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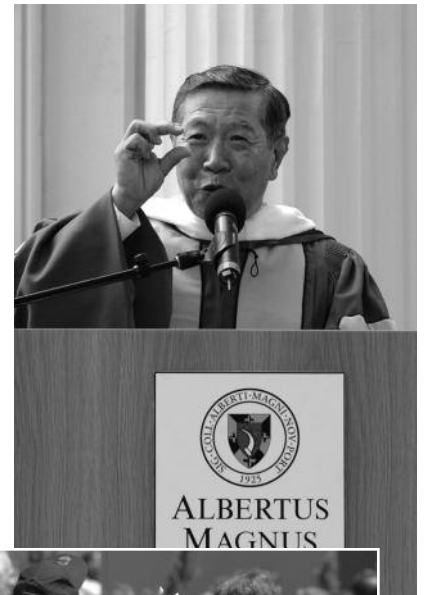


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2007 Commencement



Applause, cheers, tears and smiles were all part of Commencement exercises in front of Rosary Hall on a Sunday afternoon in May. Traditional and adult students from undergraduate and graduate programs shared the day with proud families. Dr. Henry C. Lee, one of the world's foremost forensic scientists, was the Commencement speaker and urged the new graduates to share their knowledge, strength and passion with others. "This country makes the impossible dream possible," he said. Representatives of the Class of 1957, this year's 50th Reunion class, took part in the traditional procession down Prospect Street and through the College's main gate to Rosary Hall.



Honorary Degree Citations

David Hayes

...your artistic talents bring forth amazing sculptures for the world to enjoy. Their shapes are of eternal nature, yet rendered in the steel of a modern age, their dimensions often as dazzling to the human eye as the colors you employ....you are one of this country's great living sculptors, possessing a remarkable and prolific career that now spans 50 years. Your works continue to challenge and delight the eye and the spirit....

Joseph P. Kazickas

...you first crossed the steps of Rosary Hall nearly 60 years ago as an instructor of economics at Albertus Magnus College.... you have become an international businessman, consultant to major energy and industrial companies, entrepreneur, venture capitalist and philanthropist.... Throughout a distinguished career, you have remembered your beloved homeland of Lithuania and worked tirelessly to assure... it would be ready to thrive in a free market economy....

Henry C. Lee

...you arrived in the United States more than 40 years ago from Taiwan, where you began a distinguished career in law enforcement....Your inquiring mind, innate curiosity and keen powers of observation enabled you to develop your major crime squad conceptyou are recognized internationally for your extraordinary contributions to the field of forensic science and crime scene investigation. You are a dedicated scientist and an engaged educator....

Roslyn Milstein Meyer

...You have adopted this city as your own, becoming a master builder of community, ever passionate about the roles education and the arts must play in a healthy and strong society. You make things happen; for you commitment becomes action. With creative vision and zeal, you have co-founded two extraordinary organizations: Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership (LEAP) and the International Festival of Arts & Ideas....

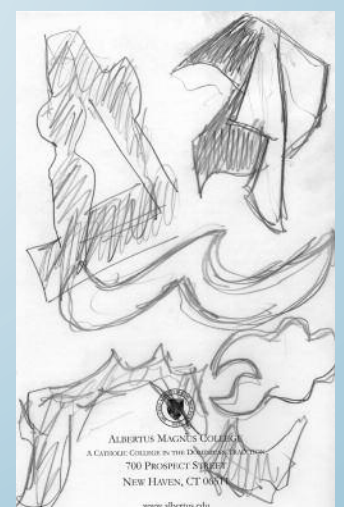
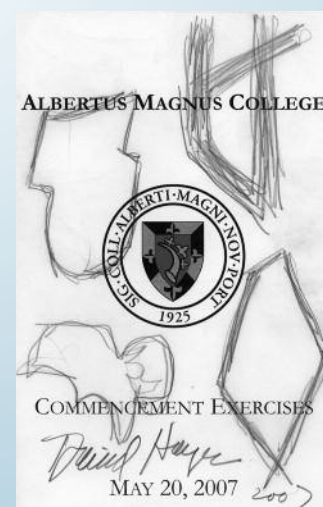
Gualberto Ruaño

...you are today's Renaissance man: doctor, scientist, inventor, entrepreneur and patron of the arts. Your great curiosity and unfettered thinking have led to breakthroughs in genetic research.... You have been recognized as a leader in the biomedical industry for significant achievement in the development and advancement of new medical technology. You view creativity as fundamental to both both life sciences and the arts, and you are passionate about sharing that belief....



This year's honorary degree recipients, seated in the front row, are, left to right: Dr. Gualberto Ruaño, Dr. Joseph P. Kazickas, Dr. Roslyn Milstein Meyer, Dr. Henry C. Lee and David Hayes. Back row: President Julia M. McNamara; Dr. Robert Imholt, presenter; William Doyle, trustee of the College and presenter; Jean Handley, presenter; Joseph Crespo, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Elder Michael Clyburn, who gave the benediction; and Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., presenter.

The works of internationally-known sculptor and honorary degree recipient David Hayes are inspired by the shapes of nature, clouds, waves, people and animals. During Commencement ceremonies he turned his program into an impromptu sketchbook.



CAMPUS NEWS

President McNamara Delivers Eulogy of Former Chairman Robert F. Behan

Robert F. Behan, of Madison, Connecticut, a member of the College's Board of Trustees for more than two decades, including 13 years as chairman, died on April 24.

President Julia M. McNamara gave the eulogy in services at St. Margaret Church, noting that Behan personified an old Irish saying: "It's not every day that you will meet a man as grand as that man." He valued "the basic things that mean so much to each of us as human beings who seek to live moral, ethical lives in peace and harmony with ourselves, our significant others, and our colleagues in civil society," she said.

