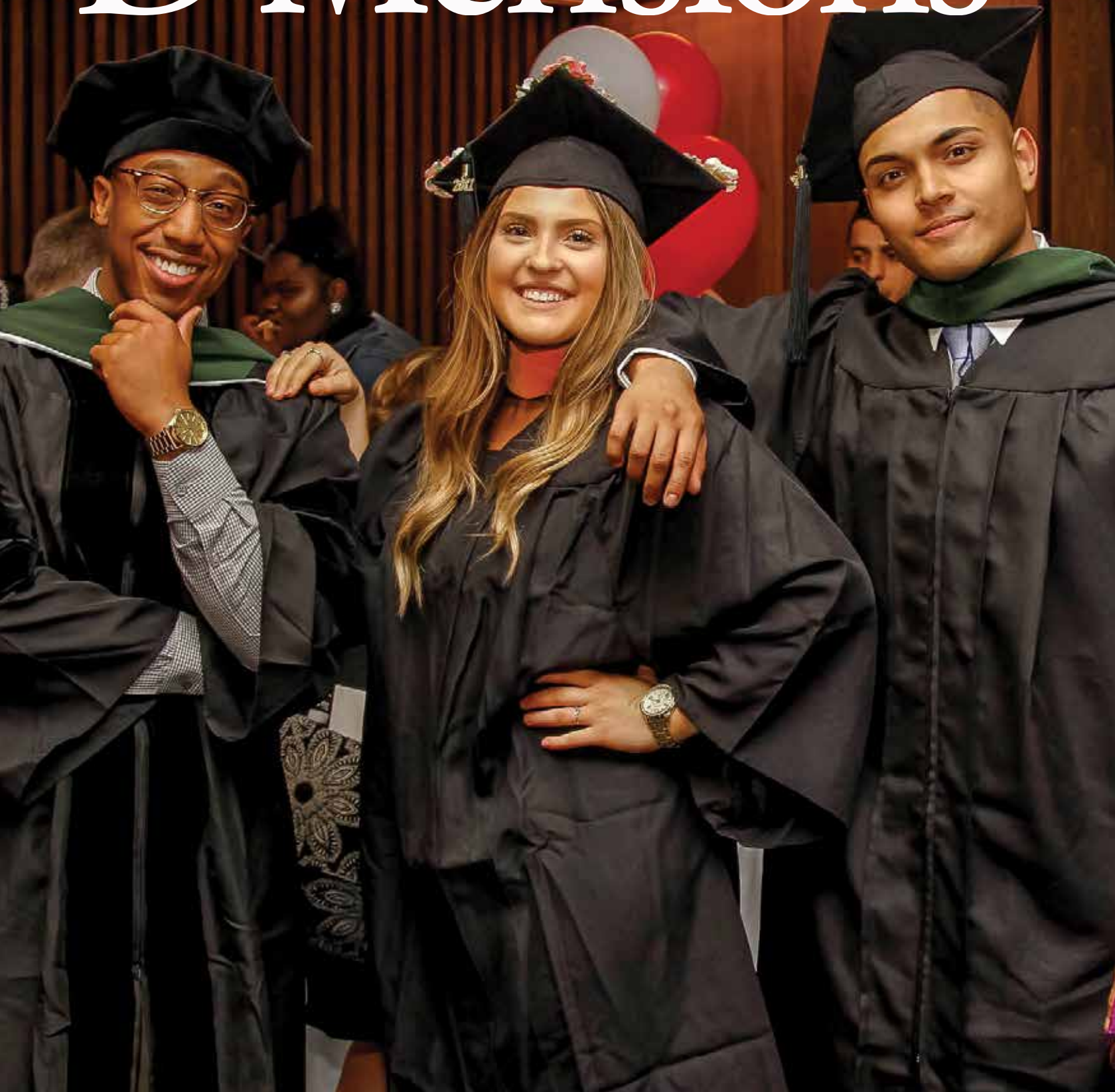


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## Reunion Weekend 2017 Celebrating Classes Ending In 2&7



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### FRIDAY

Mass of Celebration  
Campus Celebration Luncheon  
Campus Tours  
Installation of 15th President  
*The Producers* at The Kavinsky Theatre

### SATURDAY

Campus Tours  
Masters of Architecture Tour  
Forest Lawn Trolley Tour  
Inaugural Gala  
Alumni Reception

### SUNDAY

Mass  
Farewell Brunch

Spouses, friends and all classes  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear D'Youville Alumni and Friends,

Since becoming president, D'Youville College alumni and friends of the college have revealed incredible stories made possible thanks to our values, mission, and the many things we, as an institution, set out to do whether you were in the class of 1921 or class of 2021. D'Youville has always represented more than simply a group of buildings, but rather a place where lifelong lessons are instilled, ideas generated, and relationships made that last a lifetime, sometimes beyond.

Wherever I travel, be it in Buffalo, Western New York, and throughout the region, I meet D'Youville alumni sharing what makes D'Youville such a memorable place, inspiring them for a lifetime. Our college grads go on to be healthcare professionals, leaders, entrepreneurs, business people, philanthropists, movers and shakers, they are and become the change they want to see in the world.

In May 2017, I attended my first Alumni Awards Dinner and truly got a sense in person to the caliber of D'Youville graduates. Young Alum winner Kristen Smith '09, '13 helped to create Laps for Limbs, an organization making a positive impact for veterans and children who need prosthetic limbs. Delta Sigma Award winners Sister Donna Del Santo '75 has had a career in nursing helping those underserved in the spirit of St. Marguerite d'Youville giving selflessly. Theresa Hanaburgh '82 has been an advocate of a D'Youville education while being a pillar of the Glenn Falls, New York community serving as a full-time labor and delivery nurse, adjunct clinical instructor, volunteer, mother, and grandmother. Our Anne Lum Award winner GERALYN Spiesz '94 is rewriting how society views Down Syndrome and spectrum disorders in general.

All of our D'Youville alumni award recipients are like most of our graduates, living the college motto of educating for life. They have taken their experience and training into helping to make the world a place full of love and understanding. Our campus and its resulting graduates are a treasure, a beacon of enlightenment, learning, and service to those both fortunate and less fortunate. You went looking for a quality education

with an accredited college steeped in tradition but resolute to continue to evolve and change with the world. Change is something we're focused on, ensuring we teach skills students will need far out into a future. To do otherwise is a disservice to not only our institution but importantly to the students coming to us as rising high school students.

I've spent the better part of my first months at D'Youville listening and discovering what makes the campus, its students and alumni the service-driven, giving, well-rounded people they are. This included Presidential Salons; listening sessions with alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community leaders. We listened to people's thoughts about D'Youville's strengths, and how do we build to serve regional and even global needs. From all the conversations came enlightening, illuminating ways we, as a college and community, can and will continue to build, grow, and serve.

Among the highs early in my presidency came a low, the passing of Executive Vice President William "Bill" Mariani. Bill gave honest, warm, often humorous guidance during his tenure at D'Youville and was instrumental in the transition from Sister Denise Roche, GNSH, to my presidency of D'Youville. Bill's passing was a tremendous loss not just to the D'Youville community, but to colleges private and public for which he was a tireless advocate. We will carry on as Bill would want, by continuing to raise the bar and work on being better as an organization, and as people.

Giving is at the core of what D'Youville is all about, what comes around goes around. We give of ourselves as a place of learning and knowledge, and as students, you gave us your attention and hard work. In return for what we hope has given you a life fulfilled, we do ask for your generosity from time to time to ensure every generation has some of the same opportunities you had during your time with us. We had a successful Day of Giving in April and we are already planning for the next Day of Giving, April 4, 2018. Our annual Loyalty Fund drive will kick off this fall. We're counting on your support and every gift matters. There are also opportunities to support the final push for the Capital Campaign as it is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

This fall our campus will be holding various events including a homecoming, a college-wide celebration that includes my inauguration, school spirit events, and other occasions for you to visit, say hello, and join us as part of the campus community. We sincerely hope to see you and we will be here, eager to share what's new and listen to your stories, getting updates on your lives as proud alumni of D'Youville.

There is never a better time to re-connect with D'Youville.

Best,  
Lorrie Clemo, Ph.D.  
President



# CONGRATULATIONS







*class of* 2017



# COMMENCEMENT

## Award-winning journalist sends off grads with practical—and timely—advice

D'Youville's 109th Commencement on May 20 at Kleinhans Music Hall featured journalist Margaret Sullivan, who delivered the keynote address after receiving an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree from the college.

A Lackawanna native, Sullivan graduated from Nardin Academy in Buffalo, and later Georgetown University. She also holds a master's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. Sullivan's career has led her to positions at *The Buffalo News*—where she was the paper's first female editor and later vice president—as well as *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. She has also served on the Pulitzer Prize Board and as the chair of their commentary jury.

Sullivan opened her remarks by acknowledging how many people she's come to know who have connections to D'Youville, its importance as an institution in the community. But most recently, she's been living in Washington, D.C., where, as a media columnist for *The Washington Post*, she's covered the 2016 election cycle up close. She talked about observations she finds worrisome—and her reasons for optimism.

After attending both national political

party conventions, Sullivan said she was struck by what a terribly divided country we live in.

"It's dispiriting that in some ways we've lost the ability to talk to each other," she said. "I feel like each one of us needs to make some kind of move to get beyond that."

In her work, she's talked to people of every political persuasion, but has been moved by one particular kind of response from people of all different perspectives.

"The best responses I get from people are 'I don't agree with you but I appreciate that you're open to other points of view.'"

It's a degree of civility Sullivan encouraged graduates to embrace.

"We need to hold two ideas in our head simultaneously. We need to passionately stand up for what we believe and work for change. At the same time, we have to be careful not to let hatred or scorn or contempt enter into the equation. And I think this is true in our personal lives with our families and friends and also anything we do in the community that might be more public."

Sullivan also talked about her long-time habit of writing down little bits of



wisdom on Post-It notes and keeping them at her desk. Some capture the advice of executives and colleagues as varied as Warren Buffett—owner of *The Buffalo News*—and the late Benjamin Bradlee, former editor of *The Washington Post*. But one piece of advice stands out, and it was this she chose to close her message with:

"We must be the change we want to see in the world," is a call to action made famous by Mahatma Gandhi.

