

# D'Youville College

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# Message from the President

Dear Alumni,

The commencement exercises went smoothly again this year and, as in the past, brought precious memories of their own. It is always heartwarming to watch the students come across the stage and receive their degrees. Many of them have gone through great hardships to get to the point of completing their degrees. They often come to D'Youville with heavy burdens from home or with concerns that they must carry along with the rigors of their academic programs.

Commencement is a time of hope and happiness. Like Marguerite d'Youville, graduates take with them the enthusiasm that makes all things possible and the awareness of those in need that will beckon them to use their education for the benefit of others, especially the marginalized. This year, because we had graduates from many different countries, it was encouraging to know that Marguerite's legacy and spirit will travel to many nations and will continue her life of compassion in a number of countries and a multitude of ethnic and religious settings.

Not only has D'Youville left a mark on its graduates and planted the seeds for a life of service and leadership, the students also have left their mark on us. Each year at Commencement time, our purpose is strengthened and our commitment deepened by the lives and spirit of our graduates.

God bless each one of you as you travel forward on the next steps of the journeys of your own lives. Know that you are a source of strength and pride for us for a future brightened by the light of your presence.

Sincerely,



Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D.  
President

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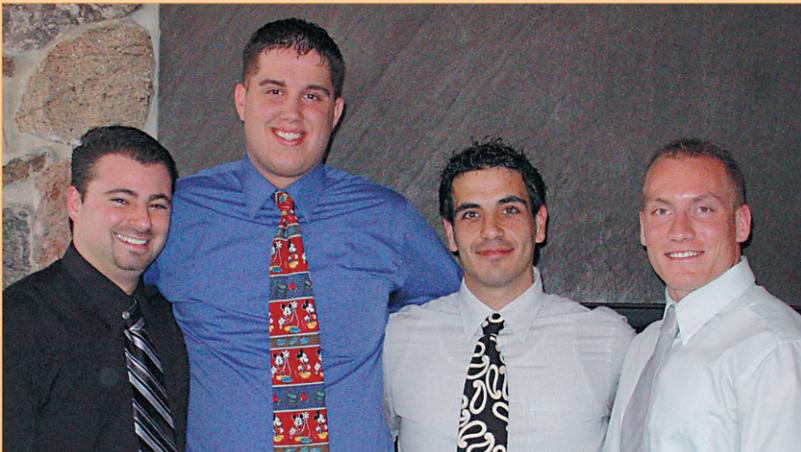
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D'Youville PT seniors present their senior research project at the American Council of Physical Therapists Combined Sections Conference in February 2004. Story on page 4.



# Student Spotlight

## Students' Senior Research Project Presented at National PT Conference



*Pictured left to right: James Morgan, Daniel Agostinelli, Chad Gindi and Kristopher Schultz.*

Four D'Youville seniors received the prestigious honor of presenting their senior research project as a platform to physical therapy professionals gathered for the American Council of Physical Therapists Combined Sections Conference held this past February in Nashville, TN.

**Daniel Agostinelli, Chad Gindi, James Morgan and Kristopher Schultz** attended the conference with Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy, Dr. Eric Miller to present "The Effects of Plyometric Training on Strength of the Shoulder Internal Rotators and Throwing Velocity." The event is the largest of all annual Physical Therapy conferences.

The study was a randomized, controlled trial that examined the effects of a six-week plyometric program on strength of the shoulder musculature and throwing velocity. This particular rehab program involves very high levels of coordination to perform and is generally reserved for the later phases of physical therapy rehabilitation. While this method of training has been validated for use in the lower extremities, little research has been conducted examining its effect on the upper extremities. Despite the lack of scientific evidence to support its use, plyometric training is frequently used by therapists and trainers in symptomatic and normal populations. The results of the D'Youville students' study did find statistically or clinically significant changes in either strength or throwing velocity in the population that was studied.

Remarking on the significance of the students' accomplishment, Dr. Eric Miller said, "Only a select few of the research studies that are submitted are accepted to present in a platform format to our peers in the profession."

The abstract for the study was published in the February issue of the *Journal of Orthopedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. In addition, the students received the PT Department Research Award for their work on the study.

Congratulations on a job well done!

## Fourth Annual Physician Assistant Program Poster Presentation

On April 30, 2004, in the College Center Blue Lounge, the senior physician assistant students invited the college community to view their Primary Care Medicine Community Service Projects, presented in poster format. The posters represented projects completed by students in their clinical year over the course of a two-month Primary Care Clinical Internship. There were a wide array of topics presented, but some of the more common community service projects involved patient education on asthma, diabetes, and obesity.

The posters and projects were judged by Beth Mercer, RPA-C of the Erie County Department of Health, and Laurene Tumiel-Burhalter, Ph.D. from the University of Buffalo's Department of Family Medicine. Although both judges admitted to having a very difficult time choosing the most outstanding poster among such a field of top-notch projects, the award for the best poster presentation went to Michael Davis for his project on Health Literacy. Michael's project found that those persons with poor health literacy skills (i.e., the ability to exchange and understand health information) are more likely to have chronic diseases and less likely to obtain the care they need.

The students' active involvement in their Community Service projects is an important part of their development as Physician Assistants and their future roles as community educators.

## Physician Assistant Program Holds the First Annual Pinning and White Coat Ceremony

On May 6, 2004, the Physician Assistant Program held the first Senior Pinning/Junior White Coat Ceremony in the College Center Blue Lounge. The White Coat Ceremony is a time-honored tradition among medical programs, which signifies that students have achieved all program standards in order to take a position as a student intern. Senior students were honored with a commemorative pin signifying their achievement of Physician Assistant status.

The ceremony started out with an opening from the Department Chair, Maureen Finney, congratulating the Junior and Senior PA classes on their accomplishments. Mary Kay Betz, Academic Coordinator, then put on a touching and humorous presentation displaying photos of various events taken over the past few years. Following the presentation, Renee Andreeff, PA Instructor, helped upcoming senior students don their new White Coats in preparation for their clinical year.

Clinical Coordinator, Elizabeth Quinlan-Bohn then addressed the upcoming senior class by sharing humorous anecdotes and words of wisdom handed down from the graduating senior class. She then conveyed her congratulations to the graduating class and wished them well as they embark on their new PA careers. Maureen Finney, Chair, and Christina Spink-Formanski, Administrative Assistant, then presented



the graduating seniors with commemorative Physician Assistant pins as a lasting memento of their experience at D'Youville College.

Margaret Harrison, Department Secretary, was also in attendance offering, as always, assistance and warm words of encouragement to members of both classes. The event was a joyful transition ceremony for both groups of students and will now be an annual event for the PA Program faculty, staff and students to look forward to each spring.



*Pictured left to right: Dr. George Matthews, honoree; Maureen Finney, Chair, PA Program; Dr. Robert Gatewood, honoree.*

## Physician Assistant Program Hosts the Fifth Annual Preceptor Appreciation Event

The Physician Assistant Program hosted the fifth Annual Preceptor Appreciation Event on March 25, 2004 in the Blue Lounge of the College Center. Two of our finest preceptors, Dr. Robert Gatewood and Dr. George Matthews, were honored with the "Preceptor of the Year Award." Drs. Gatewood and Matthews, who are both cardiologists with Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates, were nominated for the award by the physician assistant senior class of 2003.

# New Programs

## Exercise and Sports Studies Program Kicks Off This Fall



A new four-year academic program, Exercise and Sports Studies, will be offered this fall, adding to D'Youville's wide array of academic programs in the health education field.

The program will prepare students for a variety of career options and/or graduate courses of study that are sports connected, including athletic administration, fitness training, sport research, sociology, psychology, sport medicine, management, and health education. The program will serve as a background for a sport-journalism major and can also be included as an academic minor for students pursuing careers in physical therapy and physician assistant at the college.

"It will meet the needs of a variety of students interested in learning more about exercise, athletic activities and health," says Dr. Donald F. Sabo, professor of liberal arts at D'Youville, who also helped develop the program. "The curriculum links together knowledge of the biomedical aspects of sport and physical activity with an understanding of how sports and exercise fit into society and culture," he added.

The curriculum includes gross anatomy, physiology, psychology, social epidemiology, sport sociology as well as a core program. The new program will include internships in the second and fourth years that are tailored to the student's academic and career interests. Internships may be assigned to local intercollegiate and professional teams, according to college officials.

Sabo, who will teach in the program, is a nationally recognized expert in sport sociology and directs the Center for Research on Physical Activity, Sport and Health housed on the D'Youville campus. He has been writing and lecturing about issues including physical activity and health and gender equity in athletics since 1980 and is past vice president of the Women's Sports Foundation.

For more information on the Exercise and Sports Studies program, call the D'Youville Admissions Office at (716) 881-7600.

## New Chiropractic Program is Cutting-Edge

D'Youville will offer a Doctor of Chiropractic program, beginning this fall. The college will be the first standard, accredited, multi-disciplinary college in New York State to "mainstream" chiropractic education, and only the second college in the country to do so. (The University of Bridgeport in Connecticut started its program in 1990.)

