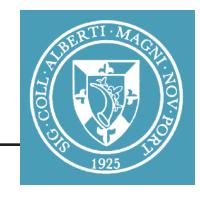
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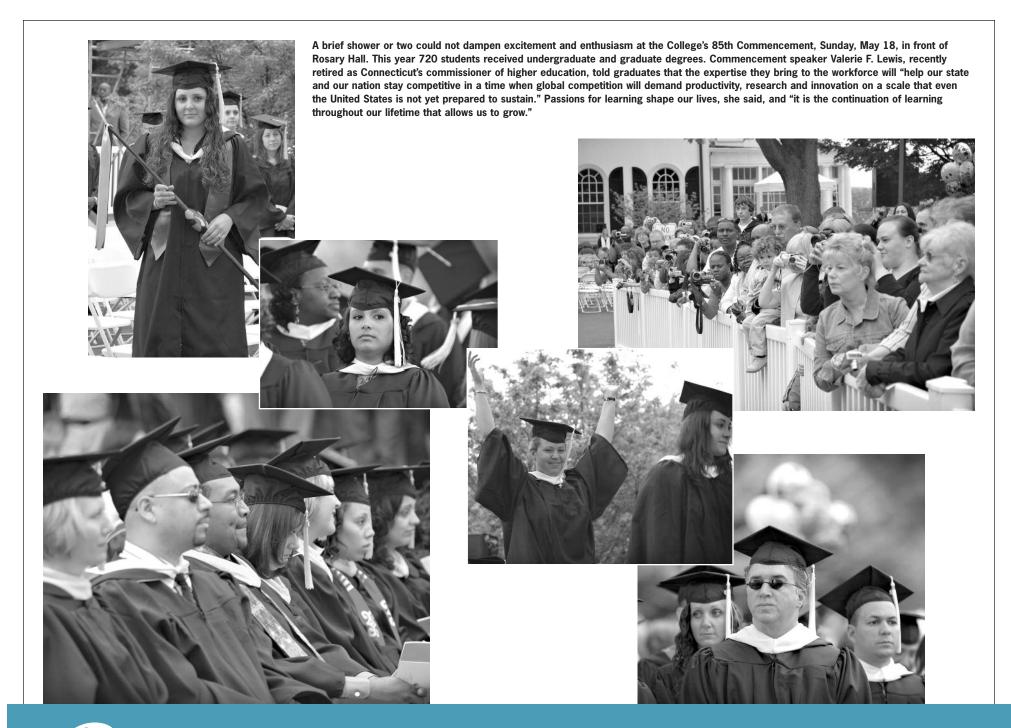
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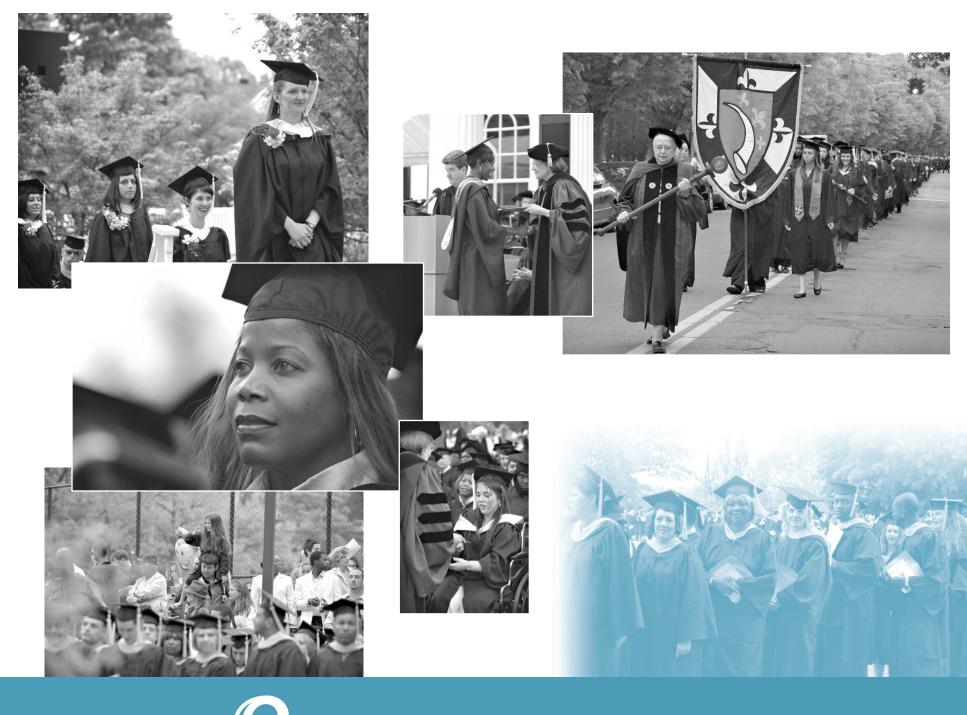
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## Commencement



