Remembering
Freshman Caitlin Dell writes of her feelings during the College's candlelight vigil to honor the anniversary of September 11. The vigil was held in front of Rosary Hall.

Fall Sports Gallery
Five Albertus teams—men’s and women’s cross country, women’s tennis and volleyball and men’s soccer—played 20 home games and 28 away games during the fall season.

Senior Greg Millett and his teammates rack up a winning season
E-College 101 A Big Success

Alumni hit the keyboards this fall, learning about computers in the smart classroom at the New Dimensions Long Wharf Learning Center in New Haven. Board of Governors’ member Diane Campanella ’01 CE, also a member of the College’s information technology department, instructed the class of alumnae and spouses on computer basics. Topics covered were general computer use, word processing and navigating the information super highway.

Florida Reception

Florida alumni and area guidance counselors will gather with President McNamara for a luncheon on January 9, 2003 at Charley’s Crab restaurant in Fort Lauderdale. Located on the intercoastal waterway, Charley’s Crab combines a beautiful view with delicious cuisine. Whether you live in Florida or your travel plans include the Fort Lauderdale area in January, we hope you will join us. Luncheon begins at noon. To make your reservation, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502 or via e-mail to alumnialbertus.edu. Guests are welcome.

Charley’s Crab
3000 N.E. 32nd Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308
954-561-4800

New York City Reception

A reception to welcome President McNamara to New York City is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2003 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. The event will take place at The Yale Club of New York City, conveniently located adjacent to Grand Central Terminal. Albertus alumni along with Manhattan area guidance counselors are invited to attend. To make your reservation, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502 or via e-mail to alumnialbertus.edu. Guests are welcome.

The Yale Club of New York City
50 Vanderbilt Avenue
New York, NY 10017
212-746-2100

A Call for Alumni Artists

Alumni are invited to submit original artwork for the third biennial Alumni Art Show. Sculpture, ceramics, photography, drawings, paintings, graphics, fabric, mixed media or prints may be submitted. Up to three works per person may be considered for the exhibit. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2003 from 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m. as a kick-off to Reunion weekend. The show runs through June 29, 2003. Interested alumni artists should contact:

Beverly Brunn Chaliff
Department of Visual and Performing Arts
Albertus Magnus College
700 Prospect Street
New Haven, CT 06511
203-773-8546

Reunion 2003—Schedule of Events

Friday, June 13, 2003

4:00 p.m. • Join us at the opening reception of the Alumni Art Show
MacDonough Gallery, Campus Center
6:00 p.m. • Wine Tasting—hosted by the Alumni Association Board of Governors, Campus Center
Tasting presented by: Dr. William Schulz, III vice president for academic affairs

Saturday, June 14, 2003

10:30 a.m. Registration begins in the Campus Center lobby
Coffee and…Bookstore open for early bird shoppers
11:00 a.m. Alumni College Session I, Behan Community Room, Campus Center, Topic TBA
12:00 noon Alumni Association Annual Meeting and Luncheon, DeDominicis Dining Hall, Campus Center
• Update from the Board of Governors
• Presentation of the 2003 Alumni of the Year Awards
• Remarks from President McNamara
2:00— Afternoon Activities
4:00 p.m. • Tour the campus
• Shop the Bookstore
• Gather with classmates and friends
• Enjoy the Athletic Center
2:30 p.m. Alumni College Session II, Behan Community Room, Campus Center, Topic TBA
4:00 p.m. • Presentation of the 2003 Alumn of the Year Awards
• Remarks from President McNamara
5:00 p.m. • Golden Society Induction, Italian Garden, Rosary Hall
Induction ceremony to be followed by a Champagne Toast with President McNamara honoring the 50th Reunion class

Schedule of events is subject to change.
We scattered like autumn leaves before the white colonial steps, some grouped, some solitary. Programs in hand, we all knew what we were there for: to remember our fallen brothers and sisters that became victims of the attacks a year ago. Growing up with my utopian state of mind, I never once thought I would be standing in a mass of people that had been hit with a tragedy so sudden and so life altering.

