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# 53<sup>rd</sup> HONORS convocation

Tylor R. Vaillancourt '12, president of the Student Association, opened D'Youville's Honors Convocation on March 7, 2012, at Kleinhans Music Hall. The Mary Seton Room was filled door-to-stage with beaming parents and friends.

Wayne H. Redekop, member of the College's board of trustees and former mayor of Fort Erie, Ontario, challenged the students in his remarks. He stated, "Education is its own reward. It is an enabler, a leveler and a key to success that enriches one's life." In his summation, Mr. Redekop reminded the audience that education is a hallmark of democracy, for without an educated people there can be no responsible representative government.

The Kappa Gamma Pi National Honor Society award, the St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal, was presented to Andrea Milleville '12. The citation described this third year student as one who exhibits great promise for the future, based on her contributions to the D'Youville community and for her volunteerism to areas outside of the College. She excels at academics, maintaining a high cumulative average and is a true role model.

Tylor Vaillancourt received the Lee Conroy Higgins Award of the Alumni Association. His list of accomplishments is impressive. He has been a leader in club activities, athletics and service projects. While he was completely involved in the life of the College, he did not neglect his academic program. He will graduate with close to a perfect cumulative average and acceptance into his department's honor society.

A new award was presented by Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president of D'Youville College, to a graduate student. The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Medal was awarded to O'Dane Brady. This award is designed to recognize a student who has contributed greatly in service to the community, reflecting the mission of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart. He leaves D'Youville with an undergraduate degree and two graduate degrees. He exemplifies the spirit of Saint Marguerite d'Youville, always willing to assist others and has been an invaluable asset to both the chiropractic and math and natural sciences departments, as well as to his fellow students.

The most prestigious award presented to a senior is the D'Youville Medal. Service in the tradition of Saint Marguerite d'Youville is



*(l to r) Andrea Milleville, recipient of the St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal; Jordan Vokes, recipient of the D'Youville Medal; Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH; O'Dane Brady, recipient of the new Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Medal; and Tylor Vaillancourt, recipient of the Lee Conroy Higgins Award.*

the basis for this award. Outstanding in every aspect of College life, Jordan Vokes has made his presence known by his consistency in all that he does: in service to others, his academic record and his exceptional involvement from his freshman year to senior year. He carries a perfect 4.0 cumulative average and his success at D'Youville will be followed at Upstate Medical University at Syracuse where he has received early acceptance.

*(above right) Guest speaker and member of the College's board of trustees, Wayne H. Redekop, said, "Every generation inherits a world it never made." He urged the students to serve those in need, saying, "Our commitments to others define our lives."*

*(below) Students anxiously scan their programs searching for names familiar to them on the honors lists.*



*DYC faculty process into the Mary Seton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall, catching the eyes of their students of whom they are so proud.*



## 2012 Departmental Academic Awards

*Occupational Therapy Master's  
Academic Excellence Award*  
ARCHANA ALAGARAJAH

*Chiropractic Four Year  
BS/DC Award*  
MATTHEW BAUMAN

*Occupational Therapy  
Professional Promise Award*  
SARA BOULAND

*Undergraduate Adolescence  
Education Award*  
JAMES BRAYMILLER

*Business Department Advance  
Student Award*  
KIMBERLY BURST

*Physical Therapy Service/  
Leadership Award*  
CHELSEA BUSHBY

*Graduate Adolescence  
Education Award*  
JENNIFER COOPER

*Physician Assistant Student  
Excellence Award*  
GERARD DANOSOS

*Liberal Arts Humanities Award*  
ROSANNE DELSIGNORE

*Liberal Arts Foreign Language  
Award*  
KAYLA DETH

*Interdisciplinary Studies Award*  
SEJAL GAJJAR

*Dietetic Program Academic  
Excellence Award*  
LEAH GALANTE

*Program Director's Award*  
JOCELYN GLEISER

*Eleanor G. Alexander  
Nursing Award*  
JULIANA GOLEMBIEWSKI

*Chiropractic Seven Year  
BS/DC Award*  
DEREK GOLLEY

*Liberal Arts Psychology Award*  
DIANA HAMILTON

*The Math Award*  
CHRISTINE HARE

*School of Pharmacy Hygeia Award*  
KELLI HONAN

*Margaret P. Curry Award  
in Nursing*  
THERESA IRVING KERR

*Marjorie Stanton Research Award*  
ALYX IVERSEN

*Health Services Administration  
Academic Excellence Award*  
CATHERINE JOHENGEN

*Occupational Therapy BS/MS  
Academic Excellence Award*  
AMY JOHNSON

*School of Pharmacy  
Hygeia Award*  
ERIC KALITA

*Physical Therapy  
Academic Excellence*  
DAYNA KINDREE

*Graduate Childhood  
Education Award*  
ANGUS LAING

*Gerald Calabrese Graduate  
Special Education Award*  
MICHAEL LOBUZZETTA

*Teaching English to Speakers  
of Other Languages Award*  
MARVYN MAHLE

*Health Services Management  
Academic Award*  
JOHNNA MATUSIK

*Liberal Arts Sociology Award*  
MELANIE NAVAMANIKKAM

*Biology Award and  
Research Award*  
AMANDA OCRAN

*Health Services Administration  
Community Service Award*  
JESSIE PRZYBYSZ

*Liberal Arts Psychology Award*  
KAITLYN ROLAND

*Outstanding Nurse Practitioner  
Student Award*  
REBECCA ROLOFF

*Business Department  
Graduate Student Award*  
MATE SALEKOVICS

*Liberal Arts History Award*  
MEAGAN SHANK

*Liberal Arts Career  
Discovery Award*  
SAMANTHA STARKE

*Bernice Schneeberger Award  
for Excellence in Clinical  
Nursing Practice*  
CHRISTINA STOKL

*Exercise & Sports Studies Award*  
KAITLYNN TRZASKA

*Biology Award*  
JORDAN VOKES

*Information Technology  
Student Award*  
JOSEPH WOYSHNER

*Business Department  
Undergraduate Student Award*  
XIAO LI WU

*Dr. J. Warren Perry Health and  
Human Services Leadership  
Award and Scholarship*  
SHELLEY DEROOY



# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAMPAGNE brunch

On May 17, 2012, the newest members of the DYC Alumni Association were welcomed with a champagne toast from the director of alumni relations Mary B. Pfeiffer '84, and a rousing cheer from the entire audience. The annual Alumni Champagne Brunch took place in the Porterview Room of the College Center. Joining the graduates for this celebration were members of the Alumni Association board of directors, Sister Denise A. Roche, administrators, faculty and staff of the College. Each graduate in attendance received a gift, along with information regarding services offered to all alumni. Tylor Vaillancourt '12, recipient of the 2012 Lee Conroy Higgins Award, offered the invocation and Jordan Vokes '12, recipient of the 2012 D'Youville Medal, gave the benediction.

Sister Denise reminded the graduates that in addition to striving for excellence in their professions, they are also called to be of service to those in need in the communities around them. Sister Denise also remarked to the students that after they are physically gone, they remain in spirit and in the daily prayers of those who continue the work of the College. She asked that they in turn remember the staff of the College in their prayers.

Sister Denise's remarks were followed by recognition of the legacy alumni by Michelle Swygert '98, president of the Alumni Association board of directors.



*Alums, both past and present, enjoyed swapping D'Youville stories.*



*This year's legacy alumni are as follows (top to bottom):*

*James C. Bell '94, and his son James L. Bell '12;*

*Anne Anthon '78 and '12, and her son Jonathan Anthon '09;*

*Sandra Needham '80, and daughter Katie Needham '12, shown with Katie's aunt Mary Petricca '79;*

*Sarah Pictor '05, DYU faculty member and her son, Geoff Pictor '12;*

*Vincent Ricchiazzi '07, and his fiancée Jessica Freeman '12*



# BACCALAUREATE

## Interfaith Hooding ceremony

The din was subsiding as the Gordon Highlanders warmed up, preparing to take the lead for the marchers who took their places in the Koessler Administration Building to begin the procession to Holy Angels Church for the annual Baccalaureate ceremony on May 18, 2012. The bagpipes led the marchers into the church and continued playing until all students were in their places. Then Robert H. Chambers and the Mark Mazur Ensemble led the attendees in Fanfare for the Common Man.

Tylor Vaillancourt, Student Association president, opened the ceremony by welcoming all to this academic gathering. He reminded the students that they have been given a charge issued by Saint Marguerite d'Youville that the people must see that we never refuse to serve. He continued telling them that "the D'Youville College community welcomed us with open heart and arms and has given us the opportunity to grow. We are now called to go forth as leaders and to make a difference in the lives of others."

Rev. Janice N. Mahle, associate campus minister, offered a prayer, and she was followed by two student readers, Jordan Vokes who read from Chapter 6 of Sirach on the Blessings of Wisdom and Kathryn J. Kutrybala who read from Matthew 25 on The Judgment of Nations.

The Rev. Patrick T. O'Keefe, director of Campus Ministry, introduced Sister Denise A. Roche, who offered a reflection: "As graduates of this College, you have a magnificent responsibility. You are called to use your education, not to acquire wealth and prestige, but to use your skills to help others."

