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a vintage year*



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*The College president considers your  
responses to the question,  
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Dear Friends,

Let me begin by thanking all of you who took the time to send me a response regarding the D'Youville College university topic that was presented in the last issue of *D'Mensions*. I was pleased and surprised by the number of cogent and thoughtful responses that I received. The following is a summary of what I learned from them.

First of all, the majority of you are very favorable about D'Youville's desire to request university status. Many of you were encouraging, enthusiastic and excited about the prospect that D'Youville might request this change. Although you loved your experience at D'Youville College, you thought that changes that have occurred in higher education and society and particularly changes that have occurred at D'Youville have brought us to the point where we are poised to take this next significant step.

Several of you cautioned that, while doing so, we should not lose the centrality of teaching as D'Youville's most important purpose, nor should we become big and impersonal, because part of D'Youville's success is based on the fact that faculty know the students whom they teach and can play an important role as mentors and role models in the lives of their students.

Some of the direct comments you made in your responses are:

- "I am proud of the advances the College has made and the contributions it has made to many young people."
- "Perhaps this status [university] would increase the spread of D'Youville's mission."
- "A small university would be great."
- "The times and circumstances demand it [the change in status]."
- "The mission of D'Youville addresses the needs of an ever-changing world. Logically a change in status is the next step, in view of the ever expanding educational requirements."
- "Many parents show preference for a university for their children. D'Youville must remain viable as a top choice."
- "D'Youville is already university quality."
- "D'Youville should change with the times."

Those who provided comments of caution suggested that:

- "A change in status should not lead D'Youville to resemble a 'factory of higher learning.'"
- "We should be very sure of our roots before we move forward."
- "A university may draw big names [faculty] but also a high price tag."
- "Diversification may lead to diluting core values: serving the changing needs of our times; maintaining our core competencies. We are already straining for a balance between these."

And finally a comment made in one response was: "Go for it!! D'Youville University sounds great!"

I am taking each of your responses very much to heart and I shall share them with the campus committee that is studying the issue in depth. I do appreciate the time and effort that you put into your thoughts and carefully crafted responses. I am especially grateful to the number of Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart who responded, knowing how precious the College is to them, given its history and connection with the Grey Nuns.

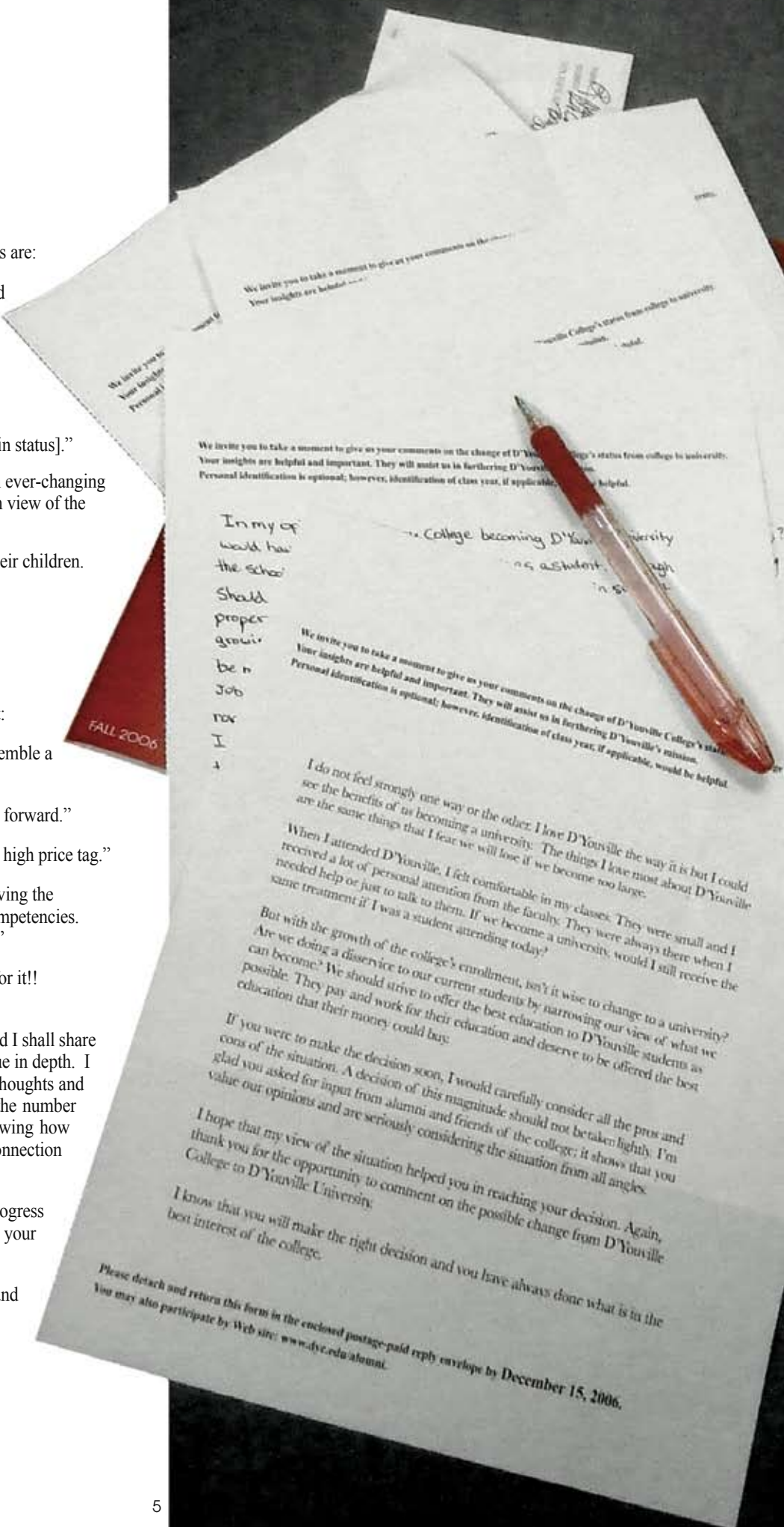
In future issues of *D'Mentions*, you will read about our progress in studying the issue of university status and, of course, your comments are always welcome.

May the year 2007 be filled with many blessings for you and all your loved ones!

Sincerely,

*Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH*

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# dycNEWS MAKERS

## D'Youville Honors Two for Outstanding Community Service



D'Youville honored Robert M. Greene (*above left*) and Edwin A. Mirand (*above right*), shown at the College's annual Michael F. Dillon Presidential Honors Scholarship Reception in October at the College Center where they received community service awards from Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president.

The annual event honors the memory of Michael F. Dillon who served the College as a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Greene and Dr. Mirand were recognized for their significant contributions to the local community and to service organizations.

Robert M. Greene is a partner in the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP in Buffalo specializing in health care and not-for-profit corporate law. Bob has been active in the Western New York community having chaired the boards of directors of more than a dozen educational, cultural and social service organizations, including Canisius College, the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Shea's Buffalo, The Buffalo Zoo and WNED Public Broadcasting. He has chaired the Catholic Charities Appeal as well as the capital campaign for the construction of WNED's new broadcast center on Buffalo's waterfront.

He is a graduate of Canisius College, Notre Dame Law School and holds a Master of Law Degree from New York University School of Law.

Edwin A. Mirand, Ph.D., has been associated with Roswell Park Cancer Institute for more than five decades devoting himself to cancer research, education and cancer-centered programs. He is noted worldwide for his research in a variety of areas, including the use of human interferon-B, and in the field of cancer education.

Dr. Mirand has trained physicians, scientists, medical, dental and nursing students, undergraduates and high school students. For 46 years, he has initiated formal national training and mentoring programs for over 6,000 high school students, teachers, college students and has supervised more than 1,450 predoctoral graduates from Roswell Park Graduate Division of the University at Buffalo.

He has widely published scientific articles on cancer research and education and holds membership in a number of medical and educational editorial boards. Currently he is emeritus vice president for educational affairs and dean and senior advisor to the president and CEO of Roswell Park. He has supported education and health at a variety of Western New York institutions including D'Youville College where he is a member of the board of trustees.

Six young Presidential Scholars were also honored for their outstanding academic

achievements. Recognized this year were the following students: Susanna Cho Lin '08, PA; Andrew Belden '07 and '10, PT; Katheryne Hassman '09, Biology; Rachel Placite '07, PT; Amanda Popiolkowski '07, Nursing; and Lamin Trawally '07, Biology.

*(Editor's note: Watch for their stories in the summer issue of D'Mensions.)*

The Dillon Presidential Honors Scholarship Reception was chaired by Mary E. Kirwan '60 & '89 (Hon.), assisted by Dr. Joseph A. Grande and the office of college relations. Over the past decade, more than \$800,000 has been directed toward undergraduate scholarship aid through this annual event.

## Multi-year Federal Grant to Help At-Risk Fifth and Sixth Grade Students

D'Youville College has been awarded a \$747,672 federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to help 35 at-risk minority middle school students living in the West Side of Buffalo.

The grant, payable over three years, will allow a demonstration Youth Empowerment Program to be initiated in collaboration with Catholic Charities of Buffalo, Holy Cross Catholic Church and D'Youville-Porter Campus School (Buffalo Public School 3) at 255 Porter Avenue.

Thirty-five fifth and sixth grade students at the public school will be selected in the first year of the program. "Students will be selected from teacher/counselor recommendations, academic need and student interest. The program will be provided to all eligible youth," says Gabrielle Jazwiecki, director of grants development at D'Youville, who, with Dorothy Bellanti, director of the GEAR-UP Program, and Molly Flynn, federal grants specialist, prepared the grant request.

The goals of the demonstration program include efforts to ensure that at-risk middle school students are prepared academically, have the tools and resources to help them

make healthy life choices, provide cultural enrichment activities to promote understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and to help students develop a career plan, according to the grant request.

"The middle school can be a potentially powerful force in ensuring low-income students access and success in life," said Jim Nowak, coordinator of special projects at Catholic Charities. "The program's vision is to prepare students to avoid negative behavior and, with parent, school and community support systems, prime them for the opportunities and academic challenges of leading a healthy lifestyle."

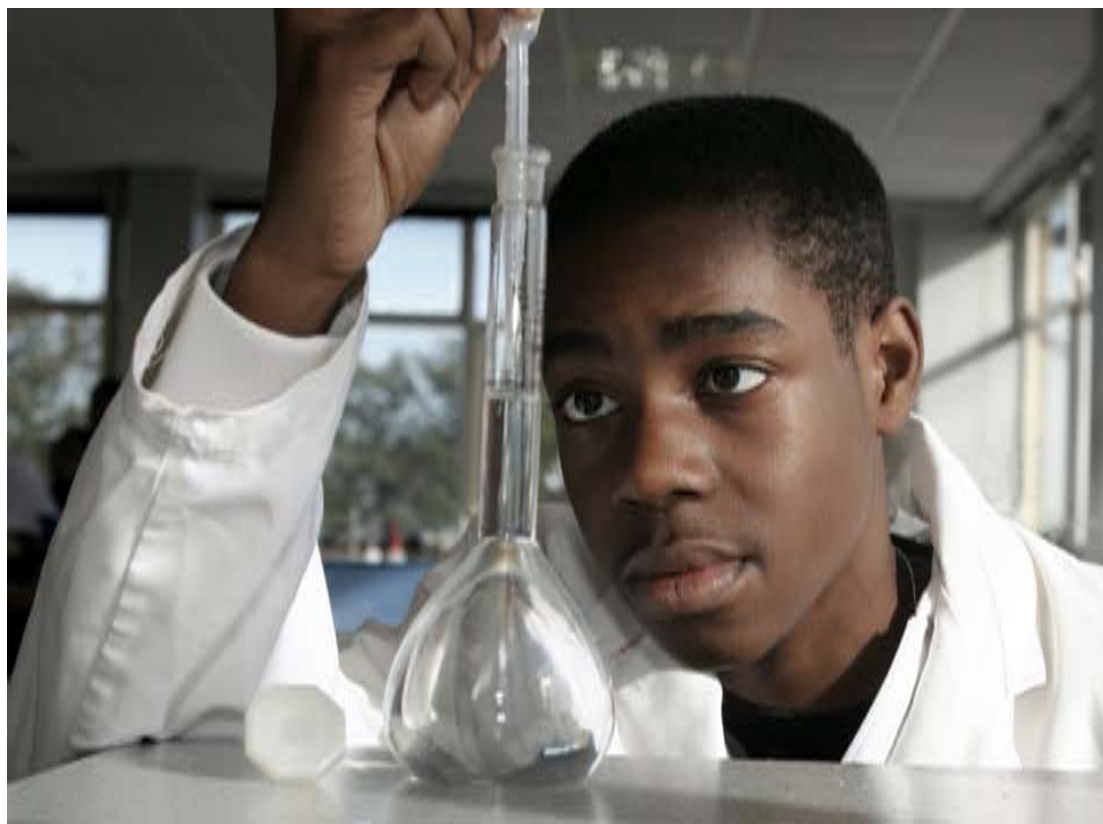
"The demonstration program will identify the activities which are effective in addressing the needs of the students," Jazwiecki said. "If successful, it will open the doors for additional funding for similar new programs."

difficult challenges the tools they need to excel academically, physically and socially."