The gentle wind played with my hair and swam through the leaves in the colossal tree I was standing beneath. There was rustling in the shrubs near my feet. The air was thick. I saw blank stares, pained faces, joined hands, and an “I Love NY” tee shirt. I wondered if they would come. A year ago today, they were all alive. A year ago, they did not hear “9-11” and associate it with tragedy. A year ago, some of them danced upon the earth, not knowing their fate. Tonight, they dance upon my candle wick, arms toward the sky.

A slew of names were declared amidst the sobbing: Bobby and Catherine, Chris and Gabriel, Mickey, Ralph, Jane.

Disturbing the silence, I smashed an acorn underneath my foot and accidentally dropped my program. Leaning over to pick up my program, I spotted the words, “…in the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them…” It was them. They had arrived. They were rustling in the bushes. They were making the leaves flutter. They heard us. They saw us. They were with us. Some candles extinguished earlier than others. Mine fought the wind. I looked to my left and saw a woman sobbing bitterly. Tears rolled down her face and splattered onto her program. “Jane, Jane,” she whispered in her breathy voice. "Jane…”

Tears welled up in the corners of my eyes like the wax at the tip of my candle when I heard the leader say, “As long as we have life, we will remember.” The hair rose on my arms and chills raced along my spine as hot wax trickled down my index finger. Stars swelled and studded the sky. The flames danced above their wicks as if to say, “I am here, can’t you see me?” Embraces and some smiles marked the end of the service. Extinguishing my flame, I turned to go home. I wiped a few tears from my face and looked up into the sky and I saw them — all of them — dangling their legs from the golden crescent moon.

Freshman Caitlin writes of her reaction to the College's candlelight vigil held in front of Rosary Hall. Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, O.P., a member of the College’s Board of Trustees and coordinator for Bereavement and Separated & Divorced Ministries of the Archdiocesan Family Life Office, led the service.

The Shows Go On

This fall Albertus students made phone calls for New Haven's nationally-acclaimed Long Wharf Theatre during its telefunding campaign. The student callers were: Jacqueline Cahab, Nina Deluca, Jamaica Devine, Lamar Devine, Crystal Long, Marcelee Mignott, Sarah Rollo, Melanie Smith, Tyesha Tucker and Michelle Valentine.

Exchange Students from Northern Ireland Studying Here

This year Albertus welcomed three students from Northern Ireland under a program co-sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Presbyterian Committee on Northern Ireland. Helen McLaren, Louise Crawford and Caroline Keenan, left to right, will spend the 2002-2003 academic year here. Students attend a U.S. college or university affiliated with the Catholic or Protestant faith opposite their own.

Senior Business Policy Seminars Help Children of Local Shelter

Seniors Sara Cahoon and Herly Tejeda put the finishing touches on a “Giving Tree” sponsored by the College’s Senior Business Policy Seminars in the traditional day and Continuing Education programs as a project in social responsibility. The tree carries gift tags indicating the needs of children at Life Haven, a shelter for women and children in New Haven. Students, faculty and staff, guided by the tags, purchased clothes and toys for the children. Area companies also supported the project. The social responsibility component of the Senior Business Policy Seminars, added 10 years ago, gives the students the opportunity to experience the spirit of service to others.

Twenty Students Listed in Who’s Who

The 2003 edition of “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges” will include 20 Albertus undergraduate and graduate students who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders. Selection, by campus nominating committees and editors of the directory, is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

Undergraduate students listed are Maria Bernardi, Donna Cortezzo, Ruben Gaytan, Candice Giordano and Christopher Hudson, day program; Michelle Fraser and Kenneth Wilson, Jr., Continuing Education; and Kathleen Corcoran, Jon Erickson, Michael Genvano, Tasi Pasquarilla, Robert Sullivan, Donald White and Robin Wolman, New Dimensions.

Graduate students are Michael Ciarl, Robin Edwards, Sabrina Gilhart, Melissa Goshgarian and Rayshida Taylor; all enrolled in the Master of Science in Management program of New Dimensions; and Sandra Tyrrell, in the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program.
Dominican Sisters Receive Albertus Veritas Awards

Sister Mary Faith Goeian, O.P., former prioress of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs, second from left, and Sister Ellen Dure, O.P., right, recently completed their terms on the College’s Board of Trustees as representatives of the founding Order. At their final Board meeting they received Veritas awards for service to Albertus from President Julia M. McNamara and Chairman Robert F. Behan.

