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**FRONT COVER:**

*Against the cold,  
gray background of  
a Buffalo blizzard,  
Holy Angels  
Church offers a  
welcoming setting  
for worshippers  
of all faiths at  
the Centennial  
Ecumenical Service  
of Thanksgiving.*

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LET THE  
*CELEBRATIONS*  
BEGIN!



*Hon. Byron Brown*

*Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH and Consul General of Canada,  
Hon. Stephen Brereton*



## PRESIDENT'S *HOLIDAY PARTY* & CENTENNIAL OPENING CEREMONY

The College Center was alive with a throng of celebrants comprising employees of the College, members of the board of trustees and friends, and with many past members of the staff and administration on hand as well.

D'Youville and its president Sister Denise A. Roche received numerous accolades during the afternoon's program. The Honorable Kevin Dillon, chairman of the board of trustees, opened the festivities and he especially praised Sister Denise, mentioning that he had enjoyed working with her. Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, GNSH, who served as the thirteenth president of the institution preceding Sister Denise, commented on the remarkable progress both in programming and physical plant that have occurred. She said that with God's help, she prays that D'Youville will continue to flourish throughout this century.

Sister Denise welcomed guests, obviously savoring the excitement



*Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, GNSH*



*Hon. Kevin M. Dillon*





and exuberant good humor of the almost 500 guests who filled the Blue Lounge. In her remarks, Sister revealed her personal warm feelings for all of the guests.

Among those who presented citations and proclamations was the Honorable Stephen Brereton, Consul General of Canada and D'Youville trustee. He presented to Sister Denise, on behalf of the Canadian people, a piece of Inuit-style sculpture representing the enduring relationship that has existed between the two nations. He also remarked on the great service the College is providing to Canadian students.

The Honorable Byron Brown, mayor of the city of Buffalo, read a citation praising D'Youville and Sister Denise for the countless contributions made to Buffalo and to Western New York. He proclaimed December 12, 2007, as D'Youville College Day.

Other dignitaries who could not be present but who sent representatives were Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Senator Charles Schumer, Governor Eliot Spitzer, Congressman Brian Higgins and Representative Sam Hoyt, NYS.

The convivial mood was enhanced by a splendid buffet and by the music of Mark Mazur and his orchestra.



*Strolling students depicted the dress style of each of the decades of the College's existence*





*Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, GNSH*



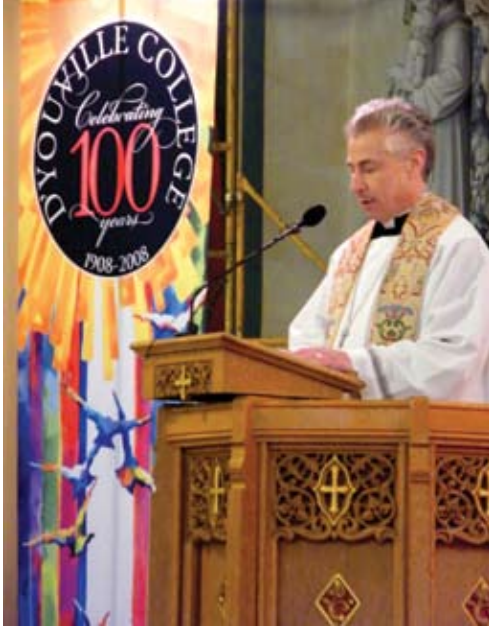
## CENTENNIAL *ECUMENICAL* *SERVICE* OF THANKSGIVING



**T**he 2008 calendar year was ushered in with a college-wide Centennial Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving held on January 30, 2008, at Holy Angels Church adjacent to the D'Youville Campus.

The interfaith service was a colorful tapestry of stories, readings, Scriptures, music and song woven from the various religious and cultural traditions represented by members of the College community. Administrators, faculty, staff, students and alums served as readers and cantors for the service. They offered readings from the Hebraic tradition, multilingual readings in the Islamic tradition, a moving passage from a 1968 sermon of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., an Algonquin creation story and several beloved Christian texts.





*Rev. Thomas Ribits, OSFS*

A special keepsake program embodying the personal artwork of Rev. Thomas Ribits, OSFS, director of Campus Ministry, was given to each member of the congregation.

**A** glory of music was provided by the young voices of the Holy Angels Academy Chorus and the D'Youville College Chorus as well as the sounds of the Holy Angels Academy Ensemble. Powerful processional songs were provided by the Mark Mazur Brass Ensemble and the bagpipe and drum Gordon Highlanders.

The altar party was comprised of Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president of D'Youville College, Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, GNSH, thirteenth president of the College, Sister Marlene G. Butler, GNSH, president of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Reverend Terrence O'Connell, OMI, pastor of Holy Angels Church, Reverend Janice Mahle, associate campus minister and Rev. Thomas Ribits.

To complete the event, a reception was held in the College Center in the warm spirit of a D'Youvillian family birthday.





*(Above)  
Christopher L. Jacobs  
and  
(right) Paul D. Bauer  
accept the community service  
award on behalf of  
The BISON Scholarship Fund.  
(Thomas R. Beecher, Jr.  
was unable to attend.)*



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## D'Youville Honors The BISON Scholarship Fund

On the evening of October 24th a festive event took place in the Blue Lounge of the College Center as D'Youville honored The BISON Scholarship Fund at its 23rd Annual Justice Michael F. Dillon Presidential Scholarship Reception. This fund enables economically disadvantaged children to attend private schools of their choice. As many as 1,200 students each year attend 63 private or parochial elementary schools in the greater Buffalo area, made possible by the fund.

The BISON Fund was established over 13 years ago by the philanthropic trio of Paul D. Bauer, Thomas R. Beecher, Jr. and Christopher

L. Jacobs. The name BISON is an acronym for Buffalo Inner City Scholarship Opportunity Network.

**Paul Bauer** is a former executive vice-president and chief financial officer for Tops Markets. He has been involved in myriad charitable organizations over a span of more than 25 years. He has served on the D'Youville board of trustees and chaired the board for two different terms. He also has served as chair of Catholic Charities and on the boards of Canisius High School, Christ the King Seminary, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Catholic Charities, Studio Arena and the YMCA of Greater Buffalo, as well. He was honored by D'Youville with an honorary doctoral degree in 1993.

**Thomas Beecher, Jr.**, counsel at Phillips, Lytle LLP, is CEO of Barrantys LLC and chairman of the board of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. He is a member of the dean's advisory council of the School of Law of the University at Buffalo, a director of Albany International Corporation and former chair of Buffalo General Hospital, Kaleida Health and Rand Capital Corporation. He was honored by the Catholic Lawyers Guild with the Thomas More Award. St. Bonaventure University awarded him the Gaudete Medal, and Canisius College named him its distinguished citizen of the year.

**Christopher Jacobs** is president of Avalon Development in Buffalo. His efforts are directed to the revitalization of Buffalo and Erie County. He helped in founding the South Buffalo Charter School. He serves on regional boards including the Catholic Academy, Buffalo Place, Leadership Buffalo and the Hauptman-Woodward Institute. He is a past member of the Canisius College board of regents, Aids Community Services and Renaissance Foundation.

The event raised more than \$95,000, escalating the Presidential Scholarship Fund to over \$800,000. The reception was chaired by Mary E. Kirwan '60 and Dr. Joseph A. Grande, professor emeritus. Joanna Pasceri, news co-anchor at Channel 7, WKBW, was master of ceremonies.

Students representing recipients of the Presidential Scholarship were guest honorees at the reception. Among those scholars were

**John Kofmehl**, from Pittsburgh, Pa. He received his undergraduate degree in May 2007 in physical therapy. He is currently enrolled in the physical therapy doctoral program. He has served the D'Youville community extensively as a volunteer with Campus Ministry for Habitat for Humanity and Friends of Night People.

**Peggy Foster** hails from Augusta, Kan. She is a junior physical therapy student. She was drawn to that program when she saw how much help it provided her father in his illness and the independence it allowed him.

**Laura Segool** is a sophomore in dietetics. She attended Orchard Park High School. This young lady's interest in nutrition began in grade school where she enjoyed learning about healthy food choices. She participates in the Adopt-a-Grandparent Program at Mary Agnes Manor. She will be studying in Greece in the spring semester in D'Youville's new study abroad program in Crete.

**Andrew Belden** from Pittsburgh, Pa., graduated in May in health services. He is now enrolled in the doctoral program in physical therapy. He is keenly interested in improving the lives of others. Always actively involved, during undergraduate study he participated in Friends of Night People, Buffalo Lives, Brush Up Buffalo and Camp Amerikids. He plans to work in pediatrics with a focus in exercise and play therapy for children with autism.

**Amber Linza** from Caneadea, N.Y., will receive her undergraduate degree in May 2008. In her years of playing sports, she has received numerous injuries that required physical therapy to ensure proper healing. This motivated her to opt for a physical therapy degree. She has enjoyed an active student life. She has tutored, coached soccer, served as Girl Scout leader and continues to help with the Christmas pageant at her church. She plans to work in a school setting with children afflicted with autism spectra disorder.



*The Michael F. Dillon Presidential Scholarship Reception will now be known as The Michael F. and Eleaine T. Dillon Presidential Scholarship Reception, in honor of the mother of Hon. Kevin Dillon, who has chaired the NYC board of trustees for two terms.*



## DYC Offers New Flexible Format MBA

D'Youville College now offers a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program that provides a flexible format through a combination of weekend all-day classes and weeknight online discussion sessions.

The program started this past fall, according to Dr. Kushnood Haq, vice president for academic affairs.

"Our MBA program eliminates the time constraints and scheduling difficulties that most working professionals must deal with when pursuing their MBA degree," Haq stated.

"Concentrations in marketing and human resources management are offered in the program. Classes are held on Saturdays, with online discussion sessions on Wednesday evenings that allow students from professional and business careers to manage their time more effectively and efficiently," he said. "After studying market needs, we developed this program featuring an accelerated format that allows students to complete a three-credit course in as little as five weeks. We believe this will be popular with individuals with pressing schedules."

