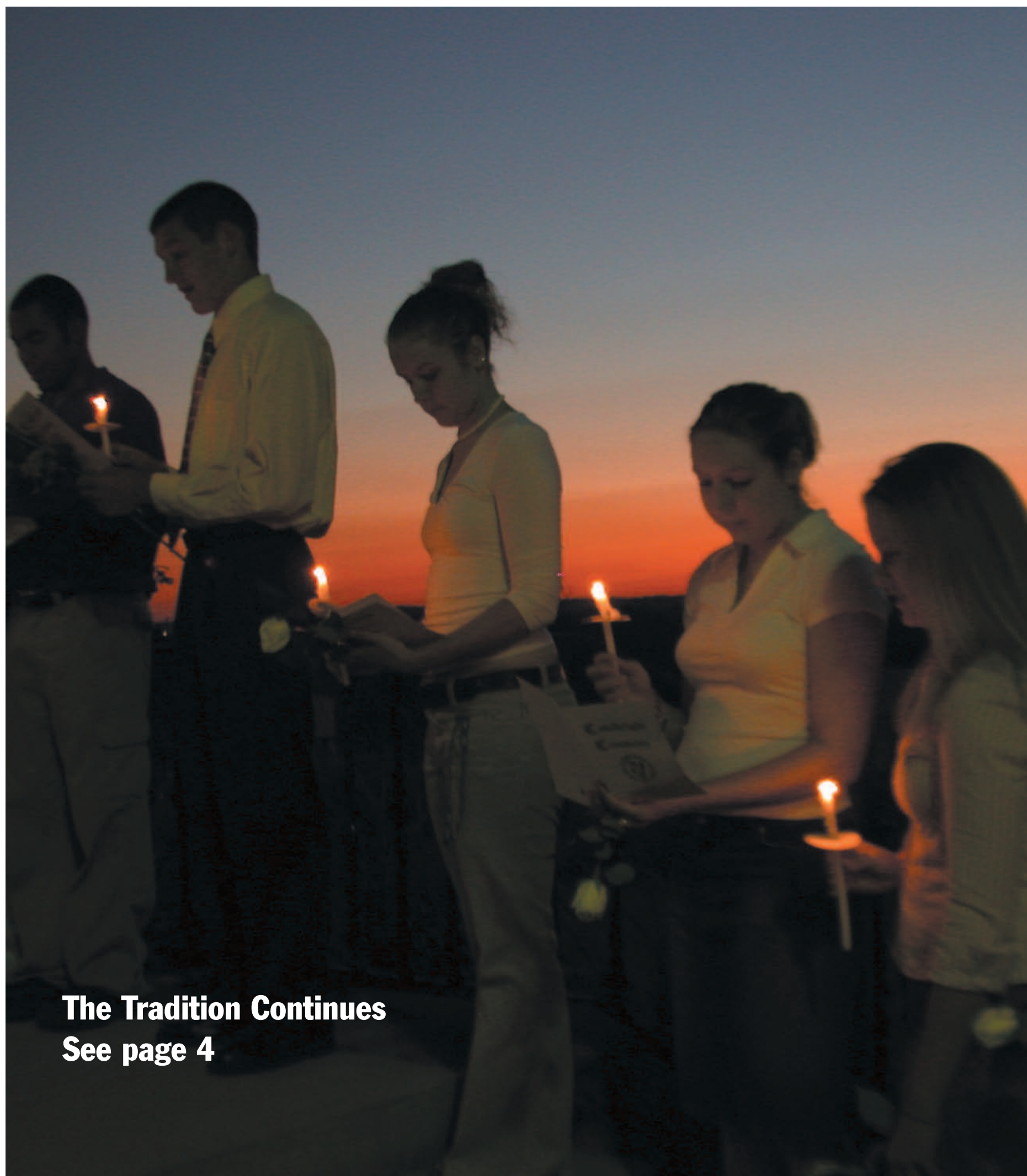


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Reunion 2004

Reunion 2004—Saturday, June 12

We invite all graduates of Albertus to attend Reunion 2004. Classes ending in 4 and 9 celebrate special anniversary years.

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| 11:00 | Registration begins Bookstore open Athletic facilities open | CC CC AC |
| 11:30–2:00 | Join us outdoors for lunch and live music <i>Our entertainer (Dave Binder) performs everything from James Taylor to Jimmy Buffet with highlights from Elvis to the Beatles. Children/families welcome.</i> Special tent area for our 50th and post 50th Reunion classes | Rosary and McAuliffe Lawn* |
| 2:00–4:00 | Afternoon Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus tours, dorms open • Ongoing presentation overview of the new academic building • Bookstore shopping • Cyber Café (hospitality table, Internet, movies) • Open Swim for children from 2–3 p.m. <i>Lifeguards on duty; A parent/s must be present with his/her child during the swim</i> • Tea & Conversation at Nilan, 2:30–3:30 p.m. <i>Alumni College topic TBA; To be accompanied by traditional tea and scones, etc.</i> | MacDonough Gallery, CC CC CC/HOB AC Nilan Hall |
| 4:00 | Alumni Mass | CC/BCR |
| 5:15 | Golden Society Induction Ceremony followed by the Presentation of the 2004 Alumni of the Year Awards and update from the Alumni Association Board of Governors | CC/BCR |
| 6:00–6:45 | Cocktail Reception | New Haven Room, CC/DDH |
| 7:00–10:00 | Buffet Dinner for all classes and their guests 7:15 President's Address | CC/DDH |