Jessica Van Deren, associate dean for admission, recently toured Puerto Rico on a recruiting trip. She visited 20 high schools, meeting with prospective students and guidance counselors, and participated in two large College fairs. More than 250 students filled out requests for additional information about Albertus. About 50 colleges in the States took part in the fair.

Career Services’ Suzanne Wall Receives National Award

Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services, received the 2002 Outstanding New Professional Award for Connecticut from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The award recognizes excellence in counsel ing professionals who have worked in the student services field for three years or less. In her year and a half at Albertus, Wall has developed a comprehensive Career Center, expanded student internship programs and broadened the use of computer resources.

On the Road for Admissions

Richard J. Lolatte, dean for admission and financial aid, opened the day’s program of presentations, panels and tours provided an overview of an Albertus education. Dr. William C. Schulz, vice president for academic affairs; Maureen V. Morrison, dean for student services; Jay Moran, director of athletics; and Valerie D. Parks, financial assistant counselor.

In a new feature, four recent alumni returned to campus to share with prospective students what an Albertus education has meant to them. Shown below are, left to right: Samantha Kefford ’93, assistant vice president with the investment firm of Quick & Reilly, who begins law school evening classes in January under the sponsorship of the company; George Gallo ’90, teacher in the Continuing Education and New Dimensions programs, former New Haven alderman, executive director of the Connecticut Republican Party and most recently manager of Connecticut Governor John Rowland’s re-election campaign; Wendy Coleman ’00, partner in a computer consulting business and assistant coach of the AMC women’s basketball team; and Christopher Arden ’99, CPA with a large local accounting firm.

College Dedicates Boardroom to Honor Margaret L. MacDonough

On the Feast of Albert the Great, November 15, the College dedicated the Margaret L. MacDonough Boardroom Suite at Rosary Hall. Made possible through the generosity of Miss MacDonough, who has focused her philanthropy to Albertus in recent years on the restoration and renovation of Rosary Hall, the two-room suite will be used for meetings of the College’s Board of Trustees, and by faculty and guests of the College for seminars and colloquia.

Sister Gilmary McCabe, O.P., director of Campus Ministry, offered a prayer in honor of St. Albert’s Day, and Sister Anne Kilbridge, O.P., processor of the Dominican Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs and Board member, blessed the MacDonough Boardroom, lighting a Dominican candle which will be used at all future Board meetings. Alice L. Golden, secretary of the Board, read a resolu tion in honor of Miss MacDonough.

Promoter of Dominican Chasism Sister Mary Joel, O.P., also spoke about the Dominican mission.

Holocaust Survivor Shares His Story

Sidney Glucksman, who survived six years as a prisoner in World War II labor and concentration camps, including Gross-Rosen and Dachau, shared his experiences with the College community on November 6. The College scheduled the talk during this particular week to commemorate Kristallnacht, the nights of November 9 and 10 in 1938 when a thousand synagogues were set afire, businesses looted and windows smashed in the first major attack on the Jewish population of Germany and Austria.

Glucksman was 12 years old when he was taken from his school; he never saw his family again. He speaks to school and community groups so the world will not forget what happened during the Holocaust.

Bosley Named Director of CE

The College has appointed Annette Bosley director of Continuing Education. She joined Albertus as an academic coordinator in CE and was most recently acting director.

She is a graduate of Russell Sage College and earned a master’s degree in counseling from Central Connecticut State University.

Annual Fall Open House for Prospective Students a Hit

On Saturday, November 9, Albertus hosted the largest ever Open House for prospective students and their families. For the nearly 300 persons who attended, the day of presentations, panels and tours provided an overview of an Albertus education. Richard J. Lolatte, dean for admission and financial aid, opened the day’s program and President Julia M. McNamara welcomed all to Albertus, noting that the College is proud to celebrate the 700-year-old Dominican tradition of truth in all its dimensions and to help the College’s young men and women flourish by becoming their best selves. Also speaking in the “Words of Wisdom” segment of the program: Dr. William C. Schulz, vice president for academic affairs; Maureen V. Morrison, dean for student services; Jay Moran, director of athletics; and Valerie D. Parks, financial assistant counselor.

