

# DIMENSIONS

The D'Youville Magazine



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## a letter from the editor

As I assume the duties of editor of this D'Youville publication, I have asked the president to relinquish her traditional page so that we might play a little turnabout-is-fair play. Rather than a message from Sister Denise, it will be a message about her.

Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, unfailingly and eloquently expresses her praise, appreciation and affection for all of us and what we do for D'Youville. It is now appropriate that we reflect on her: her numerous achievements, her spirit, her unceasing generosity, the unpretentious manner in which she executes her position, her determination to make D'Youville the outstanding institution it has become and her vision to provide innovative programming that will meet the needs of our students and the communities in which they work and live for years to come. Her 25 years as president has enriched the lives of hundreds of men and women passing through the doors of her office where she presides as chief executive.

In this issue, the staff of *D'Mensions* and I, who daily share Sister's largess, take special pride in remembering some of her accomplishments and note her unassuming but engaged presence in the myriad activities of our college, our students and our alumni.

Patricia Lyons Van Dyke, '52

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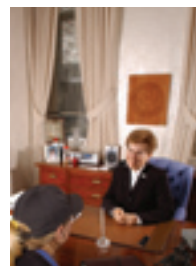
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## A Profile

If one wanted to add a chapter to President John F. Kennedy's book, "Profiles In Courage," one would perhaps look to Leticia Russi, a woman whose courage, dedication and determination would fit well with the individuals Kennedy profiled. She has "been there", as they say, and persevered against the odds.

A lovely Puerto Rican woman who has seen much: divorced mother of three boys, college student, full-time employee at D'Youville as coordinator of instructional media. She is a woman who worked her way from receptionist to top sales representative for leading health care providers only to be told "we can't pay you as much as your peers because you don't have a degree."

Here is a single mom with two boys in college and a nine-year-old son, making what would be considered a good salary for this area, facing a decision that would not only affect her but her children, career and future as well. It would have been easy for Leticia to swallow her pride and continue on her job, accepting a lower salary while doing comparable and at times better work than others in the same position.

"I knew I had to make a decision," she said.

The influence of her Hispanic upbringing was another factor. "Women were encouraged to marry, bring up



children and raise a family. I was married and pregnant at 18 and would carry my son to daycare, summer and winter, so I could work at a minimum wage job," she said.

Her father died when she was still a young girl and education was not a priority in the family. "My mother is a wonderful woman who brought up her children very well but she was not one to value education for her girls." Added to this, Leticia did not have confidence that she could do college-level work. She had been out of school for 19 years and struggled in high school and elementary school.

Leticia made the very difficult decision to quit her job at Univera and Blue Cross/Blue Shield and came to D'Youville in January of 2001 as a part-time media technician and full-time student majoring in health services, which complements her work experience.

The courage to leave a job at an age when most individuals are settling into

a comfortable part of their professional and personal lives takes the kind of courage that Kennedy admired. Her brother, Geno, '80, an Air Force veteran, now a Bureau Chief in Binghamton and Elmira, N.Y., for the New York State Parole Board, says, "'Leti' is an amazing person, focused, resilient and once she sets her goals she will definitely accomplish them."

Both Geno and brother Raul, '83, who is the executive director of BASICS, Inc., a multi-service agency in the South Bronx, and former Buffalo police officer and Commissioner of Probation, were instrumental in encouraging her to go to college despite her misgiving about being able to do the work required. "Both brothers recommended D'Youville because of their experience here," she said.

"D'Youville is perfect for our sister because it did so much for us," Geno said. "D'Youville made it possible for us to succeed."

Leticia now is succeeding at both her studies and her job and feels the future is unlimited. "I have the confidence now and feel I can do a lot more with my life." She is thinking of going on for a graduate degree in the health field and eventually volunteer to help Hispanic teenagers—helping them avoid some of the life mistakes she made and assure them if she succeeded, they can.

Raul said, "Leticia is the 'baby of the family' but there is no doubt we will all be at D'Youville's commencement in May to see her graduate."

Leticia is also an effective role model for her sons Matthew, Armando and Nicholas. "They see what I am doing and are very proud of their mother who is a student just like they are. They think if mom can do it, they can do it. I am also very lucky to have good sons."

*We should not  
let our fears  
hold us back  
from pursuing  
our hopes.*  
-JFK

-D. JOHN BRAY

## The American Heart Walk—D'Youville College Team

The NYC team had over 100 walkers and was an extremely impressive showing for the college. The college team, through solicitations and individual contributions, was able to raise \$1800 for the American Heart Association. The team's help in raising awareness of such an important issue will help to save lives. This year's captains were David Scherrer, Joe Fennell, Penny Klein, Fr. Tom Ribits, Tony Spina, Debbie Owens and Mary Pfeiffer.



## New Registrar Appointed

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Allison Armusewicz has been appointed college registrar. Ms. Armusewicz holds a dual undergraduate degree in business management and English from Russell Sage College and a master's of science degree in student personnel administration from SUC of Buffalo. She has worked as a systems programmer for IBM, a programmer analyst for the University of South Carolina, in various admissions positions at SUC of Buffalo, and as an academic advisor at Medaille College. Most recently she was administrator of shared services for the Sisters of Saint Francis at Stella Niagara in Lewiston, N.Y. Her wealth of experience in and out of academia should prove an asset to the college as we continue to grow.



## Presidential Scholarship Reception

The college honored two noted Buffalonians on Oct. 14, 2004, at the annual Justice Michael F. Dillon Presidential Scholarship Reception, a fundraising event for D'Youville's Presidential Scholarship Fund for outstanding students.

Edward C. Cosgrove and Phillip A. Perna received D'Youville's Community Service Award for their long-time efforts to improve life in Western New York.

Cosgrove, a Buffalo native, served as Erie County District Attorney for seven years and today is a partner in the Cosgrove Law Firm.

He is known for his fundraising efforts for the Diocese of Buffalo Retirement Fund for the Religious, serving as chairman of the "Kickoff Luncheon" for 16 annual appeal drives raising more than \$16 million. He was one of the originators of the drive, one of the most successful in the U.S.

Cosgrove is a member of the Peace Bridge Task Force and was chairman of the Horizons Waterfront Commission from 1988 to 1991. He was named Outstanding Citizen of Buffalo by *The Buffalo News* in 1977 and received the St. Thomas More Award from the Buffalo Diocese earlier this year. He served on D'Youville's board of trustees for

ten years and on the boards of Christ the King Seminary and Mercy Hospital Foundation. The Notre Dame Club of Buffalo named him Man of the Year in 1988.

Educated in Buffalo, he is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Georgetown University Law School.

Perna is president and CEO of Supermarket Management, a franchisee of Tops Markets, which operates three area Tops Markets and one B-Kwik Market.

He was a partner in the Hodgson Russ Law Firm for six years and joined M&T Bank as associate counsel prior to his current position.

Perna serves on the boards of the Buffalo-Niagara Partnership and the Volunteer Lawyers Project and was a board member of D'Youville College, Sisters Hospital Foundation and the National Conference of Community and Justice. The Barnabite Founders named him Man of the Year in 2001.

A Canisius High School graduate, he holds degrees from Boston College and Syracuse University College of Law.

D'Youville students who are recent recipients of scholarships from the fund were also recognized at the reception.

top center: Honorees  
Edward C. Cosgrove  
and Phillip A. Perna

top left from left to  
right: Students John  
Kofmehl, DPT, '10,  
Chris Hefky, Business  
Management, '07,  
Brad Sprague, BSN, '08

above: Zue Moe  
Naing, Education, '09



#### *Title IX sports at NYC*

*far left: A powerful member of the volleyball team spikes one for D Youville.*

*near left: The Lady Spartans take to the court with enthusiasm.*



## Closing the Gap: Gender Equity in Education and Sport Title IX Conference

The women ruled the Athens Olympics, again. Just like 1996, American women won gold in the team sport trifecta – basketball, softball and soccer. It was a repeat of what the media dubbed “The Games of the Woman,” marking the coming of age of Title IX.

