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Reunion

Reunion 2010 Registration Form—RSVP by June 1, 2010

Name	first	maiden	last	Class Year
E-Mail Address				
Phone Number				
<input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed is my check for \$_____ payable to Albertus Magnus College				
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover) credit card \$_____				
Card Number				Exp. Date
Signature				Three-digit PIN Number
Please indicate the name(s) of your guest(s):				

Please indicate if your guests are children twelve and under. Please print clearly.

Event Registration and Pricing

Please indicate the total number of people attending each event below. (See schedule of events on the next page for additional details.)

We welcome our 50th Reunion Class (and one guest) as guests of the College for all Reunion events.

Lunch

	# Attending
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult \$20	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 12 and under \$10	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Children 5 and under N/C	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Society Members \$10	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Millennium "20" \$10	_____

Afternoon Activities N/C

<input type="checkbox"/> Alumni College/faculty panel on <i>The Creative Process in action:</i> <i>faculty voices</i>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Campus Tour	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Mass	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Society Induction	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Association Annual Meeting and presentation of the Alumni of the Year Award	_____

Cocktails & Dinner Buffet

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult \$30	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Society Members \$15	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Millennium "20" \$15	_____

All Reunion Events

<input type="checkbox"/> Adult \$45	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Society Members \$22.50	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Millennium "20" \$22.50	_____

Pricing Guidelines:

50th Reunion Class: Members of the **class of 1960 and one guest** are invited to attend all Reunion activities as **guests of the College**.

Golden Society: Graduates who have reached or passed their 50th Reunion (classes from 1928–1959)

Millennium "20" Discount: Graduates whose class year begins with "20"

To assist you better...

Please let us know of any special dietary needs/food allergies for you or your guest(s):

Do you or anyone traveling with you have any special needs we should be aware of? Please call the Alumni Office at 203-773-8502 or e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu. Our staff is happy to assist you.

Please RSVP by June 1, 2010 to Office of Alumni Relations, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511

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

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

GOLF ANYONE!

Announcing the first Albertus Alumni Golf Outing!
Brought to you by YOUR Alumni Association Board of Governors

Who: Players at any level! Alumni, spouses, family members and guests are welcome

Where: *The Course at Yale University*

When: Friday, June 11, 2010 – Tee times on 10 minute intervals beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Fee: Special AMC Reunion rate of \$65 per person (includes fee and cart)

Deadline to Register: June 1, 2010

"The Course at Yale is recognized as one of the finest examples of early American golf course design." Visit <http://thecourseatyale.org> for further golfing details.

Grab your classmates, spouse, or friend—or play as an individual and meet other AMC golfers!

Advance registration is required. For more information/to register: visit www.albertus.edu/alumni/reunions or call the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502.

Please note: this event requires a separate registration form. Golf outing registration forms are available on the Albertus web site under Alumni/Reunions or call the Alumni Office. **Payments by participants will be made directly to The Course at Yale just prior to tee time.** The Course accepts Visa, MasterCard and AMEX. Checks should be made out to Yale University.

Alumni College – 10:30 a.m. Behan Community Room, Hubert Campus Center

Join us for a lively discussion on **The Creative Process in action: faculty voices** featuring faculty members from our new Master of Fine Arts in Writing. Participating faculty members are:

Dr. John Donohue

Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Social Sciences

Ms. Deborah Frattini '70

Department Chair, Assistant Professor of English and Humanities

Dr. Charles Rafferty

Director, MFA in Writing program, Lecturer in English and Humanities

Mr. Eric Schoeck '05 MALS

Assistant Professor of English and Humanities

Ms. Sarah Wallman

Associate Director, MFA in Writing program, Assistant Professor of English

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Reunion 2010—Schedule of Events

Friday, June 11

NEW GOLF ANYONE!
Join fellow AMC alumni, spouses, family and friends for a **golf outing at The Course at Yale University**. Tee times begin at 1:30 p.m. All levels welcome. *Note: separate registration/fee applies.*

Saturday, June 12

9:30 a.m. Registration begins in the Hubert Campus Center (HCC)
Coffee And...
Bookstore Opens

10:30–11:30 a.m. **The Creative Process in action: faculty voices**
Featuring faculty from our new Master of Fine Arts in Writing program Behan Community Room, HCC

Noon–2:00 p.m. Alumni Luncheon
Dining Hall, HCC

2:00–4:00 p.m. Afternoon Activity Options
Campus Tour (walking tour—meets at the Hubert Campus Center)
Dorms Open (McAuliffe, Sansbury, Nilan, Mohun and Dominican)
Athletic Center/Pool open for use

4:00 p.m. Reunion Mass
Atrium, TAC

5:00 p.m. Golden Society Induction & Toast
Atrium & Courtyard, TAC

6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting
• President's Address
• Presentation of the Alumni of the Year Awards
*Alumni of the Year: Michelle Dubreuil Macek '85
Premier Achievement Award: Jared James '05
Dining Hall, HCC*

The Annual Meeting will be followed by Cocktails and Buffet Dinner, featuring live jazz, for all classes

Location key:
HCC: Hubert Campus Center, TAC: Tagliatela Academic Center

Family and friends are welcome at all activities for Reunion 2010.

