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Upcoming Alumni Events

In celebration of the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, please join us for a presentation by Sr. Ruth Caspar, O.P., Ph.D.

A Legacy of Light *Fra Angelico and Thomas Aquinas: Facets of a Common Charism*

Formed in the spirit of the Order of Preachers, the artist Fra Angelico radiates aesthetic principles articulated by his brother Dominican St. Thomas Aquinas. His images and spirituality offer a perspective on Truth that is perennial, a living legacy of Light.

Sunday, January 29, 2006
2:00 p.m.

The Atrium of the Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology
Reception to follow

This event is free and open to all members of the Albertus Magnus College Community. To reserve your seat, contact the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events at 203-773-8502 or e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu.

Details on all the above events as well as our general event registration form are available on our web site at www.albertus.edu in the Alumni & Friends section.

The Annual Celebration of St. Patrick

*Join us for an evening of traditional Irish food,
music and spirit as we celebrate*

St. Patrick's Day
Saturday, March 11, 2006
6:30–10:30 p.m.

Traditional Irish Buffet Dinner and live music
by Billy Donaldson's Celtic Kick
Cost: \$27.00 per person.

Reservations for tables of 10 must be made through the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events by calling 203-773-8502 or via e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu. Reservation deadline: March 3, 2006.

AMC in NYC

Alumni Cocktail Reception
Yale Club of New York City
50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY
Thursday, April 20, 2006
5:30–7:30 p.m.

There is no charge for this event for alumni and their guests. To make your reservation, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events at 203-773-8502 or via e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu.

New Alumni Directory Under Way at Albertus Magnus College

In an effort to bring alumni from around the globe back together, we are happy to announce the publication of an all-new Alumni Directory.

Scheduled for release in the winter of 2006/2007, our Alumni Directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference of more than 7,000 Albertus Magnus College grads ever compiled. This comprehensive volume will include current name and name when a student (if different) as well as class year(s) and degree(s) earned from Albertus Magnus College. Each biographical listing will also include home address and phone number, names of spouse and children, in addition to detailed professional information.

The new 2006/2007 edition will list alumni alphabetically with the information outlined above, by class year, by geographic location and by occupation in our special career networking section.

The Alumni Office has chosen Harris Connect to produce this special edition. Harris will soon begin researching and compiling the data to be included in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumnus/a. Please be sure to fill it out and return it as soon as you receive it. (If we don't have your current address, please contact the Alumni Office as soon as possible so we can make sure you receive a directory questionnaire.)

With your participation, the 2006/2007 edition of the Albertus Magnus College Alumni Directory is sure to be a great success. Look for more details on the project in future issues of *From the Hill* and @lbertus—the e-mail newsletter for alumni.

It's time to make plans for Reunion 2006

**Saturday, June 10—
Highlighting classes ending in 1 & 6**

Visit www.albertus.edu to view

- lists of lost classmates
- available hotels in the area
- event details

*Call you classmates and gather your family—
make plans to return to alma mater this June.*

Freeth Appointed Alumni Trustee

Richard Freeth '93, Stamford, CT, has been appointed to the College's Board of Trustees for a three-year term as Alumni Trustee.

An English major at Albertus, Freeth received a JD from the University of Miami School of Law in 1999. He is a senior associate at the Stamford office of the New York City law firm of Winget, Spadafora & Schwartzberg, L.L.P.

Freeth is admitted to practice in New York and Connecticut, and to the U.S. Federal Courts in those states. In his personal time, he is a songwriter, singer and guitarist.

The Board of Trustees also has appointed Alyce Tuttle Fuller '68 to a second three-year term as Alumni Trustee.



AMC Alumni Association Participates in Open House 2005



Each year, the Office of Admission hosts an Open House for prospective students and their families. This year, the Alumni Association had a table in the Department Exhibit segment of the event. The display featured vintage AMC items such as a dance card from the 1951 prom; various yearbooks and class banners; a student handbook from the 1933–34 academic year; and a gown and hood from 1929. Also included were maps of Connecticut and the world with pins showing locations of AMC alumni, and a power point presentation of event photos from the past few years. Members of the Alumni Association Board of Governors greeted students and their parents and gave out a list of careers and jobs alumni hold. Prospective students also received an AMC Frisbee.



Carolyn Behan '86

Nominations Sought for the Alumni of the Year Awards

The Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the Alumni of the Year Awards for Loyalty and Service to the College, Outstanding Professional Achievement and dedication to Humanitarian/Community Service. Nominations may be submitted via the form below or visit the Albertus web page at www.albertus.edu and go to the Alumni & Friends section. See list of past recipients, page 11 of this issue. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Albertus Magnus College Alumni of the Year—Nomination Form

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

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

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

Nominee's Name: _____ Class: _____

Reasons for Consideration: _____

Biographical Information: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____ Class: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number (Days): _____ Phone Number (Evenings): _____

Date Submitted: _____

Return this form by April 15 to:
 Albertus Magnus College, Alumni of the Year Awards Committee, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511-1189

Behan Retires as Chairman of the Board, Receives Honorary Albertus Degree



After more than 24 years of dedicated service on the College's Board of Trustees, including 13 as chairman, Robert F. Behan stepped down from this position at the September Board meeting. He will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and the executive committee.