Dr. Arup K. Sen, vice president for academic affairs, called the graduates to come forward to receive the colorful hoods that signify the completion of their degree requirements. Faculty representatives assisted in the time-honored ceremony.

Ross Peterson '12 offered the closing prayer. The ceremony concluded as the graduates and faculty joined in a spirited rendition of "Sent Forth by God's Blessing."







# 104<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT exercises



Kleinhans Music Hall was thronged with graduates, parents, family and friends. The graduates beamed, parents and friends jostled their way through the crowd to find just the right seat enabling them to get the best photo as their graduate received the precious diploma at the College's 104th commencement.

There was a hush as Roberta Rozek Evans, representing the golden anniversary class of 1962, offered the Invocation.

The distinguished speaker and honorary degree recipient, Dr. Donna Fernandes, president and CEO of the Buffalo Zoo, described her first year in her profession. As she surveyed her new office as the curator of research at the Franklin Park Zoo, she was dismayed at the sight of the peeling paint, filthy floor and dirty castoff furniture. Promptly deciding she would make it her own, she spent the first weekend there cleaning, scrubbing, painting and making it shine. The change was so dramatic that all the department heads came by to see the office.

Dr. Fernandes so impressed the zoo president, that in spite of her lack of seniority and tenure, he selected her to be the team leader for the zoo's accreditation. He wanted her because she was a perfectionist and had great organizational skills. Her guiding strength has always been, "Leave everything you touch better than you found it."

She urged the graduates to consider her mantra as they leave D'Youville and begin their lives in the professions they have chosen. She said, "Your years of hard work, late nights and sacrifice will soon begin to pay dividends for your future. You may not feel ready, but you *are* ready. You may not feel qualified, but you *are* qualified."

Jordan R. Vokes '12 gave some thoughtful remarks on society today. He pointed out, too often the bad things that happen are those that become headlines in your newspaper, noting, "With this perspective, it would seem quite accurate to say that the world we live in is a bad and sometimes frightening place. However, what the newspapers carry is only the sensational news. They neglect



to inform us of all the good things happening. As I reflect on my experience here, I couldn't help but compile a list of all the good things that I remembered: the students who went to the Dominican Republic to bring health care to those who have none, the students who traveled to New Orleans to help clean up, those who have helped seniors with income tax, serving food to the needy, and so many more instances."

Jordan said, "There is no doubt in my mind that the Class of 2012 will continue to have a positive impact, especially on the lives of students, patients and clients whom those of us here today will go on to serve. With Saint Marguerite d'Youville guiding us, it is now time to continue our journey of serving others."

The ceremony concluded as Dr. Richard E. Dowds, associate professor of biology, offered the Benediction. ■



*Donna Fernandes, awarded the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.), addresses the Class of 2012.*





## DYC OPENS NEW FACILITY AT BNMC

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D'Youville College is joining the mix of tenants in the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus (BNMC) Innovation Center, housed in the former Trico Building at 640 Ellicott Street.

The College has leased approximately 1,600 square feet of space in the center, which has been renovated into state-of-the-art facilities, including a classroom and offices. The D'Youville Center for Professional Studies is the first college or university center in the research and development facility.

This facility ties in with D'Youville's new professional development program designed for working professionals who

want to upgrade their education and training, acquire current skills and knowledge, and keep pace with rapidly changing developments in their fields.

D'Youville initially offered professional upgrade courses in occupational therapy and dietetics for health care professionals beginning in April. Evening classes for registered nurses seeking bachelor's degrees are scheduled for fall 2012.

"The medical campus is the hub of health care activity, and D'Youville is one of the leaders in this type of education, so our presence is important," says Dr. Arup K. Sen, vice president for academic affairs at the College. "We want to reach out to the community and make it convenient for individuals to take advantage of our educational opportunities," Dr. Sen added. Continuing education courses in certified public accounting and leadership are also in the works, along with a variety of other programs to be offered at the Innovation Center in 2012-13. Students and faculty will also be close to a number of life sciences and biotechnology startup companies that offer collaboration and internships. "It will be an exhilarating experience for them to walk the corridors of the Innovation Center and to observe new technologies under development which pertain to their own professional studies."

D'Youville is already working with Advantage Home Telehealth Inc. on grants

and internships, and with ServSafe, a food training and certification company for food handlers at all levels in the food industry, both located in the center. According to Dr. Sen, "Our presence in the center opens new avenues for our students."

D'Youville, now in its second century, has long been a leader in health care education offering an array of degree programs, the most recent being pharmacy and chiropractic.

This is the second satellite campus D'Youville has established. Last October, it opened a facility at Brothers of Mercy (BOM) Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Clarence, New York, for registered nurses pursuing a bachelor's degree. College officials also hope to offer MBAs and adult professional programs at the BOM campus in the future.

*Dr. Arup K. Sen welcomes guests to the NYC space at the Innovation Center in late April.*

*Guests, including Congressman Brian Higgins, examine NYC's high-tech classroom at the BNMC.*



# NEW CAMPUS “REAL LIFE” SIMULATION LAB OPENS DOORS

The D’Youville College School of Nursing is putting the final touches on a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory that will be a key ingredient in the education of its nursing students. It will be ready for the fall 2012 semester, according to Dr. Judith Lewis, dean of the School of Nursing.

A sim lab by definition is one in which simulation is used to imitate the operation of a real-world process, in this case nursing situations that a student will encounter as a nurse in a hospital or in practice.

The star of D’Youville’s new lab is “Don d’Youville,” an \$85,000 full-body, high-tech patient simulator mannequin that brings amazing realism to nursing students today. (Don can also become a female mannequin.)

The official name is SimMan3G, and it is the most advanced patient simulator available today. It has a wide range of vital signs, clinical signs and symptoms that mimic a real human patient. Don can blink his eyes, has heart and bowel sounds, simulates breathing with normal and abnormal breathing sounds, and can even bleed, among its many features. Utilizing today’s technology, it is wireless and includes many features not available in earlier mannequins.

Specific situations such as heart attacks, breathing emergencies requiring an artificial airway, rescue procedures and a broad range of traumas can be designed by nursing professors and programmed into the mannequin to teach students how to handle a specific situation.

Routine procedures such as basic assessment skills, catheter and bone needle insertions, IV access, and a variety of other medical measures can also be performed on the mannequin.

Don can also talk to students thanks to a remote audio device that allows the nursing professor observing from another room to have Don tell the student nurses what his symptoms are and how he feels. The students then can plan their nursing interventions.

D’Youville’s Simulation Suite has two labs, one with Don and the second with a



*(l to r) Roberta Zastempowski, clinical skills lab assistant, instructs Kristen Deschenes and Tim Hemedinger, both third year NYC nursing students.*

new \$27,000 baby mannequin, SimBaby, recently christened Danielle d’Youville, that will allow students to focus on infant care. SimBaby is an advanced infant patient simulator with realistic anatomy and clinical functionality.

“We want to add a birthing simulator and a child simulator in the future,” Dr. Lewis said. “Future simulators will be culturally diverse and represent changes that occur with developmental growth.”

Each lab is designed to replicate a real hospital room, and cameras are at strategic locations so that the lab training can be televised to other classrooms and recorded.

Studies show that learning in a nursing simulation lab gives students increased self-confidence in clinical judgment skills, aptitude for critical thinking and almost real life “hands-on” experience before they actually become nurses.

“Students see the value of the experience to their nursing skills and attitudes, along with being able to engage in the simulation scenarios as if they are caring for a real patient in a real-life situation,” says Colleen Koszelak, clinical skills lab coordinator in D’Youville’s School of Nursing. “So many hospital situations can be addressed during human patient simulation, such as patient

safety, infection control, psychomotor skills, patient and peer communication, and quality improvement innovations. Simulation provides a different method of transferring knowledge from a book to patient care,” she said.

“Clinical simulation is designed to increase complexity and depth of required knowledge, and will be integrated throughout the curriculum. We will be able to provide patient situations for students that might not occur during their clinical experiences. In this way, we will enhance critical thinking and the use of evidence in planning nursing interventions,” according to Dr. Lewis.

“A necessary part of the simulation will be the debriefing that will allow guiding the students through self-reflection in assessing and evaluating their actions, the efficacy of their interventions, and the responses of the ‘patients and families,’ critical components of holistic nursing care.”

Simulation in training dates back to World War II when pilots were trained to fly in combat in early simulators. Its use continues today in flight simulators, the space program, safety engineering, testing and even video games. The National League of Nurses endorsed the use of patient simulations in 2003.

## AWARD GIVEN

### DYC PRESIDENT IS HONORED WITH HUMANITARIAN AWARD BY BROTHERS OF MERCY



*Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, receives the 2012 Patsy Casilio Humanitarian of the Year Award with fellow honoree, David Nasca, president of Evans Bank, the 2012 Corporate Award recipient.*

D'Youville president Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, received the Patsy Casilio Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Brothers of Mercy at their 11th Annual Caritas Awards Dinner, May 3, at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

The award is given annually to persons or organizations in recognition of outstanding service and love for humanity. Sister Denise was honored for her important and long-lasting contributions to those in Western New York ensuring "that our region is an even better place in which to work, learn, play and live."