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James Sagner Has Book Published

James Sagner, associate professor at New Dimensions and director of the MBA program at Albertus, has had his latest book, "The Real World of Finance: 12 Lessons for the 21st Century," published by John Wiley & Sons. Citing a variety of real-world successes and scandals of Fortune 500 companies, he reveals how outdated financial principles can set dangerous precedents and expose corporations to unnecessary risks. He also shows how these lessons apply to the Enron collapse.

Sagner received a BS in accounting from Washington and Lee University, an MBA in marketing from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in business and economics from American University. He has written more than 40 papers and articles, as well as two earlier books, and has managed more than 250 large-scale studies for companies and non-profit organizations worldwide.

New Dimensions Fall Faculty Meeting Gets Excellent Marks for its Workshops

More than 50 faculty members, together with administrators and staff, attended the New Dimensions Fall Faculty Meeting on October 18 in the Library at Rosary Hall.

Dean Phyllis DeLeo thanked faculty for their “dedication and commitment to providing quality instruction to our students.” She attributed the extraordinary growth and success of the program to the excellent instruction and services New Dimensions students throughout the state receive.

In recognition of their long-term commitment and dedication to teaching in New Dimensions, John Wasserman and Phil Allocca received Distinguished Service and Awards.

The meeting’s agenda included a choice of two workshops: “Corporate Behavior and the Global Financial System,” led by James Sagner, or “Facilitation of Study Groups: Mediating for Success,” led by Kenneth Kuzmich and John Graham, and “Effective Grading Practices through the Use of Rubrics” by John Rogers. Following the presentations, meeting participants took part in breakout sessions by disciplines, where they had the opportunity to explore “best practices” and discuss issues unique to their specific areas of expertise.

Susan Letzler Cole Featured in “The Great Profs of Connecticut”

Susan Letzler Cole, professor of English and director of the drama concentration at Albertus, was one of a dozen teachers included in the “The Great Profs of Connecticut” cover story by Rand Richards Cooper in the Hartford Courant’s Northeast Magazine. To find out about Great Professors, Cooper called and e-mailed hundreds of undergraduates, college administrators and alumni across the state, asking about the teachers they admired. Excerpts from the story follow.

...The Great Professor got to you. Not just your skills, but your self... The Great Professor stood your world on its head. The Great Professor got you to. Not just your skills, but your self... Is there a college professor anywhere who inspires students to more fervent—and articulate—devotion than Susan Letzler Cole? Cole teaches in the English and Drama departments at New Haven’s Albertus Magnus College, where she is famed for her Shakespeare courses. “I was in awe of her brilliance from the moment I walked in,” says one former student. “She teaches with a passion and depth of knowledge unequalled in my experience.” Participants in Cole’s Shakespeare classes don’t merely read the plays, they perform them, on stage, with a director and small audience. Cole is the author of two popular books, “Playwrights in Rehearsal” and “Directors in Rehearsal,” that give an inside look at how writers and directors work with designers and actors to bring words to life on stage...

“To teach well, Cole says, means ‘to keep oneself open, always, to new and unexpected points of view; to become a learner at times, even with material one has ‘taught’ over and over; to be patient; to be surprised, to listen harder...”

Acadnic Accreditation Process for Albertus MBA Wins Unanimous Approval from State

The Board of Governors of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education in October unanimously approved accreditation of the College’s MBA program offered through New Dimensions and Licensed in June of 2001. This completes the final portion of a two-step process requiring approval for licensure followed by full accreditation of all new degree programs offered in Connecticut.

Dr. Phyllis DeLeo, dean of New Dimensions, said, “The accreditation of our MBA is a major achievement for Albertus Magnus College and New Dimensions. We are especially proud of our dynamic curriculum as well as our outstanding faculty who are well credentialed and experienced in their respective fields.”

The hallmark of this program is a cutting edge curriculum crafted to meet the challenges to today’s business environment. Components include course clusters in finance and technology, strategy and leadership, marketing and research, and organization and management. Ethical issues are inherent throughout the curriculum, and all courses have been designed to develop competencies in team building, leadership, conflict resolution and process improvement.

New MBA cohorts are now forming at the Long Wharf Learning Center in New Haven.