Code:
AC = Athletic Center; BCR = Behan Community Room; CC = Campus Center;
DDH = DeDominicis Dining Hall; HOB = House of Bollstadt

* Rain location, CC/DH

Reunion 2004—Area Hotels

Several area hotels have blocked rooms at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion Weekend 2004. Listed below are the participating hotels. Reservations for "block" rooms must be made via telephone direct to the hotel. **Please be sure to mention that you are attending the Albertus Reunion when making a reservation.**

Howard Johnson's

2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
203-288-3831
\$69 per night, plus tax
special rate deadline: May 15, 2004

Holiday Inn Express

30 Frontage Road, East Haven
203-469-5321
\$89 per night, plus tax
special rate deadline: May 15, 2004

Fairfield Inn by Marriott

400 Sargent Drive, New Haven
203-562-1111
\$89 per night, plus tax
special rate deadline: May 15, 2004

Omni Hotel

155 Temple Street, New Haven
203-772-6664
\$119 per night, plus tax
special rate deadline: May 1, 2004

Other area hotels available for individual reservations—**please call the hotel directly for rates and room availability.**

Marriott Residence Inn

Long Wharf Drive, New Haven
203-777-5337

Best Western

just off I95 in West Haven
203-933-0344

Holiday Inn North Haven

Route 5, Exit 12 of I91
203-239-4225



Save the Date

The Albertus Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Saturday, March 13, 2004
Featuring live music by: Celtic Kick

Celtic Kick is fronted by Billy Donaldson, former lead singer of The Highland Rovers Band. He and his merry band performed at last year's event while still under the name of The Rovers. We hope you will join us in welcoming Billy back for an evening of lively music, traditional Irish fare and spirits. Keep an eye on the Alumni & Friends section of the Albertus web page (www.albertus.edu) for event details.



Albertus Coast to Coast!

The year 2004 will start off with a bang for Albertus. Several receptions around the country are scheduled for January and February. Events begin on the west coast with three receptions in sunny California and end with a stop in Boston and the Big Apple. Details are listed below. For more information or to make an advance reservation, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations, alumni@albertus.edu or via phone to 203-773-8502. We welcome our alumni to any/all receptions. There is no charge to attend these events.

California:

Sunday, January 4, 2004—Brunch at the Crown Room of the Hotel del Coronado

The Del was built in 1888 and is considered one of the top ten resorts in the world. Located on the Island of Coronado in San Diego, the Del is a perfect blend of Victorian charm and California sun. Their Crown Room Brunch was the recipient of the "Gold Award" from the Southern California Restaurant Writers Association and "Best Brunch" from the California Restaurant Association. To learn more about our San Diego reception location, visit www.hoteldel.com. (1/4/04, 11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, January 7, 2004—Cocktails at the California Yacht Club in Marina del Rey

The California Yacht Club, home to many sailing trophies, is located in the beautiful Marina del Rey—one of the largest man-made small craft harbors in the world. Don't let the words "small craft" confuse you, the club offers a stunning view of the harbor and the many pleasure and racing crafts docked there. To learn more about our Los Angeles area reception location, visit www.calyachtclub.com. (1/7/04, 5:30–7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, January 8, 2004—Cocktails at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco

Atop Nob Hill, with an unbelievable view of San Francisco Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge, sits the landmark Fairmont Hotel. The Fairmont (just before it opened for business) survived the famous earthquake and fire of 1906—unharmed. After the great fire, Julia Morgan, the first woman graduate of the prestigious Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris (who would later be known as one of the preeminent female architects) was hired to oversee any necessary repair, redecoration and restoration. The Fairmont recently completed an \$85 million restoration. To learn more about our San Francisco reception location, visit www.fairmont.com. (1/8/04, 5:30–7:30 p.m.)



Hotel del Coronado



California Yacht Club
(with view from Club pictured above)



Fairmont Hotel

Boston:

Monday, January 26, 2004—Cocktails at the Sheraton Boston Hotel

Located in the historic and charming Back Bay, the Sheraton Boston Hotel is considered one of the areas premier facilities. In 2000, the Sheraton underwent a \$100 million refurbishment. The hotel is directly connected to the Hynes Convention Center, shops at the Prudential Center and the Copley Place Mall. Just steps away, guests can enjoy Copley Square, Newbury Street or a view of the scenic Charles River. To learn more about our Boston reception location, visit www.starwood.com/sheraton. (1/26/04, 5:00–7:00 p.m.)

New York City:

Thursday, February 5, 2004—Cocktails at the Yale Club of New York City

The Yale Club is located in the heart of Manhattan on Vanderbilt Avenue, directly across the street from Grand Central Terminal. Convenient for those who work in the City and for those who would like to visit the Big Apple, the Yale Club features a wonderful blend of old New England charm and exciting big city life. To learn more about our New York City reception location, visit www.yaleclubnyc.org. (2/5/04, 5:30–7:30 p.m.)

