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

Honorary Degree Citations

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Accelerated Degree Program Adds MBA in Blended Delivery Format

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

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

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

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

Blessing of Sally’s Life Tree

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

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

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

Quick Notes:

■ The Connecticut General Assembly honored Stephen Pernar ’07 for outstanding academic achievement at College Academic Day at the State Capitol in Hartford. Each year Connecticut’s colleges and universities select students to be recognized for their accomplishments. Each student is individually introduced to the Assembly. Pernar majored in business and economics, with a specialization in accounting. A student-athlete, he was a pitcher on the baseball team.

■ In May, Dr. John J. Donohue, vice president for academic affairs and professor of social sciences, hosted Get Your Kicks on Route 66: Martial Arts in America, an event that was part of the Smithsonian Institution’s Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration in Washington, D.C. Donohue holds a black belt in karate and kendo and is an editor of the Journal of Asian Martial Arts. He also writes mystery stories.

■ To help promote financial literacy among students, Jennifer Pacelli, the College’s athletic director, applied for and received a grant from the NCAA to support a speaker’s program on basic personal finance skills. Kevin Morrison, Morrison Group Consulting, spoke with several groups of students. A recent study by The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., found that 71 percent of college students are concerned about their ability to meet financial obligations after college and 76 percent wish they had more help preparing for their financial future.

■ John Donohue ’09, Christopher Drechsel ’08 and Sr. Patricia Thomas, O.P., director of Campus Ministry, represented the College at the Fifth Annual “Teaching in Action” conference, which focused on the Dominican charism of preaching and how that charism can be incorporated into individual lives. Students and mentors attended from 15 Dominican Colleges and colleges with a Dominican presence. The conference took place at Barry University in Florida.

■ Jerry Nevins, co-chair of the visual and performing arts department at Albertus, was the subject of a profile story that ran in a group of nine Fairfield County weekly newspapers in May. He has been exhibiting his work since 1976 and joined the College’s faculty in 1995. He holds an MFA from Rochester Institute of Technology.

■ The department of biology and chemistry this spring sponsored a talk by Dr. Robert Grober, professor of applied physics at Yale University, on energy consumption in the United States and its impact on global warming. His talk and the showing of “An Inconvenient Truth” were part of programing for Environmental Awareness Month.

■ Albertus has received the Award of Merit from The Hartford in recognition of its outstanding achievement in accident control and risk reduction. Only 15 of the awards have been given out over the past 18 years.
Rita Crofts Watson, class of 1937, came from Pacific Palisades, California for her 70th Reunion. Her two daughters, Rita Sakkis and Marcia Larsson, joined her for the celebration. During the Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association, Rita received a standing ovation from fellow graduates as she was recognized as a member of The Golden Society of Albertus Magnus College.
The Class of 1957 was well represented at their 50th Reunion. Over twenty members of the class were in attendance throughout the day. In addition to catching up with classmates, the 57’ers spent time putting together a class memoir of priceless Albertus stories spearheaded by Sheila Gallagher Murphy. During the Golden Society Induction Ceremony, members of the class were given a Golden Society pin and a certificate of recognition for their 50 years of loyalty to alma mater.

Carol Gose DeVine, class of 1970, received the 2007 Alumnus of the Year Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Carol spent 35 years at the Caedmon School in New York City, the last 25 as head of school. In her nomination, her classmates wrote: “She is a leader among teachers; never passes a kid without making a connection; teaches parents how to play nice in the sandbox; serves as a model to young women; creates an atmosphere that respects the diversity of our nature and the compassion in our souls; possesses clear vision and practices gentle direction; simply put—Carol changes lives.” Classmates Jane Nady Sigmun and Norleen Conlon assisted with the presentation and are pictured above with Carol and President McNamara.
Historic New Haven Church Honors Alumna for Service
At the 175th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Mary Church in New Haven, the Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, archbishop of Hartford, and the Reverend William Holt, O.P., pastor of St. Mary, presented Clementina Valentino ’57 with the St. Catherine of Siena Award for her many years of service as sacristan.

1957
Delphine Barrett, Lakewood, OH, is retired, and volunteers for North Coast Health Ministry, a free clinic, and Fairview Hospital.

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

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

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

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

Laurie Munnely Johnson, Danvers, MA, reports that she and Art have been married seven years, are blessed with a combination of seven children and eight grandchildren, and keep busy with travel, family activities and golf. Included in their travels are visits to her sisters: June Munnelly Falcone ’58 in Florida, Eileen Munnelly Skruck ’57 in North Carolina and Rita Munnely Dinius ’52 in Connecticut.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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50th Reunion June 7, 2008

Veronica Jackson Searles, sends word that she had a nice visit with classmates Janine Singer Honan, Arlene Fanucci Jones, Mary Ellen Grant Faby, Patricia Hawman Micklow, Sue Hogan Endler, Maureen Lucey (by phone), Helen Marks, Joan McLaughlin Roberts, and Joanne Sheridan and Joan Schilling Moore.