Papers

Stephen Joy, assistant professor of psychology

“Innovation motivation revealed in chromatic drawings” Poster presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2002.


Publications

Stephen Joy

Joy, S., Kaplan, E. and Fein, D. “Decoding Digit Symbol: Speed, memory, and visual scanning” Accepted for publication by the peer-reviewed journal Assessment.

Faculty Members Listed in Who’s Who

Four members of the Albertus faculty have been recognized for educational excellence by Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2002. They are Dr. Mark Barreuther, assistant professor of biology; Dr. Norman Duva, assistant professor of management; Dr. Rose Quisalo, lecturer in English and humanities; and Ronald Waite, associate professor communications and chair of the department of communications.

Barreuther received BS and MS degrees from Southern Connecticut State University and Ph.D. from Wesleyan University.

Duva graduated from the University of Nebraska with a BA, University of New Haven with an MA and The Union Institute with a Ph.D.

Quisalo holds a BA from Southern Connecticut State University, MA from Wesleyan University, and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Waite received BA and MA degrees from Fairfield University, and CAS from Wesleyan University.

Graduate Programs at Albertus Magnus

Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Established in 1991.
Director: Sr. Mary Jo Fox, O.P.

Master of Science in Management
Established 1995.
Director/Coordinator: Dr. Joseph Veth

Master of Arts in Art Therapy
Established in 1997.
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Graduate Programs at albertus.edu.
Helen McAleer, exchange student from Northern Ireland

Junior Nelson Medeiros

Senior Christopher Carlson

Junior Aimée Viens

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Junior Mike Abbey

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1974
Susan Peters Crawford, Dallas, TX, is practicing law part-time after 10 years at home raising her children. Her oldest son, Tyson, is on the football team at Yale, where he is a sophomore. She visits New Haven often, staying with Kathy Devlin ’74.

1975
Mary Mahon Beeckman, Cheshire, CT, retired at the end of June as co-head of the Cheshire Public Library. She recently returned from a trip to Cuba with members of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation.

1976
Mary Ellen Hennessy Gorard, New Britain, CT, reports that her husband has taken early retirement and is volunteering at the UCumn Medical Center.

1977
Tomoko Takahashi, Woodland Hills, CA, was the subject in August of a column, “His headstrong little girl has grown up,” in the local newspaper, which focused on her childhood in Japan and her relationship with her late father. A member of the AMC Board of Trustees, she is the provost and chief academic officer of Soka University, and dean of its Graduate School.

1978
Edith Davis, Hamden, CT, will be heading back to Thailand, this time to teach English conversation to end of June as co-head of the Cheshire Public Library.

1980
Linda Waldron Heery, Cranberry Township, PA, has sons ages 14, 10 and 5. She is involved in volunteer activities with the Township, her church and PTA.

Boston University
Honors Amodeo
Boston University recently named Maryann Amodeo ’67 as United Methodist Scholar / Teacher for the 2002–2003 academic year in recognition of her dedication to substance abuse research and education of future social workers.

The award celebrates the contributions made to scholarship and to the art of teaching by outstanding faculty members at universities historically affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Boston University traces its roots to the Newbury Biblical Institute, established in 1839 as the first Methodist Seminary in the United States. Amodeo is associate dean of academic affairs and an associate professor of clinical practice at Boston University’s School of Social Work. She also is director of the University’s Drug Institute for Policy, Training and Research. Her teaching focuses on the identification, referral and treatment of persons with drug and alcohol problems, as well as therapeutic skills for clinical work with individuals, groups and families. In research, she studies the effects of drug treatment on injection drug users, resilience in women raised in alcoholic families, the impact of substance abuse training on social work practice, and cross-cultural practice. After receiving a bachelor’s degree at Albertus, she earned a master’s in social work from Syracuse University and a doctorate in social policy from Brandeis University.

Evola Christophe Bates ’75

At the Hub

It was a long way from New Orleans to New England, but student Evola Christophe found warmth and friendship at Albertus. Nearly 30 years after graduation, this psychology major recalls a professor who was particularly helpful. She says of Ragaa Mazen, now head of the psychology department, “I remember how very friendly and understanding she was; we were both trying to adapt to new environments. I found the north very different from the south.”

