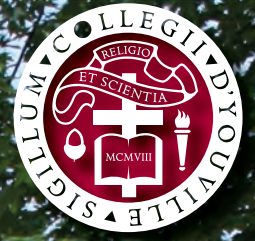


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54th HONORS convocation

DYC STUDENTS LAUDED FOR ACADEMICS, SERVICE AT HONORS CONVOCATION



College President, Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH poses with board of trustee chairman, Andrew W. Dorn, Jr.



Kaitlynn Trzaska won the prestigious D'Youville Medal.

D'Youville students are making a big imprint on the Buffalo community through their generous volunteerism, said Andrew W. Dorn, Jr., chairman of the college's board of trustees and president of Hunterview LLC.

Dorn said D'Youville students volunteered thousands of hours across the school year to organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Food Bank of Western New York, the Little Portion Friary, St. Mary's School for the Deaf and Westside Ministries. In addition, student groups have traveled several times to New Orleans to assist with post-Katrina projects, he said.

Dorn applauded D'Youville students' strong commitment to service in his remarks to more than 800 students, family and friends during the college's Honors Convocation on March 6 in the Mary Seton Room of Kleinhans Music Hall. The event recognizes students for their outstanding academic achievement and was opened by Student Association President Kirsten M. Norman '11, '15.

Dietetics student Jessica B. Gawronski '14 shared in the student reflection that she was disenchanted with college and college students' attitudes after earning a degree several years ago. When she returned to college and chose D'Youville, she quickly realized that it embodied a very different academic atmosphere.

"I was amazed at the dedicated students who were pursuing their education while balancing full-time jobs, children and aging parents, not to mention the apprehension that comes with returning to school after years away," she said.

D'Youville students completely changed her perspective about college students as a whole, she said, noting their compassion, perseverance in the face of hardships and their support of one another.

"Life is more than about being a good student," she said. "It's about being a good person.... You get that!"

Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, college president, conferred the college's highest honor, the D'Youville Medal, on Kaitlynn Trzaska '12, who was recognized by her department for outstanding leadership and academic talent. Trzaska, who was twice honored by the Student Association for her involvement and contributions to campus life, has traveled to New Orleans with other D'Youville students to support Green Light New Orleans and St. Jude's Community Center. In addition, she has volunteered at the Ronald

McDonald House, participated in the Rides for Roswell and served as a Special Olympics coach. Currently Trzaska is enrolled in the physical therapy doctoral program.

Sister also presented the Grey Nun of the Sacred Heart Medal to graduate student Takesha Leonard '09. This award recognizes a student who is both academically outstanding and generous in service to others, the hallmark of St. Marguerite d'Youville.

Alumni Association President Michelle Swygert '98 presented the Lee Conroy Higgins Award to military veteran Robert Kubiak II '13. Kubiak, who is preparing to serve the community as a teacher and scholar, was lauded for his service to his country and involvement in college life.

Mary Jane Key '89 presented the Saint Catherine of Alexandria Medal to Marissa Benzin '15, an occupational therapy student who was later elected president of the Student Association for the upcoming school year. The medal is presented to a third-year student with high academic standing and outstanding service to the college, fellow students and the community as well as promise for future achievements. In nominating Benzin, one of her advisers wrote that she was born to lead and called her one of D'Youville's finest students.

History professor David H. Kelly, Ph.D., prayed the benediction. He recently retired after many years of service to the college. The students left the hall to the "Grand Triumphal Chorus" by Alexandre Guilmant.

Jessica Gawronski poses with Student Association president Kirsten Norman.



Graduate student Takesha Leonard was honored with the Grey Nun of the Sacred Heart Medal.

2013 Departmental Academic Awards

CHIROPRACTIC

NICOLE KRZYIEWSKI – SEVEN YEAR, BS/DC AWARD

ALANA FLITT – FOUR YEAR, DC AWARD

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

GRACE DIAZ – UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

MATE SALEKOVICS – GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

DAWN GUENTHER – ADVANCE STUDENT AWARD

MANISHA VOHRA – MBA AWARD

ERICA COMISSO – EXERCISE & SPORTS STUDENT AWARD

DEVAN FRANCHINI – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AWARD

DIETETICS

ERIN WILBERT – DIETETICS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

GRADUATE EDUCATION

KATELYN GENTNER – GERALD CALABRESE SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD

DYLAN GABRINI – TESOL AWARD

STACEY HUNT – ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION AWARD

ASHLEY LESY – CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARD

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

KRISTINA STUMPF – LIBERAL STUDIES/EDUCATION ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

MOMBA CHIA – HSA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

BARBARA AHRENS KUPPEL – HSA ACADEMIC AWARD

HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT

ASHLEIGH BERST & AMANDA CONIGLIO – ACADEMIC AWARD

LIBERAL ARTS

JEFFREY LELONEK & DAMION TOWNSEND-BALDWIN – SOCIOLOGY AWARD

JASON SHAFFER – HISTORY AWARD

MARK MCDERMOTT – HUMANITIES AWARD

JOELLE HOCHULSKI – FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARD

AMANDA VONA – WRITING AWARD

AMANDA CONIGLIO – CAREER DISCOVERY AWARD

CHRISTOPHER GLOWACKI – PSYCHOLOGY AWARD

ROY WOOD – UNDERGRADUATE ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION AWARD

MATH AND NATURAL SCIENCES

ROBERT KUBIAK II & SHAINA NELSON – BIOLOGY AWARD

JORDAN KILJANSKI & ROBERT KUBIAK II – RESEARCH AWARD

NURSING GRADUATE

SUSAN WOPPERER – BERNICE SCHNEEBERGER NURSING THEORY AWARD

AREEG AHMED – MARJORIE STANTON RESEARCH AWARD

GILLIAN RYAN – FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER AWARD

NURSING UNDERGRADUATE

EMILY CHEUNG – MARGARET CURRY AWARD

MELISSA RUSH – ELEANOR G. ALEXANDER AWARD

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

BRITTANY YOCIUS – BS/MS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

STEPHANIE NARDE – MS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

PATRICIA MCLARTY – PROFESSIONAL PROMISE AWARD

LEACADIA DIX – PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S AWARD

PHARMACY

MATTHEW RUDY (P1), ALEXANDRA KING (P2), ANDREW VAN SLYKE (P3)- SCHOOL OF PHARMACY HYGEIA AWARD

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

MATTHEW CRANE – ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE STUDENT AWARD

PHYSICAL THERAPY

KRISTEN SMITH – ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

SHELLEY DEROOY – PT SERVICE/LEADERSHIP AWARD

JOSHUA CAHILL – DR. J. WARREN PERRY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

CHRISTINE COLLINS

JAMIE FERY

CJ RICHARDS

JEFFREY SPORS

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA MEDAL – MARISSA BENZIN

LEE CONROY HIGGINS AWARD – ROBERT KUBIAK II

D'YOUVILLE MEDAL – KAITLYNN TRZASKA

GREY NUN OF THE SACRED HEART MEDAL – TAKESHA LEONARD

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRADUATE brunch

On May 16 the class of 2013 was welcomed into the DYC Alumni Association with a champagne toast by director of alumni relations Meg R. Richardson. This year's event at the Porterview Room of the College Center was attended by more than 300 people. Joining the graduates for this celebration were members of the alumni association board of directors, college president Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH and D'Youville administrators, faculty and staff. Each graduate received a gift, along with information regarding services offered to all alumni. Kyle Trimble '13 offered the invocation and Andrea Milleville '13 gave the benediction.

Sister Denise reminded the graduates that although they were well prepared to make their mark in the world, they should not forget to give back to the community. She added that they would remain in her daily prayers.

After her remarks, legacy alumni who have a relative in the graduating class were recognized and presented with a gift. This year there were 11 legacy alumni to honor.



Maria Carmen Cruz '82, left, mother of Felicia Cruz '13 was honored along with Ada Correa-Miller '05 and Mike Miller '07, aunt and uncle of Felicia



Maura Pulli '13 with her grandmother Geraldine Sherman Maley '54



*Jenni Andolina
Wosniak '85 with
her sister Carrie
Andolina '13*



*Robert Mohring '13 with dad
Gregory Mohring '81*



*Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH
addressing the graduates*



*Jeannine Osborne
Monteleone '02 with
her sister, Christine
Osborne '13*



*Dr. Theresa DiLuca Vallone '05, '11
proudly pictured with nephew Christopher
Gluc '13*



Deanna Rusek '11, with her niece Nicole Rusek '13



*Christen Graham '13 with aunt Tamell
Johnson Walker '06*

BACCALAUREATE

Interfaith Hooding ceremony

Clad in regalia, D'Youville's class of 2013 walked a step closer to graduation as they processed into Holy Angels Church for the traditional baccalaureate ceremony on May 17.

Although the class entered as a uniform mass of black robes, during the ceremony, the college faculty presented each graduate with his or her hood, sending an array of kelly green, gold, light blue, drab, white, apricot and dark blue swirling through the student body, with each hue representing a unique academic discipline offered at D'Youville.

The ceremony featured inspiring music from the Gordon Highlanders bagpipers as well as Robert H. Chambers and the Mark Mazur Ensemble, which played Aaron Copeland's "Fanfare for the Common Man."

A host of speakers set the spiritual tone of the ceremony, with the Rev. Janice Mahle offering the opening prayer, Clark Betyn '13 reading the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians and Andrea Milleville sharing words of wisdom from Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Student Association president-elect Marissa Benzin '15 welcomed the standing room-only crowd, who listened as college president Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, reflected that, upon leaving D'Youville, the graduates would have a tremendous responsibility to use their strengths, knowledge and talent to improve the world.

The Rev. James Fee, pastor of Holy Angels Church, offered the closing prayer.





Clark Bety '13



Andrea Milleville '13



Speakers from the baccalaureate ceremony from left the Rev. James Fee, the Rev. Janice Mahle, associate campus minister, college president Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, vice president for academic affairs Dr. Arup Sen, the Rev. Patrick O'Keefe, director of campus ministry and Marissa Benzin

105th COMMENCEMENT exercises



Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, speaks to the graduates

SPEAKER URGES GRADUATES TO GUARD THEIR CHARACTER

As members of the class of 2013 celebrated their academic accomplishments at the 105th D'Youville commencement exercises on May 18 in Kleinhans Music Hall, they were reminded to hold close not only to their collegiate experiences but also three treasures.

M. Eileen Schmitt '68, M.D.—who was awarded an honorary degree in recognition of her tireless work on behalf of the underserved, the uninsured and the poor—shared wisdom from Chinese spiritual leader Lao Tzu's "The Book of the Way and Its Virtue."

In her address, she cited the 67th chapter, "I have three treasures which I hold fast and watch closely; the first is mercy, the second frugality and the third humility. From mercy flows courage, from frugality flows generosity, from humanity flows leadership."

