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A memorable day...
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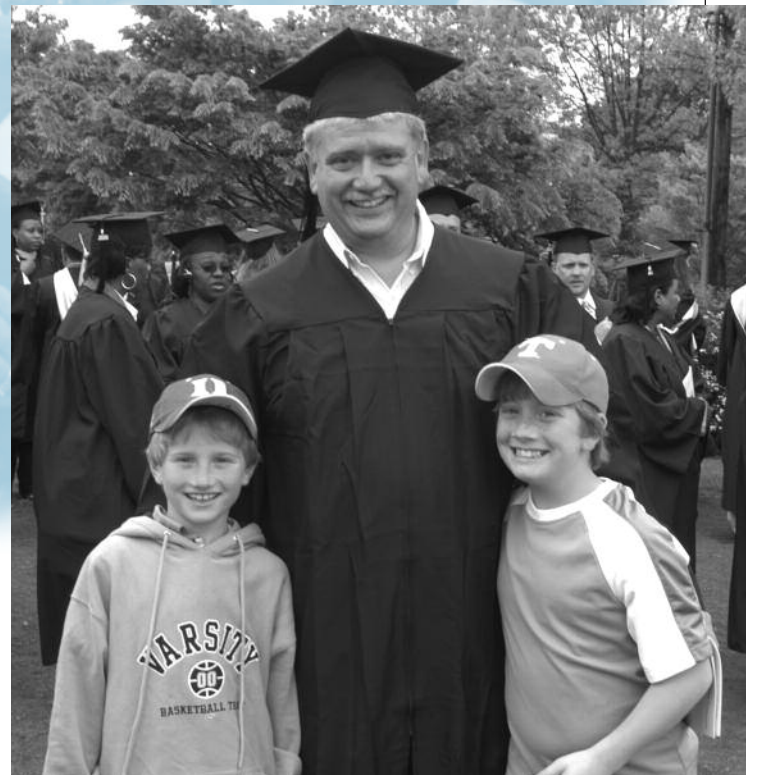
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Commencement



At the College's 83rd Commencement on May 14, 797 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees.



A happy graduate, dad and role model.



This group is ready to celebrate.



A special day creates great memories.



Adult grads juggle family responsibilities, jobs and courses.

A day to remember.



Flowers, smiles and hugs were the order of the day.



ment 2006

The long-awaited moment is here.



Family photographers try for the perfect shot.



Just one more...with a smile.

Chairman of the Board Joseph R. Crespo, far left, and President Julia M. McNamara, far right, flank this year's honorary degree recipients: from left, Barry Svigals, Sr. Thoma Swanson, O.P., Commencement speaker Dr. Tomoko Takahashi '77, Lorraine D. Cronin and The Honorable Robert J. Callahan.



Honorary Degree Citations

The Honorable Robert J. Callahan

...As prosecutor, judge of the Circuit and Superior Courts, as associate justice and ultimately chief justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut, you undertook each of these roles with wisdom, a spirit of fairness and an open mind...you weighed evidence impartially; weighed in on the interpretations independently; with your ultimate goal always respect for lawfulness, the full search for truth and for balancing the scales. ... As arbiter of fairness and as an advocate for swift justice, you have served Connecticut and the nation with distinction and honor....

Lorraine D. Cronin

...you have given of your time and talent, with great passion and boundless enthusiasm, to advance the mission and purposes of numerous organizations in your hometown of New Haven. You focus your tireless efforts on the ways and means to bring people back to the warmth of community.... It is fitting that you have dedicated so many of your endeavors to the advancement of an institution whose name means God has healed—The Hospital of Saint Raphael. Optimism is in your blood, and you personify noble virtues....

Barry Svigals

...Your career as architect, sculptor and master builder exemplifies the delight and conviction that you lend to your craft. By virtue of your daring intellect and compelling vision, you strive to surpass a building's basic design.... You embrace human needs appropriate to the structure, incorporating glorious color and detail, and unique sculpture. Most of all, you imbue the building itself with purpose and mission, while creating an intimate and humane environment. We at Albertus rejoice over your creations that now grace our campus.

Sister Thoma Swanson, O.P.

...Your life is like the view through stained glass—reflecting, cascading and illuminating. Your career celebrates diversity, for you are teacher, missionary and internationally acclaimed artist. Your creative commitment and dedication came to culmination as you assisted the indigenous women of Chimbote, Peru, to find greater meaning and purpose in self-sustaining and renewed life. Your life and career are a true reflection of the Albertus mission—the search for truth in all its dimensions, and an education that is practical in its application.

Tomoko Takahashi '77

...Your life has been filled with distinguished academic achievement...and the forging of groundbreaking links between the diverse Eastern and Western cultures. You have been recognized as a leader in the art of translation, which led to your lasting friendship and literary collaboration with the "Mother of the American Civil Rights Movement," Rosa Parks. Thanks to your elegant translations, Mrs. Parks's inspirational texts are now available in your native Japanese... You have set a remarkable example by your life and career in ways that render your alma mater proud indeed....

CAMPUS NEWS

College Names John Donohue VP for Academic Affairs

Albertus appointed Dr. John J. Donohue to the position of vice president for academic affairs, effective August 1; he also holds a concurrent appointment as professor of social science (anthropology). He is responsible for administrative oversight of all degree-granting programs at the College, working closely with faculty and administration to ensure that all academic programs fulfill the requirements of the College's mission and purposes, and that they meet the standards for accreditation specified by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Donohue comes to Albertus from D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York, where he served most recently as executive director of doctoral programs in education and previously as vice president for academic affairs. He also spent many years in academic administration at Adelphi University, SUNY Morrisville and Medaille College, where he was acting president. An anthropologist by training, Donohue received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

O'Connell Appointed Day Program Academic Dean

Dr. Sean P. O'Connell, who has been serving as acting academic dean, will become academic dean for the undergraduate day program at Albertus this fall. In addition to his administrative duties, O'Connell will be available from time to time to teach in the department of religion and philosophy as professor of philosophy. He received his B.A. and M.A. from The Catholic University of America, and Ph.D. from Fordham University.

