A brief shower or two could not dampen excitement and enthusiasm at the College's 85th Commencement, Sunday, May 18, in front of Rosary Hall. This year 720 students received undergraduate and graduate degrees. Commencement speaker Valerie F. Lewis, recently retired as Connecticut's commissioner of higher education, told graduates that the expertise they bring to the workforce will "help our state and our nation stay competitive in a time when global competition will demand productivity, research and innovation on a scale that even the United States is not yet prepared to sustain." Passions for learning shape our lives, she said, and "it is the continuation of learning throughout our lifetime that allows us to grow."
Honorary Degree Citations

Charles G. Crump
… You have been a member of the New Haven investment community for more than six decades…. You have witnessed the transformation of the investment business from one using mechanical technology to today’s sophisticated industry based on 21st-century systems…. you have faithfully served generations of clients, providing wise financial counsel. In your “spare time,” you have given back to your beloved Wallingford community through selfless service on countless boards, commissions and committees.

Carlton L. Highsmith
The company you founded in 1983—The Specialized Packaging Group, Inc.—has become an industry leader …. Today your company is the largest minority-owned manufacturer of paperboard packaging in North America and the largest minority-owned company in Connecticut….Whether in the board room or meeting with youngsters who dream of the future, you are an advocate for the power of change in business, in the community and in the classroom.

Jacqueline A. Noonan ’50
…you are a pioneer in the field of pediatric cardiology…. Your dedicated service for more than 50 years to medical research, to teaching a generation of medical students and to treating your young patients with compassionate care is extraordinary…. Throughout your life you have followed the ancient words of Hippocrates to do no harm; as a doctor you have done tremendous good, saving and prolonging the lives of young children diagnosed with congenital heart failure.

Thelma M. Johnson
You knew from childhood that the life of a teacher was what you wanted. As an administrator working to help other teachers be the best they could be and a classroom teacher inspiring your students to achieve, you have conveyed to all a passion for excellence. Your work as a reading specialist has opened the world of books and the world itself to students eager to learn. The joy of philanthropy and commitment to community enriches your own life and the lives of others….

Valerie F. Lewis
For nearly four decades you have been deeply involved in higher education in your native Connecticut. For the past eight years you served as Connecticut's Commissioner of Higher Education, leading a department overseeing 47 public and independent colleges and universities into a new and exciting century of challenge, change and technological innovation…. Throughout your career in higher education, your motivation was always what was the best for students.

Graduation Benediction
Alvin R. Johnson, a member of the College’s Board of Trustees and deacon of Immanuel Baptist Church, gave the benediction.

“To God be the glory for the great things he has done! We have paused today to celebrate individual sacrifice, dedication, hard work and, yes, accomplishment. However, today’s celebration does not represent an end; but, rather, graduates, family members, faculty and administrators alike will each now open new beginnings. I pray the Albertus Magnus experience has sparked a resolve in us all to attack the many challenges of this world, knowing our God has no hands but our hands, no feet but ours to achieve His will on this great earth.

“Matthew’s Gospel acknowledges the Holy Spirit will be with you always and the Book of Proverbs promises that if we acknowledge Him in all our ways He then will direct our paths. Let us each, therefore, keep His commandments and be guided by His will.

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever…Let the people of God say, Amen.”
Sr. Helen Kieran Named Director of Campus Ministry

Sr. Helen Kieran, O.P., will serve the Albertus community as director of campus ministry on a part-time basis, in addition to her role as academic advisor to students in the College’s day program.

A member of the Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, the Dominican Sisters who founded and sponsor Albertus Magnus College, Sr. Helen has been at the College since 2004, serving on the Teacher Education staff and as academic advisor. She holds a bachelor’s degree in education from Ohio Dominican University and a master’s degree in Spanish from Middlebury College, and received grants for additional academic study in Spain and Mexico. Her previous professional work includes teaching and missionary service in the United States, Korea and Peru.

For more than six years, Sr. Helen was a member of a broadcast production team at Vatican Radio in Rome.

