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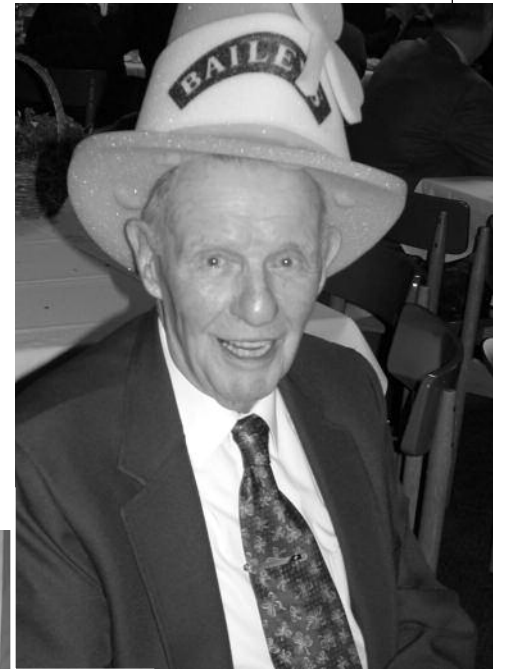
Helen Yutenkas and her daughter, Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski '67, enjoy a special evening.

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Celebration of St. Patrick

Albertus benefactor Dan Cosgrove enjoys the event sponsored by the College and the Alumni Association at the Campus Center on March 15.



The Highland Rovers provided an evening of toe-tapping, finger-snapping music for singing along and dancing.

Alice L. Golden '84, a Trustee of the College, and Jeanne Mann '93, Albertus treasurer, were among more than 260 persons at this annual event.



Kerith Prior '65, Alumni Association Board member, admires the "Irish Landscapes" exhibition of photographs by Kimmy Leaf, right, at an opening reception in the Margaret L. MacDonough Gallery.

It was a fine evening for the gathering of this clan: Tricia Doyle Anderson '87, left; her mother, Ginny Dargan Doyle; and her aunt, Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., '53, professor of Classics at Albertus.



Who is the man under the hat? None other than Joe Chadwick, director of program development for New Dimensions, with his wife, Laura.



Suzanne Shea Travers and Catherine Wilkinson Coburn of the Class of 1955 came from West Hartford for the evening of music and traditional Irish fare.



Lynne Farrell '60, left, a Trustee of the College, shares a moment during the festivities with President Julia M. McNamara.

STUDENTS

Inner-City News Spotlights Continuing Education Students

In a special Career and Education issue, New Haven's Inner-City News ran an article about Continuing Education and the Accelerated Degree Program at the College, pointing out that the life of adult students revolves around their jobs, their families and their course work. Students featured in the story—Lisa McClain Fields, Tim Brown and Jamie Stewart—agree that it is the program's flexibility that makes it work for them.

Without the ability to tailor the program to their needs, it would be impossible, for example, for Lisa McClain Fields to juggle her day care business, family life and courses.

Out of school for about 20 years, she found it "somewhat difficult" going back, but credits advisors and faculty with great understanding and support. Eventually she hopes to receive a master's degree and work with troubled adolescents.

Tim Brown works a 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. shift, then heads to 5:30 class. "I'm constantly going," he says. Looking beyond the shipping and receiving department where he works, he would like to work with people who have disabilities or are in detention centers. His courses are "going great, and so far it's exciting."

Jamie Stewart vowed that when her son finished high school, she would finish college. Today they are both college students; her son is a psychology major at Trinity College and she hopes to major in psychology and minor in child development. "Everyone at Albertus made it very easy for me to make the transition back to school," she says.

"Giving Stories" Feature Jessica Simons and Margaret Pantani

Under the sponsorship of the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, each week two Connecticut newspaper chains, Shore Publishing and Hometown Publications; News Channel 8-WTNH; and WEBE 108 FM run "Giving Stories," profiles of the staff, benefactors and beneficiaries of area community service organizations. Albertus junior Jessica Simons, a staff member at The Women & Family Life Center in Guilford, appeared in the October 17 feature. Margaret Pantani, a Continuing Education student who will complete her degree in Business Economics and Finance this year, took center-stage in the March 6 story.

Brits Come to Campus

The fifth annual Cambridge University and Albertus Magnus College humorous debate, sponsored by the Student Government Association, took place in Behan Community Room on April 1. In the traditional British style, two representatives from each school appeared on each side. This year's topic, Resolved: The Battle of the Sexes is Over, generated spirited debate. Seniors John Adams and Germán Jimenez and sophomores Detra Lewis and Carrie Zello were the Albertus speakers. Cambridge students were Sarah Przybylska, second-year classicist at King's College; Patrick Emerson, first year student at King's College; Nicholas Tan, first-year student reading law at Trinity College; and Nick Long, a second-year social anthropologist at Downing College. Senior Kate Kennerly was moderator and sophomore Kristen Kulakowski was timekeeper.



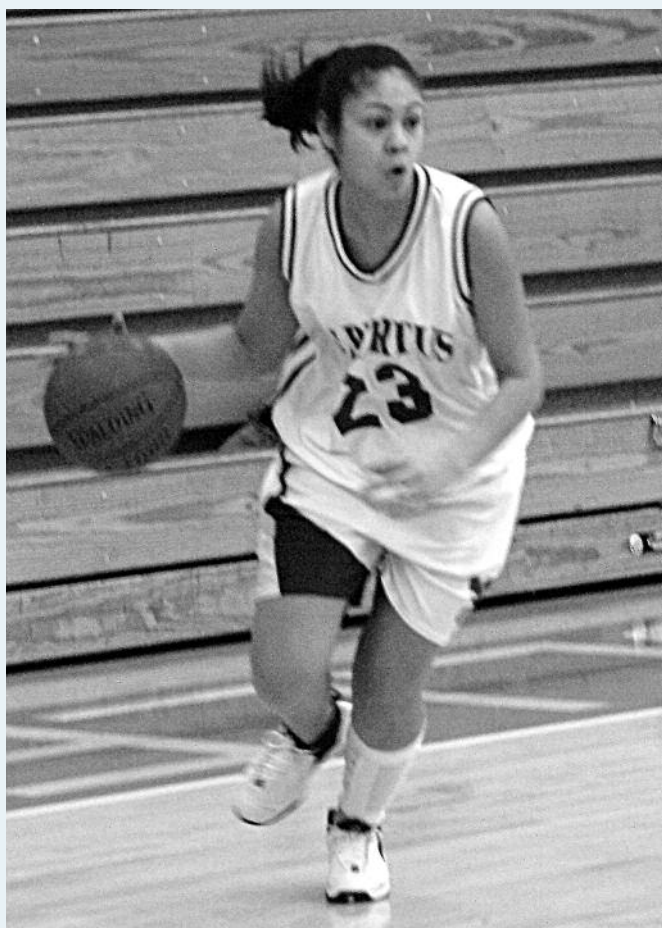
Getting ready to compete, students from Cambridge University and Albertus Magnus College take time out for a photo. This was the Cambridge group's only appearance at a Connecticut college campus. Participants are, kneeling: Nick Long and Germán Jimenez; back row: Sarah Przybylska, Kristen Kulakowski, Patrick Emerson, Kate Kennerly, John Adams, Detra Lewis, Nicholas Tan and Carrie Zello.