Blessing of the Chapel



In May, the College blessed the new St. Catherine of Siena Chapel, made possible through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus. Located in the renovated Walsh Hall, the Chapel connects to the new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology by a courtyard and colonnaded walkway. Members of the College community, alumni and friends gathered first in the Academic Center's St. Albert Atrium for the Celebration of the Eucharist, then walked in procession to the Chapel for the transfer of the Eucharist, lighting of the sanctuary lamp and blessing.

Hispanic MBA Group Honors Albertus for Leadership and Support

The Connecticut Chapter of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs recently honored Albertus with its 2006 Destino Award for not-for-profit organizations. This award recognizes the College's "outstanding contribution to the world of learning and extraordinary efforts to empower and educate" the Hispanic community.

In an Official Statement, Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell congratulated the College on the award, noting that this "recognition is a testament to Albertus Magnus College's outstanding service and commitment to the Hispanic business community as a supporter of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. Through their work, the faculty, staff and administration of Albertus Magnus College have demonstrated their dedication to the community. Their energy, enthusiasm and leadership are truly impressive. This award celebrates Albertus Magnus College's many contributions to the lives of others..."

Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., director of assessment and institutional research, accepted the award on behalf of the College at a dinner May 6 at the Hartford Marriott.



Sr. Helen Keran, O.P.

Fall Fest 2006

The Albertus Community celebrates the 10th annual Fall Fest Saturday, September 23, on the College's main campus. Plan to be there for a great day of sports and fun. The men's soccer team will play a match against Suffolk University at 1 p.m. and the women's tennis team takes on Simmons at 1:30; there will be lots of activities for kids.

All events take place at the soccer field and surrounding grounds; reservations are required for the hospitality tent, shown here being enjoyed by past Fest-goers. To make a reservation, call 203-773-8502 or e-mail alumni@albertus.edu.



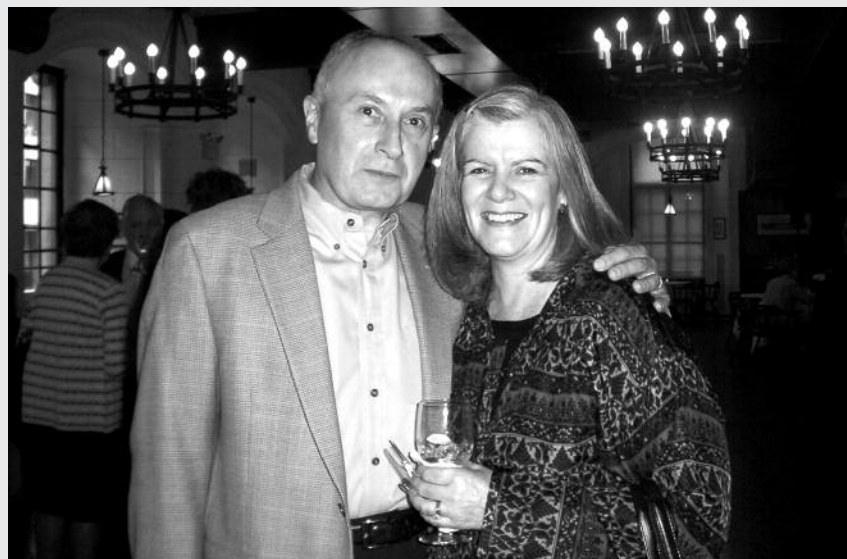
- Each year the Connecticut General Assembly sponsors College Academic Day at the State Capitol to celebrate Connecticut college students. Desiree Dixon, Class of 2006, was among those honored this year for outstanding academic achievement and community service. She is a curriculum and training coordinator at LEAP—Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership—a New Haven-based organization mentoring and providing educational programs for inner-city youth. Dixon also designed and coordinates the girl's basketball program at LEAP.
- The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants recently honored Tina Gaboury, Class of 2006, with its Merit Award. Each year the group honors the top-ranking graduating senior majoring in accounting from each of the Connecticut colleges and universities offering an accounting program recognized by the Connecticut State Board of Accountancy.
- Sr. Gilmary McCabe, O.P., director of freshman advising and lecturer in humanities at the College, on May 20 celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession. A Liturgy of Thanksgiving took place in the Saint Albert Atrium of the Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology, attended by members of Sister Gilmary's family, faculty, alumni, administration and friends; a reception and buffet followed in the DeDominicis Dining Hall. A graduate of Ohio Dominican College, Sister Gilmary received a master's degree from Case Western Reserve University. Prior to coming to Albertus, she served for 17 years as principal of St. Vincent Ferrer High School in New York City.
- Kappa Gamma Pi, the national Catholic college graduate honor society, this year inducted 15 members of the Class of 2006 at Albertus—11 undergraduates and 4 graduate students. Founded in 1926, Kappa Gamma Pi honors those who have demonstrated academic excellence and service leadership during their college years. Members pledge to uphold the highest standards of scholarship and service in their personal and professional lives.
- In April the Office of Campus Ministry sponsored a talk by two women who have lived and worked in Afghanistan, and are now on a speaking tour of the United States under the auspices of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Huma Safi, a community-based education project officer with CRS/Afghanistan, manages programs in Kabul, Kapisa and Pahshir provinces. Melody McNeil is the agribusiness support program manager for CRS/Afghanistan, working on agricultural research projects and women's enterprise programs in Ghor province.

Student-Athletes Present Program at Bridgeport's University School

The Albertus Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), like those mandated at all NCAA institutions, represents the student-athlete voice within the College to support campus and conference activities. In its first year as an active chapter, the Albertus SAAC took on a community outreach project in May, presenting a well-received forum on the importance of a secondary education to students at the University School—a Bridgeport (CT) high school for students with behavioral problems and learning disabilities.

