



From the Hill

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FALL 2011

The Albertus Community helped cut the ribbon celebrating the new turf surface at the Celentano Athletic Field on August 31.



Photos by Eric Brushett

HIGHLIGHTS

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<i>Get ready for an all-star weekend, including Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony and soccer games</i>		<i>Graduates of classes ending in 1 and 6 gathered in June for their milestone reunions</i>		<i>Who, what and where</i>	



Commencement 2011

Celebrating its 88th commencement exercises in May, Albertus Magnus College awarded 602 undergraduate and graduate degrees. Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., '51, Sister Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., '53, Natalia Icaza Holland '40 and Marcus R. McCraven received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees. Bishop Theodore L. Brooks, pastor of the Beulah Heights Pentecostal Church in New Haven, delivered the charge to the graduates and the benediction.



Photos by Judy Srota Rosenthal

Honorary Degree Citations

Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., Dominican Sister of Peace, leader in higher education and “Sister Chuck” to countless students, you have had an extraordinary impact on Albertus Magnus College...Your life is based on the pillars of Dominican charism: prayer, community, study and ministry... You are a true exemplar of the Dominican motto: *contemplata aliis tradere*, to give to others the fruits of one’s contemplation.

Sister Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., your intellect and wit have brought dazzling light into the classroom in languages both ancient and modern. Your passion for teaching and for the classics has inspired countless students over the years... Your *alma mater* recognizes that your service of forty years at Albertus has been a blessing to all, and on this day we honor and acknowledge this conviction.

Natalia Icaza Holland, Genealogist, community volunteer, active alumna, you have faithfully served the causes of many organizations... It is fitting that we honor you today in front of the traditional heart of our College—the iconic Rosary Hall. The strength of its soaring pillars, its grace and its longevity—all are reflected in the remarkable person you have become. Your generosity of spirit and substance to this place has been extraordinary.

Marcus R. McCraven, Throughout your life no barriers have been too high for you to conquer; you became part of our nation’s history as a key member of the team that developed the hydrogen bomb... For more than four decades you have been a distinguished leader in the corporate, community and educational life of New Haven...You are a strong advocate for education as a way for the underserved to gain productive lives.

15th Annual Fall Fest

Schedule of Events October 21–22, 2011

Friday, October 21, 2011

Athletic Hall of Fame

- 6:00 p.m. Unveiling of the 2011 inductees
Hall of Fame, Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner honoring the 2011 inductees
DeDominicis Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center
\$35.00 per person
*R.S.V.P. online www.albertus.edu/alumni;
email alumni@albertus.edu; or call 203-773-8502*
- 9:00 p.m. “Albertus Madness”
Gymnasium, Cosgrove, Marcus Messer Athletic Center
All are welcome to attend Albertus Madness beginning at 9 p.m. in the gymnasium with music, performances, contests for prizes and the introduction of the players—highlighted by 3-point and slam-dunk contests by the Albertus Falcons

Athletic Hall of Fame—2011 Inductees

Jason “Jay” Wyatt ’03 (Baseball), Candice Giordano Damico ’03 (Softball), Natalia Perlaza ’05 (Women’s Basketball), and Timothy Russell ’05 (Men’s Basketball) *For more on the inductees, see page 11.*

Saturday, October 22, 2011

15th Annual Fall Fest

- Come cheer on the Albertus Falcons as they take on rivals from Lasell College, meet up with fellow Albertus alumni, enjoy family fun and great food!
- Alumni Hospitality Tent: opens at noon, closes at the end of the men’s soccer game, wrist band system for beer/wine, valid ID required.
 - Family Fun from noon–4 p.m. includes photo pennants, airbrush tattoos, and photo basketball hoops and more.
 - Great food from noon–4 p.m. general concessions, fried dough, cotton candy, snow cones, Sally’s Famous Apple Fritters, AND visits from The Cupcake Truck and The Cheese Truck (grilled cheese, soup and more)!
 - Athletics: Falcons vs Lasell
 - Women’s Soccer at 1 p.m.
 - Men’s Soccer at 3:15 p.m.
- Concession/activity tickets available for purchase at \$1 each.
- Note: The Cupcake Truck (www.followthatcupcake.com) and The Cheese Truck (www.TheCheeseTruck.com) are **not** part of the concession ticket system and will have items for sale directly to our guests.

Enrichment opportunities at Albertus Magnus College

Contemplata aliis tradere—To give to others the fruits of one’s contemplation

The St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series:

Exploring our Dominican Heritage

November 7, 2011—*The Tao of Jesus*

Scott Steinkerchner, O.P., associate director for The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University and the promoter of the Internet for the Order of Preachers.

January 23, 2012—*Seeking Truth, Promoting Justice*

Arlene Flaherty, O.P., Catholic Relief Services, promoter of justice and peace partnerships (*snow date, January 24, 2012*)

April 23, 2012—“If only you had known this day the things that make for peace”.... Luke 19:42

Margaret Mayce, O.P., a non-government organization representative at the United Nations for the Dominican Order.

All St. Thomas Aquinas Lectures will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Devaney Lecture Hall located in Bree Common in Aquinas Hall. Light refreshments available.

Each speaker will also meet with faculty and staff in the MacDonough Board Suite, Walsh Hall, from 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on the day of the lecture to present an overview of the evening talk. Alumni are welcome to join in the conversation. Light lunch available. *R.S.V.P. requested for these events.*

The St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series is made possible by the Marie Louise Bianchi ’31 Fund. The series is named in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, a scholar and member of the Dominican Order, who left behind a treasure of knowledge and inquiry. Since its founding in 1925, by the Dominican Sisters, the College has cherished its Dominican tradition and Catholic heritage through the pursuit of truth in all its dimensions.

