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REGISTRATION. Please register by June 1. Online registration is available at albertus.edu/alumni/reunions

Name

First

Middle

Last

Class Year

Address

Spouse

Phone

Email

Guests Names

Are any of your guests children under the age of 12? If yes, how many?

Pricing Options

Class of 1962—50th Reunion: All Reunion events are free of charge for you and one guest. Please indicate which events you will attend below.

Golden Society—Graduates from the Classes of 1928–1961 receive special rates per event; please see event descriptions for details.

Millennials—Graduates from the Classes of 2000–2011 receive special rates per event; please see event descriptions for details.

All-inclusive Reunion Package, attend every event! Adults $45; Golden Society Member $22; Millennials $22

Event Schedule—Saturday, June 9

Luncheon

DeDominicis Dining Hall,
2nd floor Hubert Campus Center, 12 p.m.

Number Attending

Adult $20

Children 12 and under $10

Children under 5 no charge

Golden Society Members $10

Millennials $10

Self-Guided Dorms Tours / Visits

McAuliffe, Nilan, Sansbury, Dominican and Mohun, 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

No Charge.

Falcon’s Nest Man Cave

(a.k.a. House of Bollstadt Pub)

Open 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy popcorn, beer and the game of the day on the big screen—

all guests welcome. No Charge.

Albertus Enrichment Sessions

Historical Campus Walking Tour

Lead by Sr. Anne Kilbride, O.P.

“New Albertus” (45 minutes)

Departs from Hubert Campus Center at 2:30 p.m.

“No Charge.

“Classic Albertus” (45 minutes)

Departs from Rosary Hall at 3:30 p.m.

No Charge.

“Legacies in Words:

An Introduction to Memoir”

Presented by Sheila Murphy ’57

Tagliatela Academic Center, Education Room

Time: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

No Charge.

“Stay Connected! Social Media Made Easy”

Presented by Garrett Dell ’99

Tagliatela Academic Center, Computer Lab

Session 1: 2:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

Session 2: 3:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m.

No Charge.

Reunion Mass

St. Albert Atrium,
Tagliatela Academic Center, 4:30 p.m.

No Charge.

Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association

St. Albert Atrium,
Tagliatela Academic Center, 5:30 p.m.

President’s Address; Presentation of the Premier Achievement Awards;

Golden Society Induction

Ceremony with Champagne Toast, Honoring the Class of 1962

No Charge.

All Classes Cocktail Soiree

Bree Common and Courtyard

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Adult $30

Golden Society Members $20

Millennials $20

Special Accommodations

Please let us know if you or your guests require any special assistance during your visit to the College. Also, please let us know if you or your guests have any food allergies or dietary needs/restrictions the catering staff should be made aware of.

Please return this form to the Office of Alumni Relations, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511. Fax 203-785-8652.

For questions, please email sestevens@albertus.edu or call 203-773-8519

Online registration is available at albertus.edu/alumni/reunions
Don’t forget to tell us your Albertus story! Postcards can be found in your registration packet and at all locations used during Reunion.

Reunion 2012 Schedule

Saturday, June 9
11:00 a.m. Registration—Hubert Campus Center
-5:00 p.m. Pick up your Welcome Bag
11:00 a.m. Albertus Magnus College Bookstore open for shopping—
-6:30 p.m. Hubert Campus Center (1st Floor)
- Get your Albertus clothing and gifts
12:00 p.m. Buffet Luncheon for all alumni and guests—
-2 p.m. DeDominics Dining Hall (2nd Floor Hubert Campus Center)
- Alumni Association Board of Governors Prize Drawing
- Photo Booth—Grab your friends and get your photos taken together
2 p.m. -4:30 p.m. Dorms Open (McKaufke, Nian, Sansbury, Dominican and Mohun)
- Icons Nest Man Cave (a.k.a. House of Boldstad Pub) Open
- Enjoy popcorn, beer and the game of the day on the big screen— all guests welcome
2:30 p.m. Albertus Enrichment Sessions:
- Historical Campus Walking Tour lead by Sr. Anne Kibride, O.P.
“New Albertus” (45 minutes) Departs from Hubert Campus Center at 2:30 p.m, “Classic Albertus” (45 minutes) Departs from Rosary Hall at 3:30 p.m.
- “Legacies in Words: An Introduction to Memoir” Presented by Sheila Murphy ‘57, Taglialate Academic Center, Education Room, Time: 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
- “Stay Connected Social Media Made Easy”, Presented by Garrett Dell ’99, Taglialate Academic Center, Computer Lab, Session 1: 2:30 p.m.-3:15 p.m., Session 2: 3:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.
3:40 p.m. Reunion Mass—St. Albert Atrium, Taglialate Academic Center
5:30 p.m. • Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association
• President’s Address
• Presentation of the Alumni of the Year/Premier Achievement Award
• Golden Society Induction Ceremony with Champagne Toast, Honoring the Class of 1962
6:30 p.m. All Classes Cocktail Soiree, Bree Common and Courtyard
-8:30 p.m. • Featuring live jazz • Photo Booth—Grab your friends and get your photos taken together!
REUNION 2012 SERVICE PROJECT—Help us support the Springs Learning Center of New Haven Springs Learning Center, a program established and supported by the Dominican Sisters of Peace, seeks to provide a holistic literacy program, with special emphasis on English as a second language, for under-served adult learners in New Haven, Connecticut. We will be collecting school supplies, please visit www.albertus.edu/alumni/reunions or call 203-773-8519 for more information.