Evans Bank was also honored at the gala event.

## NEW DOCTORATE

### DYC TO OFFER DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE DEGREE

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) has approved the College's submission to add the doctor of nursing practice (DNP) degree to the College's long-established nursing curriculum.

"We developed this program to prepare individuals seeking a terminal degree in clinical nursing and to establish a post-master's DNP program at D'Youville," said Dr. Judith H. Lewis, dean of the School of Nursing. The doctor of nursing practice is a terminal professional degree that focuses on the clinical aspects of nursing. The curriculum for this degree generally includes advanced practice, leadership and application of clinical research.

Advanced practice nurses have provided health care services for more than 40 years. They are registered nurses who are prepared, through advanced education and clinical training, to provide preventive and acute health care services to individuals of all ages.

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing, supported by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, will require all entry-level advanced practice nurses, including nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, nurse midwives and nurse anesthetists, to be prepared at the doctoral level by 2015.

Graduates will be prepared to implement new practice approaches to health care delivery and to be leaders in ensuring quality health care through integration of communication, business, financial and culturally sensitive principles.

"Initially, we will focus on admitting current master's-prepared advanced-practice nurses who are ready to move to the DNP. Later we will implement a comprehensive bachelor-to-doctorate program both on a full- and part-time schedule for working adults," according to Dr. Lewis. "Advanced practice nurses, and now those with a doctorate, will be in high demand to meet the needs of a growing and aging population," she stated.

## CHIRO ALLIANCE

### NEW AGREEMENT LINKS DYC AND NORTHWESTERN HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

D'Youville College and Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minnesota, have entered into a first-of-its-kind agreement in chiropractic whereby both institutions will integrate their chiropractic programs and allow students to complete their final clinical term through an exchange program.

The agreement went into effect this spring semester, according to Dr. Kathleen L. Linaker, associate professor and executive director of DYC's chiropractic programs. "The arrangement not only will provide D'Youvillians the opportunity to network with students and faculty from another institution, but also will serve as an opportunity for our institutions and faculties to work together. This agreement will provide a basis for future collaboration," she said.

Northwestern offers not only chiropractic but also has a College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, a School of Massage Therapy and a College of Undergraduate Health Sciences.

D'Youville established its program in 2004, complementing other health care majors at the College including occupational and physical therapy, physician assistant, pharmacy and nursing. It is only the second college in the United States to have a chiropractic program at a four-year multidisciplinary college.

"We are truly excited about the internship exchange program between Northwestern and D'Youville. In addition to providing valuable educational opportunities for students from both colleges, the partnership strengthens the relationship between our institutions. We look forward to the implementation of this program and to future endeavors with D'Youville," says Renee M. DeVries, DC, DACBR, dean of the College of Chiropractic at Northwestern.

Dr. Linaker and Dr. Stephen J. Zajac, associate clinical professor and coordinator of chiropractic clinical services, will direct the program.



## CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH IN AUTISM



### DYC FACULTY INVOLVED IN COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH AND CARE IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

When it comes to detecting autism, time is of the essence. Numerous studies find that children diagnosed with the condition early in life have an important head start on therapies that can significantly enhance their development.

At Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo, the turnaround time to diagnosis is being accelerated, thanks to the Children's Guild Foundation Autism Spectrum Disorder Center. Opened in 2010, the center is among the first of its kind to use a family-focused, multidisciplinary approach to screen for a disorder that affects one out of every 110 youngsters.

At an initial, 90-minute assessment, each child is seen separately by a developmental pediatrician, child neurologist and child psychologist. This coordinated team approach allows physicians to diagnose children expeditiously and then triage them to appropriate treatment services as efficiently as possible.

"All three of us look at the child through a different lens," explains Michelle Hartley-McAndrew, MD, a neurologist and clinical assistant professor of pediatric neurology at the University at Buffalo (SUNY) as well as an assistant professor in the physician assistant department at D'Youville College.

In New York state, community agencies for children with autism abound. Too often, though, the key that opens the

door to such services – a timely, accurate diagnosis – eludes parents. The diagnosis can be difficult to obtain because the disorders along the autism spectrum are so challenging to pinpoint. Diagnosing a condition characterized by deficits in social interaction and communication can be difficult because young children are still developing speech, social and reasoning skills.

If a child's primary-care physician is uncertain whether the patient has autism, there might be a delay in the diagnosis until the disorder definitively declares itself. Valuable time for early intervention may be lost.

Some 211 patients between the ages of 2 and 17 were assessed during the center's first year, half of whom were diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Of those diagnosed, 84 percent were male – not surprising, given that boys are four times more likely than girls to be affected by autism.

At the time of diagnosis, the center's specialists arm parents with everything they need to get their child the requisite services. In some cases, the center's social worker offers guidance on school placements and Individual Education Plans. Parents are invited to attend a support group that the center cosponsors.

Although the center's primary mission is patient care, physicians are actively engaged in research aimed at better understanding the complex autism spectrum disorders. Hartley-McAndrew and her colleagues have embarked on the early stages of a study with the radiology department at Women & Children's Hospital and the Neuroimaging Analysis Center at Buffalo General Hospital that will study the pathology of autism using the latest imaging techniques.

The disorder of autism is one that prompts many questions and propels the quest for explanations. Dr. Hartley-McAndrew enjoys imparting this passion for learning and sharing the journey with answers for her students in the physician assistant department at D'Youville.

*Article courtesy of Kaleida Health/Women & Children's Hospital*

## BUSINESS DEGREE

### D'YOUVILLE'S MBA PROGRAM ACCREDITED

D'Youville College's master of business administration (MBA) program received accreditation earlier this spring from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) following a four-year accrediting process that included a self-study.

The MBA program had to meet or exceed the International Assembly's standards for outcome assessment, strategic planning, curriculum, faculty, scholarly and professional activity, and resources. The accreditation by an external body provides an important criterion of quality assurance to students, according to the Assembly.

"To a student, this recognition provides an added measure of assurance that our faculty, curriculum, and the degree that a student earns is of the highest quality," says Dr. Bonnie Fox Garrity '07, associate professor of business.

Several other of DYC's business programs had already been granted accreditation, including undergraduate degrees in accounting and management. Additional graduate degrees accredited include international business.

The IACBE accredits business programs in higher education institutions throughout the world using a "mission-driven, outcomes-based approach to accreditation. The demand for public accountability...is increasing rapidly," the Assembly stated.

D'Youville offers its MBA program in a format that is designed for working adults, with Saturday classes and online discussion each week.

"We are very pleased that the IACBE has continued to recognize the high quality business programs we offer to students in Western New York by granting accreditation to our MBA program," Fox Garrity said.

The next accreditation review for D'Youville's business programs will be in 2014.

## BUSINESS

### DYC 2012 CAREER FAIR

The annual DYC Career Fair presented by Career Services Center has proven to be a great opportunity for students and alumni to prepare their resumes, network with employers and pursue professional opportunities. This year's fair was no exception. The atmosphere seemed energized by the perception that the economy has turned, fueled in large part by recruiters' enthusiasm for D'Youville graduates. Several employers praised the quality of our grads and noted that they return to our fair every year to seek out DYC talent. This year's event drew larger crowds than last's: over 35 organizations attended and spoke with over 95 students.

The reality of the employment situation is perhaps most poignantly felt by job-searching alumni and graduating seniors. Yet, this year we only drew five alumni to the fair. Hopefully, this speaks to the returning health of the economy and gainful employment of our graduates. But even if employed, fairs and conferences are excellent opportunities to network with other professionals in the field, or, perhaps to return to the College to connect with fellow DYC students seeking to break into the field.

### STUDENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

D'Youville College business students have officially organized a student management association to encourage the development of its members in the areas of information technology, management, and exercise and sports studies.

The Student Association, the official body that addresses student concerns and issues, approved the new organization at its March meeting. Officers and representatives will be elected at the association's next meeting.

"This is a great way for students to engage in activities that will address their specialized interests within the management field and in service activities benefiting the local community," according to Dr. Susan J. Kowalewski, assistant professor of business at D'Youville.

## STUDENTS IN FREE ENTERPRISE COMPETE



*The enthusiastic SIFE international team includes students from Romania, Canada, Ghana, Jamaica, Pakistan and Ireland, as well as the United States.*

### DYC SIFE TEAM SHARES BUSINESS/SERVICE VALUES

A pioneering aviator, Antoine de Saint-Exupery, once said, "If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea." It is this philosophy by which DYC's SIFE team has succeeded.

SIFE, or Students in Free Enterprise, works together with leaders in business and higher education to mobilize university students to want to make a difference in their communities. SIFE instills all of the values that go hand in hand with servant leadership; it is the means through which we will become more aware of the needs of our society. SIFE helps college students embrace diversity and become the top leaders of today and tomorrow.

