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D'Youville College honors the
Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart
for their legacy of compassionate service and leadership that commenced
in 1908 and that we commemorate on this day,
June 2, 2016.

The students, alumni, faculty, staff and Board of Trustees pay tribute to
Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, Ph.D.
for her extraordinary leadership as President and faithful years
of service to the community and D'Youville College, 1979-2016.

"The people must know that we never refuse to serve."

-Saint Marguerite d'Youville





The Grey Nuns stand in front of the plaque installed to honor their service to D'Youville College, and the service of the Grey Nuns who came before them. The wall will serve as a reminder of their tradition of never refusing to serve. Pictured left to right are:

Sister Dolores Ann O'Dowd, Sister Joan Marie Daly, Sister Jacqueline Weigle, Sister Barbara Ann Pollock, Sister Barbara Harrington, Sister Donna Lord, Sister Barbara Schiavoni, Sister Jean O'Shaunecy, Sister Patricia Connolly, Sister Dawn Gear, Sister Mary Charlotte Barton, Sister Denise A. Roche, Sister Julia C. Lanigan, Sister Eleanore Martinez, Sister Karen Marie Voltz, Sister Nancy Maria Kaczmarek, Sister Sheila Stone, Sister Marita Campbell, and Sister Cecelia Cosgrove. Not pictured are Sister Ruth Penska and Sister John Patrick Russell.



A wall surrounds the engraved stones in the walkway with the plaque showcased in the center. This plaque will serve as a reminder to everyone of the legacy of the Grey Nuns who have served the college for more than a century.





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showcase.

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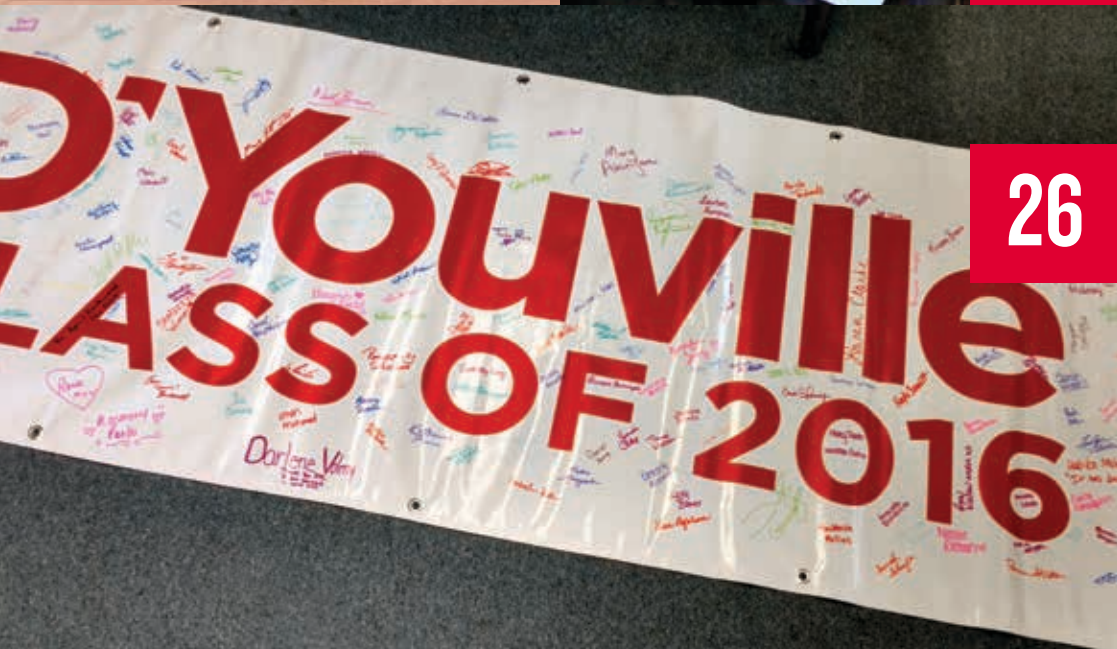
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message from **SISTER DENISE A. ROCHE**

Dear Alumni and Friends,

This letter will be the last of my communications to you. There is so much I want to say, so many beautiful memories to share, numerous events and experiences that are imprinted on my mind that it is difficult to condense them all into a short space.

I recently met with alumni at a chapter gathering. As I talked with a few of them, they reminisced about their years at D'Youville, mentioned incidents that caused changes in the normal life of the college or caused joy or anxiety among a group of students. The conversation quickly turned to what made the greatest impression on them or that had a profound influence on their lives after college. In every case, it was a teacher, many of whom were Grey Nuns, and the lessons and values they taught both inside and outside the classrooms. It was the mission of D'Youville that lived out in these teachers' lives. Their caring and patience, wisdom and faith had left an indelible mark on the students.

If you were to consider your D'Youville memories, I imagine that you would find that one or several individuals played a significant role in your life—then and now. For four decades, I have had the privilege and extraordinary opportunity to live and work with these unassuming colleagues who were mentors, teachers and friends.

Because as I leave D'Youville, only one Grey Nun remains at the college, I want to acknowledge with special gratitude the many Grey Nuns who have served D'Youville for 108 years. Their compassion, courage, integrity and faith instilled in us all the passion that Marguerite d'Youville had for the poor and fragile.

Their determination and sacrifice, especially during difficult times, taught us by example to be strong in the face of adversity.

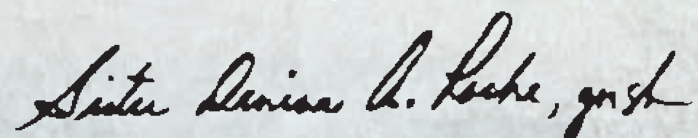
The excellence of the classes they prepared made us realize what it meant to be a dedicated professional person. Their confidence in God's love and providence enabled us to want to deepen in our own spiritual life.

Like many of you, I took for granted that the Grey Nuns would always be here and the mission would remain strong because of their presence and example. Although the Grey Nun presence diminishes, the legacy of Marguerite and her Grey Nun daughters will not. How do I know? The board of trustees has established the Roche Center for Mission Integration and has charged me with staffing it prior to my departure.

My second reason for being confident that the mission will continue is that I can see it in the way you live your lives. I am amazed and proud of you each time I hear your stories. You touch so many other people by your simple and sometimes extraordinary acts of love and generosity. You live the mission of D'Youville and that is why I know that the mission will not only remain strong but will be passed on to others.

God bless you, my beloved friends, and may we keep each other in our prayers.

With my heartfelt love and gratitude,


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

“CELEBRATION OF LEADERSHIP”

honors

SISTER DENISE A. ROCHE AND THE GREY NUNS



D'Youville College honored Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, president of D'Youville College, and the Grey Nuns at a special Celebration of Leadership event on Thursday, June 2, outdoors on the college campus.

Sister Denise, president of D'Youville since 1979, was recognized for her decades of service and leadership. She retired on July 1.

Sister Denise announced her retirement last May after more than 36 years in office. When named the 14th president of D'Youville at age 37, she was the youngest president in the college's history.

A Buffalo native, she entered the Grey Nuns in 1961, completed her academic work in sociology and social work at D'Youville, earned a master's degree in sociology at Boston University and

her doctorate from the University of Massachusetts.

Local dignitaries and about 500 alumni and friends of the college attended the event held under a large tent in the Fargo Avenue parking lot behind the Koessler Administration Building.

John Amershadian, chair of the D'Youville board of trustees, acted as master of ceremonies and introduced representatives from the faculty and staff, the student body and the alumni. A special video presentation showcased Sister Denise and her accomplishments. Sister Julia C. Lanigan, president/General Superior of the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart offered reflections and Sister Denise also shared remarks. The dedication and blessing of a specially created Grey Nun recognition site followed.