After graduation, Bates returned to New Orleans. Her first job was at a community action agency providing services to low-income residents, and she stayed there for ten years. “After marriage and twin boys, I decided to return to school to pursue a master’s degree in psychology,” she says. “I accepted a job at Tulane University and was able to attend school there.

“I was on a fast career track, a wife and a mom. Unfortunately, the master’s degree never happened. My jobs changed four times, and each new position required more dedication and time,” she says. Her 18 years at Tulane, however, did provide valuable experience and exposure. “I accepted every invitation for committee membership. I learned how to make recommendations for resolving issues, considering new ideas, planning and group dynamics. As I moved up the ranks to vice president for human resources and administration, I became a member of the President’s Cabinet. At this level, one has first-hand knowledge of how a university operates.”

In 2000, Bates accepted an appointment as chief of staff to the new president of Jackson State University in Mississippi, which has an enrollment of 7,000 students. “I had worked with Dr. Ronald Mason at Tulane; when he became president at JSU, he asked me to be his chief of staff,” she says. “This is truly a wonderful job.”

Bates has a staff of two deputy chiefs and four clerical assistants. She is responsible for the operation of the President’s Office and liaison to the vice presidents, and she also oversees the daily operations of six directors reporting to the president. “The President’s Office is the place where students, alumni and the community voice their concerns, most of which find their way to my desk,” she adds.

“Our first major project was the formation of a Blue Ribbon Commission, experts drawn from national, state and local representation, to develop strategic initiatives for the University. Now the work is focusing on creating clarity and consensus around a vision for the University’s future. Implementing this plan and being part of the University’s second great era—its 125th anniversary this year—is very rewarding.

“I like being in higher education; it has all the aspects of being in the business world without the negative connotations associated with corporations. I like our product—the education of students—and our profit is their success.”

1984
Carol Ann Dennis, Bethlehem, PA, sends word that she and her husband, Don, were at West Point after returning from Germany and now have settled in Bethlehem. She teaches computer science at Berks Technical Institute.

Carolyn Healy Nicestora, Fredericksburg, VA, reports the arrival of her fourth child, and that Emily is a high school junior, Charlie a freshman and Olivia a third-grade student. She has a job that has been a breath of fresh air from her decorating company, Terra Intercure and Renovations, but hopes to return to her clients next year.

1986
Cheri Dickhard, Santa Monica, CA, has been with HBO for almost 10 years, the last two of which she has been in creative operations. Just back from a vacation in Hawaii, she says it was a “very relaxing week. I did a whole lot of nothing.”

1987
Bernadette Lombardi Cioffi, New Haven, CT, is the human resources representative at Sterling Memorial Library of Yale University.

Megan Sullivan, Boston, MA, has just received tenure at Boston University. She is now associate professor of humanities and rhetoric. Her publications include the book “Women in Northern Ireland: Cultural Studies and Material Conditions” and the monograph “Irish Women and Film: 1890–1990.”

1990
George Gallo, Middletown, CT, managed the successful re-election campaign for Connecticut’s Governor John Rowlan. His wife, Lisa Tran Gallo ’92, is a graphic arts designer for State Senator Republicans.

1991
Tracey Forbes, Milford, CT, has joined Source Marketing, an integrated promotion-marketing agency, as an account director.

Artist’s Work Exhibited in Library
The art gallery of the Naugatuck (CT) library featured the works of Karen Rannsteadt ’81 in November. A member of the Watertown Art League and Washington Art Association, she works in pastels, colored pencils and acrylics, and has a variety of her paintings and drawings on exhibition.

Rannsteadt is the therapeutic recreation director at a convalescent home and a health center.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Allara Lewis, M.D., ’33
Groton, CT
August 23, 2002

Jean M. Moroney, M.D., ’45
Overland Park, KS
September 30, 2002

Mary Hackett Bristol ’47
Canton, CT
September 27, 2002

Lucy Anne Farmer ’71
Quincy, MA
August 26, 2002

Katherine O’Dea Van Deusen ’72
Waverly, PA
September 30, 2002

Anne Sprague ’86
November 12, 2002
public relations and marketing at Tommy Hilfiger in 1992 of my own truths, those values that I’ve been faithful to in carving out a career, family and personal satisfaction.”