SIFE is an international organization active in 39 countries. There are 577 SIFE teams around the globe comprised of as many as 21,216 students who put in more than 800,000 volunteer hours in helping the communities surrounding them. Every year, the DYC SIFE team competes on both regional and national levels with other university teams across the USA. We are proud to have been competing on the national level since 2002 with results that are worthy of praise and appreciation. We have accomplished numerous projects that achieved the goal of improving the standard of living and quality of life in communities across Western New York, as well as internationally.

This year, the DYC SIFE team partnered with Buffalo-Niagara Medical Campus, a consortium of the region's premier health

care, life sciences research and medical education institutions, located on 120 acres in downtown Buffalo, N.Y. The DYC SIFE team accomplished several projects which helped two start-up companies within the BNMC expand their businesses on a global level.

At SIFE's 2012 national competition in Kansas City, Missouri, over 3,500 students were in attendance. The DYC SIFE students were among them, proud to have presented their accomplishments in front of top business leaders who were impressed by the passion, creativity, leadership skills and constant dedication to solving critical societal needs that the DYC students displayed.

"The SIFE competitions give us a taste of how the real working world functions and helped create bonds that will last when nurtured. The competitions help students sharpen their leadership skills and boost each individual's self-confidence.

"SIFE teaches that diversity makes the world a more beautiful place and that students can make a difference to the society in which they live. There is no other student organization that can accomplish so many things at the same time. DYC SIFE has made us better human beings: It has taught us to have a head for business and a heart for the world. We bring about positive change together and, together, we dedicate ourselves to creating a more sustainable world through the positive power of business," said Alexandra (Alex) Trandafir, current SIFE president.



## PHARMACY DEPARTMENT SHINES

### DYC PHARM TEAM WINS NATIONAL GENERATION Rx COMPETITION

D'Youville College's fledgling School of Pharmacy, in only its second year, took home a top honor for its Generation Rx presentation. The award was presented at the annual meeting and exposition of the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists (APhA-ASP), which was held in New Orleans.

Josh Cahill was the school's Generation Rx coordinator. "We were competing against some titans of the pharmacy world, and we ended up getting first place. I was absolutely freaked out," said Cahill. "It was a little bit of a David-versus-Goliath thing."

Of the 127 APhA-ASP chapters across the country, 55 took part in the Generation

Members of the chapter have also participated in prescription drug "take-back" days scheduled at sites across Western New York. They also produced a YouTube video to highlight the problem of prescription drug abuse and met with the staff responsible for Western New York's Kids Escaping Drugs program to learn more about it.

For winning the national Generation Rx competition, D'Youville's chapter received a plaque, a \$1,000 cash award and reimbursement for travel expenses to attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies from June 12-17.



*(l to r) Dr. Gary Stoehr stands proudly with Christina Rotella, Alex Caron, Joshua Cahill and Michelle Lewis, top honor winners at the Generation Rx national competition.*

Rx competition, which highlights the growing problem of prescription drug abuse. D'Youville finished ahead of renowned programs such as Ohio State University, which founded the Generation Rx movement several years ago, and also defending champion, University of Florida.

"I'm not sure anyone had heard of D'Youville, so for a new chapter to do what ours did...well, that's just unheard of," said Dr. Gary Stoehr, dean of D'Youville's School of Pharmacy.

As part of its Generation Rx initiative, D'Youville student pharmacists also have visited middle and high schools and made 11 presentations to over 3,000 teens and 1,000 adults.

D'Youville College's School of Pharmacy received its charter just last year. "We're a brand-new school, so students who signed on with us took a little bit of risk because we're not a long-established pharmacy school," Stoehr added. "There's something different about this class. They are a little more involved in things. We tell them we don't have a reputation, so it's up to you to create one. Cahill became a class officer and was instrumental in starting up the chapter of the APhA organization. He's not afraid to start from scratch and stick his nose in there."

"It's been great to build something from the ground up, and we have a unique opportunity here to make our mark," Cahill stated.

*Article courtesy of Finger Lakes Times, Geneva, N.Y.*

## VETERANS PROGRAM



*Roy Wood, president of the DYC Student Veterans Association, shares podium with Senator Gillibrand.*

### SENATOR GILLIBRAND ASSISTS RETURNING DYC VETS

U.S. Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand was on the D'Youville campus May 14 to announce bipartisan legislation to assist returning veterans with education and job training.

She stressed improved education and job training for veterans and streamlining the certification process for civilian jobs. "Veterans return with skills such as driving high-tech vehicles or with medical experience. Those skills should be made easier to apply to civilian life," she said.

"We know our veterans have great skill sets, it's just about transitioning them for the job market," she told a gathering of some 50 individuals including a number of local veterans who are students at D'Youville and other nearby colleges.

Senator Gillibrand said the VOW to Hire Heroes Act, which includes measures to provide incentives for hiring, is a vital investment and it is important to provide veterans with access to the necessary resources to allow them to get the education, job training and appropriate licensing in order to ease their transition from military life to the civilian work force.

D'Youville currently has 230 student veterans and 115 dependents of veterans enrolled.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY'S SPRING BREAK



*(l to r) Alex Mytinger, James Thor, Brian Spillman and Tylor Vaillancourt at the Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard, New York, on a glorious spring morning.*

### SERVICE, PRAYER, CONVERSATION AND FUN

After months of study and stress, spring break is a welcome time for many students. This is a time to relax and possibly find one's way to vacation destinations or a comfortable place at home to hide away for a well-deserved break.

Some students see spring break in a different light.

March 30-April 4, 2012, was a time when four NYC students shared in the opportunity of a lifetime to enjoy their vacation by bringing happiness to others. Accompanied by Fr. Patrick O'Keefe, director of Campus Ministry, these students immersed themselves in various forms of service, prayer, conversation and fun. Alex Mytinger, James Thor, Brian Spillman and Tylor Vaillancourt offered their time of vacation in service to a family in need of help with yard work, assisted those who help tend the needs of the elderly in Genesee County, brought smiles to homebound people by making flower arrangements and care baskets, and helped a local Catholic church prepare for Easter.

In addition to the service aspect of this alternative spring break, the ambitious

group of students was exposed to various types of prayer and learning about their faith. They were able to experience monastic-style prayer by visiting the Abbey of the Genesee. Through visiting Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, New York, they learned about Fr. Nelson Baker and the process of canonization (becoming a saint) and journeyed through the Stations of the Cross. By attending Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Buffalo with two bishops, 250 priests and approximately 1,000 people—some of whom were preparing to enter the Catholic Church at Easter—the NYC students learned about the history of the cathedral and the celebration of Mass.

In addition to these service and prayer opportunities, there was time to relax and have fun by bowling, playing games and going out for meals. All of these experiences led to conversation and sharing which helped bond this group more closely in their goal of living their faith and allowing Saint Marguerite d'Youville's legacy to live on within them: "The poor must know that we never refuse to serve."

## NEW APPOINTEES

### CHAIR OF HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Arup K. Sen, vice president for academic affairs, announces the appointment of Dr. Lisa Rafalson as chair of the health services administration department. Dr. Rafalson received her master's and doctorate in epidemiology and community health from the University at Buffalo (SUNY). She has been with D'Youville College as an assistant professor in the doctoral department since fall 2010. In addition to her teaching experience, Dr. Rafalson brings to the College a wealth of research and scholarly activities.

A graduate of Loyola University in Chicago, and she is a National Research Service Award Fellow in the department of family medicine at UB. She also attended the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Previously she served as an adjunct professor at D'Youville teaching managerial epidemiology and was a postdoctoral fellow and research assistant professor in the department of social and preventive medicine at the University at Buffalo.

Rafalson received the Faculty Member of the Year Award from D'Youville in 2010.

### CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

D'Youville College has named Roozbeh Tavakoli chief information officer. It is a new position at the College and his appointment became effective December 2011.

He is responsible for the academic and administrative computing activities and voice and data communications. In addition, he will plan and implement a comprehensive information technology strategy to enable D'Youville to better use technology in planning and reaching goals, according to the College.

He joins D'Youville from Wells College in Aurora, New York, where he was director of information technology and previously had been in the office of the chancellor of the Pennsylvania State system of higher education in Harrisburg. Prior to that, he was director of information technology at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. ■



# ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION DINNER



(l to r) Alexandra (Ali) Holmes, recipient of the Class of 1952 Endowed Scholarship, thanks Patricia Van Dyke '52.



(l to r) Margaret Van Dyke Holmes and Andrea Milleville '12 discuss Andrea's NYC experiences made possible by the Van Dyke Family Scholarship.



(l to r) Dr. Thomas Caulfield chats with Drs. Kenneth and Marilyn Barker.

## ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS' AND FAMILIES' FINANCIAL NEEDS

Receiving an endowed scholarship sometimes makes the difference in a student's ability to attend a private college like D'Youville. At the Scholarship Donor Reception and Dinner, two scholarship recipients had the good fortune to meet and thank the donors of the endowed scholarships that they received.

Andrea Milleville '12, who was the recipient of the Van Dyke Family Endowed Scholarship, had the opportunity to meet and thank Margaret Van Dyke Holmes for her family's scholarship fund. Margaret's three sisters were also D'Youvillians: Jeanette '43, Catherine '45 and Vivian '49.