For the second consecutive year there will be an Albertus connection to King’s Academy in Madaba, Jordan, founded by King Abdullah II as the first co-educational boarding school in the Middle East. During the 2008-2009 academic year, Mary Curtiss, an instructor at New Dimensions since 2006—who is the daughter of the late Lucille Smith Fisher ’43—and her husband, Clayton Curtiss, will serve as Distinguished Visiting Faculty at King’s Academy. They replace Suzanne Hannay ’97 and her husband, John Palmer—both faculty members at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts—who taught at the Academy during 2007-2008, its first academic year. King Abdullah II is a 1980 graduate of Deerfield Academy, the model for King’s Academy.

In a letter to prospective students and parents on King’s Academy’s Website, King Abdullah notes that the school fulfills a long-held dream “to have in Jordan a boarding school that embraces the same academic rigor, breadth of extracurricular stimulation and respect for community ethics and values” that he experienced at Deerfield. “A new generation of enlightened and creative minds is emerging” from King’s Academy, he says.

Mary Curtiss knows first-hand that it’s a very small world. “In March, we spent a week at King’s Academy to see what it’s like. When we met Suzanne, I was carrying an Albertus folder, which she noticed immediately, saying that it is her alma mater; and that’s how our friendship began. We spent a good deal of time with Suzanne and John, and we found them to be extremely helpful.”

Both Mary and Clayton, who is a Deerfield graduate, will teach composition, rhetoric and languages arts, plus mentor the young teachers.

“I’ve always loved Albertus; it has been very special for me to teach at my mother’s alma mater,” she says.

Mary Curtiss has a bachelor’s degree in English from St. John’s University and master’s degree in English from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, as well as a second master’s in liberal studies from Wesleyan. She taught for 35 years at Trumbull High School and was an adjunct instructor of English at Sacred Heart University.

“We are very honored to be a part of the mission of King’s Academy,” she says.

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Robert Leeney received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Albertus in 1985. The citation noted that he had “developed such a reputation for excellence of interpretation that many famous playwrights, from Elia Kazan to Richard Rodgers, oftentimes consulted you following opening night in our beloved Shoebert. On occasion parts of plays and musicals were rewritten or revised as a result of your advice to these highly talented people in the world of theater in which you became not just an observer, but many times an indirect participant.”

He was a passionate supporter of the arts and a lover of history, especially that of New Haven, his native city. In 1982, the City of New Haven named the plaza at Orange and Audubon streets, the entrance to the arts district, in his honor; and in 2001, Yale University presented him with a Seton Elm Award. The citation described him as “the most respected analyst of our present, the most knowledgeable custodian of our past and the keenest guide to our future.”

Robert Leeney was the father of Anne Leeney-Panagrossi, director of library and information services, and the father-in-law of Kevin Panagrossi ’06, academic coordinator for undergraduate-graduate programs in the Accelerated Degree Program.
Albertus is among five institutions of higher learning receiving Connecticut Department of Higher Education grants for projects in which college faculty work with public school teachers to improve their subject mastery and make their classrooms more stimulating for students. The College received $95,427 to support a six-day institute, which took place in July, and Saturday school-year sessions to train 24 elementary teachers from New Haven, Ansonia, Hamden and Stratford in mathematics. Also covered are effective ways to assess student learning and tailor lessons to individual learning styles. Loel Tronsky, assistant professor of psychology and education, wrote the grant application and is project director.

For the second year, the College participated in The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts to encourage reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. Members of the Honors English class participated in an inter-generational discussion of "Fahrenheit 451" in April with residents at Whitney Center, a retirement community in Hamden. Students taking part were: Cecelia Allen, Anthony Arnold, Angelina Bertuca, Cullen Burnell, Alexandra Cannon, Theresa Flood, Victoria Gravina, Malwina Grzudko, Justin Root and Ruth Schultz. The Big Read was a collaboration of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas and the Connecticut Library Consortium; more than 100 readings, discussions, film screenings and other events relating to "Fahrenheit 451" took place.

Several Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs with Albertus connections recently celebrated Jubilee years. Sr. Melanie Hannigan, a consultant/certification officer in Teacher Education Programs, observed her 60th anniversary as a Dominican. Sr. George Ann Fosmire, who served in the Registrar’s Office for many years and also assisted in New Dimensions, marked her 60-year Diamond Jubilee; she is now a Motherhouse volunteer in Columbus, Ohio. Sr. Nancy Caroccia, formerly director of plant services at Albertus and now manager of Dominican Acres/Shepherd’s Corner in Ohio, observed the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession, as did Sr. Doris Regan, who was a member of the Class of 1958 at Albertus and is now serving in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Sr. Anne Keenan, vicaress on the Congregational Leadership Team and an Albertus Trustee, celebrated 50 years.

