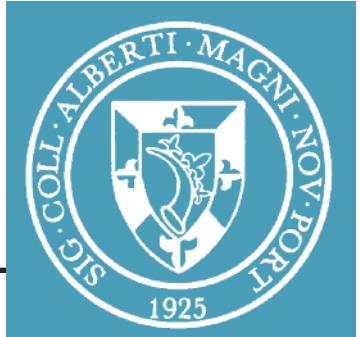


# From the Hill

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## Albertus Kicks Off Public Phase of Capital Campaign

**W**ith the start of the 2004–2005 fiscal year on July 1, Albertus Magnus College kicked off the public phase of its \$5.5 million capital campaign. The campaign will raise funds to support construction, outfitting and installation of leading edge technology for the new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology, and to grow the College's endowment.

"I am very, very pleased to announce that we have made significant progress toward our goal, thanks to the extraordinary generosity and commitment of several major donors during the private, or leadership, phase of the campaign," said President Julia M. McNamara. "Now, during this broadened public phase,

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# REUNION

# 200



Jean Venditti Leary proudly represented the class of 1934 at her 70th Reunion.



Kristine Schweter Golden '84 made Reunion a family affair with her husband, Edward, and children Alexa and Kyle.



The class of 1954 stands for a class photo with President McNamara after the Golden Society Induction Ceremony and Champagne Toast.

Eleanor Savich Boruch '54 shared her 50th Reunion with granddaughter Jenna LaRiviere, and daughter Susan LaRiviere.



Karen Hickerson '99 CE and husband, Jay, enjoyed the festivities.



Stacey Maturo and friend Chris Arden '99 with Garrett Dell '99 and then fiancée Laura Linke at the Reunion dinner.  
(Note: Garrett and Laura were married on July 30, 2004.)

1949 classmates Grace Whouley Montanye, Ann (Nancy) Ryan Doyle and Claire Shea Garvey.



The class of 1974 came prepared for the BBQ lunch with sunglasses. Sr. Ann Baillie, O.P., professor of foreign languages, joined them for their class photo.



# 4



The class of 1964 took a moment from lunch to gather on the side steps of McAuliffe for a group photo.

Barbara Fitch Prokop, Marie Rohack Davidson and Rita Savarese Moule enjoyed celebrating their 65th Reunion together.



Classmates from 1979 made their Reunion an international gathering. Pictured, are Susan Williams Samhaber from Germany, Sandra Avard Jamula from Virginia and local classmate Jacqueline Lamothe Kelly.

Ian Mininberg, husband of Mary Ellen Murphy Mininberg '49, admires a poster of old photos compiled by her classmates.



Elaine Winfield Arena '49 and Betty McDonald Fitzgerald '49 enjoy coffee at registration.



Reunion spans the generations. Elaine Perry Shown '59 and her granddaughter.



Dr. Joe Veth, associate professor, spoke to alumni at Nilan about how the development of the alphabet and reading changed people's view of women, God and nature during Tea & Conversation.

## Making A Difference—Reunion Giving Update

### Financial Goal

The Class of 1949 made a decision earlier this year. Although their 50th anniversary had passed—at that time, members made a gift of more than \$34,000—the 49'ers decided that their 55th was just as important a milestone and wanted to mark it with a class gift of substance. Several classmates spearheaded the campaign and the alumni office provided any necessary assistance. Congratulations Class of 1949! Gifts of cash, securities and pledges have exceeded \$35,000.

### Participation Goal

The Class of 1954 wanted all members represented in the Annual

Fund in honor of their 50th Reunion. Members of the class were encouraged to give not only to the Annual Fund and towards a class gift, but those who were able were asked to consider an additional gift—in whatever amount fit their budget—to be given in honor of a classmate who was unable to participate in the Reunion Giving Program. The class reached its goal of 100% participation on Reunion Day. Well-done Class of 1954!

If you and your classmates would like to create a Reunion Giving Program specific to your class, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 203-773-8502 or via e-mail to [alumni@albertus.edu](mailto:alumni@albertus.edu). We would be happy to customize a plan that would work for you.

## Albertus Kicks Off Public Phase of Capital Campaign

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we hope that alumni from all our programs will help us as we seek the Finishing Touches, those final gifts that will make this campaign successful."

Robert J. Buccino, vice president for advancement and planning, underlines the importance of alumni support. "Alumni are the stockholders of this institution; their gifts are votes of confidence for Albertus as it moves forward with initiatives set down in the College's Strategic Plan. The Academic Center, the College's first new construction since 1989 and the centerpiece of the campaign, is, in fact, the embodiment of these initiatives, which include a revitalized core curriculum and re-entry into the field of teacher preparation."