**D'YOUVILLE
COLLEGE
FRIENDS & FAMILY
WERE ALL
IN ATTENDANCE**





Honors convocation CELEBRATES STUDENTS' SUCCESS



Remember to support the community around you, Robert Gioia, president of the John R. Oishei Foundation, told students and their families at D'Youville's 57th Honors Convocation on March 9 in Kleinhans Music Hall.

Gioia shared the history of the foundation's namesake—John Oishei—and how he developed the automobile windshield wiper and founded the Trico Company in Buffalo.

"He remembered to uphold his civic duty and considered it a privilege to become a philanthropist," Gioia remarked. "The Oishei Foundation has invested over \$300 million to help improve the quality of life in western New York."

Gioia commended D'Youville President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, for her remarkable leadership spanning nearly

four decades at the college. He said the campus's \$100 million investment has boosted the West Side area and strengthened the Buffalo community, calling the college an important community asset that bolsters the regional economy by educating workers for advanced careers.

As students prepare to leave D'Youville, Gioia advised them to follow their passions and work hard. "Be true to yourself, and be determined," he said.

Student speaker Micaela Fasanello '16 recalled spending many mornings parked in front of the library at 6 a.m. to secure a parking spot and afford extra time to print out notes and study before class.

Fasanello, from Clarence, graduated in December with a master's degree from the family nurse practitioner program.

She transferred to D'Youville her junior year and said she appreciated the close relationships she formed with her classmates and professors.

"My classmates and I would print notes for each other if someone was stuck in traffic and late for class," she said. "We were also each other's moral support prior to presentations and tests."

She was particularly impressed with the collaboration among students in the health professional programs through the college's interprofessional learning experience. Students from various disciplines worked together to assess patients played by local actors.

Likewise, she said DYC professors' dedication to students was unique. "They are there to support you through all of the written testing, skills testing and clinical evaluations."

Fasanello encouraged students to stay involved with the D'Youville community by giving back through monetary donations, serving as a preceptor or working on campus as a professor.

Also during the ceremony, Sister Denise conferred the college's highest honor, the D'Youville Medal, on Jennifer Spors '16, an occupational therapy student from Tonawanda.

Spors has been a quiet leader on campus who has served in the Student Association, orientation, the admissions ambassador program, Lend A Hand and the Health Careers Opportunity Program, among other programs. "She may have given back to the college and its organizations more hours of service than any other person on campus," Sister Denise said.

Sister Denise presented the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Medal, the highest honor a graduate student can receive, to two students: Christine Maloney, an occupational therapy student from Buffalo and Meghin Cocca, a pharmacy student from Lawtons.

Maloney is an active tutor, teaching assistant, graduate assistant and mentor. She exhibits a sincere, caring attitude toward all who she helps, Sister Denise said. "She does not wait to be asked to contribute and eagerly volunteers for causes on and off campus."

Cocca, who also completed her undergraduate studies at D'Youville, is a top student who has tutored classmates, acted as a lab teaching assistant, conducted research and served on various department committees and focus groups. According to her adviser, Cocca is "intelligent, diligent, [and] incredibly responsible, never giving less than one hundred percent for her school work and all her volunteer efforts."

On behalf of the alumni association, Dr. Mary Alice Higgins Donius '69

presented the Lee Conroy Higgins Award to Kristen Petrushesky '16, an exercise sports management student from Lancaster. The award is named for Dr. Donius' mother Lee, and is given to a student who has exhibited strong concern for fellow students and is active in campus activities.

Petrushesky completed her undergraduate degree in three years. She wrote for the D'Youville website, served as an orientation assistant, tutored, captained the crew team and edited the student newspaper. She is a musician who also teaches karate. One of her advisers wrote that "she is driven to succeed and believes that learning is a lifelong process, seeking to stretch herself and expand her life experiences but not at the expense of her basic core value system."

Judy McFadden '76, president of the local chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi National Honor Society, presented the St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal to Jessica Oswald, a physician assistant student from North Tonawanda. The medal is awarded each year to a third-year student with high academic standing

and outstanding service.

Oswald has been very active in welcoming students to the college, serving as a mentor, tutor, team teacher for the freshman focus class, orientation assistant and the lead orientation assistant. McFadden said Oswald "displayed a depth of caring and hard work that has directly or indirectly affected each of these students as they have entered the college."

The Dr. J. Warren Perry Health & Human Services Leadership Scholarship was awarded to Tracie Laubenstein, an occupational therapy student from Kenmore.

In addition to the major awards, students were honored for school and department awards, dean's list, scholarships and inclusion in Who's Who in American Universities & Colleges. Candidates for membership into the Lambda Sigma Society, Pinnacle and Kappa Gamma Pi were also recognized.



baccalaureate

'TOUCHING THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF MANY'

Sister Denise Urges New Grads to Carry on College's Service Legacy



In a new era of isolationism and self-preservation, never refuse to serve.

During D'Youville's baccalaureate and hooding ceremony at Holy Angels Church on May 20, college President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, reiterated the motto of the Grey Nuns in Buffalo.

In her remarks, Sister Denise recounted how the college's alumni have lived out Marguerite d'Youville's call to service in areas such as the armed forces, the Peace Corps and food pantries but noted that such altruism is increasingly challenged in a me-first culture.

"We are told to save ourselves and to save our prosperity, no matter what cost it is to other people, even those who are different from us because of culture, religions, color, economic insecurity or other differentiating characteristics," she said. "That is not Marguerite d'Youville's mission."

Sister Denise shared a conversation she had with a national news reporter who

inquired about characteristics of current students. After a few minutes, Sister said she realized the reporter thought that this generation of students was self-centered, lacked concern for others and focused on accumulating wealth for themselves.

Sister said she could only address her experience with D'Youville students and explained that they were very generous, eager to serve and find ways to be helpful.

The reporter, confused, asked why D'Youville students were different.

"Our students come with a good heart, thanks to their families and those who influenced them previously," Sister Denise said. "They come here knowing something about Marguerite d'Youville and her mission. They are choosing programs—every program here—which will prepare them better for service. They learn quickly that working and studying with people who are initially perceived as

different from them makes them richer and better educated human beings.

"The reporter remained astounded," Sister Denise said. "What I learned from the conversation is that, indeed, D'Youville students are different."

She reflected on what makes D'Youville students unique—identifying the college's mission, its rich alumni legacy and its service-focused programs as factors—but singled out students' desire to respond to emerging needs as the biggest differentiator. She noted how campus-wide service projects were providing food and clean water in struggling parts of the world, meeting refugee and immigrant needs, building homes, feeding hungry people and mentoring children.

"Marguerite d'Youville's spirit is alive here because of you," she said. "That means that God is here, alive and touching



the hearts and lives of many people, especially those who lack resources or even hope.”

Samantha Marasco '16 welcomed the crowd while the Rev. Janice N. Mahle, associate campus minister, gave the opening prayer. Mark McDermott '16 offered a Bible reading from John, and Tomasina Lamper '16 shared the poem “For a New Beginning” by John O’Donohue.

Graduating students were hooded by faculty members from their respective academic disciplines to indicate that the students had completed their degree requirements. The Rev. Quilin Bouzi, OMI, pastor of Holy Angels Church, offered the closing prayer.





commencement



Dr. Carolyn Woo, president and CEO of Catholic Relief Service, was the speaker at D'Youville's 108th commencement on Saturday, May 21, at Kleinhans Music Hall. Dr. Woo's message to the graduates was "Be empathetic. Be compassionate. Stand up for something. Stand up for someone."

During the commencement exercises, D'Youville President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, conferred 651 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees to the class of 2016 as well as honorary degrees to Woo, Carol Lyons Montante '64 and Carl J. Montante. Sister Eleanor Therese Martinez GNSH, '66, a member of the golden anniversary class, offered the invocation.