Reunion 2012—Area Hotels

Hotel room blocks are available at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion 2012. Listed below are the participating hotels. Reservations for “block” rooms must be made via telephone directly to the hotel. Blocks have been reserved for June 8–10, 2012. Please be sure to mention that you are attending the Albertus Reunion when making a reservation. We encourage travelers to make their reservations early.

HOTELS
New Haven Hotel
229 George Street, New Haven
203-498-3100 or 800-HOTEL
www.newhavenhotel.com
La Quinta
400 Sargent Drive, New Haven
203-562-3111
www.lq.com
Holiday Inn North Haven
136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange
203-562-3100 or 800-465-4329
www.holidayinn.com/northhavenctc.com
Omi Hotel
155 Temple Street, New Haven
203-724-6664
www.omihotel.com
Courtyard by Marriott at Yale
30 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
203-777-6221
www.courtyardmarriottyale.com
The Study at Yale
1157 Chapel Street, New Haven
203-503-4900
www.studyhotels.com
Quality Inn
30 Frontage Road, East Haven
203-496-5321
www.qnewhaven.com
Premier Hotel and Suites
21 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven
866-458-0232
www.premierhotelsuites.com
Hamden Clarion Hotel & Suites*
2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
203-288-3831
$129 per night plus tax
(Senior Suites available, call for price)
Some hotels listed at right may not have rooms available.

BED AND BREAKFAST
Touch of Ireland Guest House*
670 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
866-787-7990
Rates start at $135 per night
www.TouchofIrelandGuestHouse.com
Farnam Guest House*
616 Prospect Street, New Haven
888-562-7121
Rates range from $79-$199 per night
www.farnamguesthouse.com

* Close to the AMC campus.

2012 Alumni Award Recipients

The Premier Achievement Award is presented to graduates of the past ten years who have excelled professionally or within the community, or who have shown extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. This year’s recipients are Linda Townsend Maier ’97, ’09 M.B.A. and James T. Scott ’07.

Linda Townsend Maier exemplifies community leadership. She pioneered strategies to involve residents of the Dwight area of New Haven in the planning and management of their neighborhood through the creation of the Greater Dwight Development Corporation, which she serves as executive director. As president of the Greater Dwight Community Investment Corporation, with fiduciary responsibility for neighborhood-desired improvements and enhancements, she spearheaded the acquisition and management of a 79,000-square-foot shopping center in the neighborhood. A Stop & Shop Supermarket—the only full-service food mart in downtown New Haven—is the anchor of this commercial center, which includes a children’s dental clinic and other needed service businesses and stores. Responding to the neighborhood’s desire to have a high-quality day care center available, she brought together a team to create a state-of-the-art early childhood education center—the Montessori School on Edgewood. Townsend Maier is a dedicated servant of her chosen community and continues to work tirelessly to promote the ideals and activities needed to sustain a thriving and vibrant place in which to live and work.

James T. Scott, a Connecticut State Trooper, is a tireless advocate for community service. His personal focus is on mentoring and helping young people secure the support they need to become educated, productive and successful adults. He recently received the Youth Service Award from the Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs, Inc., for his efforts to help youth achieve their goals. A retired member of the Army National Guard, he specialized in military police operations and promoting soldier morale. On September 11, 2001, he deployed to New York City to assist in coordinating military police operations at Ground Zero. Two years later, he served in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he coordinated training programs to prepare a new Iraqi police force to assume security responsibilities. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice at Albertus, Scott went on to earn an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has been instrumental in establishing the Albertus Criminal Justice Club and Criminal Justice Camp for high school students, and he serves as an adjunct professor in the criminal justice program at Albertus.
College Announces Honorary Degree Recipients

The Board of Trustees of the College has voted unanimously to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon the following distinguished individuals at Commencement Exercises, Sunday, May 20:

Dorsey L. Kendrick, president of Gateway Community College in New Haven since 1999, is a passionate believer in the importance of higher education and lifelong learning. She is a catalyst for change and committed to helping students maximize their human potential by providing them with the best possible choices for success. She has spent her entire career in education encouraging others to dream, to learn and to become more than they ever thought possible. Dorsey Kendrick holds a B.S. degree from Union University, M.S. from Cardinal Stritch University and Ph.D. in higher education administration from Walden University.

Ragaa Mazen, adjunct professor of psychology, psychology counseling coordinator for the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program and director of the Master of Science in Human Services program, joined the Albertus faculty in 1973. Throughout her teaching career here she has been an innovator, thinking outside the box to bring Albertus to the forefront of emerging fields of study. The Master of Art in Art Therapy, which she developed, remains the only program of its kind in Connecticut, and is highly regarded nationally. Ragaa Mazen received a B.A. from Ein-Shams University in Cairo, and M.S. and Ph.D. from Yale University.

Reverend Timothy A. Meehan, pastor of both St. Therese Church and St. Frances Cabrini Church in North Haven, has spent his life in service to the Catholic Church, and supporting the causes of peace and justice. Long a civil rights activist, he was the founder and first executive director of the Office of Urban Affairs for the Archdiocese of Hartford. Committed to the development of affordable housing, he was the co-founder of Connecticut Interfaith Housing and former chairman of the New Haven Housing Authority. A former adjunct professor at Albertus, Father Meehan received a B.A. from St. Mary’s, Baltimore, and a master’s in public and private management from Yale University.