Dr. Schmitt said guarding those three treasures would enable the graduates to live a fully integrated, enriched life.

Quoting Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," she explained, "The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven... But mercy is above the scepter'd sway; It is enthroned in the hearts of kings, It is an attribute to God himself; And earthly powers doth then show likest God's when mercy seasons justice."

Likewise, frugality—or simplicity—opens our hearts and eyes to see that we don't need everything, Dr. Schmitt said. "We obtain what we need and give generously to those in need," she said. "All of us must make a difference here and walk gently on the earth."

Finally, humility forces us to recognize that we are not above anything in nature, she said. "We are not above any of our sisters or our brothers. This understanding is the mark of a true leader," she explained.

D'Youville awarded 700 undergraduate and doctoral degrees with more than 450 students attending the ceremony to receive their diplomas.

Janet Marriott Rebhan '63, a member of the golden anniversary class, offered the invocation. In honor of newly elected Pope Francis, Rebhan closed her remarks by offering the prayer of St. Francis.

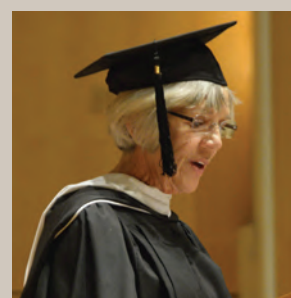
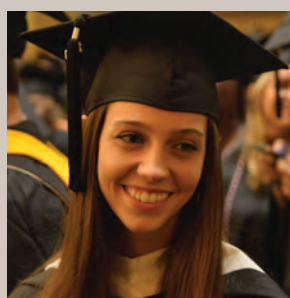
The student salutatory was delivered by Shelley de Rooy '13, a doctor of physical therapy graduate and recipient of the department's 2013 service and leadership award.



Students await the start of the commencement ceremony



Speaker M. Eileen Schmitt '68, M.D. left, poses with college president Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH



Janet Marriott Rebhan '63 offered the invocation



CLASS OF 1963

Members of the golden Class of 1963 enjoyed a brunch in the Board Room of the College Center after attending the commencement ceremony on May 18.

Pictured are front row from left: Diane Mariano Hartke, Carol Jolley Kent and Barbara Campagna

Second row from left: Geri Florek Wiess, Mary Grace Poorten Demarse, Joan Planz Spencer, Janet Marriott Rebhan, Valerie Thielman Blind, Suzanne T. Lach, Mary Ann Norton Gehan and Joanne Pegler Berger

Passage to India

DYC LAUNCHES FOREIGN RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR CHIROPRACTIC PROGRAM



Dr. Marie Fernandes, principal, Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues, managing trustee and Dr. Arup Sen, vice president for academic affairs sign an agreement that will bring students to DYC for a five year dual-degree program. Dr. Sen presents a gift to Msgr. Rodrigues. Also pictured is Mr. Ronald Dannecker, director of international admissions and marketing.

It's not just corporate America that's staking a claim in the Indian market.

In an effort to establish the D'Youville brand—in particular, the college's chiropractic department—a team of faculty members and administrators traveled to India in February to educate doctors and medical students about chiropractic care, a field that is virtually non-existent in the country.

"The presentations were very well received, and there was a high level of interest," said Dr. Kathleen Linaker, executive director of the chiropractic department and associate professor. "I think [our outreach] will result in students applying to D'Youville."

The idea for the trip was pitched by Dr. Vidur Jain '13, an orthopedic surgeon with a practice in New Delhi who in May earned his doctor of chiropractic degree from D'Youville. Dr. Jain understood first-hand that physicians would benefit from learning about chiropractic care because it provides a low-cost treatment option for patients and allows doctors to

expand their practices, said Dr. Arup Sen, vice president for academic affairs and a native of India. As it stands now, there is only one chiropractic practice in Delhi, a region with a population of 22 million people.

"I immediately saw the potential for the college," said Sen, upon hearing Jain's idea for a marketing trip. "[India] is an untapped market, and we want to be there first with our program." Since its inception in 2004, 78 students have graduated from D'Youville's chiropractic department, with an additional group of 20 slated to earn their degree by year's end.

Upon receiving an enthusiastic endorsement for the trip from D'Youville President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Dr. Sen recruited a team for the trip that included Dr. Jain; Dr. Linaker; Ronald H. Dannecker, director of international admissions and marketing and Brandon L. Moran, international recruiter. The trip was a natural fit with the college's strategic plan to expand international enrollment, particularly in India, Dannecker said.

"An effort of this kind takes time," Dr. Sen said. "You have the distance, language and culture to work with, but we have successfully planted the D'Youville name in India."

Jain arranged for the D'Youville contingent to make presentations to about 150 medical students at Teerthanker Mahaveer University in Moradabad, which the team said were well received and prompted numerous questions about the chiropractic field.

In sessions for practicing physicians, the D'Youville team explained how chiropractic care could lower patients' treatment costs and potentially eliminate the need for surgery. As part of its presentation, the team showed a 20-minute D'Youville-produced video featuring faculty members making various back and leg adjustments.

Beyond marketing the chiropractic program, D'Youville also signed an agreement with St. Andrew's College of Arts, Science & Commerce, a 4,000-student Catholic college in Mumbai,

that will bring students to the college for a five-year dual-degree program in international business. Graduates of St. Andrew's College—which, like other Indian universities, offers three-year undergraduate degree programs—would transfer to D'Youville and earn in two years their degree in master of science in international business; graduates of the high school at St. Andrew's could matriculate directly to D'Youville for the full five-year combined bachelor and master of science in international business degree.

Initially, D'Youville aims to recruit 10-15 Indian students across its programs for the 2014-2015 academic year, with the goal of expanding collaborations with Indian institutions to increase that number in subsequent years. To date, Dannecker said D'Youville has received about 18 total applications from Indian students for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 academic years.

The D'Youville team also traveled to Hyderabad, where they spoke to students and attended the Indo-American Education summit, a networking event that garnered participation from 1,000 colleges and universities worldwide.

In addition, Moran ventured across India to market the college to 18 secondary schools in five cities, traveling with a group of 17 other college and university recruiters from the United States, Germany, and Liberia.

Moran said he was amazed by students' and administrators' interest in studying abroad. "The demand for higher education far outweighs the number of colleges and universities in India, and for many, the U.S. and the U.K. are popular options. With the various challenges facing India...many see education as the panacea. Because of the problems at home, they take education very seriously."



Entrance of St. Andrew's College



Mr. Ronald Dannecker, Professor Janine Coelho, St. Andrew's College, Dean, St. Andrew's College, Msgr. Nereus Rodrigues, Dr. Marie Fernandes and Dr. Arup Sen



Brandon Moran, international admissions counselor recruiting at the Indo-American Summit

Imagine a physician diagnosing your health problems simply by placing three fingers on your wrists and peering at your tongue.

Although it sounds far-fetched to westerners, such exams are a common diagnostic tool for practitioners of traditional Chinese medicine.

At D'Youville, faculty and students soon may learn more about that discipline because the college recently signed a memorandum of understanding with Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine in Nanning, a city in the Guangxi region of southern China along the country's border with Vietnam.

The agreement resulted from a 14-day fact-finding trip taken in April by Dr. Arup Sen, vice president for academic affairs, and Ronald H. Dannecker, director of international admissions and marketing.

"D'Youville has many of the western health care programs the Chinese students have an interest in studying," Dannecker said. "This relationship [with Guangxi] should be mutually beneficial to both institutions."

The agreement focuses on three general areas:

- Cooperating on master's and doctoral degrees in medical education
- Developing a summer camp for Guangxi students so they can practice their English with native speakers and take medical course work while enjoying Western New York culture
- Exchanging information to create joint research programs

In addition, the schools plan to exchange information about chiropractic, nursing, pharmacy and public health management programs, Sen said.

Planting a foothold in China is important for D'Youville because it helps to improve global diversity on campus and boosts the college's tuition revenue stream, Dannecker said. With the Buffalo region's declining high school population, securing more international students is critical for the college's sustainability.

D'Youville is targeting China because of the exploding number of Chinese students who study in the United States



Nursing students at Tianjin University

due to their native country's booming economy and population. According to the Institute of International Education, almost 200,000 Chinese students joined North American universities for the 2011-2012 academic year, a figure that nearly doubled in six years. As Mr. Dannecker observed, "Recruiting in the international market is now commonplace among all colleges and universities, and it is adding to the diversity found on campus and in American society."

During their trip to Guangxi, Dr. Sen and Mr. Dannecker gained a greater understanding about the discipline of traditional Chinese medicine by meeting faculty members, visiting traditional pharmacies and touring teaching labs where faculty utilize computerized mannequin forearms and photographs of thousands of tongues to train students to give traditional exams.

Sen and Dannecker also traveled to other areas of China, visiting several high schools, colleges and universities in an effort to build relationships with institutions across the education spectrum.

Dr. Arup Sen, vice president for academic affairs and Mr. Ronald Dannecker, director of international admissions and marketing meet with faculty at Guangxi University of Chinese Medicine



D'YOUVILLE NAMES NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mrs. Jodene Vrana Cunningham '89 is owner of Copper Bee Designs, an event florist specializing in custom floral arrangements. She is president of the D'Youville College Alumni Association.



In addition to his other appointments, **Dr. Gil Farkash** is on staff at Women First Healthcare of WNY. He is a cum laude graduate of the University at Buffalo where he also earned his medical degree. Dr. Farkash is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist, and is past president of Buffalo Gynecologic and Obstetric Society.



Mr. Timothy L. Kane earned a business degree from Cornell University and a law degree from St. Louis University School of Law.



Mr. Gary D. Quenneville graduated from SUNY Oswego and joined KeyBank in 1985. He oversees the region's business banking, private banking and commercial banking business including the Rochester market.



Mrs. Barbara Lee Rhee '82 is also president of the Arlington County Medical Society Alliance in Falls Church, Virginia where she resides. She is a faculty member and volunteer at St. James Catholic school.

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Ciao!

DYC STUDENTS WELCOMED IN FLORENCE FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Twenty D'Youville students traveled in May to Florence, Italy, for a 15-day, one-credit course as part of an exchange program between the college and the University of Florence.

Each summer since 2010, D'Youville has hosted Italian medical students to study anatomy, said Marion Pace Olivieri, Ph.D., chairwoman and professor of the college's department of math and natural sciences. Professors from the University of Florence organized this exchange trip to raise money to send their students to D'Youville. DYC students paid \$2,500 for the course, entitled "The Art of Medicine: History of Medicine and Art in Florence," which included lodging, transportation around Italy, museum fees and the instructors.

The college sent a diverse group overseas that included undergraduate and graduate students, military veterans, and students from a number of academic majors. The students were accompanied by Dr. Olivieri, biology professor Mary Hurley, Ph.D., and Todd Stevens, adjunct professor and gross anatomy laboratory instructor.