Andrea graduated from Niagara Falls High School. She exhibited great satisfaction at the opportunity to study at D'Youville. She said it was with surprise, happiness and shock when she realized that she would receive an endowed scholarship. She had earned admission to all the colleges to which she had applied, but with the help of the endowed scholarship, she and her parents quickly agreed that D'Youville was the perfect fit for her, and so it enabled her to accept the award.

Andrea quickly became involved in College activities when she joined the crew team and also was soon involved in the Student Association. She did admit that early practices at the West Side Rowing Club were grueling, especially on those frigid mornings when it was barely light.

Her original intent was to study in the pharmacy program. Soon she realized that the physical therapy program was where she really wanted to be.

*Financial aid packages for D'Youville College students may comprise more than one endowed scholarship, in addition to institutional grants and government aid.*

*To learn more about endowed scholarships please contact: Patricia Van Dyke, director of major and planned giving, 716.829.7802, vandykep@dyc.edu.*

The Class of 1952 Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Alexandra (Ali) Holmes. She, too, was accepted at all the colleges to which she applied, but D'Youville's financial aid package, especially with the addition of the endowed scholarship, made D'Youville the one that best suited her family's financial position. And she is now extremely happy to be a D'Youvillian.

Though Ali wanted to "go away" to college, she did not want to be too far away. Since her home is in Avon, New York, a part of Livingston County, D'Youville was the perfect distant location.

An occupational therapy student, Ali is active in campus affairs as a member of the issues committee of the Student Association. She is a student ambassador and she was on the women's crew team for two demanding years. She loves the friendliness of the Buffalo community and especially the "best buds" she has met since coming to D'Youville.

Ali and Andrea are just two of the more than 100 young D'Youvillians who, on receiving an endowed award, are able to accept their admission to D'Youville.

D'Youville College attributes all the meaningful assistance provided to students through endowed scholarships to the magnificent generosity of our alumni and friends who, recognizing the great need to provide some "extra help" to worthy students, have established endowed scholarships. ■

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**IN 2011-2012**

**117** ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED  
TOTALLED \$138,000

# EDUCATING **health** PROFESSIONALS: TRAINING THE TRAINER

- One in three adults over the age of 65 falls at least once each year.
- One in ten falls result in an injury that requires hospitalization.
- Falls are the leading cause of injury related death among adults 65 and older.
- Three million hospital days per year are directed to the care of elderly hip fracture patients.
- Of those with hip fractures, 50% of survivors are admitted to nursing homes.
- The population of those 65 and older is doubling between 2000 and 2030.
- The yearly cost associated with care for falls related fractures is over \$10 billion.
- Costs are anticipated to rise to \$55 billion by 2020.

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or nearly ten years, Drs. Michele Karnes and Theresa Vallone, both clinical associate professors in the D'Youville College occupational therapy (OT) department, have educated hundreds of service providers about the seriousness of falls, particularly in older adults, and about risk-factor identification for falls. They have developed evidence-based educational interventions about prevalence and incidence of injury and falls risks, strategies for falls-risk reduction and measures that assess the outcomes of these educational interventions. They have taught skills related to falls-risk screenings, assessments and interventions and developed competency checklists for those skills. They share staggering statistics about falls which quickly grab and cement the attention of health care professionals, service providers, concerned family members and older adults themselves.

Involvement in falls prevention began when Dr. Vallone served as the NYC representative to the W.N.Y. Falls Prevention Consortium from 2007-2008. As a member of the assessment work group (one of four working teams), she assisted in the development of a screening and evaluation tool. Vallone also worked closely with Dr. Penelope (Penny) Klein, PT, as a consultant to the education work group of the consortium. Efforts from the consortium were used by the W.N.Y. Falls Prevention Collaborative throughout 2009-10. The collaborative, consisting of 12 grant-supported teams, tested implementation techniques while aiming to identify the best approaches for use across the community. Karnes and Vallone received a grant from the Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York (CHFWCNY) for the Step Up to Stop Falls Collaborative. This grant provided funding to Learning Partners, a local continuing education initiative, whose mission it is to provide accessible, quality education to professionals as well as to the community in nursing home settings.

Established in June 2003, Learning Partners formulated a partnership and sought credentialing as an authorized provider of continuing education units (CEUs) through the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET), thereby becoming approved providers of CEUs for athletic trainers through the National Board of Certification, Inc. They are approved by the Texas Board for Physical Therapy to offer certain courses nationwide and by New York State Education Department for the professions to offer CEUs to physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. The vision of Learning Partners remains constant: to be the best local provider of professional development and continuing education.

Throughout 2009-2010, Learning Partners directed their falls reduction activities toward changing behaviors among professional practitioners. In so doing, Learning Partners adopted a health care partner, GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center. They worked closely with the PTs and OTs on rehab teams to test activities and exchange ideas to develop a program using the train-the-trainer model. Together, Karnes and Vallone have developed and delivered evidence-based educational seminars, promoting the development of advanced education modules related to injury prevention, competency checklists to assist therapists in standard administration of assessments, chart-audit tools, and written policy and procedures to establish and sustain a falls-prevention program. Both the community of consumers as well as providers of care benefited by this grant, as follows: Therapists were better educated and assessment and documentation of falls-risk factors improved by 100 percent; moreover, older adults and their families were alerted to falls-reduction strategies.



In collaboration with the Niagara Lutheran Home at GreenField, Learning Partners hosted a free seminar entitled “Identifying Older Adults at Risk for Falls.” Over 30 older adults and their families from the Lancaster, New York, area were screened for injury risks and were educated about the preventable but growing problem of falls. Learning Partners strengthened the Step Up to Stop Falls toolkit by contributing the tools they devised and by facilitating the development of the first DVD that became part of the tool kit, which is free to the general public and health care community.

Having received a second grant from the CHFWCNY, Learning Partners expanded prevention activities from November 2010 through March 2012, and built on their previous successes, with new health care partners at the Brothers of Mercy Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and the Catholic Health System. They refined the introductory falls-education module and developed four additional modules in collaboration with area experts.

The modules were delivered as CEU-bearing courses. In total, 567 hours of education were delivered to 120 different therapists, some of whom attended several or all five modules. The results revealed that out of 91 therapists who attended Module I, the majority attained competency on post-test scores. All attendees of the remaining four modules attained performance competency in the education sessions: medication management, advanced assessment, Tai Chi and environmental modifications. Each facility also developed a falls-prevention policy and procedure as the cornerstone of its own program.

In spring 2011, Learning Partners was invited by the CHFWCNY to co-present at the American Society on Aging Annual Conference in San Francisco. Karnes and Vallone, along with Chris Klotz, program advisor for CHFWCNY, explained the community-wide efforts of the first grant and the strategies toward development of the tool kit. Learning Partners facilitated attendee participation, teaching one screening tool and one intervention strategy to the varied health care and service providers.

Learning Partners has facilitated the training of 54 health care and service providers in the southern tier of New York state, in collaboration with the Chautauqua County Falls Prevention Coalition and, this past year, education about falls prevention was brought to an international level by Karnes and Vallone by presenting at the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapists Scientific Conference, held in Barbados, West Indies. Attendees were from Canada, the United States, the Caribbean Islands and Europe.

The Learning Partners team of Karnes and Vallone plans to continue their research regarding falls, while educating and engaging both students and the community, be it near or far, on falls prevention. ■



*(above and below) Seminar attendees are trained on falls prevention techniques.*



*(l to r) Dr. Michele Karnes, NYC occupational therapy department, Dawn Rezak, director of rehab at GreenField and Dr. Theresa Vallone, NYC occupational therapy department, are pictured outside the GreenField Health & Rehabilitation Center.*

# DYC'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ON THE ROAD



## SISTER DENISE VISITS FLORIDA ALUMS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH

An enthusiastic group of alumni gathered at the Coral Ridge Yacht Club to greet Sister Denise on the first leg of her Florida visits.

The Naples Reception at the Vineyards Country Club was sponsored by Mary Pendency Koessler '49. The guests enjoyed the lovely ambiance as Sister Denise described the advances at the College. They were intrigued as she explained the circle on Fargo Avenue that integrates the College and makes for safe passage from the College proper to the Montante Family Library.

Dr. Joseph A. Grande, professor emeritus, and Sylvia Boggan, widow of Dr. Earl Boggan, coordinated the Sarasota luncheon at the Palm-Aire Country Club. Everyone in attendance reiterated their appreciation as they enjoyed the relaxing atmosphere, the beauty and a delicious luncheon.

Though separated by miles and weeks, the events all echoed the same parting sentiments as the guests bade adieu, "Please don't change a thing, and we look forward to next year."