## Two Distinguished Doctors Join Chiropractic Faculty

Dr. Paul T. Hageman, chair of the department of integrative holistic health studies, announces the appointment of two new faculty members who will assume leadership positions within the department's doctor of chiropractic program.



**Dr. Peter Diakow** has been appointed clinical associate professor and director of the doctor of chiropractic program. Academically qualified, he holds a bachelor's in biology and chemistry from Brock University, Ontario, a doctor of chiropractic from Canadian Memorial College (CMCC), a master's in health services administration from NYC and is currently a candidate for the doctor of education degree in health education and health policy from D'Youville. He holds the distinct honor of being a recognized fellow of the Canadian College of Chiropractic Sciences.

A recognized leader in the chiropractic profession, he has served on the board of the Ontario Chiropractic Association and has published extensively in chiropractic literature. Dr. Diakow is a sought-after speaker and has lectured on chiropractic and health-related topics across both Canada and the United States.

A longtime advocate for integrative healthcare, he has practiced in a variety of interdisciplinary

clinical and health education settings. Most recently, he was the director of graduate studies at CMCC where he was responsible for postdoctoral graduate programs that prepare individuals for obtaining fellowship status in three different chiropractic specialty colleges in Canada.

Dr. Diakow, a Canadian citizen and longtime resident of St. Catharines, Ont., where he also has maintained an active private practice, is an involved member of the local Ukrainian Catholic community. In accepting the appointment he stated, "I am excited to have the opportunity to head up what is considered to be one of the most unique and progressive chiropractic education programs in the country. I also strongly support D'Youville's Mission and core values, which are an expression of the life-example of Canadian-born St. Marguerite d'Youville."



**Dr. John Taylor**, one of the chiropractic profession's most accomplished radiologists, also will be joining the faculty. Dr. Taylor is a graduate of Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College. In addition to completing a postgraduate residency in diagnostic imaging at the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, he completed a research fellowship in musculoskeletal radiology with the department of radiology at the University of California, San Diego, and at the San Diego Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Taylor holds the distinction of being a diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology

(D.A.C.B.R.) and a fellow of the Chiropractic College of Radiology (Canada) [F.C.C.R.(C)]. He is a recognized and respected expert in his field and is the recipient of numerous honors and awards. A prolific writer, Dr. Taylor has published dozens of articles in scientific journals, has written chapters in four radiological texts and is the co-author of one of the most frequently used medical radiological textbooks, *Skeletal Imaging: Atlas of the Spine and Extremities*, published by W.B. Saunders Co.

He has extensive teaching and clinical experience. Prior to coming to D'Youville, he was a faculty member with the Institute of Evidence Based Chiropractic and director of the master of science in diagnostic imaging postdoctoral residency program at New York Chiropractic College.

Dr. Taylor joins the faculty as professor of chiropractic radiology and director of chiropractic radiological services. He will be teaching diagnostic imaging courses and will be assisting in the development of the interdisciplinary master of science program in diagnostic imaging.

His office will be located at the D'Youville College Chiropractic Health Center, located at 2900 Main Street, Buffalo.

## McKeever Rejoins Department of Institutional Advancement

William P. McKeever has been named director of foundation relations at D'Youville College and will focus on obtaining grants from area and national foundations. Previously he was vice president for the Independent College Fund of New York (ICFNY) and executive director of the Buffalo Audubon Society and was responsible for fundraising at both institutions. He also served as director of corporate and foundation relations at D'Youville from 1986-1992.

A resident of Hamburg, he is a graduate of St. Bonaventure University and Medaille College.

McKeever is treasurer of the Lake Erie Seaway Trail Center and a member of the Hamburg Conservation Advisory Board.

## Merrily A. Kuhn, RN, Ph.D., ND



Merrily A. Kuhn, '67, RN, Ph.D., ND, associate professor of nursing, has recently published two books, maintains a private practice in health and wellness counseling and is a frequent presenter at national healthcare conferences.

Her book, *Lab Reference Pocket Guide with Drug Effects*, published by Jones and Bartlett Publishers in May 2007, is a comprehensive pocket-sized guide detailing the highs, norms and lows of several hundred laboratory tests, along with the drugs and diseases that can affect the outcomes. Healthcare professionals will value the lab reference guide for its ease of use and for developing appropriate care for their patients. Included in this evidence-based guide is an alphabetized list of drugs that allows the healthcare provider to determine easily which lab tests to review.

Merrily's second book, *Herbal Therapy & Supplements: A Scientific & Traditional Approach* is a unique clinical reference that provides accessible and clinically relevant monographs of herbs, spices and aromatherapy oils for use by healthcare providers. The monographs, similar to those presented in nurses' drug handbooks, contain information on the health risks of taking these substances in combination with over-the-counter and prescription drugs, a behavior that is increasing among the general public. Assessment guidelines help providers monitor side effects, toxicity and drug-herb/drug-spice interaction. Specifics of monographs include action, current use, pharmacokinetics,

toxicity, contraindications, side effects, long-term safety, use in pregnancy/lactation and use for children. Appendices provide drug-herb interaction tables, contraindicated herbs, a listing of Do Not Take Together herbs and a listing by use/indication. Each monograph includes line drawings of the herb as well as extensive reference and research listings.

## Todd Walter, Ph.D.



Todd Walter, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology, successfully published an article in the spring 2007 issue of *Eye on Psi Chi* entitled "The Undergraduate Psychology Internship: Benefits, Selection and Making the Most of Your Experience." The article is tailored to undergraduate majors in psychology and their mentors and advocates for assisting students in pursuing internship experiences at an optimal level.

Dr. Walter also co-authored an article published in the June 2007 edition of the *Journal of the National Medical Association* entitled "Assessments for Measuring Patient-Centered Cultural Sensitivity in Community-Based Primary Care Clinics." The article focused on the empirical development of instruments for measuring the perceived cultural sensitivity of African American, Hispanic American and

Caucasian American patients in the healthcare that they receive and its implications for enhancing the quality of healthcare delivery.

Dr. Walter successfully passed the national examination for professional practice in psychology in May 2007 and acquired licensure as a psychologist in New York state in June 2007.

## Susan J. Kowalewski, Ph.D.

Susan J. Kowalewski has been named chair of the department of business at D'Youville College. She will be responsible for all business programs including the new MBA program.

She was an assistant professor in the department prior to her appointment and is also a member of the graduate council.

Prior to joining D'Youville, she was an adjunct faculty member at Niagara University in the commerce department and MBA program. Kowalewski was also an instructor in the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

A graduate of the University at Buffalo, she earned her MBA at Rivier College in Nashua, N.H., and her doctorate at UB.



**Dr. Donald F. Sabo, director of NYC's Center for Research on Physical Activity, Sports and Health, also serves as research director for the Women's Sports Foundation (WSF). This national non-profit organization, founded by Billie Jean King, works to increase girls' and women's participation in sports and physical activity. In October 2007, he celebrated with figure skating champion Michelle Kwan at the WSF's annual awards banquet at New York's Waldorf Astoria.** ■



## Premiere Graduate Convocation Ceremony for First

# BS/MS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

*O*n December 8, 2007, the Physician Assistant Department hosted a convocation ceremony to honor the department's first graduating class of BS/MS students. The class was comprised of 19 men and women, 17 of whom graduated with honors.

The keynote address was given by the department's medical director, Dr. Ronald Santasiero, who has been with the PA department since its inception in 1992. Dr. Santasiero spoke of the history of the department, the strength of its leadership and the dedication and character of the graduating class. He also relayed to the graduates information on the changing face of healthcare and what this is likely to mean for them going forward as physician assistant professionals.

A highlight of the ceremony was the recognition of Maureen Finney, MS, RPA-C, department chair, for being the department's first faculty member of the program to be received into the Physician Assistant Education Association's (PAEA) Pi Alpha Honor Society. The criteria for membership requires that one must be nominated and fulfill the requirements set forth by PAEA: experience with a physician assistant program, distinguished scholarship, and leadership or service to a physician assistant program or the profession. Maureen, in turn, received Gretchen Apps into Pi Alpha membership with the bestowal of the coveted Pi Alpha Honor Society Pin, the first graduate in the class to receive the honor. The student criteria are stringent: scholastic achievement, minimum professional grade point average of 3.5, and demonstrated excellence in research, publishing, community professional service or leadership

activities. Gretchen graduated summa cum laude, fulfilled all the criteria and, in addition, spent two months completing her elective clinical rotation requirements in Cameroon, Africa, working in a primary care setting.

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## notable alum

### MARY ANNE STAUDT DUMAS, BSN '70

Described as an innovator, educator, clinician, researcher, author and professor at Stony Brook University, Dr. Mary Ann Staudt Dumas '70 recently received the prestigious 2007 Elizabeth Russell Belford Excellence in Education Award (a founder's award) from Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society of nursing.

The award was presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International on November 7, in Baltimore, Md. She was thrilled that she was seated at the award presentation with a classmate from D'Youville, Donna Fisselbrand Owens. She wrote, "Clinical practice as a nurse practitioner and teaching and mentoring nurse practitioners have been professional passions. They have given me opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others... all of which began with an outstanding nursing education at D'Youville College." This honor is considered to be the Nobel Prize of nursing.

Mary Anne has had an exciting and exacting career and one that continues today. After graduating in 1970, she spent the next five years in the United States Navy Nurse Corps. She said, "Caring for young Marines and Navy personnel during the Viet Nam War was incredibly rewarding."

On her return to civilian life, she earned her master of science in the first family nurse practitioner class at Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, N.Y. Her Ph.D. was earned at Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y., in 1990. Now a professor at Stony Brook, she teaches family nurse practitioners and adult nurse practitioners. She is also at the Northport Veterans Administration where she manages a panel of veterans who have complex multisystem problems.