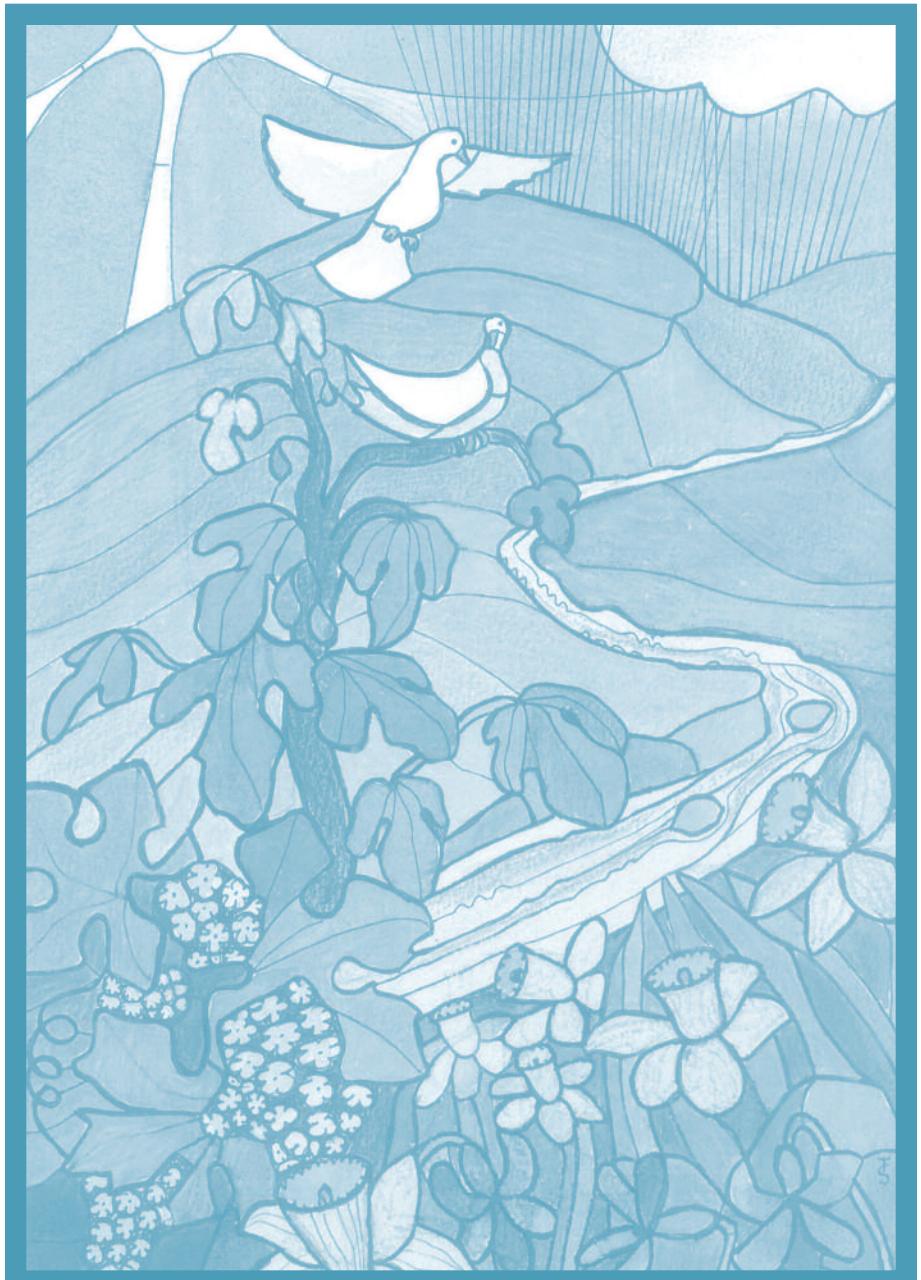
The predictors of success for a fund-raising campaign, Buccino points out, are threefold: participation, participation and participation. "My friends in real estate talk of the importance of location," he said. "When an academic institution moves into a campaign's public phase, as we have, it's all about participation."

When the College seeks grants from foundations, one of the first questions asked is about the percentage of alumni who support their *alma mater*. Alumni can further leverage the power of their donations by taking advantage of matching gift programs in their workplaces. "We are proud to have alumni of this great institution join us as we secure the future of Albertus for generations of students to come," Buccino said.

All alumni—whether from the traditional day program, undergraduate programs for the adult learner or graduate programs—are invited and encouraged to participate in both the capital campaign and The Annual Fund, which supports current operations.

President McNamara announced plans for the 18,000-sq. ft. Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology to cheers and applause at Reunion 2003. Construction began in March of this year, and the first classes will be held in the Academic Center in January 2005. It will house biology and chemistry classrooms and labs, a studio for communications majors with production, editing and post-production rooms for video and audio work, a teaching amphitheater and MIS technology suite.

At the heart of the building will be an atrium recalling the ancient places of meeting and teaching in the Academy. Studio space for the art department and the Chapel will relocate to a renovated Walsh Hall, which has been incorporated into the design of the new complex. A water wall and other works of art celebrating the spirit and accomplishments of St. Albert the Great, patron saint of the College, will be focal points of the atrium. A contemporary described St. Albert as a man "so superior in every science that he can fittingly be called the wonder and miracle of our time."



## Sister Thoma Swanson, O.P., Designs Chapel Windows

**F**ive magnificent stained glass windows designed by Sister Thoma Swanson, O.P., former chairperson of the art department at Albertus, will be installed in the Chapel, which will be relocated to a renovated Walsh Hall. Walsh is incorporated into the Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology complex.

Each of the windows is 48- by 75-inches and interprets aspects of a water theme. The windows are *The Fountain of Life*, *The Tree Beside the Water*, *The Light as Beacon over the Waters*, *God Opens a Path to Life* and *The Fecund Waters of Springtime*.

Sister Thoma taught at Albertus from 1969 to 1982 and again from 1984 to 1986. While here, she spent four months in 1983 painting an 8- by 10- foot mural on the façade of Aquinas Hall. Her paintings and stained glass windows have been exhibited and installed in public and private spaces in this country and abroad. She designed the ceiling of the Chapel of the Rosary in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and windows for the chapel at the motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs in Columbus, Ohio.

# CAMPUS NEWS

## College Community Signs Final Beam for Building

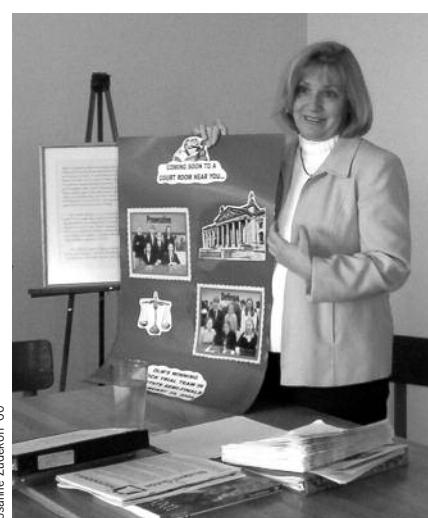


On May 12, staff, faculty, students and alumni gathered at the site of the College's new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology to sign the final steel beam for the building's framework. At left: Tarrance Godfrey and Joey Mancini of dining services add their signatures. Center: Sister Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., '53, professor of classics, and Deborah Dewitt Frattini '70, chair of the English department and director of the Academic Development Center. Upper right: Architect Barry Svilas of Svilas + Partners. Lower right: President Julia M. McNamara and Evelyn Garrity '48, retired chair of the department of biology and chemistry and longtime advocate for a new science facility, enjoyed the event. The College's Board of Trustees recently voted to confer upon Dr. Garrity the honorary title of Professor Emerita in recognition of her dedication to the development and renewal of the sciences at Albertus and her commitment to higher education as teacher and administrator.