Individuals to be hired to manage and oversee the project include a director and three specialists in developmental target areas.

"Activities and workshops will be held at Holy Cross Church on Maryland Street near Niagara Street, a centrally located Youth Center facility accessible from D'Youville-Porter School 3 on foot or by bus," says Jazwiecki. The church currently has social, athletic and educational programs for the elderly and an after-school program.

Catholic Charities of Buffalo will work with D'Youville to support and educate individuals in the areas of academic enrichment, personal development and wellness, and career development. D'Youville students will provide tutoring and act as mentors for the children enrolled.



Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-27) who supported the grant request said, "This is a positive example of community partners joining together to give students facing

The program will run Monday through Thursday from 3 - 6 p.m. during the school year, and in the summer students will attend four hours a day, five days a week for three weeks.



## D'Youville College Students Form Massive Human AIDS Ribbon

The students of D'Youville College, in cooperation with the D'Youville campus ministry office, created a human AIDS ribbon to honor World AIDS Day.

The human red ribbon was formed on a chilly November 29 on the front lawn of DYC's Koessler Administration Building on Porter Avenue.

According to the Rev. Jan Mahle, campus minister, the idea for forming the ribbon was generated by concerned and interested students who desired to turn World AIDS Day into a week-long event called AIDS Awareness Week, in order to communicate their concern about this worldwide problem. "The students feel," she said, "that the problem is so enormous that awareness of it cannot be compressed into a one day observance."

The ribbon was formed by more than one hundred students, faculty and staff who all wore red to mark the occasion.

DYC's AIDS Awareness Week ended on

World AIDS Day, December 1, with a vigil in the College's Sacred Heart Chapel.

Next year's observance is planned to be even larger, drawing its strength through a grass roots effort to increase consciousness on a global scale.

## Jane Flanigen Griffin Honored for Scientific Work

Jane Flanigen Griffin '54 was cited by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) at their annual National Philanthropy Day luncheon, held in November at the Adams Mark Buffalo-Niagara, for her contributions to the community through her work as a scientist.

As a principal research scientist at Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, Dr. Griffin is an expert in the field of crystallography and the author of over 160 scientific papers, abstracts and book chapters. For 30 years she has devoted herself, through her research, to seeking potential cures for life-threatening diseases, which will improve the quality of life for people not only in Western New York, but worldwide.



A loyal alumna of Holy Angels Academy and D'Youville College, she has served them both with membership on their boards of trustees.

In 1995, she was honored by the University at Buffalo with its distinguished alumni award.

D'Youville is grateful that she and her sister, Dr. Edith Flanigen, have established the Flanigen Griffin scholarship to benefit D'Youville students.

## DYC Student-Scholars Receive Annual Marguerite d'Youville Scholarships

The 2006 winners of the Marguerite d'Youville Scholarship were announced in November by Robert P. Murphy, vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. Each scholarship is worth \$1000. Eligibility for the highly sought-after scholarship requires that the recipient be a current, matriculated junior or senior student who maintains a cumulative Q.P.A. of at least 3.0. This annual scholarship is awarded to two students based on the above academic standards, financial need and especially active involvement in D'Youville College and/or local community charitable works. A special selection committee makes the arduous decision while sifting through numerous applications from qualified students.

## Lorraine Lepere

Lorraine Lepere is a senior mathematics major, the first in the new math program. She hails from Niagara Falls, Ont., and is carrying a 3.70 cumulative average.

Lorraine has an impressive array of involvements. Some of her more recent activities include: Student Association president, summer orientation assistant, co-



editor of the *Catalyst*, the D'Youville College newspaper, and membership in the women's volleyball team. She was among the first to be involved in the study abroad program and also donated her time to the Lend a Hand Program in New Orleans last year after Hurricane Katrina.

One of her references notes of her, "Lorraine's involvement began with her first semester and has increased every semester since. As the stresses of her extremely demanding academic career increase one would expect a slowing down, but this has not been the case. ... I must add that Lorraine does not talk about all the things that can't be measured or listed on a resume. She spends countless hours listening and comforting her peers who may be struggling with personal, social or academic issues. I believe this one-on-one contact is making a tremendous impact on our world... one person at a time."

## Mary Remollino

The second scholarship winner is Mary Remollino. Mary, who hails from Buffalo, is in the physician assistant program, with a 3.4 cumulative average.

Mary is a single mother who has returned to school to earn her degree in PA. As such, she has had to make sacrifices because the demands of the academic program no longer allow her to work outside the College. Still, she has maintained an impressive list of volunteer activities both at the College and in the community. Some of her involvements revolve around her young son, not only providing support for his school and activities, but also engaging him in community service to show him what it means to give and care for others.

One of her references notes "her fine academic record and enthusiasm for learning." Additionally, the reference notes, "What qualifies her in my mind is her willingness and passion for sharing what she has learned with others. I think that her willingness to do what she can, her love of service and learning and her confidence are qualities that commend her."

"The College is a better place for the work and commitment of these young people." Mr. Murphy stated.



*L to r: Janet Marriott Rebhan '63, Joan Planz Spencer '63 and Linda Kane Stievater '63*

## D'Youville Sponsors Two Charity Races

### Seventh Annual Charlene D. Page Memorial 5K Run

The seventh annual Charlene D. Page Memorial 5K Run/Walk was held in September during Homecoming Weekend at the College. Approximately two hundred participants joined in the event on a chilly and overcast fall morning. Proceeds from the event benefit the Charlene D. Page Memorial Scholarship Fund at DYU, which is awarded annually to a fifth-year physical therapy student.

The event is held in memory of Charlene D. Page, a 1998 D'Youville College alumna and physical therapy faculty member, who died in a tragic car accident less than a year after her graduation. Dr. Eric Miller and Dr. Ron Schenck, two of Charlene's professors and mentors while at D'Youville, inaugurated the event on June 5, 1999.

Major sponsors of this year's event included Independent Health, Anchor Bar & Restaurant, Martin Roofing, Mister Pizza, Pepsi, Vanner Insurance, Verizon, MJ Peterson and Barnes & Noble.

The winner this year was Matthew Kubiak, with a time of 17 minutes and 29 seconds. The first female to cross the finish line was Teresa Milbrand, with a time of 22 minutes and 17 seconds.

### A 'Hearty' Bunch

D'Youville College fielded over 50 walkers who braved the elements on a cold, rainy Saturday, September 23, to participate in the annual Buffalo/Niagara Heart Walk. The College team, through solicitations and individual contributions, was able to raise over \$1,900 for the American Heart Association. The team's efforts to raise awareness about heart disease and stroke will help to save lives. This year's captains were Tim Brennan, vice president for institutional advancement and team leader; Linda Moretti, director of human resources; Debbie Owens, director of residence life; Tony Spina, assistant vice president for student affairs; Rev. Tom Ribits, OSFS, director of campus ministry; Dr. Penny Klein, professor of physical therapy; Joe Fennell, chair, business department; Aimee Pearson, director of annual giving; Paula Vorpahl, office manager, PA program; and Pat Smyton, director of alumni.

# Nursing Department Developments

## Nursing Department Reports Dramatic Growth

Predictions made in 2000 of more than 800,000 unfilled nursing positions occurring nationwide between 2005 and 2020 have spurred offensives to interest people in nursing careers.

National efforts, such as the Johnson & Johnson Company's Campaign for Nursing's Future, and local efforts, such as the John R. Oishei Foundation's Touch Lives – Be a Nurse campaign, are serving as a powerful recruitment tool for D'Youville's nursing program.

Since 2004, the \$450,000 Oishei Foundation grant has helped increase recruitment and retention of minority nursing students by utilizing junior and senior nursing students as mentors; by outreach at middle schools, high schools and neighborhood community centers; and by day trips to ECMC's Medical Academy of Science and Health (MASH) Camps. These efforts have resulted in raising enrollment to 444 nursing students in undergraduate and graduate programs at D'Youville College, according to department staff.

Increased enrollment, coupled with the complexity of today's healthcare system and the expanding functions of nurses within that system, have necessitated a parallel increase in the department's faculty. Nine new members have joined the faculty, each providing expertise in a nursing specialty such as mental health, medical/surgical, adult health, maternal/child health, women's health, critical care, naturopathy and palliative care nursing.

## Grant Helps Increase Nursing Faculty

The Department of Health and Human Services has awarded D'Youville College a \$28,800 grant to help increase the number of qualified nursing faculty.

The funds will be used to establish a special Nurse Faculty Loan Program for individuals enrolled full time in an advanced degree program in nursing at an accredited institution. The goal is to increase the number of nursing students who pursue careers as full-time faculty teaching in schools of nursing.

Upon completion of the program, grant recipients may cancel up to 85 percent of the loan over a designated period of time while pursuing a career as an educator in a nursing school.



established its first advanced degree program in the field in 1983.

More than 5,000 students have graduated from the program since its inception.



## Swedish Scholar Addresses DYC Doctoral Students

Ingvar Johansson, Ph.D., a noted researcher at the Institute for Formal Ontology and Medical Information Science (INFOMIS), now located in Saarbrücken, Germany, addressed DYC doctoral candidates in October on campus.

A native of Gothenburg, Sweden, Dr. Johansson is a world-renowned scholar in the fields of philosophical anthropology, ethics, philosophy of science, philosophy of physics and ontology. He has written several books, one of his most influential being *Ontological Investigations: An Inquiry into the Categories of Nature, Man and Society*. His presentation to DYC health education/health policy students dealt with *Intentionality: Phenomenological, Biological and Artificial*.

Professor Johansson's talk focused on the role of intentionality, which is a philosophical theory of psychological and perceptual states, as it pertains to medicine, particularly in terms of things such as the perception of pain and placebo effects. The lecture prompted an active discussion between Prof. Johansson and the doctoral student audience, dealing with numerous topics relevant to philosophy and medicine.

Professor Johansson's work at INFOMIS centers around an interdisciplinary research group, with members from philosophy, medicine, medical informatics and other disciplines, devoted to theoretically grounded research in both formal and applied ontology. Its goal is to develop a formal ontology that will be applied and tested in the domain of medical information science.

Eric Little, Ph.D., who is director of the center for ontology at DYC and who also has presented on ontology and information fusion at INFOMIS, is planning an impressive speakers series for the year in an effort to expose D'Youville students to many of the top-notch research issues now under way around the world.

"This kind of academic engagement with our students will serve to enhance the already burgeoning success of DYC's doctoral programs," Dr. Little said.

## Graduates Turning the Tide of Enrollment

At the January 2007 all-College assembly, John P. Pecchia, vice-president for financial affairs, announced a current total fall 2006 enrollment of 3,024, with graduates (1,404) rapidly gaining on undergraduates (1,620).

D'Youville College is swiftly growing into a graduate education center: It now has as many or more graduates than undergraduates in a variety of disciplines.

DYC has established itself as a leader in the fields of education and healthcare, now offering advanced degrees in both areas. Doctoral programs in health policy, health education and chiropractic have been added, as well as special advanced certificate programs at the post-master's level.

In recent years, more money from federal and private sources is being directed to graduate education as the importance of higher education is realized. For example, a recent grant, designed for graduate students, from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for advanced nursing traineeships will fund scholarships for these students in D'Youville's nursing program.

Under a new agreement between D'Youville and the New York State United Teachers Union, the College will accept up to nine college credits for acceptable graduate work completed through NYSUT.

"More people are coming back to college for graduate work to advance within their fields, to add skills by earning an advanced certificate in their fields or to start a new career," says Linda E. Fisher, director of graduate admissions. This advanced study results in a high placement rate.