"Bob always embraced the concept of 'giving back' to the community and the concrete examples of this commitment are many. He brought to countless board room tables his personal spirit of dedication, quiet enthusiasm, and an extraordinary focus on mission and purpose so that his participation and influence always engaged the basic *raison d'être* of an organization. He got right down to the brass tacks that made it tick during thick and thin times. Very often, Bob came on board during the thin times, the rough patches that are so often part of the historical reality of dedicated service organizations. Once in, he went to work, and what is more important, he was willing to stay in, to



In September 2005, Robert F. Behan received an honorary degree from the College, presented by President Julia M. McNamara.

exercise his fiduciary duty and to see things through with his tireless service ethic and a sense of humor that usually kicked in just when it was needed...."

In September 2005 the College conferred upon Robert Behan the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa*. In presenting the degree, President McNamara said, "...through your vibrant volunteer service and your personal response to the duty of care, you are an exemplar of the spirit of those valiant persons who founded Albertus Magnus College...."

A graduate of Phillips Academy Andover, Bob Behan received a bachelor's degree from Yale University and an MBA from Columbia University. He retired as executive vice president of Connecticut Bank and Trust Company in 1991, after a 32-year career there. He served in volunteer leadership positions with many organizations in Greater New Haven, receiving numerous awards for community service and leadership.

Robert F. Behan was the husband of Patricia Sanders Behan '55 and the father of Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, the College's director of alumni relations and special events; the late Eleanor Goode Sanders, his mother-in-law, graduated from Albertus with the Class of 1929.

Salman Hamid Awarded National James Madison Fellowship

Albertus history major and 2007 graduate Salman Hamid has been awarded the prestigious James Madison Fellowship for Connecticut by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Washington, D.C.

The fellowship supports the further study of American history by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government and social studies in the nation's secondary schools, and by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects. Hamid competed against applicants from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the nation's island and trust territories. This year, the Fellowship Foundation awarded 57 fellowships.

Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and acknowledged "Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights," the fellowship will fund up to \$24,000 of Hamid's course of study toward a master's degree. The program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

Hamid, who will attend Southern Connecticut State University, sees the fellowship as "a milestone in my life, not just for me but for my parents and professors." He came to the United States from Pakistan with his parents in 1989, when he was four.

"My parents wanted a proper education for me because they had only gone to high school. They labored and toiled to save every penny to put me in college, and I myself worked two jobs, took five courses a semester and ran a club."

He recalls that his parents were in tears when they learned that their son would be going to graduate school on a fellowship from a foundation created by an act of Congress.

"My desire for teaching is a product of being surrounded by teachers who always pushed me the extra mile. Even when my grades slumped in high school, it was my teachers who told me that I could only redeem myself in college. Professors at Albertus nurtured my love of learning, and I sprouted from a seed to a tree."

Dr. Robert J. Imholt, chair of the department of history and political science, notes that the Madison program attempts to foster "profound understanding of America's constitutional heritage," not just factual knowledge. Those who receive Madison fellowships, he says, will "engage in rigorous analysis of the origins of our national character so that they, and the students they will teach over the years, are better able to make the informed judgments that are vital to the health of a democratic system."



On June 14, Dr. Susan Letzler Cole, professor of English and director of the concentration in creative writing, read from her new book, "Missing Alice: In Search of a Mother's Voice," published this spring by Syracuse University Press, at a book signing held at the Teachers & Writers Collaborative in New York City. In this memoir, Dr. Cole celebrates the life of her mother, Alice, who died in 1990 at the age of 78 from cancer. Shown at right with Dr. Cole is Andrea Beaudin '93, who holds a copy of the book. Others in the audience of 50 persons were Alicia Chasse '96, Eric Donelson '98, Garrett Dell '99, '03 MA-LS, Natalie Drenzewski '97, Eileen Fappiano '94, '06 MA-LS, Patricia Flynn '75, Amie Keddy '95, Natardia Lee Soy '98, Adam Lein '98, Jennifer Frank Martin '93, Matthew Martin '95, Carolyn McCarthy '06, Michele Merlo '06, Marco Rafala '94 and Jennifer Wiley '07. Faculty members attending were Robert Bourgeois, Jeremiah Coffey, Deborah Frattini and Eric Schoeck. On June 20, among those attending Dr. Cole's Book Talk at the Central Library in Arlington, Virginia, were Shayn Ferriola '99 and Katherine Gustafson, a returning Albertus Honors student.

Accelerated Degree Program Adds MBA in Blended Delivery Format

This fall the Accelerated Degree Program (ADP) for the first time is offering an accelerated Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree through its blended delivery system, combining on-line learning with on-site classroom experience.

ADP MBA classes for the 48-credit program, which is held at the College's main Prospect Street campus, start five times a year. Classes follow an eight-week schedule.

"Our Accelerated MBA in the ADP format is a unique program that tailors its courses to individual student skills, interests and schedules. We offer tremendous flexibility," says Annette Bosley-Boyce, director of ADP. "In this program, it's all about the student and all about choice."

Students can choose a part-time or full-time program; select classes for one of four different concentrations—accounting, human resources, general management or leadership; and stop and restart the program at any time. Recent college graduates and those who have been in the workplace for some time may enroll.

ADP provides innovative solutions to working adults who ask, "How can I juggle family responsibilities, my job and my courses?" Dr. Nancy Fallon, director of the ADP MBA, says that the solution is in the flexibility of blended coursework. "Our program really is designed for the students with busy life styles who need a flexible program that maintains high academic standards."

For information, go to mba.albertus.edu or call (203) 773-8505.

