomb blast also may play a role in the genesis of the syndrome,” Bazarian says.

By 2008 an estimated 320,000 troops suffered concussions in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bazarian’s research involved 52 war veterans from western New York who served in combat areas between 2001 and 2008.

—Leslie Orr

## Golisano Children's Hospital Ranked Among Best

Golisano Children's Hospital at the Medical Center has been listed among the nation's best hospitals for four pediatric specialties—gastroenterology, neonatology, orthopaedics, and

neurology and neurosurgery. The annual rankings, to be published in August in *U.S. News & World Report's Best Hospitals 2013 Guidebook*, are based on data submitted by nearly 180 pediat-

ric institutions nationwide. Each of the past four years, Golisano Children's Hospital has added a specialty to the rankings, starting in 2009 with orthopaedics, which ranked No. 38 this year.

Neonatology ranked No. 27; gastroenterology, which is new to the list this year, ranked No. 41, and neurology and neurosurgery ranked No. 44.

—Heather Hare



**OVATION:** The renovation of Kodak Hall earned accolades from a statewide preservation group.

## Eastman Renovation Honored

A \$46.9 million project to renovate Eastman Theatre's historic performance hall, now named Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre, as well as the addition of the Eastman East Wing has been recognized by a New York preservation group. The Preservation League of New York State

presented the Eastman School with its Excellence in Historic Preservation Award for the multi-year project that was completed with the opening of the Eastman East Wing in December 2010.

The award honors notable achievements in retaining, promoting, and reusing the state's

architectural heritage. Project architects Chaintreuil Jensen Stark Architects and contractors the Pike Company and A'Kustics were also recognized. The project received support from the state of New York as well as area businesses and community leaders.

—Helene Snihur

## Surgeons Implant Upstate New York's First Total Artificial Heart

A 49-year-old man became the first person in the region served by the Medical Center to receive a total artificial heart during an operation performed this spring by a Rochester cardiac transplant team. The procedure introduces a new, life-sustaining treatment option for the most critically ill patients with end-stage heart failure. "This is tremendous technology that can have a dramatic effect on patients who are experiencing advanced heart failure," says H. Todd Massey, surgical director of the Medical Center's Artificial Heart Program, who led the surgery.

The Medical Center is one of 30 sites in the country, and one of just two in New York, to offer the technology. The artificial heart is a bridge to transplant for patients who suffer from end-stage biventricular heart failure, a condition in which both sides of the heart become weakened and can't pump blood adequately through the body. —Leslie White

**“Overachievers have an underlying fear of failure or a self-worth contingent upon competence. Rather than setting and striving for goals based on a pure desire to achieve, their underlying motivation impels them out into the world to avoid failure.”**

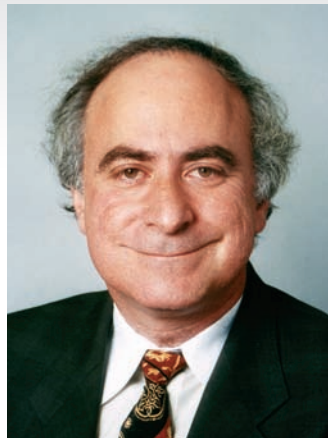
—**Andrew Elliot**, professor of clinical and social psychology, in the *Chicago Tribune*, discussing the motivations that drive people to overachieve.



Gabriellian



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## Board Elects Real Estate, Financial Services, and Optics Leaders as New Trustees

Real estate developer **Ani Nazerian Gabriellian** '84, financial services executive **Evans Lam** '83, '84S (MBA), real estate and investment company president **Ronald Rettner**, and optics entrepreneur and scientist **James Wyant** '67 (MS), '69 (PhD) have joined the University's Board of Trustees.

Gabriellian is a principal in Gabriellian Associates, a commercial real estate and management company based in Paramus, N.J. After receiving her MBA from George Washington University, she held positions as a commercial and investment banker and as a financial analyst with the federal Office of Thrift Supervision.

She and her husband, Mark '79, endowed a multidisciplinary professorship in Arts, Sciences & Engineering to better understand political and economic issues, and they permanently endowed

an innovation grant for outstanding incoming undergraduates.