Reunion 2010—Area Hotels

Hotel room blocks are available at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion 2010. 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. We encourage travelers to make their reservations early.**

Hamden Clarion Hotel & Suites*
2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
203-288-3831
\$139 per night plus tax
(Junior Suites available, call for price)
Special rate deadline: May 11, 2010
www.clarionhotel.com

Premier Hotel and Suites
3 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven
866-458-0232
\$139 per night, plus tax, all rooms are suites, rate includes breakfast
Special rate deadline: May 12, 2010
www.newhavensuites.com

Other area hotels that may be available for individual reservations—*please call the hotel directly for rates and room availability. Note: **June 11–13 is a very busy weekend in New Haven.** Some hotels listed below may not have rooms available.*

BED AND BREAKFAST

Touch of Ireland Guest House*
670 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
203-787-7997
www.TouchofIrelandGuestHouse.com

Farnam Guest House*
616 Prospect Street, New Haven
888-562-7121
Rates range from \$89–\$179 per night
www.farnamguesthouse.com

HOTELS

New Haven Hotel
229 George Street, New Haven
203-773-1641 or 800-NH-HOTEL
www.newhavenhotel.com

Best Western
490 Saw Mill Road, West Haven
203-933-0344

Holiday Inn North Haven
Route 5, Exit 12 off I91
203-239-4225
www.holidayinn.com/northhavenct.com

Omni Hotel
155 Temple Street, New Haven
203-772-6664
www.omninewhaven.com

Courtyard by Marriott at Yale
30 Whalley Avenue, New Haven
203-777-6221
www.courtyardmarriottat Yale.com

Courtyard by Marriott
136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange
203-799-2200 or 1-800-894-8733
www.courtyard.com

Quality Inn
30 Frontage Road, East Haven
203-469-5321

*Close to the AMC campus.

Note: New Haven's newest hotel, The Study at Yale, is completely booked for these dates.

Alumni of the Year Award

Michelle Dubreuil Macek '85

Benin, Uganda, South Africa, Zambia. To some, the list reads like the contents of the New York Times's Sunday Travel section. For Michelle Macek, it's a list of places she has called "home" over the past 14 years. She was teaching French on a Fulbright Scholarship in Cotonou, Benin, when she met her husband, Paul Macek, a staffer with Catholic Relief Services. After their marriage, they decided to stay in Africa to serve others. Over the years, she has been a dedicated volunteer and humanitarian. One of a group of four women who founded a private school for orphans in Kampala, she did fund-raising for the school and served as its academic director until a Ugandan staff could be found. Banunule Nursery and Primary Orphan School is still in operation today. Most recently she has facilitated therapeutic dance classes for caretakers at the Kalingalinga Catholic Hospice in Lusaka, helping them to "dance away the stress and get a little joy in their difficult lives." Her new passion in life is Biodanza, a healing therapeutic form of expressive dance that allows people to feel life at its fullest. She completed a three-year training program in South Africa, and hopes to travel soon to dance with a group in Senegal and to Haiti to dance with children there. "I feel that my time on this planet has been blessed with many opportunities for me to give back what I have so richly received in my own life," she says.

Premier Achievement Award

Jared James '05

A passionate supporter of the Accelerated Degree Program at Albertus, Jared James considers his Albertus degree "something no one can ever take away from me." The first in his family to graduate from high school, he found the accelerated program with its night classes was the ideal way for him to complete his college studies while establishing his career in real estate. In his first year as a realtor, he won a "Rookie of the Year" award; within two years he had built one of the largest and fastest-growing real estate teams in New England. In 2009, the international REALTOR Magazine named him the #1 realtor under age 30 in the United States. His first book—"Enjoy Success Today: How to Start and Build a Thriving Business...and Still Have a Life"—became a best seller within one month of publication. At the age of 28, he was inducted into the International Hall of Fame of Remax, the world's largest real estate company. The founder and CEO of Jared James Enterprises, he writes for Personal Development Magazine, and is a speaker and coach. This entrepreneur gives more than 10 per cent of his gross income, and much of his time, to non-profit organizations. He believes that "anything that you have been blessed with was never intended for only yourself. The true purpose of any blessing or gift that you have was always that you would share it with others so that they could benefit from it as well."

CAMPUS NEWS

College Announces Honorary Degree Recipients

The Board of Trustees of Albertus Magnus College has voted unanimously to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon the following distinguished individuals at the College's 87th Commencement Exercises, Sunday, May 16:

Carl A. Anderson—As Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus since 2000, Carl Anderson is chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic family fraternal organization. An educator and public servant, he held various positions in the Executive Office of the President of the United States, including special assistant to the President and acting director of the White House Office of Public Liaison. He also served for nearly a decade as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Mr. Anderson holds degrees in philosophy from Seattle University and in law from the University of Denver.

Sister Ann Bailie, O.P.—A member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, Sister Ann has been an inspirational teacher and outstanding scholar. An associate professor of French at Albertus, she has served as chair of the French department and chair of the department of foreign languages. A thoughtful member of the community of scholars, she has transmitted her passion for languages, especially her beloved French, to her classes. She is a graduate of Manhattan College, received a master's degree from Université Laval in Québec City and completed advanced studies at New York University. Sister Ann held a Yale University Visiting Faculty Fellowship and a Fulbright Government Grant for study in Paris.

Jane Nady Sigmon '70—Victims' rights advocate and educator, Jane Sigmon is the senior coordinator for international programs in the U.S. State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, where she is responsible for planning and implementing U.S. foreign assistance to combat human trafficking around the world. She also served as the first victim assistance specialist in the Bureau of Consular Affairs. At the U.S. Department of Justice, she was director of the Office for Victims of Crime, also overseeing the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. In addition to a B.A. from Albertus, she has an M. Ed. from Boston University and Ph.D. from Duke University.

Lula White—Educator and civil rights activist, Lula White taught history for nearly 30 years in New Haven's high schools, but in the summer of 1961 she made history herself by challenging segregation laws. As one of the nation's Freedom Riders, she traveled by bus from Chicago to Jackson, Mississippi, where she was arrested when she and others tried to enter the waiting room for whites. Refusing to pay a fine for breach of peace, she spent two months in the Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman in a cell not far from Death Row. Ms. White received both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Chicago.