Women and Men Hoopsters Play in Post-Season Tournaments

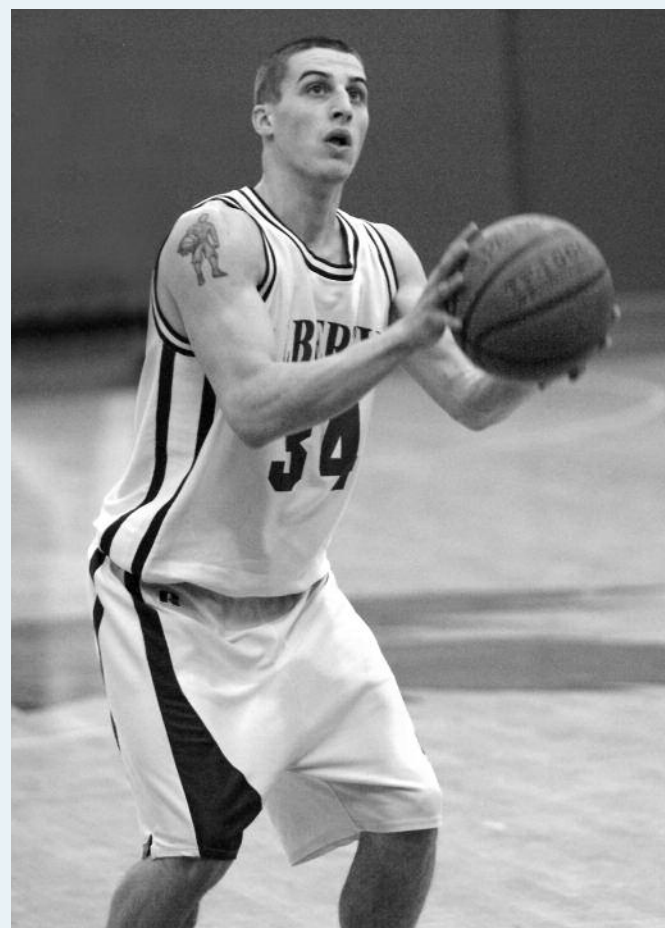
It was a hectic two weeks of play as both men's and women's basketball teams made it to two tournaments each. In the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Division III tournament, the Albertus women's basketball team advanced to the semifinals by defeating St. Joseph College 58-47, but lost to Western New England College 74-71 in overtime. The men's team lost 89-73 in the final to Southern Vermont College, after victories over Emmanuel College (74-71) and Western New England (85-79).

In the Eastern College Athletic Conference, the men's team lost in the quarterfinals to Endicott College by a score of 89-59; the women's team defeated Westfield State College in the quarterfinals 62-58, then lost to Plymouth State in the semifinals 83-56.

Bob McMahan, the College's men's basketball coach, has been selected as the Great Northeast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in voting by the League's coaches.



Jennifer Raspardo

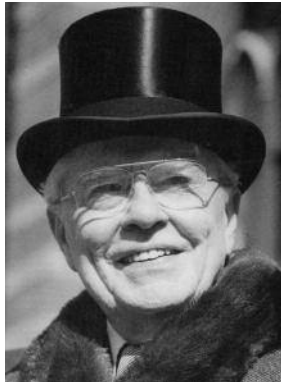


Tim Russell

CAMPUS NEWS

The entire Albertus Magnus community is deeply saddened by the passing of two of its long-time benefactors and friends.

The Honorable Richard C. Lee, the longest-serving mayor in the 365-year history of the City of New Haven (1955 to 1969), died February 2. His association with Albertus went back to the very beginnings of this institution: he served as one of two altar boys at the official opening Mass on October 10, 1925. On Sunday, September 24, 2000, he attended the Mass at Rosary Hall in honor of the College's 75th Anniversary. Mayor Lee received an honorary degree from the College in 1982 and was a Trustee *Emeritus*.



Robert J. Leeney, Editor *Emeritus* of the New Haven Register and a fellow Trustee *Emeritus* of the College, wrote of his friend in his weekly column:

"When Mayor Richard C. Lee died Sunday, the Greater New Haven community lost an exemplary public servant.

"In the ancient city-states of Greece, a man's devotion to his home place was a measure of virtue. Dick Lee brought that Athenian sense of obligation to his work in the city's aldermanic chambers, the mayor's office, and then at the desks he occupied after political retirement.

"When friends speculated about a run for governor, or the U.S. Senate, Lee always had one more redevelopment project to complete, or a human renewal program to launch. He skipped his dates with destiny and never strayed far from the Green—and there was a recognition of that in the high public regard he commanded for 60 years after his first aldermanic election....

"Dick Lee once told the National Conference of Mayors, almost poetically, that he stayed in office because 'the tears in the eyes of the young and the old, the hungry, the unloved, the ill-housed, the ill-clothed, and worst of all, the ignored, were not to be ignored.'"

Margaret L. MacDonough, a resident of Washington, D.C., died February 5. All aspects of life at the College benefited from her philanthropy. In 2001 President McNamara traveled to Washington to present her with an honorary degree.



When she delivered the eulogy at a Memorial Mass on February 15 at the Church of Saint Stephen Martyr, President McNamara noted her many accomplishments:

"This morning we celebrate the life of Margaret L. MacDonough, a remarkable woman who always responded with great verve and energy to the responsibilities and projects which were part of her active and engaged life. Whether it was her long career in United States government service...her avocational volunteer efforts at The White House...or the many charitable causes which she supported so generously: Marge was always right in the thick of things, ever a mover and a shaker even before the term became popular in *The Washington Post* or *The Wall Street Journal*....

"For all of us at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven (her hometown), Margaret L. MacDonough has been a great and wonderful benefactor: our art gallery is named in her honor; our campus center now has a long-awaited elevator due, in part, to her generosity; the sound of music graces our chapel thanks to the Steinway piano Marge gave us in her sister Helen's memory; through her major enhancement gift, the Italian Gardens at Rosary Hall, Albertus' foundation building, have been restored and our trustees now meet and confer in the newly-created MacDonough Boardroom Suite at Rosary Hall. Literally hundreds of volumes have been added to the College's Library collections and many of our information technology improvements and upgrades have also been due to Marge's beneficence (or as St. Thomas Aquinas, O.P., would have put it: her magnificence)....

"In addition to such concrete contributions at Albertus, Marge's lasting contribution to our academic life has been her supreme interest in what was going on at the College: her enthusiasm for what we were trying to accomplish for our students both young and older. Her letters were replete with questions and comments about our efforts: about our challenges and successes; about the progress of the projects which she sponsored so effectively; about our fidelity to the Dominican, Catholic tradition of our founders.

"...How much she taught us all and how grateful we are for her as friend and colleague!..."

May they rest in peace,
cum angelis in caelo.

Alumna Named Director of Education Programs at Albertus



Dr. Joan Venditto '63 assumes the new position of director of education programs, effective July 1. She will direct and head the implementation of the College's strategic initiative to re-enter the academic field of teacher preparation, one of the most important aspects of the work of a college or university today. The development of a program to prepare teachers is one of the initiatives resulting from the work of strategic planning committees during 2001–2002.