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## **Honorary Degree Citations**

#### Charles G. Crump

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

#### **Carlton L. Highsmith**

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

#### Jacqueline A. Noonan '50

## Graduation Benediction

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

"To God be the glory for the great things he has done! We have paused today to celebrate individual sacrifice, dedication, hard work and, yes, accomplishment. However, today's celebration does not represent an end; but, rather, graduates, family members, faculty and administrators alike will each now open new beginnings. I pray the Albertus Magnus experience has sparked a resolve in us all to attack the many challenges of this world, knowing our God has no hands but our hands, no feet but ours to achieve His will on this great earth. "Matthew's Gospel acknowledges the Holy Spirit will be with you always and the Book of Proverbs promises that is we acknowledge Him in all our ways He then will direct our paths. Let us each, therefore, keep His commandments and be guided by His will. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever...Let the people of God say, Amen."

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

#### Thelma M. Johnson

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

#### Valerie F. Lewis

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

## CAMPUS NEWS

## Sr. Helen Kieran Named Director of Campus Ministry

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

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

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



Sr. Helen Kieran enjoys a St. Patrick's event sing-a-long.

## Albertus–Jordan Connection Continues at King's Academy

For the second consecutive year there will be an Albertus connection to King's Academy in Madaba, Jordan, founded by King Abdullah II as the first co-educational boarding school in the Middle East.

During the 2008-2009 academic year, Mary Curtiss, an instructor at New Dimensions since 2006—who is the daughter of the late Lucille Smith Fisher '43—and her husband, Clayton Curtiss, will serve as Distinguished Visiting Faculty at King's Academy. They replace Suzanne Hannay '67 and her husband, John Palmer—both faculty members at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts—who taught at the Academy during 2007–2008, its first academic year. King Abdullah II is a 1980 graduate of Deerfield Academy, the model for King's Academy.

In a letter to prospective students and parents on King's Academy's Web site, King Abdullah notes that the school fulfills a long-held dream "to have in Jordan a boarding school that embraces the same academic rigor, breadth of extracurricular stimulation and respect for community ethics and values" that he experienced at Deerfield. "A new generation of enlightened and creative minds is emerging" from King's Academy, he says. Mary Curtiss knows first-hand that it's a very small world. "In March, we spent a week at King's Academy to see what it's like. When we met Suzanne, I was carrying an Albertus folder, which she noticed immediately, saying that it is her *alma mater*, and that's how our friendship began. We spent a good deal of time with Suzanne and John, and we found them to be extremely helpful."

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

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

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

"We are very honored to be a part of the mission of King's Academy," she says.

## Why They Teach

The College's 2006–2007 Annual Report featured three of the College's distinguished faculty members—Susan Cole, Ph.D., Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, '53, O.P., Ph.D., and Norman Davis, Ph.D.—reflecting on why they teach. From the Hill continues the series.

#### CLARA MUNSON, PH.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS, CHAIRPERSON OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

"If you would have asked me this question forty years ago, I would have replied that I will never be a teacher. I come from a family of educators. Both of my parents were involved in education, and I saw early on the amount of constant preparation required to be a good educator. However, I kept finding myself in the role of a teacher throughout my college years and into my career as a marketing director in the business world.

Twenty years ago, I was asked to do some adjunct teaching at Albertus in marketing. What I discovered was that I liked to teach



world to the classroom. I believe this develops the student's ability for understanding, appreciation and critically assessing different and unique situations.

One of the greatest challenges of teaching is to provide stimulating, interesting and challenging opportunities for students. An educator needs to understand the students; to work with them to develop a variety of skills and prepare them for the situations they'll encounter throughout their academic, career and community lives. The real joy and satisfaction of teaching comes after working with students for four years and then reflecting on how much they have achieved. When they leave Albertus, they are prepared to be responsible, lifelong learners."

and I made Albertus and teaching my career.

Teaching business classes has allowed me to share my business and foreign travel experiences and thus provide an element of real

## **Robert J. Leeney, Trustee Emeritus of the College, Dies at 92**

Reporter, columnist, drama critic, editorial page editor, executive editor and editor of the New Haven Register in a journalism career that spanned a half-century, Robert J. Leeney died July 6. He had served as a member of the College's Board of Trustees from 1986 to 2000 when he became Trustee *Emeritus*.