Joan V. O’Brien ’46 is a retired university professor, dedicated scholar of the classics and author. A penchant for research led to the writing of books offering new concepts on ancient texts. Her “Guide to Sophocles’ Antigone: A Student Edition,” published in 1978, was the first extensive commentary on the work since the 1891 edition. Her reassessment of the goddess Hera as a religious, cultural and political figure became a landmark work in the field of feminist theology. Joan O’Brien received her doctorate from Fordham University and has had a long and distinguished career on the faculty of Southern Illinois University.

Graduate Students Complete Leadership Capstone Project

The College’s Master in Arts in Leadership program equips students with the essential tools to guide them on their leadership journeys. Robert Gagne, Daniela Castiglia and Stephanie Roberts were among teams recently completing their Capstone course. Their final project: using the concepts learned throughout the program to promote awareness among young adults of the importance of learning good habits and behaviors of effective leaders.

The team arranged a conference to engage high school seniors from three local schools — Amity Regional, Hamden High and James Hillhouse — and Albertus students with a day of leadership. Invitations went out, through guidance counselors, to high school seniors who already displayed leadership characteristics and would benefit from the conference. With the guidance of Corey Schmidt, director of academic advising and student success, Albertus students joined the program.

Twenty-five students attended the day-long session on campus. Dr. Howard Fero, director of the College’s master’s programs in leadership, gave a presentation on the characteristics of exemplary leaders, which included an interactive exercise to engage students. There were three breakout sessions, public responsibility, team building and community involvement, facilitated by Gagne, Castiglia and Roberts respectively. Jillian B. Murphy, senior associate of the The Syncretics Group and the keynote speaker, identified the ten strategies for success derived from the experiences of the Ernest Shackleton Antarctic Expedition.

Invocation of the Muses

The Albertus Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, the only one in Connecticut, presents “Invocation of the Muses,” a group art exhibition featuring recent works by graduate and undergraduate art therapy faculty. Opening reception is Friday, May 11 at the Margaret L. McDonough Art Gallery in the Hubert Campus Center from 5:00 – 9:30 p.m., and the exhibition runs through May 25.

Participating faculty members are: Yasmine Awais, Lisa Furman, Nicole Kraus, Evie Lindemann, Louise Lumen, Ragaa Mazen, Abbe Miller, Rebecca Beers Miller, Robin Rittinger, Hilda Speicher and Jessica Detlefsen Trzaska.
Cara Ann Camam ’12, a biology major with a minor in communications, recently won the title of Miss New Haven County, a preliminary to the Miss Connecticut competition, which will take place in June. This year she has served as a resident assistant, member of the women’s cross country team and president of the Science Club. She also works part-time in a research laboratory at Yale School of Medicine. Last summer she was one of two Albertus students representing the College at an institute for faculty, students and administrators of Dominican colleges and universities at Fanjeaux, France, on the life and times of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order. In the summer of 2010 she participated in an intensive two-month biochemistry program with graduate students at Harvard University. Her goal: to attend medical school and become a neurosurgeon.

Albertus student Samantha Suarez will attend the Dominican Preaching in Action Conference in May at Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois. The annual conference for college-age students with a Dominican connection explores Dominican spirituality and preaching, prayer service, community and creative ways of making preaching and the Word come alive. Sr. Helen Kieran, O.P., director of campus ministry, is attending as a mentor.

Dr. Christine Atkins, assistant professor of foreign languages and director of the College’s Honors Program, participated in a roundtable discussion at Post University in Waterbury on establishing and administering an Honors Program.

Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services, was part of the Connecticut Department of Labor steering committee for the annual CT Learns and Works conference this spring. The day-long conference about career and workforce development issues attracted an audience of high school teachers and counselors, community college counselors, career development staff and Labor Department staff. She also presented at the Connecticut Counseling Association conference on April 27.

Dr. Mark B. Case has joined the Albertus community as associate professor in the department of biology, chemistry and mathematics. Recently retired as a captain after 32 years in the U.S. Coast Guard, he was chairman of the mathematics department at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy for the past 9 years. He graduated from the Academy with honors, holds a master of science degree in operations research and statistics, and received his Ph.D. from the University of Rhode Island. While at the Academy, Case served as head of the Academic Council, and member of the Dean’s Cabinet and Faculty Senate, and other committees; he also was a member of the women’s softball coaching staff.

Melissa DeLucia, director of experiential learning and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, was a member of the panel on the benefits of internships to small business for the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce’s Small Business Council in March.

Robert Hubbard, associate professor of computer information systems, signed copies of his new pictorial history of Glastonbury, Connecticut, at the local Welles-Turner Memorial Library in March. He spent several months researching and compiling photographs, most of the 230 he finally selected came from the collection of the Historical Society of Glastonbury. In 2009 he compiled a pictorial history of Middletown.

**Honors to Student-Athletes**

Albertus Athletics has completed one of its most successful years, producing two All-Americans and a Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) men’s basketball championship team. In the fall of 2011, soccer player Jamal Howard was named to the NSCAA/Continental Tires NCAA Division III All-American Second Team, becoming the first Albertus Magnus student-athlete to earn All-America status. He also was named to the NCAA Division III All-New England First Team. Ray Askew became the first Albertus men’s basketball All-American, earning recognition from the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the D3Hoops.com. He led the 2011–2012 Falcons to their second GNAC Tournament title in the last three seasons as Albertus went on to play in the NCAA Tournament.