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

1959
Lynne Stapleton Farrell, Huntington, CT, is one of five honorees of the 12th annual Northeast Golf Classic sponsored by Emergency Management Services, Inc. (EMS) each year. This year’s EMS, also known as the Immuan Baptist Homeless Shelter’s Honors outstanding leaders in the Greater New Haven community who have used their prestige to help others.

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 cheban@albertus.edu or Bernie Hodalok, director of development, at bhodalok@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.
Class of 1957 Makes Major Reunion Gift to Albertus

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

Spearheaded by Dolphine Barrett and Margaret Mary Burns Clancy, working with Helen Clabby Scinto and Mary Keane, the plan for a Jubilee Fund took shape. The goal was to raise funds for an endowed scholarship, which requires a minimum of $50,000; awards to students from endowed scholarships are made from earned interest. The core group of classmates worked with Carolyn Behan ’96, director of alumni relations to structure a temporarily restricted fund that could receive gifts and grow toward the goal over the next five years. Gifts earmarked for the Jubilee Fund were in addition to contributions to The Annual Fund.

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

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

1967
Marguerite Mezzano Demarse, Manchester, CT, is a substitute teacher with the State of Connecticut Vocational High School System. She has three children, volunteers at the Manchester Area Conference of Churches and tutors for the Manchester Police Athletic League.

Rosemary Siegel Fitzpatrick, Catanova, MD, and her husband, John, have two sons and a grand-daughter. She is an employee of the Constellation Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America and a volunteer needleworker at the historic Giddy House in Colonial Williamsburg.

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

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

Kathleen Schehan Imboli, North Haven, CT, is the library media specialist and gifted education facilitator at Green Acres School. She is married to Bob Imboli, professor and chair of the history and political science department at Albertus. Their daughter Kate is mar-
Altieri Attends Glamour Event for Anniversary of Awards

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

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

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

The monetary award of $500 paid for her flight and Eurail Pass.

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

The first woman to serve as president of the Connecticut Intercollegiate Student Legislature, Altieri went on to become, at age 23, the youngest elected member of a local Board of Education in Connecticut. She received a master’s degree from Central Michigan University and is the director of the faculty credentialing office at St. Petersburg College.
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Annie Keddy, Barre, MA, sends word that “The Glow of Everyday Objects,” her chapbook of poems has just been published by Finishing Line Press and is the winner of its New Woman’s Voice Prize. She received her M.Ed. from Cambridge College and M.F.A. from Bennington College’s writing program.

1997

Constance Goodnight Bagley, Ononanto, NY, married in 2002 and has a daughter and son. She is a home maker and part-time Bath & Body Works store manager.

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

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

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

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

Corina Alvarez de Lugo, Branford, CT, who received a B.F.A. in 2004, recently took an honorable mention in the 45th annual sculpture show at the Pen and Brush Galleries in New York City for her piece “Mommy, Mommy, Mommy,” shown below. From September 18–30, this sculpture will be included in “The Best of Pen and Brush,” an art show of award winners from the 2006-2007 exhibition season at the gallery, which is at 16 East Tenth Street. She also showed her work earlier this summer in the Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts 2007 juried exhibition at Mystic Arts Center; at the Creative Arts Workshop and Arte, Inc., both in New Haven; and in a sculpture exhibition by students from The Guilford Art Center. She participated in “Oil Drum Art,” a juried exhibition of works made out of oil drums with an aesthetic or environmental concept, at Bridgeport’s Barnum Museum.

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Eric Donelson, Niantic, CT, has sold his first piece of fiction to Renard’s Managery, a new fiction magazine that focuses on anthropomorphic stories. His story, “Maurice for the 2006–2007 Annual Fund should have read “Your support is vital as Albertus carries out its mission of education.”

1999

Robert F. Behan, AMC Trustee and former chairman of the board; husband of Patricia Sanders Behan ’55, father of Carolyn Behan Kraus ’86, AMC director of alumni relations and special events, and son-in-law of the late Eleanor G. Arnold ’22, mother of Liz Behan Arnold ’24 (see story on page 2).

Russell R. Coo, brother of Renée Coo ’86, 00 MAAT December 17, 2006.

Mary Elizabeth “Betty” Fahy, coach of the AMC women’s tennis team; daughter of the late Mary Katherine O’Brien Fahy ’29 and niece of Helen O’Brien Levack ’32 June 5, 2007.

Eileen Murphy Ferguson, mother of Elizabeth Ferguson Deane ’87 July 20, 2007.


Seymour S. Perry, father of Kim Perry Pyle ’81 February 27, 2007.

Christopher Sanders, son of Margaret (Peggy) Sweeden Sanders ’74 April 2007.

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

Suzanne Siegel, faculty member at Guilford Art Center and Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts.

Veronica Milivojevic, New Haven, CT, returned for the 2006–2007 Annual Fund should have read “Your support is vital as Albertus carries out its mission of education.”

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

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

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

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

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Date Change for Reunion 2008

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

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

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Eric Denson, Branford, CT, has a M.B.A. in criminal justice from the University of New Haven in May. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the Albertus Alumni Association.

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

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

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