Bob Leeney received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Albertus in 1985. The citation noted that he had "developed such a reputation for excellence of interpretation that many famous playwrights, from Elia Kazan to Richard Rodgers, oftentimes consulted you following opening night in our beloved Shubert. On occasion parts of plays and musicals were rewritten or revised as a result of your advice to these highly talented people in the world of theater in which you became not just an observer, but many times an indirect participant." He was a passionate supporter of the arts and a lover of history, especially that of New Haven, his native city. In 1982, the City of New Haven named the plaza at Orange and Audubon streets, the entrance to the arts district, in his honor, and in 2001, Yale University presented him with a Seton Elm Award. The citation described him as "the most respected analyst of our present, the most knowledgeable custodian of our past and the keenest guide to our future."

Robert Leeney was the father of Anne Leeney-Panagrossi, director of library and information services, and the father-in-law of Kevin Panagrossi '06, academic coordinator for undergraduate-graduate programs in the Accelerated Degree Program.

- Albertus is among five institutions of higher learning receiving Connecticut Department of Higher Education grants for projects in which college faculty work with public school teachers to improve their subject mastery and make their classrooms more stimulating for students. The College received \$95,427 to support a six-day institute, which took place in July, and Saturday schoolyear sessions to train 24 elementary teachers from New Haven, Ansonia, Hamden and Stratford in mathematics. Also covered are effective ways to assess student learning and tailor lessons to individual learning styles. Loel Tronsky, assistant professor of psychology and education, wrote the grant application and is project director.
- For the second year, the College participated in The Big Read, an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts to encourage reading by asking communities to come together to read and discuss one book. Members of the Honors English class participated in an inter-generational discussion of "Fahrenheit 451" in April with residents at Whitney Center, a retirement community in Hamden. Students taking part were: Cecelia Allen, Anthony Arnold, Angelina Bertuca, Cullen Burnell, Alexandra Cannon, Theresa Flood, Victoria Gravina, Malwina Grzadko, Justin Root and Ruth Schultz. The Big Read was a collaboration of the International Festival of Arts & Ideas and the Connecticut Library Consortium; more than 100 readings, discussions, film screenings and other events relating to "Fahrenheit 451" took place.
- Several Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs with Albertus connections recently celebrated Jubilee years. Sr. Melanie Hannigan, a consultant/certification officer in Teacher Education Programs, observed her 60th anniversary as a Dominican. Sr. George Ann Fosmire, who served in the Registrar's Office for many years and also assisted in New Dimensions, marked her 60-year Diamond Jubilee; she is now a Motherhouse volunteer in Columbus, Ohio. Sr. Nancy Caroccia, formerly director of plant services at Albertus and now manager of Dominican Acres/Shepherd's Corner in Ohio, observed the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession, as did Sr. Doris Regan, who was a member of the Class of 1958 at Albertus and is now serving in San Pedro Sula, Honduras. Sr. Anne Keenan, vicaress on the Congregational Leadership Team and an Albertus Trustee, celebrated 50 years.

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

## AMC Announces Athletics Hall of Fame

On Saturday, October 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., the Albertus Magnus College Athletic Department (in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations &

Special Events) will host the first annual Hall of Fame ceremony. For the inaugural year, George Bedocs, former men's soccer coach; Joseph Tonelli, former athletic administrator and baseball coach; Liz Lacroix and Karen Lobasz, leading women's basketball scorers; and the 1996 men's soccer team will be inducted into the Albertus Magnus College Athletics Hall of Fame.



The ceremony will be held in the DeDominicis Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center, and will include

dinner. Joe Walsh, commissioner of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference, will serve as the keynote speaker. Cost to attend: \$35 per person or \$50 per couple.

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

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

## Fall Fest 2008 Saturday, October 11, 2008

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

**Events and activities are free** and open to all members of the AMC community. Reservations are required for the Alumni Hospitality Tent and for the picnic lunch. Please RSVP to alumni@albertus.edu. For more information and a complete list of events and activities, please visit www.albertus.edu or call the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events at 203-773-8502. (Note: athletic matches are held outdoors rain or shine. Rain locations for other events and activities are posted at www.albertus.edu.)





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

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

## Mark Your Calendar for All Saints Day Mass and Alumni Luncheon

#### Friday, October 31, 2008

Mass: Noon, Behan Community Room, Hubert Campus Center Luncheon to follow Mass in the DeDominicis Dining Hall, Hubert Campus Center

Cost: \$15 per person, \$12 per person for members of the Golden Society Invitations will be mailed separately.