"This new program will be the cornerstone of our Integrative Holistic Health Department at D'Youville," said Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D., president. "In addition to our current certificate program in hospice and palliative care, we envision that the department will eventually add future offerings in the areas of acupuncture, integrative healing and transpersonal psychology."

Previously, students interested in the chiropractic profession had to attend one of 16 national single-purpose institutions nationwide primarily dedicated to chiropractic education. Now, with D'Youville entering the field, students can take liberal arts and science courses required for an undergraduate degree with students from other health-related disciplines and then embark on professional-level, evidence-based chiropractic studies.

Chiropractic is a health care discipline which emphasizes the inherent recuperative power of the body to heal itself without the use of drugs or surgery. It focuses on the relationship between body structure (primarily of the spine) and function as coordinated by the nervous system, and how that relationship affects the preservation and restoration of health. The name is taken from the Greek words "cheiros" (hand) and "praktos" (done by) and combined to create "chiropractor" or "done by hand."

D'Youville will offer the chiropractic program on two levels: one that will provide the student with the opportunity to complete the Bachelor of Science in Biology degree and the Doctor of Chiropractic in seven years; and one for transfer and/or "second career students" who can earn their Doctor of Chiropractic in four years, if they have an undergraduate degree and meet academic requirements. Students entering the

program at the freshman level will pay undergraduate tuition throughout the seven-year program.

The program will be centered on the fourth floor of the Academic Center where a state-of-the-art chiropractic clinic will be built for the clinical training portion of the program.

### A rapidly growing field

"We began studying the feasibility of offering academic programs related to complementary and alternative therapies three years ago," said Dr. Paul T. Hageman, chair of the Department of Integrative Holistic Health Studies and lead faculty member for development of the program. "The selection of chiropractic as the first program was based on a number of factors, including the fact that chiropractic is both alternative and mainstream, as well, and because the profession has gained popular acceptance."

The fact that the White House Commission on Complementary and Alternative Medicine Policy recommends the integration of complementary and alternative medicine into the mainstream health care system also encouraged the development of the program.

Two-thirds of health maintenance organizations (HMOs) offer at least one form of alternative care. The most common



is chiropractic (65%) followed by acupuncture (31%), according to a study conducted by National Market Measures for Landmark Healthcare Inc., a company specializing in the development and delivery of management programs for musculoskeletal disorders and rehabilitation services.

"The steadily increasing acceptance and use of chiropractic by the public, third-party payers and the federal government indicate that chiropractic is no longer the marginal profession it was once considered to be," Hageman said.

"As part of our feasibility study, we surveyed 1,991 licensed chiropractors randomly selected from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ontario. Our survey concluded that the demand for chiropractic care at the national, state or provincial levels will continue to increase during the next decade. There are sufficient individuals interested in becoming chiropractors, and the majority of chiropractors support the integration of chiropractic programs into university and college settings," he said.

"Students will focus on human anatomy, physiology, biomechanics, pathology, diagnostic imaging, chiropractic diagnosis and analysis and adjustive techniques, and will complete a strong graduate-core research requirement," Hageman said. "In addition, they will be integrated into classes in nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, dietetics and other health-related courses. The intent of this integrative and collaborative approach is to facilitate communication among professionals and to bring about an enhancement of patient care."

Chiropractic is recognized today as one of the largest health care professions in the United States and chiropractors are currently licensed in all states. In 1970, there were approximately 13,000 licensed chiropractors. That number had grown to 81,000 by 2000, according to the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards.



# New Programs

## Doctorate in Educational Leadership Approved for Fall

D'Youville has received approval from the State Education Department to offer a Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, beginning this fall.

The new program is designed for education professionals who have completed some post-master's work, according to Dr. Sherry Fontaine, director of the Doctoral Program in Health and Education.

"The 90-credit-hour course of study is designed as a part-time program with evening and weekend hours to accommodate working individuals seeking to further their careers in various areas of education, such as principals, supervisors, student personnel and admissions employees, or to acquire academic teaching and research skills," according to Dr. Fontaine.

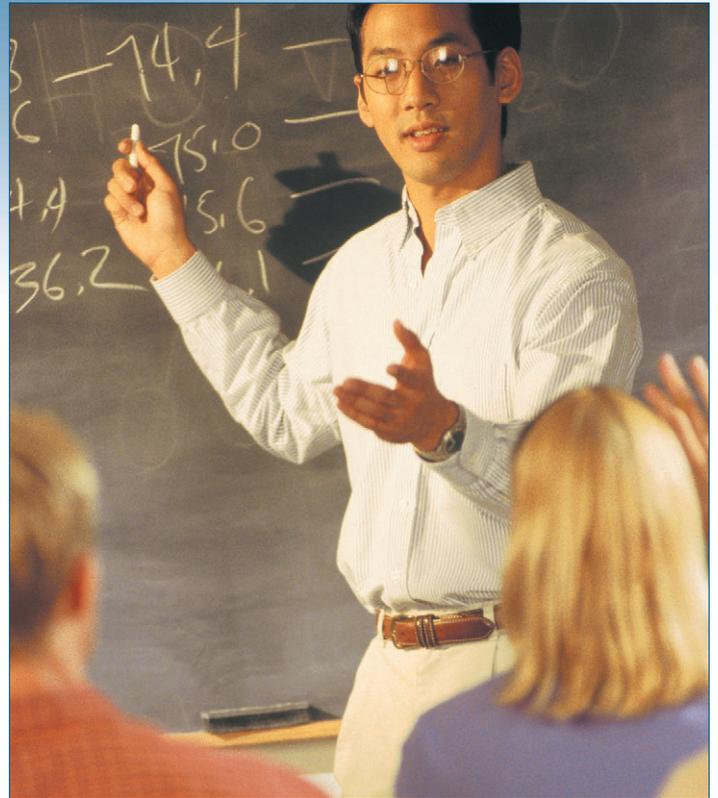
One feature of the new program is the acceptance of academic credits an individual may have through prior graduate studies. Up to 45 hours of relevant course work, consistent with the aims and goals of this program, will be accepted for transfer credit.

"Due to the many changes and requirements in educational systems and institutions taking place today, we developed this doctoral program to ensure the student has a strong foundation in educational policy, law and finance and knowledge of educational organizations," she said.

The program will focus on contemporary and projected issues in education and utilizing applied research to identify problems, develop solutions and assess results.

"We feel it is a relevant program for education today and it will be well accepted by professionals in the field," said Dr. Fontaine.

Unique features of the new program include extensive



fieldwork in education systems and the use of mentors – recognized for the quality of their leadership and accomplishments – to supplement the classroom work.

The first group will be made up of approximately ten students who will go through the seminar-style program together. "They will work together and share experiences. This format will provide a lot of individual attention and a great deal of interaction," Fontaine said.

It will generally take six years to complete the doctorate, though some of the students will be able to complete the program in less time.

For information on the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership, call the Graduate Admissions Office at (716) 881-7731 or e-mail at [graduateadmissions@dyc.edu](mailto:graduateadmissions@dyc.edu).

## D'Youville Names New Athletic Director

Mick B. Fallis has been named Director of Athletic Programs. He will be responsible for the following: overall program development; coordination of intercollegiate, intramural, club and recreational activities; recruitment of student athletes; and advisement of the Student Athletic Committee. He will also coach the men's basketball team.

Serving as the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at D'Youville since 1999, Mick helped guide the Spartans to their first winning season in 20 years and their first Conference Championship in 2002-03.

Prior to coming to D'Youville, Mick was a physical education teacher for the Buffalo Public Schools and

remains active as a Camp Coach at a number of educational institutions, including Canisius, UCLA and Purdue. He was an assistant basketball coach for the Empire State Games where his team won the Bronze Medal in 2002.

A native of West Point, Indiana, Mick is a graduate of Purdue University and will complete his Master's Degree in Sport Administration at Canisius College by the end of 2004. He and his wife Susan live in Buffalo.



*Mick B. Fallis*

# Student Viewpoint

## The Seneca-D'Youville Connection

Robert R. Hamaway is one happy graduate. He has completed his final student teaching assignment in Ontario and just graduated from D'Youville College with his bachelor's and master's degrees... after three years of study.

Bob graduated from the Seneca College General Arts and Sciences program in 2001, "took a chance, left the nest" and, under the special agreement between the two institutions, enrolled at D'Youville in the education program to become a teacher.

According to Bob, the determining factor in making his decision was the scholarship he was offered by D'Youville and the school's reputation for small class size and individual attention. His Seneca credits were fully accepted, and Bob entered as a third-year student.

A bit apprehensive about coming to a "foreign country" and a new academic environment, he found his Seneca education prepared him well for D'Youville's academic rigors. "I had confidence I could do the work," he said.

That, combined with classes that averaged 15 students, rapport with faculty who "all called me by name and were always accessible," the friendly campus environment, his involvement with student organizations on campus and diversity in the classrooms made his college life both enjoyable and worthwhile. "It was a hands-on education, and I felt respected here and can't praise the faculty enough," he said. "The faculty at Seneca and D'Youville are second to none."