In addition to the international award Dr. Dumas received in November, she has been honored with the SUNY Chancellor's and the Stony Brook University President's Excellence in Teaching Award. She is a 2005 fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and, in 2001, the American College of Nurse Practitioners awarded her the Nancy Sharp Cutting Edge Award for advancing that profession. Additionally she is one of three nurse practitioners selected to be in the Department of Health and Human Services Primary Care Health Policy fellowship.

Mary Anne has published widely and given presentations in an impressive array of healthcare areas of interest: metabolic syndrome, primary care issues, family nurse practitioner research, problem-based learning and preceptor issues.

The mother of three adult children, Robert, Jean and Anne, Mary Anne lives with her husband Patrick in Huntington, Long Island. In her spare moments she manages to sate her love of reading. She also enjoys hiking, scuba diving and international travel. She collects nursing memorabilia, with a special passion for Florence Nightingale letters and signed photographs.



*Commissioning ceremony, United States Navy, 1970: Mary Anne is shown far left.*

*Right, Receiving the 2007 Elizabeth Russell Belford Excellence in Education Award (a founder's award) from Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society of nursing*



# *notable alum*

DATELINE: BAGHDAD

## *azzarelli in IRAQ*



*Vince in a rare moment of relaxation in Baghdad*

### VINCENT AZZARELLI '78

When Vincent Azzarelli walked across the stage in 1978 to receive his degree in history from D'Youville, he was already a member of the military. He joined the Air Force when he graduated from Holy Angels Prep, a high school for boys under the auspices of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Air Force selected him for the "Back to School" program. He opted to attend D'Youville. But it is unlikely that even he dreamed of the career that he would have.

In a recent interview, Vincent savored his study at D'Youville and mentioned his tutelage under Drs. Sean Murray, John Abbarno, Joseph Grande, David Kelly and Sister St. Raphael Carney, GNSH. He described their influence, saying, "They all helped refine my abilities to think, question and analyze any given situation." He went on, "I believe that so many of the fundamental skills I use in my work, past and present, were developed at D'Youville." He remembered especially one class with Dr. Abbarno. During that class, there was a discussion based on the difference between work and play. After graduation, as an Air Force pilot, he remembered and wondered how flying around the world, which was such fun, could be considered work.

"During my first year in the Air Force I realized that I could be an officer and a leader. I knew I could make a difference." This attitude, this thinking, propelled him to the rank of Lt. Colonel and now Chief of Staff of the Iraqi Transitions Assistance Office (ITAO), which is responsible for helping rebuild Iraq.

In the course of his career in the Air Force he has had an assortment of assignments and responsibilities, many in the Middle East. Some were particularly memorable. He mentioned the time spent in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm/Desert Shield as one of those. His first command at the Northeast Air Defense Sector/Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar, Bangor, Maine, was another. The third assignment was in 1999-2001 when he was attached to the Royal Saudi Air Force E3/AWACS weapons systems and commander of the United States training team in Saudi.

After 27 years in the Air Force, in 2007 he retired to the quiet life of a country gentleman in Horseheads, N.Y. In a short time, he became the village manager; then, in 2006, he was tapped for the position

of executive director of the National Warplane Museum. But then the State Department intervened with yet another job to be done, this time in Iraq.

On a visit to his family in October 2007, he graciously spent time at D'Youville speaking to Dr. Kelly's European history class, talking to students in the DaVinci School and addressing a gathering of faculty, staff and students. During the course of his talk and the ensuing discussion, many questions were posed regarding the Iraqi situation. Among them was the following: Why is the United States using so many contractors to do jobs previously done by military? He responded that the Army does not have the manpower to fill all the jobs. "To maintain the number of troops to do the jobs contractors do would require an army bigger by 150,000-200,000 personnel. Studies have shown that it takes 7-10 men to support each combat troop."

In spite of all the violence we read about, Vincent believes that many improvements have been made. There is progress. He cites the elections that have taken place, the gross national product that has increased, projects that have been completed and violence that has diminished, albeit only somewhat. It appears that there will be greater efforts toward religious/political reconciliation without any instigation on the part of the ITAO.

Yet, in spite of this apparent downward spiral of violence, security is tight. Travel to and from the airport is restricted. Convoys are the order of the day for travel to and from ministries. In the IZ/Green Zone, assigned cars cannot be parked without a guard. These are just a few of the restrictions personnel experience.

He wrote, "The Iraqis will move toward democracy but it will take time for them to accomplish that goal completely." He believes that though the military will begin to "ramp down," the State Department will be there indefinitely. Both the United States and the Iraqi governments are focusing on providing services to the people. Jointly, they have declared a "Year of Service," focusing on essential services such as water, sewer, electricity, fuel, oil, gasoline, schools and hospitals.

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*Sending Christmas messages home from The Swords of Qadisiya, also called the "Hands of Victory," in central Baghdad*



**Center for Ontology  
& Interdisciplinary  
Studies**  
**Eric Little, Ph.D.,  
Director**  
**Asst. Prof., Doctoral  
Programs in HE/HP**

## THE NEW SHAPE OF *RESEARCH at NYC*

Today's world revolves around the collection, storage and use of various forms of electronic data. Everywhere in academia and industry, databases and other computational tools are critical for providing capabilities to manage large volumes of data. However, many systems are currently incompatible with one another, since they are often designed by individuals or organizations to provide ad hoc (i.e., problem-specific) solutions for particular domains of interest. Because of this approach, many organizations experience problems integrating and managing their electronic information. Thus, a major research challenge exists for providing abilities to generate, maintain, share and integrate disparate kinds of information from various fields (e.g., bio-medicine, informatics, genomics, national defense, etc.).

Ontologies provide a useful means of combating the problems described above by constructing and utilizing abstract models of a given portion of reality. Ontologies provide elaborate categorical systems that can be used to define objects, object attributes/properties, spaces, times and, most importantly, the relationships between these items (see Fig 1). Ontologies, therefore, provide a means not only for understanding what items are, but also how they stand in relation to one another. Ontologies are designed to provide a set of formal, metaphysical principles, meaning principles that employ sound philosophical and logical reasoning about the basic structure of reality, that can be captured in a semantic framework and utilized by computational systems. By capturing the semantic meaning of electronic data, computers are capable of better understanding the data they contain and, in turn, of providing human users with more efficient and effective means of storing, searching for and utilizing disparate forms of computerized data (see Fig. 2, pg.30).

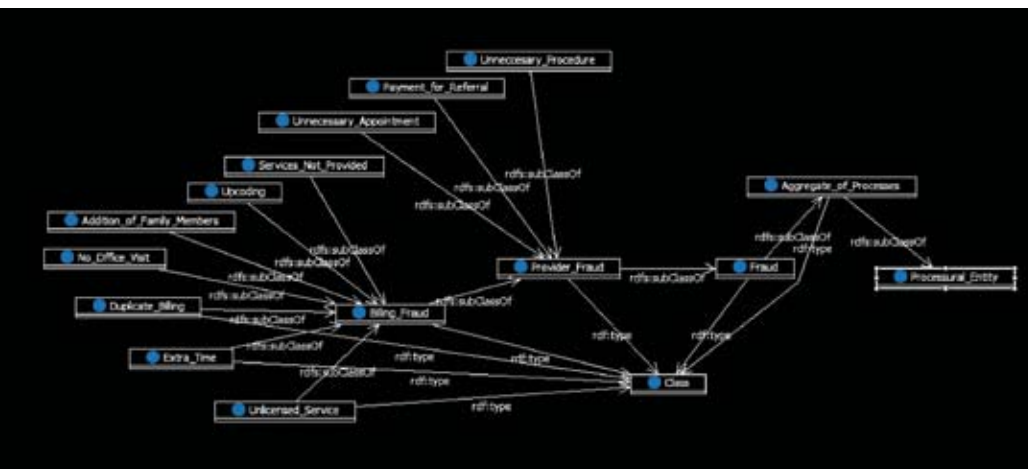


Figure 1, Category graph for Medicaid fraud, waste & abuse ontology

Providing capabilities for improved data integration in healthcare and other areas is a major focus of the NYC Center for Ontology & Interdisciplinary Studies. The design of ontologies requires an interdisciplinary approach, since it couples the field of traditional philosophy (metaphysics, epistemology and logic) with information sciences to create new tools that can capture the semantic structure of electronic information. Similarly, the doctoral programs in health education/health policy draw a wide range of students who study a plethora of disparate research areas (e.g., healthcare education, dietetics, nursing, mental health and healthcare policy formation). The interdisciplinary nature of the center ties in well with the broad range of doctoral studies under way at NYC, in that it provides a means for many of our doctoral students to understand how their research extends to other related areas of interest.

Students are challenged to think about the organizational and semantic elements of their research, to see how their individual research agendas inform and impact on other areas of ongoing research. Given the breadth of our doctoral student body, it is imperative to have research centers such as this one at the College. It provides students with cutting-edge approaches to implementing their research in the continually changing healthcare industry, where electronic data are an ever-increasing issue [e.g., as is the case with growing prevalence of electronic health records (EHRs) and similar technologies].