- The Connecticut General Assembly honored Stephen Permar '07 for outstanding academic achievement at College Academic Day at the State Capitol in Hartford. Each year Connecticut's colleges and universities select students to be recognized for their accomplishments. Each student is individually introduced to the Assembly. Permar majored in business and economics, with a specialization in accounting. A student-athlete, he was a pitcher on the baseball team.
- In May, Dr. John J. Donohue, vice president for academic affairs and professor of social sciences, hosted Get Your Kicks on Route 66: Martial Arts in America, an event that was part of the Smithsonian Institution's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration in Washington, D.C. Donohue holds a black belt in karate and kendo and is an editor of the Journal of Asian Martial Arts. He also writes murder mysteries.
- To help promote financial literacy among students, Jennifer Pacelli, the College's athletic director, applied for and received a grant from the NCAA to support a speaker's program on basic personal finance skills. Kevin Morrison, Morrison Group Consulting, spoke with several groups of students. A recent study by The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., found that 71 percent of college students are concerned about their ability to meet financial obligations after college and 76 percent wish they had more help preparing for their financial future.
- John Donohue '09, Christopher Drechsel '08 and Sr. Patricia Thomas, O.P., director of Campus Ministry, represented the College at the Fifth Annual "Teaching in Action" conference, which focused on the Dominican charism of preaching and how that charism can be incorporated into individual lives. Students and mentors attended from 15 Dominican Colleges and colleges with a Dominican presence. The conference took place at Barry University in Florida.
- Jerry Nevins, co-chair of the visual and performing arts department at Albertus, was the subject of a profile story that ran in a group of nine Fairfield County weekly newspapers in May. He has been exhibiting his work since 1976 and joined the College's faculty in 1995. He holds an MFA from Rochester Institute of Technology.
- The department of biology and chemistry this spring sponsored a talk by Dr. Robert Grober, professor of applied physics at Yale University, on energy consumption in the United States and its impact on global warming. His talk and the showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" were part of programming for Environmental Awareness Month.
- Albertus has received the Award of Merit from The Hartford in recognition of its outstanding achievement in accident control and risk reduction. Only 15 of the awards have been given out over the past 18 years.

Blessing of Sally's Life Tree

A blessing of Sally's Life Tree, a memorial to the life of Sally Wells, manager of the AMC Bookstore for eight years, took place on April 30. Wells died October 2, 2006, after a long and courageous fight with cancer. The tree is next to the Hubert Campus Center, not far from the bookstore.



The Wells family—Sally's husband, Steve, her mother, sons, daughters-in-law and youngest granddaughter—attended the blessing ceremony.



Amy Rivera '09, Julia Smith '06 and Latrease Brown '07, left to right, worked with Sally in the bookstore, and were among those at the ceremony.



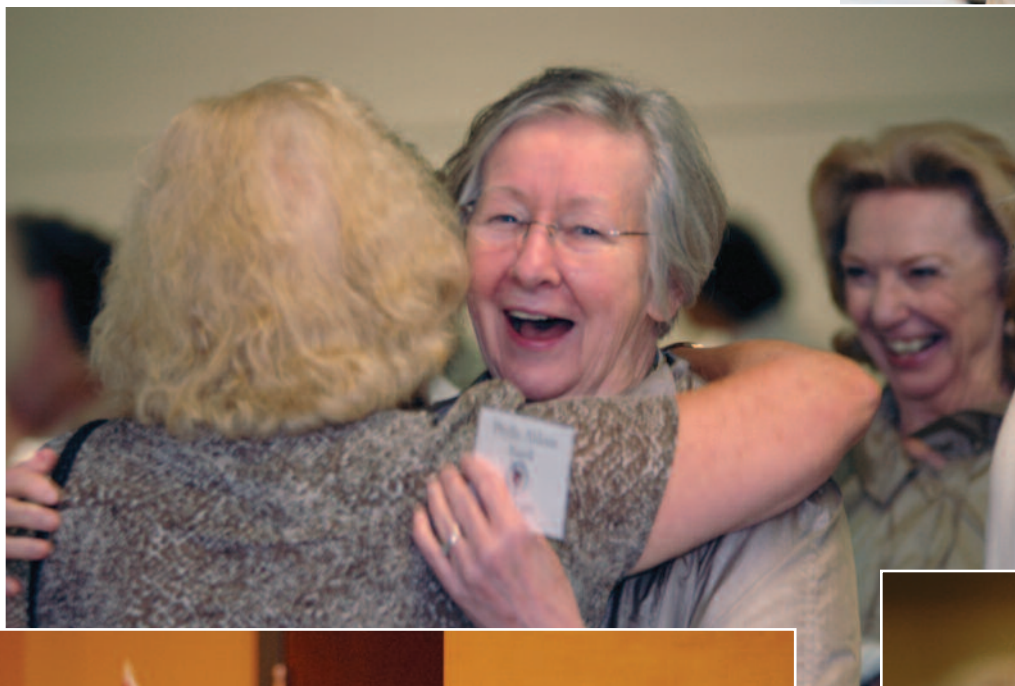
In April, seven members of the AMC Campus Ministry FaithWorks club participated in AIDS WALK New Haven, a five-mile walk that began and ended on the New Haven Green. Approximately 500 walkers raised about \$30,000 to support and to raise awareness of the various New Haven organizations working for those whose lives have been impacted in some way by HIV/AIDS. After the walk, students returned to St. Mary's Convent for pizza, snacks and conversation with the Sisters. Walkers were, left to right, Dianne Riter '06 and Katie O'Toole '08; standing, Ruba Yaser '09, Nicole Lombardo '08, Kamala Jackson '09 and Louisa Atsina '11. Sr. Patricia Thomas, O.P., director of Campus Ministry, also participated.

20.07 REUNION



Rita Crotta Watson, class of 1937, came from Pacific Palisades, California for her 70th Reunion. Her two daughters, Rita Sakkis and Marcia Larsson, joined her for the celebration. During the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, Rita received a standing ovation from fellow graduates as she was recognized as a member of The Golden Society of Albertus Magnus College.

The Class of 1957 was well represented at their 50th Reunion. Over twenty members of the class were in attendance throughout the day. In addition to catching up with classmates, the 57'ers spent time putting together a class memoir of priceless Albertus stories spearheaded by Sheila Gallagher Murphy. During the Golden Society Induction Ceremony, members of the class were given a Golden Society pin and a certificate of recognition for their 50 years of loyalty to alma mater.



Carol Gose DeVine, class of 1970, received the 2007 Alumni of the Year Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Carol spent 35 years at the Caedmon School in New York City, the last 25 as head of school. In her nomination, her classmates wrote: "she is a leader among teachers; never passes a kid without making a connection; teaches parents how to play nice in the sandbox; serves as a model to young women; creates an atmosphere that respects the diversity of our nature and the compassion in our souls; possesses clear vision and practices gentle direction; simply put—Carol changes lives." Classmates Jane Nady Sigmon and Noreen Conlon assisted with the presentation and are pictured above with Carol and President McNamara.