Sullivan urged graduates to live by those





*College President Lorrie Clemo presents a gift to Margaret Sullivan.*

words. “You can be the change,” she said. “In doing so, you can make small, incremental changes that might end up being larger than you think.”

During the commencement exercises, College President Lorrie Clemo conferred 686 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees to the class of 2017, as well as an honorary degree to Sullivan. Sister Nancy Kaczmarek, GNSH ’72 Ph.D., offered the invocation.

Cindy Chin ’17, who graduated this year with a bachelor of arts degree in English language and literature, delivered the salutatory address. Chin learned to take failures in stride.

Chin called on her fellow graduates to celebrate both their failures and successes.

“It’s okay to fail, in fact it is essential to fail,” Chin said. “We learn more from our failures than our successes. Through failure, we learn not just how to succeed but how to be ourselves.”

“Embrace them with open arms and welcome the new challenges yet to come,” she said. “For we are ready.”





# BACCALAUREATE *and* HOODING CEREMONY



## As students greet future, words of encouragement: **‘Care. Love. Learn. Give back.’**

According to College President Lorrie Clemo, Ph.D. “Life is about sharing experiences,” she reflected at the D’Youville College Baccalaureate and Hooding Ceremony on May 19 at Holy Angels Church.

“In sharing we build and connect with others, it’s in sharing we can obtain our dreams,” said Clemo.

She noted the college was giving this year’s graduates the book “The Last Lecture,” co-written by Randy Pausch and based on the last lecture he gave at Carnegie Mellon University, where he was a computer science professor.

Drawing on insights from the book, Clemo shared some frank advice for graduates to take to heart as they embark on their lives’ next chapter.

“We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand,” Clemo said. “We’re all born with different abilities and traits, and we’re all born to dream. Many of us have tried to

do things, only to face obstacles, brick walls, as Randy Pausch puts it.”

“Those brick walls aren’t there to keep people from their dreams, but to test their resolve to achieve them. And when it comes to the choices graduates make about pursuing their dreams after college,” Clemo said, “it’s okay if they don’t wind up doing work that matches their major precisely.”

Clemo emphasized, “You should always have a plan, in fact, you should have several. There are no absolute right choices and, even if there were, you have to stay flexible.”

She continued by stating that sometimes the best experiences are the ones we don’t see coming, which is why graduates should never look down on an entry-level opportunity, because it can lead to great things.

Finally, she encouraged students to remember that no one can go it alone.

“Nobody can,” Clemo said. “Everyone here, everyone graduating, everyone in this room, has gotten here with help. Connections are what brought you here in one way or another. At D’Youville you’ve made friends, you’ve made memories, you’ve gained valuable





experience and knowledge, and most importantly you've created lasting relationships."

She left graduates with a simple, rousing call to action. "I have a dream for all of you D'Youville graduates," Clemo said. "Go forth, do exceptional work. Care. Love. Learn. Give back."

At the ceremony, Ashley Whittington '17 welcomed attendees while Rev. Janice Mahle, associate campus minister, gave the opening prayer. Joseph

Brown '17 offered a *Bible* reading from Jeremiah, and Jennifer Spors '17 shared a reading from the Wisdom of St. Pio of Pietrelcina.

Led to the church by the Gordan Highlanders in a procession from the Koessler Administration Building, graduating students were hooded by faculty members from their respective academic disciplines to indicate that the students had completed their degree requirements. Fr. Quilin Bouzi, OMI, pastor of Holy Angels Church, offered the closing prayer.





# HONORS CONVOCATION SALUTES ACHIEVEMENT

In a ceremony noted for its honors, convocation speaker Dr. Maureen Finney, dean for the School of Health Professions at D'Youville, urged award recipients to remember the most important definition of honor: adherence to what is right.

"Always call on your internal moral compass to continue to be worthy of this recognition," Finney told the audience at the 58th Honors Convocation on March 8 in Kleinhans Music Hall.

Her second take-away: Embody the philosophy of servant leadership and put others' needs first.

"You chose an institution that is committed to ensuring you are adept at recognizing the marginalized, and empowering them with help, hope and love," Finney said. "An institution whose founder ensured that service was in the fabric of the foundation."

Also during the ceremony, Megan Hendel '17, who graduated from D'Youville's doctor of chiropractic and MBA programs, gave the student reflection. Hendel, a Rochester-area native, shared her own story of how she came to enroll at D'Youville—and came to love it here.



While exploring her college options, Hendel chose to visit D'Youville even though she'd already been accepted into the chiropractic program at a different school.

"However, as soon as I met with the faculty and current students, I knew that D'Youville was a perfect fit for me," she said.

Hendel also credited the college's unique approach to education for helping her thrive.

During the ceremony, Dr. Lorrie Clemo, D'Youville president, presented the D'Youville Medal—the college's highest

honor for undergraduates—to Katelyn Buck '17, a dietetics major from Lake View, N.Y.

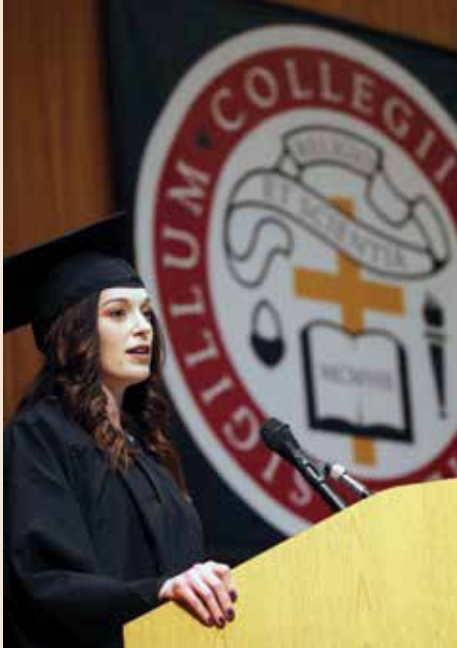
Clema noted that Buck has served in a variety of capacities, from orienting new students into the college, to leading the Student Government Association, to representing the student body. Buck has been an athlete, a volunteer, has participated in service missions, worked with the alumni board, and spent many hours as a student representative in the presidential search process.

Clema also presented The Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart Medal—the highest

*Right: Maureen Finney, Ed.D.,  
convocation speaker*

*Below: Medal recipients Noelle Harford,  
Jeff Spors, Katelyn Buck and Heather Beyea pose  
with President Lorrie Clema*





*Megan Hendel gave the student reflection.*

honor for graduate students—to Jeffrey Spors '17, a Tonawanda native and exercise and sports studies/physical therapy major.

Meg Rittling, associate vice president for alumni engagement and planned giving, presented the Lee Conroy Higgins Award to Heather Beyea '17, on behalf of the Alumni Association.

Judy McFadden, '76, president of the local chapter of Kappa Gamma Pi, presented the St. Catherine of Alexandria Medal to Noelle Harford '18, a transfer student in her junior year at D'Youville.

Dr. Arup K. Sen, vice president for academic affairs, presented the Dr. J. Warren Perry Health & Human Services Leadership Scholarship to Kelsey Farmer '18, currently pursuing her master of science in occupational therapy.

In addition to the major awards, students were honored for school and department awards, dean's list, scholarships, and inclusion in the 2016-17 edition of *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*.

Candidates for membership into the Lambda Sigma Society, Pinnacle, and Kappa Gamma Pi were also recognized.

## Academic Excellence & College Awards

### CHIROPRACTIC

Joseph Colasuonno & Ezekiel Watts

### CHEMISTRY

Michael Pagels – Departmental  
Selina Kernen – Research

### BUSINESS

Ann Kennedy– Undergraduate  
Mary Sutton – Graduate

### DIETETICS

Robert Welker

### EXERCISE & SPORTS STUDIES

Alexandra Cochrane  
& Christine Seibert

### GRADUATE EDUCATION

Abayomi Dickson – Gerald Calabrese  
Special Education Award  
Meyada Majeed – TESOL  
Sangeetha Appavoo – Adolescence  
Erik Hakim – Childhood

### UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

Laykler Paw– Liberal Studies/Education

### HEALTH ANALYTICS

Kylynn Bank

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Leanne Schad & Deanna Ventura

### HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Charlotte Campagna

### HEALTH SERVICES MANAGEMENT

Louis Reynolds

### HEALTH POLICY HEALTH EDUCATION

#### DOCTORAL PROGRAM

Colleen Delaney

### LIBERAL ARTS

Josephine Nower – Writing  
Antonio Lassiter – History  
Cindy Chin– Humanities  
Jenell Duxbury – Foreign Language  
Diamond Moseley – Career Discovery  
Justin Roehner – Psychology  
Delcina Muldrow – Sociology

### MATH AND NATURAL SCIENCE

Josh Lamper & Adrien Miccio – Biology  
Mei Yun Lin – Math  
Victoria (Sook-Keng) Tung & Teagan  
Skotarczak – Biology Research  
Jennifer Woelfel – Anatomy  
Dan Danovskis – Anatomy Research

### NURSING GRADUATE

Lee-Ann Pires – Bernice Schneeberger  
Nursing Theory Award  
Maria Masci – Marjorie Stanton Research  
Award  
Karen Peltan – Family Nurse Practitioner

### NURSING UNDERGRADUATE

Joseph Brown – Margaret Curry Award  
Michele Lambert-Posluszny– Eleanor G.  
Alexander Award

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Katherine Vetter– BS/MS Academic  
Lauren Bates – MS Academic  
Alison Laskay – Professional Promise  
Kelsey Krawiec – Program Director

### PHARMACY HYGEIA AWARDS

Alexis White (P1)  
Anthony Empl (P2)  
Samantha Faso (P3)  
Meaghan Gosciak (P4)

### Physician Assistant\*

Lindsey Brown – Traditional Student  
Alex Difrancisisco – Non Traditional  
Student

### PHYSICAL THERAPY

Matthew O'Donnell  
Patrick Barber – PT Service/Leadership

### STUDENT ASSOCIATION

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Khadijo Abdulle  
Ashleigh Bair  
Samantha Cohen  
Eric Nowak  
Kaylee Stewart

### ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA MEDAL

Noelle Harford

# PATRICIA H. GARMAN, BSN '76

## SCHOOL OF NURSING



### D'Youville College School of Nursing to be named in memory of Patricia H. Garman, BSN '76

D'Youville College has received a \$2 million gift from Richard Garman and his family to name the D'Youville College School of Nursing in memory of his late wife, Patricia H. Garman, BSN '76.