In order to meet the current demand, D'Youville has graduate classes scheduled to meet the needs of those working full time or with family responsibilities, as well as for individuals who want to take classes part time. "With our small classes, urban location and financial aid, D'Youville is the best and most convenient option of many people," Fisher said.



## Chiropractic Program Announcements

### Chiropractic Program Welcomes New Faculty

The department of integrative holistic health studies announces the appointment of Dr. Sherri LaShomb as adjunct clinical associate professor in the doctor of chiropractic program.

Dr. LaShomb received her doctor of chiropractic degree (DC) from the Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa, in 1988. She earned the International Chiropractic Sports Science Diploma (ICSSD) from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Australia, in 2002. In 2005, she attained diplomate status, board eligible, from the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Practitioners (DACBSP).

Known both nationally and internationally as a sports specialist in chiropractic healthcare, Dr. LaShomb has extensive clinical experience as an athletic trainer/chiropractor at competitive games around the world, including the 2005 World Games in Duisberg, Germany, and the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

She is currently the head athletic trainer/team chiropractor for the Buffalo Gladiators and Buffalo Bandits professional teams.

In her current post, Dr. LaShomb will supervise DYC chiropractic interns in rehabilitation

of individuals who have experienced sports-related injuries and, additionally, will teach chiropractic analysis and adjustive techniques.

### SACA Students Aid "October Surprise" Storm Victims

On October 19, 2006, members of the Student American Chiropractic Association (SACA), under the supervision of Geoffrey G. Gerow, DC, director of the DYC chiropractic program, traveled to an emergency storm shelter set up at Hoover Elementary School in Tonawanda, N.Y.

Chiropractic students who volunteered to help were Amy Kurtz, Heather Mahley and Kristi Perillo.

They delivered chiropractic services to the storm victims including chiropractic adjustments, blood pressure measurement, therapeutic ultrasound and massages.

There were 40 storm victims taking refuge at the shelter for relief from loss of power and heat, from severe basement flooding and a need for food. Both private citizens and municipal utility crews were aided. They were greatly appreciative of the services they received, the students reported. ■



# dycNOTABLES

## Patricia Meegan Kubanet '82

Patricia Meegan Kubanet is a wife, mother of two children and a successful nurse by profession. She attended Trocaire College where she earned her AAS Surgical Technician degree in 1976. *She then attended D'Youville College, earning her BSN with honors in 1982.* Patti's training included OLV Hospital, Sisters of Charity Hospital, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, where she worked in the bone marrow transplant unit and the pediatric adolescent unit. She also has trained at Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo in both home care and the department of hematology and oncology; Children's Hospice International in Alexandria, Va.; as well as Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C. Her education continued at the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children at the American Academy of Bereavement and at the Life Transition Center in Buffalo, serving those organizations as a bereavement specialist.

Patti recognized the impact that her patients' illnesses had not only on themselves but also on their siblings, parents and other significant family members. In 1988, Patti collaborated with colleagues to create Essential Care to provide those life-threatened children with in-home medical, psycho-social and play therapy services. One of the most significant challenges Essential Care had to overcome was convincing medical insurance providers to offer reimbursement for its in-home services, which was not accepted practice in 1988. Patti's lobbying efforts to secure that reimbursement for their patient families would have far-reaching influence on the home healthcare industry nationwide.

Essential Care has grown significantly since 1988 and eventually merged with Buffalo Hospice to become the first pediatric hospice program of its type in the world. Essential Care has been lauded by Children's Hospice International as the premier pediatric hospice care model worldwide.

In 1994, Patti and her family relocated to the South where she accepted a school nurse position in Frisco, Texas. At that time, Frisco was a rapidly growing community, where a high percentage of families were transplants and often did not have the support of their extended families during a crisis. In 2000, with encouragement from the superintendent of schools, Patti made a presentation to the Frisco School Board, apprising them of the need to provide grief and trauma counseling services to the students and families of the Frisco Independent School District (FISD). An enlightened FISD school board recognized the value that the program, called Hope Rising, could provide for the district's families. Today, under Patti's direction, a group of trained school counselors and community mental health professionals volunteer services to provide grief and trauma therapy to families of the FISD during a crisis or loss.

When Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and hundreds of families were evacuated to Frisco, Patti organized "trauma triage" for those families to provide them with an expanded network of resources and support as they tried to cope with the effects of the storm. Using Hope Rising's network, the children and their families were provided with frequent counseling sessions to help them develop coping skills so that they could once again focus on their studies.

In addition to her Hope Rising responsibilities, Patti provides in-service training for FISD faculty and staff in cross-cultural grief and trauma issues. Earlier this year, she assisted with training a number of local missionaries prior to their travels to Thailand to help survivors of the tsunami.

## Marilynn Mahoney Fleckenstein '65, Ph.D.

Marilynn Mahoney Fleckenstein has been active in the academic world since her graduation from **D'Youville**, where she received a B.A. in biology in 1965 and followed with an M.A. and a Ph.D. in philosophy from The Catholic University of America. Marilynn has worked as an instructor at Niagara University, a teaching fellow at The Catholic University of America and a professor at Niagara University. She also has served occasionally at Canisius College and Cornell University as adjunct professor.

Dr. Fleckenstein has been serving as director of Learn and Serve Niagara from 1994 to present, as past chair of the department of philosophy at NU and is currently associate vice president for academic affairs at NU. Her recent research has focused on the field of business ethics, particularly in the area of service learning. She has published widely on this topic and edits an edition of *The Journal of Business Ethics* each year. With *Business Ethics*, she is principally interested in the application of Catholic social thought to management ethics. She has presented papers on this topic at conferences in India, Mexico, Rome and Antwerp.

In 1994, Dr. Fleckenstein became the founding director of the service-learning program at Niagara University. This project, named Learn and Serve Niagara, focuses on incorporating a service-learning experience into the academic courses. There is a Learn and Serve Niagara requirement for graduation from NU. This program, which has grown over the years from engaging 200 NU students to over 2,100 participating in 2005-2006, is described as follows:

The purpose of Learn and Serve Niagara is to promote among all members of the university community the knowledge, values, and skills necessary for lifelong engagement in the pursuit of social justice. The involvement of Niagara University in service and social change relates to our mission which urges solidarity with and personal responsibility for ensuring the dignity of the human person, especially the poor and marginalized.

She has held workshops on integrating service into the curriculum at colleges and universities all over the country and last January did a series of workshops in the Philippines at four colleges there.

Dr. Fleckenstein has been recognized for her academic skills as well as her service and has received many awards over the years, including a listing in *Who's Who Among Women in Education*, NU Award for Excellence in Teaching, NU College of Arts and Sciences Award for Outstanding Service, NU Vincentian Mission Award, NU Emerita Medal for 25 years of service, **D'Youville College Alumni Service Award**, and Buffalo and Erie County YWCA's Management Award.

In the community, Dr. Fleckenstein is on the board of directors of the Upstate New York Better Business Bureau, the Diocesan Service Corps and the Advisory Board of the New York State Campus Compact. She is a past director of the board of Niagara County Habitat for Humanity and served many years in the New York State Republican Committee, various committees of the Grand Island Central Schools and Stella Niagara Education Park. She has served as an officer of the Zonta Club of Grand Island and has been active as a CCD teacher and confirmation coordinator at St. Stephen's Parish, Grand Island, N.Y.

Marilynn and her husband James have four children and five grandchildren.

*Of the three distinguished alumna awards given by Mount Mercy Academy for the year 2006, two were granted to D'Youville College graduates, Patricia Meegan Kubanet '82 and Marilynn Mahoney Fleckenstein '65, Ph.D.*



*The Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award is presented to an alumna of Mount Mercy Academy who has distinguished herself as a woman of faith, knowledge, integrity and compassion a woman whose accomplishments in all areas of her life her family, her community, her career reflect the legacy and mission of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.*

*Dr. August assumes high  
academic post at the  
City University of New York.*

Bonne Tymorski August '65, Ph.D.

**D**r. Bonne August has been appointed provost and vice president for academic affairs at New York City College of Technology (City Tech) of The City University of New York (CUNY) following a nationwide search.

As the chief academic officer of the college, she oversees 915 full- and part-time faculty members in 30 academic departments, providing guidance for the curricular and instructional development of City Tech's schools of arts & science, professional studies and technology & design, as well as the division of continuing education. The college currently serves more than 27,000 students per year in degree and non-degree programs.

Dr. August had served as acting provost and vice president for academic affairs at City Tech since February 2005. Previously, she was chair of the English department and a full professor at Kingsborough Community College/CUNY, where she had been on the faculty since 1982. Her role as the head of the faculty committee that created the CUNY Proficiency Examination (CPE), plus her involvement with other CUNY initiatives, helped hone the curriculum development and implementation skills she brings to her new position.

"In her tenure as acting provost, Bonne guided and supported our efforts to enhance curriculum and faculty development," says Russell K. Hotzler, president of CUNY. "I know she will build on these accomplishments and provide strong academic and administrative leadership in the years to come."



Dr. August is currently supervising the development of new bachelor's degree programs in industrial design and technical writing as well as new certificate programs in video production technology and civil engineering technology, and an interdisciplinary advanced certificate in interactive media.

According to Bonne, the college will also establish a faculty center to support faculty development in teaching, research and service in order to mentor faculty members in all aspects of their careers at City Tech. "We hired 15 new full-time faculty for fall 2006 and expect to double or triple that number next year," she says. "As a college of technology, we depend on our faculty to keep our curricula current with industry developments."

Bonne is also working on initiatives to encourage more underrepresented populations of students to take advantage of City Tech's stellar technology and career programs. These efforts are supported by \$1.9 million in grants from the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Education.

"We know that nationally, African Americans and Hispanics are statistically underrepresented in the science, technology and mathematics fields, as are women in general, and we want to create career pathways for them. This means enhanced mentoring and support for undergraduate research and creating new scholarship opportunities," she says. "Ultimately, all of our students will benefit from these efforts."

**F**or Dr. August, her new position has a déjà vu quality. "It's a homecoming of sorts for me," she says. "I started my academic career at City Tech in the early seventies as a part-time continuing education instructor."

"Working with President Hotzler is a tremendous opportunity for me," she says. "His administrative and academic expertise is enhancing the college's reputation of being on the cutting edge of technological education."

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A close-up photograph of a human hand reaching down towards a dark, abstract, and somewhat jagged shape on a light-colored, possibly white, surface. The hand is positioned in the upper left, with fingers slightly curled. The dark shape below it has some white, wavy lines within it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light gray.

# hand-to-hand heart-to-heart

folio

*Just as  
a hand gently  
touches water  
and sets into motion  
ever-widening ripples,  
so, too,  
D'Youvillians  
reach out to touch  
special communities  
and set into motion  
radiating circles  
of love.*

**Providence  
House**  
by  
Sister Rose Mary  
Cauley, GNSH, O. '66





# providence house

a dream of families, friends and professionals who knew of the need for residential care for adults with developmental disabilities was the impetus for establishing Providence House in Buffalo. One of the dreamers was Sister Rose Mary Cauley, GNSH, '66 and she stayed with that dream while it became a plan, a process and a community.

Some compelling factors formed this group. Primarily there was a desire to live the gospel and to experience faith and sharing groups as well as the charism of the world-renowned Catholic l'Arche communities. Parents and caregivers wished their sons and daughters to live in a religious, caring environment.

The early years of planning were dominated by legal and practical issues. Where would the residents and caregivers live? Who would start the community? Should the West Seneca Developmental Disabilities Service office (WSDDS) be called? Should the project be legally incorporated? When the need arose to certify a person to be a live-in provider and to associate with an agency to become certified, the Providence Community named Sister Rose Mary as their choice for provider, and People Inc. as their choice for an agency to supervise the project.

Before the planners were completely ready, a young woman named Tracy, riding on a bus, told one of the board members that she had lost her placement in her group home because she went out of state to the National Institute of Health. That night, Sister Rose Mary suggested renting an apartment on Jersey St. on Buffalo's lower West Side. It had been offered to her two days earlier by a woman to whom she brought Communion. The next day, the board invited Sister Ann Marie Striegl, GNSH, '56 to be a part of this first community. For three years, Sister Ann, Sister



*DYC students cut-a-rug with Providence House residents at the Valentine's Dance, one of two annual events providing a happy night out for everyone.*



Rose Mary and Tracy lived together, invited friends and even gave talks in area parishes and schools to invite others to be part of their journey as a Gospel community.