In the spring, Kara Pereira and Yolanda Lawrence, first-year students at the time, Xavier Morton, then a second-year student and Kamala Jackson, a third-year student, attended the Connecticut Summit on Student Responsibility at the University of Hartford. A joint venture of public and private institutions, the day featured discussions among students on responsible behavior and creating a positive campus culture.

The Connecticut General Assembly honored Jeffrey King Jr. for outstanding achievement at College Academic Day held at the State Capitol in Hartford on April 9. Each year Connecticut’s colleges and universities select students to be recognized for their accomplishments. Each student is individually introduced to the Assembly. King, who graduated in May, majored in business administration with a concentration in accounting.

Jaimie Roche and Breanna Wajnowski, math majors who graduated in May and plan to teach, received certificates of commendation from the Educational Testing Service for their performance on the Praxis II content knowledge test required by the State of Connecticut. Math majors, they earned scores placing them in the top 15 percent of all candidates in the country who have taken Praxis II in math.

AMC Announces Athletics Hall of Fame
On Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., the Albertus Magnus College Athletic Department (in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events) will host the first annual Hall of Fame ceremony. For the inaugural year, George Bodex, former men’s soccer coach, Joseph Toselli, former athletic administrator and baseball coach; Liz Lacreix and Karen Lebuz, leading women’s basketball scorers; and the 1996 men’s soccer team will be inducted into the Albertus Magnus College Athletics Hall of Fame.

The ceremony will be held in the DeDominicis Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center, and will include dinner. Joe Walsh, commissioner of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference, will serve as the keynote speaker. Cost to attend: $35 per person or $50 per couple.

The Hall of Fame has been established to honor individuals of noteworthy achievement in athletics from Albertus Magnus College. The actual Hall of Fame will be located in the Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center and will include trophies, plaques and memorabilia as well as a list of inducted honorees.

For more information, visit www.albertus.edu/athletics or call/e-mail the Athletics Office at 203-773-8578, jpacelli@albertus.edu. For reservations, call/e-mail the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events at 203-773-8502, alumni@albertus.edu.

Mark Your Calendar for All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon
Friday, October 31, 2008
Mass: Noon, Behan Community Room, Hubert Campus Center Luncheon to follow Mass in the DeDominicis Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center Cost: $15 per person, $12 per person for members of the Golden Society Invitations will be mailed separately.

For our prayer and remembrance list: name/s of deceased persons who have died within the past year may be submitted to the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events via e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu, phone 203-773-8502 or mail to Albertus Magnus College, Alumni Office, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven CT 06511. Names must be received by Friday, October 21, 2008.

Fall Fest 2008 Saturday, October 11, 2008

• Women’s Soccer vs Pine Manor 1:00 p.m.
• Women’s Tennis vs Emmanuel College 1:00 p.m.
• Men’s Soccer vs St. Joseph’s College of Maine 3:00 p.m.
• Picnic Lunch (available from noon–3:00 p.m.)
• Alumni Hospitality Tent (open from 1:00 p.m.–end of men’s soccer game)
• Family Fun noon–4:00 p.m. (highlights include photo key chains, airbrush tattoos, snow cones, fried dough, Sally’s Famous Fritters and more)

Events and activities are free and open to all members of the AMC community. Reservations are required for the Alumni Hospitality Tent and for the picnic lunch. Please RSVP to alumni@albertus.edu. For more information and a complete list of events and activities, please visit www.albertus.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events at 203-773-8502. (Note: athletic matches are held outdoors rain or shine. Rain locations for other events and activities are posted at www.albertus.edu.)
A highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund check to President Julia M. McNamara by Joan Lucey Donnelly and Joan Schaifer Hernon. The members of the class of 1958 raised over $77,750 for an endowed scholarship designated to assist two female students enrolled in the College's Accelerated Degree Program. It is the first endowed scholarship to have this designation. This pioneering decision by the Class of 1958 to support one of the College's adult, evening accelerated programs met with cheers and applause.