Evelyn Garrity, advocate for science at Albertus, dies



Alumna, teacher, administrator, civil rights activist, Trustee of the College and a most passionate advocate for the advancement of science at Albertus, Dr. Evelyn Garrity '48 died February 7 at home in her beloved native Vermont. A chemistry major at Albertus, she went on to earn a master's degree and a doctorate—both in chemistry, both at Fordham University. She was known as Sister Simon Peter, O.P., when she taught at Albertus from 1960 to 1969.

For 11 years she taught at Jackson State University in Mississippi, becoming very involved in the community and serving as chair of the local anti-poverty

agency. She also taught and was dean of instruction at the State University of New York—Old Westbury. When she retired from Old Westbury she returned to New Haven, later accepting the invitation, and the challenge, to direct the development and renewal of science at Albertus. At the annual luncheon of the Albertus Alumni Association in 2003, no one cheered more than Dr. Garrity at the announcement that the College would construct a new building—now the Mary A. and Louis F. Tagliatela Academic Center—that would include state-of-the-art facilities for chemistry and biology programs.

In 2005, Evelyn Garrity received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Albertus. The citation noted her “personal and professional journey that would embody the mission of this institution named in honor of the Dominican patron saint of scientists—Albert the Great...you have been an engaged educator, par excellence...one who awakened knowledge not only by word, but also by action.”

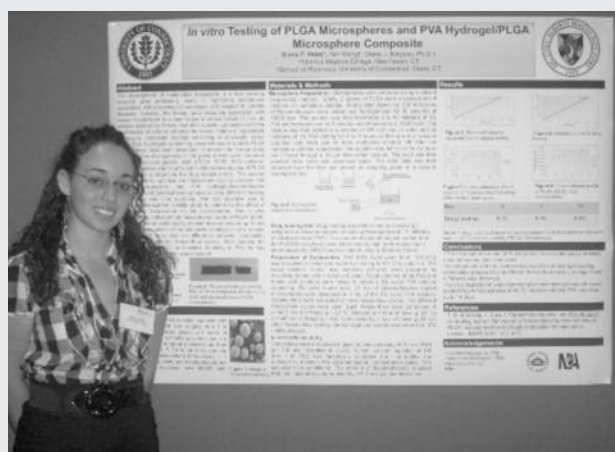
Student in the Spotlight

Diana Velez

“I became interested in science probably during junior high when I was exposed to a laboratory setting for the first time. As I grew older I became interested in a career in medicine. I'm majoring in biology; although the sciences in general appeal to me, biology involves an observational quality that has always fascinated me. Biology is a field where scientists are the spectators to a show put on by all living things, and this life is what sparks my curiosity and admiration. I went to high school at Escuela Secundaria Eladio Tirado Lopez in Aguada, Puerto Rico. My hometown is Cabo Rojo.

“Last summer, I participated in the Northeast Alliance Research Experience for Undergraduates Program at the University of Connecticut. The program's main goal is to

increase the number of underrepresented minorities in graduate school with an interest in science. I was able to work in the University of Connecticut's School of Pharmacy under the guidance of Dr. Diane J. Burgess and her graduate student Yan Wang. The main goal for Dr. Burgess' laboratory is to develop an implantable biosensor for the detection of glucose levels to relieve diabetic patients from daily finger pricking. The biosensor would read and detect glucose levels in the blood; these readings would



be viewed through a receiver, which may possibly be a cell phone with the appropriate technology.

“My part of the project was to help Dr. Burgess and her graduate student develop a special coating that would allow the biosensor to remain implanted in a patient. The coating would prevent foreign body response, which is known to intervene with the proper function of the biosensor. The few poster sessions where I have presented an overview of my research work have been some of the many challenges all science students and researchers must go through. I presented my poster for the first time towards the end of the summer program at the University of Connecticut. I also had the opportunity to present my work at the Seventeenth Annual Cardiovascular Diversity Research Supplement Awardee Session of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, in Orlando, Florida, this past November. I shared my work here at Albertus during our Annual Poster Symposium in March. The poster symposiums were all great in many ways because they allowed me learn how to express myself confidently and to truly know my subject by explaining it to different audiences.

“My long-term career goal is to earn a medical degree along with a master's in public health and to specialize in global or international health.”

New Administrative Appointments

President Julia M. McNamara on March 30 announced a series of administrative appointments and changes. “These steps will strengthen and enhance the very important services which the College provides to members of the faculty and administrative staff, to our students in all academic programs and to our many other constituencies,” she said.

Dr. John J. Donohue, vice president for academic affairs since 2006, will serve as provost of the College and vice president for academic affairs. The provost is the second officer of the College and has responsibility, in partnership with the President, for oversight of all academic matters, programs and related services offered by the College. As provost, he also assumes responsibility for the full implementation of the College’s Strategic Plan 2009–2014. (The Strategic Plan 2009–2014 is available at www.albertus.edu.)

Robert J. Buccino will continue leadership of the Institutional Advancement division of the College in the new position of senior vice president working in collaboration with the Office of the President and the professional staff who have responsibilities for development and fundraising; for alumni relations and for public and community relations; for the continued restructuring of the information technology services area; and for a new marketing division of the College.

Carolyn Behan Kraus ’86, formerly director of alumni relations and special events, is now associate vice president for development and alumni relations. She joined the College in 1991 as an admissions counselor, and has held several positions in the advancement division; she also served as operations manager in New Dimensions.

Stephen Gstalder, formerly director of Information Technology Services, has assumed the new position of vice president for Information Technology Services and will serve on the Administrative Council of the College. The recent expansion of the Institutional Advancement division to include the Department of Information Technology Services reflects the College’s recognition of the overarching importance of Information Technology Services throughout the College now and in the future.