Student-athlete presenters were Michelle Barnes, Jon Robert Bagley and Jason Ramos; responding to questions were Noelle Leonelli, Melissa Lumas, Jeffrey King, Cindy Videira, Candace Young, Christopher Drechsel and Antonio Sallati. Jennifer Pacelli, acting athletic director, arranged the program with University School teacher Terri Smith. Pacelli and Smith received MSM/MBA degrees from Albertus in May.

New York Reception



Jean Dennison '78, a Trustee of the College, and her husband, Peter McGhee, attended the spring gathering at the Yale Club for New York City area alumni.



Ann Coyne '48, Carolyn Kelly Hall '49 and guest Helen Dalgish enjoyed the event.



President Julia M. McNamara, Jennifer Frank Martin '93, Matthew Martin '95 and Terry Hudak '84 share a moment.

Photos by Rosanne Zudekoff '60

Reunion



Alumni gathered for dinner in the DeDominicis Dining Hall of the newly-named Hubert Campus Center.



Kay Schlauder O'Connor '51 and her husband, George, had a great evening.

Sr. Mary Faith Dargan '53 and Giovanni Duaqui '96, who traveled from California, catch up on events.



Friends enjoy the festivities.



These classmates smile for the photographer.



Members of the Class of 1956: from left, Jane Wolfertz Bohan, Patricia Coyle Foley, Helen Greaney McNellis and Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo.



The class of 1971.



Patricia Donnelly '69, right, came to honor Dianne Pinderhughes '69, who received the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award. For more on Pinderhughes' accomplishments, see page 9.

Photos by Carolyn Behan '86, Lynne Farrell '60, Danielle Barry LoCasio '86, Michael Musco and Rosanne Zudekoff '60

2006

Jeannette Grellner Birmingham '61, Michael Errico and Angela DeFilippi Errico '61 at the cocktail reception.



Sr. Patricia O'Connor, O.P., unveiled a plaque naming the Campus Center for the late Sr. Marie Louise Hubert, O.P., Ph.D. in memory of her sixty years (1945-2005) of service as distinguished scholar and professor at Albertus Magnus College.

President Julia M. McNamara and Joan Herlihy Kilcoyne '61.



Nancy Michalka Lovely, Ted Lovely and Barbara Reiber at the class of 1956 table.



Meet the newest members of The Golden Society: the Class of 1956.



Edmund Duenkel '96 CE and Christopher Silhavy '96 talk about 10 years.



Mary Ann Supp '58 and Patricia Lechus Chaghatzbanian '66 enjoyed a special day.



The Class of 1986.



Faculty members Nancy Fallon '79 and Patricia Yeaman welcomed many of their students back to campus.

Jean Muhlmeister Davis '61, Maxine Parcels Driscoll '61, Beth Wiles Katz '61 and Maury Katz.



CLASS NOTES

1932 *75th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1937 *70th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1941

Mary Curley Beisel, Branford, CT, reports that she has a son and a daughter living in Maine, another daughter in Michigan, a grandson in California; her great-grandson will be 2 in September.

Alvina De Lorenzo Fletcher, Walnut Creek, CA, has three adult children. She reports that her husband, Don, died in September 2005. He was 84, and they had been married for 53 years.

Gertrude Leary Gerety, Windsor, CT, has four daughters and one son. She sings in her church choir and enjoys knitting prayer shawls.

Arline Nevins Herb, Timonium, MD, took a trip to Canada this year for 10 days of sightseeing, including a first-time visit to Niagara Falls. She is now in Ormond Beach, Florida, with family, recuperating after a heart episode.

Lorraine Shortell O'Callaghan moved to Martha's Vineyard last fall. She loves the place and the chance to be near her son Jack. Son Kevin is a retired USAF officer living in Greensboro, North Carolina, and she attended her grandson's wedding there in July.

1942 *65th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1947 *60th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Rose Arcudi DiMartino, Westport, CT, retired as the head of the ESOL department of the Westport Board of

Education. Presently she is a resident advocate with the Southeast Region of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, and also a reader and Eucharistic Minister at her church.

1949

Marilyn Connolly Cole has moved from Jupiter, Florida, to Guilford, Connecticut.

Faith Augur McCarthy, Northford, CT, and her husband, Bob, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in April. They marked the occasion with a Mass and a family dinner. This summer they are taking a family cruise.

1951

Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., New Haven, CT, is director of assessment and institutional research at Albertus, where she has been a member of the faculty and the administration since 1976. She is on the board of Ohio Dominican University.

Eleanor Regan Bush, Maryville, TN, is involved with the Community Food Connection, is a reader and member of the liturgy committee of her church and enjoys duplicate bridge. Her husband, Thomas, died in 2003.

Rosemary Herold Calvit, Potomac, MD, and her husband, Tom, are on the board of Mary House; last year they served as co-chairs of the St. Raphael Adult Club.

Barbara Dillon, Belmont, MA, is a member of her church choir. She loves music and is a subscriber to both the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Lyric Opera.

Betsy Andresen Hackett, Cheshire, CT, is director of special ed and pupil services for the Watertown Public

Schools. She is a Eucharistic Minister at her church and serves on the boards of three community organizations. Her 6 "children" range in age from 42 to 52, her 19 grandchildren from 1 to 16.

Katherine Schlauder O'Connor, Stratford, CT, and her husband, George, have been married 55 years. She is a semi-retired real estate broker and active in the community—chair of the foundation supporting the restoration of a 1687 house, board member of Goodwill Industries, Square 1 Theatre and Stratford Chamber of Commerce.

1952 *55th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Margie St. John, White Plains, NY, showed her paintings, "Meditations of Hope II," at the Ezair Gallery on Madison Avenue in New York City for the month of June.

1954

Joan Hush, Jacksonville, FL, is officially retired, "but could not stand it!" She bought a sewing machine and now makes to order damask, brocade, sheer and cotton table runners, shawls and scarves. She recently had a visit with **Joan Hanlon Moylan** and a phone chat with **Alex Plaissy Gautraud**.