**b**y 1989, the number of residents had increased and a larger residence was envisioned. A grant from General Mills Corporation and a partnership with Habitat for Humanity moved the board to purchase property at 318 Breckenridge Street on the upper West Side. Volunteers put in over 4,000 hours of service to make the house ready to be occupied. The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation awarded a grant that made possible the installation of an elevator, so critical to the care of the residents. By 1991, that residence, the Breckenridge Community Home, had seven family members.

As the community expanded, so did the need for volunteers. Recruits came from many places including Canisius High School, Holy Angels Academy, Mt. Mercy Academy, and Sacred Heart Academy. College student volunteers came from D'Youville, the University at Buffalo and Buffalo State.

Youth programs for the disabled came from the United States and from Hungary, Africa, and the Dominican Republic; others from France, The Virgin Islands and India sent young people to make Providence Home their home. They formed lasting friendships and lived in the community, always caring and sharing to their fullest.

Invitations to experience the community's services for persons with disabilities went to local families through visits, retreats and camping. Care providers sent 40 adults with developmental disabilities to Faith and Caring Camp for a full week in August to provide care-giving families needed respite. The Providence Community led the week of camping, prayer, crafts and memorable fun.



*A professional caregiver elicits a ticklish giggle from the youngest Providence House resident as she is gently dressed in cap, mittens and scarf for a holiday outing.*

**t**he Providence Community grew and friends and supporters assured the group of their interest. When it became evident that the stipend of Family Care, which was paid by the state for Teresa, Tom, Stan, Mary and Tracy, covered only food, a small rental fee and a small transportation fee, the Providence Community members decided to do some fund raising. They needed to provide a vehicle, home ownership, insurance for all aspects of the project and some resources for a yearly vacation for the whole community. Successful fund raising through a yearly Christmas card and an annual spring dinner or Valentine dance for about 250 people allowed Providence to pay these bills and to cover needed repairs and home care.

Once the community reached its 14th year, some members showed signs of needing increased care and Sister Rose Mary offered to resign her position at Catholic Charities and to be available at Providence House full time. The fund raising allowed the board to offer a stipend to cover the expenses needed to allow her to be more available to the residents and their special needs.

In 1998, Providence purchased a second home on Fairfield Street in North Buffalo and invited one of its volunteers, Patty Zindle, to become the provider for this home. People Inc. soon sent two additional persons with disabilities and the second community flourished. After six years, Bill, a favorite resident, passed on and the Fairfield residents decided to move to a smaller home and be closer to family members. This closing of the residence prompted the board to gift the home to the Western New York Association for Learning Disabilities. At the Spring 2006 Providence Community Dinner, their executive director, Mark Hennig, expressed the hope that they would be able to provide the same quality of service at Fairfield that had been given by Providence.

Welcome and joy have marked the last twenty years at Providence Community and so have change and cooperation with state regulations and supervisory directives of People Inc. During the 2005-2006 year, new plans were developed that called for Providence to send their residents to other homes. No longer was a family-care residence for four, including persons with severe disabilities, part of the overall plan. Sister Rose Mary recalled the sentiments of the early planning days and remembered that it was said, "If God opens the doors, we will open them and if God points another direction, we will respond." Rather than leave a large home with only one or two residents in family care, it was decided to offer the home to agencies with the power to serve five or six individuals and to have adequate staff room.

"How do we leave Providence House?" Sister Rose Mary says, "We leave with gratitude and a sense of responsibility to the many persons who have helped us. We have experienced what it means to welcome the stranger, to serve the poor, to be blessed by those who welcomed us into their hearts. At times, the longing and desire to have a loving Catholic home for every single person makes us want to fight new plans, to hang on and to object to new rulings but we acknowledge that new paths of advocacy, caring and responsibility must be opened and we are hopeful for new ways to participate. It has been an honor and a privilege to be part of the home created by the loving presence of God and of each person who came, served and lived together. We are and will always be family."

*(Editor's Note: A final celebratory liturgy was held at Annunciation Church, Buffalo, N.Y., on February 10, 2007.)*



*Sister Rose Mary Cauley, GNSH, provides gentle support for a resident at morning coffee hour.*



**Moving  
Miracles**  
by  
Lynn McIvor '00





# moving miracles

**W**hat does a dance studio have in common with D'Youville College? I will explain. For the last six years, over 25 NYC students have formed an alliance with a local dance studio that has been mutually beneficial. Moving Miracles (MM) is a not-for-profit organization that teaches dance and movement to individuals with cognitive, emotional and physical challenges such as cerebral palsy, developmental delays, Down syndrome, autism and seizure disorders.

The program's goals are to improve social skills, self-esteem and self-expression through the medium of dance.

The first studio, located in Elma, N.Y., was started in 1998 and was soon replaced with larger quarters in West Seneca. MM has now served more than 400 persons of varying ages and widely varying disabilities. Currently, there is a second dance site at St. Mary's School for the Deaf and a monthly outreach program at Women's and Children's Hospital, both in Buffalo.

The first half of each study-year focuses on classwork such as tap and ballet steps. Even the most physically challenged dancers benefit. Instructors work with – not in spite of – the individual's abilities. If a dancer's greatest skill is moving his or her toes, then that is the beginning point and skills are built from there. Hand-over-hand assistance as well as hand-over-foot assistance is common in the classroom; nevertheless, students always dance to their fullest potential.

The second half of the year is preparation for the recital, which this year will be held on May 5 & 6, 2007, at UB's Center for the Performing Arts. This dance spectacular – and there is no other word worthy to describe it – is a collaboration with the



*A group of dancers use the resistance of a giant bungee to form a circle and participate in exercises designed to develop upper arm muscles.*



*D'Youville College graduate, Amanda Cleesattel '06, OT, helps a dancer learn heel-taps.*

prestigious Royal Academy of Ballet in Buffalo, which provides dancer assistants for the fully staged production.

Virtually all students require an aide to accompany them on the dance stage, but their excitement and pride is almost palpable. In the glow of the spotlight, medical problems are magically forgotten: music and movement are all that matters! Sheila Dollas, founder and executive director of Moving Miracles, explains, "Their learning of movement and dance can have a profound effect on students' self-confidence and self-expression." The benefits and positive energy stay with them in many ways. Both students and parents form lasting peer relationships. Parents often keep each other up to date on new medical treatments, forming a mutual support system.

Looking back to the spring of 2000, I was one of the first two occupational therapy students to complete an advanced clinical at Moving Miracles. Since that first year, more than eight DYC students have enjoyed completing their clinicals with these special dancers. The idea of working with a dance studio is interesting because many clinicians are now working in nontraditional settings. This is an opportunity for the students to complete coursework that is meaningful to them while assisting the studio with much-needed work projects as well as with assistance in the classroom. In addition to completing fieldwork requirements, many DYC students come to the program one or more times per week during the school year to volunteer in the dance studio. This is a large commitment, but it gives the students opportunities to work with dancers who have a variety of disabilities. Volunteers are an integral part of the studio because the dance students require continuous one-on-one assistance.

*Dancers prepare for their annual recital with an exuberant dress rehearsal.*



The income received from dancers' tuition covers only about one third of the studio's operating costs. Additional funding comes from grants, donations and fund raising. Consequently, the program could not exist without the dedication of its volunteer teachers. Ms. Dollas explains, "The volunteers help dancers meet their individual goals while facilitating the overall group process."

There are currently three volunteers from D'Youville who are physical and occupational therapy majors. Many volunteers come back after they graduate to continue as volunteer teachers, giving ceaselessly of their time and support. Lynn Marie Janiszewski, a DYC graduate of the class of 2000, now works as an occupational therapist but continues to volunteer in the studio. My own involvement is different inasmuch as I am not a dancer. I continue to serve the studio as chair of its board of directors.

It is everyone's hope that Moving Miracles will continue to grow. We hope to have future masters' students utilize the studio as a research site to evaluate the range of benefits to the disabled that are achieved at this unique dance studio.



**Back  
on  
Track**  
by  
Fran Schmidt





# back on track

**b**ack On Track (BOT) is an all-volunteer program. Mary Tisby '80, RN, one of the program's first volunteers, describes it as a "heart-to-heart experience of personal growth combined with miraculous timing." The concept of the program is a non-judgmental, positive regard for each individual's feelings and his/her cultural background. Every person is seen as a gift to the world and unique. Cultural differences are embraced and respected as an integral part of each human being.

It is fortunate that there are various cultures within the group of participants and mentors. The goal of BOT is to mentor and to help individuals and their families achieve career and academic goals.

Housed in large and airy space at St. Vincent de Paul's headquarters on Main Street in downtown Buffalo, the program is a partnership of D'Youville and Hilbert Colleges. Alumni, students and staff serve in the pivotal role of mentors.

*Nancy Shatzel provides job interview information to a current Back On Track client.*



The grass roots program was initiated in 2000. It evolved by sheer creativity and visionary thinking. The credit for BOT's existence belongs to a group of remarkable individuals who planted the seed for the spirit of BOT. Under the creative and watchful eye of Fran Schmidt, director of career services at D'Youville College, they worked together with determination and a sense of humor to make their dream a reality. To sustain the program's purpose and goals, they reached out to volunteers and potential participants. Initially, classes and planning sessions were held at D'Youville on Saturday mornings, thanks to Sister Denise Roche, GNSH, College president. Sister Ann Marie Striegl, GNSH, of Catholic Charities recruited participants for the first class.

Mark Zernheld, executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society endorsed BOT. He said, "Back On Track not only offers

participants a way to better themselves but it allows our volunteers a new way to share their talents.”

There are now 18 dedicated volunteers. The BOT headquarters provides space for classes and a computer lab with carrels for ten computers. There is a lending library and a clothes closet with professional clothing for men and women who wish to be dressed appropriately for job interviews, as well. One section of space is designated as the creativity area to accommodate up to eight children of participants.

**d**'Youville's faculty advisor to Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Michael Smith, said, "The program is a great fit for students in SIFE because it is the goal of those student volunteers to make a difference by changing the world." He believes that this starts with the Back On Track program because, "it enables people to gain skills they need to survive, not just helping them get by, but by empowering them with the knowledge needed for a new job, to improve their position in life, and to be able to use the Internet for self-improvement." In spring, SIFE members will offer computer training and various personal development classes to West Side residents in the Back On Track setting.

Another growth step for the program is an alliance with Literacy Volunteers of Buffalo and Erie County, whose mission is to help local residents reach personal literacy goals and acquire computer skills.

Those who seek the services of this program must commit to its guidelines and attend all classes. Some specialized programs and services include a career/life planning course. There are additional mini-professional programs including budgeting, self-defense, time management, goal setting, decision making and self-confidence.

One participant who is now a volunteer, Cordel Porter, said, "Back On Track has given me a purpose on how to use my life when I thought I had lost it. It has taught me how to seek out and set realistic goals. Back On Track is a team that provides unconditional support and encouragement."

Volunteer Nancy Ann Shatzel, secretary in D'Youville's career development office, views the program this way: "Helping people who fall through the 'cracks' of the social service system inspires all our volunteers. Life is about caring, sharing and helping others gain confidence to achieve their personal goals. Promoting kindness and understanding is contagious."