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# ***THE CENTENNIAL*** upcoming *&* updated

# Centennial

AT A GLANCE



2009

**APRIL 4, 2008, 11:30 A.M.**

Dedication of the Marguerite d'Youville Statue  
Front lawn of Koessler Administration Building and Madonna Hall

**APRIL 23, 2008**

Rolling Up Your Sleeves Day  
Community Service to the West Side Neighborhood

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2008**

Centennial/ Homecoming Mass, Reception and Dinner  
St. Joseph's Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.,  
Reception and Dinner at Hyatt Regency Hotel to follow

**SEPTEMBER 2008 NOVEMBER 2008, THURSDAYS, 4 P.M.**

Fireside Chats: Series Two  
College Center, Blue Lounge  
▪ September 18, 2008, History Faculty  
▪ October 23, 2008, Education Faculty  
▪ November 13, 2008, Math and Natural Science Faculty

**OCTOBER 2008: DYC AROUND THE WORLD**

Celebrate for two weeks with D'Youvillians at home &  
abroad during the month of October

**ONGOING PROJECT THROUGHOUT 2008:  
COMMUNITY SERVICE 100<sup>2</sup>**

**FEBRUARY MARCH 2009, THURSDAYS, 4 P.M.**

Fireside Chats: Series Three  
College Center, Blue Lounge  
▪ February 26, 2009, Business & Health Services Administration  
Faculty  
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Physician Assistant /Dietetics Faculty

**APRIL 5, 2009**

Formal Alumni Tea

**APRIL MAY 2009**

Closing Event (to be arranged)

The College has commissioned a life size bronze statue of St. Marguerite d'Youville for display in front of the Koessler Administration Building. Local artist David Derner has been selected to create the statue, which reflects St. Marguerite's compassion and grace. Join College officials and Bishop Edward U. Kmiec for the unveiling on April 4, the exact date of the founding of the College in 1908.

April 23rd is the date that has been designated by the president's council as a day of service within the College neighborhood. Alums are especially encouraged to participate.

All presidential events will carry a centennial theme for 2008 and these events include the 100<sup>th</sup> Commencement on May 17, 2008.

This picnic will have great food, fun and games. It will make a memorable family day for alumni, staff along with their families and the children from the West Side neighborhood surrounding the College.

The College community will be invited to join D'Youvillians whose years span the decades, as well as current and past faculty, staff and friends to celebrate the College's glorious past and exciting future at Homecoming. A celebratory liturgy will take place at St. Joseph's Cathedral, with Bishop Edward Kmiec officiating. An extraordinary reception and dinner are planned following the Mass.

Series Two of the Fireside Chats will feature current and retired professors from the departments of history, education, and math and natural science. Expect an exchange of ideas and a reflection of personal and sometimes conflicting philosophies.

Plan to gather together for a special D'Youville Day with clusters of D'Youvillians living in your area, anywhere around the world. Formal or informal, the gatherings should revive old memories and establish old/new friendships.

The spirit of service will enliven D'Youville's Centennial celebration in 2008 through the Community Service Project, "100 to the Second Power." Students, faculty, administrators and College staff will dedicate 10,000 hours of service to local agencies and to the D'Youville College neighborhood.

Series Three of the Fireside Chats will feature both the outside world of business and the allied world of healthcare from the point of view of health services administration, and the disciplines of occupational therapy, physical therapy, physician assistant and dietetics.

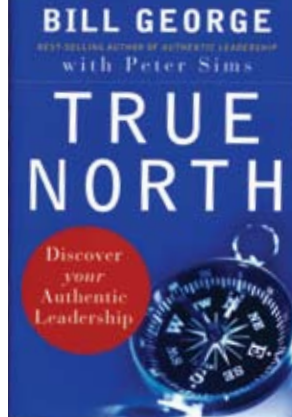
A formal tea will take place in the beautiful Boethia Room of the Koessler Administration Building recalling earlier days for alumni of all ages to enjoy.

A centennial year end event is planned for spring 2009.

*For ready reference, these four pages have been placed on the centerfold for easy removal. See pages 31,32,33 for additional Centennial information.*



**THE REVIEWER:**  
Susan Kowalewski, Ph.D.  
Chair of Business Department



**THE BOOK:**  
**True North**  
Bill George with Peter Sims  
Wiley (2007)

***True North  
is the internal compass  
that guides you  
successfully through life.***

***It represents who you are as  
a human being at your deepest level.  
It is your orienting point—your fixed  
point in a spinning world—that helps  
you stay on track as a leader....  
When you follow your internal  
compass, your leadership  
will be authentic.***

-From the introduction

**B**ill George has followed his initial best seller (*Authentic Leadership: Rediscovering the Secrets to Creating Lasting Value*) with *True North*, in collaboration with Peter Sims. The book weaves together George's concepts of authentic leadership and interviews with 125 individuals with backgrounds in politics, corporate life, entrepreneurship, sports and innovation. Interviewees range from 23 to 93 years of age. The book is presented in an appealing format that offers the reader the opportunity for self-reflection and for discovering one's own capacity for leadership in moving from one chapter to another.

The title and basic premise for *True North* lies in the four cardinal points of a compass. The center of George's compass represents Self-Awareness, the southern point represents an individual's Support Team, the western point denotes Integrated Life, the eastern cardinal point corresponds to Motivation, and the "True North" point represents the concepts of Values and Principals. *True North* interlaces the view of leadership and the skills required to be an authentic leader with real-life stories from individuals who have "made it," having achieved success by means of leadership.

George delineates his leadership concepts in three sections: Leadership is a Journey, Discover Your Authentic Leadership and Empowering People to Lead. These three sections provide the themes for each of the 11 chapters. *True North* combines self-reflection and the 125 interviews under an umbrella of what George has dubbed "authentic leadership." The authentic leader is ethically grounded, is passionate and possesses strong personal integrity. The book offers the reader the opportunity to complete exercises in the appendix at the conclusion of each chapter in order to generate reflection and a personal leadership development plan.

**W**ith this noted, one might think that *True North* is just "another leadership book." Bookstore shelves are full of "flavor-of-the-

week” books espousing leadership. However, this is not the case with *True North*. The integration of the individual stories within the chapters distinguishes this particular book. George and Sims weave stories of leaders – the likes of Howard Schultz, chairman and CEO, Starbucks; Martha Goldberg Aronson, vice president, investor relations, Medtronic; and Anne Mulcahy, chairman and CEO, Xerox – into their own stated five dimensions of leadership. These persons are seen as exemplars of George and Sims’s tenets of knowing your authentic self, defining your values and leadership principles, understanding your motivations, building your support team and staying grounded by integrating all aspects of your life. The resulting interwoven account provides the reader a format that is distinctive and powerful.



George makes the point that with authentic leadership, individuals learn to be leaders from life experiences, both positive and negative. For example, Howard Schultz of Starbucks reveals how a specific event that occurred during his childhood impacted decisions made in adulthood. Many individuals are aware that Starbucks provides health insurance for employees who work as few as 20 hours per week. What many people don’t know, is why. Howard Schultz tells the story of his father, a delivery truck driver, who fell on a sheet of ice and broke his ankle. He lost his job, and in turn, health benefits for the family. Schultz remembered that difficult period when he became responsible for the 140,000 employees of Starbucks, exercising the leadership to be the first American company to provide access to health coverage for qualified employees. “He dreamed of building a company that treated its employees well and provided health benefits.... His inspiration comes from ‘seeing my father broken by the 30 terrible blue-collar jobs he had over his life, where an uneducated person just did not have a shot.’”

The multiple roles that women face in juggling a career and family are emphasized in the story of Medtronic’s Martha Goldberg Aronson. Aronson moved up the ranks at Medtronic quickly in her first years with the company. When she reached the point in her career that she was a general manager, she was offered an international assignment in Europe. Aronson voiced concern regarding the effect such a career move would have on her family. At the time she had two children who were under the age of five, faced anxiety about being away from family support, and was apprehensive concerning what would happen with her husband’s career if she accepted the position. In the end, Aronson accepted the assignment and the experience proved to be instrumental in moving her career to the next level at Medtronic. This experience was pivotal in Aronson’s career because she took the risk when an opportunity presented itself.

The stories and experiences provided through the interviews lend a feeling of reality to *True North*. They provide the basis for understanding the importance of decisions, thus allowing the reader to gain new perspectives. The stories support George’s dimensions and fervor for leadership, presenting a new paradigm.

Bill George brings impressive credentials as an author from the disciplines of business and higher education. He is professor of management practice, Henry B. Arthur Fellow of Ethics, at Harvard Business School. George spent ten years as a senior executive with Honeywell, ten years with Litton Industries, primarily as president of Litton Microwave Cooking, and chief executive of Medtronic from 1991-2001 (including chairman of the board from 1996-2002). George was named executive of the year by the Academy of Management (2001) and director of the year by the National Association of Corporate Directors (2001-02). In 2002, he was selected as one of the 25 most influential business people of the last 25 years by PBS Nightly News.

Sorting through the myriad of books related to leadership, *True North* offers a perspective that is interesting and easily put into practice. I found the format of the book (chapter, followed by leadership exercises) appealing. Perhaps even more important, *True North* fulfills the objective that “successful leadership takes conscious development and being true to your life story.” George offers a perspective on the nature of leadership and challenges the reader to consider what role to play: passive leader or active leader. The book leaves one with the quandary of what one’s legacy is to be and how it is to be achieved. *True North* offers the impetus to set one’s course.



# ALUMNI RECENT GATHERINGS RECENT GATHERINGS RECENT GATHERINGS

## Family Sunday, December 2007

Mass was celebrated in the Blue Lounge by campus minister Rev. Thomas Ribits, OSFS. Chairpersons Rose Grierson St. Pierre '83, Bridget Lynch-Herod '84, and Patricia Kelly Losito '85 planned a delicious brunch served in the Portview Room. Special holiday attire, beautiful poinsettia plants, cut-out cookies and eggnog added to the festive air. This year's attendees included alums and friends with four-generation, student, faculty and staff families. Pictures were taken, Santa listened to all requests, and memories were formed at the gathering and later in the College pool. As an added treat, guests were invited to attend the opening women's basketball game. D'Youville's Spartans won!



*Left,  
Santa with Special Elf  
Maggie St. Pierre*

*Above,  
Diane M. Del Santo '82  
and Mary Pat Furey '79  
and some young friends*

*Right,  
Happy smiles from  
financial aid counselor  
Sean Hudson and  
his little ones*



# *GATHERINGS RECENT GATHERINGS RECENT GATHERINGS RECENT*

## **Canadian Visit October 2007**

A luncheon for Canadian alums, spouses and friends living in Southeastern Ontario was held in October. This is the second event held at the Niagara Golf Club. Guests enjoyed hearing the latest updates on College programs and plans for Centennial activities. Sister Denise Roche, president of the College, was delighted with the alums' continuing interest in the College's progress and was happy to answer all questions.