Behan, a retired banker, is a graduate of Yale University. His wife, Patricia Sanders Behan, graduated from the College in 1955; his daughter, Carolyn Behan, in 1986; and his mother-in-law, the late Eleanor Goode Sanders, in 1929.

President Julia M. McNamara presented him with a Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa*. The citation said, in part:

"...Through your wise and thoughtful leadership, you have enabled the members of the Board to exercise their significant fiduciary responsibilities with confidence and enthusiasm. Your often-stated belief in the noble mission and purposes of this insti-

tution of higher education have encouraged and fortified all members of the Albertus community even as the College underwent dramatic growth and change over the years. Indeed, your own entrepreneurial spirit challenged the College to grow and to evolve through a serious commitment to institutional advancement in adult and continuing education throughout Connecticut. In consideration of the College's future, you have been a champion of our continuing commitment to the Strategic Plan 2003-2008.

"Robert F. Behan, through your vibrant volunteer service and your personal response to the duty of care, you are an exemplar of the spirit of those valiant persons who founded Albertus Magnus College eighty years ago..."

Crespo Elected Board Chairman

Joseph R. Crespo, a trustee of the College since 2003, was elected chairman at the September meeting, succeeding Robert F. Behan. Crespo was chairman, president and chief executive officer of Connecticut Energy Corporation, The Southern Connecticut Gas Company and its three non-utility subsidiaries from 1989 to 2000.

He previously was managing partner for utility regulatory and advisory services at Coopers & Lybrand in New York City and president and chief executive officer for Ebasco Business Company, also in New York City.

New Director of Campus Ministry

Sr. Patricia Thomas, O.P., joined the Albertus Community in September as director of campus ministry. She comes to the College after eight years at the University of Notre Dame where she served as rector of one of the undergraduate student residences. Her work there also included participation on committees considering connections between academic and residential student life.

Prior to her years at Notre Dame, Sr. Pat was the principal of St. Rita School in Hamden, Connecticut, and served in administration and on the faculty of schools in New York and Ohio.

She received a bachelor's degree from Ohio Dominican University and master's degrees from both The Aquinas Institute of Theology (Pastoral Studies) and the University of Notre Dame (English). During this academic year, she plans to complete required courses as preparation for study in The Aquinas Institute's on-line doctoral program in preaching.

Sr. Gilmary McCabe, O.P., who provided many campus ministry activities during the past several years in addition to other responsibilities in academic advising, will now concentrate on academic advising.

Albertus Community Lends a Helping Hand to the Needy

In the spirit of helping the less fortunate, the Albertus Community is responding to two special collections. The annual holiday food drive for canned goods and non-perishable food items, sponsored by the Office of Career Services, benefits the Connecticut Food Bank. The Office of Campus Ministry is sponsoring a collection of storybooks to be given to children from pre-K to grade eight at St. Peter School in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Hurricane Katrina destroyed most of the school and its classroom libraries. Books collected for St. Peter's will be delivered to Pascagoula early in January.



Candlelight Ceremony

In a ceremony as old as the College itself, seniors on September 14 passed to freshmen the light of knowledge in the atrium of the new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology. Dr. Sean O'Connell, acting academic dean, noted that "By the exchange of light, we recognize that truth is a gift which we have a responsibility to share, we recognize that discovering the truth requires our preparation and attention, and we recognize how dependent we are on one another to grow in our knowledge and understanding. By the exchange of light, we also acknowledge the reality of darkness, that the truths we possess are partial, and that our quest for truth requires that we always be open to new insight and be unafraid to question...."

Quick Notes:



Sr. Nancy Murray, O.P., brought her one-woman performance as St. Catherine of Siena to a packed Behan Community Room on November 15. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends quickly “rebound” from the 21st century to the 14th, to follow Sr. Nancy’s vivid and dramatic “recollections” of the life of St. Catherine. Sr. Nancy, the sister of actor Bill Murray, finds the 14th century Dominican lay woman a compelling figure of her day who is relevant in our times.