Nominations Sought for the 2004 Alumni of the Year Awards

The Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the 2004 Alumni of the Year Awards for Loyalty and Service to the College, Outstanding Professional Achievement and dedication to Humanitarian/Community Service. Nominations may be submitted via the form below or visit the Albertus web page at www.albertus.edu and go to the Alumni & Friends section. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Albertus Magnus College Alumni of the Year—2004 Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2004 Alumni of the Year awards are sought from all members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni of the Year awards will be presented at Reunion in June of 2004. All graduates of the College are members of the Alumni Association.

Check the category in which you are nominating the alumna/us:

- I. Loyalty and Service to Albertus Magnus College.** This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who has manifested extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College.
- II. Outstanding Professional Achievement.** This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who has attained preeminence in his/her field through outstanding professional, scholarly or artistic achievement.
- III. Humanitarian Award.** This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who is devoted to serving others through volunteer work or community service.

Nominee's Name: _____

Class: _____

Reasons for Consideration: _____

Biographical Information: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____

Class: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone Number (Days): _____

Phone Number (Evenings): _____

Return this form by April 15, 2004 to:

Alumni of the Year Awards Committee, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511-1189

CAMPUS NEWS

New Trustees Join College's Board

The College has elected five new members to the Board of Trustees. Joseph R. Crespo, Southport, CT, served as chairman, president and chief executive officer of Connecticut Energy Corporation, The Southern Connecticut Gas Company and its three non-utility subsidiaries from 1989 to 2000. Previously he was managing partner for utility regulatory and advisory services at Coopers and Lybrand in New York City and president and chief executive officer for Ebasco Business Company, also in New York.

Joseph Germain, Fairfield, CT, is the managing partner of Germain and Rooney, LLC, certified public accountants in Trumbull. A graduate of Fairfield University, he is past president of several local, state, regional and national CPA associations; he has received the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants' Meritorious Award. Since 1993 he has served as a special master to the Connecticut Tax Court. He is married to Lillian Adley Germain '57.

Alvin R. Johnson, North Haven, CT, is vice president—employee relations for Yale-New Haven Hospital. Previously he served as senior vice president-human resources and administration, and a member of the Board of Directors,

at Babcock Industries, Inc., a diversified manufacturing company with 9,000 employees in the United States, Canada and Europe. He also spent many years with the Olin Corporation. He received a BS and MBA from Southern Illinois University.

Deacon Kenneth N. Ryan, Wallingford, CT, is the supreme treasure of the Knights of Columbus, the 1.6-million-member international Catholic, family and fraternal organization and also serves as treasurer of several affiliates. He retired from a 34-year banking career, spent primarily as a loan officer for State Street Bank and Trust and Citizens Bank. He was ordained into the Order of Deacons in 2000.

Martha W. Wood, New Haven, CT, an education administrator, earned a Ph.D. from Texas Women's University. She served for many years as the executive assistant to the president of The University of Texas Health Service Center and was interim and acting dean for The Center's Dental School. She taught at several universities and has been a board member of many community and professional organizations.

Music and Dance Highlight Celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month



Albertus celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month in October with a noon-time performance in Behan Community Room of traditional music and dance by FLECHAS, Inc., a cultural and educational organization founded in 1977 in New Haven to document and preserve Puerto Rico's European, African and Indigenous heritage. The organization sees cultural expression as a way to foster self-esteem and positive social change. It was audience participation as students joined the FLECHAS dancer and musicians in several numbers.



Photos by Rosanne Zurekoff '60

Let there be light

Since the College's earliest days the senior class each fall has welcomed freshmen at the Candlelight Ceremony, passing on to them the light of knowledge and spirit of Albertus. This year's ceremony took place in Rosary Hall's Italian Garden. The restoration of the Garden and Rosary Hall was made possible through the generosity of the late Margaret L. MacDonough, a longtime benefactor of the College.





Jordan Fitness Center Opens in College's Athletic Complex

The recently-dedicated Jordan Fitness Center, located in the Cosgrove Marcus Messer Athletic Center, is a state of the art fitness room. Named in memory of Harold Jordan, chairman of the Albertus Board of Trustees from 1976 to 1982 and Trustee Emeritus from 1985 to 1990, the space was formerly the Jordan Classroom. The Jordan Center is equipped with two elliptical trainers, two treadmills, two stationary bicycles, nine different Life Fitness machines and weight room. Participants in the ribbon-cutting ceremony included President Julia M. McNamara, Mrs. Jordan, members of the Jordan family and student athletes. Students and their sports taking part were: Jeff Komaromi, baseball; Tamar Bell, basketball; Michael Abbey and Junior Gbor, soccer; and Valerie Carlson, Amy Lancio, Joseph Wallace and Justin Zywockinski, cross-country.

More Named New Director of Art Therapy Graduate Program

William More, a registered, board certified art therapist, is the new director of the College's Master of Arts in Art Therapy (MAAT) program, the only one of its type in Connecticut.

He most recently was clinical coordinator for MAAT and previously the coordinator for the undergraduate art therapy major.

Prior to joining Albertus, More served as director of rehabilitation services, senior creative arts therapist and director of activity therapy at Yale Psychiatric Institute. He received a master's degree in art therapy from The George Washington University and a bachelor's degree in fine arts from Beloit College. The president of the Connecticut Art Therapy Association, he is a former board member of the American Art Therapy Association.