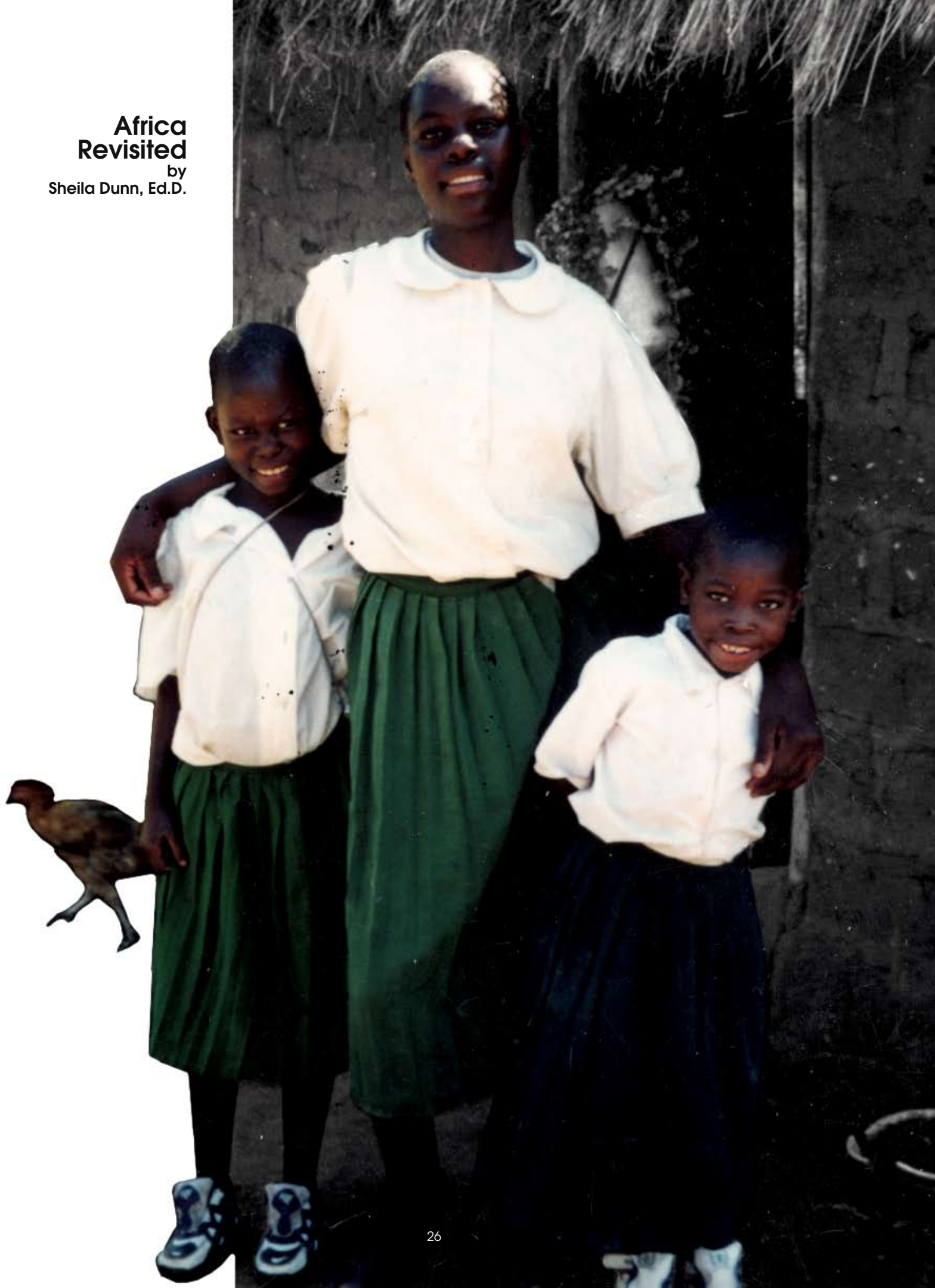
Program participants soon learn that answers to the dilemmas of life lie within us all. A friendly face helps us to see our own inner strength from a new perspective so as to empower our spirit. Throughout our lives we face obstacles. Imagine not knowing which road to choose! Imagine a program that equips us with the information to find the answers to our challenges! The choice will always be ours as we get back on track.

*Fran Schmidt, director of career services at DYU, gives a tour of the Back On Track headquarters to two new clients. The Catie Forichette Library at BOT provides career information, as well as general interest books.*



*Margarita Torres said she likes Back On Track because, "It helps me to have courage in myself."*

**Africa  
Revisited**  
by  
Sheila Dunn, Ed.D.





# africa revisited

If you ask me what Tanzania is like, I would tell you that the warmth of the African sun has found its way into the hearts of the people who live there and there is probably no country on earth where you will be welcomed so sincerely. "Put another log on the fire," people will sing, "a visitor has come from a long way. Let us welcome her." I would tell you also that what we imagined as children is true: Herds of zebra graze along the pale yellow grass of the Serengeti; a hyena is so perfectly camouflaged that it can be just inches away before you see it; to the untrained eye half-submerged hippopotami look like stepping stones on which to skip across a river.

If I were a better story-teller, I would tell you, too, about the mother who walked two days to bring her malaria-stricken baby to a clinic. I would tell you about young children crippled by polio and hidden away in shame by their parents. I would probably make you laugh with the story of the bull elephant who attacked our car and refused to let us pass while five of us sat huddled together, afraid to make any sound that would further anger this massive beast. And, if I told it, you would cry when you heard the story of a fifteen-year-old girl whose mother died of AIDS before her daughter was ten years old, a girl who is now raising her two younger sisters in a hut not even as big as the smallest bedroom in any house in America. You would be surprised to hear that she has to walk five miles to get water for cooking and cleaning and that often the only food to eat for weeks is the starchy vegetable called cassava. All of these stories require more time and more space and so have to be reserved for a later date, with perhaps a more capable story-teller.

There is one story, however, that I have been asked to tell. Somewhere near Lake Victoria there is, I am told, a little boy who wears a D'Youville t-shirt. He can read and write. I was asked to let Sister Denise Roche, the president of the College know about this boy because a few years ago she opened the doors of D'Youville to the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa. The African nuns educated at D'Youville return home to care for the babies with malaria, the children crippled by polio, children whose parents are lost to AIDS, and the little boy with the DYU t-shirt who has already learned to read and write. Sometimes, I was asked to say—sometimes like that day now long ago when the first African sisters were welcomed by Sister Denise to D'Youville—your heart whispers to you to do something good. And if you listen, the result might be, as it happened on that day, that you forever change the world. ■

The Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa (featured in *D'Mensions*/Spring 2006) soon will be breaking ground for the new Mara Education Centre for Girls, Tanzania, East Africa.

Dr. Dunn has captured here the extraordinary worthiness of this project.

We invite our readers to participate in changing the life of young African girls through their only hope – education – by contributing to the Mara project.



Children at an IHSA school, Tanzania.

\$400	provides full tuition, books, room and board for one year for one girl
\$250	provides tuition
\$125	half tuition
\$120	traveling expenses
\$100	health care
\$50	books

To make a contribution, the most expeditious procedure is a bank transfer to:

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Musoma, Tanzania, East Africa

Or you may wire funds via any Western Union office around the world.

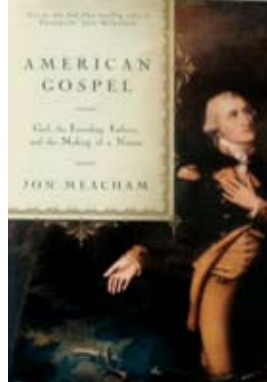
Please be aware that contributions to this out-of-country school are not tax deductible.

Your gift will be gratefully acknowledged by the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa.



### ***THE REVIEWER:***

***Ruth Reilly Kelly '89, Ph.D.,  
DYC history department,  
takes the author to task  
for his unbalanced reliance  
on our Founding Fathers' eighteenth-century  
religious philosophy in a  
twentieth-century  
diverse world.***



### ***THE BOOK:***

***Jon Meacham's American Gospel:  
God, the Founding Fathers, and  
the Making of a Nation***  
Random House (2006)

## **RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

How many of us grew up with the admonition that one does not bring up religion or politics in polite company? This book is about both those impolite topics and, my goodness, how times have changed! Today religion and its role in our political society is argued constantly in the public arena. Think of the controversies of under God in the Pledge of Allegiance, Terry Schiavo, stem cell research, gay rights, all these issues, and so many more, are debated by political figures from a religious viewpoint. Americans wonder if there is a *wall* separating church and state in America. Many Americans wonder if there should even be such a wall.

Jon Meacham is the managing editor of *Newsweek* magazine. His book, *American Gospel* explores "the role faith has played in the Republic and illustrate[s] how the Founding Fathers left us with a tradition in which we could talk and think about God and politics without descending into discord and dissension." Meacham's book is a history of religion in the United States from the perspective of our Founding Fathers and of our presidents up to Ronald Reagan.

Today the religious right claims that America was founded by devout Christian believers, men who knowingly created a Christian nation.

On the other hand, liberals claim that America was founded by secular Enlightenment thinkers, men who abhorred and feared the concept of public religion. Which side is right? Meacham says both views have some credibility.

Our Founding Fathers were Enlightenment thinkers; they subscribed to the Enlightenment emphasis on freedom of thought. John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison, according to Meacham, viewed religion and politics in a light “in which individual conscience [took] precedence over forces of conformity of any kind.” As young men, Adams, Jefferson and Madison lived in colonies (Massachusetts and Virginia), that compelled their citizens to subscribe to a particular religion. For example, Massachusetts applied the death penalty to religious offenses; Virginia made it a crime not to have children baptized in the Anglican Church; Virginia also imprisoned Presbyterian and Baptists preachers. Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and George Washington were Deists: they believed that religious beliefs must be founded on human reason and observations of the natural world and that God worked in the world through providence. The religious right of the twenty-first century could very well accuse our Founding Fathers of belonging to the dreaded secular progressive movement.

However, the Founders did believe there were civic benefits to be derived from faith and they endorsed and encouraged *public religion*. Public religion is defined by Meacham as “a habit of mind and heart that enables Americans to be at once tolerant and reverent.” Jefferson, Adams and Washington recognized that the nature of the nation was dependent on the nature of its people and, “if the people held religious values, there was no escaping the projection of these values” into public life.

For example, Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence links the “causes of liberty to the idea of God.” Jefferson did not have to bring God into the Declaration; he could have made America’s argument for independence without using religion. There were Enlightenment philosophers who used nature and natural experience to ascertain that all men were created equal. Jefferson borrowed his ideas from John Locke and Algernon Sidney, Enlightenment figures who did place God in the equation.

It is futile, Meacham writes, to argue against a role for faith in political life. The Founders created a nation in which both faith and politics would have a proper place. However, this proper place for each does not mean that the church and state are “hermetically sealed off from one another.” Religion, according to Meacham, “will not leave the public

square.... Humankind cannot leave off being religious, the impulse is intrinsic.” The task facing the United States is to “draw the best we can out of faith’s ‘permanent function’ while avoiding the worst.” The problem comes when private religious values enter the public square.

Meacham convicts the religious right of our generation of doing just that, attempting to bring private religious values into the public square. To accomplish this goal they are rewriting history. Their version of American history is that we are a “nation founded by godly men upon godly principles to be a Christian nation.” If these movements can convince Americans that we were a Christian nation that has fallen and must return to its Christian roots, the more “legitimate their efforts in the political arena seems.”

Jon Meacham has written an accessible and interesting book on the complicated history of religion in American politics. However, the book does have some flaws and omissions. An important problem with the book is Meacham’s total reliance on the wisdom of the eighteenth-century Founding Fathers for the religious freedom and religious diversity we enjoy in twenty-first century America. *American Gospel* is a history of American Protestantism; missing from Meacham’s account is the experience of American Catholics, Jews and Muslims. These religions were discriminated against and did not have political rights throughout the eighteenth and nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Left out of Meacham’s account is the story of the pressure these “outsider” religions brought that ultimately put religion in its proper place in the public square; pressure that saw fruition in the many state and federal court decisions in the twentieth century which placed public and private religion in their proper spheres.

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# ALUMNI association

## Letter from the Association President

Dear Alums,

D'Youville College's mission statement lives through the lives of its alumni. The mission states, "D'Youville teaches students to contribute to the world community by leading compassionate, productive and responsible lives." In countless ways alums exemplify these words.

The members of the alumni board of directors are examples of this sense of caring through the time they devote to the College and to other endeavors. Not only do they volunteer their time to represent all D'Youville alumni through their work on the board and its committees but also to show compassion through activities in their daily lives. Throughout their chosen professions they find opportunities to perform acts of kindness for those around them.

The work of the alumni board is a small example of the volunteer endeavors of our alumni at large. Throughout our country and the international community, our 13,000 alumni provide service to those in need. Through their personal efforts our alumni serve as an extension of D'Youville's commitment to service-learning. Community service endeavors continue to be a vital part of the College environment.

Many of our alumni spend hours volunteering outside of their professional lives through their parishes, community organizations, neighborhoods or wherever a need exists.

The range of caring is extensive. Alums serve as advocates for the sick in hospitals and for persons with disabilities, as Pre-Cana counselors, as clown-entertainers for shut-ins, and as fund raisers. You will also find D'Youville alumni in civic organizations that benefit the community such as the League of Women Voters, Rotary, Kiwanis, Junior League, American Cancer Society, MS Society, and neighborhood community associations. Alumni can be found caring for the elderly through visits to nursing homes and working with our young in school programs as well as daycare centers. The examples are endless and unique to the personality and talents of each volunteer.

The commitment to caring that was instilled in each of us as students at D'Youville continues to live on through every life we touch. The vision of D'Youville College as "an exemplary model of service and a dynamic force within the community" is lived out each day through its graduates.

