The Albertus Community helped cut the ribbon celebrating the new turf surface at the Celentano Athletic Field on August 31.

Honorary Degree Citations

Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., Dominican Sister of Peace, leader in higher education and “Sister Chuck” to countless students, you have had an extraordinary impact on Albertus Magnus College...Your life is based on the pillars of Dominican charism: prayer, community, study and ministry... You are a true exemplar of the Dominican motto: contemplata aliis tradere, to give to others the fruits of one's contemplation.

Sister Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., your intellect and wit have brought dazzling light into the classroom in languages both ancient and modern. Your passion for teaching and for the classics has inspired countless students over the years... Your alma mater recognizes that your service of forty years at Albertus has been a blessing to all, and on this day we honor and acknowledge this conviction.

Natalia Icaza Holland, Genealogist, community volunteer, active alumna, you have faithfully served the causes of many organizations... It is fitting that we honor you today in front of the traditional heart of our College—the iconic Rosary Hall. The strength of its soaring pillars, its grace and its longevity—all are reflected in the remarkable person you have become. Your generosity of spirit and substance to this place has been extraordinary.

Marcus R. McCraven, Throughout your life no barriers have been too high for you to conquer; you became part of our nation's history as a key member of the team that developed the hydrogen bomb... For more than four decades you have been a distinguished leader in the corporate, community and educational life of New Haven... You are a strong advocate for education as a way for the underserved to gain productive lives.
Schedule of Events October 21–22, 2011

Friday, October 21, 2011

Athletic Hall of Fame
6:00 p.m. Unveiling of the 2011 inductees
Hall of Fame, Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center

6:30 p.m. Dinner honoring the 2011 inductees
DeDominics Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center
835.00 per person
R.S.V.P. online at alumni@albertus.edu; email alumni@albertus.edu or call 203-773-8502

9:00 p.m. “Albertus Madness”
Gymnasium, Cosgrove, Marcus Messer Athletic Center
All are welcome to attend Albertus Madness beginning at 9 p.m. in the gymnasium with music, performances, contests for prizes and the introduction of the players—highlighted by S-point and slam-dunk contests by the Albertus Falcons

Athletic Hall of Fame—2011 Inductees

Jason “Jay” Wyatt ’03 (Baseball), Candice Giordano Damico ’03 (Softball), Natalia Perleta ’05 (Women’s Basketball), and Timothy Russell ’05 (Men’s Basketball) For more on the inductees, see page 11.

Saturday, October 22, 2011

15th Annual Fall Fest
Come cheer on the Albertus Falcons as they take on rivals from Lasell College, meet up with fellow Albertus alumni, enjoy family fun and great food!

• Alumni Hospitality Tent: opens at noon, closes at the end of the men’s soccer game, wrist band system for beer/wine, valid ID required.

• Family Fun from noon–4 p.m. includes photo pennants, airbrush tattoos, and photo basketball hoops and more.

• Great food from noon–4 p.m. general concessions, fried dough, cotton candy, snow cones, Sally’s Famous Apple Fritters, AND visits from The Cupcake Truck and The Cheese Truck (grilled cheese, soup and more!!!)

• Athletics: Falcons vs Lasell
  > Women’s Soccer at 1 p.m.
  > Men’s Soccer at 3.15 p.m.

Concession/activity tickets available for purchase at $1 each.

Note: The Cupcake Truck (www.3lickcakethatcupcake.com) and The Cheese Truck (www.3cheesetruck.com) are part of the concession ticket system and will have items for sale directly to our guests.

Enrichment opportunities at Albertus Magnus College

Contemplata aliis tradere—To give to others the fruits of one’s contemplation

The St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series: Exploring our Dominican Heritage
November 7, 2011—The Tao of Jesus
Scott Steinkirchner, O.P., associate director for The Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University and the promoter of the Internet for the Order of Preachers.

January 23, 2012—Seeking Truth, Promoting Justice
Arlene Flaherty, O.P., Catholic Relief Services, promoter of justice and peace partnerships (snow date, January 24, 2012)

April 23, 2012—“If only you had known this day the things that make for peace”….Luke 19:42
Margaret Mayero, O.P., a non-government organization representative at the United Nations for the Dominican Order.

All St. Thomas Aquinas Lectures will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Devaney Lecture Hall located in Bree Common in Aquinas Hall.