But even as a new generation of athletes begins to take over for the first daughters of Title IX the debate over Title IX continues in the courtroom, the classroom, the playing fields and the arena of public opinion.

To address the needs of women and girls as Title IX moves into the 21st century, The American Association of University Women hosted Closing the Gap: Gender

Equity in Education and Sport under Title IX on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, at the ECC City Campus.

“Today, parents want both their daughters and sons to excel in classrooms and in sport. Because Title IX is about fairness and opportunity, it is more relevant than ever before,” said Don Sabo, professor of liberal arts and the director of the Center for Research on Physical Activity, Sport and Health at D’Youville College and one of the co-chairs of the event. “Girls’ involvement with sport is about much more than fun and games. Sport is a public health asset in the lives of girls and those who care about them. The speakers and presenters showed how physical activity and sport are enhancing the health and social needs of American girls.”

The conference featured two prominent keynote speakers on Title IX. Jocelyn Samuels, Esq., the vice president for education and employment at the National Women’s Law Center, focused on barriers to the advancement of women and girls at school and in the workplace. Deborah Slaner Larkin, former executive director of the Women’s Sports Foundation, served on the President’s Council on Physical

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# *a Quarter*

D'Youville celebrates twenty-five extraordinary years of intellectual growth, institutional expansion and compassionate devotion to community service under the presidency of Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH.

Successfully running an organization with a \$29 million budget and 300 employees, combined with a responsibility to educate and train future professionals for the community, nation and the world, requires a leader with vision, intelligence, patience and the ability to keep the institution working together to meet goals and to survive in a competitive field.

To guide an institution well for 25 years speaks to the unique talent and ability of Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D., president of D'Youville College. Since 1979, Sr. Denise has lifted the college to new heights in both enrollment, academic offerings and to a respected place in the pantheon of higher education.

At 36, she was the youngest person to be named president of D'Youville College. She succeeded Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, GNSH, on Oct. 17, 1979, appropriately the feast day of Saint Marguerite d'Youville.

In remarks at her inauguration, then chairman of the board of trustees, Nicholas D. Trbovich said, "Her outstanding capabilities in administration, teaching and community relations eminently qualify Sister Denise for the demanding responsibilities of this leadership role. Her unusual and desirable combination of youth and experience lends to the progressive posture of the college."

Under her leadership, enrollment grew from 1153 in 1980 to more than 2700 today; the college endowment was \$1.2 million and now stands at \$16 million; over ten major new academic programs have been developed attracting a significant number of new students. Expansion into international education began with her support and continues to grow, offering cultural and educational opportunities for D'Youville students and foreign students attending the college.

During her presidency, \$49 million have been invested in the campus including a new library, academic center, gymnasium, apartment-style residence hall, property and parking additions, computer systems, and building renovations and signage. These investments not only improve life on the urban campus but also make it more attractive to prospective students considering D'Youville as their college of choice.

In a 1993 interview, Sister Denise, in commenting about her presidency said, "There is a constant demand not only to be responsive to the changing times and needs of students, but to be proactive and remain ahead of societal changes. The excitement and the challenges of this position and the marvelous mission of D'Youville College, which is inspiring and motivating, make it not only easy to serve as president, but very rewarding as well."

# *century of leadership*

Sister Denise was well suited to the challenges ahead. Enrollment, finances, changing needs in society, development of new academic programs, all would present significant challenges for her and for the future of D'Youville. There are those who said that were it not for Sister and her decisions, the college may not have survived difficult times.

A hallmark of Sister Denise's management style is her "open door to students" policy that makes her beloved by students. "If it were not for Sister Denise, I would have never graduated or been successful in life," a former student says.

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*Montante Family Library, dedicated fall 2003*



*A surprised and humble Sr. Denise receives the Anne Lum Award, 2004.*

# GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY 1954



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In a note to the alumni office, one alum described the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25, 2004, as "a vigorous, enthusiastic, positive, and loving homecoming!"

The activities began on Friday evening with a cocktail party in Madonna Lounge, the scene of many "mixers" when the building was a dormitory. Guests and alums from the classes of '39, '64, '65, '69, '74, '79, '83, '84, '85, '89, and '99 mingled. They enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres before attending "Anything Goes" at the Kavinoky Theatre, known to alums, who had not returned to campus in over 25 years, as the Auditorium. Classmates from 1954, 1959, and 1974 gathered at private parties. Several alums braved the parking crunch and poured over yearbooks while celebrating at Bullfeathers on Elmwood Avenue.

On Saturday, some alums participated in the Charlene D. Page Memorial/BISON

Fund 5K Run. A tour of St. Louis, the mother church of the Buffalo Diocese, and lunch at Ulrich's, Buffalo's oldest tavern, enticed local and out-of-town visitors. The Boethia Room was the site of a nursing display portraying the "History of Nursing at D'Youville...Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow". Guides were available for tours of the campus.

Campus minister Father Thomas Ribits, OSFS, celebrated liturgy in Sacred Heart Chapel, where a capacity crowd worshipped. Deceased members of all anniversary classes were remembered.

The 50-year class, as well as previous classes, were honored at a champagne reception while the other anniversary classes enjoyed a cocktail party in the Blue Lounge. There was much laughter as classes met in the gym for the ritual of the class picture. Led by class president Carol Doyle Strassheim, members of the

class of '64 let out a cheer that rocked the rafters of the new building.

At the candlelit dinner, Timothy G. Brennan, vice-president of institutional advancement, and Dolores Gaeta Prezyna, '70, alumni president, welcomed guests and Linda June Drajem, '64, prayed the invocation. Nancy Nolan Fenzl, '54, presented the gift from her class, a pledge totaling over \$10,000 toward an endowed scholarship.

All anniversary classes were recognized and members of the 50-year class, 1954, and the 25-year class, 1979, were given special mementos. Those present from class years before 1954 were given long-stemmed red roses in recognition of their loyalty to D'Youville.

The formal part of the program ended as Ursula Ostrowski Miller, '44, delivered a thoughtful and heartfelt benediction.

## Golden Anniversary Class of '54

*Can you spot your friends?  
(Listed alphabetically by maiden name.)*

Mary Lou Abraham Dentinger  
Dora Agostinelli Cesar  
Janet Armitage Sanders  
Alice Barton  
Josephine Belasik Ledwin  
Norma Bouquard Adolf  
Helen Bowen  
Rose Bowen Carberry  
Sr. Mary Brendan Connors  
Marie Carnevale Vetrano  
Claire Coughlin Malico  
Barbara Cristina Van Volkenburg  
Rosalie Darata Reding  
Patricia Donovan, RSM  
Jane Flanigen Griffin  
Rosemary Ganster Heimback  
Barbara Gunning Johansen  
Maureen Haley Summers  
Patricia Halpin Maroney  
Joyce Hoffmeyer Stephens  
Alice Kazmierczak Werynski  
Anne Keating  
Iris Kluge Zatorski  
Mary Ann Lapczewski Pyrak  
Carol Lynch McSwain  
Phyllis Mahoney Ganey  
Kathleen Martina Damiano  
Rosemarie Mazurowski Bernick  
Lee A. Mulé  
Nancy Nolan Fenzl  
Virginia Nowak  
Dorothy Odziemiec Mazur  
Sr. Jean O'Shaunercy, GNSH  
Rita Penasack Hahn  
Artemis Pappas Likoudis  
Grace Povinelli Grundtisch  
Marcella Reeb Gregoire  
Anne Ryan Maxwell  
Joan Shanks Connors  
Geraldine Sherman Maley  
Rita Swiatek Huffman  
Lois Trautman David  
Patricia Wilby Ochs  
Margaret Zimmer Carney

'49  
Members of the 49ers pose under  
their class banner.