Eight Albertus Students Listed in National Edition of Who's Who

The 2004 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" includes eight Albertus students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Selection, by campus nominating committees and editors of the directory, is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Undergraduate students listed are Heather Renckowski and Trang Tran, day program; Michael Credit, Rose Karotkin and Ursula Reilly, New Dimensions; and Karreem Mebane, Accelerated Degree Program. Graduate students are Richard Audet, Master of Business Administration program in New Dimensions; and Joan Woll, Master of Science in Management program in New Dimensions.

College Now Offers Criminal Justice Major in Two Programs

Albertus has established a new criminal justice major available to traditional day students and to adults in the Continuing Education Division's Accelerated Degree Program (ADP). Licensed in June by Connecticut's Department of Higher Education, the criminal justice major stems from one of the sociology department's most popular areas of concentration, and from work done by the College's strategic planning committees. The new major, which builds on the College's

strengths in sociology and psychology, will prepare students for employment in sectors directly supporting police and government law enforcement efforts, and for graduate study in these fields..

Michael T. Geary, a lawyer and retired New York City police officer, has joined the College as assistant professor of criminal justice and coordinator of the program. He received a bachelor's degree from Mercy College and a master's degree from Long Island University, both in criminal justice, and holds a law degree from Pace University. Geary retired in 2002 as a sergeant in the New York City Police Department, after serving in various patrol, supervisory and administrative assignments. He also was an attorney for the NYPD's Legal Bureau and in the Department Advocate's Office.

The new criminal justice program is prominently featured on a series of billboards advertising ADP that are appearing in the greater New Haven area. ADP students in the ad are, left to right, Karreem Mebane, Nita Villarreal, Jamie Stewart, Sophie Kotomski, Tim Brown and Pedro Delgado.



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Fall Fest 2003



Former AMC soccer players give it their all during the alumni game.



Jason Crockett '98 relaxes in the alumni tent.

Melissa Silver '03 and Marlyn Media '03 wait while the caricaturist finishes their portrait.



Senior and Falcon soccer player Paulo Moreira.



It was a family affair for Teresa Jefferson-Reaves '96 CE with freshman son Benjamin Knight (right) and husband.



The bookstore featured many items at the alumni tent.



"The old guys still got it." More than a dozen former AMC soccer players participated in the alumni game.

Fall Fest is an annual event that attracts alumni, current students, parents and friends. This year marked the 7th annual celebration and featured an alumni soccer game, men's soccer and women's tennis matches against Emerson, food, fun, entertainment and the alumni hospitality tent.

AMC Lady Falcon Tennis Team—from left to right back row: Coach Betsy Fahy, senior Michelle Valentine, freshman Emily Lotko, junior Pam Welch, junior Franchesca Jiminez, sophomore Team Manager Brad Hills; front row: senior Jamie Warren and sophomore Caitlin Dell.



Senior Trang Tran was busy selling Fall Fest T-shirts.



Everyone had Falcon spirit at Fall Fest.

Teresa Jiminez, mother of tennis player Franchesca Jiminez, helps out with the famous apple fritters.



Tucker Wood '05 and Frank Bonavena '03 pal around.



Soccer alumni enjoy a front row spot at the hospitality tent.

CLASS NOTES

1929 *75th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Mary Hammond O'Brien Houk is residing at Carleton Willard Village in Bedford, MA. Last spring she took part in an eight-week Shakespeare Sonnets course and is an avid trivia player. She turned 95 in October and has 16 great-grandchildren.

1934 *70th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1939 *65th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Effa Chestney Fisher, Manalapan, NJ, a widow for just over a year, has two great-granddaughters. She visits New Haven occasionally to meet with classmates **Rita Savarese Moule**, **Barbara Fitch Prokop** and **Marie Rohack Davidson**.

1943

Margaret Monahan Whitmore, Vero Beach, FL, reports nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



The reunion continues for the class of 1943!

Several 1943 classmates get together on a regular basis throughout the year to catch up on the happenings in each other's lives. Pictured above are (from left to right) Antonette Scillia Giangarra, Marguerite Condon, Winifred Carocari Flynn, Frances McCormick King, Helen Brady Burke, Gloria Rahgo Murcko and Marguerite Flannery. Gladys Testo Christiani is a regular attendee as was Virginia Bracken Isakson until her move to Rhode Island. Other classmates (Mary K. O'Brien and Betty Kenney Conway) send notes that are read to the group. The class of 1943 was very well represented at their recent 60th reunion.

Patricia Hutchinson McAllister '74 *Testing, Testing*

PROFILE

"Educational testing has become a huge and controversial issue in our society," says **Patty McAllister**, executive director of public affairs for the Educational Testing Service (ETS). "In many parts of the country teachers, parents and others are concerned about too much testing in schools. In the area of higher education, access and equity in admitting students to college and graduate schools continue to be the subject of policy discussions and court decisions. The challenges are many!"

McAllister has been with ETS, the nation's largest education measurement and research organization, for 23 years, focusing on state and federal relations, and now public affairs. Best known as the developer of tests for admission to college and graduate schools—think SAT, GRE, GMAT—the organization conducts research on education policy issues and on the technical aspects of testing. It develops national surveys—for example, the National Adult Literacy Survey and the National Assessment of Educational Progress, known as the nation's report card because it provides information on the achievement of students at particular grade levels across many subject areas.