Andrea E. Kovacs will join the College May 17 in the new position of vice president for marketing, serving on the Administrative Council. As part of

the institutional advancement team, and in collaboration with the Office of the President, she will be responsible for building recognition of the Albertus brand and for communication of a unified “voice” that promotes the distinctive benefits of an Albertus education. She comes to the College from Fairfield University where she served in the Office of Development with responsibilities for developing an integrated communication and solicitation program, working collaboratively with teams of professional and volunteers. Prior to her work at Fairfield, she served for more than ten years as senior vice president for marketing and community relations at the United Way of Eastern Fairfield County. She holds the bachelor of science degree in marketing from the Fashion Institute of Technology of the State University of New York.

On March 8, **Laura W. Alden** joined Albertus as the College’s first controller, a position in which she directs and supervises Business Office operations, working strategically with Information Technology Services to enhance systems integration and process mapping throughout the College. She previously served as controller at Connecticut College and as assistant controller at Yale University; and as director of finance at the Florence Griswold Museum. A certified public accountant, she holds the master of science degree in accounting from the University of Hartford and the bachelor of science degree from Trinity College in Hartford.

In the Office of Admission, **Nilvio Perez**, associate director of admission, has been named director of admission. He joined the College’s staff in 2004 as assistant director. Previously he was an admission counselor at the University of Bridgeport, where he received a bachelor of science degree in marketing. Jessica Van Deren, director of admission since 2005, has accepted a position as director of admission for The Union Institute & University at its Montpelier Academic Center in Vermont.

Sisters of Peace Prioress Visits College



President Julia M. McNamara, the Golden Society of the Albertus Alumni Association and the College’s Advancement Division jointly hosted a Celebration Brunch March 20 to honor the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Sister Margaret Ormond, O.P., prioress of the new congregation (shown above), spoke about the multi-year process of amalgamation that brought seven congregations—including the Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, the founders of Albertus—together as one on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009. The Sisters of Peace continue sponsorship of Albertus Magnus College.

Research Poster Session Features Original Work

Fourteen students presented their original research findings at the third annual Student Research Poster Session March 22 in the atrium of the Tagliatela Academic Center. Representing anthropology, art therapy, biology, cultural history, education, humanities, leadership and psychology, the students came from undergraduate and graduate programs.

Exhibiting their research projects were: Donna Abely, Sarah Bland, Cara Cama, Anthony Cuozz, Lisbeth Gannon, James King, Elena Knox, Marissa Lyttle, Tina Ocone-Ramirez, Stephanie O’Sullivan, Kate Slavinski, Bounthavy Soukthideth, Lizamarie Valle and Diana Velez.

Students Learn Through Different Experiences

Each year Albertus Magnus College offers a range of experiential learning opportunities to students through internships, academic service-learning, faculty-sponsored undergraduate research and study abroad. On March 24, the College honored the 2009 Practicum & Internship Students of the Year for outstanding achievement—seven students whose placements ranged from municipal offices to arts organizations and television and radio studios. About 130 students participated this year in internships.

The awards program also recognized the City of New Haven’s finance and human resources departments and New Haven’s Creative Arts Workshop as Community Partners of the Year for their support of the Practicum & Internship Program.

Melissa DeLucia, practicum/internship coordinator, believes in the value of experiential learning. “A wide range of research studies have shown that students who participate in an experiential learning experience are more likely to take part in additional opportunities...and that is very exciting,” she says. (See accompanying sidebar for a list of the Practicum & Internship Students of the Year, their departments and placements.)

Every spring, Deborah Frattini, assistant professor of English and humanities, teaches a course called “Literature of the Immigrant.” This year the class is a service-learning course. “We are integrating learning with meaningful community service to both teach our students civic responsibility and to strengthen ties with the community,” she says. “At the same time, we are interested in helping immigrants create an oral history to validate their experiences and to help ennoble and affirm their lives.” Internship coordinator Melissa DeLucia arranged for class members to visit the East Haven Adult Learning Center to interview immigrants who are enrolled in ESL classes there. Students will work with a partner as they interview the immigrants, and then collaborate to prepare an oral history, which will be presented to each participant.

“We think that this service-learning piece is the perfect complement to the mission of the College: in particular, students experience an education that is practical in its applications, and the course helps prepare them to become responsible, productive citizens who contribute to their communities,” Frattini says.

Students enrolled in the “Literature of the Immigrant” course are: Cecelia Allen, Daniela Arduini, Anthony Arnold, Jeffrey Crisafi, Tim Foley, Victoria Gravina, Shakira Henry, Ashley Kopcsó, Devin Lawless, Kelly Matera, Sydney McAvoy, Claire McCarthy, Janet Morcaldi, Rich Nesto and Megan Van Hassel. Countries represented by the immigrants include: Ecuador, Venezuela, the Dominican Republic, China and the Philippines.

Dora Barnes—Sociology; State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Internship Program—New Haven Office of Adult Probation

Mladen Curacovic—Visual and Performing Arts; Albertus Magnus College Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Lauren Kras—Business Administration and Management; Albertus Magnus College Office of Admission

Maribel Rayas—Business Administration and Management; City of New Haven Department of Finance

Katelin Teel—Psychology; Department of Children and Families

Diana Velez—Biology and Chemistry; Northeast Alliance at UCONN Summer Research Program

Leanna Weisslender—Communications; CoxRadio CT—WEZN/WPLR/WYBC and WTNH News Channel

Magic Moments



Events in March

In what the New Haven Register described as a “miraculous” win, the Albertus Magnus men’s basketball team won its first ever NCAA Division III tournament game on March 5. The opponent: William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, a team ranked seventh in the nation. Sophomore Byron Reaves made a half-court shot at the buzzer to give the Falcons a 57–55 win. Albertus, this year’s Great Northeast Athletic Conference champion, lost its second-round game the next night to DeSales University.