CLASS NOTES

1933 *75th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1937

Mary Rita Crotta Watson, Pacific Palisades, CA, is active in her church and the Faculty Women's Club at UCLA, and she is a student of Tai Chi at Santa Monica College. She enjoyed her 70th Reunion in June.

1938 *70th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1942

Evelyn Shukovsky Gordon, North Branford, CT, reports that her son is head of the Genomic Science Center at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, and her daughter is a certified coder at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Dorothy Mester Hession, Hamden, CT, and her late husband traveled extensively. She reports that her seven "great grands" live in Minnesota, which causes her to be a "frequent flyer" from Hartford to Minneapolis. "It's been a busy and a wonderful life!"

1943 *65th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1947

Anne Connelly Dillon, Springfield, MA, missed her 60th reunion in June because she and her husband flew to California for their oldest grandchild's graduation from the University of California Santa Barbara. She and Jerry celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 11. She would love to hear from classmates.

Mary Benedict Killion, Hopkinton, MA, has four children and six grandchildren.

1948 *60th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1949

Alice Harten Kolega, Mansfield Center, CT, in July was The Hartford Courant's fifth guest puzzler; her cryptogram appeared in a recent issue.

1950

Lois Edwards Schlager, Hartland, WI, and her husband, Ken, are enjoying the home they built three years ago. They have 8 children and 16 grandchildren. Active in an adult formation group and a centering prayer group, she also sponsors a family in Peru.

1952

Doris Savelle Breuler, Northford, CT, has had her artwork exhibited in the North Haven Art Guild's Cultural Center. She is a dog lover; at one time she showed Sealyham terriers, Dandie Dinmonts and Pekingese.

Marion O'Donohue Connelly, Port Washington, NY, has been able to renew friendship with her classmate **Noreen Brown Rogers**, who lives in Stamford, Connecticut. The two got together at the New Canaan home of Connelly's son.

Colette Ledoux Mayer, Greenlawn, NY, has 4 children and 11 grandchildren. She retired in 1992 from the Elmwood School District where she taught English, French and gifted and talented classes. Her second retirement was in 2006 after five years as a part-time receptionist in the office of the Suffolk County Executive.

Phyllis Aldous Russell, Marlton, NJ, is enjoying retirement and her 11 grandchildren.

Mary "Betsy" Meyer Traynor, Guntersville, AL, spends three days a week at her private practice of general psychiatry. A widow, she has 12 children and 23 grandchildren. She is president of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at her church and serves as a Eucharist Minister.

1953 *55th Reunion June 7, 2008*

Sr. Dolores Liptak, RSM, West Hartford, CT, presented a program recently at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on Connecticut's Catholic beginnings. Title of her talk was "They Are Asking for Bread and There is No One to Break it to Them."

Historic New Haven Church Honors Alumna for Service

At the 175th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Mary Church in New Haven, the Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, archbishop of Hartford, and the Reverend William Holt, O.P., pastor of St. Mary, presented Clementina Valentino '57 with the St. Catherine of Siena Award for her many years of service as sacristan.

1957

Delphine Barrett, Lakewood, OH, is retired, and volunteers for North Coast Health Ministry, a free clinic, and Fairview Hospital.

Patricia Mullan Burnham, Austin, TX, is a retired University of Texas professor, but is still researching and writing. She continues to be involved at church with a prayer group and as a lector.

Margaret Mary Burns Clancy, New Haven, CT, has a son and a daughter, and three grandsons. She enjoys singing in a choir, playing bridge, knitting and membership in a book discussion group.

Rita Carten Fitzsimmons, Stratford, CT, is enjoying being back in the state after having divided time between here and Bonita Springs, Florida, for eight years. She enjoys gardening, reading and spending time with 6 grandchildren, all under the age of 12.

Lillian Adley Germain, Fairfield, CT, is a retired teacher. She and Joe have two children and three grandchildren. She teaches religious education, supports the Cancer Center for Women and Families and American Heart Association golf fund-raisers. This "active babysitting grandmother" is treasurer of the Garden Club of Fairfield County.

Laurie Munnely Johnson, Danvers, MA, reports that she and Art have been married seven years, are blessed with a combination of seven children and eight grandchildren, and keep busy with travel, family activities and golf. Included in their travels are visits to her

Sr. Thomas Albert Corbett Dies at Mohun Care Center

Sr. Thomas Albert Corbett, O.P., died at Mohun Health Care Center in Columbus, Ohio, on August 1; she was 93. She taught at Albertus from 1953 to 1956, and was academic dean of the College from 1956 to 1962.

President Julia M. McNamara noted that Sr. Thomas Albert was "one of the great Dominicans of St. Mary of the Springs: her exquisite mind and her clear commitment to the traditions and life of the Order were ever in evidence....Her Albertus years will also be remembered—for she truly espoused our College's mission and purposes. She served with distinction as member of the Board of Trustees and as academic dean. We remember her with gratitude and joy. May she rest in peace cum angelis in caelo."

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 2005–2006 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or Bernadette Holodak, director of development, at bholodak@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

sisters: **June Munnely Falcone** '58 in Florida, **Eileen Munnely Skruck** '67 in North Carolina and **Rita Munnely Dinnin** '62 in Connecticut.

Mary Keane, Wakefield, RI, is technically retired, but still does some freelance editorial work, which supports her travel, most recently to Kenya. "I hope to put my foot down on all seven continents before I die—two to go, Australia and Antarctica."

Maureen Cleare Kiley, Fall River, MA, is a Eucharistic Minister and member of the parish council at her church. She is director of the Bristol County Retired Teachers Association and a member of the Fall River Garden Club. She has seven grandchildren.

Mary Ann Scaglia McLean, Danville, CA, has a son and daughter, and six grandchildren. She is retired and serves as a library volunteer.