"I would tell students not to be apprehensive about the experience of attending D'Youville under this program. I recommend it without question," he said.

He credits Professor James Moran at Seneca and Dr. David Kelly, professor of history at D'Youville, for their encouragement and mentoring. Bob made the Dean's List five times and



was the president of Kappa Delta, the history club on campus. He also received numerous honors, including the Palisano Scholarship Award, induction into the Lambda Sigma Society and the Pinnacle National Adult Honor Society, and listing in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

One of the highlights of his university education was his first student teaching experience. He was assigned to the Catholic Central School in Buffalo and, after the first week "where the students tested me," he knew he really wanted to be a teacher. "The experience was fantastic," Bob said after his seven weeks in the classroom for 7th and 8th graders. "They want me to work there after graduation," he said. "I'll miss them."

Bob lived off campus in an apartment within walking distance of the campus, so he didn't have to worry about driving from Ontario or crossing the Peace Bridge on a daily basis. "This allowed me to get involved on campus, in the community, and to make good friends. It was very beneficial for me," he said. "The apartment rents around the D'Youville campus are much more reasonable than in Toronto."

Bob believes that after graduation "there is no question I will get a job teaching in Ontario." With the encouragement of Dr. Kelly, he would like to go on and get his doctorate.

After not having time for anything but his studies, Bob looks forward to resuming his life, and eventually getting married, having children and enjoying a career as a teacher. "Coming to D'Youville was the best decision I made; it made all the difference."

## Director of Annual Giving Named

Aimee B. Pearson has been named Director of Annual Giving in the Institutional Advancement Office at D'Youville College. Previously, she was the Development Officer at Medaille College where she also served as Conference and Special Events Coordinator.

In her new position, Aimee will be responsible for the annual giving program for alumni, parents, friends, and corporations. In addition, she will plan, implement and supervise the annual college phonathon and individual campaigns and will coordinate the annual fund with capital and endowment fundraising. Aimee is a graduate of Medaille College and has completed specialized fundraising programs. She lives in Niagara Falls.



Aimee B. Pearson

## What's in a Word? Maybe \$25,000

We'll hear the sound of tiles slapping and see words like "fustian," "djin," and "tornadic" being brought up and symbolically thrown in the face of an opponent sitting across from an equally rabid wordsmith. And television cameras will capture every nuance of the fierce mental competition that can only be found in the rarified atmosphere of the National SCRABBLE® Championship.

The 2004 event is set for August 1-4 in New Orleans, and D'Youville faculty member Bruce Cramer will be in the thick of it as more than 600 of the world's best SCRABBLE fanatics test their skills against players from all over the world. A number of other players from the Buffalo SCRABBLE Club will join Cramer in the "Big Easy" for fun and games, literally.

Cramer, who started playing when he was 11 and has been playing competitive SCRABBLE for about ten years, is an avowed lover of words and says the game keeps one mentally sharp and provides the highs and lows of any other sport. "It's exhilarating when you make a great word and frustrating when you can't find the right tile," he says. A member of the Buffalo SCRABBLE Club, he plays weekly at the Kenmore Baptist Church and enjoys the competition and social aspects of playing with friends. He plays daily on the computer to maintain his edge.

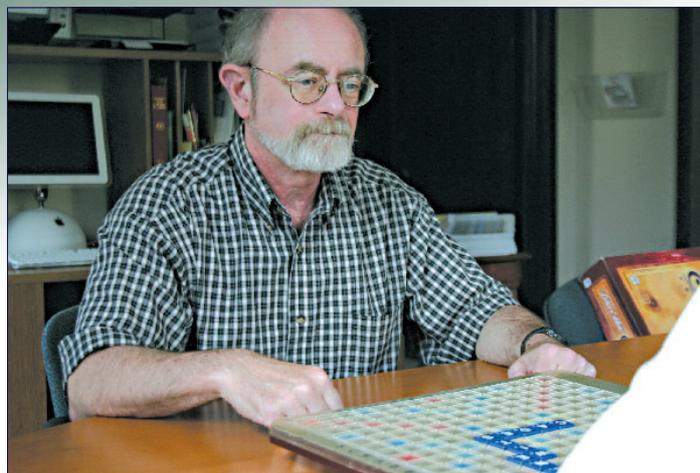
There's more to the game than just knowing a lot of words according to Cramer. "You have to be aware of the placement of the tiles, whether you should play a defensive, offensive, or wide open game and each player uses his/her own strategy. Luck is also involved."

"Organized, competitive, tournament SCRABBLE differs from the game played at home," says Stefan Fatsis, author of the book *Word Freak* and a sports reporter for the Wall Street Journal.

"A 23-page rule book governs everything from how to select tiles properly (the bag containing them must be held at eye level or higher) to what to do when a player needs to go to the bathroom during a game," he writes.

The basic rules of the game, for non-SCRABBLE folk, are not that complicated. A player draws seven tiles, with the first player combining two or more of his letters to form a word on a SCRABBLE board. It can be placed on the board to read either across or down, with one letter on the center square. No diagonal words are allowed. A player completes a turn by counting and announcing the score for the turn, then draws as many letters as he has played, thus keeping seven letters on his rack. The second player adds one or more letters to those already played to form a new word. The board is a 15 by 15 grid and there are 100 tiles in a set – 98 letters and two blanks.

Alfred Mosher Butts, a native of Poughkeepsie, created the game during the Depression, and with the manufacturing expertise



of James Brunot, it was granted a trademark in 1948. More than 100 million sets have been sold in 29 different languages, and, according to Mattel, it is the world's best-selling game – enjoyed by everyone from Mel Gibson to Sting to Queen Elizabeth II.

### Preparing for the big challenge in the Big Easy

To prepare for the championship, Cramer studies the official word list, refreshes his anagram knowledge, especially the seven letter variety such as "reasons" which can be "senoras," or "satin" which can be "stain." He also reviews his index cards of words gathered over the years and through thousands of games. "I like words from biology including plants, birds and fish. It's an esoteric area and not many players are that familiar with some of those words. Experience also helps me identify words within a word and that helps."

At the championship, there will be a total of 30 games played over four days with a computer selecting competitors. The winner's purse is \$25,000 – not bad for a few well-placed words!

Cramer has played in two national championships. The last was in 2000, where he finished "in the middle of the pack." He has played in about 30 local tournaments.

Appropriately, he is a reading coordinator and assistant to the director of the learning center at D'Youville, and what you may call "a renaissance man." A graduate of the State University at Buffalo with a fine arts degree (cum laude), and holder of a master of professional studies/reading degree from Buffalo State, he is also a distance runner, "a sometime poet," a bird-watcher and an accomplished professional musician.

Cramer is a substitute cellist for the Buffalo Philharmonic and toured North America as a cellist for Emerson, Lake and Palmer in 1977. He was the conductor of the Greater Buffalo Youth String Orchestra for nine years. He teaches cello to private students and was the assistant principal cellist for the Calgary Philharmonic and the Edmonton Symphony. He has written a number of academic publications on reading and has made presentations at local colleges and universities.

Now, if he wins the SCRABBLE Championship, we can say he is also a man of letters. *Good luck, Bruce!*

## D'Youville Chair Coordinates Conference in China

The chairman of D'Youville's Liberal Arts Department, Dr. G. John Abbarno, returned to China to coordinate and speak at the Second International Conference on Values, June 12-16, in Wuhan City. He spoke at the Conference in 2001.

He is the past president of the International Society for Value Inquiry, and spoke at universities in Beijing, Xi'an, Wuhan and Shanghai during his visit.

A professor of philosophy, Abbarno is president of the Conferences on Philosophical Societies, and also participated in early July in sessions of a conference in Shanghai whose goal was to broaden the communication of scholars from different international societies of philosophy.

He is a graduate of Canisius College and holds advanced degrees from the University of Dayton and Illinois University. He has been on the D'Youville faculty for more than 26 years.

## Phoning to Begin in September

The D'Youville College Phonathon is run in the fall and spring to give students the opportunity to raise money for funding of scholarships, technological advancements, library acquisitions, faculty development and campus improvements. This September students will begin calling alumni to ask for their support to the Loyalty Fund.

The Phonathon, organized by the Office of Annual Giving, affords students the opportunity to speak with alumni and request their support through donations. This unrestricted money raised by the students during the phonathon is funneled into the Loyalty Fund, much of which is used as a source of financial aid to students. Last year, about 95 percent of the student body received some sort of financial aid.

Please take the opportunity to tell current students about your experience at D'Youville and throughout your life and give generously to the Loyalty Fund when your phone rings this fall.

If you would like to participate as an alumni volunteer for a night or two of phoning, please contact **Aimee Pearson** at 878-2717. It's a great opportunity to work with students and to reconnect with your old classmates.



## Occupational Therapy Department Receives Thumbs Up

For more than a year and a half, D'Youville's Occupational Therapy Department underwent a review of its curriculum, philosophy and program. Under the direction of Dr. Janice Tona, the OT faculty developed a lengthy report that was sent for review by three occupational therapists in January 2004.