Lam is senior vice president of investments and senior portfolio manager of The Lam Group, UBS Financial Services, Inc. in Pasadena, Calif. Previously, he was a senior vice president and wealth management advisor at Smith Barney. He and his wife, Susanna, have established a professorship at the Simon School of Business to help recruit global business scholars.

Lam is also a vice president and major contributor to the Morning Light Foundation, which builds elementary boarding schools in remote areas of China stricken by poverty and provides 400 scholarships annually to underprivileged students among eight major Chinese universities.

A member of numerous civic and charitable boards, Rettner is president of Rettner Management Corporation and is manag-

ing partner of Baron Associates, a real estate investment, finance, and management company with national holdings.

Earlier in his career, Rettner was a securities analyst and co-founded The Vitamin Shoppes. He earned his undergraduate degree in political science at Washington University in St. Louis and master's degree in business administration and urban planning from Columbia University and attended the evening division at Fordham University Law School. Rettner's recent leadership gift will support the new Ronald Rettner Hall for Media Arts and Innovation.

He has served on the National Council of Arts and Sciences at Washington University since 1990 and was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009, Arts & Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award in 2007, and the New York Regional Cabi-

net's Alumni of the Year Award in 2009 and has guest lectured on real estate topics.

An optical scientist with long associations with Rochester, Wyant is a former dean of the University of Arizona's College of Optics. He is an expert in the fields of interference, diffraction, and optical testing, and is the cofounder and chairman of 4D Technology Corporation. Wyant endowed the M. Parker Givens Professorship in Optics in honor of one of his former professors at Rochester. A professor of optical sciences and of electrical and computer engineering at Arizona, Wyant has been a visiting professor at the University's Institute of Optics since 1983 and has returned to Rochester annually to teach in the institute's summer school for 29 of the past 30 years.

The new trustees are all members of the George Eastman Circle. —Sharon Dickman

## New Website Gathers Information about International Initiatives

The University has launched a new web portal, UR Global, that serves as a hub for learning about Rochester's international activities.

Intended for use by students

and parents, researchers and faculty, and alumni and friends, the site provides information on global partnerships, research, and educational programs, as well as opportunities to be

involved and stay connected around the world.

The site serves as a clearinghouse for data, including facts like the number of alumni living outside the United States

(10,748), the location of research projects across the globe, and details about travel alerts and other information for those going abroad. Visit the site at [www.rochester.edu/global](http://www.rochester.edu/global).



## SINGER FAMILY PRIZES

### Top Teachers

During the academic year, graduating students are asked to nominate a teacher who had a profound impact on their lives before arriving at the University. From those nominations, four winners of the University's Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching are chosen. Named in recognition of Paul Singer '66, who initiated the prize, the awards are intended to acknowledge the role of devoted secondary school teachers in the intellec-

tual development of their students and of society.

This year's winners and their nominators were (left to right):

**James Chrisfield**, a global history and social studies teacher at Liverpool (N.Y.) High School, nominated by senior Maya Dukmasova '12, a Take Five Scholar from Liverpool;

**Carla Parkes**, an Advanced Placement chemistry teacher at Niagara Falls (N.Y.) High School, nominated by senior Heather

Carella '12, a psychology and American Sign Language major from Niagara Falls;

**Barbara Rowes**, an English honors teacher at Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and Performing Arts in New York City, nominated by Jonathan Grima '12, a neuroscience major from Elmont, N.Y.;

**Donald Rogers**, a recently retired high school band director at Attica (N.Y.) Central Senior High School, nominated by Stephen Huber '12, an economics major from Attica.

## ARTS & HUMANITIES

### And the Winners Are . . .

A TRANSLATION OF A VOLUME OF JAPANESE poetry, *Spectacle & Pigsty*, and a Polish novel, *Stone Upon Stone*, took this year's awards for Best Translated Book, an honor organized by Three Percent. The award is the only prize of its kind to recognize the best original works of international literature and poetry published in the United States over the previous year.


The first full collection of verse by poet Kiwao Nomura to be published in English translation, *Spectacle & Pigsty* was translat-

ed by Kyoko Yoshida and Forrest Gander. Nomura is one of Japan's leading contemporary poets and a prolific critic, translator, and essayist.