- Albertus is one of 12 public and private Connecticut colleges and universities participating in an innovative cost-saving electronic portfolio project under a three-year \$389,000 grant the Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium received from the Davis Educational Foundation. The funding supports the partner institutions as they expand electronic portfolio platforms in the areas of assessment, orientation to college, advising and career counseling. The Davis Educational Foundation was established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after his retirement as chairman of Shaw’s Supermarkets, Inc.
- Brother Rick Curry, S.J., internationally acclaimed founder of The National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped, received the New York Post Liberty Medal for Lifetime Achievement in September. Albertus honored Brother Curry with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at Commencement 2003. He also has been a guest speaker for student programs at the College.
- Dr. Walter W. Woodward, Connecticut State Historian and assistant professor of history at the University of Connecticut, last month gave a noon lecture open to the Albertus Community on “Alchemy in Seventeenth Century Connecticut.” His book, “Prospero’s America: John Winthrop, Jr., Alchemy and the Creation of New England Culture, 1606–1676,” is being published by the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture and the University of North Carolina Press.
- Dr. Rose Quiello, lecturer in English and humanities at the College, led a discussion in September at the Scranton Library in Guilford, Connecticut, on “Waiting for Snow in Havana” by Carlos Eire, the 2003 National Book Award winner for non-fiction. The talk was part of the One Book/One Town program, which creates a dialogue among townspeople about a work of literature. She is a frequent discussion leader at R.J. Julia Booksellers in Madison.
- “Joyce, Vico and National Narrative,” an essay written by Dr. Paul Robichaud, assistant professor of English and director of the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program, appeared in the latest issue of the James Joyce Quarterly. This international journal publishes the best of contemporary Joyce scholarship.



Members of the Albertus Community gathered November 15, the Feast of St. Albert, for the blessing of the caryatid statue of Albert at the entryway to the new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology. Anne Crellin Seggerman '53, at left—donor of the statue in memory of her husband, Harry G. A. Seggerman—and President Julia M. McNamara used pine boughs in honor of Albert’s love of nature and all things natural to sprinkle holy water on the statue. Sr. Patricia Thomas, O.P., led the blessing: “Almighty God, we celebrate the feast of Albert the Great. You gave Albert special grace to understand and teach the truth. May this statue we bless today be our reminder that the search for truth continues and we are the inheritors of Albert’s legacy.”



On Saturday, September 10, members of the Albertus Community gathered for the formal opening of the new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology. The evening began with the Celebration of the Eucharist by Rev. William Holt, O.P., and reflections on St. Albert by Dr. Kathleen Cannon, O.P. A reception followed in the Atrium and Courtyard of the building. Some of the Trustees of the College attending the event were, left to right, Sr. Anne Kilbride, O.P., Robert Leeney, Dr. Lynne Farrell '60, Ellin Mulholland '51, Albert Ridinger, E. Cortright Phillips, Joan Edwards Sacco '59, Joseph Crespo, Honorable Ellen Bree Burns '44S, Deacon Kenneth Ryan, Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, O.P., and Robert Behan.

FALL SPORTS

Check out schedules for winter



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SPORTS 2005

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CLASS NOTES

1931 *75th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1936 *70th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1941 *65th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1946 *60th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1951 *55th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1956 *50th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1957

Tish Mullan Burnham, Austin, TX, retired from teaching at The University of Texas in May. She is still active professionally, however, and will be working on a book project over the next few years. Her third grandchild—first boy—arrived recently.

1958

Elizabeth Tringali Rosano, Portland, CT, has been retired from teaching in the Middletown public school system since 1995; her husband, Joe, retired from the same system in 1994. They have three children and four grandchildren.

1961 *45th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1962

Anne Sullivan Ross Fowler, Port Charlotte, FL, is back-to-school, studying for a master's in pastoral theology from Barry University at the Blessed Edmund Rice School, and "loving it."

Catherine Koletsky, Cambridge, MA, sends word that she has a new grandniece, Zoe Koletsky Graizzaro, born in September.

1964

Beverly Dugas, Trumbull, CT, took a two-week tour of Turkey this past summer with her sister. "To see the ruins and caves made ancient history come alive for us," she writes.

All Saints Day

On November 1, 75 alumni attended the annual Alumni Luncheon following the All Saints Day Liturgy. Promoter of Dominican Charism Sr. Mary Joel Campbell, O.P., was the guest speaker. She focused on the Dominican mission—to contemplate and to give to others the fruits of contemplation—and its importance in building community.

1965

Ellen McNamara Funck, Riverside, CT, was elected to the board of trustees of The Historical Society of the Town of Greenwich at its annual meeting in September. She also is on the board of the Greenwich Adult Day Care Center.

1966 *40th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1969

Christine Galvin Pruchnicki, Wolcott, CT, is retired from banking, working two days a week. Her husband, Ed, retired three years ago; Dana, 31, and Andrew, 28, are college grads with their own careers. She and Ed plan lots of travel for the next few years.

1970

Sherry Eichorn, Washington, D.C., has been appointed principal of Beers Elementary School in Washington.

Janet Nowakowski Gold, Eliot, ME, associate professor in the department of languages, literatures and cultures at the University of New Hampshire, sends word that her latest book, "Sagatara Mio," was recently published in El Salvador by the Museo de la Palabra y la Imagen. It is the story of the friendship and love affair between the Salvadoran writer and artist Salvador Salazar Arrué (Salarrué) and Leonora Nichols of New York, told through their poetry and letters.