**Rafferty’s Latest Collection of Poems Published by Clemson Digital Press**

“Appetites,” a new collection of poems by Charles Rafferty, co-director of the Master of Fine Arts in Writing program and adjunct professor of English at Albertus, was published in March by Clemson University Digital Press. Last year his poem “The Man Explains His Souvenirs” appeared in The New Yorker.

Clemson University Digital Press generally publishes two books a year. “Appetites,” says one reviewer, is a “delightful sequence of poems—sensual, lively, and charmingly perverse.”

Rafferty received a 2009 NEA Fellowship in Creative Writing, as well as a grant from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. He is the author of four earlier full-length collections of poetry; his poems have appeared in many journals, anthologies and textbooks.
uring the College’s second annual Experiential Learning Day in March, students presented work embodying the Albertus mission, which “promotes the search for truth in all its dimensions and is practical in its application.” The event honors students for their research and scholarship projects, Community Partners for outstanding supervision and mentorship, faculty sponsors and student club initiatives. It offers an overview of the many learning experiences that are a part of the liberal arts education, and the opportunity to fulfill the Dominican motto of sharing the fruits of one’s contemplation with others.

Community Partners of the Year: Area Cooperative Educational Services, Hamden Public Schools and New Haven Family Alliance.

Practicum and Internship Students of the Year:
Rebecca Fasula (Barnum Financial Group); KariAnn Filatreault (Albertus Department of Visual and Performing Arts and Miranda Creative); Timothy Gabbard (Connecticut Sports Management Group); Starlin Getts (Bethany Community School and Amity Regional High School); Erika Hatrick (Albertus Department of Visual and Performing Arts); Sydney McAvoy (Albertus Marketing Department and Scott Companies); Timothy Mikita (City of New Haven, Board of Education, Food Services Division); Stephanie Munzi (Bear Path School and West Haven High School); Steven Palma (Beecher Road School); Ana Rivera (Chartwells); Diermalys Sepulveda (Agency on Aging and East Rock Global Magnet School); and Bianca Sgrigneri (Law Office of Carlos E. Candal).

Research and Student Scholarship Students of the Year:
Emily Matousek (Outstanding Leadership on a Class Research Project and Professional Conference Presentation); Kelly Matera (Outstanding Achievement in Creative Writing); Nanette Arencibia (Outstanding Achievement in a Research Practicum); and Sarah Marggraff (Outstanding Achievement in Thesis Research).

Service-Learning Awards: Community Partner of the Year, East Haven Adult Learning Center; Student of the Year, Randi McCray (M.S.H.S.); and Class of the Year, Literature of the Immigrant.

Student presentations ranged from “My Internship: Namibian Dolphin Experience” to “Neoliberalism and Left-Wing Politics in Latin America” to “Inconvenient Truth—6 Years Later: The Globalizing Force of Ecological Degradation” and “Ending Dating Violence: Gender and Abuse in College and Popular Culture.”

The final event of the day was a panel, open to the public, on Women’s History Month, part of the Tagliatela Business and Leadership Lecture Series. Panelists were Kelly Matera ‘12, current student and aspiring Broadway director; Verica Mikojevic ‘04, Ph.D. student at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine; and Carolyn Vermont, president of the Greater Bridgeport NAACP. Helene Robbins, vice president, Wells Fargo Private Bank, was moderator.
Learning Day
1937
75th Reunion June 9, 2012

1938
75th Reunion June 8, 2013

1942
70th Reunion June 9, 2012

Esher Egun Jones, Waterbury, CT, a retired teacher, is 91, and spends six months a year at her home on Cape Cod in the company of her two rescued poodles. When in Waterbury she is active in the Overlook Community Club and does some tutoring. Her daughter, Lisa, who is deceased, graduated from Albertus in 1970.

Mary Skipp Phillips Winter, Naples, FL, recalls that she graduated a few months after the United States entered World War II. "The campuses at Albertus, Yale and local colleges were very subdued after this as many of the students were being drafted. It was an exciting, but sad time, so different when compared to previous years. Our class felt fortunate to have enjoyed college in happier times but we also were eager to join the War effort." Her daughter, Mary Alice Phillips Housland, graduated in ’73.

1943
70th Reunion June 8, 2013

1944
The Honorable Ellen Bree Burns, Hamden, CT, judge of the U.S. District Court in New Haven, continues to preside over court cases. She was the subject of a feature article in the New Haven Register during Women’s History Month in March. In 1976 she was the first woman appointed as a federal judge for the District of Connecticut. On May 31, the Apostles of The Sacred Heart of Jesus will honor her with her Mother Clelia Merloni Leadership Award.

1947
65th Reunion June 9, 2012

Doris Polastri, Branford, CT, a retired teacher, has been inducted into Branford’s Education Hall of Fame. She is a long-time member of Orchard House, an organization which tries to keep area seniors living independently in the community as long as possible.

Audrey MacKenzie White, Bethany, CT, has a daughter and son and two grandchildren. She works for Whitlock Farm Booksellers.

1948
65th Reunion June 8, 2013

1949
Faith Augur McCarthy, Northfield, CT, was inducted into Branford’s Education Hall of Fame in April. She was honored for her many years of service in education, both in high schools and at Albertus.

1952
60th Reunion June 9, 2012

Bette Ann Cortin Bailey, Plantville, CT, and Wally have 6 children and 12 grandchildren. She teaches grade 3 CCD, and volunteers two days a week at two local middle schools.