Their efforts were rewarded this past April with a successful on-site visit by a team consisting of two of the OT accreditors who reviewed the report, one clinician and one educator. The team was favorably impressed with the program and was able to cite 10 major strengths of the OT Department at the end of the visit. These included the academic leadership of the college and faculty and the fieldwork of both the educators and the students. The team also made suggestions for enhancing the program in the exit report. These findings were presented to the college administration, faculty, staff and students on April 21, 2004 in Madonna Lounge.

Occupational Therapy faculty and students were very pleased to hear the positive report, and although there is a single area of non-compliance with the Standards of an Occupational Therapy Program, a plan of correction has already been submitted and accepted by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education. This fall, the OT faculty will complete the necessary work to correct the sited policy which determines the length of time required to complete all requirements of the degree of BS/MS or MS degrees.

The OT faculty is grateful for the contributions of other D'Youville departments in accomplishing the OT program's reaccreditation and appreciates the support of the administration as well.

## New Residence Hall Building



*Work reaches the halfway point on the D'Youville's new apartment style residence hall on the corner of Connecticut and Prospect Avenue. The \$10 million facility is schedule to open in January 2005 and will house 175 students.*

# The '96<sup>th</sup> Commencement

## Mark Russell Send Grads Off With A Lot of Laughs

At D'Youville's 96th Commencement on May 22, 2004, nationally known political satirist Mark Russell told the Class of 2004. "There's more to life than money, cars, stocks and bonds – there's the boat."

To a delighted audience, Russell put a humorous touch on the ceremony that saw some 500 graduates receive degrees. He, along with well-known watercolor artist Margaret M. Martin, both Buffalo natives, received honorary degrees.

He told graduates, "When you're back here for your 25th reunion in 2029, you'll find one-half of you living in Buffalo with your parents. You'll be talking about the Peace Bridge, when will they get a casino downtown, and when will Masiello (Buffalo Mayor) hang it up."

Russell is a Marine Corps veteran who began his career as a piano player in the Carroll Arms Hotel Bar on Capitol Hill while waiting for college to begin. He made up songs about his customers, many of whom happened to be politicians, and his popularity grew.

He was the resident comedian at Washington's Shoreham Hotel from 1961 to 1981 and has starred in The Mark Russell Comedy Specials on national public television for 29 seasons. His television specials have been taped at WNED-TV in Buffalo and have consistently been among the top-rated shows on public television.

Russell regularly performs around the country with his topical political humor.

Margaret M. Martin also received an honorary D'Youville degree at the commencement ceremony. Martin is a nationally known artist whose works hang in a number of private, corporate and public collections and are exhibited in shows throughout the U.S. during the past three decades.

A full-time watercolor artist, she won her first award in 1970 and during her career has received more than 60 awards for her works. Martin also teaches in her Allentown studio and has conducted workshops in local high schools and at workshops nationwide. Universal Studio commissioned her for a work that was used in the film "Bruce Almighty" and for another that was presented to actor Jim Carrey.

### Russell's unique sense of humor brings attendees to their feet

He noted that Senator Charles Schumer was scheduled to be at the ceremony but cancelled at the last minute. "A senator and a comedian on stage, back to back; the audience wouldn't know which one of us was which." Referring to the senator's appearance at a number of commencement ceremonies, he said, "Schumer is doing hit and run commencements."

Referring to his honor, "D'Youville is bestowing an honorary degree on someone who never went to college. When I tell people that, no one is surprised."

He told the graduates, "When you entered D'Youville, some \$60,000 ago, which is why your father still drives a 1992 Crown Victoria, you didn't think you'd end up just like us." He advised the graduates to "get in the wrong field and stay there."

He referred to his Canisius High School education: "I was educated by the Jesuits for four years and was made to learn Latin. I didn't learn typing because I wasn't a girl so today I am computer illiterate. I can operate a toaster and download toast, or is it upload?"

He received a standing ovation from the audience at the commencement ceremony.



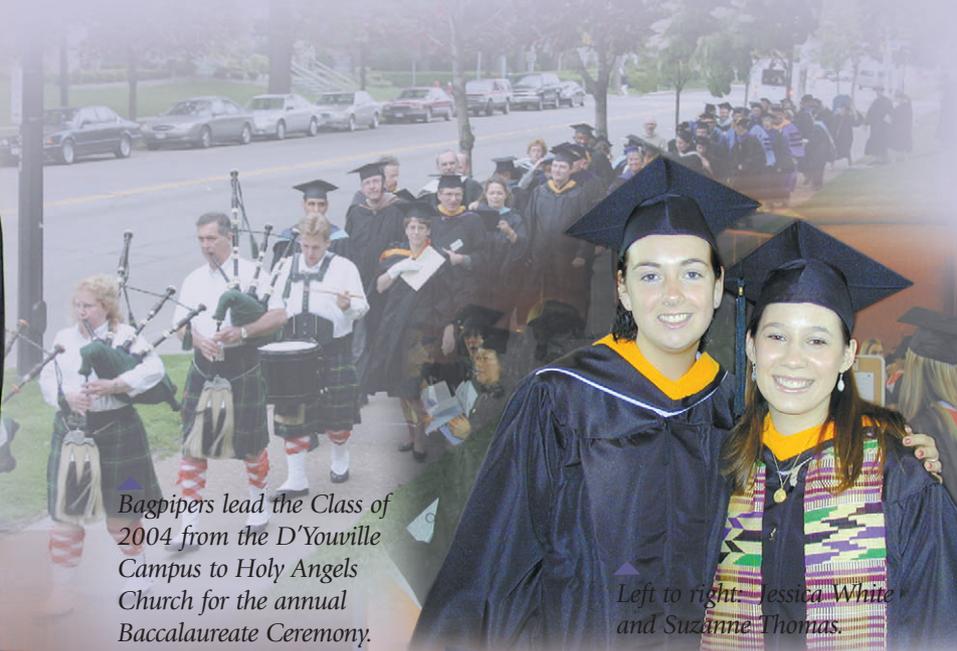
Left to right: Jeff Renior; Mathew Pietras; Eric Kocsis; and Edwin Luna. ▶

Amy Fiebelkorn receives her hood from Eric Miller, assistant professor of physical therapy ▼



Students get ready to g

◀ Margaret M. Martin; Sister Denise Roche; Mark Russell; and Nancy Dobson, Executive Vice President of Uniland Development Co. and a member of the D'Youville Board of Trustees.



Bagpipers lead the Class of 2004 from the D'Youville Campus to Holy Angels Church for the annual Baccalaureate Ceremony.



Left to right: Jessica White and Suzanne Thomas.



◀ Jennifer R. Shostick, Class of 2004, gives the Salutatory.



graduate. ▶

# Alumni Events

## Buffalo Bisons 2004

8th Annual D'Youville College  
Alumni Night at Dunn Tire Park  
Friday, August 13, 2004 at 7:35 p.m.

## Bisons vs. Ottawa Lynx

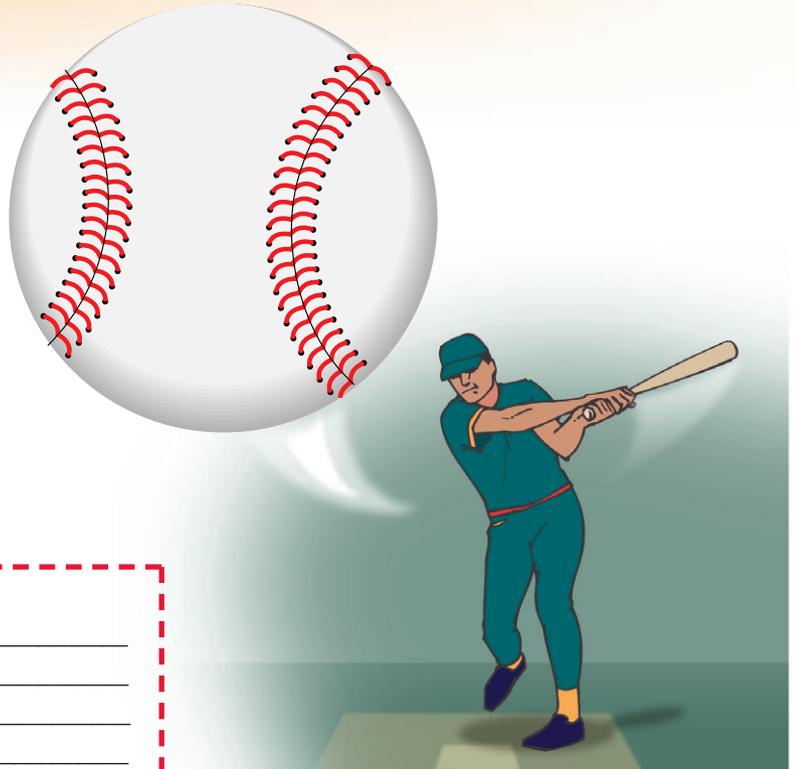
Post-game fireworks!!!  
Reserved seat ticket: \$9.50

**Send:**

1. Reservation form below by Monday, August 2
2. Check payable to: D'Youville College
3. Stamped self-addressed envelope

**To:**

Patricia Smyton (716) 829-7808  
D'Youville College Alumni Office  
631 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, NY 14201



**Buffalo Bisons 2004 Reservation Form:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets : \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$9.50 each = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## Alumni Graduate Brunch

The Alumni Graduate Brunch sponsored by the Alumni Association, the Alumni Office and Institutional Advancement was held in the Porterview Room on Thursday, May 20.