The family's gift marks one of the largest one-time gifts to D'Youville College and will result in the continuation, expansion and strengthening of active learning in the School of Nursing, not only hands-on in clinical settings which has gained prominence for the program, but also an inducement for students to become active, engaged learners through programmatic enrichments. It will also provide: a major student recruiting source; enhance student clinical, internship and placement opportunities; and enhance the School of Nursing and D'Youville College reputations.

"This outstanding donation is transformational for it further strengthens the School of Nursing's ability to serve the unmet financial needs of the School's neediest students, enable the purchasing of high fidelity simulation equipment and establish a Nursing Education Laboratory to accelerate, promote and amplify nursing education and enhance faculty professional development," said Lorrie Clemo, president of D'Youville College. "Pat Garman chose to pursue a degree in nursing at D'Youville for an opportunity to serve the health, education and welfare needs of the community. This gift honoring her legacy as an alumna and a faculty member of the school, will place her memory and the Garman name in a tradition of those who have established, nurtured and articulated a vision for a college of the future. We are extremely

grateful to Dick Garman and his family for honoring Pat in this way."

Richard Garman is the former president and CEO of Buffalo Crushed Stone and ABC Paving Company. In the past he served as chairman of the board for the Buffalo Niagara Partnership and president of the Associated General Contractors of New York State.

Patricia Garman, who passed away in January 2014, taught psychiatric nursing at D'Youville College and operated a private practice. As a tribute to her passion and commitment to psychiatric nursing and the field of mental health, the School of Nursing named their Annual Mental Health Awareness Day, which took place on May 5, in honor of Patricia Garman. The D'Youville nursing faculty hope to continue this event annually. Pat also was recognized as a leader by many cultural and community organizations.

The college will name the School of Nursing, the "Patricia H. Garman School of Nursing" at a ceremony to take place during the upcoming Presidential Inauguration and Reunion Celebration on September 30.

The Garman gift completes a challenge grant established by the John R. Oishei Foundation as part of the D'Youville College "For our Students/For our Future" Capital Campaign. In the summer of 2014, the foundation awarded D'Youville College with a \$1 million grant, that with the success of reaching \$15 million toward the \$20 million campaign goal – the Oishei Foundation would award an additional \$1 million gift to the campaign.





## Fun Facts

**\$42,860**  
CONTRIBUTED



18 STATES &  
2 COUNTRIES  
**GAVE**  
SUPPORT



**Top Funded Areas:**  
PHYSICAL THERAPY, SCHOLARSHIPS  
EMPLOYEE TECHNICAL TRAINING &  
CENTER OF MISSION INTEGRATION

**California**

FURTHEST  
DOMESTIC  
DONOR

**Thailand**

DONOR FROM  
FURTHEST  
DISTANCE

### TOP CLASSES OF DONORS:

2015 - 14 donors / 2012 - 12 donors  
2011 - 12 donors / 2007 - 10 donors  
2014 - 9 donors

# FIRST-EVER DYC DAY OF GIVING INSPIRES GENEROSITY

Imagine a 24-hour campaign that brings together the entire D'Youville community and their personal networks of community members—all in the spirit of giving back. And all online. That was the inspiration behind D'Youville's inaugural Day of Giving April 5.

Alumni, employees, parents, students, and friends of the college—contributed online through their PC, tablet, or mobile phone. The campaign enabled each donor to direct their gift to a specific area of need. From scholarships to academic programs to athletics to the Center for Mission Integration.

To the left is a rundown of the Day of Giving's remarkable first-year results.

DAY OF CARING 2018  
*Mark Your Calendars*  
**4.4.18**

# LAPS FOR LIMBS

On track to change lives



## In its sixth year, Laps for Limbs blossoms into a multi-day celebration of vets and kids

Life is full of processions. Some sad. Some happy. And some—exuberant. Nobody knows that better than a veteran or a child who's learning to make their way through life having lost a limb. At D'Youville, there's a place for them and a moment each year on the

calendar when they're celebrated, lap after lap.

April 2017 marked the sixth year for Laps for Limbs, a unique fundraising race in support of both veterans and Buffalo-area childhood amputees. Unlike a typical road race, Laps for Limbs promotes accessibility and inclusivity. Participants span every age group as they run, walk, and roll through the course. Founded in 2012 by D'Youville alumna Dr. Kristen Smith, Biology '09, Physical Therapy '13, the event has grown dramatically in just a few short years.

And this year, organizers expanded to a multi-day celebration that ran April 27-30, and incorporated the local arrival of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall. The event also moved to larger space at Front Park in Buffalo, after taking place at various regional high schools.

"We had phenomenal attendance," says Trey Randle, Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs at D'Youville. "It's hard to get a head count because the traveling Vietnam Wall is open 24/7. You get a lot of attendance during the late-night hours. We had veterans coming down in wheelchairs and motorized scooters. The Military Order of the Purple Heart came down and honored the wall."

In the five previous years, Laps for Limbs raised more than \$33,000. In 2017 alone, it raised another \$40,000.

Participants raise money by securing sponsors, who can donate by the lap or make a flat donation. After paying for event costs, proceeds this year were divided 50-50. Half went to support Camp No Limits—a destination in Maine where children who have amputations learn to use their prostheses. The remainder went to help pay for prosthetics for a Korean War Era Marine Corps Veteran amputee.





## A WELCOMING COMMUNITY FOR VETS

The Laps for Limbs event is a perfect fit with D'Youville's long tradition as a vet-friendly campus. The college is home to an award-winning Veterans' Affairs Office as well as a nationally-

recognized Student Veteran Association chapter. Since 2009, both have been ranked nationally in the top five, and D'Youville has been ranked a Best for Vets College and Military Friendly School out of more than 4,000 institutions of higher education.

In recent years, the veteran and military-aligned student population at D'Youville has grown to over 600 students—more than one in five. And that perfect fit also reflects the nature of the surrounding region.





Event organizers arranged for the traveling wall to be escorted from Darien Lake to Front Park by 450 civilian motorcycles led by about 30 law enforcement motorcycles—including Erie County Sheriff Timothy Howard.

## A DISTINGUISHED DINNER

As part of this year's Laps for Limbs, organizers held a charity dinner where they recognized several veterans as well as major donors who support the cause.

The D'Youville SVA presented several Captain Sydney L. Cole Awards to veterans. Cole, a 101-year-old World War II veteran, attended the 2016 Laps for Limbs dinner himself. Other

"The veterans' community is very strong in Western New York," said Trey Randle. "We have students from all five branches of the military here, and we have all five branches of the military represented here across various stations, as well as Department of Homeland Security, border patrol, and Army Corps of Engineers. This is one of the friendliest and most heavily populated areas in the nation for military and veterans."

## THE TRAVELING WALL MAKES A STOP

At 360 feet long, the American Veterans Traveling Tribute Vietnam Wall is an 80% scale Traveling Vietnam Wall—the largest traveling replica of its kind. And it was a welcome addition to this year's event.

Steven Fink, Veterans Outreach & Support Services Center Program



Coordinator at D'Youville, came up with the idea of bringing the traveling tribute wall to Buffalo.

"We had it delivered and we had 15 student veterans to set up the wall—it comes in big pieces of aluminum," says Ryan Hill-Falkenthal, Student Veteran Association (SVA) President.

awards included the Lieutenant Anna Mae Robillard Jones Alumni Award, presented to Kristen Smith.

But there was another source of inspiration in the room.

"One of the really cool parts is that we had Western New York kids who



*Kristen Smith with Mathew Fino*

went through Camp No Limits come and speak at the dinner this year,” says Hill-Falkenthal. “So, they were able to speak to what a difference it’s made in their life.”

“One of our dreams is to bring a Camp No Limits to Buffalo. Currently the nearest one is in Maine,” he adds.

## **HUMBLE BEGINNINGS, BRIGHT FUTURE**

Laps for Limbs founder Kristen Smith, who this year also received D’Youville’s Young Alumna of the Year Award, now lives in Pittsburgh, PA, where she works as a home care physical therapist. While not a veteran herself, Smith was moved by the local community of veterans she encountered while a grad student—many of whom were amputees—but the roots of her heart for vets traces back even further.

“I was in high school when 9/11 happened,” Smith says. “As I was graduating, it opened my eyes. There were people my age going to war. It changed something in me. I wanted to

give back. To serve those who served. I eventually transferred to D’Youville to pursue physical therapy, and started going to the support groups for amputees to encourage them help raise awareness.”

She’d seen plenty of charity walks and runs in the area, but none dedicated specifically to veterans or amputees. So, Smith approached the school’s athletic director about a run, and was encouraged to talk to the school’s Director of Veterans Affairs, Benjamin Randle, Jr.

“I told Ben what I wanted to do, and he asked me to write it up,” Smith says. “I ran down to the library, wrote it up, and came back 30 minutes later with a proposal. I was that passionate about it.”

It was 30 minutes well spent, considering how far Laps for Limbs has come. Smith attributes its success to the passion of D’Youville students.

“Every year, I’m so amazed by what the students do,” Smith says. “They inspire me and make me want to grow the organization. I’m so proud of the students and the college for making Laps for Limbs what it is. It’s a nice welcome home. When I go back to D’Youville, it’s overwhelming to see how much it’s grown.”

And even as it grows, the same central spirit remains—to be an event that celebrates inclusivity and access.

“There’s one guy who comes every year who’s not a veteran, but he runs the amputee support group,” Smith says. “Every year, we’d do the first lap together. He was a great runner then lost his leg after a car accident. Every

year it’s something he looks forward to. He can’t do the races he used to, but this one is important to him. The whole goal of the event is to make it as accessible as possible.”

Smith is currently in the process of recognizing Laps for Limbs as a non-profit, in hopes of continuing to spread the mission nationwide.