Doris Savelle Breuler, Northfield, CT, visits a nursing home once a week. She belongs to two art clubs and two dog clubs.

Jean Vioring Carmosse, Woodbury, CT, a retired kindergarten teacher, and her husband, Daniel, have a son and daughter and two grandchildren. She is active with the local Woman’s Club, Republican Town Committee and library board of trustees.

Marion O’Donohue Connelly, Port Washington, NY, and Paul have been married for 51 years. They have two children and five grandchildren. She enjoys duplicate bridge, exercise, serving as a lector and working with the Ministry of Consolation in her parish.

St. Joan Delaney, MM, Monreavia, CA, is still active in commercial affairs, she was a delegate from the Catholic Bishops Conference to Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A. She notes that in California she is in contact with classmate Claire Davis Rudge.

1953
60th Reunion June 8, 2013

Barbara McCarthy McCoon, Ridgewood, NJ, and Jack celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. “Everyone—all the kids and grandchildren, all 20 of us—made it to Vermont for a great weekend. We went to Mass in Hanover, New Hampshire, with brunch afterwards by a lake.”

1955
Catherine Wilkinson Coburn, West Hartford, CT, sends word that she has just become a great-grandmother, but is “much too young, of course.” Her oldest grandson, Nate Coburn, is “a very proud Dad!”

1957
55th Reunion June 9, 2012

Patricia “Tish” Mallan Burnham, Austin, TX, retired from the University of Texas, where she taught art history and American studies, in 2005. She is involved with a charismatic apostolate, CHERP (Christ’s Heart Reaches Out to Parishes), and serves as a lector. She and Walter have two adult children and four grandchildren.

Sheila Lee Dickinson, Las Vegas, NV, is still working full-time at her family’s newspaper. She has two married sons, six grandchildren and a 2-year-old great-granddaughter. Her younger son is a brigadier general in the Air Force, whose wife is retiring after 30 years’ service.

Lillian Adley Germian, Fairfield, CT, and Joe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 20; the priest who married them renewed their vows. Their daughter is the compliance director for Synergy Corporation and their son is a pediatrician.

Barbara Pottu Knetz, Trumbull, CT, and David have three children and six grandchildren. She is retired, but serves as a peer reviewer for Science and Children,” lesson reviewer for the National Science Teachers Association, president of the Greater Bridgeport Retired Teachers’ Association and on the executive board of the Association of Retired Teachers of Connecticut.

Mary Ann Scaglia McLean, Walnut Creek, CA, and Donna, love to travel. She delivers for Moos-e-Wheels, takes French classes and enjoys her book club.

Barbara Pappiano Spallina, Virginia Beach, VA, a retired real estate broker, has 4 children and 13 grandchildren. Her husband, John, is a retired accountant who worked for Pepperidge Farm. She volunteers at Mercy Center in Bridgeport, teaching women who have English as a second language, audits courses at Fairfield University and sings in a church choir.

Marsha Sangster Thompson, Pleasantville, NY, is a counselor and teacher at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Harrison. She enjoys travel, hiking, reading, community service, family and cooking. She has two daughters and five grandchildren.

1958
55th Reunion June 8, 2013

1960
Frances Wendi Meado, Stratford, CT, reports that she and Andy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a Mass and reception following. “Some priest and same venue. All six children, spouses and 21 grandchildren led the parade! Wonderful!”

Carole Drumm Rubley, Wayne, PA, has been traveling and serving on a variety of non-profit boards since her retirement from government in 2008. She is co-chair of a statewide citizens Marcellus Shale Commission, is working to educate the state legislature and agencies on the need to protect the environment and public health from dangers associated with hydraulic fracturing within the Marcellus Shale.

1962
50th Reunion June 9, 2012

Joan Lehr Chain, Colchester, CT, sends best wishes for a happy 50th reunion; she won’t be attending because of a nephew’s wedding. She is enjoying retired life with her “doggie, Julie, now as artistic as I am.”

She volunteers, with her brother, at the local Zephyr Farm Homestead.

Edwardwne Jarusinsky Cyon, Madison, CT, has 5 children (4 married) and 13 grandchildren. She retired in June of 2011 and is “navigating new waters of retirement.” She continues to be involved with a small Christian community within her parish, a weekly spiritual book and film club, and volunteer work at an area convalescent home.

1963
50th Reunion June 8, 2013

1964
Claire Wilcox Brenson, Wost Rocking, CT, sends word that she and Phil are enjoying retirement. There are RVers who enjoy an occasional cruise and visiting three grandchildren in Boston and Washington, D.C. She is president of the local Woman’s Club.

1965
Patricia Burns, State College, PA, reports that her son and his wife are expecting their first child in June. Her daughter is in a biology doctoral program at the University of Texas Arlington, and her research is on algae that support coral; she also teaches graduate students in Panama and Mexico about coral.

Denise Kiglore Howard, Reno, NV, has a 20-month-old grandson. An elementary school librarian, she plays flute in a community band. Her youngest daughter is a student at the University of Nevada-Reno, studying French and English.

1967
45th Reunion June 9, 2012

Jennifer Hoffman Board, Houston, TX, is the office manager in the Office of the Texas Attorney General, Child Support Enforcement Division. She reports that her daughter, Jessica, graduated from Columbia and Yale Medical School, and is currently a surgery resident at the University of California, San Francisco.