Honorary Degree Recipients:

Above: Dr. Carolyn Woo,

Left: Carol Lyons and Carl Montante



In honor of Sister Denise and her nearly four decades of leadership at D'Youville College, she was presented with a proclamation from Pope Francis citing her long service and religious dedication by the Most Reverend Richard J. Malone, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

A special gold medal from the Vatican was also presented to Sister Denise.

Sister was also honored with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at the commencement ceremony. It recognized her leadership and accomplishments at D'Youville, including "increased enrollment, new academic programs, major capital construction and improvements and moving the college to a respected place in the world of academe."

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE EYES AUGUST CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

As Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, PhD concluded her 37-year tenure as D'Youville president on June 30, the presidential search committee has been ramping up its work to find a new permanent president.

The position has been advertised in numerous higher education publications, and the search committee—which has members from the board of trustees as well as DYC faculty, staff and students—has been meeting monthly to begin preliminary candidate assessment, board chairman John Amershadian said.

A substantial number of applications have been submitted, including entries from a number of well-qualified candidates from across the country, he said. Philadelphia-based Diversified Search, the firm engaged by the board of trustees in November to steer the search process, is vetting the applications and identifying and reaching out to other prospective candidates.

“I appreciate the seriousness that everyone is approaching the process with,” Amershadian said.

The search committee’s goal is to grow and then winnow the candidate pool to a half dozen or so top applicants in early August; those candidates will interview with the search committee in late August, Amershadian said. Based on those interviews, a smaller group of finalists will be selected and then brought back for more extensive on-campus visits in late September or October, he said.

“Our goal is to have D'Youville’s next president on the job at the start of the spring 2017 semester,” said C.J. Urlab, D'Youville board member and co-chair of the search committee.

The committee has reiterated its commitment to finding a candidate who will embrace D'Youville’s mission and help propel its service legacy forward even if it means extending the search, Amershadian said. “We’ve got to find someone we believe who will be successful,” he said. “We won’t settle. We will find someone who understands that D'Youville is a special place, and the mission is not just something that’s written and put in a drawer.”

Earlier this year, Diversified Search helped the board and the committee to identify the college’s leadership needs, which have been distilled into a position description and ideal candidate profile, Amershadian said.

Beyond finding a new president who embraces the college’s mission, the board also authorized the creation of an Office of Mission, he said. “Everyone recognizes with the departure of Sister Denise, who is the embodiment of the mission, that we needed to institutionalize it rather than rely on one personality,” Amershadian said.

Although the board’s initial timetable suggested that a new president could be named for the start of the 2016-2017 academic year, the search committee realized that more time would be necessary to conduct a thorough search. As a result, the board named William J. Mariani, Ed.D., vice president for administrative services and external relation, as interim president. He was previously president of Erie Community College. Mariani was chosen because of his leadership experience and outstanding tenure at D'Youville and because he is not a candidate for the permanent position, Amershadian said.

Amershadian encouraged alumni to stay informed about the search process by checking the college’s newly designed website. A special presidential search section can be accessed from the top right corner of the red navigation bar on the homepage or by entering this web address: www.dyc.edu/about/presidential-search/.

The webpage contains information about the search committee members, the position description and ideal candidate profile and news updates. In addition, site visitors can ask questions or submit feedback about the search process, including suggesting specific candidates for consideration, through an online form.



D'Youville College has named the Rev. Dr. Robert J. Perelli, CJM as vice president for mission integration, a newly created position.

He will be responsible for the implementation and integration of the Catholic Grey Nun mission into the D'Youville community and in strategic planning for the college.

Rev. Perelli will be a member of the President's Council, and he will develop and coordinate programs that interpret the philosophy, mission and values of the college.

Perelli, a member of the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudist Fathers), is the founder and president of The Center for Family Systems Theory of Western

New York that offers psychotherapy for clients, training for medical professionals, education, social service providers, clergy and business leaders.

He also provides consulting services at Women and Children's Hospital, including support groups for parents with a child that has a chronic, serious or life-threatening disease and for parents who have experienced the death of a child.

He is the weekend priest at St. Joseph University Roman Catholic Church and an instructor at Christ the King Seminary and Inter Diocesan School of Theology.

Perelli served as pastor of Ascension Roman Catholic Church in San Diego from 2012 to 2014.

He founded AIDS Family Services of WNY in 1989 and also served as president of the organization providing therapy for individuals and families.

In the early 1980s, Rev. Perelli served on the staff of D'Youville as campus minister holding religious services and directing the office of Campus Ministry, a student volunteer organization.

The Congregation of Jesus and Mary (CJM), whose members are known as Eudists, is a small society of priests founded by Saint Jean Eudes in 1643. It is engaged mainly in the training of diocesan clergy and education, according to the New Catholic Encyclopedia. "The congregation remains dedicated chiefly to work in seminaries and education."

The Eudists do not take religious vows and have no special habit distinguishing them from the diocesan clergy.

A native of Lackawanna, N.Y., Rev. Perelli obtained his degree in philosophy and his master of divinity degree from St. John Vianney Seminary in East Aurora, N.Y. He received his doctor of ministry degree from Andover Newton Theological School in Boston.

Rev. Perelli was ordained in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo in 1976.

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MISSION INTEGRATION NAMED AT D'YOUVILLE

CAMPUS NEWS



George's Kuhrt's memory will live on at D'Youville College through the renaming of the dining hall and a plaque dedicated to him on display there.

George Kuhrt Dining Hall

In a special ceremony, D'Youville College renamed the Porter View Room "The George Kuhrt Dining Hall" in honor of the late director of food service who passed away in 2014.

For the students attending D'Youville from 2002 until his untimely death, George led the college's food service and he made sure the students were not only well fed but that the food was prepared to their liking.

"George is missed, and the college is honored to remember him," said D'Youville President Sister Denise A. Roche at the ceremony.

David A. Cervi, president of Personal Touch Food Service, George's employer, said George was one of the best food service professionals he knew and a good personal friend.

Students Honor Sister Denise

On April 19, students hosted a reception celebrating Sister Denise's service and dedication to the students of D'Youville College and the community. The event was sponsored by the Student Association.





D'Youville Receives Artwork Donation From Canadian Artist/Chiropractor and His Wife

Striking new artworks will soon grace the chiropractic department area in the Bauer Family Academic Center.

A generous donation of four large, framed works to the department by Canadian artists David Drum and his wife Barbara Vance was made through the facilitation of Dr. John A. Taylor, professor and coordinator of diagnostic imaging in the department.

Plans call for the attractive abstracts to hang in the hallway area outside the entrance to the chiropractic department on the fourth floor of BFAC.

Drum, a retired chiropractor and internationally known artist, has 50 years of art experience and his works are displayed in many corporate and private collections. He learned to use oil paints from his father. In 1961, he won the Canadian National Exhibition mural competition at age 17.

He enrolled in the anatomy and human dissection courses at Canadian

Memorial Chiropractic College, leading him to a 12-year career as a medical illustrator and a 40-year career as a doctor of chiropractic.

He spent ten years in Manhattan creating large format landscapes and a series of abstract expressionist canvases before returning to Toronto to open a gallery in Cabbagetown, a neighborhood on the east side of downtown Toronto. Working in oils, he studied impressionistic techniques and was greatly influenced by the work of Claude Monet.

Drum exhibited annually with the National Ballet in the O'Keefe Centre for the Performing Arts and provided paintings for many American and Canadian feature films.

Before picking up a paint brush, Barbara Vance was educated in nursing science, and for most of her career she worked in cancer research in a clinical trial setting.

Art came into her life upon meeting David, and her world has since been dominated by art experiences.

She began painting and having no restrictions with the use of color and

fear of expression, she developed a personal style featuring a daring use of color and a freshness that appeals to young and old.

Her early work was oil on board or canvas and was influenced by the Fauvists, Vlaminck and Derain as well as other French Impressionists.