ETS is involved as well with assessments of licensure and certification in a variety of fields and occupations such as teaching, architecture, nursing and information technology. The role of ETS is expanding, notes McAllister: "More recently we began working with states and school districts to develop tests for students in elementary and secondary school."

McAllister moved to her current assignment in July and is responsible for developing the corporate advocacy agenda. This means identifying the key issues ETS will focus on, then developing and implementing a strategic plan to address them. Previously, she had spent eight years as executive director of state and federal relations, directing a staff of five professionals and many contract lobbyists in state capitals and in Washington.

At Albertus McAllister majored in political science and, 30 years later, remembers Larry DeNardis, the department head at the time, as an inspiring teacher.

"He brought a practitioner's view to our classes and discussions. He made time for his students and encouraged our interest in political science and politics in general," she says. DeNardis, then a state senator and later a U.S. Congressman, arranged internships in the Connecticut legislature for his students. In her senior year, McAllister spent time in Hartford seeing up close how government worked. "I was fortunate to get an internship with the Lieutenant Governor, and it was this experience that really kindled my interest in working in the area of government relations."

After graduation, McAllister headed to Washington, D.C., where she worked in the U.S. Senate for a senator from her home state of New Jersey. "Working in the Senate was a great experience, and I gained a good understanding of the federal legislative process and how practice often deviates from the theories learned in school," she says.

McAllister spent three years in the Senate, then returned to Connecticut, where she and her husband, John, spent nearly two years, before being drawn back to Washington. A short while later, ETS, headquartered in Princeton, opened a national relations office in Washington and hired her. It was a great match.



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 2003–2004 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or 203-773-8502.

1944F *60th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Dorothy Evans Jones, Setauket, NY, traveled to France in May to see a granddaughter graduate from the American University in Paris. She has five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with another on the way.

1944S *60th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1945

Nina Ardito Gambardella, Branford, CT, hopes to do a lot more traveling now that her husband, John, has sold his veterinary practice. Five of their six children live out of state, and they have their first great-grandchild.

Phyllis Warner Sabine, Graniteville, SC, writes of fond memories of her days at Albertus and of her teaching career.

1947

Anne Connelly Dillon, Springfield, MA, and Jerry recently observed their 56th wedding anniversary. They keep busy with their families and their nine grandchildren, and volunteer at a local soup kitchen once a month. She also works on the community service committee of their church and is a Eucharistic Minister.

1949 *55th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Elizabeth (Betty) McDonnell Fitzgerald, Ridgefield, CT, is in her seventh year as "sandwich lady" for Meals on Wheels. She won the President's Cup at Ridgefield Golf Course and still plays tennis doubles twice a week; she also is involved with two Bible study groups.

1952

Bette Ann Curtin Bailey, Southington, CT, spent several days in Williamsburg this fall. She's volunteering at the school where she taught for many years, doing remedial reading work with academically disadvantaged sixth graders.

Patricia Owens, Scottsdale, AZ, is still an active travel agent with her own company. She recently completed an around-the-world-cruise that was "the trip of a lifetime."

1953

Eileen Donnelly Hickey, Hartford, CT, reports that she and her husband are retired. Their son, Peter, is the new assistant principal of a Catholic school in San Diego, and their daughter, Ann, and her husband have a son.

1954 *50th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Rosemary Bosco Panico, East Haven, CT, is now in her 11th year of retirement after having taught Spanish and Italian for 26 years at Hamden High School. She and her husband have a winter home in Florida.

1955

Mary Mead Buxton, Newtown, CT, has just completed a year of service with the Mercy Volunteer Corps, working with teens in foster care in Brooklyn, New York, and living in a MVC community in Queens.

Marie Collamore, Reading, MA, is regional coordinator for Voice of the Faithful in the Fall River Diocese.

Katherine McSweeney Morrissey, Stowe, VT, reports seven children and 11 grandchildren. Jack is still appraising real estate and she is an active real estate broker. She enjoys skiing, golf and traveling.

1959 *45th Reunion June 12, 2004*



Ten percent of the Class of 1959 met for lunch in Jupiter, Florida, on October 24: left to right, Maureen Lucey and Sue Hogan Endler, both of Jupiter; Gail Lindsay Schuler, Hamden, Connecticut; Janet DeLucia, Port St. Lucie; and Dorothy McLoughlin Roberts, Jupiter. The gathering was for Schuler and Roberts who were leaving the next day on a seven-night Caribbean cruise and for DeLucia who officially retired on October 23 from her job at Riverside Bank.

1961

Shirley Mazotas Davis, San Antonio, TX, writes that she spent a few days in Santa Fe with **Beth Wiles Katz**, and then they drove "one mountain over" to have lunch in Truchas with **Barbara McCauley Cardona**.

Hine, see her art gallery and “catch up on 40+ years of adventures.”

Maxine Parcels Driscoll, Danbury, CT, is still teaching at Ridgefield High School. Her children live in Connecticut, Arizona, California and Colorado, and she has six grandchildren

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Plandome, NY, reports that her youngest, Melanie, went off to Florence for a semester in September. Daughter Melissa played Eliza Doolittle opposite John Lithgow’s Henry Higgins in “My Fair Lady” at the Hollywood Bowl this summer.