1956

Dolores Angelini, Strongsville, OH, is an intervention specialist in the Parma City schools. She enjoys gardening, recycling, stamp collecting, Phi Delta Kappa activities and working with charitable organizations. She is a life member of Pi Lambda Theta.

Ann Braun Bevak, Grosse Ile, MI, has 2 sons, 7 stepchildren, 18 grandchildren and 6 great grands. She is an active volunteer with the Grosse Ile Historical Museum and a member of the local historical and herb societies.

Joanne Pawlikowski Blair, Hamden, CT, a retired juvenile probation officer, is on the editorial staff of *The American Catholic*, edits an e-newsletter sponsored by Hartford area affiliates of Voice of the Faithful and tutors at Fellowship Place, a community of day programs for people with mental illness. She and her husband present a weekly prayer meeting for residents in a dementia ward of an assisted living facility.

Jane Wolfertz Bohan, Stuart, FL, has five children and nine grandchildren. She spends winters in Florida and summers on Cape Cod.

Margaret Stanger Butler, Wallingford, CT, has three sons and three grandchildren. She is president of the Wallingford chapter of AARP and treasurer of the Wallingford Committee on Aging/Senior Center.

Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo, North Haven, CT, is a part-time mathematics consultant now that she is retired after teaching for 35 years at Hamden Hall Country Day School. Her husband, Al, also is a retired math teacher. They have two daughters, a son who teaches math and three grandchildren.

Eileen Farrell DuBois, Enfield, CT, has two sons and a daughter, and five grandchildren. She is a Literacy Volunteer, St. Vincent de Paul Society president, member of the Parish Council, lector, and member of the church choir and the Senior Center choral group.

Patricia Coyle Foley, Walpole, MA, and Bill have seven "wonderful grandchildren, all living nearby. They range in age from 1 to 10 years." She enjoys reading, travel, current events and politics.

Joan Giardina, Ansonia, CT, a retired teacher, is secretary of the Ansonia Garden Club and records for the blind and dyslexic every week. She lives with her 97-year-old mother, who is still active and "feisty."

Irene McCurdy Hanratty, Pt. Lookout, NY, and Stuart, FL, spent two years at Albertus. A housewife, she has 5 children and 14 grandchildren. She enjoys church and golf.

Patricia Buckley Kiley, Damariscotta, ME, and her husband, Robert, have three sons. She volunteers in the library book shop and for the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden.

Nancy Michalka Lovely, Trumbull, CT, and Ted are Eucharistic Ministers, active in the United States Naval Academy Alumni group, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Greater Bridgeport St. Patrick's Day Committee. They have 5 daughters, 1 son and 14 grandchildren.

Terry Hudak '84

Passion for Design

PROFILE

When Terry Hudak was a communications major at Albertus, she was intrigued by the potential of new media. At the time, she recalls, cable television was new, and "I was optimistic about its potential to allow greater accessibility to mass media by voices that had been left out of traditional media. I was very interested in new programming that could be created locally by anyone."

In her senior year, Hudak created a four-part children's television special on nature in the city, hosted by the New Haven Park Rangers and aired on Channel 34, a local station.

After graduation, Hudak joined the station, where she produced, shot and edited local programming. She also moved into public access television, teaching community groups how to use video equipment to produce their own programming. In 1990 she went to work for Whittle Communications in New York City, creating graphics for Channel One News, a daily news broadcast for eight million middle and high school students across the country—controversial because the broadcasts included commercials.

"Controversy aside," she says, "the program was at the heart of my particular interest: to expose students to what was happening in the world at large and to open up discussion on what was happening in their world, for example, topics like pregnancy, AIDS, addiction and teen suicide." When the show moved to Los Angeles, so did she.

Hudak eventually decided that she wanted to become an architect, a career that would combine her community-based interests with her passion for art and design. She remembers being fascinated as a child by new construction taking place in her suburban neighborhood and, later, the tremendous impact an Albertus course—"The City and The Self," which combined first-year writing, humanities and history requirements with an exploration of New Haven's urban plan and architecture—had on her. "I fell in love with the poetry I saw in the designs of Louis Kahn's buildings for the Yale Center for British Art and for the Yale Art Gallery," she says.

In 1994—10 years after graduating from Albertus—she began studying for a professional master's degree in architecture at SCI-Arc, the Southern California Institute of Architecture. A summer semester took her to Egypt, Jordan, Syria, the West Bank and Israel. "It was an interesting time: the agreements between Israel and the Palestinians were actually influencing what was being built in the region. I returned there three more times to focus on these 'facts on the ground.' This became my master's thesis project and culminated in an exhibit based on my observations."

Now back in New York City, Hudak is an architect with Kohn, Pedersen and Fox, an international firm specializing in large-scale urban projects. She is working on an office tower, hotel and condominium in Toronto. "All three of these projects take advantage of recent advances in building technology that will provide 'green benefits.' Canada requires certain base-line requirements for environmentally friendly buildings, but developers, too, are starting to realize that there are economic advantages for making their buildings environmentally friendly," she says.

Her most challenging project, however, has been close to home: pro-bono work on the restoration of her own parish church on Manhattan's Upper West side. The Church of the Ascension, built in the 1890's, badly needed repair. She describes a leaking roof that was destroying interior plaster and paint, a stone façade showing signs of wear, a stained glass window that was warping and elaborate historic paint schemes by Bavarian immigrants that had been covered over by flat neutral colors. "I joined a very determined restoration committee and pastor of the church, and by enlisting the help of experts and other architects, we managed to repair the roof, façade, window and about a third of the interior paint scheme—all with funds donated by parishioners. We are now seeking grants to finish the restoration," she says.

Terry Hudak's path to architecture was not a straight line, but more like the twists and turns of her own designs...and well worth the journey.