## Quick Notes

- Albertus has a 5-foot backlit sign on the arrival and departure ramp at Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport. The sign celebrates the College's 20 years of serving adult learners. Now that Delta Airlines is flying into Tweed, passenger use is expected to increase—and all passengers will see the Albertus sign.
- This fall Albertus will add women's swimming and soccer to its roster of NCAA Division III sports. Daniel O'Connor '00, a four-year veteran of men's soccer at AMC will coach the women's team, and Ken Pierson, new athletic director and former assistant athletic director for aquatics and facilities, will coach the swim team.
- The National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science awarded a grant to Dr. Patricia Campagnone-Post, assistant professor of biology, for participation in this summer's Case Studies in Science Workshop. The case study she presented will be included in the Center's collection.
- May's issue of the Bulletin of the Association of College Unions International spotlighted the Albertus Campus Center. It covered the Center's history, unique features, role of students and programming for the Campus Center.
- The psychology and criminal justice departments sponsored a noontime lecture by Dr. Xavier Amador, adjunct professor in clinical psychology at Columbia University, who spoke about his experiences as a research scientist and mental health expert on a number of high-profile criminal cases, including those of the Unabomber and Twentieth Hijacker.

## Teacher's Tips to Future Teachers



Nancy Addorisio, a middle-school teacher, spoke in late spring to Albertus students interested in teaching careers. She talked about her teaching experience, and strategies and skills she has found to be of particular importance at the middle-school level. Albertus will be re-entering the field of teacher preparation.



Beverly Chieffo, associate professor of art and chair of the department of visual and performing arts, retired at the end of the academic year. Shown at a farewell gathering flanked by Victoria DePalma, '92 BFA, and President Julia M. McNamara, Chieffo spent many years at Albertus, the last 12 as department chair. Jerry Nevins, professor of art, noted in remarks, that her "role as an educator extends far beyond the confines of our particular discipline. You have contributed immensely to the growth of your students to become wiser, stronger and more self-assured young adults."

# COMMENCEMENT



The Master of Arts in Art Therapy candidates prepare for the academic procession in style.



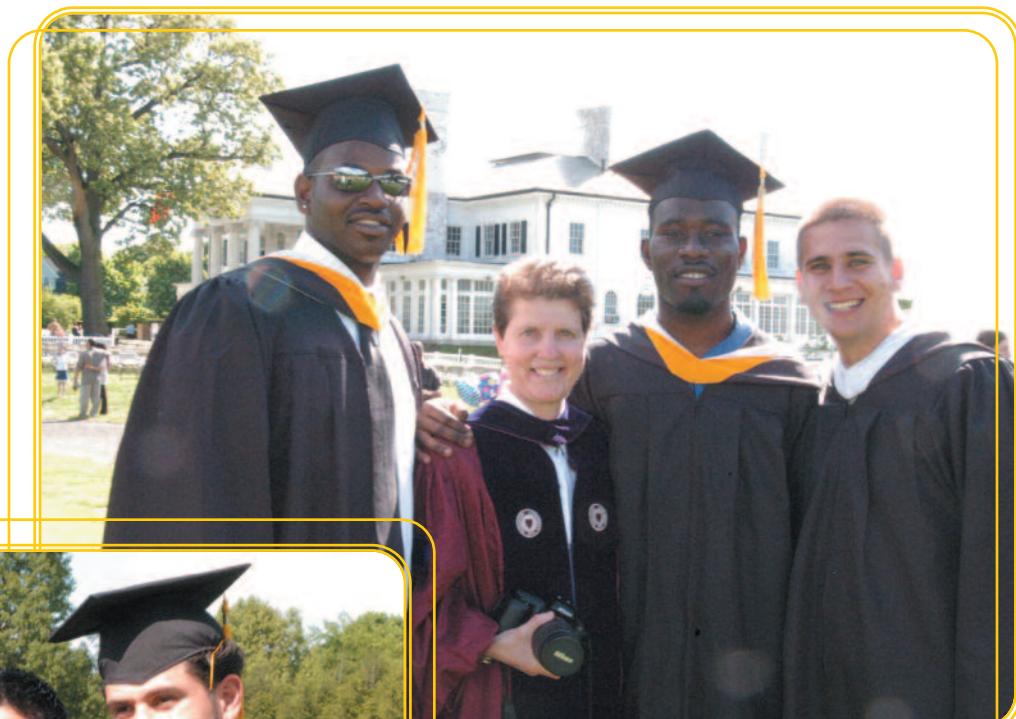
Husband and wife Joseph and Sophie Kotomski share their special day together.



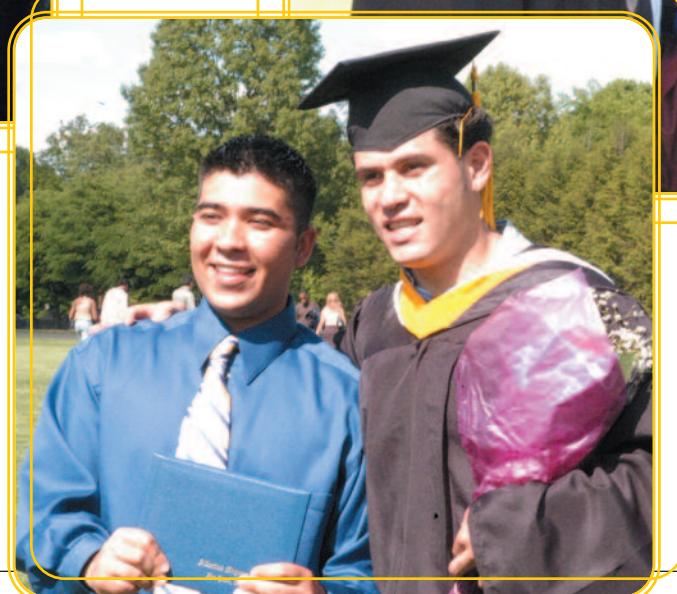
Family, friends and cameras await the graduates.