## **SIXTH ANNUAL LAPS FOR LIMBS APRIL 27-30, 2017**

*Highlights from a four-day whirlwind*

- **OPENING CEREMONY AND THE AMERICAN VETERANS TRAVELING TRIBUTE. MORE THAN 57,000 NAMES ARE ENGRAVED ON THIS TRAVELING VIETNAM WAR TRIBUTE, WHICH WAS DISPLAYED AS PART OF THE LAPS FOR LIMBS EVENT.**
- **THE GRIT ‘N WIT OBSTACLE COURSE. THIS FAMILY-FRIENDLY FEATURE WELCOMED ANYONE OVER 10 ONTO TEAMS FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ACTIVITY.**
- **CHARITY DINNER. AN EVENING OF WARM WORDS AND IMPORTANT RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS AND THOSE WHO HELP MAKE THIS EVENT HAPPEN.**
- **RUN-WALK-ROLL EVENT. PARTICIPANTS ARE TASKED WITH ACQUIRING SPONSORS TO DONATE FOR EACH LAP THAT IS COMPLETED WITHIN THE ONE-HOUR TIME LIMIT. ALL FUNDS RAISED FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARDS VETERANS WITH PROSTHETIC NEEDS, AND CAMP NO LIMITS.**



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Four trustees join college board 2017-2018



### President of Mercy Hospital to Chair D'Youville Board of Trustees

The D'Youville College Board of Trustees named **Charles J. Urlaub (CJ)**, president and CEO of Mercy Hospital, Chairman of the Board, effective this past May.

He replaces John P. Amershadian, senior counsel at Hodgson Russ, as Board Chair. Amershadian served as the firm's president and CEO from February 1, 2012 through January 31, 2016.

Urlaub was appointed to membership on the D'Youville Board in 2012. He

served as a member of the Academic Affairs Committee (2012-17) and as chair of the committee from 2014-17. He was named Vice Chair of the Board in 2015.

"I am confident that CJ Urlaub is exceptionally well qualified to support our new president's efforts to move D'Youville College forward to an even better future," Amershadian said.

Urlaub has led Mercy Hospital, a South Buffalo institution, since 2007, developing innovative programs and establishing a physician led capital allocation process. The hospital was the first in the region to build hybrid operation rooms and to establish a robotics program.

Four new members were named to the board for three-year terms beginning in fall 2017. They are:

#### **JOSEPH COZZO**

A New York State Licensed Mental Health Counselor and nationally certified trauma counselor, Cozzo is president and chief executive officer at Buffalo Hearing and Speech. Cozzo is a founding member and president of West Buffalo Charter School Board of Trustees; a member of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus Board of Directors; and chair of the Board of Trustees at the Health Foundation for Western New York. He is a graduate of Niagara University and received a master's degree from the University of LaVerne in California and a master's degree from Canisius College.

#### **MEGAN O'SHEA FARRELL '82, MD**

Farrell is director at the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. She is a graduate of D'Youville College and earned her medical degree from State University of New York, Buffalo. Farrell has worked at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo and the John M. Loré Jr. MD Head and Neck Cancer Center at the Sisters of Charity Hospital. She serves on the board of the Lothlorian Therapeutic Riding Center and the Canisius College Medical Advisory Board.

#### **J. EFRAIN MARTINEZ**

Martinez is executive principal and superintendent of the Charter School for Applied Technologies in Buffalo and president of Efficient Schools Team, LLC. Previously he was Principal of Holyoke Community Charter School in Springfield, Massachusetts for 12 years.

A graduate of the University of Puerto Rico, he received his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts.

#### **DOLORES GAETA PREZYNA '70, '14**

Prezyna is president of the D'Youville College Alumni Association. A graduate of D'Youville College, she earned her master's degree from the State University of New York, Buffalo and received her doctorate from D'Youville College. She is a retired principal from Blasdel Elementary School and served as an adjunct instructor at Medaille College. Currently, she is a clinical supervisor for student teaching at the State of University of New York, Fredonia.



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# PRESIDENTIAL SALONS

Beautiful settings  
and candid  
conversations

## THE SALONS

*A series of informal gatherings held for the college community in winter/spring 2017 covered these topics.*

- **ANY DIFFERENCE THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE: UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT DYC.**
- **FAT TUESDAY AND DISCOVERING DYC'S CARNAVAL.**
- **SHAREFEST: A 360° VIEW OF STUDENT SUCCESS AT DYC.**
- **YOUR WELLNESS CHECK-UP: ENHANCING COMMUNITY AT DYC.**
- **THE OVERVIEW EFFECT: DYC'S WINDOWS TO THE WORLD.**
- **FUELING OUR FUTURE: GROW OUR RESOURCES AND ENGAGE OUR PARTNERS.**
- **PUSHING THE ENVELOPE: EDUCATION INNOVATION SOARS TO NEW HEIGHTS AT DYC.**
- **AT YOUR SERVICE: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION EXPERIENCES FOR VETERANS**



## New president gathers small groups to tackle big topics in salon series

When you hear the word “salon,” your mind may conjure up an elegant room, a glass of wine, a plate of treats—but there’s a deeper meaning when you bring together a roomful of guests to mull over important subjects like diversity, wellness, work and veterans—all thoughtfully, one at a time.

Which is why new D’Youville President Lorrie Clemo initiated a series of such salons around the city shortly after she joined the school in December 2016. Clemo was looking for a way to meet and connect with the D’Youville community. To hear from the widest range of individuals and to tackle subjects where everyone felt at ease and engaged.

Led by outside facilitators, the informal series of eight meet ups ran from February to May 2017, and included a mix of students, alumni and staff.

“Informal conversations, each focused on a single topic—that was a new concept for us,” says Kathleen Christy, vice president of institutional advancement. “Everything we did was to foster and encourage a relaxed environment that would allow you to speak freely,” she said. “These weren’t workshops. They were about creating an inviting space where people felt like they could say what they wanted.”

“Our settings were so important,” Christy says. “Our purpose was to find places that would make people feel special when they attended.” Several of the events were held at the Avant tower in downtown Buffalo that has a top-floor public room, the Solarium. “Imagine being on top of one of the most beautiful buildings in Buffalo with food, wine and conversation,” Christy says.

The first salon, February 27, focused on the subject of diversity—and entertained attendees with a timely Mardi Gras theme. Diversity was a priority not only for the first topic of the series; it was also an overall goal.

Attendance for each salon was capped at 25 people, except for the final one in May, which dealt with how to better serve the veteran population. For that salon, held at Buffalo’s Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site, organizers decided to raise the attendance limit to 55 to include as many student vets as possible.

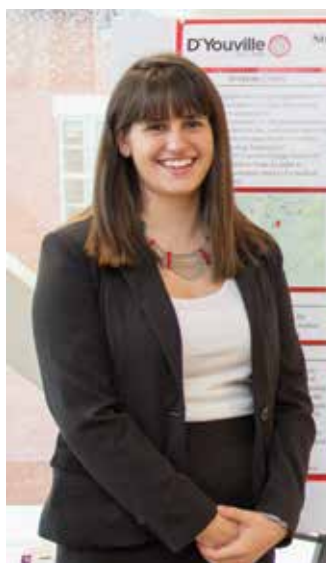
“The salons were incredibly effective and so well received. Dr. Clemo felt so positive about it,” Christy says of Clemo. An important thing to hear when leading a school into a new era.



## Research Day illuminates hot topics among students, faculty

D'Youville's fourth annual Research Day was held on May 4 in the Blue Lounge of the College Center. It's a unique event where the college community gathers to discover and celebrate colleagues' scholarly accomplishments, research, and innovations among faculty and student researchers. Faculty and students presented posters showcasing their original research on more than two dozen topics, many of them health-related, including:

- **PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS OF NIGERIAN IMMIGRANTS IN THE GREATER TORONTO AREA**
- **A NOVEL COMBINATION THERAPY INCREASES TUMOR APOPTOTIC DEATH AND REDUCES CELL MIGRATION**
- **IMPACT OF AN INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL BRIGADE ON STUDENT PHARMACISTS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **A PROJECT TO DETERMINE THE SPECTRUM OF SUBSTANCE USE SEVERITY, PATTERNS OF SUBSTANCE USE AND READINESS TO CHANGE AMONG PATIENTS IN AN ACUTE CARE HOSPITAL IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO**
- **THE INFLUENCE OF STROKE DIAGNOSIS ON KNOWLEDGE OF STROKE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS**
- **CONSUMING AN ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DIET TO ALLEVIATE CHRONIC PAIN**
- **CULTURAL COMPETENCE IN BACCALAUREATE NURSING STUDENTS**
- **IMPACT OF SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY ON STUDENT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
- **THE INFLUENCE OF STRESSORS ON DISASTER RECOVERY: LESSONS FROM MOORE, OKLAHOMA**
- **DOES SHIFT WORK IMPACT THE OCCURRENCE OF MEDICATION ERROR AMONG HOSPITAL REGISTERED NURSES**



## FACULTY & STUDENT RESEARCH DAY 2017

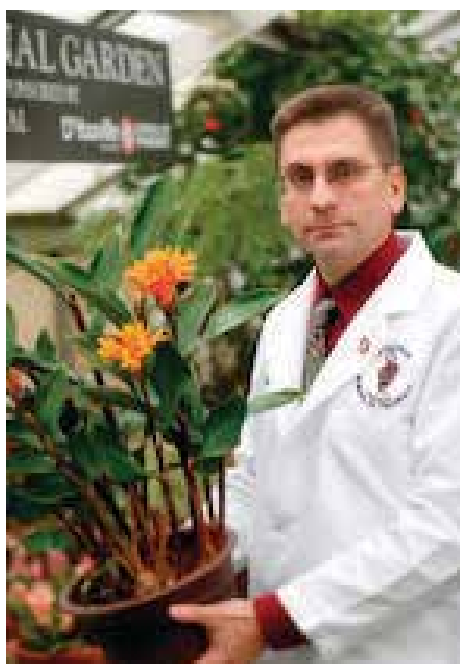


The organization represents New York state pharmacists who practice in ambulatory, long-term, managed, home and acute care settings. There are approximately 2200 members along with a well-established network of leaders serving the board of directors, committees and chapter offices in the nine local chapters in New York State.