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

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A highlight of the weekend was the presentation of the *Class of 1958 Scholarship Fund* check to President Julia M. McNamara by Joan Lucey Donnelly and Joan Schafer Hernon. The members of the class of 1958 raised over \$77,750 for an endowed scholarship designated to assist two female students enrolled in the College's Accelerated Degree Program. It is the first endowed scholarship to have this designation. This pioneering decision by the Class of 1958 to support one of the College's adult, evening accelerated programs met with cheers and applause.

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



# Reunion 2008







### Alumni Association Board of Governors 2008–2010 Term

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

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Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events Carolyn Behan Kraus '86

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

## CLASS NOTES

1934

75th Reunion June 6, 2009

#### 1938

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

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

1939

70th Reunion June 6, 2009

#### 1943

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

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

1944F	65th Reunion June 6, 2009		
1944S	65th Reunion June 6, 2009		

#### 1946

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

#### 1947

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

#### 1948

**Elizabeth Hurley Candels,** Avon, CT, and Lothar have their first great-grandchild.

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

Jean Robert Hinners, Guilford, CT, and her husband, Frederick, have a daughter, **Deborah Hinners Miles** '75, and a son, William.

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

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

#### **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 2007–2008 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or Bernadette Holodak, director of development, at bholodak@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

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

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

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

**1954** *55th Reunion June 6, 2009* 

#### 1958

**Joan Lucey Donnelly,** Gainesville, VA, who retired from IBM several years ago, serves on church and community committees and enjoys theater and golf. She has 5 stepchildren and 15 grandchildren.

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

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

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

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

Mary Elizabeth Egan Mace, Pleasantville, NY,

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Linda Poggenburg Steffens,** Ridgewood, NJ, is retired; she and her husband have three children and six grandchildren. She is involved with the College Club of Ridgewood and a gardening group. During the last 16 years, she has traveled extensively.

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

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

#### 50th Reunion June 6, 2009

#### 1961

1959

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

**Angela DeFilippi Errico,** Plandome, NY, continues doing her art work. She reports that daughter Melissa, Broadway and concert performer, and her husband, ten-

**Patricia Spang Ogden,** Williamsburg, VA, has three daughters. She is retired from teaching in the Hampton school system, is secretary of the Symphonic League and moderator of her book club.

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

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

1949

60th Reunion June 6, 2009

#### 1953

**Sr. Mary Faith Dargan,** New Haven, CT, a member of the AMC faculty, reports that since 2003 she has visited Italy and Greece, the Greek Islands and Turkey, accompanying students of Dominican Academy and St. Vincent Ferrer High School in Manhattan. teaches foreign languages in the Scarsdale Union Free School District. She and her husband have four children and five grandchildren.

Kathleen Coughlan Mays, Pocasset, MA, has four daughters, seven grandsons and three granddaughters.

nis commentator Patrick McEnroe, are expecting twins.

#### 1962

**Patricia Hayes Kocan,** Raleigh, NC, sings with the "Cardinal Singers," a group of women who perform

#### Call for Alumni of the Year Nominations

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

- **The Alumni of the Year Award,** which can be presented to one or more persons, goes to a living member of the Alumni Association who has attained preeminence in his/her life through outstanding professional, scholarly or artistic achievement; who is devoted to serving others through volunteer/community service work; or who has manifested extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. The award need not be given every year.
- The Premier Achievement Award is given to an individual who has graduated from Albertus within the last 10 years and who has excelled either professionally, within the community or has shown extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. The award need not be given every year.

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

spirituals, show tunes and oldies for civic associations, assisted living homes and churches about 30 times a year. In May the group went to Ireland "to do some entertaining and just enjoy ourselves."

#### 1963

**Susan Gaydosh Agia,** Tampa, FL, has been married for 41 years and has three adult children—one living in Bulgaria, two in California. She is a project manager for a condo, and enjoys travel and designing jewelry.

**Elizabeth (Betsy) Aherne Burbank,** Oro Valley, AZ, and her husband have 5 sons and 10 grandsons. She is a library volunteer, enjoys book groups, golf and travel.

**Teresa Teodosio Cavaliero,** Milford, CT, is adult education guidance counselor for the Stamford public schools. She is a board member of the Beth-El Center for the Homeless and Hungry. Her daughter, Marie, is married, lives in Massachusetts and has two children; her son, Al, lives and works in New York City.