'44  
Seven members of the 60-year  
class flash smiles as bright as they  
were decades ago

'39  
We have a winner!  
Anne Helleher Brandl, 65-year-  
class member, wins the DYC  
auction basket of D'Youville  
memorabilia.

'54  
The joy of renewing friendship:  
Alice Barton (sister of Sister  
Mary Charlotte Barton, former  
president of the college) greets a  
long-time friend.



# 2004 homecoming



'49



'54

'49  
As members of classes before 1954, these 49ers received long-stemmed roses in recognition of their lasting loyalty to NYC.

'54  
Mary Lapczenski Pyrak wins the NYC chair at the auction.

Auction  
Alumni board member Jean M. Knopinski, '48, shows the auction items to history professors Dr. David and Dr. Ruth Reilly Kelly, '89, as alum president Dolores Gaeta Prezyna, '70, and Anne F. Simon, '94, look on.



'49



'39

'49  
D'Youville Dollies from the class of '49 reminisce about graduation and capping ceremonies.

'39  
65-year-class members laugh it up with their family at the champagne reception: sisters Rose Ranallo Sapecky and Anne Ranallo Burke, both from the class of '39, join classmate Grace Druar and Rose's daughter and son-in-law, Sally and John Lenahan.

'74  
Seven vibrant smiles as classmates pose for the camera



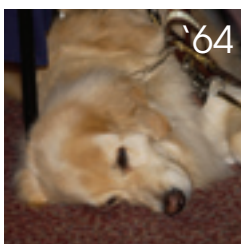
'64  
Elizabeth Capone Greene shouts with delight as she wins the auction mirror.



'74  
Long-time friends share yearbook memories: Ellen O'Donnell Nalley, Dr. Michele Maddox, '74, '89, with Anne Dolan O'Hara.



'64  
A record turnout for the 40-year class: 56 exuberant members plus one sleepy canine friend



# 2004 homecoming



'64  
Carol Doyle Strassheim, class president (in green) shares some hilarious memories with two classmates.



'94, '84, '79  
New acquaintances blossom across a 15-year time span as graduates from three classes pose for the camera.

'59  
As eight classmates pose for the camera, they reflect the more dignified days of the fifties.



'65  
Patricia M. Symton, director of alumni relations, takes to the microphone with gusto.

'64, '59  
Graceann Bartello Johnson, '64, and Tony Cannon Taylor, '59, share points of view.

'89, '79  
Dr. M. Ruth Reilly Kelly, '89, Diane Civiletto, '79, and Valerie Lapresi Schmitz, '79, renew connections and engage in lively conversation.



NOTE: To view additional photos, visit the college Web site at [www.dyc.edu](http://www.dyc.edu).

To order prints, contact Patricia Smyton, director of alumni relations at 716.829.7808

## Message from the Alumni Association President



Greetings to all Alums,

A warm welcome from the Alumni Association to all our May graduates who joined our ranks at Commencement 2004. D'Youville graduated 500 students who now join the 13,000 alums who are proudly calling D'Youville their alma mater.

It is a pleasure to announce the new slate of officers of the Alumni Association for 2004-2005 (*shown at right*), as well as to thank those board members who continue to volunteer their time in support of the association's initiatives:

Louise M. Balling, '60  
Thomas J. DeLuca, '76  
Jean Roth Duffy, '51  
Jean Harrington Duggan, '48  
Roberta Rozek Evans, '62  
Susan Jablonski Fiden, '69  
Sarah M. Hilborn, '98  
Timothy M. Kennedy, '99  
Judith A. Merrill, '61  
Laurie Hooser Rosso, '97  
Patricia Marino Smyton, '65,  
director of alumni relations

Homecoming 2004 was a wonderful weekend that provided the opportunity to renew old friendships and to honor the 50-year anniversary class of 1954 and the 25-year class of 1979. I wish to thank all the alumni who attended the events of this special celebration, especially JoAnn Mecca, '59, homecoming chairperson, for making this weekend memorable and also event chairpersons:

Nancy A. Vanderlinde, '69  
Mary B. Pfeiffer, '84  
Susan Jablonski Fiden, '69  
Sister Patricia Donovan, RSM, '54  
Romana Kelly Reger, '44  
Marguerite DiTusa Collesano, '64  
Madonna Reddington Carter, '98

The Alumni Association continues to value the raising of funds for scholarships. This year the board awarded six Alumni Kinship Scholarships to students. Other events are planned throughout the year to support this purpose, for example, the Chinese auction held during the Homecoming cocktail party and the Christmas wreath sale.

Be sure to check the calendar in each issue of *D'Mensions* for more information about Alumni Association events as well as the college Web site at [www.dyc.edu](http://www.dyc.edu) under Alumni & Friends. If you haven't come back to D'Youville in a while, call a classmate and make plans to attend this year.

*Dolores Gaeta Prezyna*

With best wishes,  
Dolores Prezyna

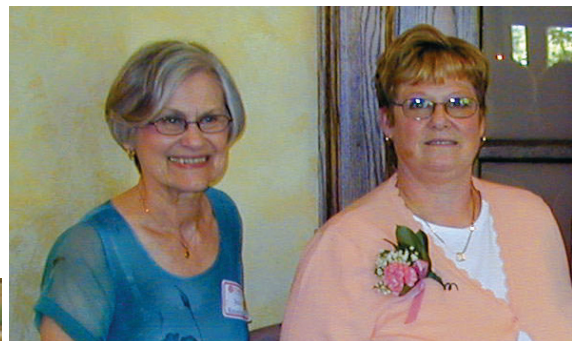


*above:*

*At the spring luncheon in June, Gloria Drake McDonald, '49, and Jean Donovan Porter, '46, chat with the college president.*

*upper right, left to right:*

*Board members, Jean M. Knopinski, '48, incoming vice president, who will serve a three-year term, and Catherine Braniecki, '73, departing president*



ALUMNI  
association

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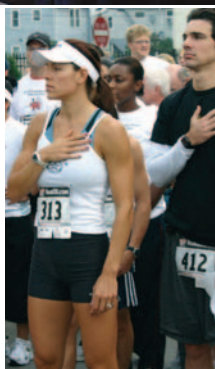
T.J. Harrington



## events:

### Second Annual Golf Tournament

The NYC 2nd annual Alumni Association Golf Tournament to benefit the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship and Alumni Endowed Scholarship Funds took place June 21, 2004, at Terry Hills Country Club in Batavia, N.Y. Following the dinner and auction, enthusiastic players regaled each other at the proverbial 19th hole.



### Charlene D. Page Memorial/ BISON Fund 5K Run

The fifth annual run was held on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004. The results of the run saw Todd Stevens as the men's overall winner with a time of 19:02 and Amy Beume took the women's overall with a pace of 18:49, the fastest in the run.

Participation was high from D'Youville alumni, faculty, staff and students. The first place alumni runners were M—Patrick Dalton, '76 with a time of 22:45 and F—Mary Przybła, '99 with a time of 23:48. Top student runners were M—Michael Newbigging with a

time of 20:30 and F—Lindsay Figault with a time of 24:17. Congratulations to the first-place NYC staff male runner Bruce Cramer, reading coordinator in the Learning Center and first-place staff female runner Debbie Owens, director of residence life.

### London Taxi

Sister Denise enjoys a spin in the London taxi that Joe and Mary Moriarty Cottrell, '45, imported from England. They love the looks of surprise they receive while driving it.

*top/top right: Golf tournament  
middle left: Race winner, Amy Beume  
middle right: The race takes off.  
lower: Sr. Denise tries out the London taxi.*

# save these dates

FEB. **4 & 5**

## Third Annual Student-Athlete Reunion

Join former teammates and classmates from as far as Maryland and New Jersey at D'Youville's fastest-growing alumni event.