Jadoch joined D'Youville in 2011 as an assistant professor. Previously he was

## DYC Pharmacy Students Present at Botanical Gardens

D'Youville pharmacy students presented posters about herbal products and dietary supplements related to Heart Health Month at the Medicinal Gardens in the Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens on South Park Avenue in Buffalo on Feb. 25, 2017.



## Assistant Dean of Pharmacy Elected President of Council of Health System Pharmacists

Dr. Christopher J. Jadoch (*pictured above*), assistant dean of the D'Youville School of Pharmacy, was elected president of the New York State Council of Health System Pharmacists at their annual assembly at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing.



the director of pharmacy at Mount St. Mary's Hospital in Lewiston, N.Y.

He is a graduate of the University at Buffalo School of Pharmacy, and earned his law degree at UB. He completed the School of Management and pharmacy management certificate program at the university and the executive management program for pharmacy leaders at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Students representing the School of Pharmacy, the College Phytomedicinal Society and the American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacist were also on hand.

Students and faculty interacted with approximately 400 patrons of the gardens which also hosted its semi-annual Orchid Show during the same weekend.

*Students included and pictured above: Niki Nasca, Jessica Stahlman, Anthony Empl, Miranda Ciraolo, Isabella McCumber, Alex Boyer, Brittney Hannot, Sean Persuad, Angela Kumar and David Garbach. Faculty included Dr. Timothy Hutcherson*



## D'Youville Physical Therapy Alumnae Receive Award

Three D'Youville College physical therapy alumnae received the 2017 Research Award from the American Hippotherapy Association at their international conference in Fort Collins, Colo., held in March.

The study, completed by Carly Penhollow, Samantha Serwon, and Andrea Bankowski Smith, all 2015 graduates of the college, is titled *Immediate Effects of Hippotherapy on Gait Parameters in Children with Developmental Disabilities*.

The multi-site study had participants in Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee.

Hippotherapy is a physical, occupational, or speech and language therapy treatment strategy that utilizes equine movement, according to the Association.

The researchers are currently licensed physical therapists in Florida and Nevada and were at the conference to present the information and accept the award.

"Attendees at the conference were very enthusiastic about the study and a number of therapists want to be involved when the study is repeated," according to Dr. Sarah P. Pictor, clinical associate professor in D'Youville's physical therapy department and who directed the study in 2015.

"These therapists are from all areas of the country which gives this study potential to be significant."



*Pictured from left to right are: Sarah Caputi, Lauren McCarthy, Melissa Borodzick, James Zeiger, Joseph Heary, Kylynn Bank and Rev. Jan Mahle.*

## Health Analytics Student Association Presentation

Students from the Health Analytics Student Association presented a check for \$1,670 to Joseph S. Heary, executive director of Friends of Night People, for use in helping the hungry and homeless of WNY. The money was raised at an auction of used college PCs and Macs that were destined for a landfill. Rev. Janice N. Mahle, associate campus minister, assisted with the auction.



## D'Youville Professor and Student Present to Prevent Childhood Obesity

Dr. Kathleen Border, assistant professor of dietetics and Molly Brogan, a fifth-year dietetics student, represented

D'Youville College at the International Conference on Childhood Obesity & Nutrition in Rome, Italy. The conference theme was "To Enhance the Prevention and Treatment Efforts for Childhood Obesity & Nutrition," showcasing the effects of childhood obesity, childhood obesity prevention, childhood nutrition, childhood obesity treatment, and topics related to obesity from the medical and pharmaceutical industry. "Childhood obesity is a global crisis," said Border, who serves on the nutrition committee with the Buffalo Public Schools.

Dr. Border with Ms. Brogan presented their research, *An Evaluation of a Pilot Farm-to-School Program: Student Knowledge and Awareness*, to the attendees at the conference.



*College Presidents Gary Olson and Lorrie Clemo*

## **D'Youville Partners With Daemen on Pharmacy, Public Health Degrees**

Daemen College and D'Youville College have established a new educational partnership that will give students the opportunity to earn a doctor of pharmacy degree in a shorter amount of time and also provides an option to receive a dual degree.

The two agreements were formally signed by D'Youville President Lorrie Clemo and Daemen President Gary A. Olson; Dr. Michael Brogan, Daemen's vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college; and Dr. Arup Sen, D'Youville's vice president for academic affairs.

"This newly established partnership between two premier private colleges in Western New York will provide our students with high-quality learning and professional opportunities that represent an important step in educational collaborations in the

Buffalo Niagara region," said Olson.

"D'Youville is a valued and well-regarded educational partner, and we are pleased to launch an agreement that will draw on the strength and reputation of our health sciences programs."

As a complementary partnership for both institutions, Clemo said, "I'm thrilled at the opportunity to combine the strengths of our colleges and to provide our students with uniquely packaged programs at two of the best higher education institutions around. This college partnership will help develop a skilled and talented workforce that will fill integral roles on healthcare teams and fulfill a greater good for a healthier world."

Under the 4+1 agreement, students will have the opportunity to earn a doctor of pharmacy degree from D'Youville and a master of public health degree from Daemen, giving students the chance to complete two advanced degrees in only five years rather than the traditional six years. Daemen will guarantee spaces each year for qualified D'Youville students in the dual degree program.

"As academic partners, this collaboration is a great example of the kind of positive impact that is possible when higher education institutions work together in a unique way that will ultimately benefit our students," said Brogan. "This affiliation will create new educational options for students that we believe will foster a successful career path in the pharmacy and public health fields."

For the D'Youville-Daemen 3+4 program, students will complete three years of undergraduate study in natural science at Daemen and then apply for

admission to D'Youville's pharmacy program. After acceptance into the program, students will have their fourth year of pharmacy courses used toward completion of a bachelor's degree at Daemen. Students will then finish their pharmacy degree at D'Youville, thereby completing both programs in seven years.

"The partnering of Daemen and D'Youville will enhance opportunities for students to earn degrees in high-paying fields and enter a job market where the demand for skilled workers has been increasing," said Sen.

## **Upward Bound Program**

D'Youville College has received a \$1.3 million federal grant which will allow the college to continue a program that helps prepare students for college studies.

The college will receive \$257,474 annually for five years for its Upward Bound program, which provides college preparation for high school students whose parents do not have college degrees. More than \$9 million has been awarded to Upward Bound programs across the state by the U.S. Education Department.

"We are very excited about the grant. It once again provides a great opportunity to work with International Prep High School and Leonardo Da Vinci High School, located here on our campus, and increase the number of high school students going into college," said Lorrie Clemo, D'Youville president.

The Upward Bound program began at D'Youville a decade ago. The project will provide services to 57 students annually attending the schools.





## OT grads receive white coats to mark entry into professional life

Freshly minted graduates of the occupational therapy program received their white coats at a ceremony in April at the Column Banquet Hall in Elma, N.Y. The white coat ceremony celebrates a student's entrance into the health profession—and the responsibilities that come with it.

Dr. Maureen Finney, dean of the School for Health Professions, welcomed the students and their families. Dr. Theresa Vallone, chair of the occupational therapy department, called each student to the stage, where their advisor presented them with their white coat.

Other departments including physical therapy, chiropractic, and physician assistant, held their white coat ceremonies in April and May. The School of Nursing held their traditional pinning ceremony in May as well.



## Employee dinner spotlights college staff

The 35th Annual Employee Dinner was held April 28 in the George O. Kuhrt Dining Hall of the College Center, and honored several staff for their service as they reached milestone years with D'Youville.

- **1977, 40 YEARS:** DR. G. JOHN ABBARNO, PHILOMENE CUDZILLO AND MARTHA MORALES
- **1982, 35 YEARS:** SR. NANCY KACZMAREK, GNSH PH.D.
- **1987, 30 YEARS:** IRMA RAMOS AND EDWARD WEISS
- **1992, 25 YEARS:** DR. PATRICIA ABBOTT, JEANNETTE LESINSKI AND ANTHONY SPINA
- **1997, 20 YEARS:** DR. MICHELE KARNES, WILLIAM MCKEEVER, THOMAS MILANO, WARDELL MITCHELL AND CHRISTINA SPINK-FORMANSKI
- **2002, 15 YEARS:** ANDREA ADDISON, DR. RENEE ANDREEFF, DEBRA LUCAS-ALFIERI, LORI MARASCO, MICHAEL PASIERB AND DR. ARUP SEN
- **2007, 10 YEARS:** ANNE ANTHON, THERESA ARIDA, ANTWANETTE DATO, MARK ECKSTEIN, CYNTHIA JACHLEWSKI, DR. SILVIU FAITAR, DAVID LABORGNE, DR. CATHERINE LALONDE, DR. SHARON MANG, DR. WILLIAM MARIANI, DR. SHANNON MCCRORY-CHURCHILL, KARI MICHALEK, RYAN MILLER, ERICKA MORLEY-SOTO, LAURINE NEAL, MARK PLESAC, TODD STEVENS, AND BARBARA SURIANI

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Welcomes Recent Graduates



In a longstanding tradition, the Alumni Association cheered its newest members and their families on May 18 at a lunch in the George O. Kuhrt Dining Hall of the College Center on the D'Youville campus. 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.

College President Lorrie Clemo thanked graduates for giving D'Youville a chance to be part of their lives. She also reminded them that they're to become part of a history that began over 109 years ago when the Grey Nuns named the institution after their patron Saint Marguerite d'Youville.

"We'll always be here for you, the College, the Alumni Association, professors and a shared experience," Clemo said in closing her remarks, which also highlighted the college's growth along with its unchanged mission.

Following Clemo's remarks, Meg Rittling, associate vice president for alumni engagement and planned giving,

recognized legacy alumni—those alumni who have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, sister, brother or spouse in the graduating class. Nine were honored:

- **GRACE VIELE RENZO '56, GRANDMOTHER OF JASON HART**
- **JACQUELINE HARVIN '78, MOTHER OF ARIANA HARVIN-MAHIQUES**
- **LOUISE MEIDENBAUET JOHNSON '86, MOTHER OF SUSAN JOHNSON**
- **THERESA ZAWADSKI MERCURI '88 AND REBECCA MERCURI '16, MOTHER AND SISTER RESPECTIVELY OF SAMANTHA MERCURI**
- **VALERIE HAZELTINE STUMPF '89, MOTHER OF KRISTINA STUMPF**
- **LISA SNIDER-GAUTHIER '90, MOTHER OF ABBEY LEITTEN**
- **LASHANDRA WILLIAMS BUTLER '09, SISTER OF ANISSA WILLIAMS**
- **JOANNE BOVEY '11, MOTHER OF ALEXANDRA BOVEY**

A Class of 2017 banner signed by each graduate was displayed and will be used at future reunions. Erica Fitzgerald offered the invocation and Jeff Spors gave the benediction.