"Almost every student sent me a thank-you note saying, 'This was life-changing,'" Olivieri said. Several students are now interested in studying abroad for a full semester, she said.

The course was split into five content areas: Florence in the history of medicine, the history of anatomy, the history of science, the history and places of health care and medicine applied to the history (an inside look at the Medici Project). During the trip, participants studied at a number of famed institutions such as the Medici Library, the Uffizi, Museo Galileo, Farmacia di Santa Maria Novella and Orto Botanico di Firenze, one of the world's oldest botanical gardens.

The D'Youville students were given tremendous access to experts and valuable artwork, Olivieri said. For instance, when they toured the University of Florence's private museum located outside the city, they were able to view up close a Botticelli painting worth more than \$45 million. As part of their anatomy and art studies, they heard a lecture about Michaelangelo's David statue from an expert who has personally examined the statue and explained to them how anatomically accurate the statue was, reviewing each of the muscles and their movement. On another class day, they took an art class from a professional Italian artist and sketched nudes.

"I not only learned a great deal about the actual history of medicine, but I learned about the Italian culture, its beautiful people and myself," wrote Waldo Rivera in his trip journal.



DYC students presenting a gift to Professor Sandra Zecchi, director of the exchange program

Each student kept a sketch book and journal during the trip. The lectures were scheduled for about half of each day so that students would have plenty of free time to explore museums and experience Italian culture.

"I have learned so much from this trip and will never forget all that I have seen," wrote Brandon Belz '15.

Students could also choose their own activities on weekends, Olivieri said. Many took trips to Venice, Pisa, Rome and the Italian coast. Ten of the Italian "weekend ambassadors" studied at D'Youville last summer, and the DYC contingent met the Italian medical students who are studying at the college this summer as part of the Giovanni Mazzotti Italian-American Conference on Human Anatomy, Research and Health Care Professions, said Olivieri, one of the conference's organizers.

Italian students generally do not have the opportunity to dissect cadavers because it is not customary in Italy for bodies to be embalmed and donation programs are not in place, she said. The Mazzotti conference provides them with 100 hours of gross anatomy study, as well as trips to Roswell Park Cancer Institute, New York and Niagara Falls and social events hosted by Buffalo physicians who studied in Italy, Olivieri said. Two Mazzotti conferences are scheduled for this summer.



D'Youville students toast their amazing experience at a farewell dinner where they received participation certificates for completing the course

SIMULATIONS HELP DYC HEALTHCARE STUDENTS FOSTER PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION

With patient-centered coordinated care emerging as a mandate under the nation's health care overhaul, D'Youville is helping its health care students prepare to meet this challenge by collaboratively assessing and counseling mock patients in a clinical simulation lab, with participation from third- or fourth-year students from D'Youville's seven health professional departments and schools: physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, pharmacy, nursing, chiropractic and dietetics.

Health care education programs are typically siloed by discipline, and students are not granted opportunities to practice care coordination with other types of health care providers. D'Youville is one of the few colleges or universities in the nation teaching seven different health care disciplines, making it an ideal environment to foster interprofessional collaboration, said Dr. Gary Stoehr, dean of the School of Pharmacy and member of the college's Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) steering committee.

The simulations took place in the college's new Interprofessional Clinical Advancement Center at 2900 Main St., Buffalo. A \$60,200 grant from the J. Warren Perry and Charles Donald Perry Memorial Fund of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo funded two simulation rooms—a hospital room and an outpatient clinic—as well as simulation software and camera systems.

Dr. Lynn Rivers, chair of the physical therapy department, is the founding chair of IPEC. "It has been remarkable how quickly all seven programs have come together around this exciting new concept of using simulation [for interprofessional education]," she said. "In one year, we have built phase one of our new simulation center, created the curriculum and already offered simulation experiences to over 270 students. Colleagues around the country are amazed that we managed to have all seven of us work together on the project."

During each four-hour exercise, a small group of students interacted with a "patient" played by either a Buffalo-area actor or a trained non-actor. A few weeks prior to the simulation's launch, faculty members helped the actors to learn their basic role



D'Youville health care students work as a team to counsel a mock patient in the college's new clinical stimulation lab.

as a patient with a specific health problem; however, each of the "patients" improvised their responses as they steered students to the correct diagnosis, prompted caregivers to explain their roles and helped participants to meet the simulation's interprofessional learning objectives such as team work, communication and patient-centered problem-solving. Actors were also assigned to portray the patient's family member, who students had to manage while completing their patient evaluation and dialogue.

"The students loved it, the faculty loved it, the actors loved it," Stoehr said. "The students universally wanted more time to explain what they could do."

The labs are equipped with cameras that provide a live feed to a small classroom and recording devices so that each simulation could be reviewed. For each exercise, nine to 14 students from each of the seven disciplines would take turns in small teams to walk through four 15- to 20-minute scenarios while the remaining group members watched.

During each scenario, the students had to communicate with each other and together with the patient and family member as they followed the patient during one year of his or her life. Participants first encountered the patient during an outpatient visit, then again during an acute event that resulted in hospitalization in the intensive care unit, and finally followed the patient through discharge home.

After each scenario was played out, participants gathered for a debriefing session, where faculty members facilitated a guided

discussion in which students reflected on the experience, identifying problem areas and successes, and received feedback from other students and faculty, Stoehr said.

"The learning wasn't in the room," Stoehr said. "It was in the debrief afterwards. It's probably the best example of experiential learning that I've seen in a long time."

Dr. Karen Panzarella, assistant professor of physical therapy and a certified health care simulation educator, led the curriculum development with 25 professors from across the college. "The goal of the curriculum was to allow each discipline to demonstrate a portion of their professional practice while being challenged to communicate with a patient, family and other health professionals to coordinate care," she said.

Pharmacy student Daniel Kubit '14 said the simulation was extremely valuable. "It not only gave us a life-like scenario to practice the respective professional skills we have learned thus far in class, but more importantly, it gave us a comprehensive understanding of a patient's journey through the health care system."

"This first year has been so successful that the J. Warren and Donald E. Perry Memorial fund has already granted the college another \$57,000 to assist us in phase two of our development, which will build a third simulation room to depict a home-care setting, which is more and more often a place where significant health care is needed with earlier discharges from hospitals," Dr. Rivers said.

SPORTS RESEARCH CENTER AIMING TO EXPAND RESEARCH PORTFOLIO

With a leadership transition on the horizon, the Center for Research on Physical Activity, Sport & Health is planning to leverage the change to expand its research agenda.

CRPASH, was founded through a gift from Deborah Slaner Larkin and The Margaret Fund in 2006. The center acts as an organizational hub, pulling together interdisciplinary teams of research scientists from the biomedical sciences and social sciences to probe how sports and physical activity influence physical and mental health. CRPASH also provides research and services to help community-based organizations better understand and enhance their programs.

CRPASH founding director Donald Sabo, Ph.D. is slated to retire in August from teaching to devote himself full-time to writing and research. He has been designated to conduct a set of nationwide analyses of U.S. youth participation in sport in conjunction with the Aspen Institute's Project Play, a "once-in-a-generation opportunity to reimagine youth sports in America, with special focus on underserved communities and the needs of public health." The CRPASH-based program research team will produce a report designed to inform conversations and policy discussion among leaders from health, philanthropy, media and industry.

Sabo will retain directorship of the center but add a co-director, Renee Cadzow, Ph.D., currently an assistant professor in the department of health services administration.

"The center is poised for accelerated growth, and the emerging synergy between Dr. Cadzow's and my research interests is putting fresh wind in the proverbial sails," he said.

Sabo's research centers on a national look at females in sports, in particular exploring the relationship between youth sports, education and health and examining gender equity issues in sport; Cadzow's work focuses largely on family health within Western New York, including issues such as childhood obesity prevention, health care access and breastfeeding. The emerging co-directorship promises to bridge these national and regional theaters for research

development, and several grant proposals that reflect their shared research interests are currently under review.

For instance, center researchers would like to probe the role of physical activity and sport in young mothers and explore their relationship with family health. In addition, Sabo and Cadzow are discussing conducting a coordinated study with colleagues at the University of Michigan's Sport, Health and Activity Research and Policy Center for Women and Girls.

Sabo and CRPASH researcher Lisa Rafalson, Ph.D., along with Philip T. Veliz of the University of Michigan recently authored a national research study, "More Than a Sport: Tennis, Education and Health." The study—released in February and commissioned by USTA Serves, Inc., the national charitable foundation of the U.S. Tennis Association—was designed to provide the foundation with evidence-based research and analysis to inform the tennis community, government leaders and corporate and organizational decision makers about tennis participation's impact on American teenagers.

The CRPASH research was the first nationwide study to compare the educational and health profiles of teenaged tennis players with their peers who played non-contact sports (cross-country, gymnastics, swimming, volleyball and track) and contact sports (basketball, baseball, field hockey, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, soccer and wrestling) as well as non-athletes.

The study found that compared with non-athletes and participants in other sports, tennis players got better grades, devoted more hours to study, aspired to attend and graduate from university and reported lower suspension and expulsion rates. Moreover, despite the perception that tennis only benefits upper-class Americans, the study found that many of the educational and social benefits of playing tennis held across socio-economic levels.

CRPASH aims to create "win-wins" among researchers who can collaboratively develop research initiatives, secure project funds and conduct studies.



Renee Cadzow, Ph.D., joined D'Youville's department of health services administration in August 2012. She previously worked as a research faculty member at the University at Buffalo's department of family medicine and was the director of evaluation for the New York State Area Health Education Center Systems. Her research interests include childhood obesity prevention and health care access.

She has collaborated with Western New York school districts to implement system-wide policy and environmental changes and develop programs that bolster nutrition and physical activity behaviors. As a public health advocate, she serves on two area school district wellness committees, on the board of the Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network and on the subcommittee for the P2 Collaborative of Western New York's Healthy Start, Healthy Futures for All childhood obesity initiative.

Cadzow has also worked closely with Western New York community partners to lobby for environmental and policy changes to support breastfeeding, which is strongly related to later life health and well-being for mothers and children. To that end, she gave a lecture at Ithaca College this spring entitled "Disparities in Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration among African American Women: a historical perspective and current initiatives" based on her research funded by an NIH health disparities loan repayment grant.

DIETETICS STUDENT JOINS USAID HEALTH PROGRAM IN LIBERIA

Mameni Linga remembers eating one meal each day. Malnutrition and food insecurity are more than abstract concepts for the 25-year-old D'Youville master's in dietetics student. Rather, they are daily inspiration to help others escape her childhood fate.

To that end, Linga is spending the summer in her native Liberia working for the U.S. Agency for International Development's Rebuilding Basic Health Services, a five-year, \$62 million program that started in 2008. Linga is based in Monrovia, the capital city, but she travels frequently to community centers and medical sites in the rural countryside for meetings, training workshops and clinic visits. Along with physicians and other health professionals, she is educating Liberians about nutrition.