Sheila Gallagher Murphy, Portland, CT, reports that she is "happily retired" after 32 years of teaching English and Latin. She leads memoir-writing workshops for adults at her local library, and teaches mini-courses in memoir and poetry for the local Elderhostel affiliate at Middlesex Community College.

Virginia Darcy Oliver sends word that she and her husband, a retired Supreme Court Justice of the State of New York, have recently moved to Naples, Florida. She is adjusting to retired life before getting re-involved in work with church and the sick.

Helen Clabby Scinto, Stratford, CT, and John have a daughter and two sons, and two grandchildren. She retired as the supervisor of curriculum and professional development for the Milford Public Schools, and is an educational consultant for area towns. A volunteer tutor at Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport, she enjoys line dancing, travel and serving as treasurer of the local AARP chapter.

Roberta DeLay Smith, Winston-Salem, NC, volunteers at Wake Forest University's fitness programs and hearing screenings; she is an educational volunteer at the University's Reynolda Gardens.

Barbara Fappiano Spillane, Virginia Beach, VA, has 4 children and 13 grandchildren. She is retired and enjoys gardening, yoga, travel...and those wonderful grandchildren.

Annette Tino Tomaino, Chatham, NJ, is a consultant for school and college planning. She and Bruno are enjoying their log cabin in Waterford, Maine, travels to Europe and Februaries in Venice, Florida. Best of all, she says, is time spent with their grandchildren.

1958 *50th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1959

Veronica Jackson Searles, sends word that she had a nice visit with classmates **Janice Ainger Roman**, **Arlene Fanucci Johnson**, **Mary Ellen Grant Fahy**, **Patricia Hawman Micklos**, **Sue Hogan Endler**, **Maureen Lucey** (by phone), **Helen Marks**, **Joan Regan Sheridan** and **Joan Schilling Morse**.

Gail Lindsay Schuler, Hamden, CT, has been taking computer courses and singing in a choir. Travels include Colorado (to see son and grandkids), Virginia (husband's reunion), and a cruise with **Dorothy McLaughlin Roberts**. She also saw **Janet DeLucia** and **Maureen Lucey** in Florida.

1960

Lynne Stapleton Farrell, Huntington, CT, is one of five honorees of the 12th annual Northeast Golf Classic sponsored by Emergency Management Services, Inc. (ESMS). Each year ESMS, also known as the Immanuel Baptist Homeless Shelter, honors outstanding leaders in the Greater New Haven community who have used their prestige to help others.

Class of 1957 Makes Major Reunion Gift to Albertus

Five years ago, at their 45th Reunion, members of the class of 1957 decided they wanted to make a major gift to the College in honor of their 50th Reunion.

Spearheaded by Delphine Barrett and Margaret Mary Burns Clancy, working with Helen Clabby Scinto and Mary Keane, the plan for a Jubilee Fund took shape. The goal was to raise funds for an endowed scholarship, which requires a minimum of \$50,000; awards to students from endowed scholarships are made from earned interest. The core group of classmates worked with Carolyn Behan '86, director of alumni relations and special events, to structure a temporarily restricted fund that could receive gifts and grow toward the goal over the next five years. Gifts earmarked for the Jubilee Fund were in addition to contributions to The Annual Fund.

The organizing committee contacted class members through letters and e-mails. Once money began accumulating in the Jubilee Fund, Scinto and Keane provided periodic updates on gifts received and progress toward the goal.

On June 9, the Class of 1957 presented its 50th Reunion gift of \$60,000—\$10,000 above target—to President Julia M. McNamara at the Annual Meeting of the Albertus Alumni Association. Members of the class plan to continue their gifts to the scholarship fund, and they are looking forward to their next reunion.



Shown with President McNamara, left, are Delphine Barrett, Mary Keane, Margaret Mary Burns Clancy and Helen Clabby Scinto.

1961

Judith Lawler Caron, Madison, CT, a member of the sociology faculty at Albertus since 1969, retired at the end of this academic year.

1962

Patricia Hayes Kocan, Raleigh, NC, retired from teaching high school English in 2001; she taught expository writing part-time at Louisburg College until January 2006. Now she volunteers at her church, plays bridge and sings with a women's chorus.

Catherine Koletsky, Cambridge, MA, is active in her church as a Eucharist Minister, sacristan and Paulist associate.

Brenda Fanfesti LaBella, Wethersfield, CT, reports that she spent 32 years traveling abroad with her husband and now her sister, visiting every continent except Antarctica. Sometimes they traveled on their own, but more often on tours with people from all over the world. "It has been a fabulous experience that I continue to enjoy," she says.

Janet Monaco Silk, Norwalk, CT, was a counselor/school psychologist for the Town of Westport. Now that she is retired, she audits one course per semester at Fairfield University, works out at her gym three or four times a week and sings in her church choir. She and her husband, John, have a son and daughter, and two grandsons.

Marsha Sangster Thompson, Pleasantville, NY, reports she has her health, retirement, family and friends. "I also have my education and memories of Albertus that keep me strong, peaceful and very grateful." She recently was in Turkey and Switzerland.

1963

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1967

Marguerite Mezzano Demarse, Manchester, CT, is a substitute teacher with the State of Connecticut Vocational High School System. She has three children, volunteers at the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and tutors for the Manchester Police Athletic League.

Rosemary Siegel Fitzpatrick, Catonsville, MD, and her husband, John, have two sons and a granddaughter. She is treasurer of the Constellation Chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America and a volunteer needle worker at the historic Geddy House in Colonial Williamsburg.

Sharon Cronin Lampe, East Springfield, PA, is a process analyst at Lord Corporation. She and Greg have been married for almost 38 years and have three daughters: Shannon, vice president of marketing for a small firm in Georgetown, Grand Cayman; Erin, director of publications for San Francisco's California College of the Arts; and Colleen, now living in Brussels while her husband works for the Swedish ambassador to the European Union.

Sheila Reilly Murphy, New Haven, CT, is retired. She and Brian have a daughter, son and daughter-in-law and a 3-year-old grandson. She is chair of New Haven's Cultural Affairs Commission.