Each will also meet with faculty and staff in the MacDonough Board Suite, Walsh Hall, from 11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. on the day of the lecture to present an overview of the evening’s talk. Alumni are welcome to join in the conversation. Light refreshments available. R.S.V.P. requested for these events.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture Series is made possible by the Marie Louisa Bianchi ’31 Fund. The series is named in honor of St. Thomas Aquinas, a scholar and member of the Dominican Order, who left behind a treasure of knowledge and inquiry. Since its founding in 1925, by the Dominican Sisters, the College has cherished its Dominican tradition and Catholic heritage through the pursuit of truth in all its dimensions.

The Tagliatela Business and Leadership Lecture Series: Honoring our Diversity
In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15)

The Latino Experience in Connecticut
September 29, 2011
11:10 a.m. St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center
Speaker panel featuring Nilvio Perez, director of admission for Albertus Magnus College; Ulysses Arrigoitia, vice president and general manager of Univision/Telefutura; and Albertus student Margarita Brown ’12 who is majoring in English. Light lunch available.

Moderated by Dr. Christine Atkins, assistant professor of foreign languages and director of the Honors Program.

Guest Author Carlos Eire
“Waiting for Snow, Learning to Die: Confessions of a Wayward Historian”
October 13, 2011
11:10 a.m. St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

Dr. Eire will discuss his book “Waiting for Snow in Harran: Confessions of a Cuban Boy,” which won the National Book Award in nonfiction for 2003. This book is part of the first-year student seminar program at Albertus this fall. We invite our alumni to be a part of the discussion. (Copies of the book are available for purchase at the College bookstore.)

Carlos Eire is the T. Lawson Riggs Professor of History and Religious Studies at Yale University. Light lunch available.

A Celebration of Black History Month (February)
A Celebration of Women’s History Month (March)

Connect with Fellow Alumni

All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon
November 1, 2011
Mass: Noon, Rehan Community Room, Hubert Campus Center
Lunch: to follow Mass in the DeDominics Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center
$15 per person for lunch; $10 for Golden Society members

To R.S.V.P. or to submit names for our prayer remembrance list (individuals who have died since November 2010), please email alumni@albertus.edu, mail information to Alumni Office, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511, or call the Alumni Office at 203-773-8502.

NYC Alumni Reception
March 22, 2012, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Yale Club of New York City, 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (located directly across the street from Grand Central Terminal). Alumni and their guests are welcome to attend. R.S.V.P. required for this event.

Reunion 2012
June 9, 2012 Highlighting classes ending in 2 and 7

Celebrate Mass on Campus
Alumni and their guests are always welcome to attend Mass on campus. Mass is held in the St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, located in Walsh Hall, unless otherwise noted below.

October 21, 2011–12:15 p.m. Athlete’s Mass (part of the 15th Annual Fall Fest celebration)
St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center
November 15, 2011–11:15 a.m. Feast of St. Albert
December 8, 2011–11:15 a.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception
January 25, 2012–12:15 p.m. Conversion of St. Paul
February 22, 2012–12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Mass
March 19, 2012–12:15 p.m. Conversion of St. Paul
April 25, 2012–12:15 p.m. Feast of St. Mark
May 19, 2012–4:00 p.m. Baccalaureate Mass
St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center
June 9, 2012–4:00 p.m. Reunion Mass
St. Albert Atrium, Tagliatela Academic Center

For more information, event details, or to register for events online, please visit www.albertus.edu/alumni.

R.S.V.P. to: alumni@albertus.edu, 203-773-8502, Albertus Magnus College, Office of Alumni Relations, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511.
Several long-serving faculty members and administrators ended their Albertus careers in June

Dr. Christopher Anagnostakis, who joined the Albertus faculty in 1979, retired as professor of mathematics and chair of the mathematics department. Over the years, he prepared his students to become outstanding teachers of mathematics. In 2004 he redesigned the major, tailoring it to the needs of teacher candidates seeking certification in mathematics. Since then, all of his students in the education program successfully completed Praxis II exams with strong scores. His interests extend far beyond mathematics, ranging from British art to Scottish country dancing and hieroglyphics.

Robert J. Bucinco, senior vice president for advancement, retired after more than 20 years of dedicated service to the College. He served the advancement field with distinction, dedication and out-of-the-box thinking. During his long career in higher education advancement, he has been an advocate for the adult student. In 1985, working with the Continuing Education department, he designed and developed the "accelerated degree program" to meet the needs of working adults who desired a college education. His advancement expertise has been the foundation for creative solutions to 21st-century challenges.