1971 *35th Reunion June 10, 2006*

Silvestre Receives Filmmaking Award

The North Carolina School of the Arts honored Sandra Silvestre '71, Richmond, VA, with its Teaching Award in Filmmaking at its May commencement exercises. She is a secondary school teacher, library media specialist and instructor of video journalism / TV production / international film for the international baccalaureate program at Meadowbrook High School in Richmond.

Silvestre has been a secondary school teacher for 32 years. She taught for nine years at the Branford (CT) Intermediate School and now for 23 years at Meadowbrook. Her honors include the Branford Teacher Excellence Award in 1978, Meadowbrook Teacher of the Year in 1982, 1986 and 2001; and Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year in 2000. She received a master's degree in liberal studies from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, and a master's of education in media supervision from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

The School of the Arts has honored teachers from across the state and region since 1991. It is one of the 16 campuses of the University of North Carolina and is recognized internationally as an arts conservatory.

Alumni Attend Opening of New Academic Center



Victoria Jaras '99, Jim Schafrick '97, AMC director of purchasing, and Shawn Anderson, associate dean for student services



Faith Augur McCarthy '49 and Robert McCarthy



Verica Milivojevic '04, center, and friends check out the Atrium's water wall



Kay Colleran '44F, Rita Savarese Moule '39 and Barbara Fitch Prokop '39

1974

Susan Peters Crawford, Dallas, TX, an attorney and counselor with a Dallas law firm, reports that her oldest son, Tyson, Yale '05, is with Credit Suisse in New York City, and that twins Eliza and Rory are in college, at Yale and Tufts, respectively.

1975

Barbara Wardlaw Tinney, New Haven, CT, executive director of New Haven Family Alliance, received a Community Service Award from the Greater New Haven Business and Professional Association, which advocates for equal access to economic opportunity for women and minorities, at its annual awards dinner in October.

1976 *30th Reunion June 10, 2006*

1978

Patricia Epperly, Framingham, MA, reports several recent wedding anniversaries among classmates: **Yvonne Doyon Petrin's** 25th celebration in August; **Laura Spinney Epperly's** 25th, also in August; **Jean Dennison's** 5th in September; and her own 20th in May.

1979

Eileen Eder, Guilford, CT, participated in an exhibition by the New Haven Paint and Clay Club, one of the country's oldest art clubs, in September.

Elizabeth Greene Aiello Gregg, Mars Hill, NC, lived in New York City for a dozen years after graduation. She appeared in national tours of "Les Miz," "Pump Boys and Dinettes," and other shows. She and her husband, Bill Gregg, have three children, and she continues to act and sing regionally and with his Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre (SART) on the campus of Mars Hill College, and to do on-camera commercials and voiceovers.

McDonald Directs Executive Service Corps

Elaine McDonald '72 of Middletown, CT, a former executive with Aetna, has been named regional director of the National Executive Service Corps (NESC) of Central Connecticut. NESC is a nonprofit management consulting organization of experienced executives and professionals who volunteer their time to serve clients in the not-for-profit and public sectors.

McDonald was with Aetna for 28 years, most recently as president and chief executive officer of an insurance subsidiary focused on international markets. After leaving Aetna, she founded The McDonald Group, a consulting firm. She joined NESC as a consultant in 2003 and was named to the group's management committee in 2004.

McDonald holds a certificate in French language studies from CLE, Tours, France.

Kim Mancuso, Ashfield, MA, directed the September premiere of "N Bonaparte" at the Boston Center for the Arts Plaza Theatre. The production will be on tour to La Mama E.T.C. in New York City in October 2006.

1981 *25th Reunion June 10, 2006*

Alison Berti Kodz, Torrington, CT, started a new Italian language program at the 1,000-student North-western Regional School this past fall. She was an Italian and Spanish major at AMC and spent her junior year at the University of Florence.



Sheila Pepe, Brooklyn, NY, showed her installation piece "Tunnel" at the Jersey City Museum of Art this fall. Made of metallic thread, crocheted shoelaces and nautical towline, "Tunnel" honors an uncle who worked as a laborer on the construction of the Holland Tunnel and an aunt who was a garment worker in Manhattan.

1982

Andrew Yelenak, North Haven, CT, a freelance illustrator, has completed a 20-by-6 foot mural for the Wallingford VFW Post 591 that depicts all the wars the United States fought in during the 20th century. Research and painting for the project took eight years. He was the artist for many Boston, New York and Hartford marathon posters.

1983

Maribeth Piscitelli, Pembroke Pines, FL, after many years in telecommunications, Internet and high tech industries, is now human resources director for Becker & Poliakoff, one of the 15 largest law firms in southern Florida.

1984

Pina Palma, Woodbridge, CT, will have her book, "Savoring Power: Metaphor of Food in Medieval and Renaissance Text," published in 2006 by the University

Janet Wozenski '68

PROFILE

The road to Abidjan, a port city in the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire, has been a circuitous route for Janet Wozenski.

At Albertus, this biology major, who once considered a career in medicine, found that she was inspired most by the professional women of the faculty. "I still remember Sr. Mary Urban's vivid description of her Ph.D. defense at Yale," she says.