Last year, in honor of their 50th Reunion, the Class of 1957 raised over $60,000 for an endowed scholarship. Both the Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund and the Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund will be awarded this fall to deserving students from both our day and evening programs. The hard work of these Reunion classes will enable future students to receive the benefit of an Albertus education.
Alumni Association Board of Governors 2008–2010 Term

This dynamic group works directly with the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events on new and exciting programs for alumni. If you are interested in becoming involved as a potential Board member, please contact the Director of Alumni Relations at (203) 773-8502 or e-mail alumni@albertus.edu.

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Alumni from the classes of 1938–2003 returned to campus for this year’s Reunion.
CLASS NOTES

1934
75th Reunion June 6, 2009

1938
Mary Callahan, North Haven, CT, reports that in her 70th Reunion year, she thinks it "permisssible to brag" that she was elected by a vote of the student body as Mary Queen in 1938. "Quite an honor. Because our year book had gone to press before the event, it was not recorded. An even greater honor—Alumna of the Year in 1996!"

Elinor Affinito Ingelido, Colorado Springs, CO, and her husband, a retired USAF major general, have three sons—all graduates of Virginia Military Institute and all retired from the Army. She is involved with her church, military organizations, horticultural society, book and singing groups.

1939
70th Reunion June 6, 2009

1943
Winifred Carocari Flynn, Orange, CT, is retired and does volunteer work in schools. She and her husband, Charles, have a son and daughter.

Fran McCormick King, Guilford, CT, and Tom have four children and five grandchildren. She is involved with the AMC East Shore Alumni Chapter, and enjoysoncerts, church activities and swimming.

1944F
65th Reunion June 6, 2009

1944S
65th Reunion June 6, 2009

1946
Catherine Flynn Wolfrum, Fort Myers, FL, and her husband, John, have five children and four grandchildren.

1947
Anne Cretella Tutolo, Lady Lake, FL, has three grandchildren—two adults and a pre-teen residing in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

1948
Elizabeth Hurley Candela, Avon, CT, and Lothar have their first great-grandchild.

Anna Fraulo, East Haven, CT, is retired from the New Haven public schools where she was a teacher, department head and administrator for 35 years. She is involved with Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic and the Italian-American Historical Society; she also likes to work on the computer, write, do crafts and crochet.

Jean Robert Hinniss, Guilford, CT, and her husband, Frederick, have a daughter, Deborah Hinniss Miles '78, and a son, William.

Dorothy Wieler Kishel, New Haven, CT, has seven daughters and two sons.

Anna Arcudi Mahostien, Quaker Hill, CT, and her husband have three children and eight grandchildren. She is a volunteer docent at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London, where she is president of the Docent's Council and an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees.

Patricia Spang Ogden, Williamsburg, VA, has three daughters. She is a volunteer director at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, serving as the chairperson of the B oard of Education. In June she graduated from the town's Senior Leadership Program.

Anne Coughlin Riordan, Middletown, CT, serves as a Eucharistic Minister at her church. Her children and grandchildren live in California, Colorado, Maryland, Connecticut and Georgia.

Lucy Scilla, Orange, CT, a retired librarian, was honors d in May as a Living Treasure for her outstanding volunteer contributions to the community, particularly in the field of reading and literacy. In June she graduated from the town's Senior Leadership Program.

1953
60th Reunion June 6, 2009

Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, New Haven, CT, a member of the AMC faculty, reports that since 2003 she has visited Italy and Greece, the Greek Islands and Turkey, accompanying students of Dominican Academy and St. Vincent Ferrer High School in Manhattan.

Janice Mailoulex Delgrigo, West Springfield, MA, and her husband, Larry—who still has his tax practice—have three daughters who are nursing supervisors, one a human resources specialist and a son who is an alarm specialist. Three grandchildren are in the military, one is a graduate engineer, two are in college and one is in high school.

Anne Kelley, Cheshire, CT, is a retired assistant superintendent of Milford schools. She lives with her widowed sister and has two married nieces. Volunteer work with her church, her condominium association and Delta Kappa Gamma keeps her busy.

Barbara McCarthy Concoc, Ridgewood, NJ, a retired teacher, in March spent a week in Wyoming skiing and dog sledding. This summer she is planning a month-long trip to Alaska, spending two weeks of it on a trip down the Inside Passage with a daughter and husband and five grandchildren. Her husband, Jack, is "almost retired." They have 17 grandchildren.