1963

Susan Brown Gelinis, Branford, CT, has her own insurance business, specializing in association plans.

Velez Receives Excellence in Teaching Award

Wanda Avallone Velez ’63, New Haven, CT, who teaches Italian at Nathan Hale School has been named one of four area teachers for the 2003 Excellence in Teaching Award, given by the Community Foundation of Greater New Haven in cooperation with New Haven Savings Bank. She was nominated by colleagues, and then went through a process that included classroom observation by a panel of judges, submission of application information and interviews. The awards were presented at a dinner in November.

1964 *40th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Ellen Donahue, Chestnut Hill, MA, is enjoying retirement, especially a trip to Iceland this past summer.

Diane Fanelli McCue, Niantic, CT, chair of the mathematics department of the Williams School in New London, has three grown daughters and three grandchildren. Her husband has a second career as a teacher at Saybrook High School.

Lynn Burns Surwilo, Sudbury, MA, retired in 2001 from the guidance department of the Harvard, MA, Public Schools. She and her husband now spend winters in Hawaii and summers visiting children and grandchildren in San Diego and Richmond.

1965

JoAnn Mettling Ryan, Torrington, CT, president of the Northwest Chamber of Commerce, has a regular Op-Ed column in the Torrington Register.

1967

Judith Pilszynski Connell, Richland, WA, and her husband, Buddy, have a two-year-old grandchild.

Mary Mancini Massey, Cheshire, CT, has retired from teaching after 33 years in Hamden as a biology teacher and is now an adjunct professor at Quinnipiac University and Sacred Heart University in the MAT programs. She received both a master’s and sixth year certificate from Southern Connecticut State University.

1969 *35th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Evelyn Herzog, New York, NY, reports she married John Baesch, a longtime friend, in September. “Within the next few months, I will say goodbye to New York City and to the patent attorney for whom I’ve worked for the last 30 years, and pack the cats and books to join John in Baltimore for our new life.”

Arlene Kosack, Branford, CT, volunteers at the Connecticut Hospice, after 30 years of teaching high school Spanish.

Karen Effinger Otto and her husband, Richard, are living in Vienna, where he is with the U.S. State Department. She is studying German, music and history, and working part-time with an Austrian charity that helps people in Bosnia. Their daughters are in the Washington, D.C., area—Amanda studying for a master’s in art education and Katy working for a non-profit group.

1971

Roseanne Gribbin Loring, Newtown, CT, life skills education coordinator at Newtown Youth Services, was a grand marshal at this year’s Labor Day parade.

Karen McGroary Yardley, Milford, CT, is now teaching religion and English at Notre Dame High School in West Haven.

Martin Marchitto ’88

PROFILE

Marty Marchitto’s parents introduced him to the performing arts at a young age, and he loved the magic of it all. He really was the kid in his neighborhood who staged plays and musicals for anyone willing to watch them. His first shows were with puppets and his first stage a wooden deck in the family’s yard. Today, as a set designer and director, his stages are high tech.

“When my parents put in an in-ground pool, the rather large wooden deck from the old above-ground pool was left in a back corner of the yard. This quickly became my stage, and the audience sat in the area where the pool had been,” he recalls. “I would write my own scripts, perform numbers from current musicals, and design the set and costumes for the shows. As I think back to my school projects, I see now that I did many as dioramas. All I knew at the time was that I enjoyed model making, which is an important part of set design.”

Marchitto came to Albertus because he had heard about a program in drama therapy and was interested in psychology. “I thought I could combine acting and a ‘steady’ career,” he says. Once he discovered there were other careers in theatre besides acting, he knew that this was what he wanted. He majored in communications/arts with a minor in theatre, taking as many art and art history courses as possible.

“I quickly submerged myself in all aspects of the theatre. I was influenced by the creative directing style of the College’s Al DeFabio who has been a major influence on me and my career. Al inspired me to be creative and search for my own voice in whatever aspect of the theatre I was involved in. Although my career is as a designer, I continue to direct occasionally. I’m a better designer because I learned from Al the importance of direction, and the relationships between the visual and the practical needs of the director and actors,” he says.

Other faculty members were supportive as well. “Ron Waite helped me to understand the connections between theatre and other media. Susan Cole’s classes provided me with the opportunities to explore through writing the sometimes abstract and intricate world of theatre and theatre production.”

A senior year internship at the Yale School of Drama showed Marchitto the possibilities of theatre design—which includes set, lighting and costume design. It was an opportunity to learn from some of the best in the business, people like Ming Cho Lee, Michael Yeargen and the late Ben Edwards.

After graduation from Albertus, Marchitto attended the Drama School’s certificate program and launched a busy freelance career in theatre. He later went on to receive a master of fine arts degree from the University of Illinois.

For 15 years he worked as designer, director and prop master for more than 25 theatres, including the Illinois Repertory Theatre, The Yale Opera, Circle in the Square and the Lake Erie Ballet. Today he teaches theatre design and the history of musical theatre at Allegheny College in northwestern Pennsylvania and is the resident designer for the school’s Playshop Theatre.

His most recent accomplishments have been set design for the Off Broadway production of “Mack the Knife: The Life and Times of Bobby Darin” and costumes for a television pilot in Los Angeles called “Sunny Town.”