The Tagliatela Business and Leadership Lecture Series:

Honoring our Diversity

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month
(September 15–October 15)

The Latino Experience in Connecticut

September 29, 2011

11:10 a.m. St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

Speaker panel featuring Nilvio Perez, director of admission for Albertus Magnus College; Ulysses Arrigoitia, vice president and general manager of Univision/Telefutara; and Albertus student Margarita Brown ’12 who is majoring in English. Light lunch available.

Moderated by Dr. Christine Atkins, assistant professor of foreign languages and director of the Honors Program.

Guest Author Carlos Eire

“Waiting for Snow, Learning to Die:
Confessions of a Wayward Historian”

October 13, 2011

11:10 a.m. St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

Dr. Eire will discuss his book “*Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy*,” which won the National Book Award in nonfiction for 2003. This book is part of the first-year student seminar program at Albertus this fall. We invite our alumni to be a part of the discussion.

(Copies of the book are available for purchase at the College bookstore.) Carlos Eire is the T. Lawrason Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University. Light lunch available.

A Celebration of Black History Month (February)

A Celebration of Women’s History Month (March)

Connect with Fellow Alumni

All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon

November 1, 2011

Mass: Noon, Behan Community Room, Hubert Campus Center

Luncheon: to follow Mass in the DeDominicis Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center

\$15 per person for lunch; \$10 for Golden Society members

To R.S.V.P. or to submit names for our prayer remembrance list (individuals who have died since November 2010), please email alumni@albertus.edu, mail information to: Alumni Office, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511, or call the Alumni Office at 203-773-8502.

NYC Alumni Reception

March 22, 2012, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Yale Club of New York City, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (located directly across the street from Grand Central Terminal) Alumni and their guests are welcome to attend. *R.S.V.P. required for this event.*

Reunion 2012

June 9, 2012 Highlighting classes ending in 2 and 7

Celebrate Mass on Campus

Alumni and their guests are always welcome to attend Mass on campus. Mass is held in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, located in Walsh Hall, unless otherwise noted below.

October 21, 2011–12:15 p.m. Athlete’s Mass
(part of the 15th Annual Fall Fest celebration)
St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

November 15, 2011–11:15 a.m. Feast of St. Albert

December 8, 2011–11:15 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception

January 25, 2012–12:15 p.m. Conversion of St. Paul

February 22, 2012–12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass

March 19, 2012–12:15 p.m. Feast of St. Joseph

April 25, 2012–12:15 p.m. Feast of St. Mark

May 19, 2012–4:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass
St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

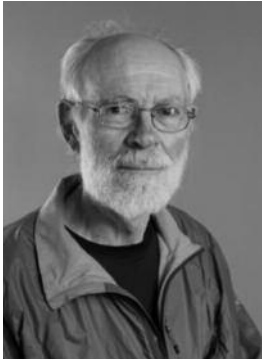
June 9, 2012–4:00 p.m. Reunion Mass
St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

For more information, event details, or to register for events online, please visit www.albertus.edu/alumni.

R.S.V.P. to: alumni@albertus.edu, 203-773-8502, Albertus Magnus College, Office of Alumni Relations, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

CAMPUS NEWS

Several long-serving faculty members and administrators ended their Albertus careers in June



Dr. Christopher Anagnostakis, who joined the Albertus faculty in 1979, retired as professor of mathematics and chair of the mathematics department. Over the years, he prepared his students to become outstanding teachers of mathematics. In 2004 he redesigned the major, tailoring it to the needs of teacher candidates seeking certification in mathematics. Since then, all of his students in the education program successfully completed Praxis II exams with strong scores. His interests extend far beyond

mathematics, ranging from British art to Scottish country dancing and hieroglyphics.



Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P./Ph.D., an alumna of the College, retired after nearly 35 years as a professor of economics. She also was vice president for academic affairs for more than a decade and, most recently, was director of assessment and institutional research. She has described her ministry here as “a work of dedication, a work of service to others, a blessed privilege.” For her extraordinary service to Albertus and to countless students, the College awarded her the degree of Doctor of Humane

Letters *honoris causa* at this year’s commencement ceremonies. Sister Charles Marie has retired to the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus, Ohio, beginning the next and new phase of her life of service and commitment.



Carolyn Behan Kraus '86 Named Vice President

Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, has been appointed to the new position of vice president for development and alumni relations, taking on additional advancement and leadership responsibilities. As chief development officer, she will oversee and direct the development and fundraising activities crucial to the College’s future; she will continue to serve as the principal liaison to the alumni community. A former high school art teacher, she received a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree from Wesleyan University, and has served in a variety of administrative roles here at Albertus over two decades.



Sister Anne Kilbride, O.P., has joined the Albertus community and will serve in the new position of Special Assistant to the President for Promotion of the Catholic, Dominican Heritage at Albertus. She came to the College last spring as a consultant to gather ideas and make recommendations on new and creative ways to strengthen the College’s long relationship with the Dominican Sisters. Now she will assist the College in developing academic and social links with national and international Dominican teachers and preachers.

Sister Anne received a bachelor’s degree in English and education from Southern Connecticut State University, and master’s degrees from the University of Notre Dame in theology and Boston College in pastoral ministry; she also pursued further study in counseling, family counseling and theology at the University of Notre Dame, Ohio Dominican University and St. Joseph College.

Deeply involved in congregational ministry and leadership for the past decade, she served as a member of her congregation’s leadership team and as prioress. Her primary focus has been to promote Dominican life and mission now and into the future.

Dunn to Lead School of Evening and Graduate Programs

Janice Miles Dunn has been appointed executive director of the School of Evening and Graduate Programs. A skilled and experienced higher education professional, she most recently was director of distance education and program development at Fairfield University. In addition to her most recent post, Dunn has directed Fairfield’s Leadership Center, worked in program development and taught at the college level. An expert in the development of online programs, she was instrumental in the creation of online undergraduate courses and programs at Fairfield’s University College for adult and part-time students, visiting students and undergraduate students in summer and winter sessions. She also developed and directed online programs such as online degree completion with the Bachelor of Professional Studies degree and online certificate programs in Business Leadership and Professional Writing.