Margaret “Peggy” Werner Becker, Springfield, VA, is an employee assistance counselor for a Federal agency and also has a part-time private practice. She is involved with a community association, social justice work, gardening, politics/community organizing, and is a member of Nova, an international Ecumenical community.

Prospect Hill Society

Many loyal alumni and friends have indicated that they have included Albertus Magnus College in their estate planning. To recognize their kindness 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 2011–2012 Annual Report. Please contact Caryn Bohan Kraus ’86, vice president for development and alumni relations, at alumni@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

Rosalind Caffasso Davidbur, Waterbury, CT, reports that she has been enjoying retirement for five years, spending time with her four children and nine grandchildren, including two already in college. She teaches first-grade CCD “Can’t believe where the past 50 years have gone, especially when I see the results of the College’s expansion. It seems like yesterday that we walked the paths to half as many buildings. Very happy times!”

Janice Benoit Fodero, Orange, CT, is a retired librarian whose interests include travel, reading, theater and gardening; she is a literacy volunteer.

Joanne Pascarella Irvine, Toronto, Canada, a widow, has two adult daughters—still a great delight.

Brenda Fanfost LiBella, Wethersfield, CT, retired as a nurse and works full-time for the Department of Transportation. She is an avid traveler, she has spent 30 years exploring exotic places from Nepal to Fiji and Machu Picchu. When not traveling, she is a Wethersfield Open Space volunteer.

Mary Ellen Semmero Marra, West Chester, PA, a retired junior high-middle school teacher taught science for 33 years. She and David have a son and a daughter, and three grandchildren.

Janet Monroe Silk, Norwalk, CT, now retired, was a school psychologist and counselor employed by the Town of Westport. Her husband, John, is a retired accountant who worked for Pepperidge Farm. She volunteers at Mercy Center in Bridgeport, teaching women who have English as a second language, audits courses at Fairfield University and sings in a church choir.

Marsha Sangster Thompson, Pleasantville, NY, is a counselor and teacher at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Harrison. She enjoys travel, hiking, reading, community service, family and cooking. She has two daughters and five grandchildren.

We will list you as a Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College’s 2011–2012 Annual Report. Please contact Caryn Bohan Kraus ’86, vice president for development and alumni relations, at alumni@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know.
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Linda Doyle Staneck, Cincinnati, OH, writes that 2011 was a year of adjustment following the death of her mother at age 95. She and her husband have celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary. They are spending time with volunteer activities, visiting their children, son-in-law and only grandchild in Cleveland, and enjoying Hilton Head. Their daughter is a pediatric nurse practitioner and son is a staff educator and trainer at Children’s Hospital.

Maureen Listen Doudle ’69 retired in July after 13 years as director of institutional advancement for Housatonic Community College (HCC) in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She also served as liaison to the HCC Foundation. The 2010–2011 Annual Report of the HCC Foundation recognized her enthusiasm, dedication and hard work.

Mabelton, GA, has successfully completed a five-year $2.5 million research grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the Spinal Cord Injury Model System; she is the project director at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, where she has worked since 1976.

Jane Nady Sigmon, Alexandria, VA, reports that her daughter, Anna, married in August. Anna’s brother, Jay, served as the “Best Bridesman” in place of a maid of honor. Among the wedding guests were Albertus roommates Carol Gose Devine and Noreen Condon.

1970

Rose Reynolds, Lima, NY, has been inducted into the Kinsey-Lincoln Alumni Hall of Fame. She and her brother run the historic American Hotel. She also finds time for community involvement, serving as a trustee for the Lima Historical Society and vice chair of the Village Board, as well as a member for five years of the Lima Master Planning Committee.

1972 40th Reunion June 9, 2012

Irene Cap Badiali, East Williston, NY, is a trustee of her Ukrainian Greek Catholic church and notes that her house has taken a “new turn” because my husband, a retired attorney, went to a theological seminary; rekindling his desire to become a priest. He was ordained in 1972 and is presently serving in the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Stamford, Connecticut.

Mary Ellen Breuler Braunstein, Hamden, CT, traveled to Cuba this past fall. An exhibit of her street photography, Cuba Vanished Dreams, opened in November at the Rosen Gallery in Boca Raton, Florida.

Sarah Gilchrest O’Neill, Newburyport, MA, is a knitwear and accessories designer in the fashion industry at the Nordstrom, New York City. She has decided to plot a career-broadening move as a new workforce development analyst in the Electronic Systems Center at Hansom Air Force Base, responsible for human resources process improvements and succession and rotation planning for the human resources workforce. She and his wife, Elena, have three children: Joseph, 4, Zoe, 3 and Andrew, 1.

Anne Verret-Speck, Amherst, MA, has a daughter, two sons, a stepdaughter and stepson, and two grandchildren. The MIS director for the Town of Amherst.

Amosbury Public Schools, she is involved with “Amesbury for Africa,” a partnership with a village in Kenya, and this year celebrates 20 years as a member of the Newburyport Choral Society. She also is active in the local Unitarian Universalist church.

1973 40th Reunion June 8, 2013

Gibbons Receives Award for Assistant Principals

Vicenta Calzadilla Gibbons ’76 has received the Connecticut Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year Award. She has been at the 400-student Amity Middle School in Orange since 1989, and prior to that, served the Amity Regional School District as a teacher of Spanish at the high school for 21 years.