"The community response has been wonderful," she wrote in an e-mail interview. "Most of the individuals receiving these services are very appreciative because in some cases, the program provides services that have never been implemented or haven't been implemented in a long time."

Many Liberians struggle with under-nutrition and food insecurity, Linga said. She is particularly interested in developing interventions for pregnant women because proper nutrition is essential to human growth and development. Early intervention can prevent side effects of malnourishment, such as stunting, a problem that affects 40 percent of Liberian children, she said. "Preventative care through nutrition therapy can prevent malnutrition and diseases for generations," she said.

"This program is one of a kind, and I was so blessed with this opportunity," she said. "Words cannot explain how excited I was when I found out I was going to be spending my summer doing this!"

Linga said some of the projects she is helping to implement in Liberia are similar to components of the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program in the United States and of D'Youville's community nutrition supervised practice course projects.

"I have always been interested in working within public health agencies that work with



Sister to sister class

malnourished child-bearing age women to help provide medical nutrition therapy and nutritional counseling to promote behavioral change that will prevent and, in some cases, manage nutrition-related problems that affect women and infant health," she said.

Linga's professors at D'Youville are not surprised that she sought out the opportunity to improve nutrition in her native country.

"I'm impressed by her interest in helping a variety of cultural groups, particularly the poor, in getting health care services," said professor Ed Weiss, Ph.D., who taught Linga in his community nutrition course. "She was particularly interested in the problems associated with that."

Weiss said the experience working on the ground in Liberia would be invaluable to Linga.

"I think it's important that our students get hands-on skills and experiences working with different cultures," he said. "You can read about different cultures in textbooks, but it pales in comparison to living in that culture, being embedded in that culture."

Megan Whelan, an assistant professor who supervised Linga's clinical work, said she is a passionate student. "Mameni is a student that really goes above and beyond (what is required)," she said. "Every time I say, 'You have to do one thing,' she'll say, 'Can I do two or three?'"

"She is very dynamic and has lots of energy. She is always looking for ways to improve people's lifestyles."

At D'Youville, Linga volunteers with Sister-to-Sister Connection of WNY to teach health education to underprivileged girls and helped to plan, prepare and serve a Thanksgiving meal for senior citizens at Santa Maria Towers. She is a member of the Student Dietetics Association and also volunteers as a literacy tutor for refugees at First Presbyterian Church through Literacy New York Buffalo-Niagara.

Linga is a Liberian citizen who came to the United States with her family in 2003 to escape the Liberian civil war and is now a permanent U.S. resident. She graduated from Gateway High School in Aurora, Colo., and earned a bachelor of science degree in human biology and nutrition at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Linga said she decided to pursue a master's degree in dietetics to learn the necessary skills that would put her on the front lines to battle malnutrition and food insecurity. She is expected to graduate in 2014 and plans to study food safety knowledge in HIV-positive adults for her thesis. This summer, she will encounter HIV-positive mothers, and she said she hopes that she will have an opportunity to counsel and teach this population.

DIETETICS FACULTY HONORED BY PROFESSIONAL GROUPS



LINDA MOCNY '13, R.D., C.D.N., clinical assistant professor, was honored in May with the 2013 Distinguished Dietitian Award by the New York State Dietetic Association at its annual meeting in Rochester, N.Y.

Mocny was recognized for educational contributions to the dietetics profession and professional advocacy, such as legislative initiatives, community service, research and recognition by dietitians and other professionals. She previously served as the association's president.

At D'Youville, Mocny helped develop the service management component of the dietetics curriculum, including the ServSafe Certification. In accepting the NYSDA award, she proudly noted that 25 percent of the association's 16 award winners at its annual meeting were connected to D'Youville's dietetics department, which offers a five-year combined bachelor and master of science degree.

She was previously recognized with the Western New York Dietetic Association's Distinguished Dietitian Award in 2011-2012, the WNYDA's Excellence in Legislative Advocacy Award, the D'Youville Dietetics Faculty of the Year and the NYSDA: Isabelle Hallahan Award for Excellence in Food Service Management in 2005. She also served in the U.S. Army, where she earned an Army Commendation Medal at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Army Achievement Medal, a Meritorious Unit Commendation and an Army Service ribbon, among other honors.



MEGAN D. WHELAN, R.D., assistant professor and clinical coordinator, was honored in April with the 2013 Outstanding Dietetic Educator Award from the Area 7 Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors group at its annual area meeting in Charlottesville, Va.

The award recognizes the teaching, mentoring and leadership activities of faculty and preceptors in accredited dietetics education programs. According to the group, Whelan demonstrated innovative teaching skills and techniques, mentored students and proved her leadership skill in association activities. She also won the award at the regional and state levels.

In Whelan's award application, student Jessica Gawronski explained: "Knowing all that she does, it doesn't seem possible that she would have enough hours in the day, yet she has never made me feel like she didn't have time to listen when I've had concerns or needed advice. She is the perfect blend of professionalism and approachability and never makes me feel like my concerns are insignificant. Every time I've talked to Megan, I've always left feeling encouraged and inspired."

Likewise, student Nicole Gajewski lauded Whelan for training students to be professionals who can tackle complex problems in the field. "Our class seems to ask a lot of questions, and Megan is always great about helping us work through the problem and think it through rather than just shoot off the answer and move on," she wrote in support of Whelan.

DIETETICS INSTRUCTOR NAMED 'NUTRITION AMBASSADOR'

D'Youville clinical dietetics instructor Bonnie Cass was recently named a clinical nutrition ambassador for Morrison Management Specialists, a food service company focused in the health care and senior living community markets.

In her new role, Cass will identify resources for other dietitians, help develop patient education materials and update company manuals. She is currently a clinical and nutrition support dietitian at Erie County Medical Center. She has taught at the college for four years and leads the critical care nutrition rotation for fifth-year dietetics students at the ECMC trauma unit.

PROFESSOR COMPLETES ONLINE TEACHING CERTIFICATE

Susan Kowalewski, PhD, department of management, successfully completed an "Online Teaching Certificate" with the Sloan Consortium in July 2013. The certification prepares educators to teach and improve online courses using the Sloan-C pillars of quality in online education—learning effectiveness, scale, faculty and student satisfaction, and access. Dr. Kowalewski specialized in online learners.

Dr. Kowalewski, published the article, *Storytelling: An Integral Facet in Organizations in The International Journal of Business and Social Research* during the Spring 2013. She was also an invited presenter at the State University of New York at Buffalo Spring 2013 Speakers Series. Her presentation titled, "Hiring and Firing in the Dental Office", was presented on the Amherst campus and via distance learning to Jamestown and outside Syracuse.

STUDENTS GAIN NEW PATHWAY TO EARLY MEDICAL, DENTAL SCHOOL ACCEPTANCE WITH LECOM AGREEMENT

Building on D'Youville's history of placing students into medical and dental programs, the college in April announced an agreement with the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine that will offer qualified students provisional early acceptance into LECOM's College of Osteopathic Medicine or School of Dental Medicine.

"We felt that D'Youville was a good fit because it has a strong science curriculum, and the fact that it has its own School of Pharmacy indicates an understanding of the commitment it takes to enter the medical profession," said John Wojtkielewicz, a facilitator and admissions associate for LECOM's College of Osteopathic Medicine at its Erie, Pa campus. "Its proximity to Erie also makes it appealing to students."

Current freshman and sophomore biology and chemistry majors as well as prospective D'Youville students may apply for early acceptance, said Dr. Marion Pace Olivieri, chairwoman of the math and natural sciences department.

High school seniors seeking early placement must first apply to D'Youville and then complete a separate LECOM application; to qualify for consideration, they must have scored at least a 1170 on

the SAT and have earned a 3.5 GPA (90 percent), standards that also qualify them for a half-tuition scholarship at D'Youville. As part of their application, students must also complete a personal interview with LECOM admissions counselors and faculty members from D'Youville's math and natural sciences department.

Upon their matriculation at D'Youville, students who meet the requirements and have a successful interview are mailed a provisional letter of acceptance, a copy of which is also mailed to the college.

Although other medical and dental schools offer early acceptance, the standards—such as a 3.9 GPA—may be unattainable even for bright, motivated students, Olivieri said.

"A lot of early assurances are set up for kids to fail," she said. "What this gives us is a reasonable starting point and a realistic expectation [for program placement] without a lot of stress on the kids."

Wojtkielewicz said LECOM forms a relationship with accepted D'Youville students as they pursue their undergraduate education. "Over the four years at D'Youville, we get to know our affiliates and they get to know us," he said. "This strong relationship helps the student feel more at ease when embarking on a very

challenging journey. This helps them become both academically and emotionally prepared for a successful professional career."

Olivieri said LECOM is a good fit for the college's students because its osteopathic medicine program aligns with the holistic medicine approach taught in D'Youville's health care professional programs, such as the chiropractic and physician assistant departments. Osteopathy is a philosophy and form of alternative health that emphasizes the interrelationship between the body's structure and function, as well as its ability to heal itself. Olivieri said she expects some of the college's health care graduates will be enticed to pursue a medical or dental degree because the agreement eases the stress of the application process.

There are five D'Youville alumni who have graduated from LECOM, and there are currently four college alumni enrolled as LECOM students, Wojtkielewicz said. Although the agreement is new, D'Youville is eager to market the opportunity to students, Olivieri said. This spring, about 20 current students attended an information session about the LECOM agreement, and she said she expects several of the college's current students will apply this summer for early acceptance.

"The Last Romantic"

DYC PROFESSOR HAS PLAY READING, CONTINUES WORK ON DOCUMENTARY

D'Youville professor emeritus Dr. Penny Prentice continues to be an active member of the arts community. Her play "The Last Romantic" was recently read at the Actor's Studio in New York, and she has completed photography for her documentary "Against Impossible Odds."


Prentice, a Buffalo-based poet and playwright who spent 19 years as an English professor at the college, received an Edward Albee Foundation Fellowship, a MacDowell Fellowship and two New York Foundation for the Arts scholarships.

"The Last Romantic" features Lelia Goldoni, who starred in John Cassavetes's film "Shadows" and also played a major role in the film "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore."

Prentice's documentary will feature the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's three trombonists performing Eric Ewazen's "Triple Trombone Concerto" in 2012. In addition, the film will spotlight solo percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie's 2010 performance of Ewazen's percussion concerto "Songs to the Banks of Ayr," a piece that she commissioned. Glennie, who has been profoundly deaf since age 12, is a Scottish virtuoso percussionist who also plays the Great Highland Bagpipes.

Prentice is an internationally acclaimed Pinter scholar who authored "The Pinter Ethic: The Erotic Aesthetic" and the plays "Red November, Charlie December" and "Loveplay," a sponsored project of the New York Foundation for the Arts. Her plays have been performed in New York, Buffalo, London, Australia, Ireland, Greece, Turkey and China.