# ANNUAL ALUMNI AWARDS

**Spotlight local,  
global impact of  
grads**



*Sister Carol Cimino, SSJ, Dr. Denise Dunford, Mary and Mike Keeney, Sister Barbara Lum, SSJ, Sister Lorraine Julien, SSJ, Dr. Judy Lewis, Sister Donna Del Santo, SSJ, Theresa Bills Hanaburgh and Mary Catherine Kennedy*

The annual Alumni Awards Dinner brought together a roomful of students, faculty, and alumni May 24 at the Twentieth Century Club of Buffalo to celebrate the remarkable achievements of several D'Youville alumni.

## **The Delta Sigma Award: Sister Donna Del Santo SSJ '75**

Sister Donna received the Delta Sigma Award and was inducted into the Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society. Each year, the award recognizes people who've improved the quality of life of others through service to family, church, D'Youville College, civic activities or international endeavors.

Sister Donna received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from D'Youville, and began her career in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, where she lived among—and served—the rural poor. In 1978, she became a Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) volunteer and began working with Hispanic pregnant teens in rural Texas.

In 1980, Sister Donna moved to Rochester, N.Y., as a recruiter for VISTA and the Peace Corps, and helped open and direct the Corpus Christi Center for 11 years. This center served the uninsured working poor through volunteer health care providers.

While working at the center, Sister Donna lived in different communities, including St. Joseph's House of Hospitality—a Catholic soup kitchen and shelter to homeless men and refugees. From there, she entered the Sisters of St. Joseph in 1992.

Since 1980, Sister Donna has been part of the Catholic Jail Ministry, providing a communion service to Catholic inmates. She has also served on the Judicial Process Board and continues to be a presenter for their Ex-Offender Mentoring Training Workshops.

She's helped coordinate the Sisters of St. Joseph Volunteer Corps. The aim of the program is to encourage youth and young adults on their vocational journey.

## **The Delta Sigma Award: Theresa Bills Hanaburgh '82**

Theresa Bills Hanaburgh, of Brant Lake, N.Y., received the Delta Sigma Award and was inducted into the Marguerite d'Youville Honor Society. She received her bachelor of science in nursing from D'Youville.

The proud mother of six children—Sarah, Dick, Bob, Tom, Tim, and Andy—Hanaburgh is involved in the leadership of her local Boy Scouts, as four out of her five sons are Eagle Scouts, the fifth is just finishing up his Eagle Scout project. Hanaburgh is also a grandmother to four *and* has three more grandchildren due this summer.

A full-time labor and delivery nurse at Glens Falls (N.Y.) Hospital, Hanaburgh applies her D'Youville education every day of her work life as she helps expectant parents experience the joy of a new arrival. Hanaburgh also serves as an adjunct clinical instructor at SUNY Adirondack and is currently pursuing her masters in nursing education at SUNY Polytechnic.



### Sister Mary Charlotte Barton GNSH Alumni Kinship Scholarship

Recipients of this scholarship must be related to a D'Youville graduate, and they're chosen based on their high school or college record, financial need, and community service activities. This year's recipients were:

- **ABIGAIL REED, CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM, IS THE NIECE OF KATHY LEMBKE KRYWALSKI '77.** *(left)*
- **INCOMING FRESHMAN SAVANAH PENCILLE PLANS TO STUDY NURSING. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF LUCY POLIZZI PENCILLE '97.** *(center)*
- **INCOMING FRESHMAN JESSICA O'DONNELL IS INTERESTED IN THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PROGRAM. SHE IS THE GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF ANNETTE SMITH KEUBLER, A MEMBER OF THE FIRST GRADUATING NURSING CLASS OF 1946.** *(right)*



*Erin and Dick Hanaburgh with Theresa and Richard Hanaburgh*



*Clayton Homa and Kristen Smith*

When Hanaburgh and her husband ran the Boy Scouts program in their home town, often after working a 12-hour shift at the hospital. She frequently used up vacation time to volunteer as a camp nurse, so she could have a continuing presence in the lives of scouts.

Even in the midst of her full-time job, family, and volunteer work, she always made time for someone in need.

For Hanaburgh, D'Youville has been somewhat a family affair. Her daughter Sarah graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Her son Dick graduated in 2014 with a bachelors and masters in adolescence education. He also met his wife here—Erin McCarthy '11, also a graduate with a bachelors and masters in international business. Hanaburgh's niece, Catherine Phoenix, graduated from D'Youville in 2010 with a masters in nursing.

"Theresa is everyone's biggest cheerleader," says daughter-in-law Erin McCarthy. "She works hard behind the

scenes to make others happy, never asking for credit or the spotlight. And always there for family, friends or even strangers at a moment's notice."

### The Young Alum Award: Kristen L. Smith '09, '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.

Meg Rittling, associate vice president for alumni engagement and planned giving, presented this award to Kristen L. Smith '09, '13. Smith received a bachelor of science degree in biology in 2009 and doctor of physical therapy in 2013.

As a student, Smith received numerous academic and athletic awards as well as scholarships. She was very active in serving both the college and the community. She is also a recipient of



the D'Youville Medal, the college's most prestigious award for service, excellence and leadership.

Currently a physical therapist working in Pittsburgh, Pa., Smith describes herself as an ambitious and compassionate physical therapist with the energy and desire to positively impact the profession. Smith entered the physical therapy program because she was inspired by veterans returning from service having had amputations.

In 2012, Smith founded Laps for Limbs which is an ability-focused community organization that raises awareness and funds for local children and veterans with amputations. Smith is now pursuing the formalization of Laps for Limbs as a non-profit organization and hopes to go national with it.

She's also working to bring Camp No Limits—a Maine-based camp where children who've lost limbs learn to live active, full lives with their prosthetics—to the Western New York. The camp currently has 10 locations around the country.

#### **Anne Lum Award: Geraldyn Speacht Spiesz '94**

The night's most coveted award was to Geraldyn Speacht Spiesz for her professional achievement, involvement in community affairs and service to others.

Armed with her masters in occupational therapy from D'Youville, years as a practitioner, her compassion and mother's intuition, Spiesz has shared her journey as the mother of a son who has Down Syndrome, to be a beacon of hope for others around the world.

Spiesz graduated and went on to become a director at the Western



*Geraldyn Speacht Spiesz with her family*

New York Physical and Occupational Therapy Group.

Spiesz, with her husband, Sean, have three sons—Noah, Ryan and Lucas. While each child is unique in his own special way, Lucas was born with Trisomy 21, or T21 for short, commonly referred to as Down Syndrome.

Her mission is to help others understand disorders and fight stigmas. To give parents and children the understanding we all have attributes we need to nourish and love, and that all God's children are special in their own unique way. Labels don't work for syndromes, they don't work for someone like Lucas, and they don't work for someone with the grit and determination of Spiesz.

Spiesz participates in a multinational group, the Independent Decision Making Task Force, dedicated to advancing achievements and ensuring people with Down Syndrome are

represented fairly in legislation. She also works with other major Down Syndrome organizations to bring updated awareness and share success stories and methods to give those with disabilities a fair playing field in life. With that in mind, Spiesz also started a popular blog about her son, "The Down Syndrome Action Plan," and has spoken at schools and events. She's even working on a book, "Redefining the Reality of Down Syndrome."

# ALUMNI PROFILE

## Fidele Menavanza '14



Education takes so many forms - and I like to think what sets D'Youville College apart is that we learn *about* people as much as we learn *from* people. And in our quest for knowledge we never forget the quote: "with all thy getting, get understanding".

Part of the history of St. Marguerite d'Youville is the history between the governments of France and England in the 1760's, and the battle for control of North America. Languages, cultures, traditions and customs are still many of the things which complicate human interaction to this day. Mother d'Youville found a way to break through barriers to provide care for those in need, and to educate the mostly poor, mostly female, mostly immigrant population brought to her doorstep, who in turn devoted their lives to the care and education of future generations.

Is it really any more complicated today? Help others, one at a time, whatever their need, and you will be fulfilling the vision of St. Marguerite. D'Youville is built on the same strength - one person at a time - of its students and its graduates.

My greatest privilege as president is meeting alumni and feeling their energy, their power, and feeding off their devotion. This past winter, at one of several salon discussions, I was fortunate to meet Fidele Menavanza, a DYC graduate of 2014. By his own words, Fidele will tell you it was providence which brought him to D'Youville.

An immigrant to Buffalo from Congo, he spoke only French when he arrived in 2011 with his wife and two children (they have since added a third child, all of whom we hope will follow his footsteps through D'Youville College). Although he had a law degree and was a practicing lawyer in Congo, he went to work in a food processing plant because that degree didn't translate, literally, to NYS standards. Fidele found D'Youville College, earned a masters in international business, and has rebuilt his life in America to the same successful standards he possessed in his native Congo. As a paralegal working at ElderLaw and Justice Center of WNY he helps the immigrant and refugee population in Buffalo navigate the complicated immigrant regulations among many, many other things. His desire to help people includes being a board member of Jericho Road health services. Fidele is the living embodiment of the one person at a time, whatever it takes, characteristic that makes D'Youville such a special place within the community.

If I close my eyes and listen to Fidele speak and share his story of his journey to D'Youville's doorstep I can sense St. Marguerite d'Youville standing on his one side, Sister Denise Roche, GNSH, standing on his other, and both confidently walking him through his journey helping others succeed. Thank you Fidele for sharing this part of your life with us at D'Youville.

President Lorrie Clemo, Ph.D.