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CLASS NOTES

1935 *75th Reunion June 12, 2010*

1936 *75th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1939

Rita Savarese Moule, Orange, CT, turned 91 in October; she has three sons, six granddaughters and six great-grandchildren. Every few months, she and classmates **Barbara Fitch Prokop** and **Effa Chestney Fisher** get together.

1940 *70th Reunion June 12, 2010*

1941 *70th Reunion June 11, 2011*

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Pearl Fattibene, Monroe, CT, missed her 65th Reunion last year because of a very serious fall on the first day of her vacation in Newport, Rhode Island. "It has been a very slow recovery because of my age," she writes.

1945 *65th Reunion June 12, 2010*

1946 *65th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1950 *60th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Assya Humesky Kardinalowska, Ann Arbor, MI, retired from teaching at the University of Michigan in 1998 and holds *emerita* status. She is still doing editorial work as copy editor for the Ukrainian Academy of Arts and Sciences in the United States, "Our Life" magazine of the Ukrainian Women's League of America and "The Ukrainian Historian" journal. She is the first vice-president of the Academy, head of its language, literature section and a member of the Shevchenko Scientific Society.

Jacqueline Noonan, Lexington, KY, notes that although she "retired" in 1999, she is still working. She sees children at heart clinics in Eastern Kentucky, teaches at the University of Kentucky, serves on several committees and continues to write and travel to other medical centers as a visiting professor. She also is the medical associate for Children's Hospice, and active in her parish as Eucharistic Minister.

Alice Doughan Van Wie, Branford, CT, retired from Yale University, where she was a research associate, in 2008.

1951 *60th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1952

Doris Savelle Breuler, Northford, CT, exhibits her paintings at the North Haven Art Guild and the Hamden Art League.

1955 *55th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Sr. Mary Augustine, O.P. (Edna May Conroy), Guilford, CT, is a Dominican cloistered nun. She is celebrating her golden jubilee of profession this year. The actual date was March 26; the celebration with family and friends is July 17.

Catherine Wilkinson Coburn, West Hartford, CT, "loves retirement" and volunteers as a tutor for GED testing. Her daughter Jenifer is now a professor at the Milwaukee College Medical School; Katy is the office manager for a fuel oil company; and Steven is a marketing manager for Pitney Bowes. She has three grandchildren.

Mary Menadier Cromwell, Glyndon, MD, has seven children and 10 "grands." Retired from doing custom wedding dress design, she is involved with church and family activities, gardening and sewing.

Ellen Phillips Wilson, Wallingford, CT, and Gary are retired. They have three children and six grandchildren. "We are fortunate to have them all close by," she notes. She retired in 2001 from the Connecticut State Department of Social Services as a field operations manager, and is a trustee and member of the parish council of her church, where she is an instructor for Confirmation and Holy Eucharist classes.

Barbara Saverese Wirkus, Kenilworth, NJ, reports that one of her four sons is deceased, as is her husband.

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 2009–2010 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, at alumni@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

She is a part-time tutor at Sylvan Learning Center and enjoys photography, gardening, writing and tap dancing; she also is a volunteer curator for two art galleries.

1956 *55th Reunion June 11, 2011*

Marion Vece Winkelman, New Haven, CT, reports that four of her grandchildren started first grade in September, "thus beginning the journey of a lifetime through the world of reading."

Joan Cuccaro Jahnige '59, a retired teacher in Lexington, Kentucky, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Kentucky World Language Association in September for her service to the World Language Teaching Profession locally, statewide, regionally and nationally.

"This honor," she says of her award, "truly belongs to those who instilled in me a love of Latin and a love of teaching it, in particular the one who started me on this path, Albertus alumna Jean McGrath Lukens." A member of the Class of 1951, Jean Lukens died December 15, 2009.

Jahnige, a Classics major at Albertus, received a master's degree in French from Fairfield University.

1960 *50th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Fran Wendt Meade, Southington, CT, will celebrate 49 years of marriage to Andy in August. They have 6 children and 21 grandchildren. She is involved with volunteer work, particularly in fundraising and events for the local Bradley Hospital Auxiliary.

Margaret "Peggy" Pelzer Ridarelli, Madison, CT, retired from teaching in 2001 after 37 years. She is a member of the Ct. Cookie Platoon, which bakes and sends cookies to service men and women. She and Tony have two daughters—one a special education teacher and one a music teacher—and two grandchildren: Jacob, 6, and Sarah, 3.

Patrice Barry Schmitt, Port Charlotte, FL, and Ed have four children and nine grandchildren. She plays competitive tennis in an over-50 league, tutors in a YMCA READS Program and enjoys mahjongg, Scrabble, reading and travel—especially celebrating her 70th birthday in Barcelona.

1961 *50th Reunion June 11, 2011*

Madeleine DiSanto Ferraz, Little Compton, RI, is retired and spends winters in Florida. She is very active in her local art group, which paints outdoors weekly at various scenic locations. She loves quilting and attending local and national quilting shows.

1962

Jane White Linsay, Hockessin, DE, retired last June after 32 years of teaching in elementary school. "The transition was not difficult at all," she notes. She and Ernie have six grandchildren and enjoy seeing them whenever they can.

Marsha Sangster Thompson, Pleasantville, NY, works at St. Vincent's Hospital in Harrison. This past fall she visited with **Joan Hanlon Moylan '54**, who lives in North Carolina. She also completed a weekend retreat in Washington, D.C., at the Basilica of the

Immaculate Conception with a church group from Bethlehem, Connecticut.

1964

Nancy Massa Katsaros, North Haven, CT, retired at the end of the 2009 school year after teaching French for 43 years at Hopkins School in New Haven. She traveled to France and Greece last year and now will dedicate more time to practicing the piano, brushing up on her Italian and German, and learning to speak conversational Greek.