1954
55th Reunion June 6, 2009

Jean Lucey Donnelly, Gainsville, VA, who retired from IBM several years ago, serves on church and community committees and enjoys theater and golf. She has five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Rosemary Clancy Edwards, Haughton, MA, and her husband, Dnn, have two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren. She volunteers at a senior center and a nursing home, belongs to a book club and is taking a poetry course. She gets together regularly for lunch with five other AMC alumnae at the South Shore Plaza outside of Boston.

Susan Preissel Elliott, Dublin, Ireland, returned to AMC in June for the 50th Reunion of her class. A tour guide for many years, she has five children and five grandchildren.

June Munnally Falcone, Naples, FL, has three children and six grandchildren. She is a Eucharistic Minister, A rim athean (grief support), literacy volunteer and member of a condo board. She enjoys golf, bridge and playing the piano.

Marguerite Clark Grundberg, Woodbridge, CT, and her husband, Ira, have five children and four grandchildren. She is a former registrar of voters, and spent many years as a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. She likes reading, theater and politics.

Mary Elizabeth Egan Mace, Pleasantville, NY, teaches foreign languages in the Scarsdale Union Free School District. She and her husband have four children and five grandchildren.

Kathleen Coughlin Mays, Portasct, MA, has four daughters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She is a data base manager for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service in Woods Hole.

Mary Scanlon Mongillo, Hamden, CT, and Stephen have four children and nine grandchildren. She is retired and plays a bit of golf; she does volunteer work with her church and local schools.

Barbara Popp Murphy, Arlington, VA, has 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She is a Hospice volunteer.

Judith O'Brien, Verplanck, NY, is retired from the Lakeland School District. She is interested in local history and gardening.

Heleen Moran Rogal, Chicago, IL, has her own law firm. She has two sons, David, a CPA, and Brian, a journalist. She is involved with the Chicago Literary Club, Chicago Bar Association and Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

Martha Polinsky Spiegelson, Anmar, MA, is retired from research and teaching in biology. She sums up her community involvements as "more than I can handle."

Linda Pogensen Steffens, Ridgewood, NJ, is retired, she and her husband have three children and six grandchildren. She is involved with the College Club of Ridgewood and a gardening group. During the last 15 years, she has traveled extensively.

Susanne Schuppel Washburn, Dorset, VT, and Larry have three children. A freelance journalist and copy editor for Commonweal, she is a volunteer and board member of the local Community Food Cupboard, and the Dorset and Manchester historical societies.

Kathryn Higgins Winter, Woodbridge, CT, former member of the class, has been very active over the years on town committees and boards, including eight years as the chairman of the Board of Education. She and Ralph have a son and grandchildren.

Call for Alumni of the Year Nominations

Nominations for Alumni of the Year can be made throughout the year, but the submission deadline is March 15. All alumni of undergraduate and graduate programs of the College automatically become members of the Alumni Association.

• The Alumni of the Year Award, which can be presented to one or more persons, goes to a living member of the Alumni Association who has attained preeminence in his/her life through outstanding professional, scholarly or artistic achievement; who is devoted to service both within the College and outside of it in his/her community; or who has made extraordinary contributions to the College in any other way.

The Premi er Achievement Award is given to an individual who has graduated from Albertus within the last 10 years who has excelled either professionally, within the community or has shown extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. The award need not be given every year.

Nominations forms can be found at www.albertus.edu/alumni.

1958
1961
Catherine Crimmins Burgard, Nisant, CT, has retired as head of the adult services department at the Essex Library Prior to joining the library staff she taught high school French for 22 years in Hamden.

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Flandoms, NY, continues doing her art work. She reports that daughter Melissa, Broadway and concert performer, and her husband, ten- nis commentator Patrick McEwan, are expecting twins.

1962
Patricia Hayes Kocam, Raleigh, NC, sings with the "Cardinal Singers," a group of women who perform
Alumna Travels to Iran with International Peace Group
Patty Lipskiu Nueslen '63 of New Haven spent two weeks this spring in Iran as part of a delegation sponsored by New York-based Fellowship of Reconciliation and hosted by the Center for Interfaith Dialogue in Iran.

The group met formally with religious leaders and others, but it was unexpected meetings with people in parks, on the streets and at national monuments that were the most memorable. “I have never been to a country where total strangers walk up to you on the street and start talking to you,” says Nueslen, director of development with the New Haven/Lion (Nicaragua) Sister City Project.