**Suzanne Maier DeGrave,** Rochester, NY, reports that she and Gil are healthy and enjoying retirement. Both their sons are married and they have one granddaughter. She volunteers at Birthright and her church.

**Georgeann Gibson,** Stamford, CT, is on the staff of the New England Center for Headache. She is a Eucharistic Minister at her church.

**Grace Hennessey,** Goshen, NY, is retired from teaching; she substitutes, is a school volunteer and continues to work as a travel agent, a field she has been in for 27 years. She's a member of the Red Hat Society. She and Robert have two sons and two granddaughters.

**Margaret Johnson Keefe,** Kingston, RI, and Thomas have two sons and two grandchildren. She is a professor at the University Library, University of Rhode Island. A Sunday School teacher, she recently retired from the South County Youth Soccer Club, where she had served as secretary since 1985.

**Geraldine Lupoli,** Orange, CT, has her own law firm and is a member of the New Haven County, Connecticut and American bar associations. Married to Thomas Creamer, she likes to travel and read.

**Wanda Goode Marshall,** Harleysville, PA, who is widowed, works part-time at Abington Memorial as a clinical social worker. She is a Eucharistic Minister, cantor and choir member at her church, and is an enthusiastic kayaker, skier and traveler.

**JoAnn Siok Nachajski,** Lovettsville, VA, notes that she is relying on her college French to get her around Paris when she visits her daughter who now lives in St. Cloud, France. She is a member of a needlework group at her church, knitting blankets for Birthright and cross-stitching baptism bibs.

**Karen Shanley Nicholson,** Bonita Springs, FL, has been married to Al for 43 years. They have three children and four grandchildren. She is a Eucharistic Minister at her church, and enjoys golf and art.

**Maria Gomez Oakes,** Virginia Beach, VA, is married to a retired naval officer; they have two children and five grandsons. She is a retired teacher and volunteers at Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless families and abused women.

**Maris Fiondella O'Connor,** Wallingford, CT, is retired. She has 4 stepchildren and 10 grandchildren. Retired, she is busy with art lessons and gardening.

**Marie Pellerin**, Woodbourne, NY, has one godson, who is studying to be an architectural engineer. Now retired, she is a volunteer assisting in the management of the M.Z.A. Boarding House. For the past 24 years she has been deeply involved in Eastern spiritual philosophy.

#### Alumna Travels to Iran with International Peace Group

**Patty Lipowski Nuelsen '63** of New Haven spent two weeks this spring in Iran as part of a delegation sponsored by New York-based Fellowship of Reconciliation and hosted by the Center for Interfaith Dialogue in Iran.

The group met formally with religious leaders and others, but it was unexpected meetings with people in parks, on the streets and at national monuments that were the most memorable. "I have never been to a country where total strangers walk up to you on the



street and start talking to you," says Nuelsen, director of development with the New Haven/Léon (Nicaragua) Sister City Project.

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

retired. She is a widow, both sons are married and she has one granddaughter.

**Patricia Blacha Shaer,** Lakeland, FL, is semi-retired and consulting on development and public relations for non-profits. She also teaches painting and textile arts, as well as devoting time to her own work in watercolor, oil and quilting.

**Kathleen Byrnes Troy,** Plainsboro, NJ, is retired and is a volunteer for church, schools and community organizations. She and Dan have a married daughter, 27, and a son, 25.

**Joan Venditto,** West Haven, CT, is director of education programs at AMC. She enjoys travel—and will be going to India in January—playing the piano, gardening and yoga.

**Jill Doyle Walthall,** Branford, CT, is a real estate broker at Prudential CT Realty, interim music director at Guilford Congregational Church and owner of Heritage Taxi. She and her husband, Jerry, have four children.

**1964** *45th Reunion June 6, 2009* 

#### 1968

**Rosemary Rudyk Berman,** Peru, VT, is a ski instructor at Stratton Mountain Resort. She and her husband, Peter, are parents of P. Joshua, 30, Marissa, 28, and Zachary, 23. She is interested in all things outdoors from skiing to gardening.

**Isabella Giglio Caugh,** Leesburg, VA, a Eucharistic Minister at her church, enjoys tennis, ballet, ice skating, reading and needlework. She met her husband in September 1965 when he was a Culinary Institute of America student serving dinner in Dominican's cafeteria. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

**Mary Ellen Feustel**, Swarthmore, PA, is an autistic support teacher. She is involved with a special needs Girl Scout troop, school committees and campaigned for Hillary Clinton. Her sons are Ethan, 22, and Alex and Ian, 15.