Letters honoris causa at this year's commencement ceremonies. Sister Charles Marie has retired to the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus, Ohio, beginning the next and new phase of her life of service and commitment.

Janice Miles Dunn has been appointed executive director of the School of Evening and Graduate Programs. Dunn holds a master's degree in education technology from Fairfield University and has had private sector experience in business development and marketing.

Robert J. Bucinco Named Vice President

Carolyn Behan Kraus ’86, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, has been appointed to the new position of vice president for development and alumni relations, taking on additional advancement and leadership responsibilities. As chief development officer, she will oversee and direct the development and fundraising activities crucial to the College’s future; she will continue to serve as the principal liaison to the alumni community. A former high school art teacher, she received a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies degree from Wesleyan University, and has served in a variety of administrative roles here at Albertus over two decades.

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DOMINICAN SISTER APPOINTED TO NEW POSITION AT ALBERTUS

Sister Anne Kilbride, O.P., has joined the Albertus community and will serve in the new position of Special Assistant to the President for Promotion of the Catholic, Dominican Heritage at Albertus. She came to the College last spring as a consultant to gather ideas and make recommendations on new and creative ways to strengthen the College’s long relationship with the Dominican Sisters. Now she will assist the College in developing academic and social links with national and international Dominican teachers and preachers.

Sister Anne received a bachelor’s degree in English and education from Southern Connecticut State University, and master’s degrees from the University of Notre Dame in theology and Boston College in pastoral ministry; she also pursued further study in counseling, family counseling and theology at the University of Notre Dame, Ohio Dominican University and St. Joseph College.

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Quick Notes:

- The Albertus Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, the only one in Connecticut, was recently granted renewed full approval by the American Art Therapy Association (AATA). Originally granted full approval in 2003, the program was due for review in 2010. Approved program status indicates that the program meets the education standards of AATA and offers a high quality of art therapy education. It also indicates commitment to the purposes and goals of AATA. For more about Albertus alumni of the M.A.A.T., see Class Notes, page 11.

- Dr. Hilda Speicher, associate professor of psychology, will offer a poster presentation on “Improving Learning Outcomes in an Undergraduate Statistics Course: Engaging Students Using High Impact Teaching Strategies” at the September 23 – 24 Atlantic Coast Teaching of Psychology Conference in New Jersey. In April, she was invited to participate in a colloquium at Saint Anselm College; her topic: “Building a Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Community at a Small Liberal Arts College.” In fall 2010, Speicher and Dr. Patricia Compagnone-Post, associate professor of biology, gave a poster presentation—“Implementation of Student Research at a Small Liberal Arts College”—at the Association of American College and Universities Conference on Creativity, Inquiry and Discovery: Undergraduate Research In and Across the Disciplines.

- Garrett Dell, coordinator of academic services, evening program, in the School of Evening and Graduate Programs, delivered a paper entitled “Effectiveness of Voice-Recorded Feedback in an Online Course” at the International Technology, Education and Development Conference in Spain this past spring. He has been accepted into the Ph.D. program in humanities at Salve Regina University.

- Students Cara Cama and Nanette Arenobia represented the College at a summer institute in Fanjeaux, France, on the life and times of St. Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order. St. Dominic lived in this small village in southwestern France from 1206 to 1216, and it was there that he shaped his vision for a religious order devoted to seeking and studying truth. Participants in the two-week program included students, faculty, administrators and staff from American Dominican colleges and universities. The seminar offered participants the opportunity to explore implications of the Dominican tradition for Dominican colleges and universities today. Last year, Jennifer Kordek ‘11 was the first Albertus student to attend the Fanjeaux program; Robert Hubbard, associate professor of computer information systems, participated in 2008, and Robert Bourgeois, assistant professor of social sciences, in 2009.