Dunn holds a master’s degree in education technology from Fairfield University and has had private sector experience in business development and marketing.



Robert J. Buccino, senior vice president for advancement, retired after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the College. He served the advancement field with distinction, dedication and out-of-the-box thinking. During his long career in higher education advancement, he has been an advocate for the adult student. In 1985, working with the Continuing Education department, he designed and developed the “accelerated degree program” to meet the needs of working adults who desired a college education. His advancement expertise has been the foundation for creative solutions to 21st-century challenges.

In addition to his advancement activities, he was the first director of the College’s Strategic Plan.

Sister Gilmary McCabe, O.P., was with Albertus for 14 years as a lecturer in humanities and advisor to first-year students. She also served as the College’s NCAA faculty representative, and cheered for student-athletes in every sport. Prior to coming to Albertus, Sister Gilmary was the principal of St. Vincent Ferrer High School in New York City for 17 years. She returned to St. Vincent Ferrer as academic advisor to students preparing for college.



Eileen S. Perillo, registrar of the College, retired May 31 after 20 years of service to Albertus. She was a tireless advocate for students, and always the patient listener. With a ready smile, she solved the often challenging, often complex questions posed by students and alumni with perseverance, integrity and good humor. She will enjoy spending time with the family, which now includes grandchildren, and friends.

- The Albertus Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, the only one in Connecticut, was recently granted renewed full approval by the American Art Therapy Association (AATA). Originally granted full approval in 2003, the program was due for review in 2010. Approved program status indicates that the program meets the education standards of AATA and offers a high quality of art therapy education. It also indicates commitment to the purposes and goals of AATA. For more about Albertus alumni of the M.A.A.T., see Class Notes, page 11.
- Dr. Hilda Speicher, associate professor of psychology, will offer a poster presentation on “Improving Learning Outcomes in an Undergraduate Statistics Course: Engaging Students Using High Impact Teaching Strategies” at the September 23–24 Atlantic Coast Teaching of Psychology Conference in New Jersey. In April, she was invited to participate in a colloquium at Saint Anselm College; her topic: “Building a Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Community at a Small Liberal Arts College.” In fall 2010, Speicher and Dr. Patricia Compagnone-Post, associate professor of biology, gave a poster presentation—“Implementation of Student Research at a Small Liberal Arts College”—at the Association of American College and Universities Conference on Creativity, Inquiry and Discovery: Undergraduate Research In and Across the Disciplines.
- Garrett Dell, coordinator of academic services, evening program, in the School of Evening and Graduate Programs, delivered a paper entitled “Effectiveness of Voice-Recorded Feedback in an Online Course” at the International Technology, Education and Development Conference in Spain this past spring. He has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in humanities at Salve Regina University.
- Students Cara Cama and Nanette Arencibia represented the College at a summer institute in Fanjeaux, France, on the life and times of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order. St. Dominic lived in this small village in southwestern France from 1206 to 1216, and it was there that he shaped his vision for a religious order devoted to seeking and studying truth. Participants in the two-week program included students, faculty, administrators and staff from American Dominican colleges and universities. The seminar offered participants the opportunity to explore implications of the Dominican tradition for Dominican colleges and universities today. Last year, Jennifer Kordek '11 was the first Albertus student to attend the Fanjeaux program; Robert Hubbard, associate professor of computer information systems, participated in 2008, and Robert Bourgeois, assistant professor of social sciences, in 2009. John Donohue, provost and vice president for academic affairs, attended the institute's fall session in France and Spain in 2009.

New Assignments

Several members of the faculty and administration have taken on new assignments this fall

Dr. Phyllis DeLeo, founder and director of Writing Programs since 2003, will serve as director of institutional research, succeeding Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., who recently relocated to the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Columbus, Ohio. DeLeo will work closely with Steven Gstalder, vice president for information technology services, in an effort to integrate and enhance the research effort with the College's technological capabilities. She received a bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University, and master's and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Corey A. Schmidt, a member of the admissions staff since 2007 and former assistant director of admission, is now director of academic advisement and student success. She has responsibility for directly overseeing the advisement and orientation of first-year and transfer students, developing and implementing initiatives to support student success and retention, and working as a member of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence team to provide academic support services to students in the Traditional Undergraduate Day College. Schmidt received her bachelor's degree, *magna cum laude*, from Gettysburg College, and her M.B.A. from Albertus in 2011.



Melissa DeLucia, former practicum and internship coordinator, is now director of experiential learning and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. She will oversee day-to-day operations of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence and all experiential learning initiatives in the Traditional Undergraduate Day College. A member of the College community since 2003, DeLucia holds a bachelor's degree in managerial communication and a master's degree in instructional technology from Southern Connecticut State University.



Kristen Altieri DeCarli Joins College Community

Kristen Altieri DeCarli has joined the College as assistant director of athletics and sports information director. She succeeds Brian Leighton who will assume the new duties of assistant director of athletics for operations and facilities; he will continue as head baseball coach.

DeCarli comes to Albertus from the University of Connecticut, where she was an athletics communications assistant, serving as primary media contact for eight programs, including men's soccer and baseball; she also worked as an assistant media contact for the UConn women's basketball team. Prior to her experience at UConn, she worked in the sports information office at Southern Connecticut State University. DeCarli graduated *cum laude* from Endicott College with a degree in sports management, and was the captain of the 2004 Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship volleyball team.