“I was very touched by the hospitality and warmth of the people we met. When they learned we were from the United States, their faces would light up with big smiles,” she said. “They made a distinction between the American people and the American government over and over again, and even with regard to Israel. They would say there is no problem between the people of Iran and the people of Israel, that the problem is between the governments.” A peace activist, Nueslen believes that people joining together in citizen-to-citizen meetings can change the world.

Mary Rounds, Coutosville, PA, an instructional support teacher in the Downington Area School District, is an adjunct professor in the Graduate Division of Immaculata University. In free time, she takes voice lessons, and enjoys opera, swimming and yoga.

Eileen Deyo Schaubert, Weston, MA, and her husband, Stephen, have been married for 35 years; their younger daughter is getting married this summer. A part-time sales associate at the local independent bookstore, she is actively involved with the annual book sale that raises funds for the town library, and is an election officer.

Sheila Kailukaitis Umbricht, Ocean Isle Beach, NC, is a retired Latin and math teacher. She and Art have been married for 37 years and have two sons and two grandchildren. Retired, she is busy with art lessons and gardening.

Virginia Lee Eichorn, Mechanicsburg, PA, has been appointed ESL supervisor for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 15. She is an adjunct professor in the Graduate Division of Immaculata University. In free time, she takes voice lessons, and enjoys opera, swimming and yoga.

New Officers for East Shore Chapter
The Alumni Association’s East Shore (CT) Chapter announces the following officers for the 2008–2009 year:

President—Rosemary Smith Melcreit ’45
Vice President—Patricia Sanders Bethany ’55
Treasurer—Peggy Petzer Ridarella ‘50
Secretary—Rhuth McNamara Fitzgerald ’53

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May We E-mail You?

If you would like to receive @liberts, the monthly e-newsletter and its special edition updates on news at Albertus, just e-mail your name, class year, home address and preferred e-mail address to: alumni@albertus.edu. The Office of Alumni Relations respects your privacy and does not share e-mail addresses.
JAMES SCHAFFRICH ’97, director of purchasing for the past three years at the College, has been appointed director of purchasing and public safety.

In this new position, he will also oversee all aspects of security for the campus, including management of Connect-ED, the College’s emergency notification system, emergency plan, risk management, and parking and traffic.

From 1998 to 2001, Schafrich was assistant director of student services.

In Memoriam

Regina Chambers Minter ’x-39
May 27, 2008
Bradford, CT

Elizabeth “Betty” Farrell Duffy ’50
April 7, 2008
Fall River, MA

Patricia Field Bart ’54
March 2006
Sarasota, FL

Lecadia “Lee” Locarno Sullivan ’59
May 16, 2008
Brandford, CT

Judith Bruening Parker ’61
April 8, 2008
New Haven, CT

Doreen Dooley McCabe ’73
June 11, 2008
West Hartford, CT

Dean Glasso-Lopez ’01
June 26, 2008
North Branford, CT

1937
Rosemary Dorr Clarke, Hampton, NH, is a self-described “very part-time author.” She brings Toby, the therapy dog, to two rest homes every day.

Mary de la Reguera Vaden, Hunt Valley, MD, is retired and a volunteer tutor for a GED program. She and her husband, John, have a daughter, Rachel.

1974
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1976
Cynthia Avery Mariani, New Haven, CT, has been appointed director of marketing and communications at St. Joseph College in West Hartford. She most recently was director of communications at The Community Foundation of Greater New Haven.

1978
Carolyn Dunbar Castellnuovo, Brooklyn, NY, is a project director of operations for adults with developmental disabilities at Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens. She and her husband, Thomas, have two daughters. She enjoys gardening and creating the annual Halloween haunted houses for the neighborhood.

Marybeth Smith Dean, New Haven, CT, is the manager of Kline Science Library at Yale University. She and her husband, Rick, are the parents of Joshua, 19, and Daniella, 18.

Jeanne Dennison, New York, NY, retired in December 2007 from Verizon Communications after a 26-year career in telecommunications, which started as a result of an AMC internship with Southern New England Telephone. In February she began a second career as vice president of philanthropy at Pace University, where she is leading a $100-million capital campaign.

Laura Spinney Epperly, Malwah, NJ, has been married to Lambert for 27 years and has two sons. She is the managing member for Fardale Enterprises, LLC.