Victoria Navin, New Haven, CT, is community affairs director for the Meriden Public Library. She is a member of the Meriden Kiwanis Club and Soroptimist Club, board member of the Salvation Army Community Advisory Board and active in the City of Meriden Supervisors' Union. She has two daughters.

Ann Prokop, Hamden, CT, reports that for the past five years, several members of the class have been gathering on the last Saturday of September for an informal lunch at a local restaurant. "We order off the menu and TALK," she says. She has 12 nieces and

nephews and 3 great-nephews; she is with the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale.

Helen Gilman Reeder, Southbury, CT, is the IT person—"very, very part-time"—for her husband's business. She volunteers for the American Liver Foundation and enjoys travel, reading and cooking. "We have an annual scholarship in our Shawn's memory (The Shawn Reeder Memorial Scholarship Fund) and I do what I can in our Southbury community in Shawn's memory."

Mary Harris Rice, Shrewsbury, MA, is director for drug safety and surveillance at Coley Pharmaceutical Group, Inc., a bio-tech company in Wellesley. Her most recent hiking trip was to Denali State Park in Alaska. She and Walter have a daughter, Elizabeth Harris Rice, and a son, Walter P. Rice Jr.

Susan Lundgren Rottner, West Hartford, CT, is president, Bank of America Connecticut. She serves on the boards of several organizations, including the Wadsworth Atheneum, the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, Hartford Hospital and the YMCA of Greater Hartford.

Michelle Savignac, Montgomery Village, MD, has a son and three stepsons. Her husband, Millard Wohl, retired in 2006 from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and she retired the same year from Montgomery College, where she was an adjunct professor of French.

Ruth Decko Sullo, Guilford, CT, is an education consultant, and a prison volunteer at the Cheshire Correctional Institution.

Mary Ann Wiedl, Seven Hills, OH, is a substitute teacher in the Cleveland school public system.

1968

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1971

Rose Reynolds, Lima, NY, sends word that she has finally finished her cookbook, "Never Enough Thyme." It contains 50 of her soup recipes, 50 stories about her family and its American Hotel in Lima, as well as cookie and appetizer recipes that are used at the hotel. Contact her at rar1108@hotmail.com

1972

Marjorie Koenig Femia, Northborough, MA, is married to Vin Femia and they have three children and one grandson. She works at the Northborough Library.

Pamela Killorin Higgins, Saratoga, NY, a widow since 2000, married Dean Higgins on March 24 of this year.

Kathleen Sheehan Imholt, North Haven, CT, is the library media specialist and gifted education facilitator at Green Acres School. She is married to Bob Imholt, professor and chair of the history and political science department at Albertus. Their daughter Kate is mar-

Mutkoski Selected as Extra for Indiana Jones Film

As an opera singer, choral director and drama coach, **Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski '67** knows a bit about show biz. Two days as an extra during filming in New Haven for Steven Spielberg's newest Indiana Jones epic, starring Harrison Ford and Shia LaBeouf, taught her a lot more.

On a whim, she answered an open casting call ad in mid-June. "I dressed conservatively in a suit, put on some pearls—the film is set in 1957—and took along my theater/TV résumé. There were hundreds of people waiting in line. Casting director Billy Dowd talked to me for 2 minutes, glanced at the résumé for 10 seconds and said 'Yes, we want you. Can you come tomorrow for a fitting?' Of course.

Mutkoski reported the next day to a warehouse full of vintage clothing and accessories. "It was amazing—there were thousands of pieces of clothing, shoes, handbags, hats, scarves, jewelry, undergarments. Boxes of brassieres, boxes of girdles. Five women put together two outfits for me, complete with crocodile shoes."

Her part: a college professor on the sidelines for chase and rally scenes. "I can't say much more about the filming," she adds. "We had to sign confidentiality agreements."

When will she know whether she ended up in the film? Not until she sees it. The film is scheduled for release in May 2008.

In another Albertus connection to the New Haven filming, Matthew Cascella, son of Cindy Bissell, administrative assistant in education programs, was selected as an extra, playing a student. He is in his final year as a film major at the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

Key to Abbreviations

CE Undergraduate Accelerated Degree Program/Continuing Education

ND Undergraduate New Dimensions Program

MA-LS Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

MA-AT Master of Arts in Art Therapy

MSM Master of Science in Management

MBA Master of Business Administration

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CLASS NOTES

ried and the conference director for NAFSA in Washington, D.C.; Christy is a history teacher at Chavez High School, also in Washington; and Meg is a third-year student at The American University and will be in Australia for the next term.

Kathleen Sharpe, Guilford, CT, retired in June after teaching 35 years. She will spend six months in Florida and six months in Connecticut, and “find something else to do.”

Arlene Ryan Wusterbarth, Fairfax, VA, has four adult children. Employed by Noblis, Inc., she is involved with pro-life and elderly care groups and enjoys baking and needlepoint.

1973 *35th Reunion June 7, 2008*

Joan Burke is senior vice president, human resources, for ZANTAZ, Inc. She has been living in the San Francisco Bay Area for 10 years.

Joan Morgan, Pelham, NY, is president and founder of The JFM Group, a fundraising strategy, management and branding company working with major, national and international not-for-profit organizations and institutions.

Patricia Flynn '75 reports that her students from St. Benedict's Prep in Newark, New Jersey, were selected to participate in this summer's 61st Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland through the American High School Theatre Festival. She directed the group in four performances of “Chango Macbeth,” their production of Shakespeare's “Macbeth” with an Afro-Caribbean flavor. “Chango is the African orisha [spirit] associated with witchcraft in Santeria, a religion derived from the spiritual traditions of the Yoruba in West Africa and syncretized with Catholicism in this hemisphere,” she explains. In the play, there are “witches on stilts wearing animal masks, shadow puppets to recreate the murder of the Macduff family, and live percussionist accompaniment and sound effects. The witches and several other characters occasionally speak in Spanish.” Performances took place August 6, 8, 9 and 10 at the Blueside Theatre.