**Friday, Feb. 4, 2005, 7 p.m.,**  
College Center gym: DYC's nationally ranked men's volleyball v. Niagara College of Ontario.

**Saturday, Feb. 5, 2005,**  
College Center gym: Double Header  
Lady Spartans basketball, 2 p.m.  
Spartans basketball, 4 p.m. v. North Eastern Athletic Conference rival, Villa Julia College

Halftime ceremony & reception honoring past student-athletes

Volunteers are needed for event committee to plan weekend activities.

For volunteering, making reservations or for further information, contact:

Tony Spina, director of student activities at  
spinaaw@dyc.edu or  
Mick Fallis, athletic director at  
fallism@dyc.edu or by calling  
716.829.7789

Out-of-townners and families of our athletes are welcome.

FEB. **24**

## Alumni/Student Networking Event

Come on campus and share career experiences with current students.

**Thursday, Feb. 24, 2005, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**  
College Center, Blue Lounge

Call Fran Schmidt, director of career services at  
716.829.7688 or E-mail schmidtfr@dyc.edu.



*top: Enjoying the president's summer party, Patricia Deck Phillips, 52, and Rosemary O'Connor Lawley, 60*

*middle: Chairman of the board of trustees, Hon. Kevin Dillon makes a fine point to board member, Paul Bauer, and Bill Lawley.*

*lower: Doris Lamb Bensman, 37, chats with Ken Smith, husband of Sally Gleason Smith, 48.*





To begin planning for their fortieth anniversary at Homecoming 2005, Gail MacKenzie Michalak, 65, from Voorheesville, N.Y. and Marilyn Martiny Kuschel, 65, from Roettenbach, Germany joined some of their classmates for lunch.

above, left to right:  
Diane Hafner Redding, 65, 80, 94, Gail MacKenzie Michalak, Sarah Januale Treanor, Marguerite Fleming Flynn, Nancy Marschner Lee, Marilyn Martiny Kuschel, Suzanne O'Brien Neubecker, Patricia Marino Smyton

right: Carol Joyce Kosinski Riniolo, 64, and tall friend



35  
Phyllis Mago Connelly  
Eleanor Quinlivan Everett  
Barbara Ockler  
June Gabbey Ortman

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Anne Hellerer Brandl recently celebrated 50 years of marriage with her husband, Jim. They relocated back to Buffalo after 27 years in Sun City, Fla. She attended the Homecoming 2004 dinner with Barbara Rosinski, one of her two daughters, and is looking forward to renewing old friendships.

45  
Eileen Dorgan  
M. Elaine Malloy  
Elizabeth Healy Molinar

50  
Vivian Barnack  
Rita Miller Bradt  
Mary Ryan Haas  
Annette Marchese Mittman  
Ellenor Munson Parks  
Mary Youviene Raines  
Marie Ballard Voltz

55  
Margaret Dorre  
Dorothy McMenamin

58  
Governor Jeb Bush appointed Dorothy Uschold Pattison to the authority board of Lake Shore Hospital in Lake City, Fla.

60  
Danielette Carey  
Dolores Green Graham  
Lucia Guminski  
Patricia Murzynski Johnson  
Anne McKeon

Barbara Novaro Winkowski and her husband are enjoying every minute of their recent retirement to the Phoenix, Ariz., area. They are wondering if there are any other local alums who would like to plan a DYC get-together.

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In her forties, Marie C. Dietrich attended medical school and became a pediatrician. She recently left her medical position in order to become a full-time student again. She is enrolling in a master's degree program in ministry at Ursuline College in Cleveland, Ohio. Marie enjoyed being with her classmates at Homecoming 2004.

Carol Joyce Kosinski Riniolo has been coordinator of the animal management program at Niagara County Community College for 14 years. She supervises her students when they intern at the Buffalo Zoo.

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Mary Birch Fenn  
Judith Chaney Frey  
Marilyn Babcock Samasky  
Marie Sobala  
Barbara Zuk Szawczyk

Mary Jane Cryan has crafted a fascinating combination history and travel guide.

She has included lovely illustrations by Justin Bradshaw. The book also has wonderful old prints and many beautiful pictures of scenic areas in the locale.

"Travels to Tuscany" and "Northern Lazio" will be available in the D'Youville bookstore.

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Michele Fernsted Petri is employed at Westminster Village in Bloomington, Ill.

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A resident of Lexington, Ky. since Aug. 2003, Patricia Pantera DiSessa noticed in the last D'Mensions that Kathleen Twist Sartini, '69, lives in the same area. The two women talked with each other and were pleased to discover that they had another connection: Kathleen's husband is a cardiologist and Patricia's husband is a pediatric cardiologist.

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Barbara Lester-Anderson lives in Waipahu, Hawaii.

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Maureen Fasy  
Mary Small Karns  
Elizabeth McHugh Knight  
Shirley Kudla  
Henriette Skalski Maile  
Mary Moore  
Kathleen Molvarec Nikischer  
Hilary Taylor Wierzbowski  
Barbara Hummel Young

Patricia B. Frey completed her Ed.D. at Seton Hall University. She is a math consultant at the Westminster Community Charter School in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mary Lou Privitera Tringali is a victim advocate and trainer with the Palm Beach County, Fla. Sheriff's Office. Her duties include notifying crime victims that inmates are being released from jail, coordinating with other governmental agencies, and training new law enforcement recruits in victims' rights laws.

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Sister E. Dawn Gear, GNSH, has been appointed superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Camden, N.J. When naming Sister Dawn, Bishop Joseph Galante said that she "brings a great sense of commitment and love for Catholic school education and brings a wealth of experience over the years in the ministry of Catholic schools. I know she'll be a great, great benefit to all those involved in our schools: to parents, students, teachers, principals and administrators." Her experience includes teaching at every grade level, establishing three schools in the Atlanta, Ga., area, and acting as assistant superintendent of schools in Camden. The information was sent by Marian Mozdziaak Snyder, '56, who was pleased to see a Grey Nun and fellow D'Youvillian in her Thorofare, N.J., area.

History major Alice Hummel Rana is the office manager at Garland Radiology Associates, Inc. in Duncanville, Texas.

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Joyce Darch  
Catherine Drynawka  
Patricia Zaborowski Evanetski  
Jean Flanagan  
Peggy Hecker  
Karen Cialfi Hempling  
Mary Intorre  
Harriet Kozlawski  
Diana Stepankowski Miller  
Nicolina Montalbo Oliverio  
James Paget  
Julie Roebuck  
Kathleen O'Connor Schuetze  
Marianne Sullivan

Jessica Terek  
Suthida Vudiporn  
Elaine Weselak

Nancy Mathias Ford, who started her career as a school-age special education teacher, is the director of a birth-to-five special education program near Portland, Ore. Her district provides support to local schools in four counties.

Margaret J. O'Brien lives in Westwood, Mass. She is a supervising auditor for the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia, N.Y., has named Karen Kleberg Peters their interim chief executive officer. Karen, who was previously the hospital's vice president of clinical services, joined United Memorial shortly after graduation from D'Youville.

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Reva Boyd  
Elizabeth Butkowski  
Barbette Goldson  
Deborah Hornberger  
Lynette Brown Hunley  
Ilga Krawchuk  
Judi Lee  
Susan Starzyk Lomosny  
Charlene Mirabella  
Cynthia Antonio Richards  
Jacqueline Seeloff Sherman  
Nancy Vasiloff  
Michelle Wholeben  
Judith Torba Witek

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Lonnie Blake is a branch manager/assistant vice president with SunTrust Banks Inc. Married for 19 years, he lives in Palm Bay, Fla. The oldest of his two children is attending Florida State University.