The annual event, a tradition of commencement week, preceded the graduation rehearsal and is the official welcome into the ranks of alumni. The brunch provides faculty members and graduating students the opportunity for a quiet visit before the hectic activities of the weekend.

The class of 2004 was greeted by Patricia Marino Smyton, '65, director of alumni relations; Patricia Lyons Van Dyke, '52, director of major and planned gifts; Timothy G. Brennan, vice-president of institutional advancement; and Louise Balling, '60, alumni board representative. Along with a memento of this special time, the graduates received a packet containing information about alumni services and an alumni card entitling them to free use of library and college center facilities.

Three alumni mothers were recognized with their daughters: Joan Phelps Prem, '67, mother of Kathryn Prem, '04; Judith A. Roycroft, '02, mother of Kimberly Roycroft, '04; and Patricia Holtz Palmer '81, mother of Lynn Prebis, '02 and '04.



L to R: Kathryn Prem, '04; Joan Phelps Prem, '67; Kimberly Roycroft, '04; Judith A. Roycroft, '02; Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D.; Lynn Prebis, '02 and '04; Patricia Holtz Palmer, '81.

## Homecoming 2004 Committee

Dolores Gaeta Prezyna, '70, honorary chairman and Alumni Association President, has named JoAnn Mecca, '59, as Chairman of Homecoming 2004. The committee has met several times and is putting the final touches on plans for the weekend of September 24 and 25.

Tours of the academic center and library, as well as visits to the new gym, new residence hall and a stop at the college store are optional activities. The Charlene Page Memorial Run/Walk will be held on Saturday morning. Deceased alumni will be remembered at holy mass in Sacred Heart Chapel. The Anne Lum Award will be presented and all anniversary classes will be recognized at the candlelight dinner in the evening. Special honors will be noted for the golden and silver anniversary celebrants.

Event chairmen include: Friday night young alum gathering, Mary Pfeiffer, '84; Susan Jablonski Fiden, '69; Sister Patricia Donovan, R.S.M., '54; Romana Kelly Reger, '44; and Marguerite DiTusa Collesano, '64; and Madonna Reddington Carter, '98.

The 50-year anniversary class is planning a few special surprises. Several groups have enthusiastic agents who are contacting classmates. Although living out of town, Carole Doyle Strassheim, '64, began contacting her classmates in 2003 and has an active e-mail group corresponding. Dorothy Higgins McNicholas, '69, Eileen Sullivan Herlihy, '69, Nancy Vanderlinde, '69, and Dr. Michele Maddox, '74, are acting as class agents. Former alumni president Mary Pat Furey, '79, heads the 25th year anniversary class.

Aaron Hrycko, '99, board member Timothy Kennedy, '99, and Brett Morgan, '99, are encouraging classmates to participate in the weekend activities.

Reservation information will be mailed to the anniversary classes in mid-August. Plan to see your friends and view the many changes on our campus.

## Lifelong Friends



Burnette Decot Annable, '33, (right) recently visited the campus and met with Patricia Lyons Van Dyke, '52, (left) Director of Planned Gifts. They enjoyed viewing a picture of Burnette (Bunny), her sister Virginia Decot Dillingham, '33, and other members of the class of '33 heading off to the tennis court.

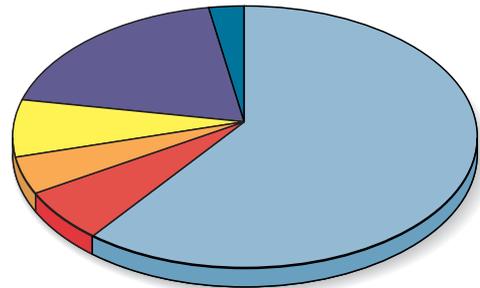
# Loyalty Fund

D'Youville College's Loyalty Fund exceeded its goal and raised **\$435,111.49** in annual gifts.

The success of this year's Loyalty Fund captures the deep and abiding affection and appreciation that D'Youville grads feel toward their alma mater. This is a powerful affirmation of the value of a D'Youville education. In addition it shows the commitment of employees, friends, foundations, corporations and trustees of the college. This level of commitment and generosity certainly validates the true meaning of the college's mission. As the college approaches its centennial year in 2008, it is a reminder of how long the college has challenged minds, helped transform lives into meaning and purpose, and prepared D'Youville students for successful careers.

### Annual Giving by Constituent Group

	<b>Alumni</b>	\$280,183.96 (65%)
	<b>Trustees</b>	\$14,116.40 (3%)
	<b>Friends</b>	\$83,006.29 (19%)
	<b>Foundations</b>	\$19,318.95 (4%)
	<b>Employees</b>	\$12,177.00 (3%)
	<b>Corporations</b>	\$26,308.89 (6%)



I wish to pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the D'Youville college Loyalty Fund. (The fund year runs from June 1 to May 31.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class Yr. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

I've enclosed my check

Bill me beginning \_\_\_\_\_ (M/D/Y)

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Matching Gifts may double or even triple the impact of your gift.

My/My spouse's employer will match my gift, and I've enclosed the form.

Please send me information on major/planned giving.

Please mail this form with your gift to: **Office of Annual Giving, 631 Niagara Street, Buffalo, NY 14201**

## On the Board...

At its meeting held May 13, the board voted in new officers and members. Their terms will run from 2004-2007.

Elected were Dolores Gaeta Prezyna, '70, president, and Jean M. Knopinski, '48, vice-president. Dolores has been on the board for four years and has served as vice-president. She chaired the second gala auction which raised a record amount of money for the Kinship and Alumni Endowed Scholarships. Jean has co-chaired the spring luncheon and day of recollection and has been a member of several alumni and college committees.

Joining the board will be Joan Planz Spencer, '63, Jane A. Bigelow, '67, Rose Grierson St. Pierre, '83, Colleen Collins Matthews, '97, Michele Ackley Murtha, '99, and Carol A. Milazzo, '00.

The following officers' terms continue through 2006: treasurer, Martha Fildes Falzarano, '77, recording secretary, Patricia Tornabene Guenther, '95, and corresponding secretary, Cynthia Wierzba DeLuca, '75.

Continuing members include: B. Jean Harrington Duggan, '48, Jean Roth Duffy, '51, Louise M. Balling, '60, Judith A.



*Dolores Gaeta Prezyna, '70, left, and Catherine M. Braniecki, '73.*

Merrill, '61, Roberta Rozek Evans, '62, Susan Jablonski Fiden, '69, Thomas J. DeLuca, '76, Lauren Rosso, '97, Sarah Hilborn, '98, and Timothy M. Kennedy, '99.

Student representatives for 2003-2004 were Tricia Peter, '04, and Jessica White, '05.

Retiring president Catherine M. Braniecki, '73, was honored at the annual spring luncheon held in June.

## Alumni Spring Luncheon

The annual Spring Luncheon was held Saturday, June 12 at the Brookfield Country Club, Clarence, NY. The co-chairpersons were Alumni Board members B. Jean Harrington Duggan, '48, Jean M. Knopinski, '48, and Jean Roth Duffy, '51. Committee members included Louise M. Balling, '60, Cynthia Wierzba DeLuca, '75, Thomas J. DeLuca, '76, Roberta Rozek Evans, '62, Susan Jablonski Fiden, '69, and Judith A. Merrill, '61. Catherine M. Braniecki, '73, retiring alumni president, was honored for her six years of service to the college.

Three women were inducted into the Delta Sigma Honor Society. They were recognized for their "selfless and generous devotion to the ideals of Marguerite d'Youville, love of God and family, faithful and outstanding service to D'Youville, and commitment to the community." Each recipient, in her own way, has "enriched the quality of life within our society." The



*Pictured from left to right: Janet Marriott Rebhan, '63; Marie Gerace Zafron, '55; Genevieve McNeil Dobmeier, '52.*

new members are Genevieve McNeil Dobmeier, '52, Marie Gerace Zafron, '55, and Janet Marriott Rebhan, '63.

## D'Youville 50-Year Class

Nine members of the class of '54, the 50-year anniversary class, represented their classmates and were recognized at the 2004 commencement exercises. Seated on the stage were Sister Brendan Connors, GNSH, director of the Learning Center, and Jane Flanigen Griffin, Ph.D., who gave the invocation. Others attending included Alice Troyan Collareno from North Carolina, Sister Patricia Donovan, R.S.M., Rosemary Ganster Heimback, Kathleen Martina Damiano, Marcella Reeb Gregoire, Rita Swiatek Huffman and Alice Kazmierczak Werynski.