An experienced educator, administrator and consultant, Dr. Venditto received the Master of Arts degree from Middlebury College and the degree of Doctor

of Arts in English from Carnegie Mellon University. She also received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship at Yale University.

"I'm really excited about returning to Albertus," she said. "This assignment is going to be challenging, but a good challenge. The mission of the College and its Dominican charism have influenced my life profoundly; I know no better foundation

on which to build programs designed to prepare men and women for careers as teachers."

For many years, Dr. Venditto served as coordinator of English at Daniel Hand High School in Madison, Connecticut, where she supervised and evaluated performance of members of the English department and was involved in the redesign of the curriculum and in assessment programs. More recently, she was principal and president of Our Lady of Mercy School, also in Madison, where she initiated strategic planning and led the school through the continuing accreditation process of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). At present she serves on the leadership team of Hope Academy of Milford where she consults with the Connecticut Department of Education as the school seeks formal approval as a school for special needs students.

An alumna of Sacred Heart Academy, Dr. Venditto has been serving part-time as alumnae director there. She also has served regularly on committees related to the development and evaluation of reading and English curriculum matters at the local, State and NEASC levels, and was an adjunct faculty member at Albertus, Southern Connecticut State University and the University of Connecticut.

Journal Publishes MALS Student's Poem

The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies recently published a poem by Edward Lockery '96, a candidate for the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies here at Albertus. The work, "Dying With My Mother: A Letter To My Dear Sister," grew out of a course called *Drafting the Self: Versions of Creativity*, taught by Dr. Susan Cole.

Lockery did his undergraduate program at Albertus through the Continuing Education Division. He majored in English, with a minor in performing arts.

The Journal of Graduate Liberal Studies is a publication of the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs in conjunction with several colleges and universities, including Dartmouth and Georgetown.

Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., Elected to National Post

Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., the College's director of assessment and institutional research, has been elected chair of the board of directors of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, a national accrediting agency. In December she began a second term on the Advisory Board of School/College Relations of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Sr. Charles is a 1951 graduate of Albertus; she received an M.A. and Ph.D. from Fordham University.

MBA Students Present Final Business Plans

The first group of Albertus Magnus New Dimensions students in the Master of Business Administration program recently presented their comprehensive business plans to an invited audience of business executives and educators. These presentations were the culminating or "capstone" experience of the MBA curriculum.

Working in Study Group teams, the students prepared each component of the business plan during the Entrepreneurship course. The process included identification of a business opportunity, research on the competitive environment, formulation of a marketing and operational strategy, preparation of complete financial statements and an exit strategy. During the final course of the MBA sequence, Business Policy: Strategy and Organization, students refined their plans in preparation for the final presentation, which simulated the experience that entrepreneurs would face when going before a group of potential investors. In preparing business plans, students drew on knowledge gained from all business disciplines.

The Connecticut Department of Higher Education recently licensed the College to offer the MBA program at the New Dimensions Learning Center in East Hartford. The program has been available in New Haven since 2001.

College Announces Appointment of New Alumni Relations Director

After a nationwide search among alumni of the College, Albertus has appointed Dawn DeStefano Grady '89 of Okemos, Michigan, as director of alumni relations, succeeding Carolyn Behan '86, now director of development and special events.



Dawn DeStefano Grady



Carolyn Behan

Most recently, Grady was advertising sales executive for The Greater Lansing Business Monthly, handling special events as well. Her previous experience includes serving as education manager for Junior Achievement of Mid-Michigan, where she marketed the K-12 economics curriculum to area educators and coordinated volunteer efforts among teachers and more than 300 business volunteers; as advertising sales executive for the Ingham Newspaper Company; and as a sales account manager for AT&T.

Grady was a communications major at Albertus, then did graduate work in speech pathology at Michigan State University.

Behan graduated from Albertus in 1986 and joined the College's admissions staff as a counselor in 1991. She later served as operations manager for the New Dimensions Program and director of alumni relations and special events. She received a master's degree from Wesleyan University.

Reception in New York City Draws Area Alumni



Richard Freeth '93, Tim Quinn '88, a member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors, and Jackie Patrick Lee '87 were among a large turnout of alumni, Trustees, administrators and friends at a recent reception in Manhattan.



Angela DeFilippi Errico '61, Annette Tino Tomaino '57, Sheila Barrett Conlin '60, Lawrence Aker and Cynthia Aker '00 MSM joined the happy crowd at the Yale Club.



Barbara Rebholz Kiperman '66 and Mary Ellen McLaughlin '67 enjoyed hearing AMC Board Chairman Robert F. Behan and President Julia M. McNamara update the gathering about the many accomplishments of the College during the past year.



Rita Brown '50, Sr. Christine Cosgrove, O.P., '74 and Sr. Martha Kunesh, O.P., a Trustee of the College, agreed it was a wonderful evening.

Rosanne Zudekoff '60

Coms to

Golden Society Induction

A major highlight of Reunion weekend at Albertus is the Golden Society Induction on Saturday afternoon at 5:15 p.m. The Golden Society recognizes the members of the Alumni Association who have reached the milestone of their 50th reunion. The Golden Society Induction ceremony will take place in the Italian Garden at Rosary Hall and will be followed by a Champagne Toast with President McNamara honoring the 50th Reunion class.

New members from the class of 1953 are: Marjorie McGill Bacon, Margaret McSweeney Barry, Joan McKeon Boyle, Dorothy O'Brien Coerdt, Mary Elizabeth Connell, Doris Esposito Cooney, Sister Mary Faith Dargan, Helen Perkins DeGennaro, Janice Mailloux Delgrego, Ellen Lynch Diamond, Frances Amici Doyle, Simonetta Angeli Festini, Ruth McNamara Fitzgerald, Dorothy Dowd Flanders, Jane Flynn Francis, Anita Petracco Guarino, Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler, Eileen Donnelly Hickey, Brenda Hsu, Anne Kelley, Josepha Kruchinsky, Dolores Liptak, Louise Fuhrer Maggio, Phyllis Mays, Barbara McCarthy McCooe, Barbara Cronin Nesto, Patricia Kelly O'Neill, Anne Crellin Seggerman, Marie Ollinger Tartaglino, Helen Wellman Toohey, Joan Miller Troy and Helen Campbell Van Voorheis.

Friday Evening Winetasting Event

Come one come all.... sample and learn which are the best "inexpensive" wines to be enjoyed, all under \$20.00! Our very own Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Schulz, III, *Sommelier Extraordinaire*, shares his expertise on wine selection. Guaranteed to be a popular time, all graduates and current students of our adult programs (New Dimensions, Continuing Education, MSM, MALS, MAAT) and guests are invited to attend. Learn wine etiquette for the business world. Cost for event is \$15.00 per person, \$20.00 with one guest, \$10 per each additional guest, and \$7.50 for Golden Society Members.

This event is sponsored by the Board of Governors of the Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association.



Leadership and Ethics Theme for Alumni College

"Contemporary Challenges in Leadership & Ethics" is the theme for this year's Alumni College. The morning session will feature a faculty panel that will introduce perspectives on Leadership & Ethics and describe how Albertus is tackling these issues in the classroom. The afternoon session will use a break-out format, with individual faculty members leading alumni in conversational "seminars."