After the announcement of the award, she noted that she loves working with her entire school community to improve “every aspect of students’ lives.” “Students, at any age, need to be nurtured, loved and guided. … It really does take a village to teach each child, and I am proud to be part of that village.” Gibbons holds a master’s degree and sixth-year certificate from Southern Connecticut State University.

1977 35th Reunion June 9, 2012

Cornelia Gunn Dinsmore, Hamden, CT, graduated from Yale University Divinity School in 1985 and has worked in parish and university ministry. In 2007 she completed a residency for hospital chaplaincy at Bridgeport Hospital. Since then she has worked as a chaplain and clinician at a mental health agency in New Haven.

1978 35th Reunion June 8, 2013

Anne Reynolds DeBrowes, New Haven, CT, a specialist in retirement planning, has joined the Hamden office of Wells Fargo Advisors as first vice president—investments. Prior to joining Wells Fargo, she was with Chase Investment Services Corp.

Pamela Lorenzo, Branford, CT, has received an award from the Naval War College Foundation for her work in the field of American diplomacy. She is the program manager for the Visiting Nurse Association/South Central Connecticut and has been with the agency for 16 years.

1979

Eileen Eder, Guilford, CT, has an exhibition of her paintings of the Connecticut shoreline and still lifes on display at the New Haven Museum through March 12. She teaches drawing and painting at her studio in Guilford and at the Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven. She exhibits widely throughout the Northeast in group and solo shows.

1980 30th Reunion June 9, 2012

1983 30th Reunion June 8, 2013

1984

Annette Lavorgna Vasaturo, Seymour, CT, in September joined the staff of Sacred Heart Academy of Hamden as dean of students, a new position at the girls’ preparatory school. Previously, she served as principal of St. Vincent de Paul School in East Haven. She did graduate work at Southern Connecticut State University, and received a graduate certificate in Catholic school leadership from Sacred Heart University.


1988 25th Reunion June 8, 2013

1991

Samuel Doucette, Acton, MA, in a career-broadening move, is now a workforce development analyst in the Electronic Systems Center at Hansom Air Force Base, responsible for human resources process improvements and succession and rotation planning for the human resources workforce. He and his wife, Elena, have three children: Joseph, 4, Zoe, 3 and Andrew, 1.

Stacy Gravino Piccirillo, East Haven, CT, has been town clerk for East Haven since 2010. Prior to her election, she spent 17 years as a research assistant in a Yale University lab that worked with the yeast genome. She is secretary of the East Haven Rotary Club, board member of the Chamber of Commerce and chair of the craft section of the local Fall Festival.


Anita Trombley Shay, Watertown, CT, is a child life specialist at Yale-New Haven Hospital’s Children’s Hospital and a part-time professor at Albertus. She is involved with crowdfunding and fundraisers for breast cancer.

1993 20th Reunion June 8, 2013

Andrew Orefice, Ocean, NJ, is in his 6th year as superintendent of schools for the Oceanport School District. He also is a first-year doctoral student at St. Peter’s College, Jersey City.

John Quesnel, ’01 M.S.M., Hamden, ME, has joined People’s United Bank in Bangor as vice president in business banking. He began his banking career in 1982 as a teller. He and his wife, Bonnie, own a Scottish Import. They have a daughter, Samantha.


Elizabeth Napolitano, A.S., Wallingford, CT, administrative assistant to the superintendent of schools, is the northeast area director for the National Association of Educational Office Professionals and a board member of the Wallingford Educational Foundation.

1998 15th Reunion June 8, 2013

Lissa-Marie Tursi, ’11 M.B.A., Hamden, CT, is the director of financial aid for Brandeis Hall.

2001

Anthony Denniston, M.S.M., ’08 M.B.A., Waterford, CT, has been promoted by Webster Bank from vice president of staffing to senior vice president, employee relations. He earned the designation of senior human resource professional through the Society for Human Resources.

Mary Kate Carafano has been named director of development for the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut and Massachusetts. She previously served as state director of development and special events for the American Cancer Society.

2002 10th Reunion June 9, 2012

Daniel Benfield, Waterford, CT, has been named senior information management specialist in the Business Technology Group at Burns & McDonnell, Wallingford.

Elise Encarnation, M.S.M., ’02 M.B.A., Waterford, CT, an agent for State Farm, is a member of the board of directors of Progressive Action and the board of The Fitting Room, which provides clothing for women who are entering the work force.

Mark O’Connell, ’98 M.A.L., Madison, CT, employment computer support agent for ACS, a Xerox Company, is teaching operating systems concepts to evening students in the College’s School for Evening and Graduate Programs.

2003 10th Reunion June 8, 2013

Jenny Willets, Naugatuck, CT, participated in her first Diva half marathon on Long Island in honor of October’s Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

Dulla honored for service to children and families

Martha Dulla ’87 recently received the Joseph A. Pagliaro Sr. Award for distingushed service to children and families from the Parent Child Resource Center in Derby, Connecticut. The award recognizes exemplary behavioral health services to children and families in the Lower Naugatuck Valley. Active in the Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Valley United Way, she is currently board chair of the Valley YMCA, and has been a board member of the Central CT Coast YMCA since 1991.

Dulla received her J.D. from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 1993, and is the owner of Grassy Hill Lodge in Derby.
in the Hartford Marathon, her first. As a survivor of domestic abuse, she runs using "a vehicle to help other survivors overcome their struggles with domestic violence."