Nursing graduate Sandra Huer Powell received a promotion to drug safety signal specialist at Schering-Plough Research Institute in New Jersey. Formerly an infection control practitioner in New Jersey, she began her career in drug safety at Novartis, in Basle, Switzerland, where she had the opportunity to live for five years. She states, "Working in drug safety is a very different path in my nursing career." A nurse for almost 32 years, she earned an ASN in 1972 and an MS in health sciences from Hunter College in 1991. She's had varied nursing roles. She is married, no children, and enjoys her many nieces and nephews.

A former resident of Anchorage, Alaska, Richard L. Stavale relocated to Helsinki, Finland, in October, 2003.

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Ralph Agostino is the director of IT at the Legal Aid Society of Columbus and lives in Dublin, Ohio.

At their commencement ceremony, Cindy Childs Taylor sat next to Drew J. Cerza. Recently, she was delighted to see Drew, the "wingking", featured at the Buffalo Wing Festival on Food TV. She wrote, "It was great to watch and it made our mouths water for some great wings."

Currently the medical librarian at Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H., Mary (Mimi) Ray Guessferd is halfway through a master's degree program in library science at Simmons College in Boston. The mother of three, she recently remarried and added three step children to her family.

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Alvin Meyer  
Eric Thomas

A picture of a smiling Teresa Stables Carney appeared in Stony Brook Lifelines, a publication for the employees of Stony Brook University Hospital. Teresa, a certified pediatric nurse practitioner, was honored at a fundraiser, the second annual "Toast to the East End" wine tasting, auction and dinner. She was recognized for her tireless care and dedication to the cystic fibrosis community at the hospital over the past 10 years, for serving as a volunteer for the CF Foundation, and for helping to increase public awareness about cystic fibrosis via radio talk shows and community outreach programs.

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keep in touch

The college no longer has information available on certain alumni. Please help us find these persons. As of this issue, we are listing missing alumni from the classes that will be reuniting next year at homecoming: '35, '45, '50, '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00. Use the attached response envelope to fill us in about your lost classmate; and by the way, use it for updating your own life, too!

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**Mary Hunter Montero** has been married for six years to Donald and lives in Depew, N.Y. She has been employed at M&T Bank for five years and is currently a bank teller there.

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**Catherine Schadel-Shotwell** is an RN in the Indian Prairie School District in Earlville, Ill.

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A resident of Cheektowaga, N.Y., **Valerie Hazeltine Stumpf** is a medical technologist with the Catholic Health System.

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**Najah Baloush**  
**Maureen Cava**  
**Lavera Nuness Crimes**  
**Shirley Hawkey**  
**C. Joan Ostrander**  
**Martin Schindel**

Listed in the field of finance, **Jennifer L. Ball** has been named to *Business First* publication's annual 40 Under 40/Class of 2004. The program was launched in 1992 to honor dedicated and talented young leaders who otherwise receive little public recognition. The honorees, all under the age of 40, are recognized for their "records of professional success and community involvement." Jennifer is an audit engagement member with Dopkins & Co. LLP, Amherst, N.Y.



**Deborah E. Cubberley, '01, BS/NS/OT** was married to **Michael F. Barkley, '01, BS/MS/PT**. They are currently living and working in the Philadelphia, Pa., area. Mike completed his DPT through Temple University in December, 2003.

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**Emily Askew Dilorio** has been steadily employed as an RN since her graduation and is currently a staff nurse at Northside Hospital Forsyth in Cumming, Ga. She married John in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1995; they have a daughter Angela and have lived in the Atlanta, Ga., area for nine years.

**Kenneth J. Stuczynski** is the CEO of a self-owned company, KENTROPOLIS Internet Community in West Seneca, N.Y.

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As the regional health director of the second largest school district in New York City, **Janice Rodney Balke** co-ordinates health services for 144,000 students. She previously was a research scientist and then interim acting deputy director of the office of occupational safety and health. Janice has been married to Mark since 2000.

**Lori Sanchez Cyrek** is a physical therapist at Sisters Hospital, a part of the Catholic Health System in Buffalo, N.Y.

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**Ruth Benjamin Stevens** is a rehabilitation services manager with the Mid-Michigan Visiting Nurse Association. She is responsible for the supervision of over 30 physical and occupational therapists in nine counties. She continues to be active in the state chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association. Ruth and her husband, Eric, live in Sanford, Mich.

**John King** is self-employed as an occupational therapist in Cape Coral, Fla.

A physical therapist with PT Services of Rochester, **Erika Schlueter Fallon** lives in Pittsford, N.Y.

**Randy P. Seitz** founded a manufacturing company which produces custom-made stone floor tile that looks like real slate, marble or granite. He is president of the company, Valley Stone Technologies, Inc. located in Harlingen, Texas.

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**Clifford Battle**  
**Susan Bird**  
**Jean Brazell**  
**Mary-Kay Campbell**  
**Carolyn Dempsey**  
**Jennifer Smith Derosier**  
**Kimberly Jenereaux**  
**Nancy Mann McGee**  
**Sheila Quirk**  
**Marie-France Rajan**  
**Elizabeth Scott**

**Denise Kocher Pfeiffer** is a physical therapist at Healthpark Medical Center in Fort Myers, Fla. She has two sons, Jacob, 3 ½ and Luke, 15 months. She'd love to hear some news from her physical therapy classmates.

**Aaron Pettis** is a sales representative with Merck & Co. Inc. in Ocean Springs, Miss.

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An occupational therapist with Clinical Associates of the Finger Lakes, **Melissa Laux Canarvis** lives in Rochester, N.Y. She completed a course in massage therapy at Monroe Community College and hopes to use this skill in conjunction with her occupational therapy position, as well as in an additional part-time job in a private practice.

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**Shelby S. Edwards** is an assistant professor in the PA/MPH program at Touro University in Vallejo, Calif.

The UB Graduate School of Education's fall 2004 alumni newsletter pictured **Eric Mohammed** in an update of the Maverick Teacher Project. The study examines how some teachers – maverick teachers – manage to teach meaningful learning in less than ideal or supportive circumstances in their classrooms, schools, and communities. At UB, Eric co-teaches two secondary education courses designed to help students who are beginning their teaching careers. He manages to bring in "real life" examples from his classes at Seneca Vocational High School in Buffalo, N.Y. Eric's spouse, **Liliana E. Vidal-Mohammed, '98, '01**, has volunteered on D'Youville's alumni networking committee.

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**Kimberley P. Gunning** is a disabilities specialist at Brock University, Niagara Falls, Ont.

**Holly Lauzonis Murray** is a physical therapist with The Nursing Home Group Rehabilitation Services in Parma, Ohio.

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**James Pierce-Ruhland** is a physical therapist with Benchmark and lives in Conneaut, Ohio. He and **Pamela E. Herbert, '00**, were married in 2001.

## obituaries

**Jane E. Punch** was honored at the Upstate New York Transplant Services, Inc. Community Recognition Dinner, which celebrated the contributions of outstanding Western New Yorkers. Jane, who holds an MS in health services administration, was recognized recently for her 30 years of service with the Medina (N.Y.) Memorial Health Care System where she is currently director of nursing. She is a member of the WNY Organization for Nurse Executives, NYS Nurses Association, Rotary, and Bayberry Twigs, the volunteer organization at Medina Hospital.