*(top, l to r) Sherel Bailey Lee '81 and Tanya Dargo Nyusa '86 were seen catching up on news.*

*(above, l to r) Marie La Mastra Wollen '51 and Carol Fields Beato '62 shared their thoughts about their years since D'Youville.*

*(right) Dorothy Dodman Kelleher '66 and her husband, Bart, smiled for the photographer.*

*(below right) Joanne Ernst Langan '59, Ann Marie Bradley and Terry Regan Ray '64 recalled their memories of DYC.*





# AT SUPERB VENUES IN FLORIDA CANADA



*(above) Janet Mariott Rebhan '63 and husband, Joe, obviously enjoyed themselves at the Sarasota luncheon.*



*(above right) L. Beth Ann Jaworski Beilein '77 and Don Beilein '76, residents of Naples, enjoyed seeing old friends at the Naples event.*



*(below) Little Abigail Parker, in her prettiest party dress, joined her parents JB and Jill Parker '99 for the lunch at the Palm-Aire Country Club in Sarasota.*

*Waiting for the event to begin were (from l to r): Erin Kelly '08 with Michael Kelly, Michael Gold and Carol Gold '10 and Bill Vermulst with Christine Oszczypek '07*

## NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, ONTARIO

Sunday, May 6, 2012, was a beautiful day to gather at the Pillar and Post Inn at Niagara-on-the-Lake. The weather was perfect, as was the companionship and food, and many took advantage of the opportunity to sightsee after the brunch concluded. Those in attendance were pleased to hear of the many new happenings on campus and to connect with fellow alumni north of the border from NYC. Some great event comments were posted on Facebook and the group is looking forward to an increase in the crowd as we look to hold the next Canadian gathering in downtown Toronto. ■



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DR. DORETTE “DEE” SUGG WELK  
spotlight  
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A nursing alum from the class of '71, Dorette “Dee” Sugg Welk, BSN, now serves on the board of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), the honor society of nursing students.

“I am happy to share the news regarding my recent election to STTI’s board of directors and my additional role as chairperson of the 20-member regional chapters coordinating committee,” Dee said. STTI began in 1922 and now has 125,000 registered nurse members throughout the world in 482 university-based chapters in 24 countries. The 20 regional coordinators provide chapter leader support in six global regions. STTI’s mission is to support learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses committed to making a difference in the health of the world’s people.

D’Youville’s chapter, Zeta Nu, annually inducts nursing students and nurse leaders who demonstrate the capacity for advancing this mission. The society offers their members many opportunities for career growth. (Check their website: [www.nursingsociety.org](http://www.nursingsociety.org).) Induction into Zeta Nu is an honor.

“My education at D’Youville has served me well these past 40 years,” Dee stated. “As a 1971 BSN graduate, I enjoyed nursing in medical-surgical and ICU positions in Cleveland, Philadelphia, and in the Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, area.” After earning an MSN from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. from Penn State University, she was a nurse educator and nursing administrator at Bloomsburg University for more than 27 years, retiring as faculty emeritus in 2004. D’Youville’s life-long learning goal for graduates has kept her going as she continued to teach online for several universities after 2004 and now plans to serve in the near future on dissertation committees at the University of St. Augustine in Florida.

“When I was the induction speaker for the Zeta Nu chapter in 2010, I found pictures of myself in student uniforms to share with the inductees and noticed that we shortened our skirts to fit the 1970’s as much as our instructors would allow! Receiving the cap was a solemn and grand event at Holy Angels, as was acquiring the black velvet stripe on our caps as seniors which made us very proud. I know RNs do not wear caps any longer but those six pearl buttons on the back of the cap told everyone, ‘This nurse is from D’Youville!’”

She remembers her days at D’Youville well with time spent at Our Lady of Victory, Kenmore Mercy, then Children’s Hospital, Veterans Hospital, Roswell, St. Joseph’s Community Hospital, and many community settings. It was a tough era to be coming of age: The Vietnam war was defining the future. Some of her peers went on to serve in the military after graduation. “I mention this,” she says, “for I imagine similar discussions ring in the residence halls today given the world situation.”

Dee has been married for 40 years to a wonderful man named Fran. “Together we have three married sons and five beautiful grandchildren. I am proud to be able to continue to serve the nursing profession in my elected positions with STTI and always proud to say that I am a DYC graduate!” ■



The happiest day of his life, according to D'Youville College academic advisor and transfer coordinator Ryan Miller '05, was the October day in 2011 when he married his bride, Nicole. Less than two months later, he was diagnosed with Stage 4 renal disease and told he would need a kidney transplant.

Ryan is just one of more than 114,000 individuals on the national waiting list for organ transplants—over 92,000 of whom need a kidney. The waiting isn't easy. "Every time my cell phone rings," he says, "I pray that it is the call telling me 'We have a match!'" But it's impossible to predict

should also declare written commitment as an organ donor in your Advance Directive or Health Care Proxy document.

The most important step in communicating your desire to be an organ donor is to talk to your family. Awareness of the impact of organ donation on the lives of recipients and their family members, as well as on the lives of the surviving family members of deceased donors, is a powerful contributor toward organ and tissue donation willingness and registration. It is critical to have a frank conversation with family members about your wishes to be a donor (living or posthumous) when you are vital and sound in judgment. Too often,

the short window of opportunity that we had, we did donate our mother's tissues and we are sure she looks down on us with great pride for having allowed her to give back a quality of life that she had appreciated from the 29 'extra' years she had enjoyed with her husband."

Dr. Edward Hart, professor of biology at D'Youville, has worked as a tissue recovery technician for Upstate New York Transplant Services, and with that perspective, he strongly encourages anyone considering organ or tissue donation to register that intent with UNYTS or a similar transplant service.

"The teams I served with on tissue procurement cases were paged and expected

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when he will get that call. Last year, there were fewer than 29,000 transplants of any kind (including those from living donors), of which fewer than 17,000 were kidney transplants, so it is clear that demand far exceeds supply.

Even with all the uncertainty, Ryan remains upbeat. "I try not to look at my situation as a tragedy, but as an opportunity to spread the word about the unmet need for organ donation in the U.S. as well as for myself."

The numbers are compelling: Eight lives can be saved by one person's organs—heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas, intestines—while tissue such as corneas, bone, skin, heart valves, tendons and veins can restore eyesight, help fight infections or prevent disability in burn victims.

The processes by which an adult becomes a registered donor vary from state to state. There are several ways to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry to declare your legal consent for the recovery of your organs and tissue at the time of your death: on-site registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), online registration at the DMV or the Department of Health (DOH), mail-in registration to the DOH, or completion of a registration form while registering with the Board of Elections. You

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people are asked to consider organ and tissue donation upon their own impending death or that of a loved one; it is far better to discuss it at a time when you and your family are able to calmly consider individual needs and values. Families often say they wish they had known the wishes of their loved one when faced with this challenging question. Sadly, many life-saving opportunities are lost because people who had intended to donate had not taken the time to register as an organ donor, or to make their wishes known.

For Dr. Teresa Vallone, clinical associate professor in D'Youville's department of occupational therapy, organ and tissue donation is a very personal topic. Her father was a transplant recipient, living an extra 29 years thanks to a young woman whose family donated her kidney upon her death. "Had he not received that kidney, he would have died when I was nine," says Dr. Vallone. "Instead, he lived to see me graduate from college, marry and have two of my own children." Even with this background, however, she and her sister were not as prepared as they might have been when their mother died suddenly and they were asked to donate her eyes and some of her tissue. "As a family, we had only discussed organ donation. We had never really discussed tissue donation. In

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to respond in a moment's notice whenever a call was received from a funeral home," notes Dr. Hart. He affirms that recovery teams treat donors with the utmost respect and attention to dignity at all times before returning them for final services.

Dr. Hart remembers that letters of gratitude from organ and tissue recipients would be shared with recovery teams at monthly meetings to remind them of the significance of the work they were doing. UNYTS would also hold gatherings of families of donors and of recipients and their families to celebrate the very special gifts that had been given or received. These events, notes Dr. Hart, provided "indescribable inspiration" to everyone involved.

As for Ryan Miller, he waits for the call that will change his life. How can you help? If you'd like to explore the possibility of becoming a living donor and have Type O blood, consider being tested to see if you're a match. **Contact Kathleen Barone at Erie County Medical Center (716.898.6283); it's confidential and no cost to the donor.**

For Ryan and thousands of others, the gift of an organ or tissue is a gift of many more years to celebrate life's joys, from birthdays to graduations to an October wedding anniversary with Nicole. ■

# CLASS Jottings



Thank you for all that you do to support my office and the alumni board of directors! Because of you, our fundraising efforts for the Sr. Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Scholarship Fund were quite successful. Brianna Fuentes '16, a 2012-13 scholarship recipient, wrote, "Thank you so much for investing in my future. I am honored to receive the Sr. Mary Charlotte Barton Kinship Scholarship."

In addition to sharing your treasure, you have demonstrated a strong commitment and willingness to give of your time and talents. These volunteer efforts are not limited to our local alumni or even our future alums as evidenced by the stories I have heard. It is inspiring to know the legacy of St. Marguerite d'Youville and the Grey Nuns continue and that the mission of D'Youville College remains a part of you. Thank you for making a difference in a world that is so in need of commitment, concern and care for one another.

On behalf of the homecoming committee, I invite and encourage our nursing alumni, and alumni whose class years end in 2 and 7 as well as any alum who is interested to "Come home to DYC" the weekend of October 12-14, 2012. This year's homecoming commemorates the 70th anniversary of our nursing program. Some very special events have been planned, so whether you are celebrating your 1st, your 50th or 60th anniversary, please join us for a weekend of reminiscing and celebrating all things D'Youville!