Student-Athletes Named to Academic All-Conference Team

The Great Northeast Athletic Conference named 28 Albertus student-athletes to its 2011 Academic All-Conference team. Those honored and their teams were: Cullen Burnell, Patrick Dornfried, Adam Platner and Zak Sokolis, baseball; Lianna Carrero and Katelyn White, women's basketball; Alysha Winiarski, women's cross country; Daniel Foldy, Josue Galo, Michael Ingeno, Chris Long, Timothy Mikita and Donato Piroscaro, men's soccer; Michelle Battista, Sarah DiCenzo, Samantha Farley and Jessica Radecki, women's soccer; Bria Szymanski, softball; Marcus Artaiz, men's tennis; Nanette Arencibia; women's tennis; Nambaramey Dy, Chris Pfeffer and David Teodosio, men's volleyball; Diedre Brown, Krista LaBissioniere, Melissa Manning and Tiffany Ortiz, women's volleyball.



Reunion 2011

They came from east and west to celebrate milestone reunions; those without a special reunion returned simply to see lifelong friends or favorite professors. It was a special time: Friends met up in the House of Bollstadt on Friday night; Mark Twain spoke in the Bookstore; and Karreem Mebane '04 received the Premier Achievement Award.





Photos by Judy Sirota Rosenthal

CLASS NOTES

1949

Jean McInnis Robichaud, Attleboro, MA, and her husband celebrated their 60th anniversary in August. They have "15 grandkids and 6 great grands."

1951

Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Andresen Hackett, Cheshire, CT, has 3 sons, 3 daughters and 19 grandchildren (5 in college and the youngest in kindergarten). Among her many activities are pastoral care at St. Mary's Hospital, Eucharistic Ministry at her local church and at St. Thomas More Chapel at Yale, volunteering at a soup kitchen at St. Thomas More, and teaching a fourth-grade CCD class.

Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., Columbus, OH, has retired after 35 years at Albertus as teacher and administrator. "How great they have been," she says.

Eleanor Regan Bush, Maryville, TN, missed her 60th Reunion because she was in Colorado attending a grandson's wedding.

Barbara Dillon, Belmont, MA, reports that in July 2010 she moved from her eight-room house to a two-bedroom apartment. "For me, downsizing was definitely the way to go," she says.

Rosemary Ford Lanahan, Savannah, GA, keeps busy with gardening, reading (averages one to two books a week), conservative politics and grandchildren. She is the author of two books: "Virginia Celebrates," a cookbook for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond; and "The Tides Inn Tradition," a history of the venerable inn on the Eastern shore of Virginia.

Anne McCabe Twele, Princeton, NJ, a widow, is retired and enjoys reading.

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 2010-2011 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, vice president for development and alumni relations, at alumni@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

1954

Sister Cathleen Going, O.P., Farmington Hills, MI, a member of the Dominican Cloistered Nuns of the Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her profession of religious vows on August 6.

1955

Marguerite Powers, Langhorne, PA, is very proud of her great-niece Celia Allen, who graduated *summa cum laude* with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Albertus this year.

Mary Ann Kost Torrence, Thomaston, CT, reports that the "family is doing well except for aging parents."

1956

Carolyn Ragozzine Akter, Derby, CT, has a son, Emre, a daughter-in-law, Lee, and three grandchildren. A member of the Yale University Women's Organization, she belongs to a bible study woman's group, and is

a lector at St. Jude's Church. Once a month, she has lunch with a group of Albertus classmates.

Dolores Angelini, Parma Heights, OH, enjoys indoor gardening, stamp collecting, reading, charity work, creative cooking and recycling.

Patricia Coyle Foley, Walpole, MA, and her husband have four daughters and eight grandchildren. A retired teacher and tutor, she is involved in fund-raising for building a new town library; she is a founder and currently a trustee of the Walpole Scholarship Foundation.

Joan Giardina, Ansonia, CT, lives with her 103-year-old mother. She is active with the Derby Historical Society, Ansonia Garden Club and Ansonia Nature Center. A retired high school teacher, she enjoys quilting, traveling and reading. She has two nieces, two nephews, two grand-nephews and three grand-nieces.

Patricia Buckley Kiley, Damariscotta, ME, and her husband, Robert, have three sons. She is a part-time tour guide at Boothbay Harbor and volunteers at a used-book store, which benefits the local library.

Calista Daley Moon, Pittsboro, NC, retired a year and a half ago as a part-time children's librarian at the Carrboro Branch Library in Chapel Hill. She enjoys Senior Olympics swim competitions, storytelling and writing. The Chapel Hill News published three of her articles last year. The online journal americandiplomacy.org published her article in 2007. She and her husband, Bart, have two children and two grandchildren.

Lynn Sudell Mottolese, Stamford, CT, continues to work as a librarian in Greenwich; her husband is a judge. They have nine grandkids; two are in college and the others are young.

Louise Colvano Pease, Canaan, ME, notes that her second oldest grandson, a graduate of New England University, will be married on December 30, 2011. Her youngest grandson enters first grade this September.

Betty Heery Porell, Estero, FL, and her husband, Dick, have 5 sons, 1 daughter and 13 grandchildren.

1961

Joan Mariani Berry, Easton, CT, and Ron have a daughter; their son is deceased. They have three grandsons. She enjoys organic gardening and travel.

Joanne Di Modica, Middletown, CT, has two foster children. She has retired from the Haddam Killingworth school district and St. Sebastian School in Middletown, and for 20 years has been involved with the Middlesex Hospital Vocal Chords.

Maureen Urban Ecclesine, Essex, NY, and her husband, Joe, now deceased, had four children. She is a member of the Garden Club of America, Essex Initiatives/Beautification; she enjoys golf, tennis and paddle tennis.

Madeleine DiSanto Ferraz, Little Compton, RI, and her husband have a married son. She is a board member and past president of the Wesport Art Group and still teaches watercolor classes and workshops.

Mary Harrigan, New York, NY, and her partner, Andrew, have been together for 25 years. She is a part-time social worker in an AIDS/ HIV outpatient clinic. She enjoys classical music at the Met, Philharmonic and summer festivals.

Joan Herlihy Kilcoyne, Wayland, MA, has four children and seven grandchildren. Retired, she is a church lector, Eucharistic Minister, hospital and nursing home visitor, and plays golf.