### CORRECTION:

*Class of '99, please note: Janine Miller Ricketts, '99, and her husband, Victor, have a young son. Jill M. Torriyos, '99, is not married and does not have any children. However, the previous information did prompt several phone calls among classmates.*

### 00

**Ruth Aza**  
**Wade Baldwin**  
**Keith Bartlett**  
**Jodi Dejaegher**  
**Maria Szram Derylo**  
**Sonia DiCola**  
**Angela Dirisio**  
**Catherine Flood**  
**Karl-Scott Harding**  
**Michelle Tenney Kelly**  
**Dottie Lazos Lawrence**  
**Erin Lorenzo**  
**Lori Mahoney**  
**Christine Melrose**  
**Cynthia Nauta**  
**Daniel O'Neill**  
**C. Joan Ostrander**  
**Dawn Peters-Bascombe**  
**Abdiqani Qasim**  
**Yolanda Quinones**  
**Karen Rittner**  
**Karin Roetsch**  
**Gayle Rupnow**  
**Jody Speck**  
**Jennifer White**

**Kevin Bruning**, a physician assistant, is living in High Point, N.C. He is engaged and plans a June 2005 wedding.

**Robert J. Fields** moved from Pawtucket, R.I., and now lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Fergus, Ont., resident **Carrie Fischer Zamora** is a teacher with the Upper Grand District School Board. She purchased her own house two years ago, loves traveling, and her August 2004 wedding was in the Caribbean.

On the staff of Gemko Information Group, Inc. for four years, **Todd M. Zielinski** has been promoted to marketing development manager. The information systems company is located in Buffalo, N.Y.

### 01

**Sandra Pottynski Gibson** is the nurse manager for critical care at St. Joseph Hospital, Cheektowaga, N.Y. She is also the hospital representative for the National Organ Donation Collaborative through the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

### 02

D'Youville connections were renewed at the recent D'Youville College Women's Volleyball Invitational Tournament. The second year head coach of the Cedar Crest College team from Allentown, Pa., is physical therapy graduate **Patrick J. Morgan**. During his time at D'Youville, he played over 200 games for the Spartans men's volleyball team. The meeting was special for D'Youville head coach John Hutton because it was a coaching battle against a former player. John was happy to see Patrick, a quick learner and hard worker, continue in the sport. Note: Although the Lady Spartans captured the tournament championship, the competition was enjoyed by all who attended.

### 02/03

**Angela M. Morgante, BA, MS** is a teacher in West Chester, Ohio.

### 03

**Laura L. Eisenzopf** is a physical therapist with the New York City Department of Education. She recently passed her boards and has been working as a school-based therapist in the Bronx, N.Y.

**Carolyn Grach** is a teacher in Oakville, Ont.

A resident of Woodbury, Maine, **Raymond J. Kuwik** is a process engineer with Greatbatch - Globe Tool.

**Teresa A. Martin** is a special education teacher in the Stanley County Schools in the Albemarle, N.C., area.

### 04

**Robert C. LeCaste** of Tonawanda, N.Y., is a sales associate with the Northtown Automotive Group.

**Anna Pantera Speciale, '30**, a resident of White Plains, N.Y., died on Sept. 18, 2004. Although she graduated with an B.A. in history, Anna was employed immediately after graduation in a social service agency. She leaves her husband George and her daughter, Anna Gloria Speciale.

**Edith Payne Finnegan, '37**, who died on May 28, 2004, resided in Madrid, N.Y. A magna cum laude graduate, Edith majored in English. A career in teaching high school English followed graduation from D'Youville. During her professional life, she was actively engaged in working with professional organizations and served as president of the Madrid-Waddington chapter of the New York State Teachers Association. Her daughter Maureen Saunders, '69, also graduated from D'Youville.

**Celia Latosi Boczar, '38**, went on to earn an M.A. from Canisius College after graduation. Her career was devoted to teaching. Her two daughters followed her to D'Youville: Christine, '72, and Dr. Camille, '77, both graduated with honor. Celia was always proud that, after Edward's death, she was both mother and father to her girls.

**Ruth Schwegler Van Tyul, '38**, died on Sept. 9, 2004, at age 87. She is survived by daughters Judith and Jean and by sons James and John. She also had several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

**Maribell Straub Youngers, '38**, who died Sept. 24, 2004, was a resident of North Java, N.Y. Maribell is survived by two sons, Gus of North Java and Doug of Somerset, N.J. She also has five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A mathematics major, Maribell began her professional life as a teacher. In the sixties, she switched to social services. Throughout her life she was deeply involved in community affairs.

**June Ward Maher, '43**, died on June 7, 2004, in Sarasota, Fla., where she had maintained a home for many years. She was active with the Ringling School of Art and Design and volunteered with the Sarasota Safe Place and Rape Center. Because of her work in Buffalo, in church-related activities including Catholic Charities and Canisius College, she was invested in the Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher. June is survived by her daughters, Monica Jones of Buffalo and Meg Pierce of Sea Cliff, Fla., and a son Brian of Sarasota, Fla. She also had three grandchildren.

## obituaries

**Janet Gleason Burke**, '45, died on Oct. 14, 2004. She was always known for her expertise on the tennis court and her prowess on the golf course. She is survived by her sister Sally Smith, '48, and her children Colleen, Paul and Ricky.

**Margaret Carmody Short**, '49, valued her education in ways hard to explain but she once wrote, "Friendships formed at NYC still flourish today, and they have sustained all of us through the last 50 years." Margaret died on June 12, 2004. She is survived by her husband Ed and their three children, Brian, Laurie and James. She was the loving grandmother of Timothy, Andrew and Callie.

**Katherine Maul Eye**, '51, was a retired elementary teacher who devoted 30 years to her profession. After retiring, Kay returned to her old school as a substitute teacher. Her daughter Kathleen was a faculty member at that same school. She leaves, in addition to her daughter, two sons, Thomas of Merritt Island, Fla., and Joseph of Orchard Park, N.Y. She also has two sisters, Frances Baroon and Mary Lou Andol, and five grandchildren. She died Oct. 8, 2004.

**Nancy Bonadio Gentile**, '54, died on Oct. 8, 2004. Nancy was a member of the golden anniversary class. She was the wife of Nicholas Gentile and mother of Donna Renelt. She is also survived by her sister Doris Drago.

**Kathleen Bremer Durinka**, '83, died on Sept. 22, 2004. She followed her mother Mary Schroer Bremer, '42, and her sister Elizabeth Beyer, '81, to D'Youville, majoring in nursing. She is survived by her husband Robert and son Joel. Additionally, she leaves a brother Joseph and sisters, Patricia and Margaret Heiss, '71, and several nieces and nephews.

## sympathy to the families

Elinor Fitzgibbons McGill, '35, Oct. 15, 2004  
Margaret Summo Caruana, '38, May 15, 2004  
Sr. Rita Marie Raffaele, GNSH, '49, May 26, 2004  
Grace O'Malley Bitterman, '55, Aug. 6, 2004  
Rita Sweeney Withey, '57, May 2, 2003  
Eva Jane Zmuda-Geary, '63, Sept. 16, 2004  
Eileen Murphy Carney, '65, June 22, 2004  
Margherita Toce, '66, Dec. 1, 2003  
Connie White Bush, '80, April 11, 2003

*Full obituaries will be published if more information becomes available.*

## weddings

Carol Jolley Gesl, '63 to Peter Kent  
Tammy A. Rizzzone, '90 to Mark S. Bigaj  
Lisa Snider, '90 to Ronald Gauthier  
Deborah Apollo, '95, '98 to Sergeant Dale  
Roy Shepard in Sacred Heart Chapel  
Kevin G. Farmer, '95 to Anne M. Buchholz  
Jennifer S. Leto, '95, '01 to Matthew D. Johnson  
Rebecca J. Wiencek, '96 to Dean C. Lombardo  
Nicole M. Martin, '98, MS '01 to William J. Gallagher  
Corey P. Fedor, '99 to Tracey Angelotti  
Timothy M. Kennedy, '99 to Katie N. Duerk  
Jennifer S. Montesano, '99 BS/MS OT to  
Charles H. Juergens, II  
Amy B. Carey, '00 to Thomas F. Olear  
Aric Kopf, '00 to Kathryn Richmond, '02  
Susan D. Kisicki, '01 to James M. Jurewicz  
Melanie D. Kloc, '01 BS/MS Dietetics to  
Adam P. Tardif  
Jennifer J. Jarczewski, '01 to Kenneth W. Hand  
Richard Thomas, '01 to Jennifer Braunscheidel  
Stephanie E. Rabczak, '02 to Donald M. Guize  
Nicole Y. Dobmeier, '03 to Damien S. Kunda, '03  
Heidi M. Kales, '03 to Andrew J. Dvornski  
Todd Rhodes, '03 to Jessica D. White, '04  
Jennifer F. Miskey, '04 to Paul J. DiPirro, Jr.