“I had always thought about going to law school, and my first job—two months after graduation—as a claims representative for Aetna increased my desire because I had to learn words can’t do the experience justice. The attack was heinous, but after being there, I saw how goodness prevails,” she says.

Cheryl Calegari Schwarzkopf is vice president for public relations and marketing at Tommy Hilfiger in New York City.

1992

Eileen Denny, Hamden, CT, a chiropractor, volunteered her services at Ground Zero for rescue workers.

1993

Jennifer Danielson Hurtado Daniele, Richmond, VA, reports that the Hurtado Daniele family has adopted Elizabeth Helena, born on May 9, 2000 in Sierra Leone, West Africa. Her husband, Jason, is now executive director of Cross-Over Ministry, a clinic that provides medical, dental and eye care to people without insurance and the working poor.

1994

Scott Lesko, Stony Brook, NY, is in his final year of a Fulbright program at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where he is a full-time teaching assistant in the History Department and a graduate assistant in Special Collections at the Maltz Library. He currently is working on two articles for publication.

Tabitha Wazorko Manafort, Plainville, CT, sends lots of news: she has started her own business as an educational consultant focusing on mathematics; she and Justin Manafort were married in July 2002 and are building a house; classmate Amber Coogrove Scherbek and her husband, George, attended the wedding.

1995

Tricia Ciaaburri, North Haven, CT, is an ESL teacher at Quinnipiac Elementary School in New Haven... and loves it.

1996

Courtney Edwards Barnikow, Branford, CT, graduated from Quinnipiac Law School in 2000 and was married in August 2002.

Anthony Cook, Alexandria, VA, is now working for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. (See photo above.)

Laura Jane Spinello Donvir, MS ’99, Killingworth, CT, adopted two babies, Mary Grace, now 3 and Adam, now 2. She recently gave birth to Madelyn. She is writing a book on how to adopt and thinking of teach- ing business/marketing and computers.

Giovanni Duaqui has moved from New York to Huntington Beach, CA.

1998

Donna Norcross, CE, West Haven, CT, is enrolled in a master’s program for community counseling at Southern Connecticut State University.

Alex Palluzzi, MD, Stratford, CT, received a master’s degree in recreation and leisure studies from Southern Connecticut State University. He is the director of the town’s recreation department.

1999

Melanie Reisetter Dautrich, MS, Clinton, CT, recently married Sean Dautrich, ’91, M.S ‘90.

2000

Nancy Welch-Bright, MS, Ridgefield, CT, was one of several group leaders at her church featured in a recent Danbury New Times article, “Mentors to the Congregation.”

2001

Kelly Poulin, ND, Stratford, CT, was promoted to practice administrator of The Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center in Trumbull.
Carmelina Mosher ’84

The Art of Therapy

PROFILE

Once upon a time, a little girl so loved fairy tales she wrote and illustrated her own. Today, Carmelina Mosher is a painter, educator, art therapist, entrepreneur… and writer of fairy tales. Of Penobscot heritage, Mosher was raised to believe that everything has a spirit. “As a child I could see and speak to the ‘little people’—the spirits the Penobscot believed inhabited fire, air, woods and water. My imagination was nurtured by my mother and sisters, who listened patiently and at great length to my elaborate storytelling and richly illustrated dreams,” she recalls.

By her senior year in high school, Mosher was investigating the art therapy program at Albertus. “I had already discovered that creating art was therapeutic in itself. I majored in art and English, with a concentration in art therapy, and then I received a master’s degree in expressive art therapy at Lesley College. This gave me the opportunity to incorporate all of my studies from Albertus into one profession,” she says.

Expressive art therapy incorporates poetry, storytelling, drama, music, dance and visual arts. “I have used all of these techniques to help clients in my private practice deal with problems of low self-esteem, failed relationships and physical or sexual abuse. I believe that art therapy is a door to the unconscious mind,” she says. Mosher also believes that paintings are glimpses into the inner world of the artist and the world of the viewer. “It is fascinating to me that my paintings continue to grow in meaning as I hear and read other people’s responses to them. People are moved and inspired, which in turn inspires me to continue painting and sharing my art.”