Elaine Mancini Raviola, Fairfield, CT, has a daughter and four grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Sr. Mary Norbert McLoughlin, O.P., '37, made her Profession of Vows in 1939; she taught in schools in several states
June 20, 2011
Columbus, OH

Dorothea Medford Ray '43, a native of Brooklyn, NY, lived in Virginia for 30 years
April 8, 2010
Peninsula, VA

Margaret (Peggy) Monahan Whitmore '43, former teacher, was an avid bridge player and golfer
August 10, 2011
Vero Beach, FL

Shirley McDonald Gillin '44S was a former buyer for Lord & Taylor in New York City and a retired personnel director for Johnson & Johnson; she was the Volunteer of the Year for the state of Pennsylvania in 2007
April 29, 2011
Langhorne, PA

Rosemary Smith Melchreit '45 was the current president of the Albertus East Shore (CT) Alumni Chapter, and very active in community organizations in Hartford and West Hartford over the years; while a student, she was a member of the College's fencing team and was a Connecticut state women's champion fencer
August 26, 2011
Westbrook, CT

Mary Weber '45 received a master's degree and sixth-year certificate from Fairfield University; she taught at East Haven High School for many years and chaired the social studies department until her retirement
August 12, 2011
Branford, CT

Mary Rose Keohane '49 was a French and Latin teacher for the City of Hartford School System
July 11, 2011
Meriden, CT

Mary Kay Olwell Conroy '50, a teacher, had 8 children and 21 grandchildren; she was a volunteer for Concern America, Habitat for Humanity and the Vietnamese Resettlement Program
June 20, 2011
Glendale, CA

Jane Stana Mauro '50 received a master's degree from the Yale School of Nursing; she was long active in local politics and community activities
May 27, 2011
Durham, CT

Marylou Beschel O'Shea '50, received a master's in education from Southern Connecticut State University and taught in the Hamden and Branford school systems.
September 2, 2011
Branford, CT

Grace Enright McLeod '64 received her M.S.W. from The Catholic University of America and a degree in administration from the University of Southern California; she spent 22 years with Catawba County Social Services
June 9, 2011
Hickory, NC

Mary Lynne Carroll '71 received an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut, and worked for Southern New England Telephone for many years; she was a vice president of investment management for AT&T from 1999 until her retirement in 2007
May 14, 2011
Basking Ridge, NJ

Nancy Larson Hanlon '87 had a master's and sixth-year certificate from Southern Connecticut State University; she was an art therapist at Yale-New Haven Hospital's Child Psychiatric Unit and then pursued a teaching career, spending the past 18 years with the Fairfield Board of Education
April 27, 2011
North Haven, CT

Lucille Payne '02 M.A.A.T. maintained a private practice as a licensed professional counselor and art therapist
April 2, 2011
New Fairfield, CT

J. Gary Serven '05 M.S.M., a Viet Nam era U.S. Navy veteran, was a project manager for several corporations, and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity
May 20, 2011
Marshfield, MA

1962

Patricia Hayes Kocan, Raleigh, NC, recently traveled to Prague, Salzburg and Vienna. As a member of the Cardinal Singers, a women's singing group in Raleigh, she sang at St. George's Basilica in Prague and at mass in St. Michaelis Church in Salzburg the evening before an international marathon.

1963

Betsy Aherne Burbank, Judson, NH, recently returned to New England after ten years in Oro Valley, Arizona; she loved exploring the West and Mexico. She is now splitting her time between Ipswich, Massachusetts and Judson. "My health is fine, my kids are well and leading productive lives and my ten grandsons keep me busy," she notes.

Joan Venditto, West Haven, CT, has been appointed to the board of trustees of St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. She is director of education programs at Albertus.

1964

Claire Wilcox Bronson, West Redding, CT, and Phil are enjoying retirement. She is president of the Ridgefield Woman's Club and finds enjoyment and satisfaction in oil painting and drawing classes at the local senior center.

1966

Barbara Atnes Dunsmoor, Gualala, CA, who retired to the North Sonoma Coast after her teaching career, is a quilter and fabric artist. Her husband of 36 years, Earl, died in 2006. She spends a good part of each year with her three daughters and four grandchildren in Seattle, or traveling.

Maryann Civitello, West Newton, MA, is a partner in the Boston law firm of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., president of the board of directors of The Elizabeth Stone House, a shelter for battered women, a board member of Friends of St. Bernard's and active in Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. She and her partner, Karen Burns, were married in 2004, and she has a 21-year-old daughter.

New Orleans Group Honors Lois Simpson

The Young Leadership Council of New Orleans named Lois Venditto Simpson '67 a Leadership Role Model at its awards dinner in August. This year marks its 25th anniversary as a service organization for young professionals. Simpson is executive director of the Advocacy Center, Louisiana's protection and advocacy system to protect the rights of persons who are elderly or disabled. Sister of Joan Venditto '63, Simpson holds a J.D. degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and a Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University. The Center is based in New Orleans with offices in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and Shreveport; it employs approximately 60 staff members, including attorneys, paralegals, advocates, social workers and ombudsmen.

1968

Marie Taylor, Wellesley Hills, MA, is involved with a new non-profit venture to help Massachusetts consumers. She designed its website—www.ConsumersEmpowered.org—after taking a Dreamweaver course.

1969

Joan McQueeney Mitric has been working as a journalist, editor and media trainer in the Balkans ever since receiving a master's in education from UC Berkeley and a master's in journalism from The Ohio State University. She has three grown children, 32 to 41—a college professor, a producer for National Public Radio and a worker in the Obama administration. "I miss the campus at Albertus and my friends from the class of 1969," she says.

Karen Effinger Otto, Bowie, MD, is helping to raise her six-year-old grandchild. She is studying French and will take her third educational trip to France this year.