Altieri Attends Glamour Event for Anniversary of Awards

For **Karen Altieri**, the summer of 1978 was a memorable one: she graduated cum laude from Albertus and spent a week in New York City as one of Glamour magazine's “Top 10 College Women.” This June, she was one of more than 250 women gathering in New York for the 50th anniversary of the Top 10 College Women Awards, which recognize outstanding students from around the country for their campus leadership, scholastic achievement, community involvement, and for their unique, inspiring goals.

The celebration took place at the Four Seasons; Martha Stewart, an honoree in 1961, addressed the award recipients.

Altieri, now a resident of Largo, Florida, is the only person from Albertus to have been selected for the program. “The time I spent in New York with the Glamour staff and the other young women who were selected with me was just fabulous,” she recalls. “A few days after I returned home from the week of activities, I left for a solo summer tour of Europe. My head was spinning from all that took place in New York, and I remember leaving the U.S. on cloud nine.” The monetary award of \$500 paid for her flight and Eurail Pass.

At Albertus, Altieri majored in political science. She credits Dr. Lawrence DeNardis, at the time chair of the political science department, with sharpening her writing and public speaking skills, and encouraging her to reach for her goals. “There never was a time when he counseled me ‘not to do something,’ but instead pointed me in a direction of ‘how to do something.’”

The first woman to serve as president of the Connecticut Intercollegiate Student Legislature, Altieri went on to become, at age 23, the youngest elected member of a local Board of Education in Connecticut. She received a master's degree from Central Michigan University and is the director of the faculty credentialing office at St. Petersburg College.



Karen Altieri, left, one of Glamour magazine's Top 10 College Women in 1978, and Cynthia Leive, current editor-in-chief, check out Altieri's photo in a 1978 issue featuring that year's award winners.

1976

Cynthia Avery Mariani, New Haven, CT, director of communications for The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, was among Twenty Noteworthy Women honored by New Haven Business Times in April for their contributions and leadership in the community.

1977

Tomoko Takahashi, Aliso Viejo, CA, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Soka University; is also dean of its Graduate School and professor of linguistics and education. She is an active supporter of the Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, and enjoys bird-watching, gardening and wine tasting.

1978 *30th Reunion June 7, 2008*

Rosanne Pagano, Anchorage, AK, is a visiting instructor of writing at Alaska Pacific University.

1981

Karin Rannestad, Southbury, CT, exhibited several paintings in the May Tribury Rotary Art Show at the Southbury Public Library. She now paints full time and has shown her work at many area libraries and local juried art shows.

1982

Maria Liquori vonHollander, Agawam, MA, is a realtor. Eric, 19, currently attends Holyoke Community College and Karl, 16, is a sophomore at Agawam High.

1983 *25th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1984

Anna C. Beach, Caribou, ME, is pastor of the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church.

1985

Katrina Rogers, Santa Barbara, CA, is the new associate dean for research and practice at Fielding Graduate University. She is also the director of the school's Institute for Social Innovation, an effort to create social capital to address societal problems.

1987

Maria Lombardi Johnson Ferrara, Guilford, CT, owns and operates The Candy Shoppe in Guilford. Her children are Saige, 15, Nicholas, 7, and Halle, 6.

In Memoriam

Beatrice Galimberti '35, aunt of Ann Spazzarini Lynch '65 and Mary Disciacca Bosch '67
November 29, 2006
Suffield, CT

Mary Curley Beisel '41
July 19, 2007
Branford, CT

Mary Hart Dennis '44F
May 28, 2006
North Haven, CT

Claire Davis Bennett '48
April 4, 2007
Hamden, CT

Jean Cavanaugh Smith '49
AMC public relations director in the early 1980s; sister of Rosemary Cavanaugh Turano '62
May 28, 2007
Branford, CT

Eileen McKnight Lacay '54
June 11, 2007
Lakewood, NJ

Susan Hanafin Clark '69
November 27, 2006
Rockville, MD

Jennifer Harvey '69
February 1, 2007
Hamden, CT

Sharon Pochron Taylor '72
June 23, 2007
Woodbury, CT

Michael E. Mayes '02, '04 MSM, '05 MBA
April 1, 2007
Brookfield, CT



At the age of 45, Colette Thode Dziadul '83 had her second child, and six months later she ran her first triathlon—the 2007 Danskin Women's Triathlon held in May at Orlando's Disney World.

1988 *20th Reunion June 7, 2008*

1990

Ernest Scrivani, North Haven, CT, ADP (CE), was appointed director, HR Strategy for Anthem East (Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield) in August 2006.

1992

Anne Notarino Santello, East Haven, CT, is with the Yale University Child Study Center. She and her husband have two sons.

Lynn Shortier Sedlak, Avon, CT, received an M.B.A. from the University of Hartford in 2006; she is an account executive for Association Resources in West Hartford. Her husband, Ken Sedlak '91, graduated from Quinnipiac University Law School in 2006. They both volunteer with the Avon Volunteer Fire Department.

1995

Amie Keddy, Barre, MA, sends word that "The Glow of Everyday Objects," her chapbook of poems has just been published by Finishing Line Press and is the winner of its New Women's Voices Prize. She received her M.Ed. from Cambridge College and M.F.A. from Bennington College's writing program.

1997

C. Janeen Goodnight Bagley, Oneonta, NY, married in 2002 and has a daughter and a son. She is a homemaker and part-time Bath & Body Works store manager.

Lawrence Cole, ND, Niantic, CT, took an early retirement in March after 35 years in the business world. He and his wife, Kathy, have five grandchildren and "life is great."

Christa Jacaruso, West Haven, CT, is a social worker at Bridges, a community support system. She is interested in fostering AIDS awareness and in art therapy.

Suzanne Siegel, ADP (CE), Guilford, CT, had her watercolors featured in the exhibit "Close to the Water" this summer at the Mercy Center in Madison. She is a faculty member at Guilford Art Center and Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts.

Ellen Stavropoulos, Worcester, MA, is an attorney in a law firm.