New Assignments

Several members of the faculty and administration have taken on new assignments this fall

Dr. Phyllis DeLeo, founder and director of Writing Programs since 2003, will serve as director of institutional research, succeeding Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., who recently relocated to the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse in Columbus, Ohio. DeLeo will work closely with Steven Gstaider, vice president for information technology services, in an effort to integrate and enhance the research effort with the College’s technological capabilities. She received a bachelor’s degree from Southern Connecticut State University, and master’s and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

Corey A. Schmidt, a member of the admissions staff since 2007 and former assistant director of admission, is now director of academic advising and student success. She has responsibility for directly overseeing the advisement and orientation of first-year and transfer students, developing and implementing initiatives to support student success and retention, and working as a member of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence team to provide academic support services to students in the Traditional Undergraduate Day College. Schmidt received her bachelor’s degree magna cum laude, from Gettyburg College, and her M.B.A. from Albertus in 2011.

Melissa DeLucia, former practicum and internship coordinator, is now director of experiential learning and the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence. She will oversee day-to-day operations of the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence and all experiential learning initiatives in the Traditional Undergraduate Day College. A member of the College community since 2003, DeLucia holds a bachelor’s degree in managerial communication and a master’s degree in instructional technology from Southern Connecticut State University.

Kristen Altieri DeCarli Joins College Community

Kristen Altieri DeCarli has joined the College as assistant director of athletics and sports information director. She succeeds Brian Leighton who will assume the new duties of assistant director of athletics for operations and facilities; he will continue as head baseball coach.

DeCarli comes to Albertus from the University of Connecticut, where she was an athletics communications assistant, serving as primary media contact for eight programs, including men’s soccer and baseball; she also worked as an assistant media contact for the UConn women’s basketball team. Prior to her experience at UConn, she worked in the sports information office at Southern Connecticut State University. DeCarli graduated cum laude from Endicott College with a degree in sports management, and was the captain of the 2004 Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship volleyball team.

Student-Athletes Named to Academic All-Conference Team

The Great Northeast Athletic Conference named 28 Albertus student-athletes to its 2011 Academic All-Conference team. Those honored and their teams were: Colleen Burnett, Patrick Bertoft, Adam Platner and Zak Sololis, baseball; Liana Carrero and Elysha White, women’s basketball; Alysha Winiarski, women’s cross country; Daniel Foldy, Jesse Gale, Michael Ingrino, Chris Long, Timothy Mikia and Donato Pirovano, men’s soccer; Michelle Batista, Sarah DeCenzo, Samantha Failey and Jessica Radecki, women’s soccer; Brad Szmyzanski, softball; Marcus Arataz, men’s tennis; Nanette Arenobia; women’s tennis; Nnambaramey Dy, Chris Pfeffer and David Teodosiu, men’s volleyball; Diedre Brown, Krista LaBissoniere, Melissa Manning and Tiffany Ortiz, women’s volleyball.
Reunion 2011

They came from east and west to celebrate milestone reunions; those without a special reunion returned simply to see lifelong friends or favorite professors. It was a special time: Friends met up in the House of Bollstadt on Friday night; Mark Twain spoke in the Bookstore; and Karreem Mebane '04 received the Premier Achievement Award.
1949
Jean McInnis Robichaud, Atletlboro, MA, and her husband celebrated their 60th anniversary in August. They "have 15 grandchildren and 6 great-grand children.'

1951
Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Anderson Hackett, Cheshire, CT, has 3 sons, 3 daughters and 19 grand-children (5 in college and the youngest in kindergarten). Among her many activities are pastoral care at St. Mary's Hospital, Eucharistic Ministry at her local church and at St. Thomas More Chapel at Yale, volunteering at a soup kitchen at St. Thomas More, and teaching a fourth-grade CCD class.

Sister Charles Marie Braniff, O.P., Columbus, OH, has retired after 35 years at Albertus as teacher and administrator. "How great they have been," she says.

Eleanor Regan Bsh, Marysville, TN, missed her 60th Reunion because she was in Colorado attending a grand-son's wedding.

Barbara Dillon, Belmont, MA, reports that in July 2010 she moved from her eight-room house to a two-bedroom apartment. "For me, downsizing was definitely the way to go," she says.

Rosemary Ford Lanahan, Savannah, GA, keeps busy with gardening, reading (averages one to two books a week), conservative politics and grandchildren. She is the author of two books: "Virginia Celebrates," a cookbook for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in Richmond; and "The Tuscan Inn Tradition," a history of the venerable inn on the eastern shore of Virginia.

Anne McCabe Twele, Princeton, NJ, a widow, is retired and enjoys reading.