Patricia Epperly, Framingham, MA, and her husband, Jim Rusche, have a son and daughter. She is a high school volunteer, belongs to a book group and loves to cook.

Carla Sternberg Koch, Cheshire, CT, is a freelance illustrator and art teacher at Artplace; she also teaches at senior centers, gives private lessons and is involved with the Cheshire Art League and the Fine Line Art Gallery in Woodbury.

Toni Cocciaro Savino, Northford, CT, worked in banking for 15 years, became a teacher 15 years ago and is now teaching Grade 4 in East Haven. She is a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the North Women’s Club and a volunteer for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. She and Paul have 15-year-old twins.

1979
30th Reunion June 6, 2009

Eileen Frailey Eder, Guilford, CT, had an exhibit of her paintings earlier this summer at the George Billis Gallery in New York City’s Chelsea Art District.

1983
Cynthia Clancy, Wethersfield, CT, supervisor in the New Britain Juvenile Public Defender’s Office, and her husband, Doug Ovian, have a son, Adam, 7. She serves as PTO president, and is interested in old house restoration and raising the juvenile age.

Patricia Crowley, Metuchen, NJ, is retired from Middlesex College where she was a senior computer operator and vice president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). In 2007 she received the New Jersey State Alliance Award for volunteer work. She is a member of the Middlesex County Commission for the Disabled.

Coletoe Thode Dziadula, Viera, FL, and her husband, John, have two daughters: Dana, 18, and Jenna, 1½. She teaches at the Holy Trinity Academy.

Kathryn Evans, Pasadena, CA, is working as a sonic painter in the entertainment industry. She also does side projects as an art director, custom prop maker and production designer for films, commercials and television shows. For images of her artwork and some of her latest projects, go to www.bohemianstyle.com.

Elizabeth Gullen, New Haven, CT, works in research at the Yale Medical School. She spends “a lot of time working, which I love,” but finds time for books and movies.

Marchette Piscitelli, Las Vegas, NV, is managing director of the legal division at Milby & Oliver, executive recruitment specialists. Having recently relocated from southern Florida, she likes hiking and walking in the Nevada desert.

Jill Van Sloaten, Burlington, VT, teaches art at Avon High School, and is a member of the Surface Design Association and Farmington Valley Quilters. She and her husband, Thomas Zalenski, have two children, ages 3 and 5.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Philip Allocco, AMC lecturer in humanities for the Day, Accelerated Degree and New Dimensions programs

Jeanne Sullivan Anderson, mother of George E. Anderson ’03, ’05 M.M. and John Anderson ’09; mother-in-law of Patricia (Tricia) Doyle Anderson ’87

Gerald Canna, brother-in-law of Abina Sacco Cannavaciolo ’86

Janet Hall Crump, wife of Charles G. Crump, recipient of an AMC honorary degree, May 2008

Joseph Guinan, husband of Ann Marie Dodge Guinan ’50

Joseph Leeney, Trustee Emeritus and honorary degree recipient; father of Anne Leeney-Paragonisi, AMC director of library and information services, and father-in-law of Kevin Paragonisi ’06, academic coordinator in the Accelerated Degree Program (see story on page 4)

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In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community
**Connecticut Governor Names Alumnus to State Board**

Governor M. Jodi Rell has appointed **Kenneth Wilson Jr.** to the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Community Colleges. The Board, governing body for the state’s system of 12 two-year public colleges, establishes policies that guide the administrative, academic and financial affairs of the community colleges. He was a student in the College’s Accelerated Degree Program.

Wilson retired in 2007 as a senior manager at AT&T (formerly SBC/SNET). He began his career at SNET in 1981 and served in many assignments in operations, sales and customer service activities for business and consumer markets. During his long career he earned many awards and recognitions, including the SBC/SNET Circle of Winners, Council of Leaders Award and President’s Honor Club.

A dedicated volunteer, he has been involved with numerous community and town organizations in his hometown of Guilford, including the Fire Department and Board of Fire Commissioners, Board of Parks and Recreation, Board of Assessment Appeals, Republican Town Committee and Rotary Club among others.

**1996**

Christopher Silhavy, Stratford, CT, was elected to the town’s Zoning Commission in November, representing the 7th and 8th districts. He is now the Commission’s chairman.