“I design my classes to make connections between theatre and the many other disciplines,” Marchitto notes. “My teaching definitely has its roots in my own liberal arts education at Albertus.”

To see his current work, go to: http://webpub.allegheny.edu/dept/commarts/Playshop/Sites/Home_Home.htm



Memories of Nilan

News of the restoration of Nilan Hall brought forth this memory from Dianna Macchiaverna Colman '70: "When I lived in Nilan there was a small printed and framed page at the entrance to the Dining Room. It read "The house is yours, its portal opens wide and welcomes you to all inside. Dear friend and guest, enter in peace and rest. The house is yours." I copied it in 1968. Nilan was so wonderful and those years were grand. Congratulations on the restoration. I hope today's students will enjoy it as much as we did."

1972

Alida Dietrich Begina, Orange, CT, superintendent of schools in Hamden, received the Educator of the Year award from the Hamden Chamber of Commerce last month.

Deborah Leavy Homola, Torrington, CT, reports that her identical twin daughters, Gena and Christa, 22, graduated from the University of Connecticut this year. In addition to her career as a Latin and math teacher, she has worked in insurance and banking. Most recently she taught Latin at Northwestern Regional High School #7 in Winsted.

Karen Handy Luneau, St. Albans, VT, sends an update on her sons: Joseph graduated from Boston College; Peter received a law degree from Cardozo School of Law; and Adam is a student at Northwood University.

1973

Ellen Dziedzic Downes, West Stockbridge, MA, reports that her son, Will, is a freshman at Choate.

1974 *30th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1975

Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli, O.P., Portsmouth, RI, has been named chair of Salve Regina University’s biology and chemistry departments. She most recently was at Georgetown University’s School of Nursing and Health Studies as director of academic enrichment.

1976

Andrea Cimino Walsh has returned to Connecticut to join the law firm of McCormick, Paulding & Huber in Hartford. Her practice concentrates on pharmaceutical and biotechnology intellectual property law.

1978

Edie Davis, Hamden, CT, will be returning to Thailand to visit family and friends, and teach English grammar and conversation. She volunteers as an assistant to teachers in the Hamden Elderly Services Computer Lab.

Kathleen Kozlowski Lynch-Colonese, Guilford, CT, has two children. Jillian, 20, is a sophomore at St. Anselm’s, and Jordan, 17, is looking at colleges.

1979 *25th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Laurie Willard Grimaldi, Longmeadow, MA, notes that her son Jeffrey is in his second year at the Air Force Academy.

1981

Eleanor Hart, New Britain, CT is third vice president of The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford.

Claudia Proto McDermott, Montross, VA, is enjoying a second career as an artist in oils and pen and ink, and most recently, wood sculpture. She spends leisure time sailing and touring Washington and Richmond.

1984 *20th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1985

Sharon Burns has relocated from Massachusetts to Fairport, NY. She is a marketing communications manager for Frontier Communications—a Citizens Communications Company in Rochester.

CLASS NOTES

Catherine Holmes Kirby, Branford, CT, owns an editing business and her husband, Jay, is a marine designer.

1986

D. Danielle Barry LoCascio, Beacon Falls, CT, is the stay-at-home-mother of Dante, 5, and Ariana, 3. She is the room mother for Dante's pre-kindergarten class, and she and Ariana are taking Irish step dancing classes together.

Martha Dulla, Ansonia, CT, a lawyer, is a criminal case flow coordinator with the Judicial Department, working out of Bridgeport Superior Court.

1988

Tara O'Rourke, Commack, NY, and her husband, Doug Olenick, are the parents of Matthew, 4, and Rebecca, 15 months. "I am currently enjoying my life as a stay-at-home Mom, which we all know is a full-time job!"

1989

15th Reunion June 12, 2004

Curtis Brantl, Pittsford, NY, was promoted effective November 1 to vice president for the new national Billing Quality and Call Center Excellence Organization at Xerox Capital Services. He is married to **Judy Toussaint '88**.

Lori-Ann Chiginsky, London, England, associate director for European business development at Wellington Management International Ltd., received an MBA from Cass School of Business, City University of London this year.

Jeanne Craddock Miller, Jacksonville, FL, is the new director for business development services with the Jacksonville Economic Development Commission.

Doug Reil, San Francisco, CA, sends word that he recently climbed White Mountain (14,246 ft.) with a friend. "Beautiful area. We drove through the ancient bristlecone pine forest to get to the trailhead."

1991

Vanessa Donovan Hale, Shrewsbury, MA, received a master's degree in public administration this year from Clark University. She is an assistant town administrator in Southborough.



Marlene Passaretti '92, CE, Madison, CT, at one time served as "host family" for a student attending the ELS program at Albertus and has maintained the friendship over the years. She and her daughter, Vanessa, recently attended the wedding, held in a 400-year old Toluca, Mexico, church, of that student, Malena Garces-Isles. Passaretti, vice president of the Albertus Alumni Association, and her daughter are pictured on an earlier visit to Mexico.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Jeanne Amore, S. Michael Amore, Emily Amore and Michael B. Amore, sister, brother-in-law, niece and nephew of Nancy Meyers Boney '70 November 6, 2002

Alexander Bzdyra, father of Aleksandra Bzdyra '69 September 1, 2003

Ernest Caccavale, father of Anna Caccavale Dickerson '62 August 31, 2003

Thomas E. Dennison, father of AMC Trustee Jean Dennison '78 August 2, 2002

1992

Tara Mangler Raber, Vernon, CT, has an 8-year-old son and a 1-year-old daughter. She and her husband own a financial typesetting company that went global a year ago with an office in India.