In Memoriam

Sr. Mary Norbert McLaughlin, O.P., '37, made her Profession of Vows in 1939; she taught in schools in several states June 20, 2011 Columbus, OH

Dorothea Medford Ray '43, a native of Brooklyn, NY, lived in Virginia for 30 years April 8, 2010 Peninsula, VA

Margaret (Peggy) Monahan Whitmore '43, former teacher, was an aid bridge player and golfer August 10, 2011 Vero Beach, FL

Shirley McDonald Gillin '44S was a former buyer for Lord & Taylor in New York City and a retired personnel director for Johnson & Johnson; she was the Volunteer of the Year for the state of Pennsylvania in 2007 April 29, 2011 Langhorne, PA

Rosemary Smith Melchert '45 was the current president of the Albertus East Shore (CT) Alumni Chapter, and very active in community organizations in Hartford and West Hartford over the years; while a student, she was a member of the College's fencing team and was a Connecticut state women's champion fencer August 26, 2011 Westbrook, CT

Mary Weber '45 received a master's degree and sixth-year certificate from Fairfield University; she taught at East Haven High School for many years and chaired the social studies department until her retirement August 12, 2011 Branford, CT

Mary Rose Keshane '49 was a French and Latin teacher for the City of Hartford School System July 11, 2011 Meriden, CT

Mary Kay Olliew Conroy '50, a teacher, had 8 children and 21 grandchildren; she was a volunteer for Concern America, Habitat for Humanity and the Vietnamese Resettlement Program June 20, 2011 Glendale, CA

Jane Stana Mauro '50 received a master's degree from the Yale School of Nursing; she was long active in local politics and community activities May 27, 2011 Durham, CT

Marylou Beschel O'Shea '50, received a master's in education from Southern Connecticut State University and taught in the Hamden and Branford school systems. September 2, 2011 Branford, CT

Grace Enright McLeod '64 received her M.S.W. from The Catholic University of America and a degree in administration from the University of Southern California; she spent 22 years with Calabusa County Social Services June 9, 2011 Hickory, NC

Mary Lynne Carroll '71 received an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut, and worked for Southern New England Telephone for many years; she was a vice president of investment management for AT&T from 1999 until her retirement in 2007 May 14, 2011 Basking Ridge, NJ

Nancy Larson Hanlon '87 had a master's and sixth-year certificate from Southern Connecticut State University; she was an art therapist at Yale-New Haven Hospital's Child Psychiatric Unit and then pursued a teaching career, spending the past 18 years with the Fairfield Board of Education April 27, 2011 North Haven, CT

Lucille Payne '02 M.A.A.T. maintained a private practice as a licensed professional counselor and art therapist April 2, 2011 New Fairfield, CT

J. Gary Seren '05 M.S.M., a Vietnam era U.S. Navy veteran, was a program manager for several corporations, and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity May 20, 2011 Marshfield, MA

Prospect Hill Society

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

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know.

We will list you as a Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College's 2010-2011 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, vice president for development and alumni relations, at alumni@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

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Maureen Urban Ecclesine, Essex, NY, and her husband, Joe, now deceased, had four children. She is a member of the Garden Club of America; Essex Island Golf Course; she enjoys golf, tennis and paddle tennis.

Madeline DiSanto Ferraz, Little Compton, RI, and her husband have a married son. She is a board member and past president of the Waropt Art Group and still teaches watercolor classes and workshops.

Mary Harrigan, New York, NY, and her partner, Andrew, have been together for 25 years. She is a part-time social worker in AIDS/HIV outpatient clinic. She enjoys classical music at the Met, Philharmonic and summer festivals.

Joan Hermly Kilceyone, Wayland, MA, has four children and seven grandchildren. Retired, she is a church lector, Eucharistic Minister, hospital and nursing home visitor, and plays golf.

Elaine Mancini Raviola, Fairfield, CT, has a daughter and four grandchildren.
Karen Effinger Otto, a college professor, a producer for National Public State University. She has three grown children, 32 to ever since receiving a master's in education from UC journalist, editor and media trainer in the Balkans has been working as a

Marie Taylor, married in 2004, and she has a 21-year-old daughter. Bernard's and active in Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. She and her partner, Karen Burns, were battered women, a board member of Friends of St. Bernard's and active in Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. She and her partner, Karen Burns, were married in 2004, and she has a 21-year-old daughter.