After graduation she worked as a lab assistant in the physiology department at Yale Medical School. Her peripatetic life began when she headed to the west coast for graduate school at Oregon State University, earning a master's degree in food science and a Ph.D. in nutrition and biochemistry. She also has a master's in education from the College of New Jersey through a distance education program.

A registered dietitian, Wozenski moved back east to the University of New Hampshire, where she taught nutrition and dietetics for a year.

Wozenski has been in Africa since 1978—mostly in Cote d'Ivoire, but two years in Cameroon and when her husband, a director at the African Development Bank, was the regional representative in Zimbabwe for three years, she traveled back and forth from Abidjan. Her focus always has been on primary health care and education. In Abidjan, she's worked as a pediatric dietitian, instructor in food safety and dietetics at a professional hotel training school and teacher of math and information technology at the International Community School.

Today, Wozenski is director of student services at the International University of Grand-Bassam. "This is a start-up university," she explains. "It's an outgrowth of a decade-long partnership between the government of Cote d'Ivoire and Georgia State University."

The International University of Grand-Bassam is based on an American model and all classes are in English. Part of its mission is to promote cross-cultural understanding, intercultural dialogue and principles of non-violence, peace and conflict resolution.

"The most challenging projects here are the same as the most rewarding," she notes. "They always involve people and learning. Figuring out how best to share cultures is layered on academic progress."

One of Wozenski's newest involvements has brought her back to Albertus—via e-mail. She participates in ACAN, the Albertus Career Advising Network, sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Albertus Alumni Association. She helps mentor undergraduates in the program by responding to their questions about health care careers and opportunities abroad.

After nearly 30 years in Africa, Wozenski strongly believes that to learn about ourselves, "we must get to know people who are different from us. We need to walk in their shoes, feel their pain and share our own."

"Africa is an example of a frontier, a place where individuals can make a difference. The Fund for Peace in July of this year labeled Cote d'Ivoire as the most fragile and dangerous country in the world. We should approach this as a potential for action, not as a lost cause."



of Notre Dame. She has been teaching Italian at Southern Connecticut State University for the past eight years.

1986 *20th Reunion June 10, 2006*

Carolyn Behan, Cheshire, CT, and Marty Kraus were married on September 23. Many Albertus classmates and friends attended the festivities held at the Owenego Inn in Branford. After a honeymoon in California wine country, they visited with Behan's great aunt, **Mary Goode Rogan '36**, in Laguna Beach before returning home.

1988

Karen Yarussi-Mello, Fishkill, NY, works for Limited Brands as the regulatory compliance manager for the Victoria's Secret brand. She celebrated her 10th wedding anniversary in September, is in her second term as president of the Junior League of Poughkeepsie and has two sons—Jared and Julian.

1989

Curt Brantl has been promoted to vice president and general manager for Xerox North America, responsible

for half of the major account orders, billings, inquiries and collections and overseeing a staff of 362 people. He and his wife, **Judy Toussaint '88**, and their three children will be relocating to Chicago from Pittsford, NY.

Alumni Coaches

In September the New Haven Register did a story on the College's two alumni coaches:

Jim Bernardo '97 and **Dan O'Connor '00**. Bernardo took over the men's soccer program this year from long-time coach George Bedocs, now athletic director at Sacred Heart Academy. O'Connor is in his third year as coach of the women's soccer team. Both Bernard and O'Connor played for Bedocs and were members of the Albertus Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship team in 1996.

Prospect Hill Society

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

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know. We will list you as a Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College's 2005-2006 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or 203-773-8502.

Key to Abbreviations

CE Undergraduate Accelerated Degree Program/Continuing Education

ND Undergraduate New Dimensions Program

MA-LS Master of Arts in Liberal Studies

MA-AT Master of Arts in Art Therapy

MSM Master of Science in Management

MBA Master of Business Administration

Send Us Your News

New job, promotion or advanced degree? Relocating? New baby or grandchild? Let us know, and we'll get the word out to your classmates and Albertus friends through Class Notes. It's easy; just send your news to alumni@albertus.edu; fax to 203-785-8652; or mail to Alumni Office, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT, 06511.

CLASS NOTES

Festival Features Screenplay by Alumnus

"A Very Good Year," a screenplay written by **Matthew Quinn Martin '95**, New York, NY, had a reading at the 10th Anniversary Festival of Film Fest New Haven in September. The story is about the unlikely friendship of an old Mafia hitman and a young African-American blues guitarist.

Carlos Armesto—a winner of the 2005 Princess Grace Awards, which assist artists with their training, and a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University with a master's degree in directing—directed the reading. It featured Dan Lauria, film and television actor and director, and ten other New York and local actors.

In April, Martin's feature film, "Slingshot," which starred David Arquette, Thora Birch, Julianna Margulies, Balthazar Getty and Joely Fisher, had its premiere at the TriBeCa Film Festival in New York City.