Sincerely,

Dolores Gaeta Prezyna '70



# FAMILYsunday

*Above:*  
Jason Cremeno '98 (left), John Bellassai '99 (right), their wives and families had a good time catching up with each other's news.

*Right:*  
The children waited patiently for Santa to call their names.

*Below:*  
This year, Kathleen Panaro Losi '85 (front left) gathered 15 family members including mother-in-law, Carmella Lazzaro Losi '60 (right), for this special day. They especially enjoyed swimming in the College Center pool.



*Left:*  
L to r: Richard Urbanski, Mary Ann Meloch Urbanski '53, Daniel Farrell, Matthew Farrell, Elizabeth Urbanski-Farrell and Isobel Farrell enjoyed the delicious brunch items while waiting for Santa to arrive.

*Below:*  
Rita Saggese Dauria '45 checked out the menu offerings along with her great-grandchildren, the family of grandson Michael (left). Rita, a former alumni board member, was instrumental in selecting Santa's suit.







# HOMECOMING 2006





On Friday evening, some groups met off campus at small gatherings while many attended a cocktail reception in Madonna Lounge followed by a performance of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at The Kavinoky Theatre.

Saturday morning found alums of all ages joining students in the annual Charlene D. Page Run. A luncheon was held at the Buffalo Yacht Club, followed by campus tours. Graduates gathered in light-filled Sacred Heart Chapel for Mass to honor all deceased alums, especially those in the golden and silver anniversary classes. The blending of many beautiful voices singing "We Gather Together" added a sense of peace to the Mass offered by Reverend Thomas Ribits, OSFS, director of Campus Ministry.

The group moved to the College Center where the fun began as cocktails were served, yearbooks were checked out, music played and classes enthusiastically posed for the traditional class pictures.

The candlelit dinner was highlighted by a rousing demonstration of the twist done by the class of 1966. The benediction given by Sister Rita L. Margraff, GNSH, '61, closed the official program of the evening, but some dancers continued to enjoy the lively music. Overheard several times that night: "Let's not wait for five years – let's get together at the Centennial celebration in 2008!"

A special thank you goes out to dinner chairs Beverly Michalak Slichta-Cusick '66 and Diane Osterman Reboy '76. Class agents and committee members were: Jean Roth Duffy '51, Joan Hassenfratz Creighton '51, Diane M. Cammarata '56, Catherine Hanrahan Gorman '56, Joan Romanowski Bukowski '56, Arlene M. Freitas '61, The Class of '66, The Class of '76, JoAnn Bittar Salci '81, Mary Lufkin Huczel '81 and Nathan Phillips, '85.

## **Anne Lum Award: Mary E. Bisantz '66**

*Always a special feature of the Homecoming celebration is the presentation of the Anne Lum Award.*

*Mary Elizabeth Bisantz '66 embodies D'Youville's mission of academic excellence and service.*

*An outstanding student, she received a BA in history and political science and earned a Juris Doctor degree at The University at Buffalo, graduating 13th in her class of 211. Mary was one of the first women to be on the editorial board of the Buffalo Law Review. She attributes her success in law school to the Grey Nuns, who, in her 16 years in their classrooms, taught her how to study.*

*Mary's professional credentials are impressive: private practice, assistant district attorney in Erie County, assistant attorney general for the state of New York, and staff attorney for a state commission on judicial conduct. As deputy chief judge, she shared the responsibility of administering the hearings processes of the Social Security disability program nationwide.*

*Opposite page:  
Mary E. Bisantz '66 receives the Anne Lum Award from Alumni Association president Dolores Gaeta Prezynna '70 and Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president of the College.*

*This page:  
Mary, with her friends and family including Sister Martha Bisantz, GNSH, '69 (seated far left), and Jean "Patsy" Bisantz Caldiero '69 (standing right), looks at the citation and gift.*



*The evening begins with smiles all around!!!*

*Top left:  
Continuing a tradition: 55th anniversary  
class member Joan Hassenfratz Creighton  
'51 welcomes Joan Gruber Knab '56 to the  
Golden Years.*

*Far left:  
Mary Cooper Fitzpatrick '66 is happy to start  
the celebration with a smile and a toast.*



*Left center:  
Rosalie Parlato Krajci '56 (left) and  
Angela Leone Karlsen '56 take a  
minute from their chat to smile for the  
photographer.*

*Below left:  
Mary Lufkin Huczel '81, proud parent  
of a current student, tells Susan Baker  
Kroczyński '81 (right) and JoAnn Bittar  
Salci '81, "This is the way it REALLY  
happened!"*





*Top right:  
Alice Blake-Stalker '66 and Regina  
Garey Burke '66 laughingly agree as  
Dorothy Dodman Kelleher '66 says,  
"So what's an alum to do?"*

*Center right:  
Class of '66 alums know they can  
"Get by with a little help from a  
friend...."*



# CLASS OF '56 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY







CLASS OF '46

CLASS OF '51



CLASS OF '76





CLASS OF '66



CLASS OF '71

CLASS OF '61







*Top left:  
Monica Marzolf Cosgrove '66 (left) and  
Linda Ramich Costello '66 exclaim, "Just  
you wait - our class knows how to party!"*

## CLASS OF '81



*Below:  
The 40th anniversary class cheers for the  
dancers who showed they can still do  
the twist! And then some!*





**Top right:**  
*Class of '56 memories come back to Christine Nowak as she reviews a picture display.*



**Middle right:**  
*Alumni director, Patricia Marino Smyton '65, gives an extra "pat" to former alumni board member, Jean Roth Duffy '51, as she presents red roses to the 50+ year classes.*

**Below near right:**  
*Picture taking and a mini-family reunion takes place with Grace Cosgrove Martorana '71 and Monica Marzolf Cosgrove '66.*



**Below far right:**  
*It's time to say goodbye with promises to keep in touch as Shirley Weiss Clayson '56 gives a big hug to friend Doris Karlinski Bigelow '56.*



*If you wish to obtain color prints of any of these photos, contact the alumni office at 716.829.7808 or by e-mail, [smytonpm@dyc.edu](mailto:smytonpm@dyc.edu).*



# classNOTES



*Three alums welcome the groom to the family!*

*L to r:  
James R. Morgan '04,  
Rebecca Leone Morgan '01,  
Steven Marx and  
Rachel Leone Marx '00*

## 2005

**Christie Brickel** is a teacher in the Greenville County School District, Greer, S.C.

## 2004

A physician assistant with Tri-County Family Medicine Associates, **Amy-Jo Burroughs-Smith** is a resident of South Dayton, N.Y.

**Christopher and Meghan Rizzieri** were married recently in Auburn, N.Y. She's relocated to the Maple Shade, N.J., area where she is a pediatric occupational therapist for Laurel Therapy. Meghan also works for Mary's Place, a pediatric outpatient clinic in Marlton, N.J., where she specializes in OT treatment for children who are on the autistic spectrum.

## 2003

New bride **Laura Snitzer Totoro** is a social studies teacher in the Fairfax County Public Schools. Married in Buffalo in Saint Anthony of Padua Church, she and her husband Nicholas, a unix administrator for Verizon Online, reside in Leesburg, Va.

Married to Jeanine in July 2006, **Raymond J. Kuwik** now has three grandchildren. He is a manufacturing engineer with Greatbatch-Globe Tool. They live in Woodbury, Minn.

## 2002

Classmates **Bryan Gee** and **Jami King Gariepy** are putting their degrees to good use. Occupational therapists, Bryan works at Primary Children's Medical Centre in Herriman, Utah, and Jami is at Rochester, N.Y.'s Strong Memorial Hospital.

## 1998

**Vicki Ehrenberg Schlaerth** was featured in the Life and Arts section of *The Buffalo News* recently. The article described her collection of historic items, especially mid-20th century recipe boxes. Many of the tin boxes that she gathers at flea markets and estate sales are filled with the original owner's recipes. By taking

the best part of several old recipes and adding a few touches of her own, Vicki won an apple pie recipe contest which the October 2006 *Country Home* magazine cover headlined as: "The Best-Ever Apple Pie". Her mother-in-law is **Sally Gallagher Schlaerth '50**.

**Jennifer Morrow Banacos** is a physical therapist in Milton, Vt.

## 1991

**Elizabeth Martinez Fildes** earned her master's degree in international business in 2003 while working as a uniformed Buffalo, N.Y., police officer. Recently the U.S. Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales came to Buffalo for a helicopter tour of the area's international bridges. Citing protection of the northern border of the United States, Gonzales officially announced nearly \$900,000 in federal grants to combat human trafficking in the area. The funding will be used to establish a new Human Trafficking Task Force here, one that will include two service agencies, the International Institute and Farmworkers' Legal Services, and two law enforcement agencies, the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Elizabeth Fildes has been selected to administer a \$750,000 part of the grant. Liz is the mother of **Adela Rodriguez '02**.

**Dennis E. Rivera** formerly worked for the Buffalo Board of Education. Although he has had two children who passed away, he and his wife Brenda Pagan have three beautiful children, Dennis, Jr., Melanie and Jeffrey, who is disabled. Dennis hopes that all his "friends are doing well - God bless all!"

## 1984

A resident of Lebanon, Va., **James W. Anderson** is a field representative with the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board of Virginia.

As a result of a student poll conducted by D'Youville's Lambda Sigma Honor Society members, **Dr. Canio Marasco** was named Professor of the Month for October. This monthly

Honor Society award recognizes a professor's excellence and influence among the students.

## 1981

**Laurie Lovejoy McNichol '81** received two awards at the National Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society National Conference in Minneapolis, Minn., which had 1,700 attendees. She received the WOCN Society's President's Award and the inaugural Nurse Competence in Aging Grant "in recognition of outstanding dedication to enhancing the knowledge and skills for geriatric nursing among the Society membership." Laurie, the director of clinical practice and quality with Advanced Home Care, lives in Greensboro, N.C., with her husband.

A resident of Syracuse, N.Y., **Debra Reiner Gehan** is an administrative assistant in the Westhill Central School District.

## 1980

A Captain in the U.S. Navy, **Kathleen Manley Thorp** is living on the grounds of the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., again. She and Owen have been married over 23 years and they are the parents of four children. She is on active duty working in Washington, DC. She works at Anne Arundel Medical Center as a board certified lactation consultant. She had the honor of pinning her eldest daughter, a graduate of Villanova's nursing school, and commissioned her as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps.

## 1973

The mother of five children and the grandmother of one, **Rebecca Corthorn Weimer** is a homemaker in Punxsutawney, Pa.

## 1971

A resident of Rescue, Calif., **Wanda D'Amico Alteri-Matus** received a master's degree in counseling psychology from National University in Sacramento, Calif., in 1996. She is self-employed and is currently subcontracting to Fair Oaks

Therapeuticum as a licensed marriage and family counselor providing psychotherapy to adults and children. Her primary clientele are children and adolescents with Asperger's disorder or high functioning autism.

## 1970

**Mary Anne Staudt Dumas, Ph.D., RN, CFNP, FAANP**, a clinical professor at Stoney Brook University's school of nursing, was recently elected to one of the highest leadership positions of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, a national and international organization. Described as an "innovator, educator, clinician, researcher and author," she has been the recipient of both the SUNY Chancellor's and President's Excellence in Teaching Awards and was a 2006 Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She has published numerous articles on hypertension, one of which has been adopted for use in the hypertensive education of students in many nurse practitioner, medical school and residency programs across the United States. Mary Anne and her husband Patrick, the parents of three grown children, live in Huntington, N.Y.

## 1968

Hamburg, N.Y., resident **Mary Lanigan Regan** is a community mobilization specialist with Western New York United Against Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Inc.

It has been 15 years since **Emma Montes de Oca Berst** visited D'Youville, but this fall she stopped in at the alumni office with her son Kenneth and husband Raymond. Emma and the alumni director, paged through yearbooks while reminiscing about their college years, days in the mid-60s. Emma was president of the International Students Club. While at D'Youville, the Thomas Hart family was her host and she married a nephew of the Harts. Emma now has a travel agency and lives in Valladolid, Yucatan, Mexico, very close to Cancun, the Riviera Maya paradise.