Linda Townsend Maier B.S. '07, M.B.A. '09

PROFILE

Life for Linda Townsend Maier is all about giving back—to improving her community in ways that will benefit future generations. In New Haven, she has been the executive director of the Greater Dwight Development Corporation since 2001, and its subsidiary, the Montessori School on Edgewood, since 2008. She also serves as president of the Greater Dwight Community Investment Corporation.

"I believe in tenacity and hard work, and in respect for new ideas and relationships," says this long-time community activist. "This is what enables one to make a difference. I care deeply about New Haven, and I'm committed to the Dwight community and to improving the quality of life for our neighborhood residents."

The challenges are many in Townsend Maier's chosen work, especially identifying and securing resources for crucial projects to carry out neighborhood priorities. "The fun comes in working out the details once the resources have been secured," she says. "The thrill is accomplishing the goals and seeing the results in terms of rehabilitated homes, new business and employers, and children eager to learn and ready for kindergarten."

A recent accomplishment for Townsend Maier and the entire Dwight community is an agreement, after many months of negotiation, with the Stop and Shop Supermarket Company to open a store in a 56,000-square foot building in a shopping plaza owned by the Development Corporation, and to assume the remaining eight-year lease of the previous tenant, also a supermarket. "It was a victory for an amazing group of dedicated community volunteers," notes Townsend Maier. "Our team came together, worked with the City of New Haven and the Stop and Shop people, and believed we could make it happen. The store manager, Anne Demchak, has been great to work with; she's also an Albertus graduate ('04)."

Townsend Maier came to New Haven as a child in the 1950s. "My parents were second-generation Alabama sharecroppers, and moved here after World War II as part of the "Black Migration North" to find work in local factories. Our family settled in a shared apartment in the historical African-American Dixwell community. This was a time when community was truly a collective—families sharing their meals, their homes and their hopes for the future," she recalls.

Her involvement in community services began in 1990 when she was elected chairperson of the Dwight central management team. She also learned the workings of local government as a former member of the Democratic Town Committee and the New Haven Board of Aldermen.

"My experience getting my undergraduate degree and my M.B.A. at Albertus has opened so many opportunities for me in my current work. I liked that Albertus was small and that it had spiritual values. Because of the accelerated degree program, I was able to work and complete my degrees."

Townsend Maier attributes her accomplishments to her "humble start, life's challenges and the tough love" of a mother who instilled in her the value of an education.



1971

Dorota Stypkowski Bussey, Amherst, MA, and George, have three children and three grandchildren. She is an administrator for a human resources management training and development association. Her interests include yoga (she is a certified yoga teacher), Buddhism, hiking, biking, peace for animals and volunteering at her granddaughter's school.

Catherine Mangino, Guilford, CT, is married to Walter Lincoln. She is retired and enjoys boating, working out and bird watching.

Nancy Bohn Varian, Boca Raton, FL, has two children and two grandchildren. The CFO/VP of Varian Associates, she is a Stephens Minister and active in her local church.

1974

Susan Peters Crawford, Santa Fe, NM, reports that her son Tyler was married at the Yale Club in New York City in October 2010. Friends from her class joining the celebration were **Kathleen Devlin, Joyce McDonough, Mary Duncan, Diane Reitano Heck, Susan Piccin, Kate Farrell Kurosky** and **Elizabeth Silvia**.

1976

Joan Baldwin Chapman, Cheshire, CT, has two sons, Frank C. Podgwaite III and Michael J. Podgwaite. She is retired and doing freelance writing about baseball and politics.



Angela De Filippi Errico '61 met Alec Baldwin after he and her daughter Melissa Errico did a staged reading of "The Gift of the Gorgon," a play by Peter Shaffer, at the Guild Hall in East Hampton, New York, in July. In June, Melissa appeared as Guenevere in a concert version of "Camelot" opposite Jeremy Irons as King Arthur at the Shubert Theatre in New York City.

Family Ties

Sister Nancy Strillacci, ASCJ, '71, Shelton, CT, was sorry to miss her 40th Albertus reunion in June, but it coincided with a long-planned trip with her sister to Poland to see their mother's first cousins and extended family. In 1913, their grandmother came to the United States by herself at age 18, and never saw her family again because WW I, WW II and the subsequent Iron Curtain prevented her return. Sr. Nancy notes that "as a family, we have corresponded with the family over there for 98 years.... We have limited Polish, but a lot of love!"

Sister Nancy is program director for the Office of Clergy and Religious in the Diocese of Bridgeport and delegate for Religious in the Diocese. She volunteers each week at the department of corrections in Bridgeport, distributing communion and organizing Catholic reading groups.

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1977

Marianne Esposito, Westbrook, CT, has been named executive director of Terri Brodeur Breast Cancer Foundation in Groton. One hundred percent of gross fundraising by this local non-profit organization goes directly to cancer research. She has had a 30-plus year career with AT&T in operations. She holds an M.B.A. from the Hartford Graduate Center and an M.A. in theology from Holy Apostles College.

1985

Michelle Dubreuil Macek is living in Maryland with her husband, Paul, and children Sophia, Eva and Nathan. She facilitates a healing form of movement that fuses music and emotion called Biodanza. She has classes in New York City, Philadelphia and the Maryland/DC area.

1984

Petisia Adger, a 19-year veteran of the New Haven Police Department, was sworn in as assistant chief in April. She will head Internal Affairs and professional standards.

1986

Rachel Hart and her partner, Dana, live in Branford, Connecticut. She has an M.S. in public policy from Trinity College and an M.S. in counseling from Southern Connecticut State University; she is now with the Yale University School of Medicine.

Deirdre Ziehm Ryan, Neptune City, NJ, and her husband, Pierce, have four children, ages 12, 14, 18 and 20. Certified for elementary education, she is a caterer, party planner and substitute teacher, and also helps with fundraising for her local parish.