Lora-Ann Chiginsky, London, England, has joined Nikko Asset Management as director of business development for Europe. She formerly was associate director of international business development at Wellington Management International in London.

1991 15th Reunion June 10, 2006

1994

Tabitha Wazorko Manafort, Plainville, CT, sends word that Justin Alexander Manafort, Jr., was born on September 8: 7 lbs., 6 oz. and 19 inches long. All are happy and healthy.

1996 10th Reunion June 10, 2006

Erik Sundgaard, CE, Hamden, CT, had a exhibition of his work at a two-man show in July at the MaryLou Fischer Gallery in Guilford. He studied at the Paier School of Art and received a master of science degree from the University of New Haven. He has exhibited his work in New York.

2000

Wendy Coleman Bernardo, North Haven, CT, and her husband, Jim Bernardo '97, men's soccer coach at AMC, announce the arrival of a son, Ryan David.

Magazine Carries Profile on AMC grad Amie Keddy

The magazine of The Bement School, Deerfield, MA, recently carried a faculty profile on **Amie Keddy '95**, upper school English and fine arts teacher. She joined the school in 2002 as a dorm parent: "It felt to her like the right environment for her writing and for mentoring...young female boarders." She soon took on other duties, serving as a librarian in the lower school and tutoring in math, all while writing poetry for her own graduate program. The profile noted: "Nothing interests her more than a student who appears reluctant or disinterested but suddenly comes alive and contributes to classroom dialogue.... Amie is an inspired teacher who seems to increase her capacity for cultivating creativity almost daily...."

Keddy received the M.Ed degree from Cambridge College and M.F.A. from Bennington College.

2001 5th Reunion June 10, 2006

Nanicka Ingram, CE, New Haven, CT, has been appointed associate director of admissions and director of multicultural recruitment at Quinnipiac University. She has a master's degree in counseling from the University of Bridgeport.

2003

Robyn Wolman, ND, Waterford, CT, is a partner in R & L Productions LLC, a new event management company in East Lyme.

2004

Peter Helmus, ND, New Milford, CT, is director of ASML-Optics, a strategic business of ASML, located in the Netherlands.

Justin Ignatowski, MSM, Milford, CT, is the owner of Abacus Accounting Services, a tax and accounting firm specializing in individual, commercial and non-profit clients, and an adjunct professor at the University of New Haven and Housatonic Community College. He and his wife, Tammy, have four children.

Alumna Aids Rescue

When disasters strike, ham radio operators like **Betsey Lombardi Doane '68** can become part of a long-distance team of rescuers.

In the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Doane, blind since birth, was using her computer speech program to navigate the Web when she came upon a plea for help from a mother in Virginia who was trying to contact her daughter in New Orleans. The daughter was trapped in a house flooded with 10 feet of water; her phone lines were down and her cell phone no longer worked. Doane—who has been a ham radio operator, along with her twin sister, **Barbara Lombardi '68**, since 1958—relayed the message to the American Relay Radio League, which forwarded it to New Orleans. The woman was later rescued.

Helping people in emergencies is nothing new to Doane, a retired professor of math and computer science. She has used her radio to connect earthquake survivors to their families.

"When all else fails, radios work," says Doane. "Amateur radio really is a national resource."

In Memoriam

Eileen Clarke Creighton '35
February 17, 2005
Clearwater, FL

Mary Connolly Redgate '40
June 30, 2005
Bridgeport, CT

Frances Maisano '44S
October 2, 2005
Hamden, CT

Grace Zeidenberg Postman '45
West Haven, CT

Ruth Clouet Hodges '47
October 2, 2005
Spotsylvania, PA

Nancy Heery '48
October 23, 2005
North Haven, CT

Joan Tull Cappucci '57
October 22, 2005
Skillman, NJ

Barbara Klimeck Williams '59
January 27, 2005
Springfield, VA

Edith Davis '78
August 6, 2005
Hamden, CT

Jean Wright MacRae '80
August 23, 2005
Orange, CT

Helen Kolakowski Ciresi '82
September 6, 2005
Hamden, CT

Lora Allshouse '00 AS (ND)
April 28, 2005
North Hollywood, CA

Melissa Adair-Carmen '03 AS (ND)
October 23, 2005
Wallingford, CT

Election Results

If you were elected to a local or state office in November, please let us know. Send your name, location and position to alumni@albertus.edu, to the Alumni Office at Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511 or call us at 203-773-8502.