**Etta DiOrio Green,** Tampa, FL, and her husband, Ed, have retired to Florida after 35 years of living in Oregon and California. They have two married daughters and three granddaughters. She is a retired school administrator and part-time realtor. **Mary Rounds,** Coatesville, PA, an instructional support teacher in the Downingtown Area School District, is an adjunct professor in the Graduate Division of Immaculata University. In free time, she takes voice lessons, and enjoys opera, swimming and yoga.

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

**Marie Taylor,** Wellesley Hills, MA, is co-director of the Consumer Assistance Office, Metro West, Inc. She is married to Richard tenEyck. A member of the local historical society board, she is enjoys gardening, golfing and kayaking.

**Denise Franklin Terry,** Chevy Chase, MD, and Donald have three daughters and three grandchildren. She is a mentor, tutor and board member of "I Have a Dream."

**Sheila Kailukaitis Umbricht,** Ocean Isle Beach, NC, is a retired Latin and math teacher. She and Art have been married for 37 years and have two sons and two grandchildren. President of the Friends of the Library and treasurer of the volunteer fire department, she also volunteers as a math tutor.

**Suzanne Wallace,** Fairfield, CT, married her longtime beau, Allen Hale, on Halloween 2006. She is director of the Parenting Academy and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren programs at The Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport. An avid gardener, she loves to ski and swim.

1969	40th Reunion June 6, 2009
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#### 1970

**Cheryl Lee Eichorn,** Mechanicsburg, PA, has been appointed ESL supervisor for the Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12 in Gettysburg. She will supervise 42 itinerant ESL teachers in Adams, Franklin and York counties.

Kathleen Keating Fessel, Fairfield, CT, reports the arrival of her first grandson in February in Seattle and first granddaughter in April in Greenwich, Connecticut. "All babies, parents and grandparents are ecstatic," she writes.

**Martha Massi Polemeni,** West Orange, NJ, is the office manager for an orthodontist. She has 4 children and 10 grandchildren. Active with the Junior League of Montclair, she and her husband like to travel.

Veronica McDonnell Romano, Lake George, NY, is

## May We E-mail You?

If you would like to receive @lbertus, the monthly e-mail newsletter and its special edition updates on news at Albertus, just e-mail your name, class year, home address and preferred e-mail address to: *alumni@albertus.edu.* The Office of Alumni Relations respects your privacy and does not share e-mail addresses. **Suzanne Janson Higgins,** South Portland, ME, has a daughter, who is 25, and a son, 20. Last year she taught a citizenship class to refugees and has volunteered in ESOL classes for young mothers, the elderly and college students.

**Lorraine Anzaldi McNeil,** Duxbury, MA, and Richard have a son and two daughters. For vacations they head to their Naples, Florida, condo. She is a library aide at an elementary school in Norwell and active in a community/civic club and a woman's club.

**Virginia Kesterson Moffatt,** Wayne, PA, is a special education teacher in a public high school. She has two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Patricia Cahalan Osborne,** Melrose, MA, teaches French at Wakefield High School. She and her husband, John, have two children: Harrison, who just graduated from American University, and Nellie.

**Diane Botelho Ranft,** Terryville, CT, and Christopher have two sons. She retired after 25 years of teaching, the last 21 at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury. Now she is busy with Friends of the Terryville Library, finding antique auctions and learning Italian.

#### **New Officers for East Shore Chapter**

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

President—Rosemary Smith Melcreit '45 Vice President—Patricia Sanders Behan '55 Treasurer—Peggy Pelzer Ridarelli '60 Secretary—Ruth McNamara FitzGerald '53

#### **Board Members**

Ellen Bree Burns '44S Margaret Mary Burns Clancy '55 Beverly Volk Fagan '44S Fran McCormick King '43

A luncheon meeting, the Chapter's first event of the new season, takes place Saturday, September 27, at Foe, An American Bistro, in Branford. To make a reservation, contact: Margaret Mary Clancy at 203-469-3299 or Rosemary Smith Melchreit at 860-399-8221.

## CLASS NOTES

### In Memoriam

Regina Chambers Miniter x-'39 May 26, 2008 Branford, CT

**Elizabeth "Betty" Farrell Duffy '50** April 7, 2008 Fall River, MA

Patricia Field Bart '54 March 2006 Suwannee, GA

Leocadia "Lee" Locarno Sullivan '59 May 16, 2008 Branford, CT

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

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

**Dawn Glasso-Lopez '01** June 26, 2008 North Branford, CT

#### 1973

**Rosemary Dorr Clarie**, Hampton, NH, is a selfdescribed "very part-time author." She brings Toby, the therapy dog, to two rest homes every day.