# ALUMNI UPDATE

## Tanzanian Nuns Open School for Girls



*Sister Janepha Mabyonyesho*

## FROM TANZANIA TO BUFFALO AND BACK

### A years-ago courageous encounter at D'Youville leads to the opening of a vital girls' school in Africa

A decade ago, a group of nuns from the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa (IHSA) in Tanzania began a journey of courage, education, and spirit that today has led to the opening of a school for girls in their homeland. And a chance meeting with then-president of D'Youville College, Sister Denise A. Roche, GNSH, proved instrumental in the culmination of their dream.

"The sisters came and studied at another small Catholic college and earned associates' degrees, so a friend of theirs walked them into D'Youville College," says Rev. Dr. Robert J. Perelli, vice president of mission integration at D'Youville College. "And they knocked on the president's door. She answered. She met with them. And when they asked if they could come to D'Youville for free, she made it happen."

The college worked out arrangements to enable four sisters to enroll. Ultimately, that chance meeting led to a sustained effort to provide education to students from the developing world. Today, the program is known more formally as The Sr. Denise A. Roche International Scholarship for Sisters and Priests.

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“If the president hadn’t been sitting at her desk, if they hadn’t asked, if everything hadn’t fallen into place, it never would have happened,” says Perelli (who, incidentally, served as director of campus ministry at D’Youville for a time some 30 years ago).

And a school for girls now open in Tanzania might not have happened, either.

After graduating from D’Youville, three of the four sisters returned to their native land and set out to lay the groundwork for a school for girls, with support from their order and the Girls Education Collaborative (GEC).

Fast forward to 2017, when Perelli travelled to Kitenga, Tanzania, along with representatives from the Buffalo-based GEC, to witness the formal inauguration of the Immaculate Heart Secondary School for Girls.

## **A POIGNANT OPENING CEREMONY**

The school formally opened on May 24, 2017 in a five-hour celebration that began with a mass and concluded with a dance. Attendees—including Perelli—also received a tour of the campus. They witnessed the blessing of each of the buildings, including a new laboratory where students demonstrated chemistry and biology experiments for them. Also part of the program: a play in which the girls illustrated what life might have looked like for them had they not enrolled here.

“These girls are about 13 years old,” Perelli says. “They put on a skit about being sold into marriage as children—and facing female circumcision.”

Early, arranged marriage and circumcision are traditions in Tanzania that are difficult to challenge.

“The girls who attend this school are in 9th through 12th grade. If they weren’t in this school, they’d most likely be sold into marriage,” Perelli says.

But by providing an alternative for girls most at-risk, the school has helped spare them from that fate. It also creates a bond among the students that lifts them up.

“Because it’s a boarding school, they create a family,” Perelli says. “It’s like watching a family of 60 13-year-old girls treating each other like sisters.”

The school, a comprehensive regional boarding school for girls in Kitenga Village is managed by the Immaculate Heart Sisters of Africa. Spread out across 1,000 acres of government-awarded land, the school, when fully developed, will enroll 1,500 girls in grades pre-K through secondary, according to GEC—a crucial partner in the development of the school.

The GEC says the aim of the school—and the sisters—is to develop socially responsible leaders and thinkers who can participate in scientific activities and use analytical and problem-solving skills.



## CONNECTING WITH FUTURE D'YOUVILLE STUDENTS

Perelli's position is a new one for D'Youville. In it, he focuses on maintaining consciousness of the Catholic Grey Nun mission and making sure the school continues to bring it to life, which is a perfect fit with cultivating relationships with prospective students in the developing world.

While in Tanzania on his two-week visit, Perelli, stayed at the Sisters' Mother House in Musoma—home based for the order of about 150 sisters serving the Mara Region of Tanzania along the shores of Lake Victoria. And Perelli had more on his agenda for the trip than simply attending the school's opening ceremony.

"When I started last summer, one of the first things I did was reconnect with the D'Youville alumni in Tanzania," Perelli says. "With this trip, I was able to visit the school, meet our alumni, and introduce myself to more prospective D'Youville students."

Perelli, who joined D'Youville full-time in July 2016, devoted a chunk of his first year to revisiting and organizing the Roche scholarship program for sisters and priests, in the hopes that D'Youville reach even more students in the developing world in the future. While visiting Kitenga, he sought to re-engage the sisters and invite more of them to come back to D'Youville to study.

"The most important connections I made were with the sisters, because they're the ones who are going to make the difference. I wanted to connect with them so that they could feel confident sending more sisters to D'Youville," Perelli says.

He also wanted them to know how many professional directions they could take at D'Youville—skills they could return to Tanzania with and serve their community better.

"Some of them will become educators. Some will become businesspeople. The sisters spot leadership potential within their family and want to send them to D'Youville," Perelli says.

## A SCHOLARSHIP THAT REACHES DEEP INTO THE DEVELOPING WORLD

It began as a plan designed to enable four sisters from Tanzania to attend D'Youville. Today, the Sr. Denise A. Roche International Scholarship for Sisters and Priests offers free tuition, room, board, health insurance, and a work-study job on campus to enrollees from all around the developing world.

"The scholarship helps priests and sisters come to D'Youville to study and get advanced skills they can use in their ministry at home," Perelli says.

And this year, the school is seeing applicants from Kenya, Vietnam, and Tanzania.

"We have all of these new applicants from different parts of the world. Who knows what they're going to do? I can't wait to see."

And to think it all began with two students in a strange country with the courage to knock on a president's door.

### MEET THE ORIGINAL CLASS

Four sisters from Tanzania came to D'Youville a decade ago, graduated, and went on to lives of greater service. Three returned to their homeland and contributed to the opening of a school for girls. They are:

- **SR. THERESINA MAGOTI, MA**  
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- **SR. JANEPA MABYONYESHO,**  
MA INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS,  
NOW SERVES AS DIRECTOR  
OF AGRICULTURAL CENTER,  
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- **SR. BENEDICTA WASONGA, MA**  
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# ALUMNI EVENTS

## Annual Tea & Alumni Basketball Game



### Alumni gather for annual tea

About 65 alumni joined this year's Alumni Tea on Saturday, March 4, at the historic Buffalo Club on Delaware Avenue in downtown Buffalo.

Women and men from the classes of the 1940s through the 2000s mingled and reminisced together throughout the club's second floor as they sampled fine teas, scones, assorted sandwiches, and desserts. Many had their first introduction to the new college president, Dr. Lorrie Clemo.

Sponsored by the Alumni Association, the annual Alumni Tea is among several social gatherings held throughout the year. For a list of upcoming events, visit [www.dyc.edu/alumni](http://www.dyc.edu/alumni).

### Men's Basketball Alumni Game

The first D'Youville men's basketball alumni game took place Jan. 28 with 18 former Spartans returning to the court where they got their collegiate start.

Several of the alumni that played were prominent players for the program. Marcus Clarke is the all-time leading scorer in program history, while Raysean Johnson is second and Julian Reed is fourth. Reed is first in rebounds and second in blocks. Patrick Coyle is the all-time leader in blocks and second in rebounds. Dan Glover is currently the D'Youville women's basketball coach.

"I am so happy that we started this tradition this year," said head coach Earl Schunk. "I wanted my recent graduated players to have the chance to interact with the players who started our NCAA program. I wanted the 'older' players to see how far we have come as a program, and to give them an opportunity to become reconnected with the program."

Players were divided into two teams to play two 20 minute halves. The game ended with the red team taking the victory over the white team.

The two teams were as follows:

**RED TEAM:** Matt Insley (2013-16), Conor Gallivan (2012-16), Raysean Johnson (2008-10; 2011-12), Dan Glover (2006-10), Scott Mueller (2002-06), Chris Mays (2000-04), Nick Wahl (2003-07), Patrick Coyle (2009-12), Roos King (2002-06)

**WHITE TEAM:** Marcus Clarke (2012-16), Nate Sweetman (2012-16), Julian Reed (2011-15), Kyle Violanti (2014-15), Josh Domros (2008-12), Kyle Ward (2002-06), Unjum Khalid (2005-08), Shawn Satarian (2005-08; 2009-10), Andrew Dottin (2009-11)



# CLASS NOTES

## 50s

**Marie Gerace Zafron '55**, a retired teacher was featured in the Spotlight section of Western Currents, the official newsletter of the Western Zone (WZ), New York State Retired Teachers' Association, Inc. The article concludes that "She is always willing to lend a hand no matter what is asked of her. Marie's warm smile and friendly personality is welcoming to everyone she meets. We are honored to have her as a dedicated WZ board member and as a friend."

## 60s

Alumnae from the Class of '66 and a few friends who attended South Park High School gathered in Bradenton Beach,



Florida in February for a little fun and sun. Left to right: **Beth Meredith Rowley**, **Mary Fritzen Bonner '66**, **Dorothy Dodman Kelleher '66**, **Loretta Harrity Syput '66**, **Kathy Kohler '66**, **Barbara Jo Hard**, **Sheila Canaan Schwabl '66** and **Susan Calamari Rinder '66**. (above)

## 70s

**Mary Gilbert Lawrence '75** became a Secular Franciscan after five years of preparation.

**Anne Anthon '78, '12** became a grandmother for the second time. Zion David Beuter was born on June 6 weighing 8lbs. 15oz. He joins big brother Mateo. Their uncle is **Jonathon Anthon '09**

## 80s

**Susan Baker Kroczyński '81** an educator for 37 years has been elected to the Cardinal O'Hara High School board of directors.

**David Denny '88** was hired by Elderwood Hornell as a new administrator. Denny has operational experience in multi-service health care delivery systems in for-profit

and not-for-profit environments. He received a master's degree in gerontology management.

## 90s

**Charles Burns '97** a nurse practitioner founded Destination Wellness – a place where patients can not only see their primary care provider but be treated by a chiropractor and a message therapist.

**Dr. Maureen Forrester Finney '97, '08** dean of the School of Health Professions at D'Youville was selected as a member of the 2017-18 Senior Leadership Academy, which is co-sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute.

**Ashtli Ann Skura Dreher '98**, a special education teacher at Lewiston-Porter High School will be inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame located in Kansas. Dreher is the first Buffalo Niagara area teacher to gain the honor. In 2014, she was named New York state teacher of the year.

## 2000s

**Carrie Stevens Owens '03**, a fourth grade teacher at Buffalo United Charter School, is the new head basketball coach at Sacred Heart Academy. She was an assistant coach for five years at D'Youville before coaching at North Tonawanda and Cleveland Hill.