She and her husband James Grunebaum divide their time between Buffalo and New York.



MILITARY VETERANS LEADING D'Youville INSIDE & OUTSIDE *the* CLASSROOM

Around the U.S. military, there are many versions of the saying: “Through these portals or doors pass the finest sailors, marines, soldiers, and airman our country can produce. They are prepared for whatever challenge is laid before them and will serve with honor, courage and commitment.”

At D'Youville, a similar message is being forged by student veterans who have crossed the college's threshold to pursue their education. Since opening its doors in 2008, the college's office of veteran's affairs has helped more than 472 student veterans many of whom were first-generation college students. Some enrolled in college for the first time, while others returned to complete their degree or embark on a new career path.

Regardless of their circumstances, the common thread shared by D'Youville's veterans is the ability to apply traits honed in military service to benefit the college on many levels.

Leading the way have been U.S. Army veterans Robert Kubiak II '13 and Roy Wood '13, who served the student community as mentors and tutors for the DYC Learning Center. Their countless hours of instruction and devotion to their charges quickly earned them a reputation as top performers in their respected disciplines, culminating with the Honors Convocation ceremony on March 6 in Kleinhans Music Hall.

Wood, who earned a bachelor's degree in math, received the Undergraduate Adolescence Education Award. Kubiak, who earned a bachelor's degree in biology, received the Lee Conroy Higgins Award and departmental awards in biology and research. The Higgins Award is named for the late Elizabeth Conroy Higgins, '30, who served as director of alumni relations until 1972. The award is the highest student recognition given by the alumni and is presented to a senior or fourth-year student who has demonstrated outstanding concern for fellow students and involvement in campus activities. Final selection is made by a committee composed of students, faculty, administrators and alumni.

These veterans' commitment to serve also reaches beyond D'Youville's walls, extending into the military community. For instance, they serve as president and vice president of the student veterans club, a recognized chapter of the Student Veterans Association. Under their leadership, the organization partnered with another veterans group to assume operations of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2940. This endeavor has enabled a long-standing community partner to remain in service for veterans in the town of West Seneca.

Furthermore, Kubiak and Wood, along with “Laps for Limbs” founder Kirstin Smith '13 teamed up for this year's fund-raiser on the St. Francis High School track in Hamburg, raising more than \$12,000 to purchase prosthetics for veterans and child amputees in western New York.

Kubiak and Wood have certainly left their mark on D'Youville and are living in the spirit of St. Marguerite d'Youville.

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Dear alumni and friends,

As I write this article (even though it is only my first week as the new director of alumni relations), I feel right at home. Maybe it is because of my education by the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, the friendliness of the people I have met or the many exciting things happening at D'Youville and with our alumni!

Prior to working at D'Youville, I was the director of alumnae relations at Holy Angels Academy. Many HAA graduates are also NYC alumnae. The missions of these schools are similar—to honor their Catholic heritage, provide an exemplary educational experience and contribute to the community by leading and serving—all in the spirit of St. Marguerite d'Youville. I am so proud to be part of this community.

I would like to recognize for their service outgoing NYC Alumni Association President Michelle Denise Swygert '98 and alumni board members Angeline Brucklier Padula '55, '78, Michele A.

Cook '75, M.D., Chantal Zambito '97, Dave Loreto '09 and Austin Houlding '09. Please join me in welcoming Jodie Vrana Cunningham '89 as the new alumni association president.

As my first week comes to an end, I am eager to share with you a number of exciting alumni association events in the coming year, starting with Homecoming Weekend, October 4-6. Keeping you connected with NYC is my goal. Staying linked with the college can be as simple as joining the alumni association (no fees or dues), visiting the association website (<http://alumni.dyouville.edu>) or participating in our online community (free registration available from the association home page).

Please feel free to contact me with ideas for events that may interest you. I can be reached by phone at 716.829.7808 or e-mail at richardm@dyc.edu.

With warmest regards,

Meg Rittling Richardson

DYC'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Sherel Bailey Lee '81, left, Tanya Durgo Nyusa '86 and Sherel's daughter, Jameelah Lee



Alumni who attended the Naples event seated from left, Jack Regan, Dr. Michael Ray and Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '52, standing, Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Theresa Regan Ray '64 and Elaine Juliano Regan '64

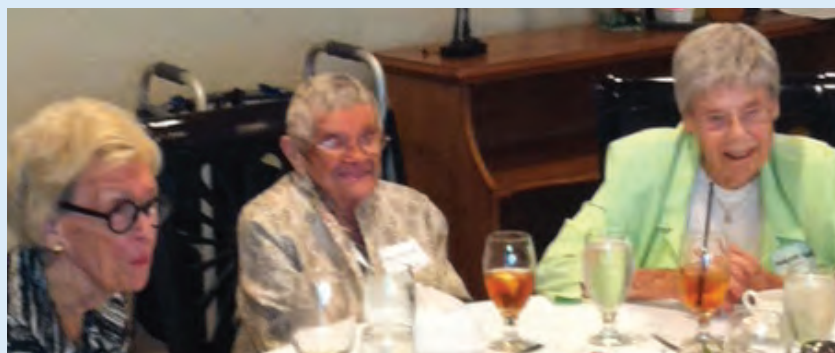
SISTER DENISE VISITS FLORIDA ALUMNI

Early February found Sister Denise in the west coast of Florida entertaining D'Youvillians in Sarasota and Naples. While there, she apprised them of all the exciting news breaking on the ever expanding D'Youville campus.

The Naples event was held at the Naples Beach and Golf Club on the evening of February 9. There an interested group enjoyed music from an adjoining party throughout the evening.

On February 10, Sister was in Sarasota to greet a lively crowd at the Palm Aire Country Club. This event was graciously arranged by former faculty member, Dr. Joseph A. Grande with the assistance of Mrs. Sylvia Boggan, wife of the late Dr. Earl Boggan. Once more, the group listened enthusiastically as Sister described the update on the college.

Sister concluded her Florida travel in March when she visited Ft. Lauderdale. There a beautiful luncheon was held at the Coral Ridge Country Club was attended by many D'Youvillians whose class years spanned the decades from 1943 with the presence of Margaret (Peggy) Tatu McDonald to a member of the class of 2002, Alfredo J. Picanol. The alumni there were enthralled hearing all that was occurring at D'Youville.



Sally Swanson Lawless '48, Margaret "Peggy" Tatu McDonald '43 and guest of Peggy enjoy reminiscing about D'Youville

A SIP OF THE PAST: ALUMNI REUNITE FOR SPRING TEA

Nostalgia sprang to life for a group of D'Youville graduates who gathered at an alumni spring tea on April 6 at the White Linen Tea House in Wheatfield, N.Y.

Participants enjoyed a selection of fine teas and sandwiches and said the event reminded them of tea socials from their college years. They recalled that clubs reserved the Boethea Room in the Koessler Administration Building, which, with its polished silver service and delicious teas and treats, made events special and offered a welcome break from the normal student routine.

Outgoing Alumni Association president Michelle Denise Swygert '98 and new association president Jodie Vrana Cunningham '89 organized the event.



Alumni savor delicious teas and company at the spring tea at the White Linen Tea House

ALUMNI RECOGNIZED FOR CARRYING ON D'YOUVILLE LEGACY AT ALUMNI AWARDS DINNER

The spirit of St. Marguerite d'Youville lives on through the tireless efforts of DYC alumni, two of whom were honored for their selflessness at the Spring Alumni Awards Dinner on May 8 at AcQua Restaurant in Buffalo.

Martha Rollek Rutowski '57 and Beverly Raczynski Tomasi '68 received the Delta Sigma Award and were elected into the Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society because they exemplify the qualities apparent in the life of St. Marguerite d'Youville, founder of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart. Each year, the alumni association and the college's board of trustees honor DYC graduates who have improved the quality of life of others through service in family, church, D'Youville College, civic activities and national or international endeavors.

The dinner was organized by the Alumni Association staff and event co-chairwomen Angeline Brucklier Padula '55, '78 and Michele A. Cook '75, M.D.

Rutowski earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree at D'Youville and was a devoted caregiver to her patients. She left the profession upon her marriage to pharmacist Joseph Rutowski, staying home to raise their six children, and in 1978, they bought the first of their four pharmacies, Tile Pharmacy.

Rutowski believes that independent pharmacies are critical community

resources, and she thinks that the pharmacist's moral responsibility is to help patients become healthy productive citizens. Four of her sons are practicing pharmacists, and her other son and daughter graduated from D'Youville with nursing degrees.

The family's ties to the college continue to grow; four of her 15 grandchildren will be attending the college this fall. Rutowski and her husband also have been generous D'Youville supporters, including establishing the J. Rutowski Pharmacies Endowed Scholarship and the Rutowski Family Endowed Scholarship.

Tomasi, who has had a long career in remedial education of children, was recognized for her volunteerism in a number of ministries. For the past eight years, she has directed the parish prayer line at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Williamsville. Her phone rings nearly daily with requests, and the line receives more than 400 requests per year. "We have prayed, and miracles have happened," she said.

In addition, she has been a strong advocate for The Franciscan Center, Inc., a Buffalo shelter for runaway homeless youth and youth in conflict. Although her connection to the center started when she donated four gallons of milk—an in-kind offering she continues to make—she now also works on many of its events.

She also supports the Spiritual Association of Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, a group that prays daily for the canonization of Monsignor Nelson Baker. Moreover, she has helped to raise money to move the former St. Gerard's Church building in Buffalo to Norcross, Ga., for Mary Our Queen Catholic Church.

During the dinner, recipients of the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Scholarship were also recognized. The award is given annually for the following academic year, and recipients are chosen based on the applicant's high school or college record, financial need and extracurricular activities. The recipients must be children, stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews or spouses of a D'Youville College graduate. This year's recipients were Chelsea Fairbanks, Emily Rutowski, Catherine Smith, Mamie Talty and Kyle Violanti.

College President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, thanked retiring alumni board association members Cook, Padula, Michelle Swygert '98, Dave Loreto '09 and Austin Houlding '09 and recognized Rutowski and Tomasi for their excellent work.

Sister Patricia Geary, GNSH, a member of the board of trustees, closed the evening with a benediction.



Delta Sigma inductees, Martha Rollek Rutowski '57 and Beverly Raczynski Tomasi '68 pose with Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, college president



Sister Denise with two recipients of the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Scholarship, Emily Rutowski and Kyle Violanti



Emily Rutowski and her grandmother Martha Rollek Rutowski '57 with Sister Denise

Dr. Michael D. Langan, husband of Dr. Joanne Ernst Langan '55 wanted to share this story of Pope Francis and a new hope for church reform.

Our new Pope Francis has risen to lead the Catholic Church holding fast to a predisposition to help the poor and sick, as did his namesake, Francis Xavier (1506-1552). We all hope and pray that the pope, formerly known as Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, will be as successful as Xavier as he endeavors to renew the church and the faith of its followers.