Consider joining in on the lively discussions along with fellow classmates and new friends during these sessions. Faculty members participating in this year's event include: Deborah DeWitt Frattini '70, Dr. Joe Veth, Dr. Sean O'Connell, Dr. Jerry Coffey, Clara Munson and Dr. William Schulz, III.

Reunion 2003 Schedule of Events

Friday June 13

- 4:00 p.m. Join us at the opening reception of the Alumni Art Show MacDonough Gallery, Campus Center
- 6:00 p.m. Wine Tasting—hosted by the Alumni Association Board of Governors Campus Center

Saturday June 14

- 10:30 a.m. Registration begins in the Campus Center lobby
Coffee and...
Bookstore open for early bird shoppers
- 11:00 a.m. Alumni College: Contemporary Challenges in Leadership & Ethics Session I, Behan Community Room, Campus Center
- 12:00 noon Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Luncheon, DeDominicis Dining Hall, Campus Center
 - Update from the Board of Governors
 - Presentation of the 2003 Alumni of the Year Awards
 - Remarks from President McNamara
- 2:00–4:00 p.m. Afternoon Activities: Tour the campus; Shop the Bookstore; Gather with classmates and friends; Enjoy the Athletic Center; Stop by the Career Development Center
- 2:30 p.m. Alumni College Session II, Behan Community Room, Campus Center
- 3:30 p.m. Dedication of benches in memory of Lisa Marchand Toman '68, Italian Garden, Rosary Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Reunion Mass, Behan Community Room, Campus Center
- 5:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception, Rosary Hall
- 5:15 p.m. Golden Society Induction, Italian Garden, Rosary Hall
Induction ceremony to be followed by a Champagne Toast with President McNamara honoring the 50th Reunion class

Reunion!



Alumni of the Year Award Turns 50

As part of the 2003 Reunion, the Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the prestigious Alumni of the Year Award. Since 1953, 95 individuals and two classes—1928, the first graduating class, and 1929, the first four-year class—have been honored. Evelyn Sturmer '42 received the first award in recognition of "her outstanding professional activities as well as her contributions to the community." A nurse at Yale, she spent seven years in Venezuela helping to set up a new hospital and teaching nursing. She received her MA in psychiatric nursing education at Yale and went on to become director of nursing service at the Memorial unit of the then Grace-New Haven Community Hospital, and returned to teaching.

During the first 15 years, one person received the award each year; later there were separate awards for Loyalty and Service to the College, Outstanding Professional Achievement and Humanitarian Service. All past recipients of the Alumni of the Year Award will be recognized at the Reunion luncheon. Be there to applaud these distinguished Albertus graduates.

Alumni Art Show

Please join us at the opening reception of the third biennial Art Show of Albertus Magnus College Alumni, at the Margaret L. MacDonough Gallery in the Campus Center on Friday evening, June 13 at 4:00 p.m.

The show will run through June 27, Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is still time for interested artists to submit original artwork to be included in the show. For more information contact Beverly Chieffo, art department chair, at 203-773-8546 or the Alumni Office at 203-773-8523.

Bench Dedication in Memory of Lisa Marchand Toman

Through the generosity of classmates, family and friends of Lisa Marchand Toman, a permanent reminder of her presence will be dedicated at a ceremony on Saturday, June 14 at 3:30 p.m. Lisa received a BA in 1968 and MALS in 1996. Please join Lisa's husband, Henry, along with the class of '68 for this prayer and song ceremony in the Italian Garden at Rosary Hall.

Reunion 2003 Registration Form

Please circle the event(s) you plan to attend

Friday June 13

Friday Night Wine Tasting Event

\$15 per person
\$20 you and a guest (\$10 per each additional guest)
\$7.50 Golden Society*

Saturday June 14

All Events

\$40 per person
\$65 you and a guest
\$20 Golden Society*

Lunch Only

\$25 per person
\$12.50 per person Golden Society*

Cocktail Reception Only

\$25 per person
\$12.50 per person Golden Society*

Alumni College

Session I
Session II
(Note, there is no charge to attend Alumni College)

Weekend Events

\$60 per person
\$100 you and a guest
\$30 Golden Society*

We welcome our 50th Reunion Class as guests of the College for all events. There is no charge for the guest or spouse of a 50th Reunion class member.

*Golden Society Members—classes of 1928–1952.

Name: _____ first _____ maiden _____ last _____ Class Year: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to Albertus Magnus College

Please charge my (Visa, MasterCard, Discover) card \$_____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name of guest(s): _____

A delectable luncheon buffet will be served for your dining pleasure.

I (we) plan to attend Mass I (we) plan to attend the Golden Society Induction Ceremony

Please RSVP by May 28, 2003 to Office of Alumni Relations, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511

This registration form with credit card number may be faxed to 203-785-8652

For questions, please e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502

Beginning May 15, a list of those attending Reunion will be posted on the Reunion section at www.albertus.edu.

CLASS NOTES

1933 *70th Reunion June 13–14, 2003*

1934

Jean Venditti Leary has sold her house in New Haven and moved to Whitney Center in Hamden. She now has two great-grandchildren.

1935

Antoinette Fusco, West Haven, CT, took a cruise to Bermuda early in the fall, rather than flying down for the annual Thanksgiving visit.

1938 *65th Reunion June 13–14, 2003*

Katherine Harkin Healey is living in Jacksonville, FL.

Elinor Affinito Ingelido, Colorado Springs, CO, and her husband, Major General Michael J. Ingelido, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) have been married for 61 years. In December 2002, Peterson Air Force Base dedicated a conference room in the Operational Test and Evaluation Center in his honor. One of the highest scoring aces of World War II, he flew 195 combat missions in the European Theatre of Operations and retired from the Air Force in 1972 as Commander of the Fourteenth Aerospace Force.

1943 *60th Reunion June 13–14, 2003*

Delia Nicoletti Bellarosa, Walden, NY, was in the air headed for Utah on 9/11 and was diverted to Augusta, Georgia, for two days. Last March she visited Italy with her son; they stayed in the house where her father grew up. "I would enjoy hearing from old friends and classmates." *E-mail: dbell2@frontiernet.net*

Betty Kenny Conway, Greenfield, MA, is enjoying retirement, especially having the time to read murder mysteries, write letters and do crossword puzzles.

Mary K. O'Brien, Rockaway, NJ, has cut back on some activities but continues to be a lector and Eucharist Minister in her parish. She's also writing down family memories and history, which niece **Geddy Sullivan McCarthy '67** describes as the magnum opus.

Prospect Hill Society

Many loyal alumni and friends have indicated that they have included Albertus Magnus College in their estate planning. To recognize, honor and say thank you to these benefactors, the College has established the Prospect Hill Society.

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know. We will list you as a Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College's 2002–2003 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of development, at cbehan@albertus.edu or 203-773-8502.

1944F

Lois Treichel Baker, Huron, OH, is deeply involved with the "wonderfully active" St. Peter's Church, including helping with mothers of young children who have missed some chances to increase their connection to the Church.