## **New York City Visit November 2007**

A dynamic group of approximately 30 alums and friends gathered for a cocktail reception at the Cornell Club in the heart of the Manhattan theatre district to welcome Sister Denise. Connections were established, mutual friends were recognized, and a good time was enjoyed by everyone.

# ALUMNI CLASS NOTES THEN & NOW



*Friends from the class of 1956 met for lunch at New York City's Rockefeller Center in November. Ed and Kathleen Breese Moore and John and Barbara Myers Rogers took the train from Wilmington, Del., and joined Andy and Peg Haberman Hammerl who traveled by train from Stamford, Conn., to spend the afternoon bringing each other up to date and recalling happy memories of their alma mater.*

## 2007

When **Khyet Le '07** and **Khanh H. Dinh '02** were married recently, they had a traditional Vietnamese ceremony followed by a traditional Catholic ceremony in their mutual hometown of Binghamton, N.Y. Khanh's sister **Jenny Hien Dinh '05** was a bridesmaid in the ceremonies.

## 2006

**Elizabeth Rodriguez** is an occupational therapist with Banner Health in Phoenix, Ariz.

## 2005

**Mark S. Bialkowski** has had some changes in his life in 2007. In June, he married Stephanie Kozlowski at St. John the Evangelist parish in South Buffalo. At the end of July he took the position of full-time librarian at Trocaire College.

## 2003

Proud mother of Hayden, **Jennifer Campbell O'Dell** and her husband Chuck lived in Portland, Ore., where she worked in CT surgery for three years. Currently a resident of Webster, N.Y., she is now in the Surgical ICU at Rochester General Hospital.

## 2002

A graduate with an MS in elementary education, **Brian J. Brennan** and his wife live in Buffalo, N.Y., with their children.

## 2001

**Cheryl Bonda Saramak** has joined the DYC office of academic affairs as the assistant to the vice president of academic affairs. Cheryl has been at D'Youville as a student, secretary to the dean and academic coordinator in the education department. We wish

her good luck in her new position on campus.

## 1999

Lockport, N.Y., resident **Stacey E. Sonnelitter Pynn** is a graduate who cannot imagine life being any better. She has been happily married to Matthew for five years. In 2006, they adopted a daughter from Kazakhstan and are eagerly awaiting the adoption of a son, also from Kazakhstan. Stacey loves her job as a part-time physician assistant in a hospital, and in her spare time, she volunteers with an interfaith group for teens.

## 1997

Westfield, Mass., resident **Renae Waters Gorman** is a physical therapist with Physical Therapy Partners. She recently obtained a DPT with focus on manual therapy from the University of St. Augustine in Florida. She has two children and is "married to a wonderful husband." She enjoyed meeting with other young alums at the 2007 Homecoming.

## 1994

**Michelle Harding Massey** and her husband Peter live in Bennington, Neb. In the last 10 years, she has enhanced her skills in the area of pediatric dysphagia. Since the birth of her two beautiful little boys, Andrew, 4½ and Jonathan, 2½, she has taken a part-time position as an occupational therapist in a pediatric outpatient clinic. She continues to take courses in her field of expertise and serves on the board of a woman's guild for a non-profit organization that specializes in brain and spinal cord injury recovery, called QLI. Michelle's husband is CEO of a family-owned Midwest gift store chain called The Afternoon, so in what little free time she has, she helps in that world, too.

## 1993

After earning his degree in elementary education, **Mark Farmer** continued at Canisius College and graduated with a master of science in education of the deaf and hearing impaired in 2003. He lives on the eastern shore of Virginia where he is in his third year as a teacher of the deaf and hearing impaired for the Accomac County Public Schools. Mark is the brother of **Kevin G. Farmer '95** and son of **Marilyn Ryan Farmer '64**.

## 1985

Alumni board member **Nathan Phillips**, a teacher in the Amherst (N.Y.) Central Schools, received the Red Ribbon Award from the AIDS Network of Western New York. He was chosen in recognition of "outstanding contributions in the field of education and fund-raising for those whose lives have been affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic." The award was presented in December 2007 during an event at *Babeville* in downtown Buffalo, N.Y.

## 1980

**Rabia Mary Graney (Mary K. Graney)** earned a Ph.D. in healthcare administration and is self-employed as a consultant. She has been living in India since January 2006, building a hospital in Mumbai (Bombay). She works with underprivileged nursing students in India and Sri Lanka as well as helping nursing programs become and remain sustainable.

## 1978

**Anne Chmura Anthon**, designated as the D'Youville College student teacher of the year in her senior year, graduated with a BS in elementary education but her career has taken several turns. She has diverse sales and management

experience in retail business and has been an admissions representative for Bryant and Stratton College, Orchard Park, N.Y. She has recently been named an admissions counselor in enrollment management at D'Youville. Her son Jonathon is currently enrolled at NYC as a business management major.

## 1969

Currently the Spanish program director and pre-school teacher at Colorado International School in Denver, **Yolanda Perez DePatino** has had a varied career path. She was an ESL teacher and the manager director of Resetours, a travel agency, in Lima, Peru. She and her husband of 33 years, Romulo Patino, have three children and by now have two wonderful grandbabies.

## 1967

**Theresa Slazak Aquino** reports that "life is good. I have had the privilege to be able to teach in elementary, middle and secondary schools because of my education at NYC." After teaching in the Maryvale and Amherst, N.Y., school districts, she earned an MS in education from SUNY, Buffalo State College, in 1972. She took several courses at the University at Buffalo and Canisius College to update her knowledge base for teaching science at Sacred Heart Academy and then in the Williamsville Schools. Retired since 2002, she and her husband Dave spend their time playing USTA tennis, reading, traveling and sharing time with their daughter in Spain and with their son and his family in Massachusetts. They are trying to see as much of the world as they can. Presently an active member of Women and Children's Hospital Aid Board, Theresa also enjoys the creative arts of "gardening,



*A reception honoring the marriage of Maryanne Shanahan '65 to William Charles Amidon was held in December at the Parker Gallery of the Whistler House Museum in Lowell, Mass., the bride's hometown. Nursing graduates M. Penelope Denker Russell '65, Diane Hafner Redding '65, '80, '94, and Jerilyn Kunz McGivern '65 were among nine classmates and six husbands who celebrated with the couple and family members.*



quilting, cooking and wine tasting (not necessarily in that order)!”

## 1964

**Maureen Dougherty Walsh** has been active professionally, personally and in the community since graduating with a BA in English. She earned an MA in reading education, was an English and reading teacher in the Buffalo Public Schools, and was an interviewer/ supervisor and houseparent at the University of Michigan, Westat.

Maureen’s involvement in the local area includes volunteering with F.I.S.H., as a CCD teacher, and as a member of the St. Paul’s Parish Council and Home and School Association board of directors. She was a Buffalo Teachers Federation delegate chair; a member of the Kenmore Lion’s Club Lionesses and was president of the D’Youville College Alumni Association. She is the mother of two daughters and a son and is soon to be the grandmother of twins.



*Emma Montes de Oca stopped in at the alumni office and browsed through an old D’Youvillian, happily searching for classmates and friends who were members of the International Club.*

*“Foreign Students – These are some of the students from foreign lands at D’Youville College. Front to back and left to right are: Patricia Akanlu, Ghana; Rose Nwako, Nigeria; Yvonne Wong, Hong Kong; Blanca Medina, Honduras; Joan Kissoon, Trinidad; Elsie Aguilar, Ecuador; Maura Burke, Ireland; Maria del Carmen Morau, Puerto Rico; Yolanda Perez, Peru; Lourdes Garcia, Dominican Republic, and Emma Montes de Oca, Mexico.*

*Foreign Students at D’Youville College have grown so in number that they have formed the International Students Club. Eighteen countries are now represented by students at D’Youville.*

*New students this fall came from Ecuador, Iran, Ghana, Dominican Republic, Trinidad, Puerto Rico, Korea, Poland, Peru and Nigeria.*

*Additional countries represented by upperclassmen are Ireland, Canada, Italy, Mexico, Hong Kong, Honduras, Hungary and the Philippine Islands.*

*Emma Montes de Oca of Mexico is president of D’Youville’s International Students Club.”*

*-Buffalo Courier-Express, circa 1970*

**Theresa Regan Ray** graduated with a BS in chemistry. She earned a master’s degree in education from Canisius College in 1989 and taught seventh and eighth grade science for ten years at Christ the King School, Snyder, N.Y. She has served as a religious education teacher, as an alumni board member and has been a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She is retired now and along with her husband, enjoys visiting and spending time with their five adult children and grandchildren who live across the United States.

## 1952

A recent addition to the alumni board, **Mary Carol Kelleher Herwood** was one of the first alums to join D’Youville’s new

# LOOKING BACK TO THE EARLY 70s

online community. A widow with three grown children and five grandchildren, she retired in 1995 from the Buffalo Public Schools where she was first a business teacher and then a supervisor of administrative services based at City Hall. Her college degree is in medical secretarial science, but she also holds a M.Ed. in business education. In 1981, Carol earned a Ph.D. in educational administration at the University at Buffalo and, in 1999, she authored the published work, *All the Old Familiar Places - Memories of South Buffalo*, a compilation of stories from the 30s, 40s and 50s by South Buffalonians. She writes, "I am so happy to be on the D'Youville alumni board of directors—meeting old friends and making new ones."

## marriages

Mark S. Bialkowski '05 to Stephanie Kozlowski

Prisco T. Salvador '04 to Maria Luisa

Roger Thompson '03 to Chiara Campitelli

Maryanne Shanahan '65 to William Charles Amidon

## births

Zofia Rose, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pohancsek '00. Rylee, 5 years old, is a very proud big sister.