Honored after the ceremony at a reception in the college center, the classmates formed a committee to plan for events at their 50th anniversary celebration at Homecoming 2004. Golden anniversary class members interested in planning activities should call one of the women listed or the alumni office. All are welcome!



*Class of '54.*

# CLASS Notes

## 1940s

Along with one of her daughters, Ruth McDonald Bateman, '40, is a resident of Winter Park, FL.



Ruth McDonald Bateman, '40.

## 1950s

The recipient of numerous awards, **Dr. Edith M. Flanigen, '50**, has been recognized for her pioneering work in aluminosilicate and molecular sieve chemistry, where she synthesized zeolites for use in the petroleum refining, petrochemical and air and water separation industries. At a ceremony in Washington, DC, she received the Lemelson/MIT Lifetime Achievement Award in Invention along with a substantial monetary gift. In Buffalo, she was inducted into the Praxair Hall of Fame. She remarked, "I think I'm especially honored by the Praxair award because that's where I did my early work. What was then the Linde Research Lab was a place I'm not sure has ever been duplicated. The environment was just exciting and exhilarating. They had a profound commitment to basic and exploratory research."



Pictured left to right: Maureen Driscoll O'Connell, '63; Carole DiCesare, '63; Barbara Campagna, '63; Janet Marriott Rebhan, '63.

## 1960s

Recently, Carole DiCesare of Pine Valley, CA, joined some of her classmates and enjoyed the sunshine and hospitality at Janet Marriott Rebhan's home in Bradenton, Florida.



Pictured left to right, back row: Bonne Tymorski Mogulescu, Gail MacKenzie Michalak, Sarah Januale Treanor, Monica Cosgrove Lazarus Sister Cecelia Cosgrove, GNSH. Middle row: Mary Jane MacKinnon McCool, Marie Cosgrove Shea, Mary Ann Kavanagh Brodeur, Diane Hafner Redding, Maryanne Shanahan. Front row: Nancy Marschner Lee, Patricia Marino Smyton, Evelyn McGowan Gay.

Members of the class of '65 met the weekend of April 23-25, 2004. Thirteen classmates from California, Virginia, North Carolina, Boston, Buffalo and other New York state areas (shown above) gathered again at **Maryanne Shanahan's** beautiful Hawthorn Inn in Camden, ME. Highlights included a lobster feast, special cake and enthusiastic planning for the class's 40th anniversary at Homecoming 2005.

**Marilyn Martiny Kuschel** and her husband, Dieter, "were royally treated to a grand tour of Prague last April, certainly one of the world's most beautiful and historically and culturally rich cities," by guides Michael and Catherine Woeppel Sheedy. They attended the State Opera to see "Carmen," saw a midnight fireworks display celebrating the Czech Republic's entry into the European Union, and took a walk over the beautiful Charles' Bridge. "It was a like a magic fairy land with the multitude of spires and towers, churches, and the old castle floodlighted for us to admire."

**Katherine Randall Bush, '65**, and her husband, Dale, were honored by the Gouverneur (NY) Chamber of Commerce. They were named Citizens of the Year for their "many works of civic and community service." Kay states that it was quite an honor as well as a humbling experience. It was an evening full of laughs, also, since her brother-in-law served as "toaster."

**Kathleen Glavin Kopitsky, '69**, really enjoys working with young children – both special needs students and those without disabilities. She feels that D'Youville provided her with a wonderful preparation for her 28 years in the classroom. Selected as a Faculty Fellow by professors at Keene State (NH) College, she took a year off from teaching second grade and taught courses to juniors and senior education majors at the college and supervised methods students in their classroom situations.

The Junior League of Buffalo honored 23-year member **Eileen Sullivan Herlihy, '69**, at its annual dinner. As a sustaining member, she was co-chair of the successful leadership training program initiated this year. Eileen's fellow volunteers stated that "her outstanding and selfless leadership style provided a wonderful model for the participants."

**Rosemary M. Tombolesi, '69**, of Barrie, Ontario, legally changed her name to Honora Rose Carlin in 1993. She received a Master's degree at St. Paul University, Ottawa and completed her doctorate in Religious Counseling and Administration in 1985. A Canadian resident for 25 years, she was the first lay person in Canada to be certified as a specialist in pastoral care and the seventh woman to become a clinical pastoral supervisor. She started the Chaplaincy Department at the Toronto East General Hospital and was also the director of the Pastoral Care Department at the Civic Hospital in Ottawa. She adopted 10-month old Elizabeth from El Salvador and considers being a mother to her now 18-year-old daughter "the best achievement in my life! It has been the hardest thing – and the best thing – I have ever done." Honora looks forward to hearing from her D'Youville friends.

**Kathleen Twist Sartini, '69**, lives in Lexington, Kentucky.

**Marguerite Dynski, SSJ, MD, '70**, a surgeon, was elected president of the Rochester (NY) Academy of Medicine. She enjoys singing in the Diocesan choir.



Mary Anne Quatrano Holleran, '70

## 1970s

**Patricia B. Frey, '70**, is a building math specialist for the Buffalo Board of Education. She received a doctorate in Leadership Management and Policy from Seton Hall University, NJ.

After 34 years in the teaching profession, **Mary Anne Quatrano Holleran, '70**, is retiring. She has been working in the Corning-Painted Post (NY) School District, most recently as a fifth-grade teacher.

A resident of Encinitas, CA, **Sarah Staley Tague, '71**, is the marketing director for La Vida Del Mar, a retirement community in Solana Beach, CA.

**Evonne Sull Garbarsky, '76**, received a master of education in counseling degree from Northern Arizona University. She has been employed in the Phoenix Union High School District for the past 15 years and now serves as department chair of the school nurses in all schools.



Evonne Sull Garbarsky, '76



Gift giving party at the DeLuca's to benefit golf auction in June of 2004. Pictured left to right: Tom DeLuca, '76; Cindy Wierzb DeLuca, '75; Linda Higby Pasquale, '75; Pam Harrington Schmid, '75; Joseph Schmid.

Alumni Board Members **Thomas, '76**, and **Cynthia Wierzb DeLuca, '75**, invited friends and classmates to their home for a dinner party to gather gifts for the golf tournament and auction which benefits the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship and Alumni Endowed scholarships.

**William Delaney, '78**, is the Director of Psychiatric Emergency Services at Memorial Regional Hospital in Miami, Florida.

New alumni board member **Rose Grierson St. Pierre, '83**, was named Nurse of the Month by WGRZ-TV Channel 2 News in Buffalo, NY. The information below appeared on the station's Web page.

*"Rose St. Pierre, RN, a D'Youville graduate and employee of Kaleida, is an outstanding critical care staff nurse who has been working in the CMICU for 16 years. She has made a difference in both patient care delivery and the profession of nursing by demonstrating a willingness to be accountable for her own practice, as well as for coordinating patient care that gives the best service to her patients and their families. Rose has maintained her knowledge base through frequent research and educational updates on evidence-based practices, making her a valuable resource for newly hired nurses on the unit. Rose is married with four children."*

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership recently honored six of its members. The organization's president stated that members were cited because "they invest in the region, but they also contribute through their volunteer work, advocacy and philanthropy." The founder of the National Buffalo Wing Festival and president and CEO of RMI Promotions Group, **Drew J. Cerza, '84**, was one of those recognized. In 2003, he led a group of business people interested in saving the city's annual New Year's Eve ball drop, enabling the community to celebrate the holiday while garnering the attention of the national media. His sister is **Kathleen Cerza Owens, '74**.

## 1980s

**Susan Balzer Lis, '86**, obtained her certification in infection control and is a nurse at Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk, NY. Father Robert Perelli, CJM, former D'Youville campus minister, officiated at the ceremony when she married Carl Lis in April 2004. Susan was pleased to have classmates **Sharon K. Ritchie, '86**, and **Susan Steed Allen, '86**, attend.

## 1990s

Married in 1999, **Kimberly Grisewood, '92**, and her husband, Randy Mack, are the parents of Gabriel and are expecting their second child this fall. They live in Mooresville, NC, where Kimberly is employed at Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC.

**Sharon A. McNamara, '94**, director of surgical services at WakeMed, Raleigh, NC, was elected president-elect of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) at its annual congress in San Diego. The Association is composed of approximately 40,000 members who provide, manage, teach and study the care of patients undergoing operative and other invasive procedures. In her election statement, Sharon noted that recruitment is one of nursing's long-term issues. "We will need to lobby aggressively for safety regulations, for monies for minorities to attend nursing programs and to finance nurses in achieving higher degrees to fill vacant faculty positions, and for adequate reimbursement."

After graduation, **Deborah Apollo, BSN '95, MS '98**, worked first in Buffalo, and then moved and set up a new treatment program at the Cleveland Clinic for patients with brain tumors. She recently relocated to Minneapolis, MN, to start a similar program for patients with brain tumors and brain aneurysms. Deborah's sister is **Kelly Goldsmith, '03**.