**Matt Christopher '08** a chiropractor and owner of Christopher Family Chiropractic was named by *Business First* to its annual list of Healthcare Champions for 2017.

**Jacqueline Blackley '09** has joined William Mattar Law Offices as an attorney. Blackley, a registered nurse has a health care background in both clinical and administrative practice.

**John Kane '10** has been named senior vice president of quality and patient safety at Catholic Health. Kane joined Catholic Health in 2002 as system director of performance improvement and was named vice president of quality and

patient safety in 2006. He received his master's degree in health administration.

**Alyssa Sicoli Kaczmarek '11** a registered nurse case manager at Hospice Buffalo received her master's degree in nursing education from Roberts Wesleyan College.

**Stephanie Ross Coughlin '12** was promoted to banking officer by Evans Bank. She will be responsible for overseeing and developing audit programs to review and assess the effectiveness of internal controls in conjunction with financial regulatory requirements and reporting.

**Elyse Militello House '14** a chiropractor employed by Brighton Chiropractic and Nutritional Health. House is a trained expert using the Graston technique which treats soft tissue problems.

**Timothy Oldenburg '14** who received a doctorate in educational leadership has become the superintendent of schools for the Tonawanda City School District. He was previously deputy superintendent for the West Seneca School District.

**Samantha Marasco '16 and Joseph Bellavia '16** both graduates from the pharmacy program were married on June 10. Congratulations! (below)



## In Memoriam

Margaret Foley Waite '38—Wilson, N.Y. —February 4, 2017  
 Helen Marie Flynn '41—Olean, N.Y. —April 4, 2017  
 June Reipe Casey '42—Dallas, Texas—January 15, 2017  
 Mary Frances Curry '44—Hamburg, N.Y.—July 2, 2016  
 Ann Odell Brown '45—Charlottesville, Va—February 4, 2017  
 Ellen McKenna Kenney '49—Avon, Ohio—February 16, 2017  
 Patricia Funnell Pfalzer '49—Fernandina Beach, Fla.—February 8, 2017  
 Mary Dougherty '50—Hamburg, N.Y.—February 19, 2017  
 Inez Saggese Hademann '50—Niagara Falls, N.Y.—February 10, 2017  
 Joan Hens Voss '51—Sunderland, Md.—December 1, 2016  
 Agnes Crowley '52—Williamsville, N.Y. —April 21, 2017  
 Genevieve McNeil Dobmeier '52—Grand Island, N.Y.—June 15, 2017  
 Dorothy Brennan Taggart '52—Getzville, N.Y.—January 16, 2017  
 Edith Carfagna Buscaglia '54—Amherst, N.Y.—February 10, 2017  
 Margaret “Peggy” Haberman Hammerl '56—Stamford, Conn.—July 24, 2017  
 Barbara McPherson Meyers '57—West Seneca, N.Y. —February 19, 2017  
 Eleanor Glair O'Dwyer '58—Scarborough, Ontario—December 26, 2016  
 Mary Elizabeth Soucie Swenson '59—Salem, Ore.—June 26, 2017  
 R. Nancy Haley '60—Easton, Pa.—May 5, 2017  
 Kathleen Driscoll Weinle '60—West Chester, Ohio—March 5, 2017  
 Sister Marcella Marie Garus, CSSF '61—Cheektowaga, N.Y. —April 14, 2017  
 Patricia Karl Sheppard '64—Eustis, Fla.—March 7, 2017  
 Carol J. Fox '65—Utica, N.Y.—April 28, 2017  
 Laetitia Cullen Bourke '66—Orchard Park, N.Y.—April 1, 2017  
 Sister Rose Mary Cauley, GNSH '66—Philadelphia, Pa.—February 3, 2017  
 Rosalind Kocik '67—Binghamton, N.Y.—December 22, 2016  
 Beverlyann Kay Monteleone '68—West Seneca, N.Y. —October 3, 2016  
 Sister Faith McGahan, GNSH '69—Philadelphia, Pa.—February 20, 2017  
 Mary Drew Vesneske '71—Grand Island, N.Y. —January 24, 2017  
 Karen Ann Kelly Sullivan '72—Briarcliff, N.Y.—December 12, 2016  
 Celine Meegan Belling '75—Buffalo, N.Y.—January 14, 2017  
 Sister Lorraine (Joseph Ann) James, OSF '77—Syracuse, N.Y.—June 28, 2017  
 Jonte' Monique Wilson '09—Buffalo, N.Y.—December 18, 2016

## Condolences

- Sister Jane O'Connor GNSH '53 and Anne O'Connor '53 on the death of their sister, Mary O'Connor
- Mary Crowley Carosella '54 on the death of her sister, Agnes Crowley '52
- Ann Haley Gabrielli '58 on the death of her husband, Gerard Gabrielli and sister, R. Nancy Haley
- Frances Holland Bruce '60 on the death of her husband, Alan Bruce
- Mary Joan Roche Peek '61 on the death of her husband, Joseph Peek; brother-in-law of Sister Denise Roche GNSH '67
- Roberta (Bobbie) Rozek Evans '62 on the death of her husband, Willie R. Evans
- Barbara Verbanic Elias '63 on the death of her brother, Norman Verbanic
- Maureen Driscoll O'Connell '63 on the death of her sister, Kathleen Driscoll Weinle '60; niece of the late Sister Mary Sheila Driscoll GNSH '33
- Martha Fildes Falzarano '77 on the death of her father, Vincent Fildes; father-in-law of Tom Falzarano '76
- Patricia Ruehmann Manolis '79 on the death of her husband, Michael Manolis; brother of Barbara Manolis Kline '89. They had renewed their wedding vows of 36 years at the home of Sarah Januale Treanor '65, cousin of Patricia. Long-time friend, Shannon Dillon Duggan '69 brought roses for Pat to carry.

- Kathleen Taggart Daley '85 on the passing of her father, John “Jack” Taggart; father-in-law of Beverly Taggart; and grandfather of John Taggart IV '13 and Trevor Jacob Taggart '17
- Kevin Johnson '88 on the death of his mother, Patricia Johnson
- Michael Cecchini '06 on the death of his father, Robert Cecchini; father-in-law of Marianna Scaglione Cecchini '00 and grandfather of Cassandra Cecchini '14
- Alexandra Bovey '17 on the death of her grandfather, Julius Bovey; father-in-law of Joanne Bovey
- Ben Randle on the death of his son-in-law, Steven Ertel; brother-in-law of Trey Randle
- Jason Den Haese on the passing of his father-in-law, Edward Nemetz; grandfather of students Jason and Summer Den Haese
- Jason Wallace on the death of his son, Christian Wallace
- Deidre Green on the death of her brother, Kent Green
- Kathleen Lerner on the death of her husband, Norman Lerner
- The Family of Dr. Edwin A. Mirand, trustee emeritus
- The Family of Sister Jean Vogel, GNSH

## Julie Marinaccio '04



Julie “J” Marinaccio passed away on October 14, 2016 after a long fought battle with cancer. Julie worked in the graduate admissions office at D'Youville as assistant director since her hire in 2005. She was a proud graduate of D'Youville receiving her bachelor's degree in business. She also served two terms on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, some of her duties included the following: served as secretary of the Alumni Association, represented the

Alumni Association at an Alumni gathering in Upstate New York, served as a member of the planning committee for the alumni golf outing which raised funds for the Sr. Mary Charlotte Barton Alumni Kinship Scholarship fund, served as a member of the planning committee for homecoming weekend and spring awards dinner, donated her time, talents, and treasure to the college she adored.

Julie loved her job in graduate admissions and returning to work was something that kept her going throughout her illness. She had a loving and caring personality with a laugh that was infectious. The best part of the job for her was working with students, it was important for her to make a difference and support every student she worked with. In doing so, she touched many of us and could bring out the best in anyone that was lucky enough to have met her. Julie will be sadly missed but will never be forgotten and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of others.

*~Promise me you'll always remember, you're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart, I'll always be with you~*

*Christopher Robin to Winnie the Pooh*



## Dr. William J. Mariani



The D'Youville Community was saddened by the unexpected passing of Executive Vice President William "Bill" Mariani. Bill died June 25 at Gates Vascular Institute following a brief illness. He was 67.

"It is a significant loss for the D'Youville community and for higher education across the region and state. Bill was an insightful and a visionary leader who was highly approachable. During his interim presidency at D'Youville and

throughout my transition, he focused on strengthening and growing the college," said college president, Lorrie Clemon.

Bill served as president of Erie Community College from 1997 to 2006. He joined D'Youville in 2007 as an associate professor of business and in 2009, he was promoted to vice president. In 2016, Bill became D'Youville's interim president, succeeding Sister Denise Roche, GNSH. At the time of his appointment, Bill said, "I have so much regard for Sister Denise's legacy and what she has achieved over her tenure. It is an honor to have been offered the opportunity to help ensure her legacy continues, which embodies the mission and history of this extraordinary learning institution."

In January, he transitioned from interim president to executive vice president of administrative affairs. Bill was charged with spearheading the college's expansion into online learning and other new educational ventures and opportunities locally and nationally. This was a role that suited him well given his vast network of professional and personal connections throughout the region.

Among his professional affiliations and community service activities were the New York State Association of Community College Presidents, Erie County Workforce Investment Board, Western New York Higher Education Consortium, New York State Department of Economic Development Strategic Training, St. Francis High School Board of Trustees, United Way Regional Campaign co-chair (2002), Holiday Valley Ski Patrol, BOCES I Planning Board, Lackawanna Bicentennial Committee, and past president of the Rotary Club of Hamburg.

During a career in academia, Bill served as a professor in D'Youville's department of business and in ECC's School of Management. He was the founding dean of the division of development & community services at ECC, and presented at numerous conferences, and consulted on a variety of projects.

Dr. Mariani earned his Ed.D. at D'Youville, and his bachelor's of business administration and master of science in educational administration and supervision from St. Bonaventure University. He was a graduate of St. Francis High School of Athol Springs.

On behalf of the D'Youville College community, we extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Marcia and the Mariani family.

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29 -30	INAUGURATION OF COLLEGE PRESIDENT, LORRIE CLEMO, PHD
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