The April issue of this publication will carry a list of those elected.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Paul Braun, brother of Ann Braun Bevak '56
September 5, 2005

William J. Coughlin,
brother of Anne Coughlin Riordan '48
January 29, 2005

Richard Francis, husband of Jane Flynn Francis '53
July 5, 2005

Rita Grecco, mother of Nancy Grecco Sudhoff '94CE
September 7, 2005

Joan Yutenkas Hott,
sister of Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski '67
September 4, 2005

Sr. Mary Andrew Matesich, O.P., former president of Ohio Dominican University, sister of Margaret (Gigi) Matesich Gruenke '62, and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at AMC in 2000.
June 15, 2005

Stephen Michael Menosky,
son of Eleanor Follett Menosky '65
October 18, 2004

Gloria T. Moore, mother of Flo Moore-Mack '77
August 17, 2005

The Honorable Constance Baker Motley,
federal judge and civil rights leader, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from AMC in 1976
September 27, 2005

Carmel Ricciardi, mother-in-law of Patricia Savinelli, administrative assistant in the Office of Academic Affairs
October 30, 2005

Albert Scheppy, husband of Anna Scheppy '82 (AA)
November 2005

Remembering My Hero and Friend—Rosa Parks

Dr. Tomoko Takahashi '77, a member of the College's Board of Trustees and dean of the Graduate School of Soka University of America, for several years has been the official translator of works by civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks into Japanese. In the following piece for From the Hill, she reflects on her relationship with Mrs. Parks.

On the evening of October 24, 2005, with the deepest sadness, I learned of Rosa Parks's passing. She was 92.

Many people started calling me, sending me e-mails, knowing that I was her close friend and the translator of her books. I cannot describe the sorrow I felt. And still feel.

Two and one-half years before, in February 2003, I saw her for the last time. It was at her 90th birthday celebration. She was beautiful.

I started looking at my photo albums. There, I found a number of photos of Mrs. Parks and myself taken at numerous occasions—starting with the ones of her meeting with our students at Soka University in December 1992; those of her meeting the founder of Soka University in January 1993 at our Calabasas campus; and the photos from the trip we took to Japan in May 1994. And many more...

I remembered the day I stopped by the house in Los Angeles where Mrs. Parks was staying for the winter—it was on February 4, 1997. Her personal assistant and closest friend, Elaine Steele, had called me earlier to invite me to join her in the celebration of Mrs. Parks's birthday.

On my way home from work on that day, I went to see her. I had visited that house so many times that I felt comfortable enough to walk in and start looking for Mrs. Parks. And I found her...in the kitchen. She was slicing tomatoes. She looked up and said, "Hi, Tomoko!" with a big smile. I will never forget that moment for the rest of my life.

In June 1999, at her request, I attended the Congressional Gold Medal Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C., where Mrs. Parks was honored for her civil rights contributions. After her passing, she became the first woman to lie in honor in the Capitol Rotunda.

On June 15, 1999, I sat in my seat in the Capitol Rotunda. People started to fill the place and eventually the Rotunda became packed with members of the Congress, Mrs. Parks's friends and relatives, and a number of prominent figures, including Colin Powell, Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young, Martin Luther King III, among others.

In the crowded Rotunda, we all waited patiently for the ceremony to begin. Finally, President Clinton and other main guests walked in. Soon Mrs. Parks entered the center stage. Everyone applauded her enthusiastically and the applause continued for several minutes, and it looked like it was going to last forever.

As I watched Mrs. Parks being praised by President Clinton and members of the Congress as 'the Founding Mother,' 'a person of quiet strength,' and 'a true hero,' I was struck by Mrs. Parks's humility and calmness. It was clear that she did not regard herself as a national figure or as a celebrity, but rather, as the symbolic representation for all the brave women and men who had participated in the Montgomery Bus Boycott...many of whom Mrs. Parks had personally invited to attend the ceremony.

After the ceremony, I saw Mrs. Parks in person. She welcomed me with a big smile. She said to me, "Tomoko! You came. I'm so glad." She looked like a grandma welcoming her granddaughter. In that moment, I felt I was the most fortunate person on earth to have known, loved and been loved by such a wonderful human being like Mrs. Parks.

I have so many wonderful memories of Rosa Parks. I learned so much from her. She was my friend, and will be in my heart forever.