Both artists are currently creating "reverse glass" abstracts. They work on the large glass installation pieces together at the same time and then Barbara promptly custom frames them.

The artists provided the gift because "We love Buffalo and D'Youville College and consider ourselves neighbors," they said.

After many years decorating the walls of the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College with energetic and colorful paintings, and after David's lecture at D'Youville last year, the artists decided to fill the noticeable bare walls of the chiropractic facility in the same spirit as their donations to the Canadian college.

"We only hope the spirit and energy that so impressed us in the faculty and student body is reflected in our paintings," they said.

David was one of Dr. Taylor's former professors at CMCC and was a huge influence on his career as a chiropractor and educator. "David is a talented, eclectic and creative individual," Dr. Taylor said. "He was a successful chiropractor with a specialty in treating dancers, which led to a long tenure as the chiropractor for the National Ballet of Canada."

Dr. Drum was instrumental in the early scientific investigation into chiropractic, resulting in many scholarly presentations, articles and manuscripts.

The couple works out of their home-studio-gallery, "Le Bateau Gallery of Fine Art," in Crystal Beach, Canada.



Sister Denise Named Honorary Oblate

D'Youville President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, in December was named an Honorary Oblate of Mary Immaculate by Father Louis Lougen, OMI, superior general of the oblates, during a ceremony at Holy Angels Church.

Father Lougen came from Rome and blessed Sister Denise during the ceremony, and Father Anthony Rigoli, OMI, of New Orleans, gave the homily. Sister Denise was honored for her generous service and support to the oblates and presented with an oblate cross, akin to the order's habit.

The Oblates of Mary Immaculate are celebrating their 200th year. The order began in France in 1816 as an effort to revitalize the church after the French Revolution. The oblates came to Buffalo in the 1850s and have operated various parishes, seminaries and schools in the region throughout their history.

The order continues to serve three parishes—Holy Angels Church, Holy Cross Church and Our Lady of Hope—and provide outreach to the Hispanic population, offer residence for Oblate seminarians, visit the sick and give retreats and missions throughout the diocese, said Bob Chambers, administrative assistant for Holy Angels. *(photo above)*

DYC to Offer New Master's Degree in Anatomy

D'Youville College has received approval from the New York State Education Department to offer a master's of science degree program in anatomy starting in fall 2016.

The new degree will require 30 credit hours for completion and include a two-week study abroad experience in Italy. Undergraduate students will have the opportunity to complete the program simultaneously with either a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree in biology.

"It is unique in the western New York area and will emphasize in-depth academics in all traditional anatomical disciplines, with research that is based in anatomical studies," said Marion Olivieri, PhD, chairwoman of biology and mathematics and director of the new program.

The program aims to prepare students for further professional study in healthcare fields or for academic research and teaching careers.

Professor, Student Coach Teens for Science Fair

David Stewart, PhD, assistant professor of chemistry, and Lauren Lubecki, a chemistry major, worked with a team of three Lewiston-Porter High School students on a research project for the International Students Science Fair.

The study investigated whether zebra mussels exposed to different concentration levels of lead ion would exhibit varying levels of lead ion retention in tissue and shell over a six-week period, and the team was awarded a \$2,700 grant from the D'Youville Research Committee to continue their work.

The high school students and their Lewiston-Porter teachers traveled to Melbourne, Australia, in December to compete in the week-long competition. They were one of only three U.S. teams at the event and their oral presentation placed second.

DYC, Catholic Health Form Partnership for Training

D'Youville is partnering with Catholic Health for interprofessional training opportunities

Under the partnership, DYC faculty will train Catholic Health employees in interdisciplinary collaboration practices in exchange for student and faculty access to the system's new state-of-the-art Margaret L. Wendt Simulation and Training Center.

Several years ago, a team of the college's health professions faculty members designed a novel professional collaboration simulation that pulls in students from eight health fields, including nursing, occupational therapy and pharmacy, who work together to assess mock patients and family members played by professional actors. The students debrief as a group and

share insights from their different clinical perspectives.

More than 1,500 NYC students from the health professions have completed this unique experience, which aims to prepare them for the collaborative teamwork needed to provide patient-centered care.

DYC Hosts Healthcare Analytics Panel

D'Youville College sponsored a special panel discussion in March called "Big Data & Healthcare Analytics" to explore careers in this new and growing field.

Participants included Christopher Keaton, director of information and analytical advancement at HealthNow New York; Michele Mercer, clinical integration officer at Millennium Collaborative Care; and Chandni Sud, network performance manager at Independent Health. The moderator was Dr. Lisa Rafelson, assistant professor and chair of the health services administration department at D'Youville.

The department developed the area's first health care analytics program in 2015 to meet the need for trained professionals in the field.

Biology Students Travel to DC for Expedition

Eleven faculty members took 57 students enrolled in Introductory Biology to Washington, D.C., in March as part of an extended laboratory field trip experience to study science, history and culture.

"At D'Youville, we believe that studying the science of life is greatly enhanced by allowing students to experience biology and mathematics in ways difficult to reproduce in a classroom," said Dr. Marion Olivieri, chairwoman of the

college's department of biology and mathematics. "For some of our students, it was their first visit to our nation's capital."

Students and faculty visited the Smithsonian, the world's largest museum and research complex with 19 museums and nine research centers. At the Smithsonian's National Zoo, students studied the behavior and ecology of multiple animal species, visiting the Giant Panda Behavior Research Station, home of the giant panda cub, Bei Bei, and observing a research project on orangutan memory, among other activities.



DYC Students Help Teens with History Day Projects

Twelve D'Youville College graduate students in the childhood education program worked with middle school students from the City Honors School on a special Buffalo Public Schools-D'Youville College National History Day collaboration.

The middle school students created original research projects on local historical topics of interest, including women's rights, local figures and Buffalo's role in jazz history. The D'Youville students also volunteered to serve as judges for the Buffalo and Western New York Regional History Day competitions, and four of them—Aleah Sivilotti, Emily Poot, Kristin Leslie and Rachna Sharma—served as judges for the New

York state competition in Cooperstown.

The collaboration emerged from a professional development workshop for BPS teachers about integrating National History Day into the social studies curriculum; that training was conducted by Dr. Julie H. Carter, associate professor, and Dr. Hilary A. Lochte, department chair.



Pharmacy Students Honored for Prescription Education Project

D'Youville's chapter of the Academy of Student Pharmacists won the Region 1 Generation Rx Award and received \$250 at the March annual meeting of the American Pharmacists Association.

D'Youville pharmacy students Lauren Donohue and Meghan Cocca participated in the Generation Rx program, an ongoing education and outreach initiative created by the Cardinal Health Foundation and the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in partnership with the APhA.

Winning chapters were selected for their collaborative efforts on campus with pharmacists, community outreach programs and local organizations to expand the breadth and depth of prescription drug misuse education.



D'Youville Education Majors Active in Research

Four D'Youville graduate students majoring in Childhood Education presented at the annual international "Teaching Innovations and Enhancing Learning" conference in April in Amherst.

Kristen Leslie, Rachna Sharma, Kristina Stumpf and Alyssa Iglewski created posters and presented their research about how children's literature can be used to enhance moral development.

Drs. Stephen Williams and Robert Gamble, professors in the graduate education department, sponsored the students and led a roundtable discussion.

D'Youville Hosted State Math Championship

D'Youville in April hosted a statewide mathematics contest for students from second through twelfth grades in the college's new Science, Arts and Education building on Niagara Street.

The competition was run by mathleague.org, the country's largest network of local and state math competitions at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Dr. Gheorghita Faitar, assistant professor of mathematics, teaches a math course for Leonardo DaVinci High School students, and some of those students finished in second place in their first ever competition experience. The top scoring team from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute was invited to participate in a national competition in Kansas City.

