

## A New Director Leads Education Abroad

The study abroad program has a new name and a new director.

Now known as Education Abroad, the program will be led by Tynelle Stewart, who became director in January. She also serves as assistant dean.

Stewart takes over from Jacqueline Levine '80, '84 (Mas), the program's longtime leader, who has taken on a role with Advancement, working with alumni who have studied abroad.

Stewart was director of study abroad and fellowships at the

Rochester Institute of Technology from 2007 until she began her new appointment.

In making the announcement, Richard Feldman, dean of the College, said Stewart will build on the strengths of Rochester's program, expanding global opportunities for students.

At RIT, she was credited with increasing student participation 32 percent over five years.

About a third of undergraduates at Rochester study abroad, double the national average.



Tynelle Stewart

## Royal Astronomical Society Honors John Tarduno

Geophysicist John Tarduno has been recognized for his research by one of the world's foremost academic societies.

The Royal Astronomical Society in London named Tarduno—a professor of geophysics and of physics and astronomy—as this year's winner of the Price Medal, an honor awarded for “investigations of outstanding merit in solid-earth geophysics, oceanography, or planetary sciences.”

In nominating Tarduno for the medal, Carmala Garzzone, chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, wrote that Tarduno's work “changed the way that geologists teach about plate motions in introductory geology classes.” Among the findings of his research is evidence that islands and undersea mountains may be formed by moving hot spots—hot plumes from deep within the Earth—and that the Hawaiian islands were once 1,500 kilometers north of where they are today.

Widely recognized, Tarduno has earned honors including Guggenheim, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Geological Society of America fellowships. He has also won awards for his undergraduate teaching.



John Tarduno

## Organizations Work Together to Share the Performing Arts

School children in the Rochester City School District and their families are getting a special introduction to the cultural resources of the Eastman School of Music and other performing arts groups.

Rochester-area organizations announced an effort to provide 220 families with free tickets to a series of performances at Eastman, including a special appearance in January by Grammy Award-winning soprano Kathleen Battle. The initiative is a collaboration involving Eastman, the Rochester school district, the AVANGRID Foundation on behalf of Rochester Gas and Electric,

the Rochester Area Community Foundation, and the Rochester Education Foundation.

In addition to tickets, the organizations are arranging transportation to three concerts in the 2015-16 season of Eastman Presents.

The first event was a concert, *Underground Railroad: A Spiritual Journey*, performed by Battle and pianist Joel Martin. Other events take place in March and April.

The collaboration is the latest initiative undertaken by Eastman to make the arts and music more accessible to city students and to other programs.

Other efforts include

ROCMusic, a collaborative partnership among Eastman, the Eastman Community Music School, the Hochstein School of Music and Dance, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rochester City School District, and the City of Rochester.

The program provides tuition-free, after-school music instruction at the David F. Gantt and Edgerton Recreation Centers.

The Eastman Community Music School is also home to Eastman Pathways, a program providing outstanding city district students with a scholarship to pursue music at Eastman.

## Alfred University Names Mark Zupan President



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Mark Zupan, former dean of the Simon Business School, will become the 14th president of Alfred University in July.

Currently the director of the Bradley Policy Center at Simon and the Olin Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Zupan led the school as dean for 10 years, stepping down in 2014.

Before arriving at Rochester, Zupan was dean and professor of economics at the University of Arizona's Eller College of Management. His areas of

expertise include industrial organization, regulation, and political economy.

Zupan succeeds Charles Edmondson, who has been president of Alfred University since 2000. Alfred's board of trustees announced the appointment in February.

Founded in 1836 as one of the country's first coeducational institutions, Alfred University is located in the foothills of the Allegheny Mountains in New York.