1946

Joan O'Brien, Carbondale, IL, professor *emerita* at Southern Illinois University, had an article—"Will American Catholics Overcome Their Homophobia?"—published in the December issue of *The American Catholic*.

1947

Gloria Della Selva Schoolfield, North Haven, CT, retired two years ago but still works about 12 hours a week in genetics at Yale. She also is vice president of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Auxiliary. She enjoys traveling with her husband of 53 years.

1948 *55th Reunion June 13–14, 2003*

Joan Buchanan Davis, Branford, CT, has a son and two grandsons. She is a retired Yale librarian.

Laddie Kluck Gorski, Atascadero, CA, reports "one husband, four children, 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She volunteers at the Morro Bay State Park Museum, leading talks and walks about Monarch butterflies.

Anna Arcudi Maloutian, Quaker Hill, CT, select-woman for the town of Waterford, reports that she is working to change the title Board of Selectmen to a gender-neutral title. She's chair of the Charter Commission Review Committee, which will vote on a name in November 2003.

Patricia Spang Ogden, Williamsburg, VA, is secretary of the Williamsburg Symphonia, and active with book, gourmet and garden clubs, as well as a bible study group. She traveled recently to the San Diego area accompanied by a granddaughter, a senior at Virginia's James Madison University, to visit her oldest daughter.

1949

Lucia Bonaiuto Hotton, South Weymouth, MA, writes that she and Peter took an Elbe River cruise from Berlin to Prague in 2002 and a trip to Portland, Oregon for a family reunion. "We're grateful to be well and active."

1950

Assya Kardinalowska Humesky, Ann Arbor, MI, professor *emerita* at the University of Michigan, is a board member and head of the philological section of both the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the U.S. and Shevchenko Scientific Society of America. She also is president of the Ukrainian American Association of University Professors.

1952

Bette Ann Curtin Bailey, Southington, CT, and her husband, Wally, celebrated their 50th anniversary in November.

Joan Delaney, MM, Chicago, IL, was a member of a ten-person delegation headed by Cardinal Keeler to a meeting of "Christian Churches Together" held in January at Fuller Theology Seminary in Pasadena, California.

Marguerite St. John Gabriele, White Plains, NY, had 20 of her paintings on exhibit in February at the Yale School of Nursing, where she received a master's degree in 1955.

1953 *50th Reunion 13–14, 2003*

Peggy McSweeney Barry, Springfield, MA, reports that all four of her children and 14 grandchildren are living in New England. She is a Eucharist minister and enjoys working on needlepoint.

Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., New Haven, CT, continues to teach at AMC. She has received many awards for teaching and advocacy of classics.

Phyllis Mays, Needham, MA, is a computer instructor for the towns of Brookline and Wellesley with the Boston Center for Adult Education. She received an MS from Boston College in 2002. She's membership chair for New England Runners 65 Plus.

Anne Crellin Seggerman, Trumbull, CT, is involved with many boards and organizations. She is a member of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of St. George.

1955

Eleanor Roberts Ilgen, Chapel Hill, NC, reports that a severe December ice storm knocked out all power to their home for five days. "Worst of all, we lost the beautiful flowering tree we had planted in memory of our daughter, Lia, who died in 1989."

1957

Margaret Mary Burns Clancy, New Haven, CT, an English teacher at Wilbur Cross High School, and a colleague were chosen for the CEMA Information Power Grant Award for their collaborative reading project titled "Teen Bookview."

Suzanne Wallace '68

PROFILE

When Suzanne Wallace was a student she wanted to save the world: she's doing it parent by parent, child by child, at The Parenting Academy, which she founded in 1995 at The Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport.

"The Academy's mission is to train parents to improve their skills. It is based on the premise that people are trained to be teachers, truck drivers and lawyers, but no one has taken the time to train a parent... and parents have the hardest job of all," she says.

"I started with four-week parent education classes, but the parents requested additional weeks. Now our course continues for seven weeks, and we have eight programs in session. We provide groups for parents of newborns, toddlers, 2–12 year-olds and teenagers, and for single, blended and two-parent families; and I recently received funding to conduct classes and support groups for grandparents raising grandchildren."

More than 2,450 parents have participated in Wallace's classes. The Academy also conducts workshops on anger management, conflict resolution, parents and teachers working together, healing and helping through loss, and advanced parenting.

A former social worker, teacher, guidance counselor and school psychologist, Wallace, a sociology/psychology major at Albertus, received an M.Ed in counseling from the University of Massachusetts. "My friends at Albertus were, and still are, a very dynamic group of women who pursue challenges with a zest which has kept me, and us, going all these years," she says.

While teaching in the Randolph, Massachusetts, school system, she co-founded the Family Education Center of the South Shore. "I realized even back then that parents love their children; they just need help in raising them," she recalls.

Wallace moved into the business world, doing customer training on computers for Radio Shack, then went into sales at Worldstar, a software company. She spent eight years with IBM, the first software sales rep hired for the company's then-new software division.

"When I left business, I was trading software and hardware for parents and children. My personal mission is to help all parents realize their potential in raising their children. Many try too hard or don't know where to begin. I believe that even if a parent attends one class, she or he will have learned something. All parents love their children and want to do the best for them. I introduce them to a common sense approach, one using discipline—rather than punishment—encouragement, development of self-esteem and communication."

The biggest challenge right now, Wallace finds, is to survive Connecticut's state and local budget cuts. She has started charging a nominal fee for some of the classes and childcare, but most remain free.

"There are many satisfactions in my job: to see parents calmer, communicating better with their kids and realizing that having fun and being silly with them is O.K.," she says. "Often I'm out shopping and run into parents who have taken my classes. It's always a joy to see them and realize, perhaps, I have made a bit of a difference in their lives."

Parenting Parents



1956

Ann Bunnell Coppola, Punta Gorda, FL, reports the arrival of a third grandchild, Elizabeth Ann, who lives in New Zealand. "We are still very happy in sunny Florida."

1957

Roberta DeLay Smith, Winston Salem, NC, reports that her daughter, **Marcelle Smith Rice '85**, who received a master's degree from Wake Forest University and a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, had a book on author Dawn Powell published in 2000.

1958 *45th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

Kathleen Donnelly Collins, Hartford, CT, is a member of the Democratic Town Committee and a former councilwoman. She is a retired teacher and reading consultant.

Carolyn Newins Denny, Warwick, NY, is a retired teacher and librarian, and active now as a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, the library and a museum.

Sheila McCue Hennessey, Wethersfield, CT, judge of the Newington Probate District, is a member of the Connecticut Bar Association's Future of the Probate Court System Task Force.

Winifred (Winnie) Lynsky Riley, Jefferson City, MO, is executive director of a children's theatre and director of a musical theatre. She's working on a Lewis and Clark Bicentennial task force. She has two daughters, one a CPA and one an ER doctor, and two grandsons.

Helen Moran Rogal, Chicago, IL, has one son who is a CPA and another who is a journalist. She has her own law firm and enjoys hiking and mountain climbing.