Keep in touch. Join the online community, "Like" us on Facebook, send me photos to post and post your comments. Send news of professional achievements for our alumni profiles on the website. Volunteer to be a mentor. Support the alumni events. Every little bit helps and one should never underestimate the value of any level of support. Although it has been said, it is worth repeating, thank you for making a difference.

Peace and blessings,

*Mary B. Pfeiffer*

Director, Alumni Relations

## D'YOUVILLE NURSING STUDENT WINS TRIP TO IRELAND

A sophomore nursing student at DYC won a trip to Ireland for herself and her mom on the Ellen DeGeneres show aired on March 16, just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

Joelle Gage, 19, had written a letter to DeGeneres after hearing her request for listeners to send in reasons why they should compete for a trip to Ireland.

Joelle explained in her letter that her parents, Mary and Andrew Gage, never had a honeymoon when they married and her dad had planned a delayed honeymoon to Ireland. Unfortunately, he died in 2005 before they could go and Joelle's goal was to send just her mom on the special trip to the Emerald Isle. "She really deserved to go," Joelle said.

Before he died, her dad, a medical doctor, had requested his ashes be spread in Ireland.

DeGeneres selected her letter a very short time after receiving it and Joelle appeared on the show to "compete" for the trip. "I was really surprised and it was totally unexpected," Joelle said.

In actuality, the competition skit was a setup whereby a TV crew member pretended to be a competitor for the trip.

After Joelle went through a fake game that consisted of bobbing for apples, finding a four leaf clover in the sand, drinking a green drink and jumping onto a Velcro wall, Ellen announced it was not a real game and Joelle was the "winner."

The prize was an all expense paid one week trip to Ireland courtesy of the Ellen Show, Aer Lingus Airline and the Irish Tourism Board for both Joelle and her mom, a teacher at Williamsville East. "It's a dream come true," Joelle said through her tears while on camera. "Ellen was really nice; her personality is just what you see on television. I was nervous but she was helpful and made me feel at ease," Joelle reported.

They tentatively plan to make the trip this summer when they will make Dr. Andrew Gage's request come true.

## EMPLOYEE/ALUM RECOGNITION



**Philomene Kosmoski Cudzilo '77** was acknowledged at the annual employee recognition dinner for 35 years of service to her alma mater. Philomene began her career as secretary to the assistant dean in the office of continuing education, a position she held until 1981. From 1981 until 1983, she served as secretary to the executive vice president and then became secretary to the office of the president. In 2000, her title changed to “administrative secretary” and in 2001, she became “executive assistant” to Sister Denise Roche, an administrative title that she most certainly deserved. Philomene has been involved in many college committees. She was a mentor in the student mentor program. She served on the 2003 Middle States Review Committee and co-chaired the D’Youville Centennial Committee.

Sister Denise feels it is a pleasure and privilege to have spent these many years working with Phil, who is always pleasant, full of patience and with gifted administrative skills. She is ready, willing and even eager to take on new responsibilities in service to the College.



Special congratulations to **Dr. M. Ruth Reilly Kelly '89** for her 15 years of service to her alma mater. Ruth received recognition at D’Youville’s annual employee dinner for her service to the College, most especially within the liberal arts department. Ruth is a professor of history, chair of the department of liberal arts and chair of the career discovery program. She has published a book on Constitutional law and several book chapters on early American history and American Catholic history. In 2009, she completed a master’s degree in theology at Christ the King Seminary. Ruth served two terms on the editorial board of the Organization of American Historians. At NYC, Ruth served on a number of committees including the NYC Centennial Committee, the graduate curriculum committee and as secretary of both the faculty council and graduate council. Ruth loves to travel, especially to Ireland, which she has visited ten times with NYC students and husband David. Ruth is retiring this year and wants to thank all the faculty and staff at D’Youville for all the love and all the laughter! Congratulations to Ruth, we wish her the best as she moves on to the next chapter of her life.

Congratulations to **Edie Racinowski '10** for her ten years of service to D’Youville College. Edie works in the graduate admissions office and received recognition for her years of service at the annual employee recognition dinner.

**Andrea Anderson Addison '11** received recognition at the annual D’Youville College employee recognition dinner for her ten years of service to the College. Andrea works in the financial affairs department and currently serves as the collections coordinator. She has also worked as the grant accountant, director of student finances and interim bursar. In addition, Andrea is a member of the administrators advisory group, retention advisory group and serves as a FOCUS instructor. We congratulate her for her service to her alma mater.

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(above) Good going! to **Lois Kreger Balafas** as she continues to run marathons with her classmate Jean Morton cheering her on. We need to send them both some NYC tee shirts to wear for future marathons.

Best wishes to **Dorothy Stein Gianturco** on her marriage to William Dutney Corr. The nuptials took place on December 30, 2011. Dorothy is retired from Duke University and Mr. Corr has retired as president of Data Power and Air. They are living at Woodhurst Farm in Hillsborough, N.C.



**Linda Stievater, Maureen O'Connell, Eleanor Verbanic, Barbara Campagna and Barbara Elias** discovered the NYC presence at the Botanical Gardens in South Buffalo. While touring the gardens, they came upon D'Youville's School of Pharmacy medicinal gardens. After their tour of the gardens, they joined other members of their class for lunch at a local restaurant.

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All our best to **Dr. Mary Rittling**, president of Davidson County Community College (DCCC), as she was honored as North Carolina's Community College President of the Year. Dr. Rittling, president of DCCC since August 2003, received her award at North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue's executive mansion. The President of the Year Award was established by the State Board of Community Colleges in 2001 to encourage, identify and reward outstanding leadership and commitment to the community college mission among the presidents of the state's community colleges. It is sponsored by the Wells Fargo Foundation. In 2009 and 2010, she was named by The Business Journal of the Triad newspaper as one of the Piedmont Triad's most influential people. She was selected for the honor due to her dynamic leadership and reputation as one "who builds consensus, challenges the status quo and moves colleagues to action." In her eight and a half years as DCCC's president, Dr. Rittling has overseen major campus expansions on both the Davidson and Davie campuses and established new learning centers in Lexington, Thomasville and Advance. In addition, she has fostered and strengthened local, state, regional and national relationships that resulted in DCCC receiving approximately \$14 million in new grant funding. Well done!

**Anne M. Chmura-Anthon** added a second degree from D'Youville, graduating with her MBA as a member of the Class of 2012. As an admissions counselor at D'Youville College, Anne loves helping students realize their dreams by starting them on life's path with a great education. She says, "It took a few years for me to find God's purpose in my life, to serve Him and others, but I live it daily now, right here at D'Youville." Anne has been married to Dave for 28 years and has three children, Jonathan '09, Kayla and Kelsey.

**Thom Golden**, RN, BSN, writes that he is now retired and living in Cuenca, Ecuador. Thom would like to hear from any fellow '78 graduates as well as any other D'Youvillians living in Ecuador. He added, "I enjoyed my many nursing experiences, which my NYC education opened the door to: ED experiences, MICU/SICU/CCU experiences, staff nurse/charge nurse/DON positions, flight nurse training, travel nursing and on and on. I also am founder of IAFCS (International Association for Child Safety), the primary purpose of which is the prevention of traumatic injuries to the preschool population. I was well received for my skills, knowledge and various leadership capabilities. Presently, I am a practicing reflexologist in Cuenca with an active clientele, consisting of doctors, chiropractors, nurses, athletes, allied health care practitioners and many other interesting folks from various occupations. *"Que le vaya bien."*

Congratulations to **Phyllis M. Palla**, RNC-NIC, PNP, NNP-BC, on her appointment to a three-year term on the executive board of the Academy of Neonatal Nursing. She also serves as a contributing editor to Neonatal Network, the association's nursing journal.

Our best wishes to **Elizabeth Martinez Fildes** who was recently honored by the social work department at Daemen College. Liz received the Social Work Humanitarian Award for her work as founder of the United Hands of Hope House, which will serve as a safe haven for American-born victims of human trafficking.

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**Rosanne Dobash** is currently working at Mercy Hospital in South Buffalo (N.Y.) as an RN & NP in family health, specializing in infectious disease. She received a Preceptor Award for Excellence from D'Youville for her work with NYC students in their clinical rotations. Thank you, Rosanne, for sharing your expertise with future NYC alums.

**Dr. Denise Dunford**, director of D'Youville's nurse practitioner program and an associate professor in the School of Nursing, was one of ten nurses selected as the "2012 Nurses of Distinction" by The Buffalo News. She was cited for her positive impact on students, her advocacy for interdisciplinary education and her integrity and uncompromising standards in older adult care. "Dr. Dunford exemplifies excellence in nursing education and is a role model for nursing's contribution to meeting society's health care needs," her tribute stated. Kudos to Denise!



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Congratulations to **Rebecca Leone Morgan '04**, on the birth of their daughter, Cassidy Isabel. Cassidy weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long at the time of her birth on February 18. Cassidy joins her big sister Lana and becomes the fourth granddaughter for **Michele Maddox '74** and the second niece for **Rachel Leone Marx '00**.