The earlier Xavier's great ambition was to bring the world to Jesus Christ. According to the Jesuit website Ignatian Spirituality, "Armed only with his breviary and a book of meditations, Francis preached the Gospel to the poor and sick, spending most of his time ministering to their needs. His nights were taken up in prayer. His only attention to his personal needs was to have a pair of boots. He barely ate enough to stay alive. As the missionary Francis Xavier, SJ, moved on, he left behind flourishing churches that were the foundations for the Catholic faith in Asia."

Our new Francis, likewise, will have plenty of opportunity to leverage the good will evident upon his succession. In his first few months on the world stage, Francis seems a simple decent man from the new world thrust into an impossible job. He has cached incredible good will at the start of his papacy with an innate sense of nuance for the appropriate word or gesture.

Pope Francis has appointed a group of eight cardinals from around the world—perhaps a move toward democratization—to advise him in governing the church and reforming the hierarchy, which has been subject to serious scandal for decades.

But is it possible for a 76-year-old South American prelate with one lung, out of the swirl of Vatican politics, to be able to win any major victories against an entrenched Curia? It doesn't seem likely...unless the Holy Spirit and the prayers of the faithful—the mystical body of the church—intervene with the kind of prayer that thousands offered as a blessing for Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City on the night he met the citizens of Rome as their bishop.

Otherwise, there will continue to be big trouble in the Eternal City. As Bernice Martin writes about Christian leadership in the *Times Literary Supplement*, "A chief pastor who follows a Christ-like model of leadership... runs up against the intransigence of power politics and institutional self-perpetuation."

But consider where the church stands now. The incredible "blind eye" of senior Catholic clergy and those in the pews from 1950-2000 to any mention of scandal that would sully the Church's reputation was a huge mistake; silence not only gave consent, it encouraged more bad behavior. The media has reminded the world with a drum roll, as it should, of the church's troubles: sexual scandals, maladministration and, for some, the church's failure to come to terms with issues such as homosexuality and women in the priesthood. With no apparent resolution in sight, some Catholics have left the church, others have decided to give less money in their envelopes and more just scratch their heads.

Francis will do well to combine Xavierian and Franciscan piety along with his own considerable spiritual gifts as he preaches the gospel. As Francis of Assisi explained, "Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words."

I think this attitude is the spirit of the major evangelization that the Catholic Church needs. Likewise, the new editor of the Jesuit weekly magazine *America*, the Rev. Matt Malone, finds, "With any of the world's most intractable problems, a kind of radical love and forgiveness is the only solution."

George Weigel, the Catholic commentator and biographer of Pope John Paul II, explains that evangelical Catholicism in this millennium reflects a spiritual revival stemming from the church's continuous "striving to a deeper relationship with her Divine Spouse." Although Weigel says that this revival may be hard to see now, Catholics are longing to take part in such a renewal under fresh leadership.

And Francis, with his non-traditional background, seems uniquely positioned to reinvigorate the church. As Opus Dei priest the Rev. C. John McCloskey explains, "First of all, as you know, [Francis is] the first Jesuit in history to be a pope. He has been a philosopher, he's been a theologian, he's taught high school, he's taught chemistry. He's beloved by his Jesuit brothers. He's elected as the superior of all the Jesuits in Argentina. And [it's] very unusual for a Jesuit, normally, to be picked for a bishop, or much less, a cardinal."

Francis, who has openly called for the church to be a "poor church," has offered several symbolic gestures to that end. For instance, in contrast to his predecessor, Pope Benedict, he has chosen a plain wooden cross for adornment and has elected not to reside in the papal apartment, favoring simpler quarters in the Vatican guesthouse.

"Is the new papacy good for the Jesuits?" Malone was asked in a *New York Times* interview. "It's uncharted territory," he said. "It's hard to know how it affects us other than to say we're very proud... There's an old saying, 'If you've met one Jesuit, you've met one Jesuit.'"

Former *America* editor the Rev. Thomas J. Reese, S.J., who displeased the Vatican because of his liberal outlook, suggests Francis may be able to break through the Vatican's staid posture. "All this kind of pomp and circumstance turns off young people today," Reese said. "The Vatican comes off as some sort of 17th century court, and that's just so irrelevant to most people today. Pope Francis's early gestures are mostly symbolic, but they do matter."

In my opinion, Pope Francis appears to have charmed many with his simple ways. Although he doesn't seem to fit in the Vatican bureaucracy, no one ascends the hierarchy of the church, loving the poor or not, without a backbone of steel

Francis has already exhibited some toughness by calling for "decisive action" in the fight against sex abuse of minors by priests, according to the BBC. He told Bishop Gerhard Mueller, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith—the doctrinal watchdog that deals with sex abuse cases—to ensure that perpetrators are punished. And according to a Vatican statement, the pope has asked Mueller to promote measures to protect minors, offer help to victims and punish the guilty.

In remarks, Pope Francis has said combating the crisis, which has mired the church in worldwide scandal, was vital to the church's credibility. It remains to be seen whether the pope's dicta translate to action by those appointed to carry out his will.

Meanwhile, Pope Francis gives us confidence that his leadership will embody the Jesuit motto: *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, which means "For the greater glory of God." The motto, abbreviated as "AMDG," is often written at the top of Jesuit letters and student exams as a reminder of their purpose.

Perhaps Francis's own words sum up his mission best: "I would like for us all, after these days of grace, to have courage, precisely the courage, to walk in the Lord's presence, with the cross of the Lord; to build the Church upon the blood of the Lord, which was poured out on the cross; and to confess the only glory there is: Christ crucified. And in this way the Church will go forward."



Evelyn Frese presents a check to Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH

Nancy Tulumello '85 wanted to leave a legacy behind that would benefit several organizations, one of which was the D'Youville College Nelson Tulumello Scholarship Fund, named in memory of her father. Nancy had planned to hold a fundraising event but sadly passed away on March 15, 2013.

On May 3, her family and friends honored her request and held the fundraiser but also celebrated Nancy's life. She was a believer in higher education, particularly in the health care field. A check in the amount of \$5,117.50 was presented to Sister Denise Roche from Nancy's sister, Evelyn Frese and friend, Sue McNeill.

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ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Alumni Association and the athletics department held a golf tournament at The Links at Ivy Ridge on June 28. Attendees enjoyed a round of golf, lunch, cocktails and a bar-b-que chicken dinner. A basket and silent auction were also offered. Despite the rain, everyone had a great time. The proceeds of the event benefit the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, GNSH Alumni Kinship Scholarship Fund and the athletics department.

An engagement party was held recently for Jason Santiago '02 and Michelle Harper '07 but instead of receiving gifts, guests contributed to the Kathy Vallone Memorial Endowed MS Scholarship, which is named for Santiago's mother. As he presented a check to College President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Santiago said "The contribution is not only in remembrance of my mother but also for the love and understanding you showed to me while I was here." The recent gift brings the scholarship total to more than \$21,500.00.

ANNUAL DINNER CONNECTS SCHOLARSHIP DONORS, RECIPIENTS

D'Youville College is fortunate to have many loyal alumni and friends who have generously funded endowed scholarships. In gratitude for their thoughtful generosity, each year college president Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, invites donors to a festive dinner at the college.

Student scholarship recipients also attend the dinner, allowing donors to see and hear first-hand their contributions in action and affording students the opportunity to personally thank their patrons. In some instances, scholarships made the difference between whether students would have enough money to complete their degrees or whether they would have to leave the college.

During the dinner, the students discussed their courses of study and post-graduation plans. Since many D'Youville students now hail from outside of the Buffalo area, donors said they appreciated hearing how students learned about the college.

Because of the popularity of D'Youville's ever-expanding health care-related program offerings, it was unsurprising that many students awarded scholarships were studying in the pharmacy, nursing, chiropractic and physician assistant programs.

Alumni and friends interested in donating to our existing scholarship funds or endowing a new scholarship are encouraged to contact Patricia Van Dyke, director of major and planned giving, at 716.829.7802 or vandykep@dyc.edu.

My Journey to East Africa by Christine Barth Eberl '67

On New Year's Eve, my husband George, our daughter Catherine and I departed for the long trip to Africa, flying first to Amsterdam and then onward to Nairobi, Kenya.

My brother, the Rev. John Barth, M.M. who is currently working in Juba, South Sudan, met us at the Nairobi airport and joined us on safari.

Two days after arriving in Nairobi, we flew to Arusha, Tanzania, the jumping off place for safaris to the national game parks and reservations. We could see the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro during our approach and the bottom from beneath the clouds after landing. We met our guide, Fidelis Fabian, and rode in a Toyota Land Cruiser to our lodge at Lake Manyara.

Lake Manyara is a shallow body of water that acts as the winter home for thousands upon thousands of pale pink Lesser Flamingos that stand and feed around its edges. During our visit to Lake Manyara National Park, we observed in late afternoon a large family of elephants returning to their evening sleeping areas after grazing amongst the trees. We also witnessed a host of baboons thoroughly grooming each other.

Our next stop in Tanzania was the Serengeti National Park, a huge area with grass, scrub bushes and Acacia trees. The animals we saw were typical of the wildlife on display at many American zoos, but in the park, they roamed at will. The Serengeti is well known for its annual migration of nearly 2 million wildebeests and zebras, and we learned that these animals usually travel together for mutual protection. When the wildebeests' leader signals the herd, the wildebeests gather and follow the leader, running in a long procession raising dust, with the zebras joining them.

During our visit, it seemed that the cheetahs and hyenas were always hunting. We learned

that female lions do most hunting for their pride by watching and stalking in the tall grass while male lions wait for the females to bring dinner. In addition to the animals, we also encountered Maasai villages, often dotting the shoulders of hills. The Maasai are a native people, pastoralists who herd cows, goats and sheep, which make up most of their diet and lead them to food and water.

Our final stop on safari was the Ngorongoro Crater, a roughly 100 square mile biosphere that has seen little change for thousands of years. There are only three dirt roads leading down to the floor of the crater where about 25,000 animals live.

Upon our return to Arusha, we met Sister Mary Vertucci, M.M., at Emusoi Center (a Maasai word meaning discovery, realization and awareness). For the 2013 school year, Emusoi Center is helping about 400 young women from Tanzania's pastoralist/hunter-gatherer communities, including the Maasai, the Ndorobo, Hadzabe and Barbaig. The students are supported with school fees, room and board, personal needs, tutoring and career guidance. Education is vital to these young women who, in many instances, have run away from their villages to Emusoi to avoid arranged marriages.