**Catherine Zacher Talbett, '95**, lives in Friendship, NY and is a physical therapist at Jones Memorial Hospital.

**Gari-Sue John Navarro, BS/MS, '96**, is a clinical coordinator with Summit Educational Resources and lives in Buffalo, NY. She and her husband, Christopher, have a son, Anthony, born in 1999.

**Michael Gawronski, '97**, a rehabilitation technologist at Helen Hayes Hospital in Chester, New York, is the founder of the accessibility remodeling business Infinite Accessibility, LLC (infiniteaccessibility.com). He and his wife, Sonia, are the parents of Michael, III, 2, and Madeleine, 1. This summer, he is teaching an assistive technology class in the Mercy College graduate occupational therapy program.

**Kevin Carbone, PT '98, and Michele Langley Carbone, OT, '98**, live in Pittsburgh, PA. Their children are Juliana Rose, 2 1/2 years and Nicholas Patrick, 1.

**Janine Miller Ricketts, '99**, is an occupational therapist at the Geauga County Educational Service Center in Mentor, OH.

**Jill M. Tornoyos, '99**, is a physician assistant in St. Petersburg, FL. She and her husband, Victor Ricketts, have a one-year-old son, Aden Victor.

## 2000s

In addition to working full time on a combined education and occupational therapy doctoral program at the University of Colorado, Ft. Collins campus, **Rachel Leone, '00**, is an ergonomic specialist in the Potter Valley Hospital System. The ergonomic proposal she presented to senior management was accepted and funded, and she is now the director of the Proactive Ergonomic Prevention Program. Rachel's family includes her mother, **Dr. Michele Maddox, '74**, director of retention services at D'Youville and her sister, **Rebecca A. Leone, '01**.

**Alison Rieger Venning, '01**, is a physical therapist with the McGuire Group in Buffalo, NY. She and her husband, **Jaime Venning, '01**, live in Glenwood, NY, and are the proud parents of Elijah Reiger, 10 months old.



*Pictured left to right: Natasha Friedt, '03, Rachele Rote, '01; Katherine Stuart, '02.*

Former D'YC students reunite! Occupational therapy graduates **Rachele Rote, '01, Katherine Stuart, '02, and Natasha Friedt, '03**, enjoy working together at Euclid Hospital, a part of the Cleveland Clinic Health System in Cleveland, OH.

**Laura Snitzer, '03** can't believe it has been a year since graduation. She is a social studies teacher in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Herndon, VA. She is very happy since her move. Although Buffalo will always be "home" and she does get homesick from time to time, Laura says she has no plans to return in the immediate future.

# Transitions

## Weddings

Susan Balzer, '86, to Carl Lis  
Sara Orton, '98, to David Leddy  
Jeannine M. Osborne, '02, to  
Scott J. Monteleone  
Kimberly E. Jones, '03, to  
Dr. Joseph T. Kita



## Deaths

Katherine Kenefick Kreuzer, '27  
Elizabeth Nash Gormley, '28  
Irma Dickman, '33  
Marchiona DiMarco Santo-Donato, '38  
Mary Louise Maloney Arundell, '39  
Carmen McCormick Morgan, '39  
Mae Tringali Andrews, '44  
Kathleen Cassidy Regan, '45  
Loretta Schumacher Lannen, '50  
Mary Jane Ellis, '51  
Angela Kane Clifford, '54  
Ann Tolan Herr, '58  
Diane Dowling Kroeker, '65  
Mary K. McCoy, '67  
Susan M. Story, '81

## Sympathy to...

Rosemary DeCarlo Fiorella, '47, on the death of her husband, Charles  
Grace Maghran Lenahan, '48, on the death of her daughter, Elizabeth Rose  
Jean Ronan Nunn, '48, and Kay Ronan O'Connell, '52, on the death of  
their mother, Bertha  
Sally Kreuzer Stefanick, '57, and Jane Kreuzer Supples, '62, on the death of  
their mother, Katherine Kenefick Kreuzer, '27  
Frances Schubert Poorman, '51, and Annrose Schubert Freeman, '58, on the  
death of their sister, Sister Mary Rosamond Schubert, OSF  
Marie Quinn Westermier, '58, on the death of her mother, Marie  
Margaret Lahiff Maggio, '59, on the death of her daughter, Mary Beth  
Maureen Burke Rowland, '61, on the death of her mother, Catherine  
Marie J. Maida, '62, on the death of her brother, Edward  
Jacqueline Kulczyk Golebiewski, '63, on the death of her mother, Alice, her father,  
Anthony, and her brother, Anthony  
Sheila A. Kelly, '65, on the death of her mother, Mary Esther  
M. Joan Risley Douthit, '65, on the death of her father, Marius  
Anita Saia Quinn, '65, Clarinda Saia Poliachik, '66, and Esther Saia Filbert, '72  
on the death of their mother, Celestine  
Lois Heiman Demers, '68, on the death of her mother  
Sue Ann Leman Miller, '68, on the death of her husband  
Dr. Eric R. Miller, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy on the death of his  
father, Robert  
Linda Santo-Donato Croglia, '70, on the death of her mother, Marchiona DiMarco  
Santo-Donato, '38  
Myrna Evans Gare, '70, on the death of her mother  
Paula Bouchard Jacques, '70, and Barbara Bouchard, '73 on the death of their  
mother, Winnie  
Joseph F. Schmid, Jr., '75, on the death of his father, Joseph, Sr.  
Joanne Maida Giamberdino, '79, on the death of her father, Edward  
Richard Cudzilo, '80, on the death of his mother, Eva  
Patricia Holtz Palmer, '81, on the death of her step-daughter, Susan  
Margaret Kennedy Mulderig, '95, on the death of her infant son,  
John Christian Jude  
Amy Jo Burroughs, '04, on the death of her father, Mark  
Michael Cipolla, vice-president for finance/treasurer, on the death of his  
father, Joseph  
Thomas E. Traverse, assistant professor of education, on the death of his  
father, Thomas

## Chemistry is a bond for Flanigen sisters

By Annie Deck-Miller – *Business First*

After attending a private high school for girls in Buffalo, three sisters, born six years apart in the late 1920s and early 1930s, all went on to earn degrees in chemistry from D'Youville College. That was, perhaps, remarkable in itself.

But what the Flanigen sisters did with those degrees is all the more noteworthy because of those relatively humble educational origins, and because they were three young women making strides in a profession reserved almost exclusively for men.

The Flanigen sisters – Joan Drexelius, Edith Flanigen and Jane Griffin – all earned advanced degrees in chemistry, and two of them made their careers in chemistry research. One became a veritable star of her field.

Their experiences highlight the singularity of their accomplishments, but they also hold out an example of how great teachers and supportive parents can impact young, bright minds.

### Follow the leader

Joan Drexelius is the eldest Flanigen of four siblings (a younger brother, David, died in 1995), and was therefore the first to graduate from Holy Angels Academy, a school run by the order of Grey Nuns.

It was there that Sister St. Mary first engaged the Flanigen's interest in chemistry. Drexelius liked the challenge that the subject presented.

"I could whip through other classes without even trying," she recalls. Edith, a year and a half younger than Joan, was similarly hooked, and Jane followed suit. "I probably chose (chemistry) to follow my sisters," Griffin says.

When the young women went on to D'Youville, they were impressed by one particularly tough teacher, Dorothea Fitzgerald.

"She was an extremely demanding teacher," says Griffin. "She did not believe in curving grades at all. There would be many times when maybe one person in the class would pass the course, but she did not change her grades. So there were very few chemistry majors."

Joan and Edith went on immediately from D'Youville to pursue master's degrees in chemistry from Syracuse University, Fitzgerald's alma mater.

"She was the one who made me fill out the application and encouraged me to apply," recalls Drexelius.

For a brief time in the early 1950s, all three sisters Flanigen worked in the Linde division of Union Carbide Corp., which is now Praxair Inc.

"We ate in the ladies' room with the dishwashers and the secretaries," Griffin says. "But I don't remember why."

### To each her own

Drexelius would work in the chemistry field for only about three years.

She stopped working after she was married, and had seven children. A master's degree in religious studies from Canisius College whetted her appetite for intellectual stimulation, and she went on to earn a doctorate in communications from the University at Buffalo.

"I decided that the real issues were communication issues," she says.

Drexelius left Buffalo in 1977 to accept a teaching post at Northeastern University in Boston. In 1990 she "retired" to Puerto Rico, becoming a tenured professor at the University of Puerto Rico in San Juan in 1995 – at age 67. In 2001, she retired for real and moved to Florida.

Though she left chemistry behind, Drexelius still sees a link between the different phases of her career.

"This is my first lecture in all my classes: I used to be a chemist, but now I study people chemistry."

Edith Flanigen worked for Union Carbide from 1952 until 1994, and continues to serve today as a consultant for UOP, a joint venture of Union Carbide and AlliedSignal.

When her division was moved to Tarrytown in 1969, Flanigen moved to White Plains.

"Basically, my position has been all the many years to discover new materials in the area of materials that are called zeolites," says Flanigen, who holds 108 patents and is frequently cited as one of the most inventive chemists ever.