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

1974

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#### 1976

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

#### 1978

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

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

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

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

illustrator and art teacher at Artsplace; she also teaches at senior centers, gives private lessons and is involved with the Cheshire Art League and the Fine Line Art Gallery in Woodbury.

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

#### **1979** *30th Reunion June 6, 2009*

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

#### 1983

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

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

**Colette Thode Dziadul,** Viera, FL, and her husband, John, have two daughters: Dana, 10, and Jenna, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. She teaches at the Holy Trinity Academy.

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

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

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

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

#### 1984

#### 25th Reunion June 6, 2009

**Carmelina (Nancy) Mosher,** New Haven, CT, has been working as an expressive arts therapist and educator for 22 years. She had a showing of her "Women of Healing" paintings at Café George by Paula in downtown New Haven during May and June. She also has exhibited her work internationally, most recently in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

#### 1986

**Caron Berube Paniccia**, Midlothian, VA, has a new job as the assistant circuit executive for administration for the U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit, in Richmond.

#### 1988

**Fran Goyette Zampini,** Westfield, MA, and her husband, Phil, have two sons: Nick, 14, and Mike, 11. She teaches science at Ellington High School, and is involved with Little League activities.

1989	20th	Reunion	June	6.	2009

#### 1990

**Coleen Ayers McDonough,** Plymouth, MA, and her husband, Michael, have a son, Nicholas, 5. She works part-time as a human resources manager for a transportation consulting firm in downtown Boston.

#### 1993

**Allison Barker-Croce,** Harwinton, CT, married Ritchard Croce in 1999 and they have a year-old daughter, Temperance. She is a pastry chef in New Preston.

**Richard Freeth,** Stamford, CT, is a partner in the law firm of Winget Spadafora & Schwartzberg, LLP. He is a former Alumni Trustee of the College and involved with the National Eagle Scout Association.

**Michael McCarthy**, New Haven, CT, and his wife, Alysia Maffucci, have two children: Zachary, 4, and Sara, 2. He is assistant vice president of The Workplace, Inc.

**1994** *15th Reunion June 6, 2009* **Tabitha Wazorko Manafort,** Plainville, CT, was unaminously elected by the Town Council to fill her late father's seat on the Board of Education. Thomas L. Wazorko, who died in March, was the longest consecu-

tive term-serving member of the Plainville Board of

Education and a longtime community leader.

## In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

**Philip Allocca,** AMC lecturer in humanities for the Day, Acclerated Degree and New Dimensions programs June 1, 2008

Jeanne Sullivan Anderson, mother of George E. Anderson '03, '05 MSM and John Anderson '89; mother-in-law of Patricia (Tricia) Doyle Anderson '87 July 23, 2008 and father-in-law of Kevin Panagrossi '06, academic coordinator in the Accelerated Degree Program (see story on page 4) July 6, 2008

**Cicely Nichols,** mother of Dr. Hilda Speicher, assistant professor of psychology at AMC April 6, 2008

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

Carla Sternberg Koch, Cheshire, CT, is a freelance

James Schafrick '97, director of purchasing for the past three years at the College, has been appointed director of purchasing and public safety.

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

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

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#### Gerald Canna,

brother-in-law of Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo '56 June 13, 2008

**Janet Hall Crump,** wife of Charles G. Crump, recipient of an AMC honorary degree, May 2008 July 6, 2008

**Francesco Cucuzza,** husband of Patricia Licari Cucuzza '57 May 1, 2008

**Elizabeth Shay Dahill,** sister of Suzanne Shay Travers '55 April 2, 2008

Adelaide DeLucia, mother of Adelaide DeLucia Annunziata '61 May 22, 2008

**Joseph Guinan**, husband of Ann Marie Dodge Guinan '50 June 18, 2008

**Robert Leeney,** Trustee Emeritus and honorary degree recipient; father of Anne Leeney-Panagrossi, AMC director of library and information services, **Mary Hannigan Pleines,** sister of Sr. Melanie Hannigan, O.P., consultant and certification officer in Educations Programs May 1, 2008

**Lionel Rapanault,** father of Suzanne Rapanault Patry '69 May 11, 2008

**Eugene Reinhardt,** father-in-law of Dr. Josephine Ruggiero '65 January 3, 2008

Mary "Polly" Malone Sweeten, mother of Margaret "Peggy" Sweeten Sanders '74 May 9, 2008

**Thomas Wazorko,** father of Tabitha Wazorko Manafort '94 March 25, 2008

**James J. Wilson Jr.,** father of Amy Wilson, career resource assistant at AMC May 11, 2008

#### Connecticut Governor Names Alumnus to State Board

Governor M. Jodi Rell has appointed **Kenneth Wilson Jr. '03** to the Board of Trustees of the Connecticut Community Colleges. The Board, governing body for the state's system of 12 two-year public colleges, establishes policies that guide the administrative, academic and financial affairs of the community colleges. He was a student in the College's Accelerated Degree Program.