The *Times Literary Supplement* has called *Stone Upon Stone*, by Wieslaw Mysliwski, a "marvel of narrative seduction, a rare double masterpiece of storytelling and translation." Bill Johnston, chair of the comparative literature department at Indiana University, translated the novel.

Amazon.com underwrote the award

for the second year, providing a \$10,000 prize for each of the two categories, to be distributed among the winning authors and translators.

Three Percent is a website that is part of the University's literary translation program and part of Open Letter Books. More information about the award and the titles, as well as Open Letter Books's fiction list, can be found at [www.rochester.edu/College/translation/threepcent](http://www.rochester.edu/College/translation/threepcent). 

—VALERIE ALHART

## HIGHLIGHTS

# Spring Sports Finish with NCAA Bids

By Dennis O'Donnell

FOUR SPRING SPORTS WERE REPRESENTED IN the NCAA Division III national championships and a fifth sport battled its way into the Liberty League playoffs with a strong finish.

**Softball:** The Yellowjackets returned to the NCAA playoffs for the first time in three years, receiving one of two Pool B bids (teams in leagues that do not have an automatic bid) into the 61-team field. The Yellowjackets were seeded third of eight teams in a regional hosted by Eastern Connecticut State University. Rochester lost its opener to St. John Fisher, bounced back to defeat Salem State (Mass.) College, then lost to second-ranked Eastern Connecticut. The Yellowjackets finished 29–15. The win over Salem State was the 300th all-time softball victory in 15 years. Brittany Grage '15 was named the MVP of the Liberty League championships. She earned two victories in the league championships. Nina Korn '14 was named first team all–Liberty League and first team all–UAA. Korn hit two home runs at NAAs and was named to the all-regional tournament team.

**Men's outdoor track and field:** Frank Ramirez '12 and James Vavra '12 earned trips to the NCAA championships in California. Ramirez, running 55 miles from his California home, finished ninth in the 800-meter run. Vavra finished 16th in the 10,000 meters. Ramirez finished second in the 800 at the ECAC championships and broke his own school record in the process. Rochester finished fifth at the New York State championships, which the Yellowjackets hosted in early May.

**Women's tennis:** First singles player Frances Tseng '13 was chosen for the NCAA championships in North Carolina, her first NCAA appearance and the second straight year that Rochester was represented. (Lia Weiner '11 competed in 2011.) Tseng was ranked No. 7 in the Northeast and was paired against Mackenzie Knoop of Trinity (Texas), the third-ranked player in the West Region. Tseng lost 6–4, 6–7 (5), 3–6. She finished with a 24–5 singles mark this year.

**Golf:** Nick Palladino '14 made his second straight appearance at the NCAA golf championships, this time in Florida. He fired a 36-hole total of 152 (74–78), leav-



ing him eight over par. Palladino, the top-ranked singles player in the Northeast region, was named to the Golf Coaches Association of America/PING All-America team for the second straight year.

**Baseball:** Rochester won 10 of its last 11 and grabbed the No. 4 seed in the Liberty League playoffs. The Yellowjackets finished 18–21 overall. Jon Menke '13 was named the Liberty League Pitcher of the Year.

**Women's outdoor track and field:** The 4-by-400-meter relay of Brittany Porter '15, Claire Crowther '13, Abby Zabrodsky '14, and Becky Galasso '14 broke the school record at the ECAC championships after coming close on two other occasions. Rochester finished 22nd at the ECAC champi-

▲ **ALL-AMERICAN:** Frances Tseng '13 earned All-America honors in women's tennis and was ranked No. 20 nationally as a singles player in the final poll. Tseng is the fifth Rochester woman to earn All-America honors in tennis.

onships and third at the New York State championships.

**Men's tennis:** Rochester posted back-to-back dominating wins over Ithaca (8–1) and Nazareth (9–0) in late March and earned all six wins against New York State opposition.

**Women's lacrosse:** Ten of the 12 returning players from this year's team finished their freshman or sophomore year, giving the Yellowjackets a nucleus around which to build.

**Women's rowing:** Strong performances in the spring season catapulted the Yellowjackets into the NCAA rankings. The Varsity 8 defeated 11th-ranked WPI in a meet involving Holy Cross and four nationally ranked Division III programs. Rochester followed that with a Varsity 8 win over Ithaca while the Second V-8 and Novice 8 both finished second in their races. 📍

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