Betsy Ahern Burbank, Judson, NH, recently relocated to New England after vacationing in the Oro Valley, Arizona; she loved exploring the West and Mexico. She is now splitting her time between Ipswich, Massachusetts and Judson. "My health is fine, my kids are well and leading productive lives and my ten grandchildren keep me busy," she notes.

Joan Venditto, West Haven, CT, has been appointed to the board of trustees of St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. She is director of education programs at Albertus.

Claire Wilcox Bronson, West Redding, CT, and Phil are enjoying retirement. She is president of the Ridgefield Women's Club and finds enjoyment and satisfaction in oil painting and drawing classes at the local senior center.

Barbara Ames Dunsmore, Goudala, CA, who retired to the North Somoa Coast after her teaching career, is a quilter and fabric artist. Her husband of 36 years, Earl, died in 2006. She spends a good part of each year with her three daughters and four grandchildren in Seattle, or traveling.

Maryann Civitello, West Newton, MA, is a partner in the Boston law firm of Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., president of the board of directors of The Elizabeth Stone House, a shelter for battered women, a board member of Friends of St. Bernard’s and active in Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts. She and her partner, Karen Burns, were married in 2004, and she has a 21-year-old daughter.

Sister Nancy Strillacci, ASCJ, ’71, reading groups. She is president of the Cardinal Singers, a women's singing group in Raleigh, recent traveling to Prague, Salzburg and Vienna. As a member of the Democratic Town Committee and the New Haven Board of Aldermen.

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Life for Linda Townsend Maier is all about giving back—to improving her community in ways that will benefit future generations. In New Haven, she has been the executive director of the Greater Dwight Development Corporation since 2001, and its subsidiary, the Montessori School on Edgewood, since 2004. She also serves as president of the Greater Dwight Community Investment Corporation.

"I believe in tenacity and hard work, and in respect for new ideas and relationships," says this long-time community activist. "This is what enables one to make a difference. I care deeply about New Haven, and I’m committed to the Dwight community and to improving the quality of life for our neighborhood residents."

The challenges are many in Townsend Maier’s chosen work, especially identifying and securing resources for crucial projects to carry out neighborhood priorities. "The fun comes in working out the details once the resources have been secured," she says. "The thrill is accomplishing the goals and seeing the results in terms of rehabilitated homes, new business and employers, and children eager to learn and ready for kindergarten."

A recent accomplishment for Townsend Maier and the entire Dwight community is an agreement, after many months of negotiation, with the Stop and Shop Supermarket Company to open a store in a 56,000-square foot building in a shopping plaza owned by the Development Corporation, and to assume the remaining eight-year lease of the previous tenant, also a supermarket. "It was a victory for an amazing group of dedicated community volunteers," notes Townsend Maier. "Our team came together, worked with the City of New Haven and the Stop and Shop people, and believed we could make it happen. The store manager, Anne Demchak, has been great to work with; she’s also an Albertus graduate (’04).”

Townsend Maier came to New Haven as a child in the 1950s. “My parents were second-generation Alabama sharecroppers, and moved here after World War II as part of the “Black Migration North” to find work in local factories. Our family settled in a shared apartment in the historical African-American Dixwell community.

This was a time when community was truly a collective—families sharing their meals, their homes and their hopes for the future,” she recalls. Her involvement in community services began in 1990 when she was elected chairperson of the Dwight central management team. She also learned the workings of local government as a former member of the Democratic Town Committee and the New Haven Board of Aldermen.

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Townsend Maier attributes her accomplishments to her “humble start, life’s challenges and the tough love” of a mother who instilled in her the value of an education.

In June, Melissa appeared as Guenevere in a concert version of “Camelot” opposite Jeremy Irons as King Arthur at the Shubert Theatre in New York City, with Angela De Filippo Errico ‘61 met Alec Baldwin after he and her daughter Melissa Errico did a staged reading of “The Gift of the Gorgon,” a play by Peter Shaffer, at the Guild Hall in East Hampton, New York, in July. In June, Melissa appeared as Guenevere in a concert version of “Camelot” opposite Jeremy Irons as King Arthur at the Shubert Theatre in New York City.

Family Ties
Sister Nancy Strillacci, ASCJ, ’71, Shelton, CT, was sorry to miss her 40th Albertus reunion in June, but it coincided with a long-planned trip with her sister to Poland to see their mother's first cousins and extended family. In 1913, their grandmother came to the United States by herself at age 18, and never saw her family again because WW I, WW II and the subsequent Iron Curtain prevented her return. Sr. Nancy notes that "as a family, we have corresponded with the family over there for 98 years...We have limited Polish, but a lot of love!"