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

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

#### 1996

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

#### 1998

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

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

1999

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

**Francesca Rigoli,** MSM, Shelton, CT, and her sister own a bridal shop, Sposa Bella, in Fairfield. The sisters recently were the subject of a feature story that ran in several Fairfield County weekly newspapers.

#### 2000

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

## Why I Give

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



The most important reason why I give back is that I want to see the College continue to grow for the current and future students so that they can get the most out of their Albertus experience. The money donated to the College enhances the opportunities for the kids of the future to do more.

Also, by giving back it gives me the opportunity to stay connected to the school. Every time I am on campus I get a sense of pride knowing that it all started for me at AMC. Now as an alumnus I go back to campus many times throughout the year, and it makes me proud to see how well AMC is doing.

My four years at Albertus Magnus were a great time. I was able to have a lot of fun, while also preparing myself for the future. It is wonderful to see the College growing and giving more students the opportunities to succeed in life."

### VICTOR CRESPO, CLASS OF 2000

(Why I Give is a new series that will appear in each issue of From the Hill, sharing comments from a graduate of the College on why he or she has chosen to support Albertus.)

**Maggie Hallinan,** Branford, CT, reports that her 14-year-old, Alexander, is preparing to enter Notre Dame High School in West Haven where he will be in the honors program. Twelve-year-old Zelia will be in seventh grade this fall.

#### 2004

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

**Pamela Huggins,** '06 MSM, West Haven, CT, has just started Imagine You... Creative Career and Business Solutions, LLC. She works with small businesses during development stages and college graduates to help them find the right focus and career.

#### 2005

**Maria Crenella,** Killingworth, CT, received an MBA from the University of New Haven in May. She is a contract administrator at Northeast Utilities, and has

recently become a member of the CT Association of Purchasing Management.

**Marie Maia**, MSM, Plainville, CT, manager of business development at Konover Construction Corporation, was one of the featured "Personality Profiles" in the July 3 issue of the New England Real Estate Journal.

#### 2006

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

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

#### 2007

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

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

It started with an e-mail...

Early last fall, Joan Donnelly sent me an e-mail with some special requests for their upcoming 50th Reunion. What followed was a whirlwind of activity by the 1958 Reunion Committee of: Carol Kirwan Aikenhead, Joan Lucey Donnelly, Joan Schaefer Hernon, Win Lynsky Riley, Linda Poggenburg Steffens, Virginia Foley Valade and Susanne Schuppel Washburn. Together, with their excellent volunteer efforts, we coordinated a memorial service for deceased classmates, created a class memory book and arranged for a private dining space for their class dinner. What was even more incredible was the class fundraising effort spearheaded by Joan Donnelly. They wanted to create an endowed scholarship!

Joan D., Joan H., and Carol Aikenhead worked with our office throughout the year on their scholarship fund. They were determined to keep going the momentum started by the Class of 1957—which gave a gift of more than \$60,000—and were hoping to reach the goal of \$50,000\* for an endowed scholarship. Letters went out to class-mates…telephone calls and lots of e-mail communications happened…and the fund continued to grow. We met with Joan D. and Carol in the spring to discuss criteria for their scholarship. After much research, they approached us about designating the scholarship for two women attending the (evening) Accelerated Degree Program. This is the first endowed scholarship to recognize the educational pursuits of adult students at Albertus. We were honored by their forward-thinking decision.

#### 2001

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

#### 2002

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

#### 2003

**Michelle Fraser,** MSM, New Haven, CT, works at Gateway Community College. Her children are Jason, 24, Kyle, 20 and Arik and Daquan, 11. At Reunion 2008, the "big check" was presented to President McNamara. Although the total on the check read \$77,550 the announced amount was \$77,750. A member of the class handed me another check for the fund just before the presentation. What an incredible group of women.

Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, Director of Alumni Relations & Special Events

\*Note: minimum amount for an endowed scholarship.

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## So great to see you...

Photo Gallery of Reunion 2008 appears on pages 6–7.

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

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Saturday, June 6, 2009



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

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