## obituaries

**Margaret M. Bernhalter Glaser '38** (December 3, 2007) was the wife of the late Joseph J. Glaser, the former outdoor editor for the *Buffalo Courier-Express*. She is survived by her children Mary Louise Dobelbower (Dr. Ralph) of Maumee, Ohio, Susanne Powers (William), Robert (Esther) and William (Kathy) of Skaneateles, N.Y. She was the grandmother of Deborah, Flynn, Bridget Aronica, John Baldwin IV (Amy), Mollie (Stephen) Ciocca, Michael, Jonathon and Patrick Powers, Christina Karl, Scott and Ryan Glaser, and Anne Marie, Kathryn and Joseph Glaser. She is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren; her brother Richard predeceased her. Born Margaret Mary but known as Peg, she taught English in area public schools before her marriage. She was a member of St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, the New York State Retired Teachers, Buffalo Launch Club and Twentieth Century Club.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in her parish church, St. Gregory the Great in December.

**Mary Jane (Jean) Murphy Hunter '40** (November 4, 2007) died at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Cheektowaga, N.Y. Jean matriculated with a degree in physics. After graduation, she married her childhood sweetheart Daniel R. Hunter. She then embarked on her career as mother to her five children. She returned to school to earn a master's degree in education and began a 25-year stint in teaching. She taught mathematics in Buffalo Public Schools, completing her career at Campus West Elementary School on the Buffalo State College campus and retiring in 1981. She was active in the community,

serving on the Maryvale School District planning board for many years and also the Maryvale Community Education Board. During the 1980s, she taught classes preparing students to earn general equivalency diplomas. She was active in the Association for the Blind, where she proofread books for the vision impaired. She was a member of the Christian Mothers Society of Our Lady of Christians Church. She served as a Girl Scout leader and, each year at Girl Scout cookie time, her living room was stacked with boxes of cookies. She attended Mass daily. In her spare time, she read, gardened and knitted. She is survived by three sons, Daniel R. Jr., Timothy J. and Michael M., and two daughters, Jean Marie Lyons and Mary Jane Martinez.

A Memorial Mass was offered in November at Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church in Cheektowaga, N.Y.

**M. Eleanor Strassberger Fagant '40** (October 31, 2007) died in Hamburg, N.Y. She was the wife of the late Donald J. Fagant and the mother of Mary (Shawn) Lynch, John Fagant, and Peg (Dale) Schwenk. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Ian, Lindsay, and Kelly Lynch, Jeff and Ryan Fagant, and Sarah, Lisa and the late Allison Schwenk. She is survived by her sister Bernice Walsh and by her brothers Paul and the late Rev. H.H. Strassberger.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Mary of the Lake Church in November.

**Geraldine Browning Sellers '41** (October 7, 2007) was the wife of the late Charles J. Sellers, Jr. and mother of seven children: three daughters, Mary Pici '71,

Ellen Fitzgibbons '73 and Rita Jakiel, and four sons, Charles J. III, Thomas G., James J. and Dr. Joseph R. She graduated with a degree in business administration and worked for Aetna Life Insurance Company processing insurance for servicemen leaving for World War II. After her children started school, she joined her husband's insurance business serving as financial vice president and finally as chairman of the board. She was at her desk everyday until her hospitalization only a week before her death. She volunteered for the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and was a member of the Mother's Guild at both Canisius High School and Nardin Academy. For many years she was an active member of the St. Vincent de Paul Church and its Altar and Rosary Society.

A funeral Mass was celebrated in her parish church in North Evans, N.Y., in October.

**Sister Paula Hennessey, GNSH '44** (November 28, 2007) died in St. Joseph's Manor in Meadowbrook, Pa. She was in her 73rd year of religious life. In those many years, she served the Grey Nuns ministry in Georgia, Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts and Alaska as teacher, principal, office assistant or resident aide. In addition to her religious community, Sister is survived by nieces and nephews including Eileen Sullivan Herlihy '69, daughter of the late Mary Hennessey Sullivan '35.

The liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated in December at the Grey Nuns Motherhouse in Yardley, Pa.

**Beatrice Mary O'Leary Weldon '45** (June 30, 2007) died at the Lewis County Residential

## obituaries

Health Care facility, where she had resided since 2001. She was born in Montague, N.Y., and was a longtime resident of Watertown and Lowville. Her career was in education having taught in several area school districts. She also did library work. Her last position was as head librarian at Lowville Academy. Her husband John Andrew Weldon predeceased her in 1973. She was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, a member of St. Theresa's Guild and she volunteered at Mercy Hospital gift shop and for Meals on Wheels. She served as a literacy volunteer. Her survivors are her two sons, James J. (Susan) of Rouses Point and J. Michael (Stacey) of Denton, Texas, and a daughter Sara Weldon-Morales (Glenn Morales) of Tiburon, Calif. She also leaves a sister Marion L. Howard of Liverpool and a brother Gerald O'Leary of Watertown; four grandchildren, cousins and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Mass was offered at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lowville in July.

**Mary Jane Sweeney Perrigo '45** (September 9, 2007) died at her home with her family. She was the wife of Robert E. Perrigo and mother of JoEllen (Richard) Cronin '72.

Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial were held at St. Margaret's Church in September.

**Angela Maria Furnari Przepasniak '57** (October 17, 2007) died suddenly at her home in El Paso, Texas. After her graduation from D'Youville, she continued her studies in biology at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She was a certified medical technician and practical

nurse. Angela was actively involved in the El Paso diaconate formation program. She was a lector and extraordinary minister at St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church where she headed the bereavement ministry and worked with the RCIA program and the baptismal preparation program. Angela was a dedicated volunteer serving many causes and organizations. A member of the Creative Needlers Guild, she was an avid reader, traveler, theatergoer and gardener. She is survived by her husband James, her children Deborah Anne, Lisa Marie and Steven; her brother Anthony (Betty) and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Matthew Catholic Church in El Paso in October.

**Kathleen A. Barrett '65** (November 3, 2007) was the beloved mother of Maureen (Michael) Biscotto, Deirdre Kennedy, Eileen Kennedy (Shawn Walsh), John (Denise), Kevin and Molly Kennedy. She was the grandmother of Michael, Quinn Biscotto and Mackenzie Walsh. She was the daughter of Austin and Maureen Barrett.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in November at St. Mary's Church in Swormville, N.Y.

**Nancy Dillen Mahoney '67** (September 23, 2007) died from complications of end-stage renal disease at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. She was devoted to her family but second only to them was her career as a nursing professional. She earned her RN at E.J. Meyer Memorial Hospital and worked there as a staff nurse. She became a nursing supervisor of the medical/surgical and obstetrics floors of the hospital. In 1958, she

married George Mahoney. In 1964, the family moved to Oak Ridge, Tenn., while George studied at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. They returned to Western New York and Nancy resumed work at Meyer Hospital and completed her nursing degree at D'Youville. In 1969, George joined the FBI and the family moved to Indianapolis, Ind., and then to northern Virginia. Nancy earned a master's degree in nursing from The Catholic University of America. She became a faculty member in nursing at Northern Virginia Community College and then chair of the nursing department. The family relocated to Rochester, N.Y., for an FBI assignment, and while there she worked at Rochester General Hospital. Returning again to Northern Virginia, she assumed the role of nurse manager at D.C. General, where she was involved in one-on-one patient care. She established an oncology unit there and put their chemotherapy program in place. When she retired in 1994, she mentored NOVA nursing students, taking them into hospitals in northern Virginia and into nursing homes. She is survived by her husband, by her three children Michael (Patricia), Susan and Timothy (Jill) and their three children Bailey, Ethan and Sean.

**Norma J. Nolan '81** (June 28, 2007) died in Pasadena, Calif. She is survived by her sister Linda (James Robinson) Kline, her brother John II (Colleen), her nephews and niece Michael, John and Lauren, and her dear friend Steven Horner.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Agatha's Church in Buffalo in July.

**Faith Elizabeth Treadwell Myers '87** (September 12, 2007)

was born in Tonawanda, N.Y. She has lived in Clermont, Fla., for the past twelve years, moving there from Syracuse, N.Y. She was a member of Community of Faith Methodist Church in Davenport, Fla., and the Aldersgate Emmaus/Chrysalis, Florida conference. She is survived by her husband Mark of Clermont, their two sons Brandon and Sean, her brother Elwood Jr. (Kathleen) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and her parents Elwood and Patricia Treadwell of Groveland, N.Y.

A burial service was held in September at the First United Methodist Church in Clermont, N.Y.

## condolences

Rosemary DeCarlo Fiorella '47 and Betty DeCarlo Migliore '55 on the death of their brother Jack

Grace Mahgran Lenahan '48 on the death of her husband Edwin

Barbara Tripi '51 on the death of her sister Gloria Banning

Jo Ann Finnegan Colburn '62 on the death of her mother Margaret

Sarah Januale Treanor '65 on the death of her mother Eleanor Gersitz

Patricia Marino Smyton '65 on the death of her mother Rita

Mary Sellers-Pici '71 and Eileen Sellers Fitzgibbons '73 on the death of their mother Geraldine Browning Sellers '41

Linda Santasero Smyton '74 on the death of her mother Pauline

Jo Ellen Perrigo Cronin '72 on the death of her mother Mary Jane Sweeney Perrigo '45

Timothy M. Kennedy '99 on the death of his infant daughter Brigid Nicole

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Several students were honored at the ceremony as follows: Kristin Foegen for Traditional PA Student of the Year, Nicole Rossney for Non-Traditional PA Student of the Year, Mary Remollino for Older Wiser Learner, Todd Harrington for Outstanding Clinical Community Service Project, Crystal Crossett for Outstanding Prevention Community Service Project and Julie Teprovich for Outstanding Research Project.