Keeping with tradition, the class of 2004 parades in through the Rosary gate.



Dr. Patricia Yeaman, professor of sociology and chair of the sociology department, with some of her favorite students after the ceremony.



New graduate Andres Felipe Montoya (right) with best friend, Herly Tejada '03.

# CEMENT

# 2004

"Way to go Justin" is the message from this happy graduate's family.

Chris O'Connell '02 joins the Cochran family for a photo with mom Nancy '94CE, daughter Jennifer '04 and son Shawn '96.



Balloons and flowers seem to be part of the academic attire on Commencement day.



Happy graduates share the day.

Verica Milivojevic '04 chats on her cell phone after the festivities.



The College awarded four Honorary Degrees at the 2004 Commencement Exercises. Pictured from left to right: (back row) Trustee Elin Mulholland '51, Professor of Classics Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, O.P. '53, President Julia M. McNamara, Chairman of the Board Robert F. Behan, Trustee Lynne S. Farrell '60 and Vice President for Finance & Treasurer Jeanne Mann '93; recipients: (front row) Commencement speaker The Reverend Joseph O'Hare, S.J., Sr. Dolores Liptak, RSM, '53, The Honorable Flemming Norcott, Jr., and Tony Falcone.



## Honorary Degree Citations

### Tony Falcone

...as a New England artist, you are helping to fulfill your region's destiny with an ever growing body of visual creation. Your attachment to New England as your home and your source of inspiration has remained ever evident...You have enlivened public spaces, added color and dimension to massive structures, heightened our awareness of the beauty around us, and masterfully brought to life the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, right here on this campus.

### Sister Dolores Liptak, RSM, '53

...your life has been indelibly influenced by blending two of Catholicism's exemplary traditions—a Dominican education and your religious vocation as a Sister of Mercy....Your fidelity to the search for truth through the study of history transcends basic research. Your faithful dedication to the Mission of Mercy heightens your passion for the lives and times you describe. As a teacher and author, you have ...emboldened your students and readers with a similar passion.

### The Honorable

### Flemming Norcott, Jr.

...a distinguished jurist and legal advocate, you understand that the unique strength of our nation comes from our system of law which strives to make opportunity and equality a reality. Beyond your service as Associate Justice of the Connecticut Supreme Court, you are a tireless proponent for the value of education, and a mentor for young people needing guidance to convert their dreams into realities.... As a Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, you educated developing minds to the advantages of a fair and just legal system.

### The Reverend

### Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J.

...the longest serving president in the history of Fordham University, you led an extraordinary effort to enhance the academic experience for both students and faculty, and to grow the physical campus.... As founding chairman of the New York Campaign Finance Board, you championed the cause for responsible and ethical government. As a leader and active voice in Catholic higher education, you affirmed that "a university with a religious tradition...has a distinctive role to play in the mosaic of higher education."

# CLASS NOTES

1930

75th Reunion June 11, 2005

## Birthday Wishes in Print

On Mother's Day, the Elm City Clarion column in the New Haven Register honored **Jean Venditti Leary** '34 on her 90th birthday. Her late husband, John Leary, Jr., was a longtime Register sportswriter and editor of the same column. The current editor wrapped up his tribute with these words: *May this grand lady continue to enjoy good health and many more birthday observances with her fine family.*

1935

70th Reunion June 11, 2005

1939

**Ruth Conway**, Waterbury, CT, reports that last fall she attended a rally at her complex for a mayoral candidate, who was later unsuccessful in the election. She was happy to introduce herself as a fellow AMC grad to the candidate, **Mark Forte** '02 CE.

**Rita Savarese Moule**, Orange, CT, is very involved with the Lioness Club of Greater New Haven. She is a great-grandmother and her daughter-in-law **Susan Keane Moule** '68 a grandmother.

1940

65th Reunion June 11, 2005

1943

**Virginia Bracken Isakson**, South Kingston, RI, worked on a raffle at her senior living residence that raised more than \$900 for the local Ronald McDonald House.

## 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 2003-2004 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at [cbehan@albertus.edu](mailto:cbehan@albertus.edu) or 203-773-8502.

1945

60th Reunion June 11, 2005

**Marjorie McHenry Jones**, Tucson, AZ, resides in an assisted living home. "Parkinson's advance is relentless," she notes. Her son, Jim, teaches at the University of California-Davis and her daughter, Mary Ann, at Pima Community College.

1948

**Anna Arcudi Malootian**, Quaker Hill, CT, recently completed docent training at the Lyman Allyn Museum

## Victory Gardens Thrived in Prospect Hill Area

Her recent 60th Reunion brought back some special memories for **Eileen Foley Fitzpatrick** '44S. "We were at Albertus during the war years, and, guided by Miss Bree, we were air-raid wardens. With our arm bands and hard hats, we visited our neighbors (many of whom were Yale professors) and instructed them on blackout rules and urged them to plant victory gardens!"

## Alumna Recognized for Volunteer Work

The New Haven Register recently featured **Lucy Scilia** '48, of Orange, CT, in a story about retirees giving back to local communities. A former librarian, she teaches basic library skills, reads aloud to youngsters and catalogues new books at Sacred Heart-St. Peter's School. She also volunteers at her church and Long Wharf Theatre, and is a member of the Orange Library Board and Friends of the Library.

in New London and now is leading visitors through its collections.

1949

**Marilyn Connolly Mahoney Cole**, Guilford, CT, retired and a part-time artist, spends seven months a year in Florida. She is involved with church activities and pro-life activism; she also lobbies for traditional Catholic values.