1965 *45th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Nancy Wynne Benoit, Woonsocket, RI, serves as the part-time campus minister at Saint Raphael Academy, where she is "semi-retired" from teaching Spanish. She is board chair of the local Family Service agency and board vice-chair of the local non-profit housing corporation. Both sons are married.

Kathleen Gallagher, Haddam, CT, is a retired teacher. She enjoys genealogy, UConn basketball and swimming.

Patricia Degnan Sidas, Wilton, CT, is a commissioner for Connecticut to the Education Commission of the States, board member of the Connecticut Parent-Teachers Association, member of the Ridgefield Chorale, NY Lithuanian Choir and the Annunciation Parish Choir, and the Wilton Arts Center.

Dianne Nuccitelli Whalen, Westcliffe, CO, has four grown children and seven grandchildren. Retired, she has time for the land trust movement, hiking, horses and gardening.

1966 *45th Reunion June 11, 2011*

Eleanor Bellobuono Ubaldini, Middletown, CT, just retired from teaching at the local Mercy High School, but looks forward to volunteering by using her love of music. She sends "warmest wishes to the Class of 1966."

1969

Dennise Kilgore Howard, Reno, NV, continues to work as an elementary school librarian. She notes that her daughter Leanne is attending the University of Nevada Reno in the Honors Program, planning to major in English and French, and hopes to spend a year studying in France.

Barbara Chmielewski Ketterer, Piscataway, NJ, reports that her mom, Anna, died last November and her brother James died in February 2009. Her son Peter, a Navy lieutenant, married in October; son Michael works for Homeland Security. She is enjoying retirement.

Arlene Kosack, East Haven, CT, is retired after 30 years of teaching Spanish. She volunteers two days a week for Connecticut Hospice in Branford.

Karen Effinger Otto, Bowie, MD, helps care for her grandson, 4. She also is studying French after a trip last summer to France. She wants to go again, but the next time "with better French."

Linda Doyle Staneck, Cincinnati, OH, writes that family commitments kept her from attending her 40th Reunion in June, but she hopes that a "grand time was had by all." She and Joe are thrilled with their first grandchild, born last March to their daughter, Kimberly, and her husband, Tim. Their son, Joe, has moved back to Cincinnati, where he is a mental health specialist at Children's Hospital. Her mother, 94, lives next door. "Joe and I love being retired. It gives us the time to care for the oldest and youngest generations in our family, and travel a bit, too."

Dianne Pinderhughes '69, immediate past president of the American Political Science Association, delivered the plenary address at the Twenty-First World Congress of Political Science in Santiago, Chile, in July. The Congress is a meeting of the International Political Science Association, which convenes every three years. She was invited to discuss the Obama Presidency, and titled her lecture "The Obama Administration at Six Months: Change or Just Hope?" The Congress, which featured 600 panels during its five-day session, took place at the University of Chile and the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile. Theme of this year's Congress: "Global Discontent? Dilemmas of Change."

Pinderhughes is a professor of political science and of Africana studies at the University of Notre Dame. She received a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

1970 *40th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Carol Gose DeVine, Belmont, VT, is retired after 35 years at the Caedmon School in New York City, 26 as head of school. She is running a capital campaign for the Community Association of Mt. Holly, mentoring at a local elementary school, continuing as a member of the gay ministry committee at St. Augustine's—her old church in Brooklyn—and actively worked for Vermont Freedom to Marry in 2009. She and her college roommates get together at least once a year.

Carol Gillispie, West Haven, CT, continues working with blind persons. She is a past president and zone chair of the Branford Lions, member of the board of directors at Services for the Blind, CRIS (Connecticut Radio Information System, a radio reading service) and Library for the Blind of the Connecticut State Library. In October she participated in a fishing tournament for the blind conducted by several Lions Clubs in Nags Head, North Carolina.

Jane Utz Hamilton, Richmond, VA, retired from Verizon after 33 years, has started a second career as director of planned giving for the YMCA of Greater Richmond. She has two grandchildren, ages 3 and 1.

Lesley Hudson, Mableton, GA, proudly reports that her twin daughters, Caitlin and Whitney Johnson, age 17, are about to graduate from Whitefield Academy in Atlanta with high honors. Caitlin will pursue architectural engineering and Whitney will study elementary education.

Mary Jane Ford Kelsey, Branford, CT, has been married to Roger since 1971: they have two sons and one granddaughter. She is associate law librarian for technical services at the Lillian Goldman Law Library at the Yale Law School.

Barbara Frinder O'Donnell, Fairfax, VA, was named 2009 Volunteer of the Year for Wolf Trap Foundation for Performing Arts/Wolf Trap National Park. She and her husband, Brendan, a retired Navy captain, celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary on June 12. Her sons—Brendan, a USAF major; Sean, a USN lieutenant; and Daniel, an Army captain—are on active duty as military aviators and are serving in or just returned from Iraq, Bahrain and Afghanistan. "Please pray for all our military," she writes.

1971 *40th Reunion June 11, 2011*

Sr. Nancy Strillacci, ACSJ, Shelton, CT, sends word that she has been working with a priest and deacons at the Catholic Center in Bridgeport for a year and loves it. She says, "I work with men all day and go home to a house full of women. What a balance!"

Pat Wallace, New Haven, CT, became director of elderly services for the City of New Haven last summer. Her responsibility: to serve the needs and wants of the city's more than 14,000 seniors. She previously spent 28 years with the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Urban Affairs.

1974

Marge Galvin-Karr, Saulisbury, NC, supervising scientist of the Trace Metals Group-Analytical Laboratory at Duke Energy, in March received the Environment Sector Technology Award from the Electric Power Research Institute, along with two teammates.