Nearing the final point of the event, the “white coat” ceremony occurred. Each student received a white medical coat appropriately embroidered with the recipient’s name and the words “physician assistant.” Dr. Andrew Esch, graduate faculty member of the department, presided over this part of the ceremony. He assisted each student in donning a coat and congratulated each graduate. Dr. Esch then presented his impressions of this graduating class, recounting their experiences going through the program and what their expectations might be as they progress in their profession.

The Blue Lounge in the College Center was the scene of the reception following the ceremony where the guests enjoyed brunch. The room was filled to capacity with beaming parents and spouses, pleased faculty and graduates who graciously received congratulations.

Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D., joined the graduates and their guests and applauded the hard work and great success of this first group of students to embark on an advanced course of study and to bring it to a successful conclusion. After the event, Sister Denise expressed her appraisal and approval of the students and their accomplishments. She said,

**“The ceremony acknowledging the first graduating class of the physician assistant bachelor’s/master’s program [was extraordinary]. These students began as freshmen or transfers and are receiving their master’s degree in physician assistant. They were remarkable—their research was outstanding, there were a number who received their degrees magna cum laude and one student, summa cum laude. ...Their many sacrifices while they were students at D’Youville, their hard work and the remarkable education they have received make me so proud of them. I know that they will be great representatives of D’Youville and will bring approval and respect to the College as they practice in their chosen profession.”**

This degree is acknowledged to be an extremely difficult course of study. Physician assistant students have raised the bar on the level of study and accomplishment. The coursework is grueling and time consuming. Some students have work and family responsibilities in addition to their class and clinical commitments and they deserve extremely high praise for embarking on this profession.

Physicians are now inclined to include not just one physician assistant in their practices but to welcome several so that patients are given much quicker attention and their concerns are evaluated in a timely manner. ■

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*On a recent visit home, Vince stopped in at D’Youville to lecture to Dr. David Kelly’s history class.*

Vince explained, “We are involved with the development of policy, plans and methods to resolve issues of governance, economic development, and rule of law. I personally attend and participate in meetings that deal with these issues with US government agencies and the government of Iraq. There are times, I sit in amazement when I consider the meetings I had during the day and review the participants and the topics of discussion. I have been in meetings and watched the PM and Dep PM Baram Salah dictate to ministers what they would do; I have had dinner with the VP Mahdi and his advisors to discuss National Emergency Action Plans; I work with Coalition Forces and international organizations and it never fails to remind me of Dr. Grande’s class that participated in the Model UN.

“I can tell you this,” he added, “there is plenty of good being done here, and it’s necessary. It will take a long time. ...Ambassador Khalazad put it this way, ‘We have all the watches, and they have all the time.’”

Vincent is married to Elizabeth (Beth) O’Mara ’79, who uses her BSN in working for Southern Tier Hospice. Their home is in Horseheads, N.Y. They have two children, Susan, a student at Syracuse University School of Law, and Vincent John, a graduate of St. John Fisher College in Rochester, N.Y.

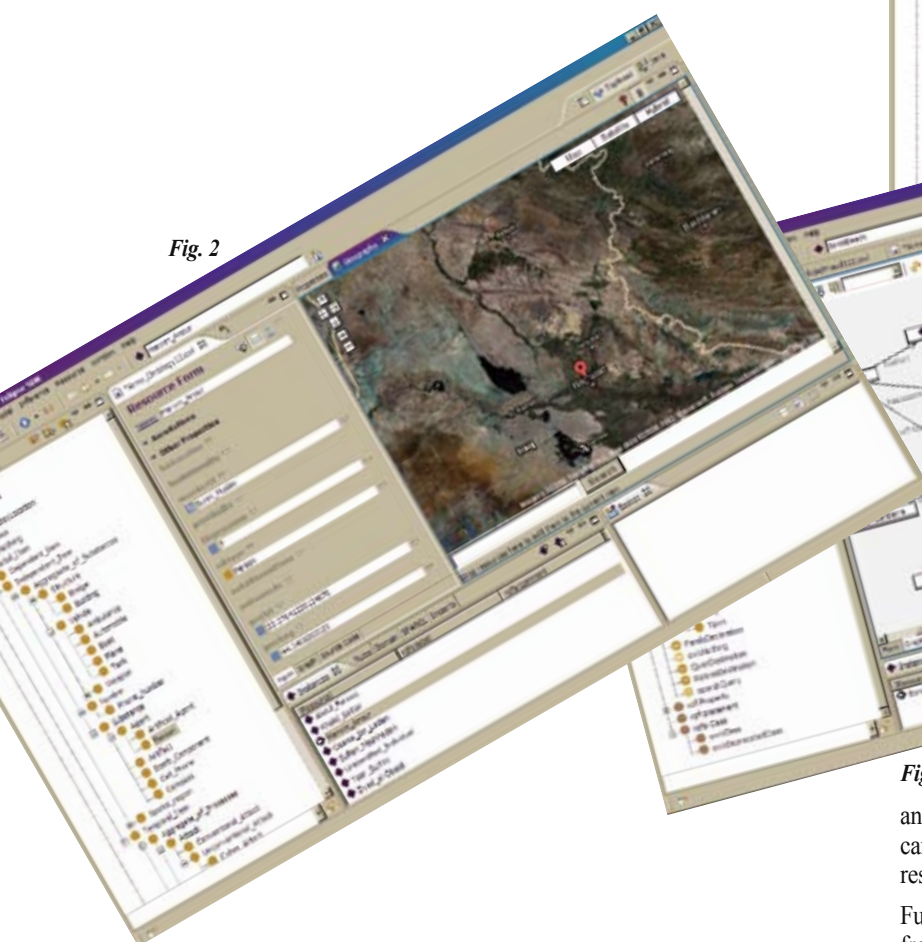
When Vincent matriculated at D’Youville, he continued a family tradition. His aunt, Rose Marie DiVencenzo Azzarelli is a graduate of the class of 1957. ■

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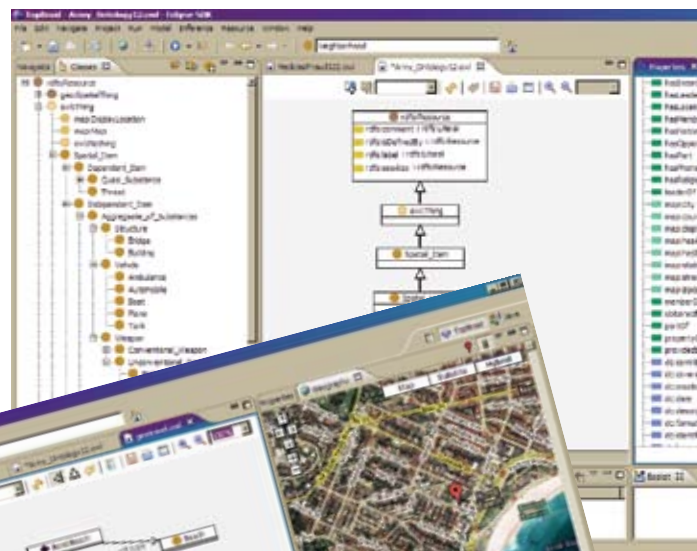
**Figure 2, Google Earth feature allows for instances of items to be assigned lat/long coordinates.**

**Figure 3, Left shows class hierarchy, center shows graph of classes and instances, right shows geo-locator depicting location on a map.**

**Figure 4, Left shows hierarchy, center shows diagram of hierarchy (is a) relations, right shows attribute types.**



**Fig. 2**



**Fig. 4**

**Fig. 3**

Currently, several doctoral students are working on topics that are directly related to research areas ongoing at the Center for Ontology & Interdisciplinary Studies. Topics include the following:

- “The ontology of diet,” which examines peoples’ conceptions of what a diet is and how these conceptual models relate to successes and failures associated with gastric bypass surgery;
- organizational characteristics associated with physician assistant training curricula that utilize patient belief models to improve upon patient involvement in treating chronic disease; and
- improvements upon current electronic systems that can monitor blood analysis and related co-morbidities associated with end-stage renal disease.

One overarching goal of the center is to provide a means for these students to understand the ontological issues associated with their research agendas

and provide both a theoretical and application-based foundation for carrying their work forward. Thus the center strives to foster a culture of research throughout the College as DYU transitions to university status.

Future plans for the center involve securing additional research funding from defense and pharmaceutical industries, as well as continuing to work with D’Youville doctoral students to produce publishable-quality work for journal and conference submission. The center is currently extending its partnerships to include the following: The National Center for Ontology Research (NCOR), The National Center for Multisource Information Fusion (NCMIF), The New York State Center for Bioinformatics and Life Sciences, The U.S. Govt. Federal Enterprise Architecture, The Boeing Corp., The U.S. Army Research Labs, The Lockheed Martin Corp., several large pharmaceutical corporations and The Computer Task Group (CTG).

Currently, Dr. Little continues to present his work at an impressive array of national and international conferences on topics of consciousness, ontology and information fusion. Within the last 22 months alone he has presented in Baltimore, Md., Florence, Italy, and Saarbrücken, Germany.

## THE NEXT CELEBRATIONS

### DEDICATION OF THE STATUE OF ST. MARGUERITE

**April 4, 2008, 11:30 a.m.**

Sculptor David Derner reports that the larger-than-lifesize statue of St. Marguerite d'Youville is on schedule and finishing touches will be completed in time for the dedication on the front lawn of the Koessler Administration Building. Currently, the space is a hubbub of construction as the site is being readied in time for the long-awaited unveiling. Join us!

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT:

#### 100 TO THE SECOND POWER

**Throughout the 2008 calendar year**

This is a project that invites all faculty, staff, students, clubs, trustees and alumni to contribute time to the goal of 10,000 community service hours to celebrate the D'Youville College centennial. There are a variety of ways for each member of the D'Youville College community to help reach this goal.

