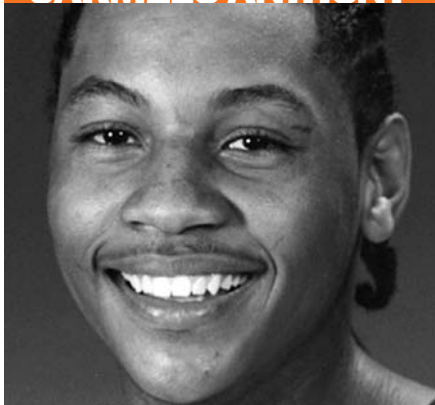


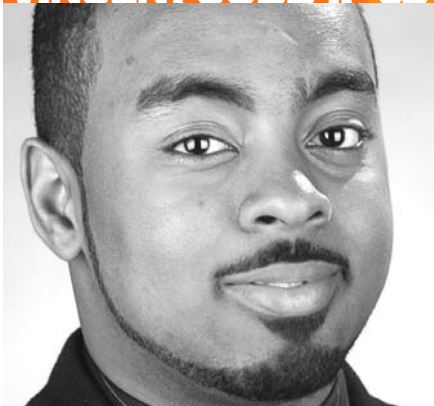
CARMELO ANTHONY



Center Court

Carmelo Anthony will long be remembered for leading the Orange in 2003 to its first NCAA basketball championship. Future generations of student-athletes also will remember him for his central role in the creation of SU's new basketball center—home to two practice courts, a strength and conditioning training facility, and a hall of fame. In recognition of Anthony's leadership in helping to launch the project and attract the additional funding needed to begin construction, the state-of-the-art facility will be named the Carmelo K. Anthony Basketball Center.

VINCENT COBB | '08



Empowering Minds

Vincent Cobb II is passionate about helping disadvantaged youth. Eager to test classroom theories, Cobb—a dual major in political philosophy and policy studies—co-founded the Empowering Minds Youth Movement to help at-risk children achieve higher grades and excel in a broad range of academic activities. His efforts are bringing communities together to boost morale, teach children to become leaders, and make dreams come true.

**RUTH JOHNSON
COLVIN '59 H'84**



Moved to Act

After reading a 1961 newspaper census report revealing that more than 11,000 Syracuse residents were functionally illiterate, Ruth Johnson Colvin was moved to act. Enlisting the aid of neighbors and working out of her home, she founded Literacy Volunteers of America (now merged to become ProLiteracy Worldwide), a national nonprofit with hundreds of local affiliates training volunteer tutors to teach adults to read. In recognition of her spirit of volunteerism and leadership role in the fight against illiteracy, Colvin was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006.

JUDITH GREENBERG
SEINFELD '56



Innovative Initiative

Judith Greenberg Seinfeld saw a need to bring together the most enlightened thinking from the worlds of business and academia to educate future generations of architects and designers. Through her Seinfeld Housing Initiative, students gain a greater awareness of the interdependence of architecture and the marketplace by working shoulder-to-shoulder with visiting architects and professionals in the real estate, development, and finance fields. This innovative initiative gives students an opportunity to develop multi-use complex sites in downtown Syracuse, using a different building type and location each year as case studies.

CATHERINE ANN BERTINI



Public Good

Catherine Ann Bertini's belief in doing public good led her to the United Nations, where she served as chief executive of the largest food-assistance effort in the world. After directing relief activities from Afghanistan to Somalia and working at UN headquarters for several years, Bertini now teaches public administration at the Maxwell School, focusing on humanitarian action, UN reform, and the importance of educating girls worldwide. Winner of the World Food Prize in 2003, Bertini used the \$250,000 award to create a trust fund for girls' education at the Friends of the World Food Program.

JOHN DAU '08



Better Future

John Dau is one of the “Lost Boys” of Sudan who fled the horrors of civil war. Beginning a new life in America in 2001, Dau is pursuing an SU degree in public affairs part time through University College. He is also seeking a better future for his fellow countrymen by raising more than \$250,000 to build a fully functioning medical clinic in southern Sudan. *God Grew Tired of Us*, Dau’s memoir of his harrowing story, including the challenges of adjusting to life in the United States, was made into an award-winning documentary of the same name.

ELLIOTT PORTNOY '86



Keen Idea

When Elliott Portnoy volunteered to teach tennis to children with disabilities, he had no idea it would become a lifelong passion. His creation—Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)—is a national nonprofit volunteer organization that provides one-on-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with mental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families or caregivers. In addition to fostering participants' self-esteem, confidence, skills, and talents through noncompetitive activities, KEEN provides an opportunity for volunteers to become more sensitive to people with disabilities.

**MARY GILMORE
SMITH '29 G'38**



Tireless Advocate

Teacher, counselor, volunteer, philanthropist, all-around citizen leader—those are just some of the roles Mary Gilmore Smith has filled for decades. Devoting her life to helping others, she has long been a tireless advocate for women in higher education, becoming the first vocational counselor for women at Syracuse University in 1938. Smith has helped countless women achieve their educational goals while working at University College's Women's Center and by supporting scholarships sponsored by Eta Pi Upsilon—the oldest senior women's honorary society in the United States. At age 100, Smith is the Eta Pi Upsilon Endowed Scholarship Fund's longest and most generous annual donor.

DAVIDSUTHERLAND



Dream Fulfilled

Alexia Tsairis was a promising Newhouse photojournalism student when she was killed in the 1988 Pan Am 103 terrorist attack. In her honor, Alexia's parents, Peter and Aphrodite Tsairis, created the Alexia Foundation for World Peace and Cultural Understanding, which has sponsored an international photojournalism competition based at Newhouse since 1991. In 2006, the Tsairises made an additional commitment to endow the Alexia Tsairis Chair in Documentary Photography. As holder of the Alexia Chair, photojournalism professor David Sutherland carries on Alexia's dream of connecting the world's people through documentary photography.