In 1994 Mosher founded a business based on her clinical and creative experiences as therapist and educator—she is a psychoeducational specialist for the Hamden (CT) Board of Education—and now sells the products of her Manic Minkmikins Company in the United States and abroad. She devised her psychotherapy games as an adjunct therapy for other health professionals and their clients. The games appeal as well to the general population interested in self-help and the human potential movement.

Mosher sees the games as “non-threatening interactive tools that provide a comfortable and safe structure to work through difficult emotions.” In “The Spectrum of Feeling” board game, for example, players move “minkin” figures along the colors of a rainbow, landing on “feelings” spaces and describing what causes them to experience those feelings. They collect gold coins for their honesty as they move toward a pot of gold at the end.

“The act of creating, particularly painting, gives me the most satisfaction. I see the human psyche as Einstein saw the universe: finite, yet unbounded, with no limits,” says Mosher. “I paint every chance I can, write poetry and weave tales daily. I share my creations as much as possible because I love to inspire others.”

Save the Date:
Albertus to Observe Black History Month With Performance Celebrating African American Women

The Department of Student Services and the Office of Alumni Relations and Special Events will co-sponsor “Echoes of the Past,” a performance by actor and playwright Maxine Maxwell on Wednesday, February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Bree Auditorium. This show explores what it has been like to be black and female over the past 150 years. The program is free and open to all members of the Albertus community and to the general public.

“Echoes of the Past” opens with Maxwell’s portrayal of an old slave woman, then spotlights turning points in the lives of remarkable and courageous women like antislavery activist Sojourner Truth, journalist Ida B. Wells and student Elizabeth Eckford, one of the “Little Rock Nine” who integrated Central High in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957. The performance ends with the Uprising of Soweto relived through the words of Winnie Mandela.

Maxwell, a graduate of Webster University Conservatory of Theatre Arts, has taught theatre workshops and served as a producer in the New York area. As an actor, she toured in the national company of “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide...When The Rainbow Is ENuf” and worked in New York as a solo artist and a member of performing ensembles.

Reservations for “Echoes of the Past” may be made by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502 or by e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu.

Message from the Board of Governors...

As the College continues to grow and look forward, one of the challenges facing the Alumni Association is how to continue to bring together our many diverse members—in new and different ways—while still preserving our traditions. In our effort to address this important issue, we asked ourselves the following questions:

What unites us as members of the Alumni Association? We come from different backgrounds, represent different generations, and more recently, came to Albertus at different stages in our lives—so how do we as an Association reach out and bring people together?

At a meeting of the Board, we talked about our days at Albertus, the historical events that took place while we were students, and shared special moments from our College days. Below are some of the comments that were made.

On AMC…

“It taught me to think, not just learn”

“It was the Camelot of my life”

“I felt the nuns and the priests encouraged independent thinking”

“I treasure the spiritual, intellectual, and social base AMC has provided for the rest of my life”

On the historical context…

“We were recovering from World War II”

“John Kennedy, John Glenn, Vatican II”

“Vietnam, student protests, Eugene McCarthy”

“First year AMC admitted men…Space Shuttle exploded”

On special moments…

“I remember shaking Bobby Kennedy’s hand at Tweed Airport”

“I remember rushing from work driving down I-91 to make a 5:30 class, eating a peanut butter and jelly sandwich”

We encourage Association members to share their experiences with the Board as we continue to look for new ways of bringing Albertus graduates together. Responses may be sent to the Office of Alumni Relations, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511 or via e-mail to alumni@albertus.edu.
Reunion 2003—Where Are They?

Sometimes our Albertus friends and classmates move, and forget to register a change of address with the alumni office. Are you in touch with someone who may be on our “Lost List” of alumni? Visit the Reunion section of the Albertus web page, under Alumni & Friends, at www.albertus.edu to view a “Lost List” of graduates with class years ending in 3 and 8. If you have current information for anyone on the list, please forward it to alumni@albertus.edu or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502.

Other Reunion information available on the Albertus web page:

- A listing of area hotels with discounts during Reunion Weekend
- A copy of the Reunion class questionnaire
- A schedule of events for the weekend

We look forward to seeing everyone in June!

From the Hill

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

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