Hearts of the Community

Jeanne Huber Treanor '58, a retired teacher and past chair of the English Department at Sacred Heart Academy in Hamden, Connecticut, and Deborah DeWitt Frattini '70, chair of the English Department and director of the Academic Development Center at AMC, received Hearts of the Community awards from the Academy in March. Also honored was Dr. Lawrence DeNardis, president of the University of New Haven and former head of the Political Science Department at AMC.

In Memoriam

Regina Lesnikowski Foran '36,
mother of Paula Foran '62
Milford, CT
January 15, 2003

Mildred O'Donnell '36
Hamden, CT
February 4, 2003

Martha Glenn Tanguay '41
Ypsilanti, MI
January 12, 2003

Isabella Reale Amato '45
New Britain, CT
October 26, 2002

Elizabeth M. Dempsey '45
Derby, CT
December 20, 2002

Judith Rivers Sliva '56
Wethersfield, CT
February 4, 2003

Janet Smith Forsythe '63
Plattsburg, NY
December 20, 2002

Lynn Prisco '68
New Haven, CT
May 2001

Barbara Ann Rosadini '77
North Haven, CT
February 6, 2003

Thomas J. Keegan '02 MS
Columbia, CT
February 17, 2003

Helen Walsh '70 Laura Yobst Hinton '71

Capital Duo

PROFILE

Two alumnae who were at Albertus at the same time but didn't know each other are now good friends with similar jobs at the same agency in Washington, D.C.

Laura Yobst Hinton (near right) and Helen Walsh head up discrimination prevention training at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). Hinton as national outreach coordinator is responsible for support and oversight of the Commission's no-cost education programs; these are the training sessions 52 field offices conduct for employers and employees so that they will know their rights and responsibilities under the laws enforced by EEOC. Walsh is director of EEOC's National Training and Technical Assistance Program, a fee-based program authorized by Congress to provide more education and prevention than could be done with tax dollars alone. They describe their jobs as "different sides of the same coin."



Arriving in Washington by different paths, each was driven by a passion for civil rights and a desire to make a difference.

Hinton, a history major, anticipated a career in high school teaching, but decided after a practicum that it was not for her. After waitressing for a couple of years, she headed south to Miami with friends. There she taught third grade in a small private school in the Cuban community, then took a job with the State Job Information Center. By chance she came across a job announcement for the EEOC and joined the agency in 1976.

After stints as an investigative officer in Miami and Dallas, Hinton moved to Washington.

"One day, I saw Helen in our building and she looked familiar. I went up to her and asked if she had gone to Albertus. It was instant bonding," she recalls.

"For the next two years, I was on the road, traveling to EEOC offices across the country to provide training on laws the Commission enforced, which at the time were Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Equal Pay Act. I finally had a teaching job I loved."

Living out of a suitcase, however, took its toll and Hinton requested reassignment. About a year later, after 13 years with EEOC, she left the agency to help open a new Human Rights Office in Arlington County, Virginia. She spent nine years there as deputy director.

In 1998 Hinton returned to EEOC as national training coordinator. "The agency was in the process of hiring over 300 new investigators nationwide, and my assignment was to design, develop and deliver training to all these new hires. It was crazy, but fun, and we got it done," she says. Two years later she was promoted to her current position.

Today she focuses on developing and promoting the agency's national outreach programs as well as making sure that informational materials are available in alternate languages and formats. After 9/11, for example, her office partnered with the Department of Justice to reach out to the Arab and Islamic communities, providing information translated into Arabic, Punjabi and Hindi.

"I consider myself very fortunate to have had a career with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission," Hinton says. "I did not set out to work for the federal government. In fact, I had never even heard of EEOC before I saw that job announcement in 1976. Everyone who works for the agency is dedicated to one mission: preventing employment discrimination. There is a great deal of satisfaction in knowing you work for an employer making a difference for individuals and for society."

Helen Walsh talks about job satisfaction as well. She describes it as her "little legacies," the projects she works on which make life better for people. "Seven days after graduation I was in DC as a summer intern with the U.S. Information Agency. The field of international human rights was my chief interest and career goal," she says.

"I was a political science major, and active in political and social causes, anti-war protests, raising money for Biafran refugees and working for social and academic change on campus. Lawrence DeNardis, the head of the political science department, was my role model. He was civic-minded, cared about people, and was willing to try to do something to help."

After Walsh's summer internship ended, she became a full-time research analyst in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and obtained a master's degree from George Washington University.

At Justice, Walsh assisted attorneys investigating employment discrimination. "As the person who collected and analyzed the data, and developed the exhibits, I was the government witness who testified at trial to get the hard data into evidence. I spent my time working on employment discrimination cases and later on various types of discrimination affecting American Indians. Taking on the Alabama Highway Patrol and Governor Wallace, and seeing that department go from no black troopers in the '70s to perhaps, today, the most integrated through all ranks in the country, is something I look back on with great satisfaction and regard it as one of my 'small legacies.'"

Next move for Walsh was to San Francisco as a civil rights investigator of discrimination in elementary and secondary education for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She became the Regional Coordinator for Title IX enforcement, then was recruited back to Washington to head up the national task force on enforcement of Title IX in intercollegiate athletics. Title IX is the 1972 law that requires schools receiving federal funds to offer equal sports opportunities to men and women.

"I've had season's tickets for the full five years of the WNBA's Washington Mystics and take my 10-year-old goddaughter. I still get goosebumps when I hear 16,000 fans screaming their heads off for the women basketball players and think back to how it was in the 70s and 80s. I look at my civil rights work on Title IX and intercollegiate athletics as another one of my 'small legacies.'"

Before she moved to EEOC in 1988, Walsh was director of the U.S. Treasury Department's Office for Civil Rights. At EEOC she spent several years as a manager in the Office of Field Programs, where she and her staff conducted reviews and audits for 25 percent of the agency's field offices. She found it challenging and demanding, "but I felt too far removed from civil rights work and being able to make a difference for people." So, in 1997, she jumped at the chance to head up EEOC's Training and Technical Assistance Program.

"I have a passion for my civil rights work and life-long career. The work that Laura and I do at EEOC is making a difference in people's lives. We can look forward to leaving another "small legacy" in civil rights: a strong and effective outreach, education and prevention program at EEOC for the nation's workforce."

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CLASS NOTES

Linda Poggenburg Steffens, Ridgewood, NJ, writes that she is looking forward to attending the 45th reunion of the Class of 1958, "not waiting for the 50th!"

Arlene Csech Walsh, Santa Fe, NM, continues building her own airplane and writing her book, "The Sky's the Limit: How Women Can Realize their Dreams in Later Years."

1960

Celeste Centrella Allen, San Angelo, TX, retired in 2000 from the faculty at Angelo State University. While there, she led four student groups to Germany.

Carole Drumm Rubley, Wayne, PA, was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in November for a sixth term. Also in November, she and her husband, Ron, welcomed grandchild number six.

1961

Judith Lawler Caron, Madison, CT, enjoys visiting son Christopher and his wife, Beth, who met during the "Bush Recount" in Florida and now live in Washington, D.C., and daughter Annalise who is in the fifth year of a doctoral program in clinical psychology at Vanderbilt University.

Rosemary Markham Dever, Bloomington, IN, retired from Indiana University in September. "If I'd known how much fun it is to be retired, I'd have done it years ago."