Samantha Kefford '93, Kew Gardens, NY, a vice president and the manager of Quick & Reilly's customer complaint response unit, was a panelist for a Litigation Update session at the SIA Compliance and Legal Division Regional Seminar in Washington this fall.

Chair of Quick & Reilly's broker review committee, she is a member of the New York Stock Exchange's complaint initiative committee. She is an Alumni Trustee of Albertus.

1994

10th Reunion June 12, 2004

Anthony Breen, Billerica, MA, is senior support engineer for Silverback Technologies. He's married with two children, and would love to hear from classmates and friends at tonybreen@comcast.net.

Robert Bryden, CE, Cheshire, CT, after deciding on a career change, received an MS in education from the University of New Haven. He is now teaching first grade in Cheshire.

Scott Lesko, Johnson City, NY, has advanced to PhD candidacy at Stony Brook University after passing his oral examination in history in October. His dissertation is on Victorian photographic societies and the construction of British modernity.

Tabitha Wazorko Manafort, Plainville, CT, reports that all went well in the first year of her educational consulting business in mathematics. She and Justin celebrated their first wedding anniversary in July and the arrival of their first child in October.

1995

Joseph Staub, Los Angeles, CA, was recently married. He received his credentials as a resource specialist for students with learning disabilities and also is a behavior intervention case manager and a collaboration specialist for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

1996

Giovanni Duaqui, Huntington Beach, CA, is now working for MetLife Investors where he is a regional internal wholesaler in the Investments Division, covering three states in the Northeast.

1997

Sharon Plaskon Presner, CE, Milford, CT, has received a master's in school psychology from Southern Connecticut State University and is a school psychologist in the Cheshire school system.

1998

Sarah Pack, New York, NY, has been accepted into New York University's Shirley M. Ehrenkranz School of Social Work for MSW studies.

In Memoriam

Alma Del Moral Keens '28

Mrs. Keens died on September 12, 2003, one month before her 100th birthday, in West Haven, Connecticut. She was the surviving member of the first class to graduate from Albertus and the great-aunt of John Robinson, '02 ND.

Lucy Chamberlain '33

Wethersfield, CT
October 1, 2003

Linda Rossi Conte '40

Barrington, RI
September 4, 2003

Rosemary Carney O'Connor '45

Loudonville, NY
June 6, 2003

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April 30, 2002

Brenda Hsu '53

Arlington, VA
August 29, 2003

Catherine Anselo, '55

Hamden, CT
August 7, 2003

Maureen Smith Sewick '55

Randolph, NH
October 21, 2003

Ellen McDonnell Ferguson '58,

former president of the AMC Alumni Association and 1993 recipient of Alumni of the Year Award for Loyalty and Service to the College, and sister-in-law of Paula Grant McDonnell '63
Branford, CT
September 27, 2003

Mary Batrow '62

Branford, CT
December 6, 2003

Helen B. Scannell '72

Milford, CT
November 17, 2003

Maryann Schaffhauser '87

Norwich, CT
October 9, 2003

Geraldine Nystrom Byrnes '01

Niantic, CT
August 3, 2003

Erin Laura '02

New York, NY
December 3, 2003

Carmelo Otero, Jr. '98, ND, a Connecticut State Police major and highest ranking Hispanic in the history of the department, has been named director of security for the Bridgeport school system. At the time of his appointment, he was the commander of the State Police Western District in Litchfield. He received the Alumni of the Year Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement in 2000, and is a former member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors.

June-Marie Weiss Rosner, Northampton, MA, celebrated her first wedding anniversary in June. She has started doctoral studies at UMass Amherst.

Todd Solli, Branford, CT, is back teaching at New Haven's High School in the Community. He spent most of last school year in Iraq as an Air Force National Guardsman. During the week of September 11, he met with groups of students, speaking of his experiences, showing slides and sharing excerpts from his journal.

Jessica Somers, Wallingford, CT, is teaching photography at Tunxis Community College. In October she had a show, "Remystification," at the Margaret L. MacDonough Gallery at Albertus.

1999

5th Reunion June 12, 2004

A Message from the Alumni President

With only six months remaining in the current two-year term, the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association seeks individuals interested in serving for the 2004–2006 term.

This dynamic group of alumni—graduates from the traditional, Accelerated Degree and New Dimensions programs—works with the College to develop programs and events strengthening the bond between Albertus and her alumni. With its newest project, the Alumni Career Advising Network, now in place, the Board continues working to achieve its goals and looks forward to the next term.

If you would like to become part of this exciting team, please contact Carolyn Behan '86, director of alumni relations and special events, at 203-773-8502 or alumni@albertus.edu, or me at 203-453-5438 or donna.sjogren@15300.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Donna L. Sjogren '00 MS
Alumni Association President

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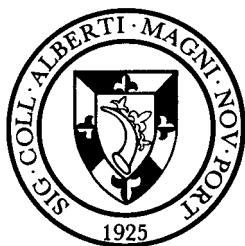
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In The Media

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