DYC Students Help Measure Players in NHL Scouting Combine

Upper-level students in D'Youville's department of exercise and sports studies on June 1 helped conduct body measurements of player prospects in the NHL scouting combine held in Buffalo at the First Niagara Center.

The combine event is an opportunity for 120 of the world's best young hockey prospects to showcase their skills, talents and athleticism prior to the NHL draft. The prospects had about 75 human body measurements taken, including skinfold caliper body composition, goniometric measurement for movement and flexibility, muscular strength and force testing and numerous girth and limb length measurements.

Patrick Roward, an exercise physiologist with Kaleida Health, led the team that conducted the measurements, which was composed of 15 D'Youville students and faculty members, including Matt Hamilton, a clinical assistant professor; Thomas McCarthy, an assistant professor and Dr. James Velasquez, the ESS department's director.

D'Youville faculty members held several training sessions in May to ensure that students were properly prepared and comfortable completing the tasks, Velasquez said. Player prospects also participated in cardiovascular screening and had orthopedic and musculoskeletal exams completed, he said.

FACULTY NEWS

John A. Taylor, DC, professor and coordinator of diagnostic imaging in the chiropractic department, has been selected as an imaging consultant for World Spine Care, a multinational charitable organization that provides care to under-served communities. Dr. Taylor will interpret X-rays, CT scans and MRI scans on complicated cases for patients in Botswana and the Dominican Republic.

Assistant biology professor **Gaia B. Bistulfi** authored a young adult novel, "An Italian Adventure" (The Italian Saga, Volume 1), published under the name Gaia B. Amman. Bistulfi was raised in Italy and moved to the United States in her 20s to pursue graduate studies. The book is set in the late 1980s and tells the story of Leda, a 10-year-old tomboy in Italy who loves books.

Lauraine A. Neal, assistant professor of nursing, was honored in March with the distinguished alumni award from Erie Community College. She is a member of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, Sigma Theta Tau and the Association of Community Health Nurse Educators.

Shannon McCrory-Churchill, clinical associate professor of nursing, was selected as a healthcare champion by Buffalo Business First and was featured in its annual publication in April. The business newspaper chooses recipients from a pool of nominations received over a three-month period.

Kirsten H. Butterfoss, PharmD, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy, successfully completed the national board examination given by the Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy to become a certified geriatric pharmacist. To become certified, a pharmacist must pass a written test about geriatric pharmacy practice and principles of geriatric drug therapy. Only

about 2,000 pharmacists have achieved this certification, according to the commission.

Martin Kelly, associate professor of biology, **Antwan K. Barlow**, director of Upward Bound and **Benjamin L. Randle III**, assistant director of the Veterans Affairs Office, recently published an article in *Opportunity Matters: Journal of Access and Opportunity in Education* about an investigative curriculum they used with Upward Bound participants to teach quantitative processes shared in science and mathematics.

Kimberly Bernosky-Smith, assistant professor of biology, participated in the annual Part 1 Test Committee at the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners headquarters in Greeley, Colo. She is a specialist in pathology, one of the six basic science areas included on the NBCE Part 1 examinations. During the meeting, test committee members approved items to use for future exam questions.

Kathleen Curtin, assistant professor in the health services administration department, had her submission accepted for presentation at the Academy Health annual research meeting in Boston in June. The presentation is titled "School Health and Wellness Collaborative: Evaluation of a School-Community-Academic Partnership to Improve Engagement in School Wellness Work." Her research examines the partnership between the Buffalo Public School District, the Community Health Worker Network and D'Youville College, which aims to improve health and wellness for students and their families living in the diverse and economically challenged areas of Buffalo. The presentation co-authors are **Renee Cadzow, PhD**, assistant professor in health services administration, Jessica Bauer Walker of the Community Health Worker Network of Buffalo and Sue Baldwin from the Buffalo Public Schools.

Dr. Cadzow was named the Buffalo Public Schools 2016 School Wellness Team Higher Education Partner of the Year. Her contribution to school wellness within the Buffalo Public Schools includes her work as part of the Perry-grant funded school health and wellness collaborative project (see above) and her work with the school wellness advisory team, which she co-leads with Baldwin.



Faculty Award Franz Riverrun Fellowship

D'Youville's liberal arts department faculty selected Joseph Franz, 44, a rising senior philosophy major from Eden, as the inaugural recipient of the Riverrun fellowship. Franz was selected for the \$2,000 award based on his engagement and commitment to a humanities education, in particular his appreciation for other people, critical thinking skills and dedication to lifelong learning.

"It was very much a pleasant surprise (to receive the award)," Franz said. "It was very humbling (to be nominated by the faculty)."

Franz received the 2014-2015 D'Youville humanities award and was inducted into the Pinnacle honor society. He entered NYC at the Diocese of Buffalo's suggestion as part of his discernment process into entering the Roman Catholic priesthood and said that his liberal arts education at the college has been a valuable experience.

Franz said he appreciated the close-knit campus at D'Youville, especially professors who were willing to help him after class and other students who accepted him as a non-traditional student.

Riverrun is an organization that supports education, literature and literacy in Western New York.

NEW GRADUATES WELCOMED INTO DYC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Over glazed salmon and a champagne toast, the alumni association feted more than 250 of its newest members and their families on May 19 at a lunch in the George O. Kuhrt Dining Hall of the College Center, a longstanding tradition.

Alumni Association President Jodie Cunningham '89 welcomed the graduates into the association, and each new alumnus received a gift and information about alumni services and benefits.

Rebecca Mercuri offered the invocation and Laurie Hall '84 and her daughter Carly gave the benediction. On behalf of the graduating students, they presented Sister Denise with a bouquet of roses.

Sister Denise addressed the graduating students and encouraged the graduates to follow the message of Saint Marguerite d'Youville—to demonstrate compassion and provide service to the needy. She reminded the graduates that even as they departed the D'Youville campus, they would remain in her daily prayers.

Following Sister Denise's remarks, Meg Rittling, director of alumni relations, recognized the legacy alumni – those alumni who have a relative in the graduating class. Six alumni were honored: Laurie Hall '84, mother of Carly Hall; Phyllis Durkin '06, aunt of Kalie Mchenry; Monica Perez '09, '11, sister of Karina Perez; Olayinka Adetimehin '14, sister of Oluwatoyin Adetimehin; Adriane Lang '15, sister of Courtney Lang; and Brian Spillman '15, brother of Julie Spillman.



Below: Carly and Laurie Hall



Above: Kalie Mchenry and Phyllis Dunkin



*Above: Julie and Brian Spillman
Below: Adriane and Courtney Long*



Above: Monica and Karina Perez



Leading the way

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA HONORED AT AWARDS DINNER

The humble servant's heart exhibited by Marguerite d'Youville lives on in DYC alumni, three of whom were recognized on May 25 for exemplifying her spirit.

During the alumni awards dinner at the Buffalo Yacht Club, three women—**Leona Reed Gonzales '57, Sylvia L. Grendisa '59 and Kathleen Manley Thorp '80**—received the Delta Sigma Award and were inducted into the Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society. Honorees are selected each year for improving the quality of life of others through service to family, church, D'Youville College, civic activities or international endeavors.



Leona Reed Gonzales

Gonzales, who grew up on the Tuscarora Reservation in Niagara County, earned a teaching scholarship from the diocese of Buffalo and taught in Buffalo's parochial school system before moving to Arizona to teach on Native American reservations. Along with Rudy, her husband of 55 years, Gonzales raised five children in the Catholic church.

Throughout her life, Gonzales has served as a faithful church ambassador in the Native American community. As her children grew, she and Rudy became more active in the Tetakwitha Conference, a gathering that supports Native Americans' Catholic faith. Gonzales credits Blessed Kateri—the first Native American saint—for curing her thyroid cancer, and she and Rudy attended Kateri's canonization at the Vatican in 2012.

Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia invited the couple to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September. There, they represented North America and gave

testimony to Pope Francis about raising a Catholic family, and Gonzales presented the pontiff with an eagle feather, explaining that it signified he was a brave warrior for Holy Mother Church.

Grendisa was a medical technologist for 37 years, working at the Erie County Medical Center, the University at Buffalo and the Veterans Administration Medical Center, where she was the lead technologist in the Legionnaires' disease lab and the supervisor of the microbiology department before retiring in 1997. She raised two children.

Grendisa is an active volunteer, especially in the healthcare setting. Fueled by her own journey as a two-time breast cancer survivor, she has worked to improve the patient experience by mentoring UB medical students and teaching them to deliver bad news with compassion. Since 2000, she has volunteered in the Cancer Wellness Center at Roswell Park, initially in hospitality service but for the past six



Elizabeth Tupper with her mother Jennifer and sister Kelsey Tupper-Kolar

years as a cancer coach in the chemo infusion clinic. In addition, she also volunteers as an American Red Cross ombudsman and mentor at Garden Gate Nursing Home in West Seneca and Maplewood in Cheektowaga, and in 2010 she received the Jeanne O'Neill Outstanding Volunteer Service Award from the Red Cross through the New York State Department of Aging.

Grendisa also appreciates beauty in the natural world and cultivates a rich faith life. She has volunteered for years at the Gardenville Campus of the Burchfield Nature and Arts Center and is currently the Historian of the Friends of the Burchfield. She started the garden club at the Queen of Heaven Parish in West Seneca and participates in several parish committees and Catholic charities.

Thorp embarked on a military career after graduating with a nursing degree from D'Youville, joining the U.S. Navy reserves where she continues to serve today. She has tackled many leadership



Sylvia Grendisa

roles in the military, including serving as the chief of staff for Navy Medicine East and as the executive officer to the operational health support unit at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Thorp earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Maryland in 2011, focusing on specialty leadership and executive practice studies. She currently works for Booz Allen Hamilton, a military contractor, helping to develop health policy initiatives and offer guidance for military

Captain Kathleen Manley Thorp



medical readiness. She uses her military background to help civilians understand the challenges of the military hospital setting with the goal of better supporting military caregivers.

But Thorp, who raised four children along with husband Capt. Owen Thorp, may best be known for launching Operation Welcome Home Maryland, a volunteer group that welcomes military service members returning from overseas deployments at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. Since it was founded in 2007, the group has greeted more than 600,000 troops. Volunteers wave flags and hold signs, and each service member receives a goody bag. Whether she's on the job or volunteering, Thorp never stops thinking about how to better serve our military service members.

Alumni board president Jodie Vrana Cunningham '89 and event chairwoman Maggie O'Brien '11 presented the awards to the Delta Sigma recipients.

Alumni relations director Meg Rittling presented The Young Alum Award to Dr. Elizabeth Tupper '13. This award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past 10 years, distinguished themselves in their career and demonstrated potential for continued success in their profession. In addition, recipients must have participated in community service or service to the college.

Tupper graduated from D'Youville with a bachelor's of science degree in biology and a doctor of chiropractic degree. While at school, she met Dr. Vidur

Jain, an orthopedic surgeon from India who was enrolled in the chiropractic program, and volunteered to work in



Dr. Elizabeth Tupper

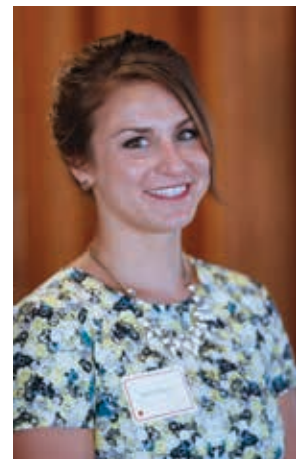
his hospital in Janak Puri, a West Delhi suburb. Jain coordinated a service opportunity for her after graduation, and Tupper lived in India for two months providing chiropractic care.

Tupper said the experience renewed her sense of gratitude; she saw many patients who lived in extreme poverty but were still incredibly generous. And in India she learned the importance of communicating with patients. She frequently worked without a translator but realized that if she held her patients' hands and looked in their eyes, she could understand them even without knowing the words they were speaking to her.

Based on those experiences, she pledged to be a physician who would always listen to her patients and care about their lives. Tupper is currently a chiropractor in Orchard Park and is planning to open a multi-disciplinary wellness center that will offer chiropractic care, massage therapy, personal training, nutritional counseling and whole body cryotherapy.

During the dinner, recipients of the Sister Mary Charlotte Barton GNSH Alumni Kinship Scholarship were also recognized. Recipients must be related to a D'Youville graduate and are chosen based on their high school or college record, financial need and community service activities. This year's recipients were Kate Miano, niece of Margaret Miano Mersereau '78, a second-year graduate student in the occupational therapy program; and Helen Gibson, daughter of Sandra Gibson '01, an incoming freshman who was accepted into D'Youville's early assurance pre-pharmacy program.

(Helen was unable to attend the dinner due to her high school graduation that same night from St. Mary's of Lancaster.)



Kate Miano

Dunford Honored with Distinguished Alumna Award



Dr. Denise Dunford pictured with Sister Denise A. Roche

Helping others is all in a day's work for Denise Mahoney Dunford '94.

Whether she is assisting patients in her role as a nurse practitioner in the emergency department at Buffalo General Hospital or working with students and faculty colleagues as the director of the family nurse practitioner program/doctor of nursing practice program in D'Youville College's School of Nursing, Dr. Dunford said, "There's never a time I can't make a difference for someone."

In recognition of her passion for lifelong learning and commitment to serving others, D'Youville College bestowed Dunford with its highest alumni award, the Anne Lum Award, during the alumni awards dinner in May.

Dunford never hesitates to help a student or faculty member or pitch in when extra help is needed, her colleagues at the School of Nursing said. She has keen insight into the student perspective and pushes students and colleagues alike to achieve high goals, clinical assistant professor Mary Catherine Kennedy said. She will frequently ask, "What are we

doing for the students to make things better?" Kennedy said.

Dunford is known as a problem-solver who leads a number of initiatives within the school and across the college, such as chairing the school's search committee, developing a multidisciplinary falls prevention curriculum and helping to launch the college's health professions interdisciplinary education lab experience. She won the school's Outstanding Nursing Faculty Award in 2002.

In the hospital setting, Dunford breaks down barriers for patients and families, patiently and persistently peeling back the layers of their stories to uncover obstacles that hamper care access, such as cognitive difficulties, lack of physical resources, language problems and financial constraints.

And in the classroom setting, she seeks to pass on those communication skills to her students.

"Listen to the patients and their story will become evident," Dunford said she instructs her students. "If you ask the

wrong question, you'll get the wrong answer. You have to become very skilled in communication (to be an effective nurse practitioner)."

Dunford's interest in improving care outcomes for vulnerable patients has also inspired her research agenda. While working at several hospitals as she pursued her master's degree, she noticed that patients from one hospital would present at another facility days later because they did not understand the discharge instructions. That observation fueled her research interest in patient literacy, which has resulted in several publications, studies and presentations as well as grand round lectures at Buffalo General and didactic coursework embedded in D'Youville's graduate nursing program.

Similarly, her encounters with elderly patients and their families sparked her interest in end-of-life decision-making, spurring her to conduct research, secure grant funds to train faculty and graduate students as advanced care planning facilitators and lead outreach efforts to educate the Buffalo community.

Among other accolades, Dunford received the Catherine McAuley Distinguished Alumna Award in 2003, earned the Emergency Nurses Association National Competence in Aging Award in 2010 and was named a Woman of Influence by *Buffalo Business First* in 2007.