As part of the 100 to the Second Power Project, consider pledging 100 hours of community service in 2008. A team is forming for those who want to contribute 100 hours of community service during the year 2008. This team is called *Give 100\**. There are a number of ways to enroll:

- Online <http://weare100.dyc.edu/committedtocaring/>
- Contact Rev. Jan Mahle, associate campus minister, at 716.829.7693

For those who are not able to give as much as 100 hours of time, **ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES: April 23, 2008**, is the date that has been designated by the president's council as a day of service within the College neighborhood. Participants will work at the West Side Community Center, Hispanics United of Buffalo, Habitat for Humanity and will be a part of neighborhood clean-up with the West Side Community Collaborative. **All alums are encouraged to join in and help.**

To participate, check out the Web page: <http://weare100.dyc.edu/committedtocaring/> or contact Campus Ministry, 716.829.7672. There will be recognition events throughout 2008. Please sign up as soon as possible!



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

### ADAMS MARK HOTEL

120 Church Street

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: 716.845.5100

Fax: 716.845.5377

Double Occupancy Rates: \$89

Executive Occupancy Rates: \$99

D'Youville guest commitment valid until September 5, 2008

Check in time: 3 p.m.; check out time: 12 noon

### COMFORT SUITES DOWNTOWN

601 Main Street

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: 716.854.5500

Fax: 716.854.4836

Single/Double Occupancy Rates: \$92

D'Youville guest commitment valid until August 19, 2008

Check in time: 3 p.m.; check out time: 12 noon

### HAMPTON INN AND SUITES

220 Delaware Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: 716.855.2223

Fax: 716.856.5221

King Jacuzzi Rate: \$129

Queen Suite: \$129

D'Youville guest commitment valid until August 19, 2008

Check in time: 3 p.m.; check out time: 12 noon

### HYATT REGENCY BUFFALO

Two Fountain Plaza

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: 716.856.1234

Fax: 716.882.6157

Single/Double Occupancy: \$115

D'Youville guest commitment valid until August 19, 2008

Check in time: 3 p.m.; check out time: 12 noon

### THE MANSION ON DELAWARE AVENUE

414 Delaware Avenue

Buffalo, NY 14202

Phone: 716.886.3300

Fax: 716.883.3923

Single/Double Occupancy Rates: \$175 to \$250

D'Youville guest commitment valid until June 16, 2008

Check in time: 4 p.m.; check out time: 11 a.m.

If you plan to attend Homecoming and/or the Gala Centennial Celebration, please reserve early.

A listing of hotels does not constitute College endorsement.



## centennial COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS

Centennial items are now available at the D'Youville College bookstore.

Items include:

- A four coaster set in silver (\$45)
- A two coaster set in silver with stand (\$32)
- 12 ounce wine goblet (\$13)
- 14 ounce beverage glass (\$10.50)

The Centennial logo is etched on the glassware and is also found on the coasters.

The bookstore offers a wide range of college sportswear and popular desk items, all featuring the NYC logo and identification.

The college bookstore is located in the College Center. For store hours, call 716.829.7666.

## THE DYC *mosaic* IS HERE



PIECE OF D'YOUVILLE COLLEGE  
**THE CENTENNIAL MOSAIC**  
KOESSLER ADMINISTRATION BUILDING • BUTTE, NEW YORK



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The Faces of D'Youville project, a mosaic representation of the D'Youville College Koessler Administration Building, is complete. The mosaic is a composite of all the self portraits drawn by students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the College. Everyone who submitted a self portrait appears in the final print. A 16 x 20" matted print (\$25) and 4.25 x 5.5" folded note cards, package of ten with envelopes, shrinkwrapped (\$12.50) are available for purchase. To order:

- Online at [www.facesofbuffalo.com/dyccentennialmosaic.htm](http://www.facesofbuffalo.com/dyccentennialmosaic.htm) (shipping charge applies)
- In person, on campus at the D'Youville College bookstore (716.829.7666)
- Through the department of institutional advancement (716.829.7805).



THE KAVINOKY THEATRE

## Catch the Last & the Best of the Kavinoky 'O7-'O8 Season

A special Centennial offer to the readers of *D'Mensions*:  
Tickets to both remaining productions for only \$50.  
(A savings of nearly 25% off regular ticket prices)  
For a single production, ticket \$32



### GLORIOUS!

A Buffalo Premiere by Peter Quilter  
February 29 through March 30

She thought she was God's gift to opera...but she was wrong! The joyful Florence Foster Jenkins had a passion for singing, but a voice of disastrous proportions which left audiences crying with laughter. Spinning from her bizarre recording sessions, unbelievable recitals and an ultimate triumph at New York's Carnegie Hall - this is a true, heart-warming story about a group of eccentric friends who lived their dreams. The Kavinoky Theatre is thrilled to feature Mary Kate O'Connell as the legendary singer.



### A PICASSO

A Buffalo Premiere by Jeffrey Hatcher  
May 2 through June 1

Pablo Picasso has been summoned to a storage vault for an interrogation by a beautiful German occupation officer whose mission is to discover which of the three Picasso paintings recently "confiscated" by the Nazis from their Jewish owners are real. The ministry of propaganda has planned an exhibit, and only the great artist himself can attest to their authenticity. At first Picasso agrees to confirm which of the three pictures is his own but when he learns that the "exhibition" is actually a burning of "degenerate art," he becomes desperate to save his work and engages in a pressurized negotiation. A cat-and-mouse drama about art, politics, sex and truth, with a twist at its climax.

Box office: 716.829.7668

Online ordering: [www.kavinokytheatre.com/tickets.html](http://www.kavinokytheatre.com/tickets.html)

*Are you  
up to  
the  
Challenge?*



D'Youville College, in conjunction with the Alumni Association, is offering a special opportunity for alumni to participate in the DYC Centennial Campaign. The Centennial Campaign fundraising goal of \$8 million will help to provide the resources needed to develop a new academic program in pharmacy and to construct a state of the art classroom and laboratory facility for that program.

The Alumni Challenge Program encourages each alumni decade to challenge all other alumni decades in two categories: highest percent participation and highest dollar total raised. The winning decade in each category will be prominently recognized with a plaque in the new academic building. Please consider participating in this challenge program with your gift to the Centennial Campaign. Since participation is one of the categories, each and every gift counts, no matter the size.

Regular updates in subsequent issues of *D'Mensions* and on D'Youville's online alumni community site will indicate decade totals.

In the coming months, expect to hear from one of your classmates or one of our student callers, who will be happy to inform you of the exciting changes happening at D'Youville and will ask for your participation in the Centennial Campaign Alumni Challenge Program.

Gifts may be pledged for payment in installments over three to five years or on a pre arranged pledge payment schedule.

- Any gift may be made as a memorial or honorary gift.
- Campaign gifts made to D'Youville College may be made as:
  - Gifts of cash
  - Gifts of appreciated securities
  - Life income gifts
  - Bequests or other forms of estate planning
  - Life insurance policies
  - Employer matching gifts

Those who support the College's future by establishing a planned gift will be recognized by membership in the Providence Society.

*"To reach our goal, we need your support.  
Please join us in the effort to ensure that  
D'Youville's future continues to be  
as vital as its past."*

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

For your convenience, gifts to the Centennial Campaign may be made by mail, phone or online.

**MAIL YOUR DONATION TO:**  
D'Youville College Centennial Campaign Fund  
Department of Institutional Advancement  
631 Niagara Street  
Buffalo, New York 14201

**PHONE YOUR DONATION: 716.829.7805**

**DONATE ONLINE:**  
[http://www.dyc.edu/inst\\_adv/index.asp](http://www.dyc.edu/inst_adv/index.asp)

For additional information or to discuss your giving options, please contact:  
Timothy Brennan  
Vice President, Institutional Advancement  
Phone: 716.829.7801  
E mail: [brennant@dyc.edu](mailto:brennant@dyc.edu)

## *naming opportunities*

Facility and endowment naming opportunities are offered to recognize the generosity of donors of \$5,000 or more.

Building	\$1,500,000
Endowed Chair, Founding Dean of Pharmacy	\$1,000,000
Atrium/Lobby	\$500,000
Pharmacy Practice Laboratory	\$500,000
Technology Center	\$500,000
Large Lecture Halls	\$300,000
Pharmacy Teaching Laboratories	\$300,000
Dean's Office Suite	\$250,000
Classrooms/ Research Laboratories	\$200,000
Study Rooms/Lounge Areas	\$100,000
Conference Rooms	\$50,000
Named Endowed Scholarships	\$25,000
Faculty Offices	\$10,000
Study Carrels/Work Stations	\$5,000

also available:  
Engraved 9 x9 Brick  
in Memorial Walkway \$1,000  
(MAXIMUM OF 3 LINES OF 17 CHARACTERS EACH)

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in Memorial Walkway \$500  
(MAXIMUM OF 2 LINES OF 17 CHARACTERS EACH)

# occasions & dates

MARK THESE EVENTS ON YOUR CALENDAR

## ALUMNI/COLLEGE CALENDAR ■ MID WINTER - FALL 2008

### March

- 1 Albany Luncheon
- 6 Alumni Board Meeting
- 7 Kavinoky Night
- 8 Naples Reception
- 9 Sarasota Luncheon
- 11 Orlando Reception
- 11 Etiquette Dinner
- \* 13 Fireside Chat: Liberal Arts Faculty

### April

- 3 Alumni Board Meeting
- \* 4 Dedication of the Marguerite d'Youville Statue
- 17 Speed Networking Night

### May

- 1 Alumni Board Meeting
- 15 Alumni Graduate Champagne Luncheon
- 17 100th Commencement

### June

- 14 Spring Luncheon

### July

- 18 DYC Alumni/Buffalo Bisons Night at Dunn Tire Park

### September

- 4 Alumni Board Meeting
- \* 13 College and Community Centennial Picnic
- \* 19 Homecoming All-Class Reception
- \* 20 Centennial Mass and Dinner (Golden Anniversary Class of '58 Honored)
- \* 21 Homecoming Luncheon for Anniversary Classes

\* Indicates a Centennial Event

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 and Centennial 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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