**Faith Augur McCarthy**, Northford, CT, a Eucharistic minister and lector at her church, reports a fourth three-generation family trip this summer—a return to Ireland. She notes, "I will be the oldest, and a five-year old grandchild the youngest."

**Jean McInnis Robichaud**, Attleboro, MA, has 15 grandchildren and one great-grandson. She is a parish library volunteer, and member of the parish consolation committee, a book club and AAUW.

1950

55th Reunion June 11, 2005

**Rae Coppola Orlando**, Bethany, CT, and her husband, Rocco, were honored in May with a special Community Achievement Award from the Jewish Historical Society of Greater New Haven for their work with the Italian-American Historical Society.

1952



## Andrea Cimino Walsh '76

### PROFILE

"It's a wonderful time to be in intellectual property law, particularly in the emerging field of biotechnology," says Andrea Cimino Walsh, an attorney with the Hartford firm of McCormick, Paulding & Huber.

Intellectual property law focuses on, for example, copyrights, patents, trademarks and other exclusive rights to intellectual capital.

"The law is constantly changing, and the work is never mundane. I love what I am doing and believe that Albertus gave me a sound foundation."

Walsh majored in chemistry and minored in biology at Albertus. "I was impressed with all my professors at Albertus, but one in particular, Sister Lisa Jessel, had a special impact on me," she remembers. "She was my German professor and really instilled in me the powers of organization and a work ethic that has stayed with me all my life."

While at Albertus, Walsh's goal was a career in medical research, and so she decided to seek a PhD upon graduation. She enrolled in a program at the State University of New York at Buffalo, and later transferred to the University of California, trading rugged winters for Santa Barbara sunshine. In 1984 Walsh earned a doctorate in biochemistry and took a job as a senior patent editor at Chemical Abstracts.

Her next move was to Abbott Laboratories in Chicago. It was there, as a patent information scientist, that she was drawn to intellectual property law cases and decided to go to law school. "It took me four years to get my degree at night from John Marshall Law School. I worked full time at Abbott and attended school four nights a week and Saturdays," she says. She received her JD in 1994.

Come September, she'll be back in the classroom on Friday nights and Saturdays; she has enrolled in Rensselaer at Hartford's weekend MBA program.

During the past 10 years Walsh has worked in various aspects of intellectual property law at some of the world's leading multi-national pharmaceutical and agricultural companies.

"I've had some very interesting cases, for example, litigation involving the National Institutes of Health and the Institut Pasteur. Abbott was the exclusive licensee of the NIH gene product that encoded the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV. Our opponent was Chiron, the exclusive licensee of the Institut Pasteur's very similar gene product. I attended depositions of key scientists on both sides and attempted to decipher the scientific and technical data for the patent trial lawyers. Since this was such a new area of both law and science, it was tremendously challenging to be part of the team."

Walsh also was part of a case concerning the first genetically-engineered corn product marketed in the U.S. "This included directing and supporting nine ongoing multi-party patent infringement suits at the same time," she recalls.

"I was traveling a great deal and had to keep management in the U.S. and in Switzerland up to date. With the help of information technologists, we devised a secure web site to keep management on both continents informed on the progress of the legal battles as well as updates on new business acquisitions."

Prior to joining the staff of McCormick, Paulding & Huber, where she specializes in the chemical, pharmaceutical and biotechnological arts, Walsh had always worked in the corporate world. "I find working in a law firm stimulating and challenging," she says. My firm is very people-oriented, and they care for their employees as well as their clients. I am learning something new and exciting every day."

1952



Jim Kapalla, now retired associate dean for admission, attended the alumni reception in New York and met Margie St. John '52. She invited him to attend the opening of her art show at The Ezair Gallery on Manhattan's Upper East Side in March. He did, and took this picture.

1954

**Eleanor Savich Boruch**, Prospect, CT, is working part-time at the local public library and also serves as facilitator for the "New Day" bereavement program; she is a professed member of the Dominican Third Order and the Dominican Associates.

**Dolores Brexel Boyle**, Coram, NY, sends word that her youngest daughter has been a lawyer since 1989; her second daughter, after raising four children, went

to law school and graduated in June; and a grandson is a law student.

**Nancy Bucklin Coppers**, St. Marys, GA, is retired and active in politics, Jacksonville Symphony and volunteerism.

**Mary Drumm Fennessey**, Herbster, WI, is retired. Her husband, James, is a professor of chemistry at Northland College.

**Nancy Condell Green**, Wakefield, MA, is a retired middle-school teacher who substitutes regularly. She enjoys traveling with her husband of almost 48 years. They have six children and three grandchildren, soon to be five with twins on the way.

**Martha McMahon McCaffrey**, Long Beach, NY, CEO of Survey Data Security Corp., describes Jack as "one spectacular spouse." She spends time consulting with young entrepreneurs who are establishing start-up businesses.

**Joan Hanlon Moylan**, Brevard, NC, is retired and living near her daughter. She enjoys travel, tennis, bridge, the church bell choir and babysitting her grandchildren.

**Ann Moylan O'Brien**, Crestwood, NY, was widowed 26 years ago and raised a daughter and five sons. She has seven granddaughters and two grandsons. She volunteers in pastoral service at a nursing home and a women's prison.

**Jean Flanagan Sposato**, Pelham, NY, is a member of the local garden club, women's club and hospital shop.

**Martha Connelly Sullivan**, Wilmington, DE, has four children and five grandchildren. She has been a volunteer at the local Catholic hospital for 20 years.

**Patricia Sullivan**, Tiverton, RI, a retired higher education administrator, continues her involvement with the Tiverton Conservation Commission and The Alliance to Preserve Tiverton's Quality.

**Mary Jane Lynch Topitzer**, Hamden, CT, and her husband, Neil, have five married children and 10 grandchildren. She is a part-time English teacher at Sacred Heart Academy.

## 1955 50th Reunion June 11, 2005

### 1956

**Diane Mormile Cosker**, Wethersfield, CT, is retired and helps to care for her husband, John, who suffered a stroke three years ago. They enjoy time with their two sons, daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

**Eileen Farrell Kinney DuBois**, Enfield, CT, recently welcomed her fifth grandchild, a fourth boy. She volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, pregnancy crisis center and Literacy Volunteers.