"She's an excellent representative of the college and of the School of Nursing both because she's very supportive of the mission and our altruistic values," said Ann Caughill, associate professor and chairwoman of the school. "I don't think you could ask for a better ambassador."

alumni tea

Just under 100 DYC alumnae gathered at this year's alumni tea on Saturday, March 5, at The Buffalo Club on Delaware Avenue in downtown Buffalo.

Women representing classes from the 1940s through the 2000s mingled throughout the club's second floor as they sampled scones, assorted sandwiches, fine teas and desserts. Participants reminisced about professors and classmates and marveled at the campus's expansion.

The tea, which was sponsored by the alumni association, is one of a number of social gatherings held throughout the year. ***For a list of upcoming events, visit www.dyc.edu/alumni.***



SISTER DENISE VISITS ALUMNI

washington d.c. & florida

D'Youville College President Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, traveled to Washington, DC on January 29 to meet with alumni and share updates about the college and the D'Youville Campaign. A reception was held at the historic National Press Club.

On February 27, college trustee Paul Bauer sponsored a luncheon at the Coral Ridge Country Club for alumni in the Fort Lauderdale area.

On March 12, Sister visited with alumni at a luncheon in Naples. The next day, Sister attended a lunch hosted by Dr. Joseph Grande, professor emeritus, and Sylvia Boggan at the Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota.



CLASS NOTES

class of 1951 65th REUNION

50s

Gail Schintzius Busillo '58 recently retired from private practice as a licensed clinical social work psychotherapist. She currently volunteers at a senior center facilitating a support group for caregivers of people with dementia and makes quilts for new mothers.

class of 1956 60th REUNION

60s

Some members of the class of '63 gathered for a mini reunion in Venice, Fla. Pictured left to right: **Janet Marriott Rebhan, Barbara Campagna, Joan Planz Spencer and Joan Johnston Kotusiak**

class of 1961 55th REUNION



class of 1966 50th REUNION

class of 1971 45th REUNION

70s

Dorette "Dee" Sugg Welk '71, and **Roberta Page Pawlak '81**, met recently in Las Vegas when they were both candidates for Regional Coordinators for Sigma Theta Tau. They were reading



each other's candidate posters when Roberta saw the D'Youville connection. Both were successfully elected and will serve the organization in the 2015-2017 biennium. Dee's region includes the Buffalo area chapters among 33 in western Pa. and western N.Y. Roberta supports chapter officers and chairpersons in South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Mary Riley Buttaccio '73 celebrated 10 years of employment with the McGuire Group's Garden Gate Health Care Facility. Buttaccio is an activity leader for the residents.

class of 1976 40th REUNION

Deborah Bruch Bucki '75 was elected to a position on the town council for Amherst, N.Y. She was previously an assistant professor of nursing at D'Youville.

Anne Chmura Anthon '78, '12 has a new grandson, Mateo Dean Cox. Uncle **Jonathon Anthon** is a 2009 D'Youville grad.

class of 1981 35th REUNION

80s

Joyce Kontrabecki Markiewicz '80 has been named executive vice president by Catholic Health. She is also president and CEO of Home and Community-Based Care.

Linda Lorber Schwab '81 has been certified as a trauma certified registered nurse by the Board of Certification for Emergency Nursing. Schwab is the first in the nation to take and pass the new exam. She is extensively involved in outreach education for injury prevention.

Jennifer Sinatra MacNeil '82 recently published her poetry and photography book, "My Visions, My Truths." The book is available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Inspirational poems and pictures can be found on her Facebook page MacPoetry73.

Elaine Panzica '82, a women's health nurse practitioner, joined OBGYN Associates of Western New York. Panzica also served as an adjunct faculty member for 15 years.

Lorraine Cook Duthe '85 has been appointed by Kaleida Health as vice president and associate general counsel for corporate compliance and internal audit. She will also serve as Kaleida Health's chief compliance officer.

class of 1986 30th REUNION

Maria Buscaglia Gambino '87 has been appointed executive director at Buffalo Spine and Sports Medicine.

Cheryl A. Miller '87 was recently honored with a proclamation from State Sen. Patrick Gallivan for her 40 years of employment at Wyoming County Community Hospital in Warsaw, N.Y. She is currently a professor at Trocaire College's Catherine McAuley School of Nursing.

class of 1991 25th REUNION

90s

Jennifer L. Ball '90 was named vice president of finance/CFO at Aspire of WNY.

Walter Iwanenko '93 has been appointed as vice president for academic affairs at Gannon University. Most recently, Iwanenko served as dean of adult and graduate studies and professor of public administration at Hilbert College.

Business First named several alumni to its 2016 Health Care Champions list. They are **Julie Nistler Reinstein '93**, physical therapist and co-owner of Advanced Care Physical Therapy; **Audrey Hoerner '95**, nurse practitioner/unit manager in the burn treatment center at Erie County Medical Center; **Cheryll Walters Moore '96**, medical care administrator with the Erie County Department of Health; **Cheryl Pereira Friedman '98**, system vice president of care management at Catholic Health; and **Kimberlee Dingle Carpenter '06**, director of physical therapy at Phoenix Physical Therapy.

class of 1996 20th REUNION

Jonathan Hendricks '96, a certified physician assistant, recently earned a certificate of added qualifications from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Hendricks is one of only 220 certified physician assistants nationally to earn this credential.

class of 2001 15th REUNION

2000s

Sister Michelle Marie Stachowiak, CSSF '02 has been elected to a six-year term as a Provincial Councilor, part of the leadership team of the Felician

Sisters of North America. The province consists of sisters throughout the United States, Canada and Haiti.

Lucia Esquilin '04 and Karl Schultz were married on April 9, 2016. Congratulations!

Andrea Berki-Nnuji '05 was promoted to director of analytics at Crowley Webb.

Natalie Lindner '05 and James Terhaar were married on January 1, 2016. Congratulations!

Michelle Wisniewski '05, a physician assistant, is a member of the lymphoma service staff at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

class of 2006 10-YEAR REUNION

Kim Mazgai Fadeley '07, a registered nurse, was named the director of facility-based services at The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Christopher Scalisi '08 was hired as a global trade advisor at Welke Customs Brokers USA.

Mary Colson Shannon '08, '09 graduated in May 2016 from SUNY at Buffalo with a doctor of nursing practice as a psychiatric and mental health nurse practitioner. For her capstone, she wrote and researched an iPhone app entitled, "My Shiny Thing" for self-injuring adolescents. She will join Gateway-Longview and Mid-Erie Health Center to serve the child and adolescent population.

Mary Bernosky-Rak '09 was named education manager/designated learning officer at VA Western New York Healthcare System. Previously, she served as clinical nurse leader and nurse educator at the VA.

Christopher Lane '10 has been appointed by Kaleida Health as president of Buffalo General Medical Center/Gates Vascular Institute.

Erin McCarthy Hanaburgh '11 and Richard Hanaburgh '11, '14 welcomed a baby girl, Niamh (pronounced Neeve) Elizabeth, on April 10, 2016.



Lee Anne Moretti Jasinski '11, employed by Catholic Health/Mercy Hospital of Buffalo as a physician



assistant, received the Love Award for Outstanding Service 2015.

Asheigh Berst '13

was appointed by Alliance Advisory Group as director of talent acquisition for its upstate New York operations.

Shaun Morgan '13, a chiropractor, was recently hired by Jafari Chiropractic.

Julie Stumpff '14 was promoted to nurse recruiter by VA Western New York Healthcare System. She is also a nursing clinical instructor at Trocaire College.

Brian Graham '15 has been appointed superintendent of the Grand Island school district.