Barbara Quinn McAteer, Eastchester, NY, has been a Lighthouse volunteer reading to the blind for the past 27 years.

Claudette Willig McGinty, Manning, SC, has been married to James McGinty since 1958; they have one son, one married daughter and three grandchildren. She is interested in recipes of all nations.

Helen Greaney McNellis, Southbury, CT—retired director of the Waterbury ARC Developmental Learning Center—and Tom have four children and seven grandchildren. She enjoys golf, bridge and “snow birding in Florida.”

Lynn Sudell Mottolese, Stamford, CT, and her husband, A. William Mottolese—a Superior Court judge—have four children and nine grandchildren. She is a reference librarian in Old Greenwich and involved with local charities.

Louise Colvano Pease spends part of the year in Ft. Pierce, Florida, and part in Canaan, Maine. She is “retired but busy” with volunteer activities north and south.

Elizabeth (Betty) Heery Porell, Estero, FL, and her husband, Dick, have 5 sons, a daughter and 12 grandchildren.

Barbara Reiber, Hamden, CT, spent 40 years teaching with the Hamden Board of Education. She has one daughter—a “single’s” adoption in 1973—a son-in-law and grandson; she is a surrogate grandmother to a second child. Involved in the activities of both grandsons, she also is active in the ministries of her church.

Marion Vece Winkelman, New Haven, CT, retired from teaching in 1995 and now considers herself a “world-class dabbler.” She and John have two sons and two daughters, four grandsons and four granddaughters.

1957 *50th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1960

Frances Wendt Meade, Southington, CT, reports 6 children and 20 grandchildren. “Loss of parents, aunts and uncles puts us in a new category: We are the old(er) folks,” she writes.

1961

Maryanne Convey Beckford, Folsom, CA, a retired editor, is a docent at Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento and president of the Newcomers & Neighbors of Greater Sacramento. She and Joe have four children, all married, and nine grandchildren with another grandson due in September.

Jeannette Grellner Birmingham, Silver Spring, MD, is retired from teaching, research and technical writing in biology/microbiology; Tom retired from NASA in 1998. Two of their three sons are married, and they have two grandsons.

Sheila Reilly Cirusuolo, Wallingford, CT, is an external literacy facilitator at Martinez School in New Haven. With the exception of one son, this is “an education family,” she reports. Her husband is a retired superintendent, her daughter-in-law teaches in Greenwich and a son teaches high school math in Boston.

Trudy McKeon Daly, South Glastonbury, CT, is retired from The Hartford, after working there nearly 42 years, but takes on occasional projects. At her church, she is a Eucharistic Minister, RCIA instructor, part-time sacristan and PR person. “It’s great to feel you’re making a real contribution where it’s needed!” she says.

Shirley Mazotas Davis, San Antonio, TX, reports that she is retired and enjoying “sleeping late, exercising at the gym and politics—Democrat of course.”

Maxine Parcels Driscoll, Danbury, CT, teaches math at Ridgefield High School. She has four sons and seven grandchildren. Her job, grandchildren, swimming, needlepoint and traveling keep her busy.

Joan Herlihy Kilcoyne, Wayland, MA, is retired, but busy with golf, tennis, hospital visitation, serving as a lector at church and a Eucharistic Minister to nursing

Dianne Pinderhughes ’69 Receives Alumni Award for Professional Achievement

At Reunion 2006, Dianne Pinderhughes, newly appointed professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame, received the Alumni of the Year Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement. Prior to moving to Notre Dame this fall, she held a joint appointment as professor of political science in the department of political science and professor in African-American Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she also held an appointment in the Gender and Women’s Studies Program and led the Afro-American Studies and Research Program for a number of years.

Pinderhughes’ research addresses issues of inequality with a focus on racial and ethnic political participation. She has compared political participation among Europeans and African Americans in American urban politics in Chicago, explored the creation of American civil society institutions in the 20th century and analyzed their influence on the formation of voting rights policy. She also has examined the intersection of race and gender in American electoral representation.

She is the author of a book, “Race and Ethnicity in Chicago Politics: A Reexamination of Pluralist Theory,” and numerous articles addressing race and public policy. Recipient of a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago, she has held fellowships with the Open Society Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Ford Foundation, University of Illinois Center for Advanced Studies and UCLA’s Center for Afro-American Studies.

Her awards include University Scholar at the University of Illinois, the Mary Lepper Award from the Women’s Caucus of the American Political Science Association and the Fannie Lou Hamer Community Service Award from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. She is president-elect of the American Political Science Association.



Dianne Pinderhughes shares a Reunion moment with Larry DeNardis, president emeritus of the University of New Haven and former AMC professor of political science, after receiving the 2006 Outstanding Professional Achievement Award.

home patients and the homebound, and chairman of the local Rally for a Cure.

Jean Mesaric Peterson and her husband, Vic, now official snow birds, spend winters in Safety Harbor, Florida, and summers in Suttons Bay, Michigan. They have 13 grandchildren, ages 4 to 22. The whole family gets together at Thanksgiving.

Patricia Canavan Tine, Wakefield, MA, is a retired biology teacher who taught grades 7 and 10 for 23 years. She is on the board of the local Food Pantry and part of the Music Ministry (choir) of her church. She and her husband spent 26 years restoring their 1790 house.

Elizabeth Johnson Webb, Hampton, NH, a retired teacher, is currently on two outreach committees for her parish, an appointed member of the Shade Tree Commission of Hampton, an active member of the James House Association—the James House is a 1723 building—and a member of the Hampton Historic Society.

1962 *45th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1963

Martha Massi Polemeni, West Orange, NJ, reports that she has nine grandchildren.

1964

Mary-Elizabeth (Emme) Dunn, Lebanon, PA, retired after 35 years of teaching English. Three years ago she married Michael Daley. Her daughter, married last year, is pursuing her doctorate and her son is working in New York City.