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Plandome, NY, reported that her daughter Melissa gave three performances in March at Joe's Pub in Greenwich Village, backed by brother, Mike, on guitar and vocals. Melissa's latest record release is "Blue Like That."

Elizabeth Wiles Katz, Los Alamos, NM, is working as a writer at Los Alamos National Laboratory and teaching at the local campus of the University of New Mexico. She has four grandchildren—in Chicago and outside Berkeley, California.

1962

Catherine Koletsky, Cambridge, MA, is a grand-aunt: her niece had twin girls in November.

1963 40th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Wanda Goode Marshall, Harleyville, PA, a clinical social worker at Abington Memorial Hospital, enjoys skiing, kayaking, traveling and working in a variety of church ministries.

Kathleen Byrnes Troy, Plainsboro, NJ, writes that daughter Meghan graduated in May from the University of Richmond with honors in a double major of Spanish and biology, and son Daniel a junior at Davidson College, is spending the year abroad studying at the University of Bristol in the U.K.

1964

Karen Connolly McMahan, Weston, MA, and her husband, Gene, enjoy wintertime in Florida, and stay busy with golf, fly fishing, seven grandchildren and family.

Maureen Griffith Reilly, Farmington, CT, is the new principal of the school at the New Haven Correctional Center.

1968 35th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Alyce Tuttle Fuller, Evanston, IL, is a self-employed photographer. Tim is now 22 and Kate is 19.

Diane Sjostedt Gowdy, Broad Brook, CT, is a French teacher in the East Windsor school system. She will head to Cambodia this summer for the marriage of her son.

Suzanne Janson Higgins, Cape Elizabeth, ME, is co-chair of the social justice and peace commission of her church, proofreader and writer for the Cape Courier, member of two book clubs, and a volunteer in her son's high school and local soup kitchen.

Maryann Cronin Horgan, Fairfield, CT, teaches biology at Greenwich High School. Her sons are Seamus, 22, and Brendan, 19.

Bette Francesconi Isacoff, Cheshire, MA, a former high school English teacher and juvenile probation officer, is now a RN in orthopedics. She is a breeder/exhibitor of Finnish Spitz dogs.

Dorothy Hall Knox, Del Mar, CA, had a portrait photography business. Her husband, Rob, is associate director at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Leila is a Broadway stage manager and James is an attorney in New York.

Pamela Nassetta Patrick, Orleans, MA, executive director of the Cape Cod Chamber Music Festival, and her husband, Ron, will celebrate their 35th anniversary this summer; their children are Christopher, 33, twins Kathleen and Keith, 32, and Meghan, 21, who graduates from Mount Holyoke this year.

Lynne Cirincione Peck, Branford, CT, has a private practice in clinical social work and teaches part-time at Southern Connecticut State University. Her husband, Tom, is a retired banker and her daughter, Emily, is a freshman at New York University.

Diane Piktialis, Brookline, MA, reports that she and her husband, Daniel Friedman, returned to China last year with their two daughters, Arianna, 10, and Elena, 8, to visit the girls' birthplaces and tour the country.

Denise Franklin Terry, Chevy Chase, MD, is a tutor, teacher and carpool driver for the "I Have a Dream" program in Washington.

1969

MaryKay Mulligan, Onancock, VA, has been named dean of instruction at Eastern Shore Community College. She writes that the "wonderful community on the Eastern Shore" has helped her through the first year since the death of her husband, Gordon Herbster.

1973 30th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Kathleen Irons Harper, Cumberland, ME, is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Southern Maine. Her husband, Jim, is a farmer and family practice physician; son, Will, is Yale Class of 2005; and daughter, Emma, is a junior at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Jean Incampo, Cheshire, CT, an adjunct faculty member in humanities at Gateway Community College, teaches at Sawyer Business School, is a substitute teacher and tutor, and manages law seminars for the National Business Institute. In her spare time, she is a hiking leader for the Sleeping Giant Park Association and active in her church.

1974

Alexis Rascati Carol, Madison, CT, a Methodist minister, is the program director at the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling. She was invited to appear on the Channel 30 morning show to talk about problem gambling in Connecticut.

1975

Ann Curley-Whitehouse, Manchester, CT, has been teaching elementary school art, K-5, in the local public school system for the past 16 years. She has two daughters, Kate, 14, and Colleen, 12.

1978 25th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Margo Flaherty Burke, Clinton, CT, has been a social worker for 23 years with the State of Connecticut, working with the homeless population. She is a volunteer core team member of Life Teen, leading teens to Christ, and a Eucharistic Minister at her church.

Christine Sullivan, West Haven, CT, a Spanish teacher at Milford's Jonathan Law High School, is listed in the 2003 edition of Who's Who Among America's Women.

1981

Sheila Pepe, New York, NY, had exhibitions of her work open in March at Artists Space in Soho and at The Armory Show at Pier 88.

Karin Rannestad, Southbury, CT, had a one-woman art show at the Whittemore Library in Naugatuck. She is on the board of the Waterbury Chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

1983 20th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Letitia Martelon Malone, Milford, CT, has received the Connecticut Association of Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commissions award for lifetime achievement in the protection and conservation of wetlands. She served on the Milford Conservation from 1975 to 2001, chairing it from 1987 to 2001.

1984

Anna C. Beach, Waterville, ME, was appointed pastor at Pleasant Street United Methodist Church in July, after nine years as pastor of a church in Bow, New Hampshire.

1985

Michelle Dubreuil Macek has moved from Kampala, Uganda, to Johannesburg, South Africa, where her husband, Paul, is working with Catholic Relief Services on the famine relief effort in southern Africa. She volunteers at the Clairvaux Infant Haven for orphaned children. Their daughters, Sophia and Eva, attend the French school. *New e-mail: macdub3@muweb.co.za*

1988 15th Reunion June 13-14, 2003

Tim Quinn, New York, NY, national face designer for Armani Cosmetics, in December co-hosted the launch of the line in Beverly Hills with Mira Sorvino, Debi Mazar, Rachel Griffiths and Debra Messing.

Martha Phipps Zarka, Ansonia, CT, has two daughters, Kelly and Katie. She is an adjudications specialist with the State Department of Labor.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Paul A. Blondin, father of Mary Ann Blondin Cassidy '60
January 2, 2003

Dolores Foccello Buccino,
mother of Robert J. Buccino, AMC vice president for advancement and planning, and mother-in-law of Gail Buccino '95 MALS, AMC director of financial assistance
March 25, 2003

Peter Compton,
husband of Mary Compton of the Registrar's Office
February 21, 2003

George B. Drumm, father of Carole Drumm Rubley '60
October 25, 2002

Harry Evangelist, father of Camille Evangelist Ifkovic '58
February 13, 2003

Sr. Mary Clare Horan, O.P.,
professor of French at AMC from the mid-50s to 1977
January 12, 2003

Ronald Konetchy,
husband of Andrea Savchik Konetchy '73,
and former professor of music at AMC
December 17, 2002

Georges May, recipient of honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from AMC in 2000
February 28, 2003

Robert McDonald, instructor of economics and finance in New Dimensions at New Haven
January 9, 2003

Michael Palmieri, father of Terri Palmieri Glynn '63
October 29, 2002

Kathleen Delaney Parsons,
sister of Sr. Joan Delaney, MM, '52
January 8, 2003

James Petruzzello, instructor of religion, philosophy and ethics in New Dimensions at New Haven
February 7, 2003

Viola and Richard Smith,
parents of Sandra Smith Elgee '67
and grandparents of Christopher Elgee '99 MS
January 9 and January 25, 2003

Jerome Torre, Jr.,
former member of the AMC physical plant staff
March 31, 2003

1991

Laura Kiritsy, Roslindale, MA, is now associate editor of Bay Windows, a Boston weekly, after more than two years as a reporter there.