Corina Alvarez de Lugo, Branford, CT, who received a B.F.A. in 2004, recently took an honorable mention in the 61st annual sculpture show at the Pen and Brush Galleries in New York City for her piece "Mommy, Mommy, Mommy," shown below. From September 18–30, this sculpture will be included in "The Best of Pen and Brush," an art show of award winners from the 2006-2007 exhibition season at the gallery, which is at 16 East Tenth Street.

She also showed her work earlier this summer in the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 2007 juried exhibition at Mystic Arts Center; at the Creative Arts Workshop and Arte, Inc., both in New Haven; and in a sculpture exhibition by students from The Guilford Art Center. She participated in "Oil Drum Art," a juried exhibition of works made out of oil drums with an aesthetic or environmental concept, at Bridgeport's Barnum Museum.



1998

10th Reunion June 7, 2008

Eric Donelson, Niantic, CT, has sold his first piece of fiction to Renard's Menagerie, a new fiction magazine that focuses on anthropomorphic stories. His story, "Wild City: Hunt," is in Issue 2, April 2007. For more information, go to www.renardsmenagerie.com.

Nancy Rodriguez Johnson, ADP (CE), Milford, CT, is a stay-at-home mom. She has been married for nine years and has two children. She is a co-founder of the Latina Army (Accomplished Role models Motivating Young Latinas).

2001

Rose D'Angelo, MSM, Orange, CT, who earned an AA degree from AMC in 1991 and a bachelor's from Sacred Heart University, received a nursing degree from St. Vincent's College this year. Also participating in the ceremonies was her daughter, Sandra, who received her degree in radiography.

Blanca Herrera, MSM, Milford, CT, in February became the executive director of the Hispanic Merchants Association.

2002

Deirdre Moody, ADP (CE), New Haven, CT, received an M.S. in criminal justice from the University of New Haven in May. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the Albertus Alumni Association.

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Mark O'Connell, Madison, CT, is enrolled in the Master of Arts in Leadership program at Albertus. He is employed by I.B.M. as a computer engineer supporting The Hartford Financial Services Group.

Sherese Reddick is a model and actress.

Angela Scipio, New Haven, CT, is currently working at the APT Foundation as an applications support specialist. She received an M.S. in healthcare administration from the University of New Haven in January 2005.

2003

5th Reunion June 7, 2008

Kenneth Wilson, ADP (CE), Guilford, CT, has been nominated to run for first selectman in the November election. He is completing his first three-year term on the board of fire commissioners and recently retired from AT&T.

2004

Verica Milivojevic, New Haven, CT, this fall begins a doctoral program in biomedicine at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington. She has received a National Institute of Health Training Grant and has been accepted into the Biomedical Scholars Program, which provides specific training and education in applying the research she will conduct to actual diseases and disorders.

2005

Carolyn Mongillo, ADP (CE), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and her husband, Cervantes Moquete, have moved to the capital from a remote village near the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti. She taught English for a year at the International School in Santo Domingo, and now tutors adults.

Save The Dates

Here are two dates for your fall calendar: Saturday, October 13, 11th annual Fall Fest for alumni and their families, students and the College community; and Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon.

Correction: The featured quote on the Spring solicitation card for the 2006–2007 Annual Fund should have read "Your support is vital as Albertus carries out its mission of education."

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Robert F. Behan, AMC Trustee and former chairman of the board; husband of Patricia Sanders Behan '55, father of Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, AMC director of alumni relations and special events, and son-in-law of the late Eleanor Goode Sanders '29 (see story on page 4)

Rex B. Beisel Jr., husband of Mary Curley Beisel '41 May 8, 2007

Julian Belanger, husband of Mary Lee Vitale Belanger '91 and an ADP student June 23, 2007

Oliver S. Bosley, father of Annette Bosley-Boyce, AMC director of continuing education, and father-in-law of Lewis Boyce, AMC instructor in communications June 30, 2007

John Brine, brother of James Brine, AMC lecturer in psychology, and brother-in-law of Ragaa Mazen, AMC coordinator of counseling/psychology in the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program July 2007

Barry Cochran, husband of Nancy Cochran '94 CE; father of Jennifer Cochran '04 and Shawn Cochran '96, who is the fiancé of Michelle Valentine '04, '06 MSM, assistant director of financial aid in New Dimensions May 20, 2007

Robert R. Coe, father of Renée Coe, '86, '00 MAAT March 19, 2007

Date Change for Reunion 2008
Reunions at Albertus are usually the second Saturday in June, but in 2008 that day is part of Father's Day Weekend, so we have moved next year's reunion up a week to Saturday, June 7. Special milestone classes are those ending in 3 and 8, and all graduates are welcome.

Stefania Viscusi, North Haven, CT, is an assistant editor at TMCnet, the web portal for Technology Marketing Corporation. Her sister, Michelina, graduated from AMC in May.

Nick Wajnowski, West Haven, CT, is an assistant athletic director at Albertus, where he previously was sports information director.

2006

Cheryl Hoey, MSM, '07 MBA, Guilford, CT, has been appointed director of patient services, pediatrics, at Yale-New Haven Hospital. She joined the hospital as a staff nurse on the school-age unit in 1978.

Chrystal Long, Milford, CT, has just finished her first year in the master's program in counseling at Southern Connecticut State University. In May she had a project on teen suicide included in the graduate student poster presentation section at the annual conference of the Connecticut Counseling Association.

Terri Smith, Bridgeport, CT, MSM, MBA, has joined the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut as director of the Urban Outreach Program, created because of the disproportionately high incidence of kidney disease within the state's minority populations. Her work with the program was featured in the Summer 2007 issue of Connections, the organization's newsletter.

2007

Alisa Graham ADP (CE), New Haven, CT, has been accepted into the Master of Science program in neurosciences at Teachers College, Columbia University. After getting her M.S., she plans to pursue a Ph.D. in clinical child psychology. She is a childcare worker at Boys & Girls Village in Milford.



An exhibit of sculptures by 2007 honorary degree recipient David Hayes, whose works are in museums around the world, graced the campus during Reunion. For more on Reunion, see page 6.

From the Hill



Keeping in touch with alumni of Albertus Magnus College who remember their days on Prospect Hill.

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