**1998**

Leslie Flynn Morgan, New Haven, CT, has a graduate degree in education from Southern Connecticut State University and is an elementary teacher in West Haven. She and her husband, Matthew, have two children.

Lisa-Marie Tursi, Hamden, CT, is associate director of financial aid at Albertus, working primarily with adult students in the Accelerated Degree Program and in the College’s master’s degree programs.

**1999**

10th Reunion June 6, 2009

Susan Krein, Manchester, CT, a senior clinical scientist for Unilever, will be married in October to Timothy Elmore, a senior process engineer at the company.

Francesca Rigoli, MSMS, Shelton, CT, and her sister own a business, Bella Baby, in Fairfield. The sisters recently were the subject of a feature story that ran in several Fairfield County weekly newspapers.

**2000**

Paul Heapy, 02 MSMS, Milford, CT, has joined Sacred Heart University as executive director for emergency management. He formerly was chief inspector, the highest law enforcement rank in the Connecticut Division of Criminal Justice, Office of the Chief State’s Attorney.

**2001**

Linda-Jo Russo, Woodbridge, CT, graduated in May from the University of Hartford, where she earned a master’s degree in nursing education. An RN, she was inducted into the International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma Theta Tau) in April. She is attending Southern Connecticut State University to pursue a master’s degree in marriage and family therapy. She is employed by Yale.

**2002**

Cynthia Weaver, Oakdale, CT, a police officer in the City of Bristol, earned a master’s in criminal justice from the University of New Haven in 2004 and a master’s in marriage and family therapy from Central Connecticut State University in 2006; she is working on her doctorate. She and Scott Mekle, also a Bristol police officer, will marry in June.

**2003**

Michelle Fraser, MSMS, New Haven, CT, works at Gateway Community College. Her children are Jason, 24, Kyle, 20 and Ariq and Daquan, 11.

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**Why I Give**

“Albertus Magnus College is a special place for me. After I graduated, I decided it would be a good idea to give back to the place that gave me so much. AMC gave me a great foundation to get out into the real world and succeed. With the education and life experiences I received at AMC, I was able to get my life started in the right direction.

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**2004**

**5th Reunion June 6, 2009**

Corina Alvarezdeulgo, Branford, CT, has an exhibition of her sculptures at The Interlaken Inn in Lakeville through Labor Day. In July she participated in the 31st annual juried exhibition for non-members of the historic Salmagundi Club in Greenwich Village, and in July, in the juried exhibition “A New Perspective on Politics” at Artworks! in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Pamela Huggins, ’96 MSMS, West Haven, CT, has just started Imagine You! Creative Career and Business Solutions, LLC. She works with small businesses during development stages and college graduates to help them find the right focus and career.

**2005**

Maria Crenella, Killingworth, CT, received an MBA from the University of New Haven in May. She is a contract administrator at Northeast Utilities, and has recently become a member of the CT Association of Purchasing Management.

Marie Maia, MSMS, Plainville, CT, manager of business development at Kincover Construction Corporation, was one of the featured “Personality Profiles” in the July 3 issue of the New England Real Estate Journal.

**2006**

Michael Gilman, West Haven, CT, received a master’s degree in marine biology from Southern Connecticut State University this year. His research focused on the impact of the predator Asian crab on the diversity of species in Clinton harbor. He plans to pursue a doctorate in marine biology.

Chrysalis Long, Milford, CT, a graduate student at Southern Connecticut State University, had a poster presentation titled “Understanding Self Esteem” at the annual conference of the Connecticut Counseling Association in May.

**2007**

Aqeesah Clyburn, New Haven, CT, is on staff at the Hospital of St. Raphael Day Care Center, working with infants and toddlers.

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**Class of 1958 Gives First Scholarship Designated for Evening, Adult Students.**

It started with an email…

Early last fall, Joan Donnelly sent me an email with some special requests for their upcoming 50th Reunion.

What followed was a whirlwind of activity by the 1958 Reunion Committee of: Carol Kirwan Aikenhead, Joan Lucey Donnelly, Joan Schuppel Washburn, and Susan Fong. Working with several Fairfield County newspapers, they created a class memory book and arranged for a private dining space for their class dinner.

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So great to see you...

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FOR CLASSES ENDING IN 4 AND 9, START MAKING PLANS NOW TO RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR YOUR REUNION.

Saturday, June 6, 2009

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