## births

Jacob Anthony, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Galati (Amy Christenson, '93), joins 1 1/2 year old brother, Timothy Michael.  
Lyndsay Joelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cyrek (Lori Sanchez, '93), joins big sister Caitlyn.  
Luke Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Weber (Rebecca Smith, '93), joins big sister Kiley Elizabeth.  
Aurora Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Marino (Roni K. Gingher, '95), and baby sister of Kira Beth, 7 and Alden John, 4  
Sarah Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Rosso (Lauren Hooser, '97)  
Samuel James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric M. Murray (Holly Lynn Lauzonis, '98)  
Jackson Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason L. Ferris, '01 (Lena Smith Anderson, '01)  
Ryann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sheehan (Michaele Szematowicz, '01)  
Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cody (Wendy Reitano, '02)  
Rachael Victoria, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan J. Paddock, '03

## condolences

Rita Saggese Dauria, '45, and Lucille Dauria Watkins, '82, on the death of their son and brother John  
Marie Lascola Sanderson, '47, on the death of her mother Sara  
Sally Gleason Smith, '48, on the death of her sister, Janet Gleason Burke, '45  
Elizabeth Gardner Flynn, '52, on the death of her son Joseph  
Barbara Weise Gullo, '57, on the death of her mother Berenice  
Dorothy Uschold Pattison, '58, on the death of her brother George  
Joanne Staley McMullan, '62, on the death of her mother Sophie  
Cynthia Darrow Pajak, '64, on the death of her sister  
Barbara Harrity Smith, '64, and Kathleen Harrity Kait, '68, on the death of their mother Mildred  
Katherine A. Fessenden, '65, on the death of her father John  
Kathleen Sylves, '65, on the death of her sister Laura  
Joanna Zarajczyk Plewinski, '65, and Pamela Plewinski Gervase, '03, on the death of their son and brother Jeffrey  
Linda Farinelli Stanek, '67, on the death of her husband Kenneth  
Patricia B. Frey, '70, on the death of her father Kingsbury  
Christine E. Boczar, '72, and Camille J. Boczar, '77, on the death of their mother, Celia Latosi Boczar, '38  
Barbara Warren Strzyz, '74, on the death of her father Stanley  
Carol Barrett Roaldi, '76, on the death of her father John  
Victoria A. Christopher, '71, on the death of her mother Catherine  
Dr. James Viapiano, '78, on the death of his father Anthony  
Theresa Kenneally Buettner, '85, on the death of her son Alexander  
Lisa Snider-Gauthier, '90, on the death of her father Donald

Dr. Timothy Bronson, director, personal counseling center, on the death of his mother Grace

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Fitness and Sports from 1994 to 2002. Her emphasis was on the history and emerging politics of Title IX.

Workshops during the day included topics ranging from equity in sports to educational and health benefits of Title IX to promoting opportunities in math and science.

## Nursing Department Farewells

**Dorothy M. Hoehne, Ph.D.**, associate professor of nursing, will retire from teaching, Dec. 31, 2004.

When Hoehne came to D'Youville in 1989, she initially instructed both undergraduate and graduate students, but in recent years she has primarily taught research methodologies and thesis seminar to graduate students and also courses in curriculum planning, teaching strategies and teaching practicum.

According to her students, Dr. Hoehne, in her role as thesis director and mentor, has been inspirational, providing advisees with a vision of professional life, the motivation to pursue career goals, and the encouragement to do it with excellence.

**Joan M. Cookfair, Ed.D.**, associate professor of nursing, will complete her career at D'Youville, Dec. 31, 2004.

A long-time teacher of the health sciences, Cookfair came to the college in 1983. She has instructed undergraduates as well as registered professional nurses from both the United States and Canada who attend D'Youville for their B.S. or M.S. degrees. Cookfair has taught both the didactic and clinical components of community health courses, encompassing prevention, acute care and chronic care.

In 1993, she received the American Association of University Professors award for scholarly activity related to authoring the 1991 edition of the textbook, "Nursing Process in the Community."



*above: Joan M. Cookfair, Ed.D., department of nursing*



*left: Dorothy M. Hoehne, Ph.D., department of nursing*

*below: Eric G. Little, Ph.D., department of education*



## Nursing Search

If you know of outstanding alumni who have contributed to the advancement of the nursing profession, whether academically or clinically, we would like to honor those individuals by publishing their accomplishments in the journal, "Who's Who Among NYC Nursing Alumni." Please contact **Madonna Carter, '98, RN, BSN** at 1.800.777.3921 or by E-mail at [carterm@dyc.edu](mailto:carterm@dyc.edu).

## Research Center Formed

**Eric G. Little, Ph.D.**, has been named as director of a newly formed center to study cognition, ontology and learning, according to college officials.

He will act as liaison between the college's doctoral programs and potential research funding sources such as private foundations and various government entities.

A reciprocal relationship with the college's Grant Development Research Committee is being formed and will share technical resources and co-investigators.

"Plans include linking D'Youville with Baldwin Wallace in Berea, Ohio, the University of Wisconsin in Greenbay, and the University at Buffalo. This alliance will focus on an interdisciplinary, research-based approach to learning functions and education practices," Little said.

The center has not been named.

## New Phone Numbers

The college has installed a new campus-wide telephone system.

The new main college telephone number is **716.829.8000** and the new alumni office number is **716.829.7808.** ■

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Her concern for everyone in the college community is evident to all and her personal assistance to a multitude of individuals on campus largely goes unnoticed, as she desires. "A lot of the good she has done for people will never be known," a former administrator has said.

Through her personal involvement and encouragement, D'Youville has become an integral part of the West Side community with associations in block clubs, neighborhood organizations and efforts with local government to improve the area.

Sister Denise has insured that minority students are welcomed to D'Youville resulting in one of the highest percentage minority campus populations in Western New York. Her efforts resulted in Da Vinci High School, a magnet school being located on campus that provides exposure to college life to students who otherwise would never have had the opportunity.

Her strong belief in helping and encouraging all students has seen a multitude of success stories as former students come

community," according to a long-time resident of the West Side.

The Hon. Kevin M. Dillon, current chairman of the board of trustees, said that D'Youville is well respected throughout our community and that respect reflects favorably upon the efforts and dedication of faculty, staff, administrators and students. "At the same time, the names 'Sister Denise' and 'D'Youville' have become synonymous. Sister Denise is much more than president of the college. She is a community leader whose advice and counsel is sought on a wide range of issues affecting our city. Her thoughtful and caring demeanor have endeared her to all with whom she comes in contact," he continued.

Justice Dillon added, "We on the board of trustees are blessed to have the benefit of her experience, her wisdom and her insight. We look forward to enjoying that blessing for many years to come."

During her 25 years in office, Sister Denise has been and is a member of numerous community organizations rang-

the National Conference of Christians and Jews. Most recently, as a highlight of Homecoming 2004, the D'Youville College Alumni Association awarded her its highest honor, the prestigious Anne Lum Award.

Canisius College awarded her a Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree in 1992.

A Buffalo native, Sister Denise is a graduate of Holy Angels Academy, D'Youville College and has earned a master's degree in sociology from Boston University and a doctorate at the University of Massachu-



*The new Academic Center, 2001.*

When looking at her, her shoulders seem to be normal size; so one would not suspect that they carry the legacy of the Grey Nuns and the future of D'Youville College.