### 1957

**Annette Tino Tomaino**, Chatham, NJ, reports that son Mark married in October. "Retirement is great; we spent February in Naples, Florida, then a week in Paris."

### 1959

**Bernice Jefferson Liba**, Westport, CT, has retired after 25 years of teaching in Catholic schools and 4 years in public school after graduation from AMC. She and her husband, Carl, also retired, have time now to be much more involved with parish activities.

**Helen Marks**, Columbus, OH, is a professor of educational policy and leadership at Ohio State University and a faculty affiliate of the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. She was named a John Glenn Scholar in Public Policy Research for 2004.

**Patricia Hawman Micklos**, Trumbull, CT, has been retired since 2002 from Jonathan Law High School where she taught English. She and Ed spent this past winter in Fort Lauderdale and plan to do the same in 2005.

**Margaret DeVylder Schleicher**, San Diego, CA, runs the infant baptism preparation at her parish, is president of the parish Altar Guild and audits courses at the diocesan institute.

## 1960 45th Reunion June 11, 2005

### 1962

**Anne (Nancy) Marchand Greenfield**, Menlo Park, CA, has served 20 years as the chaplain for the Catholic community at Stanford. Her book, "Songs of Life: Psalm Meditations from The Catholic Community at Stanford," was published last February.

**Catherine Koletsky**, Cambridge, MA, is now working as an assistant to the director of resident and family shelters at the Cambridge YWCA.

## Patrick O'Reilly '03 Helena O'Reilly '04 Sean O'Reilly '05

### PROFILE

No doubt about it, the O'Reillys are an Albertus family. The O'Reillys are a musical family, too, performing as the group Thorn. A few months ago, Thorn released its first cd, "Conscience." On the album, Patrick plays guitar, and Sean, piano; Helena is lead singer; Erin, who is still in high school, plays bass guitar; and 13-year-old Emily adds a sweet soprano to background vocals.

Patrick and Sean, and John O'Reilly, their father, who performed with a singing group in the '60s, provide words and music for Thorn. Bryan

Moran '04, who plays electric guitar, is one of Thorn's three non-family members.

Michael, the oldest O'Reilly sibling and the first to arrive at Albertus, contributed words for one of the songs, "Emily." He has autism and takes a creative writing course each semester with Dr. Susan Cole. His book of poetry, "And Love Was All He Said—Growing Up Autistic," was published in 2000.

At one time, Patrick, Helena, Sean and Michael were all taking the same writing class; several lyrics in Thorn's repertoire began life as poems written for Dr. Cole's courses.

"Life is really busy—with playing, school and family," Sean says. He describes Thorn's opening-act night at Toad's in New Haven as hectic. "Being on stage is a very special experience, like nothing else. Recording in a studio is much more intellectual." For one of the studio recording sessions, he played a Bosendorfer grand piano for the first time. "What an incredible instrument to play, the sound is so amazing."

Sean describes Thorn's style as acoustic rock. Says John, "To me, our songs are conscience music.

Some may call them socially revolutionary, but we want to give people something to think about."

One reviewer wrote that Thorn was "unique in contemporary music, powered by acoustic guitars, piano and something to say."

As a single, the title song from "Conscience" has gone as high as number three in New Music Weekly's listings.

With the new academic year, Helena moves on to graduate school in special education at Southern Connecticut State University, Patrick will be finishing up a master's in creative writing at Southern, and Sean and Michael head back to Albertus.



Patrick

Helena

Sean

### 1963

**Joan Venditto**, West Haven, CT, director of education programs at AMC, was the subject of an alumni profile in the newsletter of New Haven's Sacred Heart-St. Peter School, published for the school's alumni, parishioners and friends.

### 1964

**Patricia Checko**, Berlin, CT, is director of health for the Bristol-Burlington Health District. She has three stepsons and a granddaughter.

**Judy Roche Chiburis**, Houston, TX, stopped teaching middle-school Spanish two years ago and now cares for her mother, who lives with her. Her husband, Rich, works for Exxon Mobil and her son, Richard, is a quantitative analyst for a hedge fund.

**Suzanne Lynch Fattah**, Minneapolis, MN, retired from teaching three years ago, and now teaches English to new immigrants; she also volunteers at the Minnesota Zoo. Inspired by a trip to Italy, she is learning Italian. She is in touch with **Susan Geloso Scott**—"we are often treated to her gourmet meals."

**Carol Ann Rice Kudless**, Milford, NJ, a vice president at Wachovia Bank, and her husband, Joe, visited their son, Andrew, in London, where he is finishing a master's in architecture. Their daughter, Kristen, and her family are moving to Virginia.

**Karen Connolly McMahon**, Weston, MA, has seven grandchildren, including 18-month-old twin grandsons. She and Gene celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June with a trip to Bermuda; they also spend three months each year in Florida.

**Rose Cianci Sbalco**, Old Saybrook, CT, is enjoying some travel and her "annual hiatus to Aruba." She has two married sons and one grandson.

### 1965

## 40th Reunion June 11, 2005

**JoAnn Mettling Ryan**, Torrington, CT, president of the Northwestern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, was elected to a two-year term as chairman of the

board of directors of the Torrington Area Foundation for Public Giving. She has served on the board since 1985.

### 1966

**Eleanor Bellobuono Ubaldini**, Middletown, CT, who had been teaching at Mercy High School since 1970, is now teaching there part-time. She enjoys playing piano, and traveling, bicycling and tennis with her husband.

### 1967

**Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski**, Cheshire, CT, is teaching voice at Naugatuck Valley Community College; she recently served as a visiting artist for the Greater Hartford Arts Council.

### 1968

**Patricia Rochford Palmer**, Houston, TX, sends word her daughter, Elspeth, graduated from the University of Texas in May, and her son, Ned, has completed his first year of law school at the University of Houston.