1992

Eileen Denny, Hamden, CT, a chiropractor, volunteered her services for rescue workers at Ground Zero. "Words can't do the experience justice. The attack was heinous, but after being there, I saw how goodness prevails," she says.

1993 *10th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

Mary Coe-Jones, CE, New Haven, CT, is a volunteer teacher at an Islamic school and involved with the neighborhood blockwatch.

Diana DeNegre Limoncelli, New Haven, CT, married in 1998. She is with the VA Connecticut Healthcare System.

Daniel Sullivan, Wallingford, CT, is assistant principal of Middletown High School. A member of the first AMC baseball team, he is now serves on the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference baseball committee. He and his wife, Elaine, have a two-year-old son, Daniel IV.

1995

Jonathan Arnold, Monroe, CT, a member of the Easton Police Department, last year spent time assigned to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration as a task force agent assigned to plain clothes narcotics enforcement in the Tri-State area. Now back in Easton, he recently was elected union president by his fellow officers.

1996

Giovanni Duaqui, Huntington Beach, CA, has joined Saywitz Real Estate in Newport Beach, handling commercial business development. He would like to hear from friends. *E-mail: giovanniduaqui714@hotmail.com*

Claudia (Kakau) Menezes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, sends word that she was married in September, and that **Carlos Farfan '94** came from Miami for the wedding. Carlos keeps in touch with **Troy Campbell**, who also lives in Miami.

1998 *5th Reunion June 13-14, 2003*

Ellen Adamczyk, Meriden, CT, is a librarian at the Southington Public Library and Museum.

Kristopher Loretz, West Haven, CT, is director of undergraduate admissions at Sacred Heart University, and working on an MBA. He and his wife, **Katie Mai '01**, have a son, Aidan.

Tara Forbes Murphy, Wallingford, CT married John Murphy in December 2001.

Donna Pellegrino, ND, Cheshire, CT, and her husband, Louis, are the parents of Robert, 3, Lucy, 2, and Amelia, 8 months.

Maria Trajkovski Slade, CE, Guilford, CT, is the owner/artist at Slade Studios. She's involved with local environmental issues and activities at Temple Beth Tikvah.

1999

David Majeski, ND, Cheshire, CT, received a JD from the University of Connecticut Law School and is enrolled in an LL.M program there. He recently joined the New Dimensions staff as an educational counselor.

2001

Douglas Albl, ND, relocated to Florida to work on the space shuttle with United Space Alliance.

Ryan Antonino, Milford, CT, is studying for a master's degree at Southern Connecticut State University and hopes to teach health education.

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Jennifer Keyes '97

PROFILE

"The career path to my current position actually began before I had a career," says Jennifer Keyes, a regional long-term care ombudsman for the State of Connecticut. "I am fortunate to have a very close relationship with my paternal grandparents. During my childhood, I often lived with them and spent a great deal of time in their company and that of several great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors. I found my elders deserved admiration and respect, and I believe those experiences led me to pursue a career in the field of aging and elderly services."

Keyes began her college search at a time when most of her peers were approaching a fifth-year reunion. "I was 25 and had to work full time while completing my education. As I was searching for a school that could offer the flexibility I needed, a close friend and Albertus alumna recommended the College. Growing up in greater New Haven, I knew about Albertus and admired the simplicity and historical beauty of the campus, but didn't know anything about the Continuing Education program. The small evening classes and accelerated pace provided exactly what I needed, and I was able to earn my BA in psychology in just four years."

While still a student at Albertus, Keyes accepted a position with the South Central Connecticut Agency on Aging. She began as a volunteer coordinator with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), a national initiative aimed at recruiting and training senior volunteers to work in human service and non-profit organizations. When she received her degree, she found a new opportunity, that of elderly information specialist. In this job, she helped provide comprehensive information and resource counseling, advocacy, referrals and support to the region's seniors and caregivers. This led to her role as long-term care ombudsman, one of six in the state.

The federal Older Americans Act of 1965 mandates a long-term care ombudsman program to provide services to protect the health, safety and welfare of nursing home residents. Health care analysts recommend a minimum ratio of one ombudsman to every 2,000 long-term care beds; in Connecticut the ratio is currently one ombudsman to an average of nearly 6,000 beds.

For Keyes, what started out as a desire to help older people on a very basic level has matured into acute awareness and passionate dedication to improving quality of care across the aging continuum. "Our society is on the verge of a crisis as the population continues to age, and our traditional venues for long-term care are inadequate and overwhelmed," she points out. "We must demand legislative action that preserves a person's right to a humane, dignified existence as he or she grows old."

"The paradox of this position is that it is probably the most rewarding and yet most challenging thing I have ever done. It's a blessing to come to work each day and do something you not only enjoy, but actually feel passionate about." The caring and commitment Keyes talks about make it "often impossible to 'leave the job at the office' and go home at night without thinking about the frail elderly resident you sat with earlier that day who had been suffering from neglect and had no family or friends to advocate on his behalf. It's very rewarding, however, to assist residents by working with the facility and other service providers to improve their quality of care and overall quality of life."

Another positive aspect of the job, Keyes notes, is advocating for change. The program's mandate allows it to directly assist nursing home residents in formulating a legislative agenda, lobbying elected officials and presenting testimony at the State Capitol. "I have learned that working to invoke change in the face of social injustice is an inherently frustrating endeavor," she says, "but despite this, it is difficult to imagine doing anything else!"



Carmelo Otero '98, ND, has been promoted to the rank of major in the Connecticut State Police. He is the first Hispanic to hold this rank in the 100-year history of the department. The College honored him in 2000 with the Alumni of the Year Award for Professional Achievement. He is a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors.



2002

John Damico, Northford, CT, is enrolled in a master's program at the University of New Haven; he plans to go into teaching.

Kevin Dougherty, MS, Trumbull, CT, has been promoted to vice president, customer experience manager at People's Bank.

For the Long Term

Jodi Lombardozi, Milford, CT, in November received the John F. Shaw Scholarship Award from the State Department of Mental Retardation, which honors one graduate student in the state who shows a commitment to integrating those with intellectual and developmental disabilities into mainstream society. She is pursuing a master's degree in communications disorders at Southern Connecticut State University.

Mark O'Connell, Madison, CT, is working with computers in customer support at The Hartford. He has received several performance awards.

Carolyn Robins, MS, Newington, CT, joined the staff of the Middlesex United Way as its resource distribution associate.

Kevin Routhier, Stratford, CT, is a high-school history teacher and taking classes at Sacred Heart University for a master's degree.

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