*Former D'Youville campus minister Rev. Anthony Rigoli, OMI, took a break from assisting his parishioners in New Orleans, La., to perform the christening of two beautiful future alums in Sacred Heart Chapel. Father had the honor of officiating at the marriages of both couples. Also in attendance were Nadia and Anthony J. Diaz '99 and Wemille Arellano.*

*L to r:*

*Jeffrey Trexler '98,  
Sasha Gaynor Trexler '02,  
Noah Etienne Trexler,  
Annika Caroline Adele Murray,  
Holly Lauzonis Murray,  
Eric M. Murray and  
Rev. Anthony Rigoli, OMI (center).*





*The North Country alumni chapter met for a delicious luncheon on October 7 at the Best Western University Inn in Canton, N.Y. Rita Whalen, '73 and Mary Ann Perry, '74 chaired the event which included a silent auction. Susan Gray Gibbs '60 was the winner of a painting auctioned off to benefit the scholarship in memory of Judith Gotham Wagner '50. The guests were pleased with the overview of the College given by Sister Denise (center), and had many questions and suggestions concerning the discussion of changing from a college to a university.*

*The next gathering of the chapter will be in May 2007.*

*L to r seated:  
Mary Ann Perry '74,  
Sister Ann Boyer, GNSH, '52,  
Elizabeth J. Hannan '47,  
Therese Brown Bruyere '47,  
Sister Kathryn Healy, GNSH, '60*

*Standing, middle row:  
Rita Whalen '73,  
Sister Mary Teresa La Brake '59,  
Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '53,  
Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH,  
Sister Mary Elizabeth Looby,  
GNSH, '71,  
Sister Joan McElwain, GNSH, '70,  
Mary Ellen (Molly) Post Morgan '44*

*Standing third row:  
Sister Donna Jean Tavernier,  
GNSH, '66,  
Nancy McCarthy Gipson '64,  
Kathryn Randall Bush '65,  
Paula Bouchard Jacques '70,  
Carol MacDonald Hartle '60,  
Elizabeth Carrahar Whalen '48.*

## 1965

**Donna Williams**, the former **Sister Mary Henry, SSMN**, taught at School #53 in Buffalo. Now retired after 41 years in the classroom, she lives in Alden, N.Y.

## 1964

Nursing graduate **Pollyanna Radley Zinck** thinks it is a fine time for a 64 year-old to have a career change since she and her grandson moved to Lac La Biche, Ala. She was asked to fill in for a sixth-grade teacher who had taken a short leave. The leave was extended and Pollyanna agreed to finish the year with a very challenging class. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, dealing with a tricky computer system kept her on her toes.

## 1962

The National Council for Geographic Education has chosen Orchard Park, N.Y., resident **Virginia Thielman Figura** as the recipient of its 2006 Community Service Award. The presentation took place in Lake Tahoe in October. An adjunct professor in the department of geography and planning at Buffalo State College, Virginia is involved in national, state and local efforts to improve geography education and to increase understanding of how geography relates to global problems and events. She is a volunteer instructor with the Erie County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's Lifelong Learning Program designed for people 60 and over. She conducted geography-focused courses at a local senior citizens center, sharing materials that she brought back from a United Nations conference on the global problem of fresh water distribution.

As a representative of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Virginia has deployed tsunami sensors in the Gulf of Alaska.

Retired from the Franklinville, N.Y., Central School District, she has been a teacher consultant with the National Geographic Society since 1989.

## 1957

In anticipation of the celebration of their 50th anniversary of graduation at Homecoming 2007 in September, members of the class of 1957 will have a reunion cruise on Carnival ship Liberty, May 6-12, 2007.

*You are invited to contact **Jean McGarry, Mary Ann Kelleher**, or the alumni office for details.*

## marriages

Judith A. Moran '72 to  
Bryan Peters

Sandra J. Pastor BS/MS '00 to  
Benjamin Kaminski

Regina Marie Naples '01 to  
Sean Patrick Barrett

## births

Mary Mehegan, daughter of Patricia R. Hanson '83 and her husband Mitchell D. Waters

Liam Morgan and Finnegan James, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. James J. Graham (Erin Hess '03)

## condolences

Rose Ranallo Sapecky '39 on the death of her sister, Anne Ranallo Burke '39

Jane Roberts Stelley '42 on the death of her brother Eugene

Irene Weber Clair '43 on the death of her husband Raymond

Mary Louise Brady '45 on the death of her sister, Catherine Brady Finnegan '38

Marion Eder Naber '48 on the death of her husband Donald



*Above:*

*Cory Nicholls Shaffer '88, FNP, celebrates her fortieth birthday accompanied by Carol Milazzo '00, executive assistant, president's office. Cory and Carol both formerly worked in the institutional advancement office when Cory was a work-study student.*

*Left:*

*Alumni board members and board spouses met in the alumni office to deliver over 100 fragrant wreaths and to enjoy cider and brownies and carrot cake made by Cindy. The annual wreath sale is a fund raiser for the kinship scholarships.*

*L to r: Cynthia Wierzbak DeLuca '75, wife of Thomas, Julie Marinaccio '04, Thomas J. DeLuca '76, treasurer of the alumni board and Roger St. Pierre, husband of Rose Grierson St. Pierre '83*



Miriam White Martin '51 on the death of her husband William

Kay Ronan O'Connell '52 on the death of her sister, Jean Ronan Nunn '48

Anne Marie Battista '56 on the death of her mother Anna

Marguerite DiTusa Collesano '64 on the death of her sister, Mary Falletta

Bette Ann Frascella Wolf '65 on the death of her mother Violet

Rosemary (Penny) Pepper Holmberg '65 on the death of her brother Gary

Dolores Gaeta Prezyna '70 on the death of her mother Mary

Mary Molea Iwanenko '94 and Joseph Molea '00 on the death of their father Nicholas

## obituaries

**Sister Florence Marie Knab '34** (December 1, 2006) died at St. Joseph's Manor in Meadowbrook, Pa. At the time of her death, Sister was in the 79th year of religious life. Following her D'Youville graduation, she earned a master's degree in math at The Catholic University of America. Sister Florence taught math at Holy Angels Academy for 13 years and was later on the faculty of D'Youville. Other teaching assignments were at St. Mary's Academy and Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia, Pa. Sister also spent summers tutoring at Cape May, N.J.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at the Grey Nun Motherhouse in Yardley, Pa.

**Rita Leising Guastaferro '37** (September 12, 2006) died at her home while under hospice care. The beloved wife of the late John Guastaferro, she was also the mother of Mary White, Ralph, Jack, Linda Ann, Peg and the late Rita Louise. She is survived by ten grandchildren. Prior to entering D'Youville, Rita graduated from Mount Saint Joseph's Academy. Rita worked for the Erie County Department of Social Services from 1961 to 1978, when she retired. At St. Rose of Lima, her parish, she served as a eucharistic minister and held membership in the Altar and Rosary Society and the Legion of Mary.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at her parish church.

**Anne Ranallo Burke '39** (November 15, 2006) died at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn. She graduated with a BA in English and history. Beloved wife of the late Robert E. Burke, she was the mother of eight children, Robert, William, Dennis, Richard, Leonard K., Kathleen, Maureen, and Margaret. Through the years, she was a Cub Scout Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader and was active in the PTAs of her children's various schools. She also taught CCD at St. Peter Claver Church. A dedicated member of the Farmington Woods Association Women's Club, she annually hosted the "Taste of the Woods" potluck luncheon. She was an insatiable reader and participated in the Farmington Woods Book Club. Active in sports her entire life, having played tennis, paddle ball and bowling, she especially loved golf. She enjoyed dancing and performances at Hartford Stage. She owned and was for many years chairman of the board of American Electro Products, Inc. But her passions were her family, her faith, current events and politics and she was ever ready to engage in a political debate. She was predeceased by her brother Phil Ranallo. In addition to her children, she is survived by her two sisters, Rose Sapecky '39 of Cape Coral, Fla., and Mary Louise Anders of Bonifay, Fla., 21 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on November 20 at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Hartford, Conn.

**Lillian Aranibar Merrill '40** (November 5, 2006) died at the Weinberg Campus in Getzville, N.Y. She was the wife of the late Arthur G. and the mother of James M. and Lili Rutecki. Lillian came to Buffalo with her parents who immigrated from Peru. After graduation from D'Youville, she earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. While at Wisconsin, Lillian ran University House. There, students spoke only Spanish. From 1952 until 1957, she taught in the Maryvale schools where she was involved in designing the foreign language program. She also taught at Amherst High School and for 27 years was an assistant professor at Rosary Hill/Daemen College. She traveled extensively and established an exchange program with the University of Valencia for her Daemen students. She is also survived by two sisters, Edna Marks and Martha Johns.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Gregory the Great Church in Amherst, N.Y.

**Ruth McDonald Bateman '40** (September 24, 2006) died at her home in Winter Park, Fla. She was the wife of the late Dr. O.J. Bateman. She is survived by her two daughters, Andrea Bateman and Melanie Sellers.

## sympathies

Catherine Brady Finnegan '38

Sister Rose Ann Taylor, GNSH, '47  
(Mary Margaret Taylor)

*Full obituaries will be provided when more information becomes available.*

## obituaries

*continued*

She also left two granddaughters. After graduation Ruth studied social work at the University of Buffalo.

A graveside service was held on November 24 at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

**Mary C. Hogan '42** (December 11, 2006) died in St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston, N.Y. A Niagara Falls native, Mary graduated from St. Mary's High School after which she matriculated at D'Youville to earn a degree in sociology. During her long career with the American Red Cross from 1944-1983, she was the director of services to military families. She also worked on several national disasters in her supervisory role with the Red Cross. In 1973, she was awarded the Top Hat Award as a member of the Niagara Falls Country Club. She is survived by cousins Helen Willard Robertson and John Powers and their families.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Cataract Church.

**Constance Hartman Poag '44** (November 14, 2006) died at Hurley, N.Y. She is survived by her husband, Frederick Poag; daughters, Kathleen Poag-Longeway and Molly Poag; and her sister, Betty McAuliffe.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated for her in Sacred Heart Chapel at D'Youville College on December 6.

**Eleanor Summers Cullen '44** (November 2, 2006) was the wife of Matthew A. Cullen, Jr., mother of Kathleen Langen, Matthew III, Noreen, Mary Sattar, Margaret and Patricia Hock. She is also survived by 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held in Hamburg, N.Y.

**Jean Ronan Nunn '48** (September 17, 2006) was the wife of the late Robert A. Nunn. She is the mother of five sons: Robert, Michael, David, Timothy and Paul. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is the sister of Thomas, Kay O'Connell '52, William, the late L. Don and Michael.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at Queen of Heaven Church in West Seneca, N.Y.

**Elizabeth A. Warthling Fanning '55** (October 27, 2006) died in the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care in Cheektowaga, N.Y. A graduate of South Park High School, "B.A." entered the D'Youville College nursing program in 1951, graduating in 1955. For many years she worked at Mount Saint Mary's Academy as a health instructor. While working there, she organized several international trips for the students. She also volunteered for the Red Cross and served as chairman of youth services there for three years and as a director for the Red Cross Run. She also volunteered for the Skylon International Marathon. In 1993, D'Youville College honored her with induction into the Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society, an honor awarded to those who live the tradition and philosophy of Saint Marguerite. She is survived by her husband, Thomas F.; two children, Thomas and Elizabeth; and two sisters, Joan Roberts and Sister Geraldine Warthling, OSF.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Family Church in Buffalo, N.Y.

**Sister Joanna Kerwin, GNSH, '56** (December 3, 2006) died in St. Joseph's Manor, Meadowbrook, Pa. She was a former professor at D'Youville. After graduating from Holy Angels Academy, she matriculated at D'Youville and then went on to doctoral studies in Romance languages at Case Western Reserve University. She also earned

master's degrees in spirituality and in adult education from Fordham University. A Fulbright Scholar, Sister Joanna served as a staff member of the Center for Renewal at Stella Niagara and worked at myriad ministries in Ogdensburg, Yardley and Philadelphia, Pa., and in Atlanta, Ga., and New York. At the time of her death, Sister was in her 50th year as a Grey Nun of the Sacred Heart.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered in the Sacred Heart Chapel at the Grey Nun Motherhouse in Yardley, Pa.

**Marilyn Anne Polverari '56** (August 9, 2006) died peacefully at her home in Costa Mesa, Calif., after a long and valiant battle with cancer. A nurse by career, she also earned a bachelor's degree in music. She taught both nursing and piano and more recently volunteered in the Orange County Library Systems. She was an accomplished vocalist and toured Europe with a choral group. Marilyn was an excellent gardener, homemaker and a licensed scuba diver. She was a patient in Companion Care Hospice and Assure Caregivers; her family lauded the care that she received. She is survived by her mother, Anne Simon Polverari; her sister Veronica and her brother Thomas.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated October 11 at St. John Maron Church in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Eileen Donohue Coppola '73** (November 16, 2006) was the daughter of the late John M. and Mary Reilly Donohue. Eileen is survived by her brothers Michael, Terrance and Mark. She also left many nieces and nephews. Eileen's career was in teaching and administration. She was the principal at St. Theresa's School in South Buffalo.