### 1969

**Maureen Liston Dowdle**, Fairfield, CT, is director of institutional advancement at Housatonic Community College. She enjoys golf, bridge, reading and travel.

**Jean McQueeney Mitric**, Kensington, MD, is still freelancing and teaching young journalists in the Balkans. She and her husband, Slobodan, spend three to five months there each year caring for his elderly relatives. She is grateful for having survived brain surgery for a large tumor 18 months ago.

**Beverley Chen See Nijhawan**, Kokomo, IN, teaches French and Bible classes at her church, and writes for the church newsletter. Her son, David, who clerked this year for the Indiana Supreme Court, joined a Florida law firm; daughter, Sunita, has a doctorate in clinical psychology and is working at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, England.

**Jean Turner**, Hinsdale, NH, recently resigned her position as graduate off-campus coordinator at the School for International Training, the academic arm of World Learning Inc., after 16 years.

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# CLASS NOTES

## 1970 35th Reunion June 11, 2005

**Mary Jane Kelsey**, Branford, CT, has joined the New Haven office of H. Pearce Real Estate as a residential sales associate.

### Two Alumnae Honored for Community Leadership

In May, two alumnae were among eight women honored at the Women in Leadership awards luncheon held in Meriden, CT, for commitment to their careers and communities, and for their leadership. **Peggy Brennan** '69, economic development director for Meriden, received an award in the government category, and **Nora Landry** '03 ND, manager of cancer care at MidState Medical Center, received the award for health care. The 2004 Connecticut Women in Leadership Award went to **Susan Saint James**, star of the series "Kate & Allie," for her many years of commitment and work on behalf of Special Olympics activities in the state. In 1994 Albertus awarded Saint James an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of her support of Special Olympics.

## 1974

**Jacqueline Zorena Albis**, East Haven, CT, will see son Mark off to Yale University this fall. He was selected by the East Haven High School faculty as one of the New Haven Register/University of New Haven Youth of the Year, based on leadership, academics and achievement.

**Diane Reitano Heck**, Westport, CT, is with GE Commercial Finance. Her interests include wine, antiques, cycling, skiing and Italy.

## 1975 30th Reunion June 11, 2005

## 1979

**Sandra Avard Jamula**, Alexandria, VA, reports that her husband, John, works for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; her son, Jason, will start 7th grade in September. She is chief, IT systems management in the Office of Information Systems & Infrastructure at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington.

**Terry Mulcahy-Druz**, Yorba Linda, CA, a fourth-grade teacher, is working on a master's degree in educational leadership and an administrative credential at California State University, Fullerton. She has two children, ages 13 and 16.

## 1980 25th Reunion June 11, 2005

**Gail Masotta O'Keefe**, Hamden, CT, vice president and co-owner of American Executive Limousine, was honored by New Haven Business Times as one of its Twenty Noteworthy Women for 2004.

## 1981

**Sheila Pepe**, New York, NY, will exhibit her installation art through the summer at the Palm Beach Institute

of Contemporary Art in the show "Two Women: Carrie Moyer and Sheila Pepe."

## 1984

**Teresa Hudak**, New York, NY, an architectural designer who is managing the interior restoration of the Church of the Ascension in Manhattan, and Eric Siegel, director of "World News Tonight" on ABC News, married in June.

**Allison Treloar**, Madison, CT, is with the department of neurobiology at the Yale School of Medicine. She and her husband, John Alsobrook II, have a daughter, Galen, and a son, Ian. She enjoys fencing foil with the Shoreline Fencing Club.

**Annette Lavorgna Vasaturo**, Seymour, CT, is principal of the St. Vincent De Paul School in East Haven. She and her husband, Michael, have three daughters: Michelle, Stefanie and Jaclyn.

## 1985 20th Reunion June 11, 2005

**Michelle Dubreuil Macek**, Johannesburg, South Africa, reports the birth of her third child, Nathan James, on March 31. She continues to teach private English and French classes.

### Albertus is a Clue

The category on "Jeopardy!" was Colleges and Universities, and the clue mentioned Albertus. It noted that New Haven has Albertus Magnus College and Grand Rapids has a college named for one of Albert's students. The question: Who is Thomas Aquinas? Thanks to **Kathleen Donahue** '69 for clueing us in.

## 1986

**Josephine Agnello-Veley**, Kensington, CT, recently changed jobs: she is now director of human resources and labor relations at Middlesex Community College.

## 1988

**Martin Marchitto**, Meadville, PA, designed the set for a touring production of "Mack the Knife: The Life and Music of Bobby Darin," which played a limited engagement at New Haven's Long Wharf Theatre.

## 1989

**Priscilla Clark**, Monroe, CT, is the recently named special events manager at The Western Connecticut Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She is responsible for sponsorship cultivation and logistics for fund-raising events.

## 1990 15th Reunion June 11, 2005

## 1991

**John Donovan**, CE, Brookline, MA, has been appointed director of leasing and marketing for a 43-story residential property.

## 1995

### 10th Reunion June 11, 2005

**Mark Atchely**, CE, Guilford, CT, an independent kitchen designer for the past three years, has joined the design team at The Ring's End Kitchen and Bath Center in Darien.