From the  
Anne Lum  
citation

back and thank her for having motivated them to succeed and for having faith in them.

She has supported a special school, "City As School," an alternative program for non-traditional high school students, at D'Youville for more than a decade and it has resulted in young people finding their way to more education and more productive lives.

"D'Youville College has given dignity to our area and is a cornerstone of the com-

ing from the United Way, American Red Cross, AIDS Family Services, Holy Angels Academy, and the Association of Colleges & Universities, to name but a few.

A recipient of many awards, she was named Citizen of the Year by *The Buffalo News* in 1994, is a member of the WNY Women's Hall of Fame, received the Chancellor Charles P. Norton Medal from the University at Buffalo, the Lifetime Achievement Award from the WNY Hispanics and Friends Civic Association, and a Special Award presented to her by

setts. She served as an instructor, acting chair, teaching assistant, assistant professor, and associate dean at D'Youville prior to being named president in 1979. It has been said, "Leadership is not a formula or a program, it is a human activity that comes from the heart and considers the hearts of others. It is an attitude, not a routine."

Sister Denise truly leads from the heart.

-D. JOHN BRAY

*the d'youville college  
sister mary charlotte barton  
alumni kinship & alumni  
endowed scholarship*

The Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Awards are presented in the spring of each year for the following academic year. Scholarship recipients are selected by a committee of members of the alumni board of directors. Award recipients are selected based on the applicant's high school or college record and financial need.

**Applicant Qualifications:**

- Applicants must be a relative of a D'Youville College graduate, i.e., child, step child, grandchild, brother, sister, niece, nephew, or spouse.
- Present and prospective students as well as alumni themselves are eligible for consideration.

Candidates must complete and submit the following forms by April 15:

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Submit the FAFSA to the processor in the envelope enclosed in the Financial Aid package. The FAFSA can be obtained from the financial aid office.
- The Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Award application.
- A D'Youville College admissions application must be on file.
- A brief nomination statement (typed/double-spaced) by alumna/alumnus.
- An essay of approximately 250 words by applicant (typed/double-spaced) on your educational objectives and financial need.

Contact by E-mail, [smytonpm@dyc.edu](mailto:smytonpm@dyc.edu), or 716.829.7808.

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## INSURANCE

Appropriate insurance coverage is one of the key elements of financial planning and a means of protecting your family. Various types of insurance are available for your life, healthcare, personal liability (often referred to as “umbrella” coverage), auto and real property.

Homeowner’s insurance is, arguably, the most complex. Assessment must be made of coverage based on market value (what a buyer would be willing to pay for your home and land) v. replacement cost (what it would cost to replace your home with like construction on the same site).

Property insurance is frequently thought of as dealing only with one’s home because it is usually a person’s most valuable asset. Sometimes overlooked are other assets such as watercraft, trailers, ATVs, campers, vacation homes, etc., all of which should be insured.

Additional coverages (called riders) may deal with personalty such as electronic equipment in your home, jewelry, silverware, private collections, securities and personal records, and even business property away from residence premises.

Careful assessment of individual needs is warranted, including the potential benefits of large-group rates.

In January, you will receive pertinent information from Liberty Mutual inviting you to consider the advantages of their program.

## TIPS ON GIVING WISELY

### ▪ KEEP THE RIGHT RECORDS

For gifts of less than \$250, a canceled check is sufficient for IRS requirements. For larger gifts, the college will provide a properly worded receipt as a confirmation of your tax-deductible contributions.

### ▪ YOUR GIFT CAN BE CONFIDENTIAL

If you prefer your gift remain confidential, please let us know. We will gladly honor your request.

### ▪ CONSIDER OTHER FORMS OF GIVING

Don’t overlook the benefits to you and to the college received from charitable gift annuities, endowments and many other creative forms of giving.

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You don’t have to wait to be asked. Plan a giving strategy of your own in advance. Then contact us about your choice to discuss how your gifts can be most effectively used.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF WRITING YOUR WILL



Why do we procrastinate so about writing a will? Is it simply the reluctance to actually assess what we have and decide where and to whom it is to go after we are gone or is it denial of our mortality? Whatever the reason we ascribe to, time has a way of showing us that it is never too early to write our will.

If we think about it, we can recall instances when lives were ended abruptly and much too early. The Kennedys, John F. and Robert F. are two prime examples; Princess Diana is another; John Heinz, killed in an airplane crash, is another.

Should you die without a will (intestate), the state decides who takes control of your assets, who assumes guardianship of your minor children and who receives all those family heirlooms.

No matter what your intentions may have been, no matter that your verbalized your wishes often to friends and relatives, the state won't benefit unrelated friends or favorite charitable organizations, no matter their importance in your life, if your wishes are not contained in a written document properly signed and dated.

Testamentary laws vary from state to state, but generally you can expect a version of the following to occur:

- If you are married without children: your surviving spouse receives your entire estate.
- If you are married with children: one-half to one third of your estate typically goes to your spouse; the remaining portion to your children.
- If you are single with children: your estate is usually divided among your children.
- If you are single with no children: your estate often goes to your closest relatives in the following order – parents, siblings, grandparents and aunts and uncles.

Ten reasons to write a will or update your current will:

- You wish to support a charitable organization that you care about, that you have supported in your lifetime and for which you want your legacy to continue.
- You and/or your spouse retire.
- You move your residence to another state.
- You remarry and you wish to make provisions for your new spouse.
- Your children have reached adulthood and are financially independent.
- New tax laws make it beneficial for you to rewrite your will.
- You start a new career as a business owner.
- The value of some assets you hold have changed.
- New members join your family through marriage or births.
- You benefit through a good friend's largess with a bequest from them and you have more assets than you previously had.

Be sure you talk with your attorney when drafting a will.

CONTACT PERSON: PATRICIA VAN DYKE AT 716.829.7802

## ANNUAL GIVING



How are funds raised? Alumni, parents, friends, businesses, foundations, staff and faculty all contribute to the Annual Fund. Their generosity and commitment make a real difference in the lives of thousands of students. Gifts are made through our annual giving appeal, alumni phonathon, special events, and grant applications.

### WAYS TO GIVE:

- Simply fill out the Loyalty Fund line on the envelope inserted in this *D'Mentions* and return by mail.
- Make a contribution by credit card using the attached envelope.
- Double or triple your gift if your employer is a matching gift company.
- Include D'Youville in your financial and estate plans with a planned gift, which will provide future support for the college and may result in substantial tax savings for you and your family.
- Donate a gift-in-kind of property or services, which contribute to the strength of the college.
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CONTACT PERSON: AIMEE PEARSON AT 716.829.7803

*For your convenience, staff are available to answer your inquiries. Whether asking questions about giving opportunities, volunteering or sending a contribution, please use the attached response envelope.*

# looking back: spring luncheon

# 2004

## and looking forward



*Long-time friends gather at the annual spring luncheon on Saturday, June 12, 2004, at the Brookfield Country Club, Clarence, N.Y.*

For event information, call the alumni office at 716.829.7808 or E-mail, [smytonpm@dyc.edu](mailto:smytonpm@dyc.edu).

## Alumni Calendar 2005

### February

- 4 & 5 Student-Athlete Alumni Events
- 5 Job-Prep Conference Day
- 10 Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni\*
- 10 Board Meeting
- 24 Alumni/Student Networking Event
- 12 Ft. Lauderdale Gathering

### March

- 10 Board Meeting
- 10 Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni\*
- 19 Naples Reception
- 20 Sarasota Luncheon

### April

- 14 Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni\*
- 14 Board Meeting

### May

- 12 Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni\*
- 12 Board Meeting
- 19 Graduate Brunch

### June

- 18 Spring Luncheon

\*11:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Chapel



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