1975 *35th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Mary Schaefer Badger, Spokane, WA, is a physician with Northside Internal Medicine and Holy Family Hospital, and fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Internists. She also teaches wilderness medicine courses for hiking and backpacking groups, serves as newsletter editor and web director for an outdoor club, and goes backpacking, snowshoeing, hiking and sea kayaking for fun.

Ann Curley, Manchester, CT, has been teaching elementary art for 12 years in the local public school system. Her daughter Kate will be graduating from the University of Rhode Island this May and Colleen is a sophomore at the University of Connecticut.

Judi Sullivan D'Agrosa, Huntington, NY, sends news about her daughters: Amy has a master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Michelle, a graduate of Cornell University, has returned from Madagascar where she was a Peace Corps volunteer; and Lindsay is a freshman pursuing a degree in art.

Geri Mancini, Guilford, CT, is in her 35th year as a photographer/graphic designer at Yale University Medical School. This spring her son, Lanzi, graduates from Vassar, and her daughter, Abby, graduates from high school. Last September, she and her husband, Don Butler, celebrated 28 years of marriage, and, she notes, are "looking forward to the next stage of our lives as empty nesters."

Sr. Gloria Petralia, Washington, MO, teaches at St. Francis Borgia Grade School. She is a member of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

1976 *35th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1979

Eileen Frailey Eder, Guilford, CT, was one of five artists participating in the Selected Members Group Show at the New Haven Paint & Clay Club in September. She also took part in the Shoreline Arts Trail 09 Open Studios Weekend in November.

1980 *30th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Mary Schiffer Jones, Hudson, OH, a cooking instructor, sends updates on her four sons: Brad just graduated from Ohio University and passed the CPA exam on the first try; Gordon will be graduating in June and sitting for the CPA exam; Jack is finishing his freshman year, also at Ohio University; and Patrick is still at home.

1981 *30th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1984

Nijole Ivanouskas Potts, Norwalk, CT, graduated from the University of Bridgeport's College of Naturopathic Medicine, fulfilling her dream of becoming a doctor. She hopes to open a practice this summer. She also is studying acupuncture.

1985 *25th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Marcia Ryan Grondin, Wellesley, MA, and John have two children: Jack, 13, and Ellie, 9. She will receive her second master's degree this spring, an MA from Boston College, and is involved with advocacy work in social justice issues, specifically human trafficking.

Joan Shea, Auburn, MA, is now self-employed, providing computer consultation and machine embroidery through Byte and Stitch Designs. She also is an adjunct faculty member at Becker College, teaching Technology and Society.

In Memoriam

Dr. Evelyn Garrity '48

former AMC faculty member (1960–1969) department chair (1999–2003), professor emerita of science; recipient of the 1990 Alumni of the Year Award, the College's Veritas Award for service in 2003, and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 2005. (See page 4)
February 7, 2010
Burlington, VT

Elizabeth McGarry Houlihan, R.N., '48

sister of Winifred McGarry Ross '45 and the late Mary McGarry McLoughlin, M.D., '42
February 22, 2010
Chestnut Hill, MA

Barbara Sweeney-Gosselin '49

February 2, 2010
Hamden, CT

G. Virginia Guidone Upton '51

former director of clinical research and development for Wyeth International (now Pfizer); recipient of the 1980 Alumna of the Year Award for Professional Achievement
January 14, 2010
Vero Beach, FL

Zofia Sywak '63

March 8, 2010
Pensacola, FL

Lezlie Ruggiero Darroch '81

February 8, 2010
Branford, CT

1986 *25th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1989

Dawn DeStefano Grady, Portland, CT, is working full-time as an advertising representative in the newly-created custom publication department at the Norwich Bulletin. She and her husband, Terry, are the parents of Brian, 12, and Daniel, 8.

1990 *20th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Carol Fears Flaumenhaft, Orange, CT, and Alan have four children. She is retired and is involved with charity work.

Traci-Marie Sweet Kasparian '92 has been named behavioral health director of Fallon Community Health Plan (FCHP), a nationally recognized, not-for-profit health care services organization in Worcester, Massachusetts. She is responsible for directing the administrative, clinical and fiscal programming for FCHP's Behavioral Health



Services to ensure that all regulatory and contractual requirements are met; she also will oversee the quality and access of both behavioral and physical health services in coordination with members' primary care physicians.

Kasparian received a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from California Southern University, a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Assumption College, and a bachelor's degree in sociology and psychology from Albertus.

Prior to joining FCHP, she served as director of operations and training for Catasys, Inc., a Los Angeles-based company providing integrated disease management and treatment services for individuals struggling with addiction. She has worked in behavioral health for almost 20 years as a treatment provider.

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Thoughts on Albertus

Giovanni (Gio) Duaqui '96

My class of 1996 will be celebrating our 15-year anniversary reunion next year. I can still remember all the great things we did for the College back then. I want my class to know why it's important for all of us to come back next year and attend our reunion on June 11, 2011. I think now is the best time for all of us to rally our class and reconnect with our fellow alumni, friends, professors and administrators at Albertus. I enjoy receiving the monthly e-newsletter and From the Hill, and seeing all the new changes that have occurred over the years at our College.

When I was at Albertus from 1993–1996, the College let me work between and after my classes with the maintenance crew. Together with some of my classmates, we would make sure the dorms and the gardens around and in front of Rosary Hall and Aquinas Hall were well kept. I always enjoyed hearing Sr. Charles Marie Brantl's comments about how beautiful the flowers were around the flag pole. The College hired me as a Resident Assistant and a College Tour Guide during those years, which helped me pay for my books and tuition. I was able to get my college degree in Business & Economics. Back then, I was putting myself through school and had to keep myself busy with side jobs to get a lot of things done. In addition to my classes, I led several campus organizations that have had an impact on my life today.