Blessings to **Fr. Andrew Lauricella** on his ordination to the priesthood. Fr. Andrew was ordained into the priesthood for the Diocese of Buffalo by Bishop Edward Kmiec on June 2, 2012, in St. Joseph's Cathedral. Fr. Andrew offered his first Mass on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at St. Margaret's Church in North Buffalo.

**Erin McCarthy** and **Richard Hanaburgh '11** officially began their married life on June 23, 2012. It was a D'Youville celebration in many ways. Dick's sister **Sarah Hanaburgh Raymond '09** and his mother **Theresa Bills Hanaburgh '82** are also NYC alums. The ceremony was held in Holy Angels Church, the reception was held in the College Center Porterview Room and a large number of fellow alums joined Erin and Dick for their special day.

**Michael Nolan** has been keeping busy with his work at the Stanley Falk School, working with behaviorally challenged and emotionally disturbed students. In addition to his work with the students and their parents, Michael devotes additional time to the students at the school as a varsity soccer and basketball coach. Most recently, he received the STAR Award, which is an annual award presented to an employee at the Falk School for their dedication and commitment to the students attending Falk.

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May 26, 2012, was a very special day for **Lauren Feola**, as she became the wife of Brett Park. Lauren and Brett were joined by a multitude of NYC alums and staff on this special day. We welcome Brett to the extended NYC family.

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Bouquets to the bride, **Stephanie Allen**, who became Mrs. Stephanie Allen Foster on June 29, 2012, when she married Brandon Foster in Rochester, N.Y. Stephanie and Brandon celebrated the big day with many fellow NYC alumni and staff and we wish them years of happiness.

Hats off to **Deanna Rusek** who had two poems, "imbrication" and "Ode to the Forest," selected for publication in BlazeVOX, an online journal. BlazeVOX is an independent publisher of New Age fiction and a wide range of contemporary poetry. You can check out the entire 2011 winter issue, including Deanna's work, at [blazevox.org](http://blazevox.org).

In addition to his work, Michael also coaches baseball at the Maritime Charter School, serves as a volunteer baseball coach through the Town of Tonawanda Youth Parks and Recreation Department and as a volunteer basketball coach with the Blessed Sacrament Athletic Association.

Kudos to Michael on receiving the STAR Award, and we wish him continued success with his service to others.

**Jonathan Anthon** recently attended graduation festivities for his mother, **Anne Anthon '78**, who graduated as a member of the Class of 2012 with her MBA. Jonathan is area manager of Strategic Alliances – Cricket – Great Lakes Region for The Retail Outsource.

He oversees all national retail operations for Cricket's "grey market"–areas where Cricket does not own and operate its own network. The Great Lakes Region consists of Michigan, upstate New York, northern Indiana, western Ohio and Kentucky.



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## obituaries

**Doris Lamb Bensman '37** (January 20, 2012) died in Jupiter, Fla., where she had wintered for many years. A retired Buffalo teacher, Doris taught children outside the classroom setting. Her focus was on children who were hospitalized, physically challenged and youths in detention centers for the Buffalo school district. She retired from teaching in the mid '60s.

A graduate of Holy Angels Academy, Doris had a wonderful sense of humor. Her wit was quite obvious and appreciated in the scripts she wrote at the 20th Century Club. In her senior year at D'Youville, she sang at a local radio station in the Statler Hotel.

Her husband, Bill, died in 1992. She is survived by her daughter, Barbara A. Fonner, of San Francisco, Calif., and two sons, William F. Jr. and Robert L.

**Rose Riehle Toles '39** (March 7, 2012) of Hamburg, N.Y., was predeceased by her husband, George Edward Toles. She is survived by her sons, George E. (Melissa Steele) and Tom (Gretchen). She also leaves five grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was the sister of Alice Riley '30 and Mary Jo Godfrey '34.

**Katherine Riedy Collins '41** (March 15, 2012) was the wife of the late William G. Collins and the mother of Peter W., Candace C. (Richard Adams), Christine Georger and the late Cynthia Habermehl. Seven grandchildren survive her.

**Rita Saggese Dauria '45** (February 12, 2012) died in Houston, Texas, after a

brief illness, surrounded by her family. Her husband, William J. Dauria, whom she met when they were both students at Grover Cleveland High School, predeceased her. After they had graduated from college, they married and raised seven children whom they surrounded with love and caring and strong values. Rita had priorities: They were her family, the church and the community.

Both Bill and Rita involved themselves in aspects of the Buffalo and Erie County community including the Italian-American Society, Democratic Party events, and Sons and Daughters of America. It followed that Rita would immerse herself in her children's activities and she became a leader in the parents' organizations of Cathedral School, Bishop Fallon High School and Mt. St. Joseph's Academy. In her parish, she served in leadership roles in the Altar and Rosary Society, Pre-Cana and the Catholic Youth Organization.

From the time of her graduation from D'Youville the ties remained firm. She served several terms on the Alumni Association board, made Loyalty Fund phone calls and never said no to an appeal to assist at or chair an event. She served as a Eucharistic Minister in her parish and was actively involved for 20 years at the Bristol Manor Home, and delivered food for Meals on Wheels for which she was honored for over 25 years of service.

Variously, she was a teacher, a real estate agent and an appraiser. She was a great listener, and if you had the

experience of being touched by Rita, then you could feel her love, warmth, caring and generosity.

Rita is survived by her children: Kenneth, Joseph, Mary Kay, Lewis, Donna and Lucille. Her son John predeceased her. She also leaves 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren and little Madison, her great grandchild.

**Mary Quinn Tumas '50** (November 26, 2011) died peacefully in her home in Cinnaminson, N.J., surrounded by her family. She is survived by her dear husband of 60 years, Joseph J. Tumas Sr., and her children, Joseph Jr. (Anna), Robert (Elaine), Jack (Mary), Noreen (Dave) Higgs, Maria (Adam) Chirubini, Michael (Tom), James (Claudia) and Sally (Greg) Skoric. Mary was a beloved grandmother of Liam, Nora, Bobby, Julia, Mack, Jacqueline, Ben, Moira, Mary Caitlen, Tommy, Patrick, Genevieve, Adam, Christian, Amanda, Crystal, Gregory, Joseph and John Paul. She has left a great legacy to her family and friends. As a loving grandmother she touched 19 grandchildren with warm hugs and kisses. She imparted to her children her support, compassion and love.

Mary taught CCD at her parish in Cinnaminson, for more than ten years.

**Margaret Haselbauer '55** (March 1, 2012) was the sister of Mark (Suzanne) Haselbauer and the late James. She is also survived by four nieces and nephews and eight great-nieces and nephews.

**Patricia Smith Dempsey '58** (September 18, 2011) was the wife of Edward Dempsey and mother of Ann Marie, Michael, Patrick, Timothy and Edward. She also leaves 10 grandchildren.

Pat was a retired nurse who had worked at Our Lady of Victory Hospital and at Hopevale. She and Edward celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 26, 2011.

**Jane Ruth Egloff '62** (March 22, 2012) was the wife of Dana Harvey and mother to Liam Murphy (Susan Hess), Owen Murphy (Alicia) and Jessica Murphy (Vincent) Sacromando.

She also leaves two stepchildren, Damon (Dolores) Harvey and Jill Marie (James Garrison) Harvey. She is also survived by her four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Her life was celebrated at a memorial service in the Friendlyghhs tradition at the Orchard Park Quaker Meeting House.

**Carmen Anne Pequeen Thompson '64** (March 8, 2012) was predeceased by her husband, Gary, and her daughter, Jennifer Anne. A retired teacher, Carmen is survived by her son, Jon (Robin), seven grandchildren and her siblings; Jerry, Gail Dasta, Faith O'Day, Donald, David, Debbie Luca and Gwendolyn Carnerose.

**Kathryn Randall Bush '65** (March 4, 2012) of Gouverneur, N.Y., died after a long illness and under the care of her family and Hospice of St. Lawrence Valley. Kay worked for 25 years at the E.J. Noble Hospital where she headed infection control for 15

years. She is survived by her husband, Dale, and one son, Michael (Tricia); three daughters, Patti (Jim) Besaw, Maureen (Alvin) Moore and Teresa (Jim) Minckler. She also leaves her brothers, Jim (Carmela); Rick (Carol) and her sisters, Rita Hanson and Mary Beth Bush and seven grandchildren.

Kay had been an extremely involved volunteer in her parish for many years.

**Linda Hanes Kufel '82** (March 29, 2012) A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Elma, N.Y.

## condolences

Inez Saggese Hedemann '50 and Lucille Dauria Watkins '82 on the passing of their sister and mother, Rita Saggese Dauria '45

Jeanne M. Orrange Schenk '68 on the passing of her husband, Gary

Maureen Purcell Diggins '69 on the passing of her husband, J. Michael Diggins

Kathleen B. Morrissey Kraft '73 on the passing of her mother

Mary Jane Cryan Pancani '65 and Sheila Cryan Morris '66 on the passing of their mother, Jane (Matthews) Cryan

## in memoriam

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