Previous Alumni of the Year Award Recipients

1953	Evelyn Sturmer '42
1954	Lucille Esposito Amore '38
1955	Elizabeth McKeon '37
1956	Phyllis Mays Stock '53
1957	Jean Venditti Leary '34
1958	Gertrude Sternchuss Leblond '28 (Overlap due to Reunion being moved from the fall to the spring)
1959	Margaret McCaffrey '43 (Evening)
1960	Mary Kennedy Flood '40
1961	Eileen O'Neill '37
1962	Eileen Donnelly Hickey '53
1963	Estelle McCullough McDonough '33
1964	Natalie Connor Dick '29
1965	Sister Francis de Sales (Anne Heffernan) '35
1966	Mary Goode Rogan '36
1967	Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler '53
1968	Eleanor R. Devine '40 (C-I) Mary A. Wrenn '46 (C-II)
1969	Josephine P. Bree (Honorary Alumna)
1970	Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo '56 (C-I) Sister Joan Delaney '52 (C-II)
1971	Marion Tubridy Kennedy '31 (C-I) Ellen Bree Burns '44S (C-II)
1972	Eleanor V. Jordan '35 (C-I) Anne S. Kelley '53 (C-I) JoAnne Kiely Kulawiz '56 (C-II)
1973	Jane McKeon Maloney '35 (C-I) Dorothy Murphy Brown '37 (C-I) Margaret Mary Burns Clancy '57 (C-I) Clare Coughlan Sullivan '60 (C-I)
1974	Justine Horrigan Hamp '29 (C-I) Jeanne Kay Wolf '49 (C-II)
1975	Mary Ellen Murphy Mininberg '49 (C-I) Frances McCormick King '43 (C-I)
1976	Elizabeth Hurley Candels '48 (C-I) Vivian Rogers McCoy '41 (C-II)
1977	Margaret Allman '42 (C-I)
1978	Patricia Wallace '71 (C-II)
1978	Class of 1928
1979	(None awarded due to "Celebration of Four Judges")
1980	Carol Kirwan Aikenhead '58 (C-I) Virginia Guidone Upton '51 (C-II) Audrey Gallagher '41 (C-III)
1981	Jean Carini Donadio '61 (C-I) Helen Weinreich '41 (C-II)
1982	Mary Batrow '62 (C-I) Martha McMahon McCaffrey '54 (C-II) Lois Venditto Simpson '67 (C-III)
1983	(None awarded due to Inauguration)
1984	Eleanor Goode Sanders '29 (C-I) Gertrude McKeon '47 (C-II)
1985	Linda Barth Brencher '65 (C-I) Ellin M. Mulholland '51 (C-II)
1986	Nancy Fanning Rabbott '51 (C-I) Sister Mary Faith Dargan '53 (C-I) Ann Bain '68 (C-II)
1987	Carol Broshjeit '62 (C-I)
1988	Elizabeth Cornfield Bellach '37 (C-II)
1989	Class of 1929 (C-I) Linda Brandi Cateura '44S (C-II) Joan V. O'Brien '46 (C-II)
1990	Catherine Cestar Crawford '66 (C-I) Evelyn M. Garrity '48 (C-II) Tara Sullivan Rickart '68 (C-II)
1991	Madeleine Martin Sobin '51 (C-I) Mary Jane Sheehy Scarpellino '68 (C-II) Beverly Volk Fagan '44S (C-III)
1992	Marion Crane Lee '34 (C-I) Nancy Francis Hopkins '57 (C-I) Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P. '51 (C-II) Bette Anne Curtin Bailey '52 (C-III)
1993	Ellen McDonnell Ferguson '58 (C-I) Sheila McCue Hennessey '58 (C-II)
1994	Sr. Thomas Aquin Kelly, O.P. '35 (C-I) Elizabeth Heery Porell '56 (C-III)
1995	Rosanne Zudekoff '60 (C-I) Marcialynn Marando Trotta '71 (C-II) Barbara Lombardi '68 (C-III)
1996	Mary Colleran '38 (C-I) M.K. Bennett '61 (C-II) Marilyn Quinn Jacobson '54 (C-III)
1997	Maribeth Piscitelli-Villecco '83 (C-I) Elizabeth Meyer Traynor '52 (C-II) Patricia Lipowski Nuelsen '63 (C-II) Frances Wendt Meade '60 (C-III)
1998	Deborah DeWitt Frattini '70 (C-I) Kathleen Prendergast Hollowell '68 (C-II) Toni Lee Ferrucci '68 (C-III) Sr. Ellen Burns, ACSJ '79 (C-III)
1999	Nancy Ryan Doyle '49 (C-I) Patricia J. Checko '64 (C-II)
2000	A. Geraldine O'Brien Sullivan '38 (C-I) Carmelo Otero '97 (C-II) Sandra Vilardi Leheny '60 (C-II) Elaine Pyles-Harding '96 (C-III)
2001	Lynne S. Farrell '60 (C-I) Jane Nady Sigmon '70 (C-II) Rita Savarese Moule '39 (C-III)
2002	Julia M. McNamara '02 (Honorary Alumna) Tomoko Takahashi '77 (C-II)
2003	(None awarded due to 50th Anniversary of the Award Celebration)
2004	Celebrating Educators
2005	Joan E. Venditto '63 (C-II)

C-I: Loyalty and Service
C-II: Professional Achievement
C-III: Humanitarian/Community Service

Act 2 Theatre Prepares to Light Up the Spring Sky

The next production at the College's Act 2 Theatre will be Broadway legend Moss Hart's "Light Up the Sky." The 1948 theatrical comedy will be performed Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, 2006, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 5, at 2 p.m.

"I decided to do this popular Broadway hit, and very funny comedy, because with all that is and has been happening in the world, I believe that people need to hear the sound of their own laughter in chorus with others," says Al DeFabio, Act 2 director and chair of the College's drama program.

Act 2 productions sell out quickly. Reservations may be made by calling the Box Office at 203-773-8584. There is a special ticket price of \$8 for alumni.

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**See pages 6 and 7
for a review
of fall sports at Albertus.**

Make a New Year's
resolution to attend
an at-home
or away game in 2006
to cheer for the Falcons.



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

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