A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Martin of Tours Church, Buffalo, N.Y.

**Amy Marie Johnson Dunfield '92** (March 14, 2006) died at her home in McConnellsville, N.Y., after a three-year battle with cancer. Following graduation, she was employed as an occupational

therapist with the Camden (N.J.) School District for eleven years. Prior to that, she was employed by United Cerebral Palsy and Madison-Oneida B.O.C.E.S. She is survived by her husband, Scott K. Dunfield; her parents of Verona, N.Y.; her maternal grandmother, Margaret Norman of Rome, N.Y.; three daughters Kateri, Erin and Molly; a son Samuel; and her sister, Julie Netzbund.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary's Church in Verona Beach, N.Y. ■

### ERRATUM:

*On page 38 of the fall 2006 issue of D'Mensions, the bottom photo should have been identified as Jeanette Bihari Swartz.*



*The following updates  
to Annual Giving  
donor listings  
are provided  
to reflect recent changes  
in the College's  
computerized listings.*

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Advance Program Scholarship Fund** HSBC Bank USA

#### **American Authors** D. John Bray

#### **Anniversary Class of 1952 Endowed Scholarship**

Mary McNamara Browne '52  
Patricia Sullivan Cossaboon '52  
Genevieve McNeil Dobmeier '52  
Faith E. Francis, Ph.D. '52  
Loretta Gulino Quenneville '52  
Rita Miskell Schindler '52  
Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '52  
Eleanor Kirby Veale '52  
Barbara Pilichowski Voss '52

#### **Anniversary Class of 1953 Endowed Scholarship**

Renee Powalski Bartkowski '53  
Bernadette Devine Barton '53  
Joan Wittig Casey '53  
Ann Kilroy Furey '53  
Catherine Grosso Lapczewski '53  
M. Patricia O'Boyle Verbanic '53  
Jean Witte Whitney '53

#### **Anniversary Class of 1954 Endowed Scholarship**

Alice Barton '54  
Rosemarie Mazurowski Bernick '54  
Phyllis Mahoney Ganey '54  
Lois Reilly Mayer '54  
Virginia Nowak '54  
Sister Jean E. O'Shaunecy, GNSH '54  
Joyce Hoffmeyer Stephens '54  
Alice Kazmierczak Werynski '54

#### **Anniversary Class of 1955 Endowed Scholarship**

Margaret Smith Acara '55  
Ann Campagna Antil '55  
Kathleen Over Batt '55  
Elizabeth Troglauer Brendel '55  
Taine Rems Conboy '55  
Nancy Coons Conley '55  
Maureen Dolan Corrao '55  
Dorothy Denny Cumber '55  
Mary Frances Danner '55  
Mary Clark Eberhard '55  
Marian Leahy Kerwin '55  
Delphine Gorski Kozera '55  
Mary Ann Stanislawski Larson '55  
Livia Lovallo '55  
Barbara Fahey Maynor '55  
Geraldine Kreutzer McMahon '55  
Angeline Brucklier Padula '55  
Rose Marie Romagnuolo Parrinello '55  
JoAnne Siragusa '55  
Ruth Smith '55

Catherine Galvin Voss '55  
Mary Jane Minner Wilson '55  
Marie Gerace Zafron '55

#### **The Bauda Award in Health and Human Services Scholarship and Philomena V. Bauda Award in Nursing**

Charles A. Bauda, MD

#### **Norman T. & Rita Bauer Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

Estate of Lorayn E. Bauer  
The Bauer Family Foundation  
Paul Bauer

#### **Mary Schweitzer Bauer Scholarship** Mary Schweitzer Bauer '47

#### **The Beecher Women Alumnae Scholarship**

Messer Foundation  
Thomas R. Beecher

#### **Boggan Scholarship Fund**

Jill Marie Ameis '00  
Marla L. Berg-Weger  
Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Boggan  
Sylvia Boggan  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Boggan  
Patricia J. Boggan  
Katherine Cavalluzzi  
The Christner Family  
Lois Trautman David '54  
Marlene and Robert Dinse  
Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ferrelli  
Joseph Foyle  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Frawley  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Funke  
Denise C. Grande  
William Houston  
Sandra and Robert Gambill  
Drs. M. Ruth Reilly '89 and David Kelly  
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Lederhouse  
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# centennial

*Our celebration is coming faster than you think. Special centennial events are planned during the next three calendar years. All alumni are welcome to attend these landmark events as well as informal and regular campus events scheduled during 2007-2009. Watch for updates on our Web site, [www.dyc.edu](http://www.dyc.edu).*

## 1: 2007

*December 5, 2007*

*Opening Ceremony and Kick off at the President's Holiday Party*

## 2: 2008

*January 30, 2008*

*Ecumenical Service A sacred celebration*

*January April 2008*

*Fireside Chats with current and past faculty in their areas of expertise*

*April 4, 2008*

*Dedication of the St. Marguerite d'Youville statue*

*May 17, 2008*

*One Hundredth Commencement*

*September 20, 2008*

*Family Picnic*

*Mass & Official Centennial Reception/Homecoming Dinner*

*October 2008*

*D'Youville Alums Around the World Celebrate*

*2008-2009*

*Community Service Project: 100<sup>2</sup> (10,000 hours of community service)*

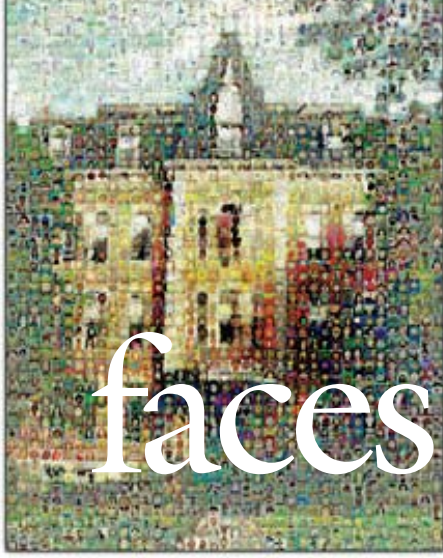
## 3: 2009

*April 5, 2009*

*Alumni Formal Tea*

*April May 2009*

*Closing Event*



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CENTENNIAL PREP

*As part of the DYC centennial celebration, there will be a special interactive art project that will be called “Faces of D’Youville.”*

*The Faces of D’Youville project will be made from self-portraits drawn by alumni, students, faculty, staff, families and friends of the College. Up close, the drawn faces can be seen individually, but from a distance they will blend together to form the familiar Koessler Administration Building.*

*Just create your face. Have fun. Be creative. Use a mirror for realism or just wing it. It doesn’t have to look exactly like you. It can be an abstract, a caricature, a stick figure: anything goes. Suspend judgement on your skills and just create: you can do this, really. It is about participating, not about being perfect. Please, no photos.*

*The form can be downloaded at [www.dyc.edu/welcome/centennial.asp](http://www.dyc.edu/welcome/centennial.asp). To receive a paper copy of the form by mail, contact Tim Brennan at 716.829.7801 or e-mail, [brennant@dyc.edu](mailto:brennant@dyc.edu).*

*Available now until October 2007.*





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Dr. August brings to her appointment an awareness of the broad issues in higher education today, a collaborative style and a hands-on sense of how to get things done at CUNY. She has been actively involved in several CUNY-wide committees and projects, including the English discipline council; Looking Both Ways (as founding co-director of this professional development program for high school and college teachers that focuses on literacy); the advisory committee for basic skills, general education, assessment review (as co-chair of placement and progress and a member of the steering committee) and writing across the curriculum.

An active scholar, her most recent publication is an edited 2004 collection, titled *Facilitating Collaboration: Issues in High School/College Professional Development*, which is

***“We know that nationally,  
African Americans and Hispanics  
are statistically underrepresented  
in the science, technology and  
mathematics fields,  
as are women in general,  
and we want to create  
career pathways for them.”***

***Dr. Bonne Tymorski August***

the second volume in the series, *Looking Both Ways: Studies in Cross-Institutional Professional Development*. Other professional activities include editing the *Journal of Basic Writing* and serving on the National Council of Teachers of English Standing Committee on Testing and Assessment, the board of the conference on basic writing and the advisory committee of the Association of Departments of English.

Dr. August holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from D'Youville College. She received her MA and Ph.D. degrees in English and American literature from New York University.

She resides in Park Slope, Brooklyn, N.Y., with her husband John Mogulescu. They have two grown daughters.

## CADLINGALUKIN

### SISTER MARY CHARLOTTE BARTON ALUMNI KINSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Throughout the year, the alumni board sponsors various fundraisers. The proceeds are used to provide scholarships to eligible students who have a special kinship to alums: a child, stepchild, grandchild, brother, sister, niece, nephew or spouse. The scholarships are presented in the spring of each year for the following academic year. Award recipients are chosen by a committee composed of members of the alumni board of directors and are based on the applicant's high school or college record and financial need. Present and prospective students, as well as alumni themselves, are eligible for consideration.

Application forms can be found on the Web site [www.dyc.edu/alumni/awards.asp](http://www.dyc.edu/alumni/awards.asp), by e mailing [smytonpm@dyc.edu](mailto:smytonpm@dyc.edu), or by calling 716.829.7808. Application and essay are due in the alumni office no later than April 15.

# A STUDENT struggles

I have recently met a freshman student here at D'Youville who has quite specific career plans. Laura loves being at D'Youville. She is studying hard and doing well in her science courses which are pre requisites for the major she hopes to pursue.

She is from a single parent home. She spent Thanksgiving at her aunt's home because her mother had to work. There are many special occasions when this happens.

Laura is able to study at the College because she receives financial assistance from D'Youville; she has a work study job in one of the College's offices. Even with this help, meeting her financial obligations is a struggle. There are many students here who are in the same situation as this very focused student.

D'Youville is able to provide aid to students like Laura because of the largesse and loyalty of our alumni and friends who support the College financially. Some of our alumni have established endowed scholarships that provide extra assistance to those students who meet the criterion for a particular scholarship.

But many alumni use other means to ensure that deserving scholars will have the advantage of an excellent education just as they had.

Some have left bequests to D'Youville. The College is gratified that they recognize the quality of the education they received and that they wish their beneficence to be their legacy to the men and women who are future DYC alumni.

Others take a different route to assist D'Youville. They chose to initiate a gift annuity which not only is beneficial to the College and students but also provides the donor with a tax deduction and additional income. There are many other vehicles that can be used to gift D'Youville generously.

At this writing, we are approaching the Christmas season when hearts are exploding with generous impulses. Hopefully, those impulses will continue throughout 2007 so that many more students like Laura can take advantage of all that our Alma Mater has to offer.

*To make a lasting gift, please contact the director of major and planned giving, Patricia Van Dyke, 716.829.7802 or [vandykep@dyc.edu](mailto:vandykep@dyc.edu).*

## INTELLIGENT GIVING



## MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

### ALUMNI/COLLEGE CALENDAR WINTER SPRING 2007

#### March

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | Board Meeting                                       |
| 7  | College Honors Convocations                         |
| 16 | Naples, Fla. - Chapter Gathering                    |
| 18 | Sarasota, Fla. - Chapter Luncheon and Mass          |
| 23 | The Kavinoky Theatre Night - <i>Enchanted April</i> |
| 24 | Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. - Chapter Gathering            |
| 29 | Board Meeting                                       |
|    | Spring Plant Sale                                   |

#### May

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 2  | Dinner for Scholarship Donors               |
| 17 | Alumni Graduate Champagne Luncheon          |
| 18 | Baccalaureate Ceremony - Holy Angels Church |
| 19 | Commencement - Kleinhan's Music Hall        |

#### June

- |   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| 9 | Spring Luncheon |
|---|-----------------|

\*On the date of each board meeting, a Mass for living and deceased alumni is offered in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

To check reservation forms and to gather the most up-to-date information about alumni activities, check the Web site, [www.dyc.edu/alumni/calendar.asp](http://www.dyc.edu/alumni/calendar.asp). You may also call the alumni office, 716.829.7808, or e-mail, [smytonpm@dyc.edu](mailto:smytonpm@dyc.edu).



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