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Kreitner Benincasa '36
Buffalo, N.Y.
April 15, 2016

Carmela Valente '38
Getzville, N.Y.
April 1, 2016

Anne "Nancy" Hellerer Brandl '39
Lockport, N.Y.
March 9, 2016

Jane Roberts Stelley '42
Buffalo, N.Y.
May 17, 2016

Helen Glauber Good '44
Sarasota, Fla.
January 4, 2016

Sister John Patrick Russell GNSH '45
Derby, N.Y.
June 21, 2016

Shirley Weiss Clayson '46
Grand Rapids, Mich.
June 15, 2016

Mary Finnigan Collins '46
Rochester, N.Y.
February 27, 2016

Mary Schweitzer Bauer '47
Amherst, N.Y.
April 19, 2016

Geraldine Nowacki Specyal '47
Buffalo, N.Y.
January 24, 2016

Dolores Simoncelli Smith '51
Buffalo, N.Y.
February 24, 2016

Joan Wagner Bianchi-Manning '52
Angola, N.Y.
February 11, 2016

Madonna Halloran Reddington '52
Buffalo, N.Y.
April 30, 2016

Artemis Pappas Likoudis '54
Buffalo, N.Y.
April 1, 2016

Eleanor Woltz Smith '54
Buffalo, N.Y.
December 8, 2015

Patricia Conti Andreas '55
Rochester, N.Y.
May 2, 2016

Carol Schaab Batt '56
Williamsville, N.Y.
February 29, 2016

Mary Ann Clarke Hull '56
Toms River, N.J.
March 11, 2016

Patricia Tifverman Nowatzki '56
West Seneca, N.Y.
January 24, 2015

Rose Marie Azzarelli DiVencenzo '57
Williamsville, N.Y.
December 8, 2015

Patricia Randle '57
Buffalo, N.Y.
October 17, 2015

Marie Curran Shingler '57
Little Valley, N.Y.
December 16, 2015

Maryellen Snyder Cahoon '58
Cheektowaga, N.Y.
April 22, 2016

Cecilia Tachok '58
Williamsville, N.Y.
April 15, 2016

Joanne Cunningham Tarnowski '58
Orchard Park, N.Y.
January 27, 2016

Marilyn Haberman Braun '60
Getzville, N.Y.
February 4, 2016

Katherine Baecher Ray '61
Angola, N.Y.
January 5, 2016

Marie Maida '62
Amherst, N.Y.
May 8, 2016

Pauline Frances Nowak '62
Washington, D.C.
February 4, 2016

Sister Mary Ellen Hoen GNSH '63
Philadelphia, Pa.
April 28, 2016

Linda Gorman Weber '64
Buffalo, N.Y.
March 5, 2016

Mary Savage Beane '65
Gaithersburg, Md.
November 25, 2015

Sister Rita Frances Brady GNSH '66
Philadelphia, Pa.
February 20, 2016

Sister Nancy Drigan GNSH '66
Philadelphia, Pa.
December 15, 2015

Margaret "Peggy" Croall '72
Hamburg, N.Y.
December 23, 2015

Rosemary Bellissimo '73
Hamburg, N.Y.
May 7, 2016

Marie Egan '73
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
January 10, 2016

Helen S. Hartnett '75
Camillus, N.Y.
April 12, 2016

Linda Higby Pasquale '75
Worcester, N.Y.
January 24, 2016

JoAnn Kopp-Russ '80
Lancaster, N.Y.
October 17, 2015

Michael A. DiVito '84
Buffalo, N.Y.
January 27, 2016

Richard Sikora '84
Kernersville, N.C.
May 8, 2016

John Pezzino, III '91
Tonawanda, N.Y.
December 5, 2015

Jennifer Anzelone Kieta '99
Grand Island, N.Y.
December 2, 2015

CONDOLENCES

Adele Nowak Roycroft '61 on the death of her brother, Edward S. Nowak, uncle of **Debra Nowak Kasper '77** and cousin of **Christine Nowak '56**

Barbara Cowley Ryan '61 on the death of her son, Daniel Ryan

Paula Vejvoda Heyden '63 on the death of her husband, William Heyden, MD, brother-in-law of **Jean Boyer Vejvoda '68**

Barbara Buczek Strychalski '63 on the death of her husband, Joseph Strychalski

Marguerite DiTusa Collesano '64 on the death of her brother, Anthony DiTusa

Mary Beth Sorbello Krolik '65 on the death of her husband, Robert Krolik

Marie Cosgrove Shea '65, Theresa Cosgrove Laslo '67 and Kate Cosgrove Drury '78 on the death of their brother, Joseph F. Cosgrove

Margaret Roche Wietig '68 on the death of her husband, Paul T. Wietig

Barbara Malinowski '69 on the death of her father, Thaddeus "Ted" Malinowski

Diane Ciminelli Geerken '71 on the death of her husband, Henry Geerken

Christine Riffel Hoch '83 on the death of her mother, Nancy Riffel

Michelle McGuire '84 on the death of her mother, Claire McGuire

Ellen Carney Koessler '86 on the death of her husband, John "Jack" W. Koessler III

Robert "Butch" Murphy on the death of his brother, Michael Murphy

Beverly Whitehead on the death of her sister, Brenda Smith-Ferguson

Michelle Skipper on the death of her brother, Daniel Voltmann

Shannon McCrory-Churchill on the death of her father, Matthew R. W. McCrory

Rhonda Bivins-Talley on the death of her mother, Barbara Jean Bivins

Cher Ravenell on the death of her father, Jerome Tamul; grandfather of **Arianna Ravenell '14** and current student, **GiGi Ravenell**

Tony Basile on the death of his father, Giorgio Basile

Susan Adrian on the death of her father, Anthony Costello



Popular professor, **ROBERT L. NIELSEN**, passed away after a long illness on January 3, 2016 at age 76 and is missed by staff, students and faculty.

Known affectionately as "Mr. Nielsen" he was a professor of philosophy for more than 45 years at the college.

He earned his degrees in philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and served as an oblate of the Benedictine Monastery of Portsmouth, R.I.

Dr. Nielsen was the first chairman of humanities at D'Youville and served as president of the faculty for many years. He was also AAUP Chapter President.

He was a member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the American Association of University Professors and a Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

He was married to **Susan Krantz Nielsen '80** and father to seven children including **Anthony Militello '96**.



KEVIN M. DILLON, former chairman of the D'Youville Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2008, Erie County district attorney and State Supreme Court justice, died unexpectedly last June after complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 65.

He was recalled by his many friends and colleagues who remembered him "personally and professionally over the years as intense yet affable; as a storyteller, golfer, historian, fan of college basketball and the Buffalo Bisons and as someone with the ability to cultivate countless friends," according to the Buffalo News.

"Kevin was a charismatic person who knew when to be serious and when to be sociable and comical," said Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, who served as college president when Kevin was the chair.

"His sage advice and his ready wit were different parts of his intellect. He was always supportive and encouraging, but at the same time could ask sage and prudent questions.

You knew he was responsible as chair of D'Youville's board, not because of his

authoritative manner, but because his persona made everyone like and respect him.

Kevin was one of the few people I have known who could command respect because of his presence and laugh with you at the same time. His legacy at the college is remarkable."

A Lackawanna native, he came from one of the area's most prominent political families.

His father, Michael F. Dillon, was also a member of the D'Youville board (1982 to 1991), a former district attorney and a presiding justice of the Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court.

Condolences to the Dillon Family on the death of the Hon. Kevin M. Dillon.

We would like to correct a few errors from the Annual Report in the winter 2015 issue of D'Mensions:

Maryanne Shanahan '65 should have been listed under Founder's Society.

Ruth Smith should have been listed with the class of 1955.

Nancy Doherty O'Mara should have been listed with the class of 1960.

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22 First day of classes

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1 Alumni Board meeting, 6 p.m., College Center boardroom

23-25 Red, White & You Reunion Weekend

October

7 Alumni Board meeting, 6 p.m., College Center boardroom

10 Columbus Day - College Closed

20 Presidential Scholarship Reception

21-22 Friends and Family Weekend

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive (10/31 - 11/21)

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November

3 Alumni Board meeting, 6 p.m., College Center boardroom

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