Jill Mauro Sweet, Madison, CT, and her husband, Paul, have a son, 18, and a daughter, 15. She is a full-time homemaker and companion to both of her parents who live with her. She is heavily involved with her children's school activities, including track, music and show choir. She also makes time for a book club and a movie club with friends.

1988

Chuck Lobdell, Roxbury, CT, an avid golfer and member of the Course at Yale, ached his first hole in one at the ninth hole there in May. The 238-yard par-3 ninth is one of two holes on the Yale course ranked among the 100 most difficult in the country. Two days later he shot a 67, also at Yale.

1991

Roberto Maiz, Hormigueros, PR, has a solo practice as a general surgeon covering three community hospitals and two private offices. He and his wife have two daughters, 12 and 9. He enjoys boating, cars and teaching students from two nearby medical schools.

1992

Anne Notarino Santello, East Haven, CT, and her husband, Joseph, recently received the HOPES Award (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) and were honored at a dinner given by the Archdiocese of Hartford for volunteers who donate their time and talent to Catholic schools. Both their sons attend the local St. Vincent de Paul School.

2001

Jillian Raucci Bedell and **Malcolm Bedell**, Portland, ME, have a foodie Web site called *Cooking and Eating in Maine: From Away at* <http://www.fromaway.com>.

Heather Pine Minore, Cape Coral, FL, a first-grade teacher in the Lee County School District, is president of the Delta Kappa Gamma (Epsilon) chapter of the

Will Talamelli '08

Art of the Kitchen

PROFILE

Will Talamelli knows his way around a kitchen—and that's a good thing. He is the executive sous chef at TerraSole Ristorante in Ridgefield, Connecticut.

While a student at Albertus, Talamelli, an art major, worked at a coffee shop that served sandwiches and soup. "On Mondays the barista would double as the cook since it was always slow," he recalls. "One night it got really busy, and the barista was overwhelmed. I took over the cooking, she handled the cash register, and that was how my cooking career started. My boss heard about the job I did, and I became the cook."

For Talamelli, the transition, while unexpected, was a good fit. "I always wanted an art-based career, and the same creative process goes into making food as goes into making art. The only difference is you can eat the result."

Although he apprenticed with a "brilliant chef who has become a good friend," and has taken non-matriculation courses at the French Culinary Institute in New York City's SoHo neighborhood, Talamelli is largely self-taught. "I wish I had one of those stories where I could say I grew up in the kitchen, rolling meatballs next to my grandmother, and learning her secrets for fresh pasta. But that's not my story, although I did live next door to my grandparents. My grandfather was a butcher, and I grew up eating the scrap cuts he would bring home. Even today, I love to prepare and serve these cuts," he says.

This young chef is passionate about food, always pushing himself to create new and interesting dishes. His style: "Complex, but simple." He likes "natural flavors, nothing masked by spices and sauces," and he uses local products whenever possible. Fish is his favorite dish to prepare. "Fish is either cooked right or it's cooked wrong. There is no gray area. You walk a fine line with fish," he says. "It's very easy to mess up when something is simple, so you really are putting yourself out there as a professional cook a lot more with simple dishes."

Talamelli's inspirations come from many sources: colors, music, art and seasons; but he considers that his best dishes result from going to markets and shopping for the freshest ingredients. He describes his dream meal as "probably in Japan at some hole in the wall sushi place, a meal that epitomizes *umami*." *Umami* is a flavor profile, a pleasant savory taste.

Reflecting on his days at Albertus, Will Talamelli points out that one professor definitely had a major impact on his life. "I was flustered by a classmate, Mia Press, also an art major, and wanted to ask her out, but I didn't. Julia Coash, our professor, kept encouraging me to do so, and finally I did. Mia and I just celebrated the one-year anniversary of our marriage."



In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Charlotte E. Constantino, sister of Jeanne Mann '93, vice president for finance and treasurer
September 15, 2011

Norman C. Cross Jr., husband of Cynthia Woodin Cross '83
March 6, 2011

Lisa Ciocca DelPrete, mother of Kristina DelPrete '07
April 8, 2011

Joseph F. Ecclesine, husband of Maureen Urban Ecclesine '61
May 17, 2009

William J. Fitzgerald, husband of Betty McDonnell Fitzgerald '49
January 11, 2011

Kenneth GaNun, husband of Patricia GaNun '96
June 30, 2011

Thomas Ginty, husband of Mary Jane Sullivan Ginty '62
December 12, 2010

Ann L. Cosenza Hallberg, sister of Christine C. Cosenza '91
November 21, 2009

Arthur V. Johnson Jr., husband of Laurie Munnely Johnson '57
July 8, 2011

Gail Kilbride Miller, sister of Sister Anne Kilbride, O.P., Special Assistant to the President for Promotion of the Catholic, Dominican Heritage at Albertus
June 5, 2011

Christian Ngongi-Semi, 16-year-old son of Annie Gumba-Kinsumba, an M.B.A. student in the School of Evening and Graduate Programs
September 3, 2011

Charles J. Noble Jr., father-in-law of Melorie Zionkowski Noble '80
April 16, 2011

John "Jack" O'Connor, companion of Saylor Heidmann, instructional coordinator in education programs
April 22, 2011

Herbert H. Pearce, husband of Trustee Dr. Martha W. Wood; business executive and philanthropist, he established the Pearce Family Scholarship Fund at Albertus and several other colleges; he received an honorary degree from Albertus in May 1988; his daughter, Barbara L. Pearce, received an honorary degree from the College in May 1998
April 18, 2011

Dolores Pellegrino, wife of Bernard A. Pellegrino, Esq., trustee *emeritus* of the College, and mother of Frances Pellegrino Granquist, Esq., trustee of the College
August 20, 2011

John J. Pelzer Jr., brother of Margaret "Peggy" Pelzer Ridarelli '60
August 13, 2011

Frank Pinto Jr., husband of Alice Drewa Pinto '78
January 15, 2011

Ralph J. Veth, father of Dr. Joseph Veth, associate professor in the department of education at Albertus
April 22, 2011

Margaret "Peg" Cahill Wilson, mother of Amy Wilson, academic coordinator in the School of Evening and Graduate Programs
May 15, 2011

Take the Bus in Style to New York City

The East Shore (CT) Alumni Chapter is opening its fall bus trip to New York City to graduates and friends of the College. The trip is set for Saturday, November 5.