2006

Candice Pollack, Hamden, CT, is a partner in Advanced Physical Medicine, a chiropractic office, which opened in the spring of 2011. She is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic, and holds a master's in human nutrition from the university.

2007

Ronnie Copeman Awu, M.M., and her husband have one son. She is a process analyst at Yale Shared Services, and volunteers at the Yale-New Haven Children’s Hospital and Christian Love Center Church. In 2008 she received the Christian Community Ronice Copeman Award, 2006

Anna Coughlin Riordan ’48, June 22, 2011
Tanya Maldonado Colon, West Haven, CT, received a master's in elementary education from the University of New Haven after accruing in Albertus. She has two daughters and two step-sons. For 15 years, she has volunteered for the March of Dimes/March of Babies. Jennifer Catania, M.M., ’88 M.B.A., Meriden, CT, is senior operations manager at Bed Bath & Beyond.

Mildred McLoughlin Higgins, ’40, a past president of the Catholic Charity League and a longtime member of the Albertus Manor Club and the Overlook Club, died March 16, 2012.

Francis P. (Francis) K. O’Rear, M.A., ’59, Ridgefield, CT, was active in his church, and a founding member of the Orange, CT, First Congregational Church. He was a passionate volunteer for the Ronald McDonald House for Children, was a servant of the March of Dimes/March of Babies. Jennifer Catania, M.M., ’88 M.B.A., Meriden, CT, is senior operations manager at Bed Bath & Beyond.

Margaret Alman ’42, a graduate of Yale University School of Nursing and the University of California, Berkeley, was an associate professor of nursing at the University of Bridgeport and at Southern Connecticut State University; upon graduation from Albertus, she worked as a nurse; she was an advocate for the rights of the poor and a champion for disadvantaged children, lobbying for funding and reforms to help those in need.

Theresa Sibielski Jarvis ’40 returned to teaching when the youngest of her six children started school, then earned a master's degree in education from 1965 to 1968; she was an advocate for the rights of the poor and a champion for disadvantaged children, lobbying for funding and reforms to help those in need.

John (Alvord) Carter Whitney ’89, was a former trustee of the Albertus College and an attorney for many years, graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1988; he earned a master's degree in public administration in 1994.

Florence Steele Clark ’97, was a court reporter in Washington, D.C. before becoming a manager for LPC Group in Middletown, CT.

Gregory Price ’00 received his undergraduate degree from Albertus and an M.B.A. from the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

Thomas Field, ’01 M.M., received his master's degree from Albertus at age 62; he was a manufacturing engineer for Pratt & Whitney for 42 years; he was involved with the Killingsworth Town Council and other town committees.

James T. Scotti, Cheshire, CT, on March 17, received the E. Lorraine Evans Youth Service Award from Higher Heights Youth Empowerment Programs, Inc., its highest honor. He is dedicated to making sure that adolescents find the support they need to become educated, productive and successful adults. (James T. Scotti is one of the 2012 Alumni Premier Achievement Award recipients, see page 3.)

Velia M. Tyc, Stratford, CT, is a financial operations analyst, treasury investment, for Xerox Corporation. She enjoys cooking, reading and watching "movies with substance." A member of a non-profit organization that rescues abandoned cats, she has five cats of her own.

2008

Christopher Bolater, North Middletown, CT, returned in July from teaching ESL in South Korea. He has resumed graduate work in literature at Western Connecticut State University, and, after his graduation in May, will spend the summer studying French in Paris before starting a Ph.D. program in the fall.
**SBA Promotes Julio Casiano ’06**
The U.S. Small Business Administration has promoted Julio Casiano, ’09 M.S.M., ’10 M.B.A., to deputy district director for the Connecticut district office. He began his business career as a credit analyst for Bankers Trust in New York City.

Since moving to Connecticut in 1986, he has held key positions, such as branch manager, commercial lender, community development officer and market manager, at several banks. Actively involved in the ongoing professional development of Hispanic business owners, he has been a bi-lingual instructor for business courses offered through the Spanish American Merchants Association and other merchant groups in the state. He is the recipient of many awards for his community service, including the Individual Merit Award from the National Society of Hispanic MBAs and the Spanish American Merchants Association Leadership Award. He currently is president of the Connecticut Puerto Rican Forum.

**2009**
Lindsey Day, Coldwater, CT, an Air National Guard Airman 1st Class, recently graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

**2010**
Simone Shepard, Bridgeport, CT, a conflict analyst, is now pursuing an M.B.A. at Albertus. She is engaged to Andre R. Turner Jr., an employee of People’s United who play on the men’s and women’s athletic teams, and the new courses and programs developed and led by the College’s distinguished faculty. Sr. Margaret the Springs, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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**Alum ni Reception in the Big City is a Big Hit**
Alumni from the New York City area, New Jersey and Fairfield County, faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, staff, students and guests gathered at the Yale Club in New York March 22 for a reception and update on the State of the College. President Julia M. McNamara provided an overview of the College today, noting the successful completion of the decennial accreditation review by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the accomplishments of scholar-athletes who play on the men’s and women’s athletic teams, and the new courses and programs developed and led by the College’s distinguished faculty. Sr. Margaret Ormond, O.P., president of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, spoke of the enduring relationship between the College and the founding Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, now the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

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Come back to campus for Reunion 2012, June 9.

Classes ending in 2 and 7 are celebrating special milestones; all classes are welcome. See pages 2 and 3 for details.