On our last day, we joined my brother and the Rev. John Lange, M.M., who has worked for decades in Nairobi, to attend Sunday Mass at St. Monica's Church in a Nairobi slum. The church was an old corrugated steel and wood frame building but yet it was the spiritual home for a congregation of more than 700 people. The altar was on a simple raised tile platform, with adornments of homemade pictures and banners. The church was filled with families and people who came dressed in their very best. The priests, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and choir



Chris Eberl poses for a photo with two Maasai people. An Acacia tree dots the landscape at the Serengeti National Park.

with about 50 members all processed in with wonderful joyous music. The Rev. Lange told us that Mass, often the highlight of the week for the people of St. Monica's, usually lasts two hours with singing, dancing and a good long homily.

Afterward, we ventured into the community to take the eucharist to a woman in her late 40s who was suffering from cervical cancer. When we arrived, she appeared weak and in pain. With the Rev. Lange's help, the parish's social worker has obtained medical assistance for her at a city hospital. The woman's tiny house was in the heart of the slum, located in a row of small corrugated metal shanties without electricity. Through the efforts of the Rev. Lange and a social worker, the community has recently received running water from the city. However, the water is not potable, and it runs through a hose on the ground through the slum. Residents can boil it, but some simply drink it and hope for the best.

After our last evening meal at Maryknoll House, I was presented with a birthday cake, and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to me for my 67th. What a marvelous finish to a magnificent safari!



Rev. John Barth, MM with his sister Chris Barth Eberl '67



ALUMNA BEARS WITNESS TO CANONIZATION OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA

A D'Youville alumna who said she felt blessed by Kateri Tekakwitha experienced the rare privilege of attending her patron's canonization ceremony in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City that elevated Tekakwitha from blessed Kateri to St. Kateri.

Leona Reed Gonzales '57, along with her husband Rudy, daughters Francesca Clause and Carmelita Gonzales and granddaughter Sarah Shontz, were inspired to make the trip in October 2012 because they felt that their prayers to Kateri—known as “Lily of the Mohawks”—saved Leona's life by curing her thyroid cancer, according to *The Buffalo News*.

Because they share Native American ancestry, Leona said that she has been praying regularly to Kateri for help for more than 15 years. St. Kateri, who was born of a Catholic Algonquin mother and a Mohawk tribal chief, is the first Native American to be declared a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

“I felt a great sense of pride upon learning that my patron would become a saint,” she said. “Blessed Kateri's canonization has significant meaning for me as a Native American.”

Beyond their trip to witness the ceremony performed by Pope Benedict XVI, the Gonzaleses demonstrated their gratitude for St. Kateri by commissioning a life-size bronze statue dedicated to their parents that is displayed at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston *The Buffalo News* reported. The first Mass celebrated on the Tuscarora Reservation was held on Leona's parents' land; it was offered by the Vincentian priests who maintained Holy Family Parish on the reservation for many years. The parish is currently a diocesan church administered by the Barnabite fathers of the neighboring Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, according to *The Buffalo News*.

St. Kateri grew up along the Mohawk River Valley in the 17th century. A smallpox epidemic killed both of her parents at an early age and left her with permanent scars. She converted to Catholicism at age 20. She was persecuted for her faith and fled 200 miles on foot to Canada, where she took a vow of lifetime chastity and performed painful penances upon herself. She died at age 24.

“Kateri impresses us by the action of grace in her life in spite of the absence of external help, and by the courage of her vocation, so unusual in her culture,” Pope Benedict XVI said during St. Kateri's canonization ceremony. “May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are. St. Kateri, protectress of Canada and the first American Indian saint, we entrust you to the renewal of the faith in the first nations and in all of North America.”

Among the more recent miracles attributed to St. Kateri, in 2006, the family of a 5-year-old boy from Washington state prayed to Kateri after doctors told them he would not recover from an infection caused by flesh-eating bacteria. The boy, whose father is a member of the Lummi tribe, recovered soon after a nun named for the saint prayed with his family and placed a relic, a small piece of Tekakwitha's wrist bone, on his body.



Leona Reed Gonzales '57 and her husband Rudy pose in front of the life-size bronze statue of St. Kateri Tekakwitha that they commissioned. The statue is dedicated to their parents and is displayed at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston.



Leona Reed Gonzales '57 holds a rosary with the likeness of blessed Kateri Tekakwitha as she stands near a statue of the first Native American saint declared by the Roman Catholic Church.

Summer Party

SISTER DENISE'S SUMMER PARTY - JULY 18, 2013



Kathleen Lawley Best and Katherine Koessler Juhasz



Enjoying the festivities are Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Susan Schlemmer, Laurie Koessler Brosnahan '85, Sister Mary Ann Schimscheiner, RSM '73 and Katherine Koessler Juhasz



Trustee Barbara Lee Rhee '82 and her husband Dr. John Rhee



Former chair of the board, Andrew W. Dorn, Jr., left with Catherine Redekop, Teresa Dorn and new chair of the board Wayne Redekop



Alumni association president Jodie Vrana Cunningham '89 with husband Roy Cunningham



Mary Schweitzer Bauer '47 and her husband Dr. Charles Bauer

'12

Congratulations to **Brooks Landy**, who has been hired by The Resource Center's Diagnostic and Treatment Center as its newest physical therapist. Landy earned his doctorate of physical therapy from D'Youville College after obtaining his bachelor's degree in exercise science from the University at Buffalo. His areas of interest include sports medicine and treating people with congenital neurological disorders or those who require therapy as a result of an incident such as traumatic brain injury or stroke. Landy said, "Also, the manual, hands-on approach that is part of the rehabilitation process intrigues me; with all of the different methods and techniques, I am able to learn and use with my own hands to restore function to individuals in need."

Todd Potter, Jr. has been elected to the Ken-Ton Board of Education. Potter is also a board member of the alumni association and is attending law school at the University at Buffalo.



Above, **Tamara Higgins-Cain** recently joined Geisinger Community Medical Center in Scranton, Pa. as a nurse. (Pictured with her son, Mehki)

'11

Congratulations to **Andrew Belden** and **Mary-Alice Wasneechak** who exchanged vows on July 6 at the Sacred Heart Chapel on the D'Youville campus.

'09

Melissa Iversen, has joined the Amherst Health Center as a physician assistant. Most recently,

she was with a private practice in Middleport, N.Y. Melissa earned her bachelor of arts degree in biology from SUNY Oswego, and her bachelor and master of science degrees as a physician assistant from D'Youville. She is certified in acute cardiac life support, basic life support and CPR, and is a member of the Western New York Physician Assistant Association and American Academy of Physician Assistants.

'94

Liz Karan was selected as Maria Parham Medical Center's director of rehabilitation services.

Karan earned bachelor and master of science degrees in occupational therapy at D'Youville. After relocating to North Carolina in 1997, she worked in the fields of developmental disabilities, home health, skilled nursing and pediatrics before becoming the lead occupation therapist for the hospital's rehab services department in 1999.

Karan, who earned her lymphedema therapist certification in 2004, is currently the only certified therapist within a four-county area. Karan was a member of the hospital's "Circle of Excellence" class in 2006. She has been a member of the hospital's Foundation 5 and the cancer wellness group committees.

'80

Kathleen Manley Thorp writes that she lives in Maryland with her husband Owen, a Navy Captain and is the proud mother of Gina (Army nurse), Andrew (Navy submarine officer), Lauren (photographer) and Matt (NROTC Villanova). She is employed by Booz Allen & Hamilton as an associate providing support in a holistic outpatient facility treating servicemen who suffer from traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. In addition, Thorp is the director of Operation Welcome Home (Maryland), a volunteer organization that "meets and greets" servicemen from Middle East deployments.

Joyce Kontrabecki Markiewicz, president and CEO of Catholic Health Home Care Services addressed Trocaire College's May graduating class of 2013. Markiewicz leads a team of more than 500 employees and oversees multiple home care agencies, home health related services and

an independent living program. In addition, she received the Nonprofit Leadership Award at the Women of Influence luncheon at Salvatore's Italian Gardens.

'78

Nursing graduate, **Jacqueline Bailey Spenser** is the lead author of a new non-fiction book about the nursing profession entitled, "Nursing Jambalaya with Gumbo on the Side: Nurses Speak Out." The book contains true-life tales about the nursing profession with a dose of humor.

'68

Patricia E. Moniot, co-authored a textbook, "Psychosocial Aspects of Disability" that was used in graduate counseling programs at many universities. For the book, Moniot solicited contributions from people with disabilities regarding their treatment by society. Moniot also shared her personal story; she suffered from diabetic complications due to her addiction to food. After therapy and working with professionals, she has lost weight and is in good health. Her doctors praise her progress as wonderful and awesome.

'65

Mary Jane Cryan, "La Tuscia vista dagli Americani" - Conferenza Illustrata di Mary Jane Cryan con la partecipazione di student, professori e attori americani. This is just one of the many conferences Mary Jane gives throughout the year in English and Italian.

'63

Joanne Pegler Berger writes that her daughter Melissa Berger produced, filmed and edited a full-length documentary about the rare disease called histiocytosis that was shown at the Buffalo International Film Festival. Melissa's cousin Molly passed away from this disease, and Melissa's goal is to sell the film and donate 100 percent of the proceeds to research, education and awareness. For more information visit www.histiowarriors.mixform.com.

'56

Rosalie Parlato Krajci is on her third and best career. She wrote, "Three times a charm." After graduating from D'Youville, Krajci taught Latin and French at Nardin Academy and later at NYC. She earned her Ph.D. but found it was very difficult to find a college position while raising a young family. She took a job in the human resources field and remained there for 25 years. In 1998, she and her late husband, Tom returned to the Catholic Church after a 20 year absence. Krajci completed a year-long program in pastoral care and went on to become certified in the Wings program of spiritual studies. Currently, she gives presentations about sacred objects. "My passion is for Scripture, especially the New Testament. My goal is to help others understand the beauty and power of these writings."

'52

After four years of study, **Patricia Lyons Van Dyke '52** and **Barbara Kanski Wier '67** graduated from The Catholic Bible Studies Program. The graduation was held at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lancaster.