M. Lynn Burns Surwilo, Venice, FL, spends summers in Honolulu. Volunteer work keeps her very busy as docent at the Mote Aquarium, volunteer at Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center in Sarasota and grief counselor at her parish.

1966

Patricia Lechus Chaghatzbanian, Oxford, CT, retired after 35 years of teaching history, Latin and social studies at Ansonia High School. She has a daughter.

Maryann Civitello, West Newton, MA, is a member of the law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glosky and Popeo, P.C. She is vice chair and board member of the Patriot’s Trail Council of the Girl Scouts, board member of Elizabeth Stone House, a battered women’s shelter, and the Friends of St. Bernard’s Parish. Her spouse is Karen Burns and she has a daughter, 16.

Maria DeVico Devlin, Oak Park, IL, is retired, but works on an individual contract basis as a consultant.

She enjoys the Great Books Program, Spanish, yoga and Latin dancing.

Barbara Atnes Dunsmoor, Gualala, CA, and her husband, Earl, retired to the North Sonoma Coast three years ago. The have three daughters and three grandchildren. “In October 2005, Earl was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor. We would appreciate your prayers,” she writes.

Louise Russo Flanagan-Doe, Canton, MA, has two daughters, Margaret and Cara Flanagan. She is a sessions clerk in the Massachusetts Trial Court, and serves as a Eucharistic Minister at her church.

Ann Southworth Manning, Brimfield, MA, has a daughter and two granddaughters. She retired from teaching after 35 years, 34 of them at Tantasqua Regional Junior High School in Sturbridge.

Ursula Mastrianni Martino, Milford, CT, is proud to be a first-time grandmother to Michaela Daley Martino, born on June 9, 2005.

Emily Valente, Wallingford, CT, retired in June 2004 after 35 years of teaching. She is still “adjusting” and settling into her new home after having to “pack up” the family homestead, where they had lived for 56 years, following her mother’s death.

1967 *40th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Pat Smith Butcher, Princeton, NJ, wrote recently: “The two lovely ladies sipping tea on the cover of the most recent From the Hill are me and my Albertus roommate, **Michelle Savignac**....Thanks for giving us our 15 minutes of fame and recalling fond memories.”

June Comer-Chagnon, Enfield, CT, sends word that her father died in Bloomfield on February 27 of this year.

Louise Moloney, New York, NY, is manager of real estate investments at US Steel and Carnegie Pension Funds. She married William Abene on October 9, 2004.

Cecile Cleary Schaffner, Aiken, SC, reports that her husband, Beat, has retired from Clariant Corp. after 34 years. She is teaching part-time—French and religion at St. Mary Help of Christians School. “I always love visiting Albertus when I’m in New Haven.”

1968

Judith Earley, Washington, D.C., is a historical landscape architect with the Cultural Landscapes Program, National Capital Region, of the National Park Service.

Diane Sjostedt Gowdy, Broadbrook, CT, retired in June after 27 years at East Windsor High as an English and French teacher. This summer, she, **Barbara Stocker Eaton**, **Denise Franklin Terry** and **Mary Rounds** will travel to the Dordogne in France.

Key to Abbreviations

CE	Undergraduate Accelerated Degree Program/Continuing Education
ND	Undergraduate New Dimensions Program
MA-LS	Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
MA-AT	Master of Arts in Art Therapy
MSM	Master of Science in Management
MBA	Master of Business Administration

CLASS NOTES

1970

Micaela Owens Degnan, New Haven, CT, former chairwoman of the Hamden Board of Education, received a distinguished service award from the Hamden Education Foundation in May.

Music and Song

Six alumnae from classes in the 1970's volunteered to organize the music and songs for this year's Alumni Mass at Reunion. Although **Cornelia Gunn Dinnean '77**, **Robin Cueroni Hanson '76**, **Judy Nowicki Kishtok '76**, **Susan Rudolph Schuster '76**, **Peggy Whelan '76** and **Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli '75** hadn't performed together since their college days, a Friday night rehearsal got them on track and in tune. Technology in the form of e-mailed music helped as well, allowing them to learn their parts and have a few solitary practices before returning to campus. Their sweet sound filled the St. Albert Atrium in the new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology.



1971

Jane Abbott, Rochester, MA, a financial planner with A.G. Edwards in Dartmouth, is on the board of the Buzzards Bay Rowing Club and the Bristol County Estate Planning Council. She married Cliff Hankin in 1971 and they have two sons: Mica, 27, and Nicholas, 25.

Georgianna Guarino Libero, Wallingford, CT, and her husband will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary this year. They have two sons. She teaches fifth grade at Our Lady of Victory School in West Haven.

Karen Johnson Olah has been appointed director of support program and services by the Glastonbury (CT) Board of Education. She had been an assistant principal at Cheshire Middle School.

Ann Pennell-Cimini, East Longmeadow, MA, works in the Springfield schools. Her mother died at Thanksgiving 2004. Last fall her younger daughter entered Syracuse University, and her older daughter, a junior at Boston University, is doing research in molecular biology and biochemistry.

Rose Reynolds, Lima, NY, is manager and chef of the historic American Hotel, which has been in her family for more than 85 years. She has finished writing her

Alumni Directory Update

The 2006 Alumni Directory is scheduled for publication in January 2007. It will be the most complete reference of Albertus alumni worldwide. The phoning verification phase began in June; Harris Connect, Inc., the directory publisher, has been contacting alumni by mail and e-mail, inviting them to call to verify listings as they will appear in the directory.

Academic, business, residence, family and networking information, as well as e-mail addresses, will appear in the new edition.

If you have yet to reserve a copy of the new Alumni Directory, call 1-800-877-9136 today.

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 2005-2006 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or 203-773-8502.

soup cookbook and is on the boards of the Friends of the Library, Village Planning Board and Lima Historical Society.

Sr. Nancy Strillacci, Hamden, CT, taught English to Chinese-speaking students in high schools in Taiwan from 2004 to 2006.

