

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Honoring Achievement and Service

The University celebrated the lives and careers of notable alumni and friends during ceremonies this spring.

EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Distinguished Alumni Award

Paul Burgett '68E, '72E (MA), '76E (PhD), whose connection of more than 50 years began as a student at the Eastman School of Music and continues in his roles as vice president, senior advisor to the president, and University dean, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Eastman's commencement ceremony.

Burgett has served in several academic, student life, and administrative roles at Eastman and for the University, acting as a principal liaison among students, alumni, and community organizations and programs. In October 2014, the Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center was named in recognition of his leadership and service to the University.

Burgett is cochair of the faculty-and-staff initiative for *The Meliora Challenge: The Campaign for the University of Rochester*. He and his wife, Catherine Valentine, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle, the University's leadership annual giving society, and founding members of the Wilson Society, which recognizes people who



Paul Burgett

have made a planned gift to the University.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Noted cellist and music educator **Jon Engberg** '54E, '56E (MM), '70E (DMA), who was an academic leader at Eastman for two decades, received the Distinguished Alumni Award at a special April event honoring Robert Freeman, a former director of the school. As a founder of the American Arts Trio, Engberg performed around the world. After a tenure on the faculty of West Virginia University, he returned to Eastman in 1975, serving as associate director of academic



Jon Engberg

affairs and associate dean of graduate studies. He and his wife, Judith, are charter members of the George Eastman Circle.

Luminary Award

Salvatore Signorelli, the owner of String Instruments Ltd., a downtown Rochester business that's regarded for its dedication to serving both professional musicians and students, received the Luminary Award during a March concert in his honor at the Eastman School. After a three-year stint in the U.S. Navy, the Rochester native established himself as a musician, music educator, and luthier on Long Island. There, he was a violinist for and



Salvatore Signorelli

associate conductor of the Great Neck Symphony and founded the Young Artists Chamber Symphony and the Virtuoso Ensemble. He also started String Instruments, where he repaired, restored, and made instruments.

Signorelli returned to Rochester in 1982 and opened his business in the cultural district. Shortly after, he donated a significant collection from standard orchestral works to Eastman's Ensemble Library, and earlier this year, he donated his entire inventory of printed music—almost 6,000 scores of solo and ensemble music for strings, as well as pedagogical materials—to Sibley Music Library.

at St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park, New York. Arden has spent the last eight years in Zambia working as a missionary.

1985 Michael Gallo has been named partner at the Newark, New Jersey, office of the Philadelphia-based law firm White and Williams. . . . **Nancy Mertzell** and **Keith Kupferschmid** '87 testified together before the House Judiciary Committee last February. The hearing was entitled "The U.S. Copyright Office: Its Functions and Resources." Nancy is a partner at the New York City law firm Schoeman Updike Kaufman & Stern, and testified on behalf of the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Keith is

general counsel for the Software & Information Industry Association.

1987 Keith Kupferschmid (see '85). . . . **Liz Breyton Warmerdam** was named interim city manager of Alameda, California, in March, by a unanimous vote of the city council. Liz began her municipal career in 1997 as a management analyst, and has been assistant city manager of Alameda for the past two years.

1989 Gary Ciarleglio has been named business development executive for the Quinipiac Chamber of Commerce in Wallingford, Connecticut. . . . **Wayne France** '94S (MBA) has joined the Honeoye Falls, New York, firm College Assistance

Plus as a regional sales manager. Previously, Wayne was general manager of MicroMod Automation and Controls.

1990 Pelin Aylangan '98S (MBA) writes that she's accepted a new position as leader of global customer solutions, transformation, and operations at Dun & Bradstreet in Reston, Virginia. . . . **Todd DellaCamera** has been promoted to senior vice president at the Waterbury, Connecticut-based Webster Bank. He has more than 20 years of experience in risk management and treasury functions at global banks.

1992 Jeremy Kriegel writes that he's been appointed prosecution

practice manager at the Chicago intellectual property law firm Marshall, Gerstein & Borun. Jeremy oversees the firm's mechanical, electrical, biotechnology, chemical, trademark, and transactions practice groups. . . . **Jeff Reznick** writes that he received the 2015 Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences best article award for "Embracing the Future as Stewards of the Past: Charting a Course Forward for Historical Medical Libraries and Archives." The article appeared in the fall 2014 issue of *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage*. Jeff is chief of the history of medicine division of the National Library of Medicine.