Zeolites, or molecular sieves, are crystalline structures that act as catalysts in chemical reactions. Her research has aided everything from jet-fuel production to environmental cleanup, and she also created a synthetic emerald for a contract with the Office of Naval Research, which needed large, perfect emeralds for use as masers. The emeralds were also marketed to jewelers.

In 1992, Flanigen became the first woman to receive chemistry's Perkin Medal, the highest honor awarded by the Society of Chemical Industry.

She traveled extensively as ambassador at large to the International Zeolite Association, which charged her "to drum up the image of zeolites."

Additional honors have flowed Flanigen's way since then. In 2002 she was honored by Buffalo's Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute Inc. as one of nine inaugural Pioneers of Science. This year, she was – over a three-week period – honored with the Lemelson-MIT Lifetime Achievement Award, inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame and named to the Praxair Hall of Fame.

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# Support for D'Youville

## Planned Gifts: Trusts

Throughout your life, time and energy are spent in accumulating things that you treasure: your home, perhaps a vacation home, stocks, bonds, cash, art, jewelry and various other possessions. It is likely that occasionally you have given some thought to how you might like your assets distributed when you are no longer here to enjoy them. Various responsibilities – and procrastination, too – precluded you from actually putting your thoughts on paper in an orderly way and designating the beneficiaries of your estate.

The easiest way to insure that your wishes are carried out is by writing a will, spelling out exactly your directions for the disposal of your assets.

Another method that can be used is the establishment of a trust. A trust can be revocable or irrevocable. On your death, a revocable trust becomes irrevocable. A revocable trust allows you to adjust or change the provisions anytime during your life.

To establish a trust, an agreement is written and signed by you and the person or institution selected by you as your trustee. It is the responsibility of your trustee to manage your assets: cash, securities and any other property held in the trust. Income from those assets are collected, recorded and distributed to you.

In an irrevocable trust arrangement, you relinquish ownership of your assets to remove them from your taxable estate. This arrangement is excellent if you wish to insure the care of a family member or friend or establish an education fund for your children or grandchildren, to benefit your favorite charity or to protect certain assets from estate taxes.

Recently, a member of our college community informed Sister Denise Roche that he has named D'Youville College as a beneficiary in a trust he has established. Dr. Edwin Mirand, a long-time friend of the college and a member of the college's Board of Trustees, and a faithful supporter of the Scholarship Reception and the Health Award Dinner, included D'Youville because of his respect and admiration for what the college has accomplished over the years.

Since 1946 Dr. Mirand has served Roswell Park Cancer Institute in many ways, including research, education and cancer center programs. During his long career at the world-renowned institution, he has held many positions: director of the viral oncology department, head of the biological resource department, assistant to the director and vice president for educational affairs and dean of the Roswell Park Graduate Division, State University of New York at Buffalo. In this

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## Oishei Grant Will Help Recruit Minority Nursing Students

D'Youville received a \$450,000 grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation for our "Touch Lives – Be A Nurse" program that seeks to improve minority representation in nursing.

The grant, which will be paid over a three-year period, will focus on introducing nursing to minority youth during elementary school, maintaining ongoing supportive relationships with interested students and their parents, and then follow up in secondary school with mentoring and educational programs.

Sister Denise A. Roche, D'Youville president, said the grant is a tremendous benefit, not only for the college, but for the entire Western New York community. "It will have far-reaching effects because it offers an excellent educational experience and entrance to a very exciting profession to local men and women who are under-represented in higher education."

She said it would also address the nursing shortage by providing caring, competent professional nurses in the future.

"The program will be strengthened by the collaboration with many health care providers in the area," she added.

The grant will help address the obstacles that many minority students face in their pursuit of an education in nursing, including poor academic preparation, poverty, inability to integrate into the majority culture of most college campuses and lack of professional minority nurse role models.

### A win-win program for future students and local communities

With this grant, D'Youville can further develop efforts to recruit and retain minority students in nursing by providing both an educational and social environment that will recognize the students' potential.

Madonna Reddington, coordinator of nursing career development, said that, according to a national sample survey of registered nurses, only 13.4 percent were reported as non-white. "There is a dire need to attract Native Americans, African Americans and Hispanic-Americans into the profession in an attempt to create a nursing workforce that more closely mirrors the population which it serves."

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last role he has been active in the training of physicians, scientists and medical, dental and nursing students, as well as undergraduates and high school students.

An alumna who recently informed us that D'Youville is included in her estate plan is Helen Jendrasiak McBride of the class of 1950. She established a scholarship in memory of Emily Jendrasiak, her unmarried aunt who helped pay her tuition. When asked why she had decided to be so generous to her alma mater, she said, "I thought I would like to do something for the nuns who were so good to me. They helped me with a partial tuition scholarship to make a college degree possible, something I could not have accomplished without that help."

The college is grateful to Dr. Edwin Mirand and to Helen Jendrasiak McBride and all the other alumni and friends who have been unceasingly loyal and generous to D'Youville in their gifts of support.

If you would like information on making a planned gift to D'Youville, please contact **Patricia Van Dyke** at (716) 878-2716 in the Office of Planned and Major Gifts.

## A collaborative effort

D'Youville will collaborate with the GEAR UP program in the Buffalo Public Schools, Kaleida Health, Buffalo Independent Secondary Schools Network, the Catholic Health System, Erie County Medical Center, the New York State and Erie-Niagara Area Health Education Center and Hispanics United of Buffalo in this program.

The John R. Oishei Foundation was established in 1940 by John R. Oishei, founder of Trico Products Corporation. The Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for Buffalo area residents by supporting education, health care, scientific research and the cultural, social, civic and other charitable needs of the community.

"An important aspect of the grant for the Foundation is that ongoing support will be provided to minority students already enrolled or those who are recruited, which will significantly improve retention rates," said Thomas E. Baker, president of the John R. Oishei Foundation. "It was also important that as a result of the collaborations among agencies, students will be given the opportunity to practice as interns in underserved communities while they are students."

Flanigen met with great resistance from her male colleagues earlier in her career, but conquered the problem with a steely, if quiet, resolve.

"When you reach a certain level of accomplishment and, I guess, respect, it becomes not that much of an issue," she says.

Jane Griffin left her work at Union Carbide for about a year. "Then I stayed home taking care of family," she says.

After raising five children with her husband Richard, an attorney at Phillips Lytle LLP, Griffin applied for a Danforth Fellowship, a grant that assists women who've put their careers on hiatus in order to focus on parenting.

She enrolled at UB in 1964, retaking three senior undergraduate courses in chemistry to refresh her knowledge. She was admitted to the graduate program in chemistry two years later, and received her doctorate in 1974. The Danforth Fellowship, she says, "allowed me to be independent and to say, 'I'm going to leave at 3 o'clock in the afternoon' and to take longer to get my degree."

Griffin, a principal research scientist at the Hauptman-Woodward Institute, where she's worked for the last 30 years, works in the area of crystallography. "Not many people know it," she says, "but Buffalo happens to be a world-class center for crystallography."

"It's a beautiful field," she says. "It's a very visual field. And it's a field where women are very accepted. It's never been a problem."

## Where credit is due

All three Flanigen sisters agree that Fitzgerald at D'Youville, together with their parents, played a pivotal role in their decision to study and practice chemistry.

"I think Dr. Fitzgerald prepared us extremely well," says Drexelius. She remembers outperforming men in her master's program at Syracuse who came from Big 10 schools and had the benefit of many more hours of chemistry instruction than she had at her liberal arts college.

"She was a very devoted educator," says Griffin. "She was unusual, and I'm not sure how many (educators like her) are around today."

The message that they got at Holy Angels, at D'Youville and at home was: The sky's the limit.

"I don't think teachers at either school really discouraged you from anything," says Griffin. "We had very good nuns who were all extremely well-educated, and you never got the impression that there was anything you couldn't do. You weren't encouraged to go into traditional roles or anything."

Charles and Edith Flanigen reinforced that message at home. Griffin describes her father as an eccentric and her mother as a no-nonsense person with a good sense of humor.

"In one sense, none of us would be chemists without my father," notes Drexelius. "He didn't have any sons initially, so he pushed his daughters: 'You can do anything you want. You can be anything you want.' And he was always curious."

# A Look Back...



Circa 1973

## Alumni Association Calendar 2004

August 13 .....	Bisons Game
September .....	Entertainment Book Sale
September 9 .....	Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni
	Alumni Board Meeting
September 24, 25 .....	Homecoming
October 14 .....	Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni
	Alumni Board Meeting
October .....	New York City Area Gathering
November 11 .....	Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni
	Alumni Board Meeting
November .....	Boston Area Gathering
December 5 .....	Family Sunday
December 9 .....	Mass for Living and Deceased Alumni
	Alumni Board Meeting

For information on any of these events, contact the alumni office at (716) 878-2720 or (716) 878-2729, or e-mail [smytonpm@dyc.edu](mailto:smytonpm@dyc.edu).



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