Pamela Theriault, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, is senior consultant for strategic initiatives at Fraser Health. She enjoys long-distance running, full and half marathons, skiing, tennis, swimming and long-distance cycling.

Patricia Wallace, New Haven, CT, is director of programs in the Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford. She serves on the board of 1000 Friends of CT, is a member of New Haven Friends meeting and is active with her neighborhood group

1972 35th Reunion June 9, 2007

1975

Barbara Wardlaw Tinney, New Haven, CT, executive director of the New Haven Family Alliance, received the National Sojourner Truth Meritorious Service Award at the annual Founder's Day luncheon of the Elm City Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., in April.

1976

Martha Crocker Dobrowolski, New Haven, CT, has a son, Anthony, and a daughter, Lauris.

Maureen Lindberg Donnarumma, Woodbury, CT, has two sons and two daughters. She is the principal of a real estate title search company and an appointed commissioner of the Historic District Commission for Woodbury. December's Good Housekeeping magazine will run her recipe for Swedish pepparkakor cookies.

Robin Cueroni Hanson, Knoxville, TN, is a charter member and section leader of Smoky Mountain Harmony, an award-winning Sweet Adelines Chapter. She and Walter have been married 28 years. Emily is a college senior, David, a high-school senior and Andrew, an 8th grader.

Eileen Maselli Teta, Wallingford, CT, is a technical project manager at Bank of America. She crochets afghans for distribution to the needy in the community.

1977 30th Reunion June 9, 2007

Debbi Karpowicz Kickham, Westwood, MA, is the editor-in-chief and spokesperson for Mirror, a new up-scale Boston consumer magazine focused on trends in the beauty industry.

1981

Susan Beardsley Ash, Westboro, MA, is a senior staff consultant—network engineering at Verizon Communications. She and Anthony are parents of Gabriel, a sophomore at St. Michael's College in Vermont, and Marybeth, a junior at Westboro High School.

Jannine Zurolo Falvey, Milford, CT, an account executive with Thompson & Peck, has been in the insurance industry for 25 years.

Robin Burns Henry, Hanover, NH, teaches art and tutors ESL students at the Ray School. She and Doug have two sons: Ian, 14, and Taylor, 11.

Judy Fontanella Meara, Fall River, MA, and her husband, Morgan, have a chiropractic office—he is a family chiropractor and she runs the office with him. Their sons are Morgan, 16, and Patrick, 14. She helped set up and coordinate a student services center in a local middle school where students could go for help or a peaceful place to be.

Nina (Beverlee McFadden) S. Willis, Superior, CO, recently completed a master's degree in elementary education at the University of Phoenix in Denver.

Alumnus and Dad Make History at Yale Divinity

Karreem Mebane '04 CE of New Haven, CT, a member of the Albertus Alumni Association Board of Governors, made history May 22 when he and his father, **Willie Mebane Jr. of Hamden**, became the first father-son team to receive degrees from Yale University Divinity School at the same commencement. The younger Mebane—who spent eight years as a professional umpire in the minor leagues and is now working in the Office of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball—received a master of arts in religion, with a concentration in ethics; his father—a former chair of the Hamden Board of Education—received a master of divinity degree and hopes to become an Episcopal priest.

1982 25th Reunion June 9, 2007

1984

Anna C. Beach, Caribou, ME, has completed her first year as pastor of the Gray Memorial United Methodist Church in Caribou.

1985

Michelle Dubreuil Macek moved in January to Lusaka, Zambia, where Paul works for Catholic Relief Services as a humanitarian development worker. She

In Memoriam

Antoinette (Ann) Petrillo Fasano '29

Member of the first four-year AMC graduating class
April 1, 2006
North Haven, CT

Elsie Weston '37

June 14, 2006
Bridgeport, CT

Normetta Tager Alderman '40

April 20, 2006
Hamden, CT

Maureen Shugrue '51

July 16, 2006
Torrington, CT

Virginia Clancey Susla '56

January 28, 2006
Wallingford, PA

Ruth Morris '57

May 13, 2006
New Haven, CT

Ann Modena Zimmerman '58

December 21, 2005
Coral Springs, FL

Kathleen A. Donahue '69

March 24, 2006
Scituate, MA

Elizabeth Infanger '74

April 5, 2006
Seattle, WA

Alexandra Ducsay '01 CE

May 19, 2006
Milford, CT

Alumni Association Board of Governors 2006–2008

At the Annual Meeting of the Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association, June 10, alumni voted to accept the proposed slate for the 2006–2008 term. Congratulations to all.

President

Donna Sjogren '00 MSM

Members

Joseph Belletti '06
Diane Campanella '01 CE
Anne Demchak '04 CE
Eileen Denny '92
Margaret Hallinan '03 CE
Mark Kurber '05 CE
Karreem Mebane '04 CE
Verica Milivojevic '04
Deirdre Moody '02 CE
John Polletta '96 CE
Kerry Prior '65
Joan Venditto '63

In other business, alumni voted to accept a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association, increasing the number of voting members on the Board of Governors from 11 to a maximum of 18.

teaches French at the American School of Lusaka and is studying to become a dance therapist in South Africa where she flies monthly. The children are now 9, 7 and 2. Be in touch with her at: maddm@hotmail.com.

Tery Spataro, Gilbert, AZ, moved to the Phoenix area from New York City to be near her mother, who is ill. She has restructured her consulting practice to help small and entrepreneurial businesses owned by women, with a focus on marketing and strategic planning. She also has created the food blog www.dailyeats.com.

1986

Danielle Barry LoCascio, Naugatuck, CT, has two children: Dante, 7, and Ariana, 6.

Lisa Mott Williams, Aberdeen, NJ, spent 15 years in finance for a public accounting firm, then took an opportunity for a voluntary layoff. She and her husband, Brian, have a 20-month-old son.

1987

20th Reunion June 9, 2007

1989

Patricia Scussel, East Haven, CT, executive director of the Greater New Haven Leadership Center, now also oversees the New Haven Network for Public Education.