Sister Nancy is program director for the Office of Clergy and Religious in the Diocese of Bridgeport and delegate for Religious in the Diocese. She volunteers each week at the department of corrections in Bridgeport, distributing communion and organizing Catholic reading groups.
CLASS NOTES

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1986 Rachel Hart and her partner, Dana, live in Branford, Connecticut. She has an M.B.A. in public policy from Trinity College and an M.S. in counseling from Southern Connecticut State University; she is now with the Yale University School of Medicine. Deirdre Zichem Ryan, Neptune City, NJ, and her husband, Pierce, have four children, ages 12, 14, 18 and 20. Certified for elementary education, she is a catalyst, party planner and substitute teacher, and also helps with fundraising for her local parish. Jill Mauro Sweet, Madison, CT, and her husband, Paul, have a son, 18, and a daughter, 15. She is a full-time homemaker and companion to both of her parents who live with her. She is heavily involved with her children’s school activities, including track, music and show choir. She also makes time for a book club and a movie club with friends.

1991 Roberto Maiz, Hormigueros, PR, has a solo practice as a general surgeon covering three community hospitals and two private offices. He and his wife have two daughters, 12 and 9. He enjoys boating, car and teaching students from two nearby medical schools.

1992 Anne Notarino Santello, East Haven, CT, and her husband, Joseph, recently received the HOFER Prize (Help Our Parish Elementary Schools) and were honored at a dinner given by the Archbishop of Hartford for volunteers who donate their time and talent to Catholic schools. Both their sons attend the local St. Vincent de Paul School.


Heather Pine Minore, Cape Coral, FL, a first-grade teacher in the Lee County School District, is president of the Delta Kappa Gamma (Kimberly) chapter of the

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Charlotte E. Constantino, sister of Jeanne Mann ’93, vice president for finance and treasurer September 15, 2011
Norman C. Cross Jr., husband of Cynthia Wooden Cross ’83 March 6, 2011
Lisa Conceca DelPrete, mother of Kristina DelPrete ’07 April 8, 2011
Joseph F. Ecclesine, husband of Maureen Urban Ecclesine ’61 May 17, 2009
William J. Fitzgerald, husband of Betty McDonnell Fitzgerald ’49 January 11, 2011
Kenneth Gallagher, husband of Patricia GaNun ’96 June 30, 2011
Thomas Ginty, husband of Mary Jane Sullivan Ginty ’62 December 12, 2010
Ann L. Cesena Hallberg, daughter of Christine C. Cesena ’91 November 21, 2009
Arthur V. Johnson Jr., husband of Laurie Munnelly Johnson ’57 July 8, 2011
Gail Kilbride Miller, sister of Anne Kilbriide, O.P., Special Assistant to the President for Promotion of the Catholic, Dominican Heritage at Albertus June 5, 2011
Christian Ngongi-Semi, 16-year-old son of Annie Gumba-Kinsumba, an M.B.A. student in the School of Evening and Graduate Programs September 3, 2011

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John “Jack” O’Connor, companion of Saylor Hedinan, instructional coordinator in education programs April 22, 2011
Henry H. Pearce, husband of Trustee Dr. Martha W. Wood, business executive and philanthropist, he established the Pearce Family Scholarship Fund at Albertus and several other colleges; he received an honorary degree from Albertus in May 1988; his daughter, Barbara L. Pearl, received an honorary degree from the College in May 1998 April 18, 2011
Dolores Pellegrino, wife of Bernard A. Pellegrino, Esq., trustee emeritus of the College, and mother of Frances Pellegrino Granquist, Esq., trustee of the College August 20, 2011
John J. Pelzer Jr., brother of Margaret Pegg) Pelzer Ridarelli ’90 August 13, 2011
Frank Pinto Jr., husband of Alice Drewa Pinto ’78 January 15, 2011
Ralph J. Veth, father of Dr. Joseph Veth, associate professor in the department of education at Albertus April 22, 2011
Margaret “Peg” Cabrill Wilson, wife of Amy Wilson, academic coordinator in the School of Evening and Graduate Programs May 15, 2011

Take the Bus in Style to New York City!
The East Shore (CT) Alumni Chapter is opening its fall bus trip to New York City to graduates and friends of the College. The trip is set for Saturday, November 5. Cost of the trip is $28 per person, and includes the bus fare,itty, refreshments and a great time. Proceeds from the trip go toward the Chapter’s annual gift to Albertus. Call Carol Brosheir at 203-776-7027 for information or to make reservations, which are required; or contact her at Carol.Brosheir@va.gov.
Moving-in Day activities and orientation for new students to Monday. Classes began Wednesday on schedule.