Cost of the trip is \$28.00 per person, and includes the bus fare, gratuity, refreshments and a great time. Proceeds from the trip go toward the Chapter's annual gift to Albertus. Call Carol Broshjeit at 203-776-7027 for information or to make reservations, which are required; or contact her at Carol.Broshjeit@va.gov.

nationally-recognized education association. She and David have one son.

Suzanne Gregory Wintsch, Haddam, CT, is an outpatient counselor and assistant director of admissions for evaluation and assessment for Franklin Academy, and continues as a vocalist for church services. She and Jonathan have a daughter and are expecting another child.

2003

Lara Enzor, M.S.M., became C.E.O. of Chaparral Scientific in Austin, Texas, in November 2010.

2005

Veronica Marrero, M.S.M., Waterbury, CT, has been promoted to vice president of enrollment management for Post University's Accelerated Degree Program. She joined Post in 2005 as its first admissions counselor in the newly reorganized online accelerated degree program. A young cancer survivor, she is an advocate for other cancer survivors.

2006

David Zack, M.S.M., Hamden, CT, has been appointed program manager at Sikorsky for a project to develop prototype aircraft for the U.S. government. He is an engineer with 18 years of experience at Sikorsky.

2008

Linda Fecteau, M.S.M., Niantic, CT, is the new director at Little Learners Children's Center in Ledyard. The founder of Creating Opportunities for Youth, she also served as director of family enhancement services at LEARN and as executive director of the local Boys and Girls Club.

Thomas Paterna, M.S.M., '09 M.B.A., Branford, CT, has completed his course of study for the Ph.D. degree at Capella University. Now it's "On to comps and dissertation."

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Jessica Zanghi '08 Joins Teach for America

This fall, Jessica Zanghi begins a two-year commitment to Teach for America (TFA). She will be teaching in Connecticut.

Those who are accepted into this national corps of top recent college graduates commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools, and to become lifelong advocates and leaders for educational equity. Nearly 48,000 recent graduates applied for the fall 2011 corps, and 5,200 were accepted. Applicants included 12 percent of Ivy League seniors, 10 percent of seniors at Howard University and 8 percent at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, and all held leadership position while in college. TFA recruits on more than 350 college campuses, seeking graduates of all academic majors and backgrounds who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, perseverance and leadership.

Before starting her teaching assignment, Zanghi, a psychology major, had five weeks of rigorous teacher training at a regional TFA Training Institute.

Zanghi is the third graduate of Albertus to be accepted into the Teach for America program. The first was Jessica Ballas '08, who taught second grade in the Hartford school system, and is now an admission counselor at Albertus. Lisa Scaife '07 is mid-way through her two-year commitment and teaches fourth grade in New Haven at Elm City College Preparatory Elementary School, an Achievement First School under the New Haven Public Charter Schools. She is working on a master's degree at Southern Connecticut State University.

M.A.A.T Grads Take Awards at National Conference

At the 2011 national conference of the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) in Washington, D.C., this spring, several graduates of the Albertus Master of Arts in Art Therapy program received awards or participated in the program. More than a thousand art therapy professionals attended the AATA conference, which had as its theme "Creative Energy, Collective Efforts: Empowering the Art Therapy Journey."

Roxanne Crane '10 received the prestigious Gladys Agell Research Award and did a paper presentation of her thesis study on the Expressive Therapies Continuum. Danit Kenigzstein, a graduate student, took honors with the Prasad Foreign Student Scholarship Award.

Abbe Miller, director of the master's program, presented her "El Duende Process Painting in Supervision" technique, aided by a panel of M.A.A.T graduates: Caitlin Iannucci '10, Lisa Kisiel '11, Nancy Rhoda '11 and Julia Smith '11. Michael Galaburri '11 participated in the Research Roundtable, discussing his thesis on comparison of the scribble technique and the mandala. Research assistant Amanda Salzano '09 presented a digital poster session of her thesis research on creating art quilts to support hospice caregivers. She received the Gladys Agell Research Award in 2010.

Athletic Hall of Fame—2011 Inductees

Jason "Jay" Wyatt '03 (Baseball) Four-time first-team All-Conference from the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Helped lead Albertus Magnus College to the 2003 Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship. Eighth best career batting average in GNAC history. Fourth on the career RBI's list in GNAC history.

Candice Giordano Damico '03 (Softball) Sixth best ERA in Great Northeast Athletic Conference history. Three-time All-Conference for the GNAC, including two-time first-team All-Conference. Established or broke almost every pitching record for the Albertus Magnus College softball team.

Natalia Perlaza '05 (Women's Basketball) Four-time first-team All-Conference for the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. GNAC Player of the Year in 2005. All-time leading scorer in Albertus Magnus College Women's Basketball history.

Timothy Russell '05 (Men's Basketball) All-time leading scorer in Albertus Magnus College history and all-time leading scorer in the history of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. 2004–2005 GNAC Men's Basketball Player of the Year. Two-time All-Conference from the GNAC. Scored a school-record 64 points in one game during a win over Mitchell College in 2005 (second most number of points ever scored by a college player in the state of Connecticut during a men's basketball game—Division I, II or III).



Hurricane Irene visited the campus on Sunday, August 28, taking down branches and several trees. In advance of the storm, the College had rescheduled Sunday's Moving-in Day activities and orientation for new students to Monday. Classes began Wednesday on schedule.



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**When will you set foot on the new turf field?
Visit Fall Fest, Saturday, October 22. See page 3 for all the details.**

From the Hill



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