During my presidency of the Business Club, which had a focus on International Business, we had students from all over the world as members and officers of the club, and we had lunch meetings with members of business communities around the State. The guidance and support we received from Professor Nancy Fallon and Professor Clara Munson during those years gave us the foundation and confidence to keep going. Also, I think the classes I took in other subjects like sociology, religion and creative writing gave me a well-rounded education and prepared me to talk to anyone in the world with confidence. Mrs. Frattini, Sister Charles Marie, Dr. Yeaman and other professors made sure we knew the world that we would experience after Albertus in all its shapes and colors. Thank you.

The College was able to help me invite my aunt, Milagros Duaqui



Garcia, who passed away last year, to attend my graduation in 1996 with the help of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. My aunt, who raised me like a son in the Philippines, was very excited and grateful for all the support from the College. I was going to celebrate my graduation alone with no family members with me, but the College did not let that happen. The College gave me the biggest gift ever: my aunt was proud to see me, in person, receive my degree at Albertus.

My aunt was an amazing woman who always had a positive attitude and many great friends; she was a local politician and the first woman in my small town in the Philippines to be elected as a town chief. She made sure our town had a chapel, paved roads and clean surroundings. When I attended her funeral last year in the Philippines, the whole town was there. The

current governor, senators and mayor, other town officials, classmates and hundreds of townspeople walked right behind me and my family as we brought my aunt to her favorite chapel, town hall and all the way to her final resting place. I remember that during our conversations, she would always ask me about my Albertus family. One day, she reminded me to never forget where I came from and to never forget Albertus Magnus College, the college that provided the education that will guide me for the rest of my life.

As for me, I'm currently working with ITO Solutions, a leading IT equipment supplier to small, medium and large enterprise corporations as VP of Global Sales. My company's headquarters is in Signal Hill, California. Just like when I was at Albertus, I'm surrounded by many great friends; and I love being here in California. Next year I'm looking forward to traveling to Asia to meet some of my clients and potential clients, and to spend some quality time with my family in the Philippines.

May we continue to support, honor and reconnect with our College. Albertus gave us the confidence necessary to face today's ever closer world. Let's include Albertus Magnus College in our world!

Please feel free to e-mail me at giovanni_duaqui@yahoo.com or call me on my cell phone at 714-655-3497 to keep in touch.

Mary Farley Murphy, Northford, CT, has been appointed director of major gifts at St. Joseph College in West Hartford. She will lead the college's campaign, major gifts and annual fundraising efforts.

1991 *20th Reunion June 11, 2011*

Marlene Passaretti, Madison, CT, has a new job as an account executive—channel and partner enablement with Cordys, a company delivering technology and applications as a service through the Internet.

1993

Richard Freeth, Stamford, CT, is now a partner with the law firm of Silverman Sclar Shin & Byrne.

1995 *15th Reunion June 12, 2010*

John Simeone, Branford, CT, has been promoted to vice president of technical operations for the Western New England Region at Comcast. He previously served as senior director for technical operations.

1996 *15th Reunion June 11, 2011*

1999

John Spradlin, Guilford, CT, of Coldwell Banker Coast & Country, recently received the Coldwell Banker Quality Service Award. He has experience in residential and commercial construction as well as property development and management.

2000 *10th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Yvonne Temann, MSM, Bridgeport, CT, is with Career Resources, Inc., a division of the State of Connecticut Department of Labor.

2001 *10th Reunion June 11, 2011*

2002

Amy Fiebig Grant, Round Lake Beach, IL, became an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant in July 2009. She is now starting a private practice doing home visit lactation consultation and teaching breastfeeding classes.

2004

Corina Alvarezdelugo, Branford, CT, exhibited as a guest artist this spring at GalleryOne in Old Saybrook.

2005 *5th Reunion June 12, 2010*

Engna Caraccioli, Berlin, CT, has been named accountant/bookkeeper at Henry Raymond & Thompson, a full-service public accounting firm with offices in Hamden and South Windsor.

Junietsy De Marcos, New York, New York, is a digital media assistant at Bloomberg.

Geoffrey D'Alessandro, Thomaston, CT, is with the Arbella Insurance group. A member of the Waterbury Chamber of Commerce, he serves as an ambassador and is a board member of the Small Business Administration. He and his wife, Kathryn, have two daughters, Claire and Colette.

Knia Riles-Mathis, New Haven, CT, is self-employed. She and her husband have "two daughters, one dog and two cats." She is involved with the PTO and enjoys travel.

Terri Smith, MSM, MBA 2006, Bridgeport, CT, joined the staff of the Connecticut Post in February as customer services manager. The Post is a property of the Hearst Media Group.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Rosemary Whittaker Crowley, mother of Kate Crowley McNeill '80 and Patricia Crowley '83
December 28, 2009

Neil Franco, New Dimensions student
February 4, 2010

Jean Handley, pioneering business executive, co-founder of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas, and recipient of an AMC honorary degree, May 1988
January 26, 2010

Edward A. Lisi, father of Edward Lisi, AMC lecturer in business administration and management
March 27, 2010

Mary Muriel Magenheimer, mother of Elizabeth Magenheimer, nurse practitioner at AMC Health Services, and mother-in-law of AMC Professor Jeremiah Coffey
March 18, 2010

William Ruotolo, father of Patty Savinelli who was a member of the Office of Academic Affairs for many years
January 14, 2010

The Rev. Edward Schillebeeckx, O.P., Catholic theologian and writer, and recipient of an AMC honorary degree, January 1983
December 23, 2009

Picture yourself at Reunion 2010



Saturday, June 12

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From the Hill



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

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