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Jessica Zanghi ’08 Joins Teach for America

This fall, Jessica Zanghi begins a two-year commitment to Teach for America (TFA). She will be teaching in Connecticut.

Those who are accepted into this national corps of top recent college graduates commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools, and to become lifelong advocates and leaders for educational equity. Nearly 48,000 recent graduates applied for the fall 2011 corps, and 5,200 were accepted. Applicants included 12 percent of Ivy League seniors, 10 percent of seniors at Howard University and 8 percent at the University of Michigan—Ann Arbor, and all held leadership position while in college. TFA recruits on more than 350 college campuses, seeking graduates of all academic majors and backgrounds who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, perseverance and leadership.

Before starting her teaching assignment, Zanghi, a psychology major, had five weeks of rigorous teacher training at a regional TFA Training Institute.

Zanghi is the third graduate of Albertus to be accepted into the Teach for America program. The first was Jessica Dallas ’08, who taught second grade in the Hartford school system, and is now an admission counselor at Albertus. Lisa Scalfi ’07 is mid-way through her two-year commitment and teaches fourth grade in New Haven at Elm City College Preparatory Elementary School, an Achievement First School under the New Haven Public Charter Schools. She is working on a master’s degree at Southern Connecticut State University.

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M.A.A.T Grads Take Awards at National Conference

At the 2011 national conference of the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) in Washington, D.C., this spring, several graduates of the Albertus Master of Arts in Art Therapy program received awards or participated in the program. More than a thousand art therapy professionals attended the AATA conference, which had as its theme “Creative Energy, Collective Efforts: Empowering the Art Therapy Journey.”

Roxanne Crane ’10 received the prestigious Gladys Agell Research Award and did a paper presentation of her thesis study on the Expressive Therapies Continuum, Danit Kenigstein, a graduate student, took honors with the Prasad Foreign Student Scholarship Award.

Abbe Miller, director of the master’s program, presented her “El Duende Process Painting in Supervision” technique, aided by a panel of M.A.A.T graduates: Caitlin Iannucci ’10, Lisa Kisiel ’11, Nancy Rhoda ’11 and Julia Smith ’11. Michael Galaburri ’11 participated in the Research Roundtable, discussing his thesis on comparison of the scribble technique and the mandala. Research assistant Amanda Salzano ’09 presented a digital poster session of her thesis research on creating art quilts to support hospice caregivers. She received the Gladys Agell Research Award in 2010.

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Athletic Hall of Fame—2011 Inductees

Jason “Jay” Wyatt ’03 (Baseball) Four-time first-team All-Conference from the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. Helped lead Albertus Magnus College to the 2003 Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championship. Eighth best career batting average in GNAC history. Fourth on the career RBIs’ list in GNAC history.

Candice Giordano Damico ’03 (Softball) Sixth best ERA in Great Northeast Athletic Conference history. Three-time All-Conference for the GNAC, including two-time first-team All-Conference. Established or broke almost every pitching record for the Albertus Magnus College softball team.

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Natalia Perlaza ’05 (Women’s Basketball) Four-time first-team All-Conference for the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. GNAC Player of the Year in 2005. All-time leading scorer in Albertus Magnus College Women’s basketball history.

Timothy Russell ’05 (Men’s Basketball) All-time leading scorer in Albertus Magnus College history and all-time leading scorer in the history of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. 2004–2005 GNAC Men’s Basketball Player of the Year. Two-time All-Conference from the GNAC. Scored a school-record 64 points in one game during a win over Mitchell College in 2005 (second most number of points ever scored by a college player in the state of Connecticut during a men’s basketball game—Division I, II or III).
From the Hill
Keeping in touch with alumni of Albertus Magnus College who remember their days on Prospect Hill.

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When will you set foot on the new turf field?
Visit Fall Fest, Saturday, October 22. See page 3 for all the details.