1991

Samuel Doucette, Ashland, MA, is a management analyst civilian employee at Hanscom Air Force Base, for the 66th Mission Support Squadron. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society. A member of ACAN—the Albertus Career Advising Network—he recently helped a current AMC student learn about the field of human resources.

Michelle Cavallo Harper, Seymour, CT, works part time as an RN in the cardiovascular unit of St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport. She and Michael have been married for 10 years; their children are Olivia, 4, and Matthew, 18 months.

1992

15th Reunion June 9, 2007

Donna Cardonita, CE, Guilford, CT, reports that her daughter, Giana Marie Nystrand, who just turned 5, won two crowns in December at the CT Invitational

Elsie Encarnacion '02 MSM, West Haven, CT, assistant registrar and academic advisor in the College's New Dimensions program, last September was selected as secretary for the Missions Department of the Council of Damascus Christian Churches. In March, she and other members of the Missions Department flew to Costa Rica to help continue with the rebuilding process for one of their churches, which had been washed away by a flood. "We were able to live for a brief moment what they live day by day," she said.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Yvonne Moss Clark, wife of Gerald S. Clark, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from AMC in 2005
May 10, 2006

Mary Ward Curtin, sister of Bette Ann Curtin Bailey '52
May 26, 2006

Douglas S. Davidson, husband of the late Marie Rohack Davidson '39
May 26, 2006

Ronald DeStefano, father of Lauren DeStefano '07
April 30, 2006

John Duggan, husband of Joan Moran Duggan '53
April 2006

William Flaherty, father of Sheila Flaherty Wycinowski '72
May 2006

David Hotton, son of Lucille Bonaiuto Hotton '49
March 2006

Charles Lindberg, father of Maureen Lindberg Donnarumma '76
February 19, 2006

Jaroslav Pelikan, husband of Sylvia Burica Pelikan '73 and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from AMC in 1973
May 13, 2006

Frank (Cheech) Piscitelli, member of the Athletic Center staff
March 29, 2006

Adeline S. Reyen, mother of Marianne Reyen Bell '60
May 19, 2006

Lloyd Richards, recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from AMC in 1990
June 29, 2006

Deborah Lee Rosa, mother of Jennifer Rosa '05
June 25, 2006

John VanArsdale Sr., husband of Alyce VanArsdale, former longtime employee of AMC's Office of Admission
July 3, 2006

Anne V. Venditto, mother of Dr. Joan Venditto '63, director of education programs at AMC, and Lois Venditto Simpson '67
June 9, 2006

Alumna Honored with Ivy Award

Evelyn Streater-Frizze '90 CE, associate director of customer service in Facilities at Yale University, received one of the 2006 Ivy Awards at a luncheon in the Presidents Room at Yale's Woolsey Hall in April.

The Elm and Ivy Awards, established at Yale in 1979 by Fenmore Seton, Yale Class of 1938, and his wife, Phyllis, honor individuals from New Haven and Yale whose efforts enhance understanding and cooperation between the two. Elm Awards are given to adults in the New Haven community; Ivy Awards go to Yale staff, faculty and students.

Streater-Frizze was honored for her activities as a civic activist and president of the New Haven Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

Yale President Richard C. Levin and New Haven Mayor John DeStefano Jr. presented the awards.

In 1994, Albertus Magnus College awarded honorary degrees to the Setons in recognition of their lifetime of philanthropy and service to the New Haven community. Fenmore Seton died in 2003.

Scholarship Charm Pageant, plus several other awards. Giana is in her third year of dancing lessons and has received her black-striped belt in karate.

1993

John Quesnel, CE, MSM '01, Hampden, ME, has been promoted to vice president-special assets manager, of The First. Primarily based in the bank's Ellsworth office, he is on the board of the Hampden Water District and Hampden Zoning Board of Appeals.

1994

Nancy Grecco Sudhoff, CE, Bethany, CT, has joined the staff of ACES (Area Cooperative Education Services) as a human resources generalist.

1996

Heather Fenn, East Haven, CT, is a correction officer. She is the mother of twins, 8, and active as a Girl Scout leader and in the PTO.

Christopher Silhavey, Stratford, CT, recently was sworn in as a member of the Stratford Zoning Commission, representing the town's 7th and 8th districts. From 1999 to 2001, he served on the Town Council.

Point of Light

Anita Johnson Smalls '91 CE, New Haven, CT, reports that on December 27, 2005, the Southern Connecticut Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., which she founded while at Albertus, was the Daily Point of Light winner—Number 3103—for its efforts in improving the health care status of African-American and minority communities. Each weekday, one volunteer or volunteer effort in the country receives an award from the national Points of Light Foundation in recognition of a commitment to connect Americans through service and help meet critical needs in their communities.

The National Black Nurses Association is a professional organization representing more than 150,000 African-American nurses throughout the United States. Smalls—and co-founders Stephanie Wilborne, Jackie Johnson and Melanese Kotey—started the Southern Connecticut Chapter in 1990 with the goal of improving the health of African-Americans through the provision of culturally competent, community-based programs.

After completing a bachelor's degree at Albertus, Smalls went on to receive a master's degree in public health.

1997

10th Reunion June 9, 2007

Tony Izzo, ND, West Haven, CT, has been named site director at Norden Systems, the 500-employee Norwalk division of Northrop Grumman.

1998

Todd Solli, Branford, CT, a biology teacher at New Haven's High School in the Community and adjunct faculty member at Gateway Community College, married Erica Considine last year.

Thank You!

The College's 2005–2006 Annual Fund closed June 30. A heartfelt thank you goes to all who made gifts to alma mater. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help Albertus continue to provide an education that is founded on the search for truth in all its dimensions and practical in its application for its students.



Alumni from California to Florida and points in-between returned to campus for Reunion in June.

See pages 6 and 7 for this year's Photo Gallery

From the Hill



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

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