'49

Mary Jane McDonald Dean '49, her husband James and their extended family pictured below on their 60th wedding anniversary on September 15, 2011. Her husband, Jim, sadly passed away on July 14, 2012.



in memoriam

Lillian Teresa Brown Diggins '34 March 16, 2013 La Quinta, Calif.	Helen Hider Mahany '48 May 3, 2013 Camillus, N.Y.	Elizabeth DeCarlo Migliore '55 June 10, 2013 Williamsville, N.Y.	Mercedes Perez-Carrillo Silverman '66 June 15, 2013 Tamarac, Fl.	Susan Druzvik Sellers '73 March 10, 2013 Fredonia, N.Y.
Sophie Thomas Mueller '43 December 23, 2012 Williamsville, N.Y.	Rosemary Quagliano Casey '51 August 25, 2012 Menifee, Calif.	Arlene Lewandowski Bernas '56 September 22, 2012 Tonawanda, N.Y.	Marie Tagliarino Strell '67 March 6, 2013 Williamsville, N.Y.	Susan Mercurio Dickerson '75 March 11, 2013 Tonawanda, N.Y.
Kathleen McGuire Strack '43 March 9, 2013 Buffalo, N.Y.	Isabelle Winkler Farewell '52 January 22, 2013 Buffalo, N.Y.	Mary O'Connor Lynch '59 May 28, 2013 Grand Island, N.Y.	Susan Ortner Bradley '70 March 12, 2013 Hannibal, N.Y.	Catherine "Kitty" Murrett Gazda '83 May 16, 2013 Amherst, N.Y.
Helen Kowalski '44 May 4, 2013 Clarence, N.Y.	Joan Helm '52 February 23, 2013 Buffalo, N.Y.	Sister Joanne Fuchs, RSM '63 May 16, 2013 Batavia, N.Y.	Mary Stumpf Salhoff '71 April 3, 2013 Fredonia, N.Y.	Nancy Jean Morrison McDonnell '84 March 15, 2013 Niagara Falls, N.Y.
Romana Kelly Reger '44 February 24, 2013 Buffalo, N.Y.	Elizabeth Brennan Ryan '52 April 13, 2013 Falls Church, Va.	Elaine Orzechowski '63 January 27, 2013 Getzville, N.Y.	Martha Coles Gerwitz '71 October 10, 2009 Great Valley, N.Y.	Nancy Tulumello '85 March 15, 2013 Buffalo, N.Y.
Rita Smyth-McDonald '47 May 28, 2013 Kenmore, N.Y.	Patricia O'Boyle Verbanic '53 February 2, 2013 Hamilton, N.J.	Mary Bisantz '66 March 10, 2013 Rodanthe, N.C.	Maryann Evans Shields '72 February 13, 2013 Reston, Va.	

obituaries

Margaret M. Martin (Nov. 29, 2012), a noted Buffalo-area watercolor artist, died in Kenmore Mercy Hospital. She was 72. She had long maintained a studio on Elmwood Avenue that was previously occupied by her father.

Margaret's long association with D'Youville was highlighted by the large mural she painted of St. Marguerite d'Youville that graces the entrance of the Dr. Pauline M. Alt Building.

Margaret was known throughout the United States and was the recipient of many awards. She was frequently invited to symposiums; the last she attended were held in Latrobe, Pa., and Vancouver, British Columbia.

She was an occasional visitor to college events and was always a pleasure to be near.

A memorial service was held in Westminster Presbyterian Church in December 2012.

Dr. Charles Bauda (Oct. 8, 2012), a former long-serving member of D'Youville's board of trustees, died in Boynton Beach, Fla. He was 97. Dr. Bauda also served as chairman of the D'Youville College Council. The college awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree in 1979. Upon his retirement from the board in 1985, he was named a trustee emeritus.

Dr. Bauda was a long-time practicing physician on the West Side of Buffalo "who was able to speak with many of his patients in their native Sicilian," according to *The Buffalo News*. Although he and his beloved wife Philomena moved to Florida when he retired, he often visited D'Youville when he traveled to Buffalo to see family. He was always interested in learning about changes at the college and was delighted to view the growth of D'Youville's programs and facilities.

Dr. Bauda's funeral mass was held at St. Joseph Cathedral in October 2012.

condolences

Gloria Mueller Magee '46 on the death of her sister, Betty Maria Whistler

Rita Cusimano Whalen '47 on the death of her brother, the Rev. Salvatore Cusimano

Sister Irene Marie Murphy, GNSH '49 on the death of her niece, Mary O'Connor Lynch '59

Ann Gianadda Casarsa '50 on the death of her sister, Olga J. Rathke

The family of the late Mary Catherine Lyons Cloutier '50 on the death of their father, Dr. Louis Cloutier

Frances Romatowski Ziemer '50 on the death of her husband, Norman

Evelyn Brennan Williamson '56 on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Brennan Ryan '52

Barbara Novaro Windkowski '60 on the death of her husband, Daniel Windkowski

Elfriede Rettig Georgal '63 on the death of her mother, Anna Rettig

Ann Congilosi Schreiner '63 on the death of her sister, Florence Herkey

Elaine Molenda Szulewski

'65 on the death of her mother, Irene Molenda

Tomasina Giallella Williams '65 on the death of her daughter, Kathleen Williams

Maria Janoszczuk Woloszyn '65 on the death of her husband, Chester Woloszyn

Sister Barbara Amrozowicz, CSSF '74 and Carolyn Amrozowicz '62 on the death of their mother, Lucy Amrozowicz

Edith Vargas Varbanov '87 on the death of her son, Andrew Verbanov

Laurie Hall '84, Bob Hall and Ermelinda Ferri-Hall '97 on the death of mother and mother-in-law, Shirley Hall

Claudia Feightner Kelly '90 and Sheila Kelly '65 on the death of husband and brother, Thomas Kelly

Michele McCullough '04 on the death of her mother, Rosemary McCullough

Hank Morgan '06 on the death of his mother, Lois Morgan



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To submit class notes, obituaries and condolences, please e-mail: dmcensions@dyc.edu.

Alumni: Your Opinion Please!

We ask you to take a few minutes to complete a survey about your experiences with D'Youville College. Your opinions are critical in helping us to determine how to best meet your needs for 2014 and beyond.

To thank you for completing our survey, you'll be entered into a contest to win a DYC Gift Basket.

A winner will be selected on October 1, 2013 and will be contacted directly.

To be eligible to participate: 1) Must be a DYC alumni 2) Fill out the survey completely and 3) Provide a valid email address.

Current alumni employees are not eligible to win. One entry per person

**Note: your information will not be shared with any third parties for any reason. We take reasonable precautions to protect your privacy.*

SECTION 1: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name: _____
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Current Address: _____
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Email: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Title: ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Mr. ☐ Dr. ☐ Mrs. If married, spouse's name: _____

Please list the names of any family members that have attended or currently attend DYC?

Postgraduate degree or certification earned: _____ Date: _____

Occupation: _____

Current Employer: _____

Are you still in the career field for which you prepared at DYC? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did your DYC education adequately prepare you for your profession? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please list any citations or honors you have received or volunteer activities: _____

SECTION 2: YOUR DYC EXPERIENCE

- How would you rate your experience at DYC?
___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor
- What sports, clubs and/or activities did you participate in at DYC? _____
- Do you keep in touch with former classmates or teachers from DYC?
___ Yes, frequently
___ Yes, occasionally
___ Not often, I would love to reconnect
___ No, I have lost contact
- Would you recommend DYC? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)
___ Yes, definitely
___ Maybe, I don't know enough about DYC today
___ Yes, if I think they would be a good fit
___ No, I think there are better options

SECTION 3: ALUMNI COMMUNICATION

- How would you rate the communication you are receiving from DYC? (PLEASE CHECK ONE)
___ Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor
- How would you prefer to receive communication from DYC? (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)
___ Traditional Mail
___ DYC Website
___ Facebook
___ Email
___ D'Mensions Magazine
___ Electronic Newsletter from Alumni Director
___ I am not interested in receiving information from DYC
- What types of information are you interested in receiving from DYC? (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)
___ D'Mensions Magazine
___ Upcoming Events
___ Alumni emails for event reminders or important periodic updates
___ Regional Alumni News
___ Reunion information
___ Material on ways that you can support DYC

DYC ALUMNI SURVEY

SECTION 4: ALUMNI RELATIONS

1. When was the last time you returned to DYC?

For what purpose?

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)

- ☐ Campus Tour
☐ Event
☐ Class Reunion
☐ Open House
☐ Volunteering
☐ I am at DYC often

2. Have you attended an event at DYC in the last three years?

☐ Yes ☐ No

3. What type of DYC events would you be interested in attending in the near future?

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)

- ☐ Homecoming/Class Reunion
☐ Mass and Reception
☐ Family Event
☐ Alumni Awards Dinner
☐ Sporting Event
☐ Speaker Series
☐ Professional Networking Event
☐ Scholarship/Financial Aid Fundraiser
☐ Regional Alumni Out-of-Town "Meet and Greets" in your city
☐ Not listed, but an event I'd like to see is:

☐ I am not interested in attending events at DYC.
Reason why? _____

4. I am interested in becoming more involved with DYC!

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)

- ☐ Alumni Association Board
☐ Reunion/Homecoming Committee
☐ Event Volunteer
☐ Networking with other alumni/current students
☐ Open House Volunteer
☐ Out-of-Town "Meet and Greet" Coordinator
☐ Phonathon Volunteer
☐ Class Representative
☐ No, I am not interested at this time

SECTION 5: LEAVING YOUR LEGACY AT DYC

1. When giving back to DYC, how would you prefer to do so?

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)

- ☐ Volunteering
☐ Attending an event
☐ Donating to the Annual/Loyalty Fund
☐ Career Mentoring
☐ Being a "Word of Mouth" Ambassador for DYC
☐ Sending my children to DYC
☐ In my Estate Planning
☐ I prefer not to give back to DYC at this time

2. If you were able to make a financial donation to DYC, where would you prefer your donation be applied?

(PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU)

- ☐ Scholarship/Financial Aid
☐ Capital Improvements
☐ Unrestricted
☐ Technology
☐ Athletic Programming
☐ Operations
☐ Other _____
☐ I am not in a position to donate to charities

Congratulations!

You're done. Please return this survey to DYC in the attached envelope. If you have any questions, please call 716.829.7808.

Thank you for your participation!

Please don't forget to update the Alumni Office about what is happening in your life: marriage, new baby, new position, news of classmates, change of address, etc.
We want to stay connected!



Come Home to NYC:

graduate years ending in 3 and 8
& all physician assistant alums

Friday, Saturday & Sunday
October 4, 5 & 6, 2013

Weekend events:

Friday:

Class of '63
50th Golden Celebration
Private Party

Welcome Back Party at
Templeton Landing

Saturday:

Darwin Martin House Tour
Open Air Bus Tour
Historic Buffalo
Campus Tours
Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel
Dinner Social

Sunday:

Farewell Brunch

For more information visit
www.dyc.edu/alumni or
watch your mailboxes.

Save the Date

27TH ANNUAL
MICHAEL F. AND
ELEAINE DILLON

Presidential Scholarship Reception

October 16, 2013
6:00 p.m.
The Buffalo Club

2013
COMMUNITY SERVICE
AWARDS WILL BE
PRESENTED TO:

Rosemary O'Connor Lawley '60
Russell Salvatore

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT:
alumni.dyouville.edu/event/dillon13
or call 716.829.7805

Homecoming 2013



10.4,5&6.13

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Celebrating graduate years ending in 3 & 8 and all physician assistant alumni.



10.16.13

27TH ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

The Buffalo Club

10.20.13

EXPERIENCE LETCHWORTH STATE PARK

Lunch at the Glen Iris Inn, followed by a guided bus tour of the state park.



Save *THE* Dates

**Join the DYC Alumni Association
at these upcoming events!**

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