## In Memoriam

### Mary Malley '34

Enfield, CT  
May 13, 2001

### Mary Daly Redden '35

West Hartford, CT  
June 12, 2004

### Vivian A. Rogers '41

West Hartford, CT  
June 14, 2004

### Mary K. O'Brien '43

sister of A. Geraldine O'Brien Sullivan '38 and Joan O'Brien '46; aunt of Anne Sullivan Ross Fowler '62, Sheila Sullivan O'Malley '65, Geraldine Sullivan McCarthy '67 and Kate Sullivan '72  
Rockaway, NJ  
May 16, 2004

### Sr. Florence Hearn '45

Columbus, OH  
March 30, 2004

### Kathryn Sturm McGee '50

Kensington, CT  
April 28, 2004

### June Catlin '56

Seymour, CT  
June 30, 2004

### Barbara Tierney '56

Wallingford, CT  
April 18, 2004

### Susan Brown Gelinas '63

Branford, CT  
April 9, 2004

### Mary Ellen McCann Adamo '64

New Hartford, CT  
May 16, 2004

### Susan Holmcomb Pinheiro Guimaraes '69

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
January 28, 2003

### Cindy Charron Riley '79

Milford, MA  
April 1, 2004

### Elena Fontana '00

Beacon Falls, CT  
March 12, 2004

### Cara Flaherty Brady '01 MSM

Madison, CT  
June 5, 2004

### Jennifer Tarbe Vitale '03 MAAT

West Haven, CT  
June 7, 2004

## Busy Times

**Giovanna Paponetti** '91, Taos, NM, has had a busy year. In January she showed her Native American portraits, wildlife paintings and Taos historical timeline mural at the Native American Cultural Center and Cantor Arts Center/Museum of Stanford University. In February the Small Business Development Center of the State of New Mexico recognized her as the "Success Client of the Year" for Taos and Rio Arriba County. As a result of this recognition, the Small Business Association chose to promote her nationally. McGraw-Hill will publish one of her images in a social studies textbook, and the Taos News commissioned her to paint portraits of the four candidates for the Citizen of the Year event to be held in Taos this October.

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

**Sebastiano Agnello**, father of Josephine Agnello-Veley '86 November 25, 2002

**Christopher J. Cleary, Jr.**, father of Eileen Bujalski, Library office manager May 21, 2004

**Elizabeth Blackburn Carpenter**, mother of Alfred Brooke Blackburn '94 MALS March 31, 2004

**Gerald Delaney**, brother of Sister Joan Delaney, MM, '52 April 13, 2004

**Sr. Lisa Jessel, O.P.**, professor of German and music at AMC 1963–1968 and 1973–1989 June 12, 2004

**Florence V. Norcross**, mother of Donna Norcross '98 CE April 21, 2004

**Thomas William Van Bree**, husband of Carol Whiteman Van Bree '75 December 27, 2003

**Mary Zuccarelli**, January 28, 2004, and **John Zuccarelli**, April 21, 2004, mother and father of Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli O.P. '75

**Amie Keddy**, Deerfield, MA, had a poem, "Possibility of Spring," published in the May issue of DMQ Review.



Production is now complete on "Slingshot," a feature film written by Matthew Martin '95. It stars David Arquette, Thora Birch, Julianna Margulies—shown here on the set with Martin—Balthazar Getty and Joley Fisher. The distributor has not yet set a release date for the film.

#### 1996

**C.J. Cuticello**, ND, Guilford, CT, '98 MSM, tax collector for the City of New Haven, is the Connecticut representative for Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society. Kappa Gamma Pi honors those who have demonstrated academic excellence and service leadership during their college years.

#### 1999

**Fred Harrity**, ND, Trumbull, CT, a deacon, is chaplain of the Trumbull Volunteer Fire Company. Since March of this year he has been the lead programmer analyst for the Royal Bank of Scotland.

**Deborah Lyman**, ND, Meriden, CT, has been at Hubbell Incorporated for 25 years.

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#### 2000

#### 5th Reunion June 11, 2005

#### 2001

**Peter Leibfried**, MSM, '04 MBA, was a finalist in this spring's "You Belong in Connecticut" Business Plan Competition sponsored by the state's department of economic and community development. His plan was one of 13 selected from 66 student-entrepreneur submissions.

**Jolene Picard**, ND, Groton, CT, joined Community Health Charities of Connecticut as regional director for the eastern part of the state. She will expand and manage the fund-raising organization's workplace-giving campaigns.

#### 2002

**Amy Feibig Grant**, CE, Round Lake, IL, works for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago in senior services. She is expecting her first child this summer.

#### 2003

**Tony Fusco**, MAAT, Hamden, CT, a member of the mental health team at Hall Brook Center for Behavioral Health in Bridgeport, was the guest speaker this winter at a meeting of The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Fairfield.

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#### 2004

**Anthony Cervoni, Jr.**, ND, New Britain, CT, is the new Annual Fund director at Hartford Hospital, responsible for the strategic management of the individual giving program.

**Karreem Mebane**, CE, Hamden, CT, an umpire in the southern baseball league, has been accepted at Yale University Divinity School.

## Save the Dates!

### Fall Fest

**Saturday, September 25, 2004**

Come and cheer for the Falcons as our women's tennis and new women's soccer teams and men's soccer team host games at home. Details for the all-day event will be published on our web site [www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu) in August.

### All Saints' Day—Mass for Alumni and Alumni Luncheon

**Monday, November 1, 2004**

Mass is scheduled for noon in the Behan Community Room, Campus Center. The alumni luncheon will directly follow Mass in the DeDominicis Dining Room, also in the Campus Center. Alumni will receive invitations in early October.

### Reunion 2005

**June 11, 2005**

Highlighting classes ending with 5 and 0. These special anniversary classes will receive details this fall; the Reunion section of the Alumni page web site will post details as they become available.

## Rosary Hall Turns 100 Send Us Your Photos



As befits a grande dame at 100, venerable Rosary Hall will have a two-year birthday party. The prestigious Boston firm of Peabody & Stearns designed the graceful mansion in 1904, and construction took two years. The Library is planning an exhibition on the history of Rosary Hall, which will include the original plans and early photos. If you have interior or exterior photos of the building, particularly from the 1930s through the 1950s, and would like to donate them to the College, send them to the Office of Alumni Relations, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT, 06511.

## Business Education Group Honors Sister Charles Marie

Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., '51, shown with Dr. William C. Schulz, vice president for academic affairs, recently received a plaque from the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education, honoring her for exemplary leadership and service. Sister Charles, who holds an MA and PhD in economics from Fordham, was the 2003 chairman of the organization's Board of Directors. She is the College's director of assessment and institutional research and a member of the faculty.



Roanne Zukoff/60



**It was a crystal clear summer day as alumni walked to Nilan Hall for Tea & Conversation.  
See page 2 for Reunion photos.**

## From the Hill



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

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