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Upcoming Alumni Events

Alumni College at Reunion

Crime Scene Investigation: Fact and Fiction

The work of police detectives has been featured in the writing of authors such as Edgar Allen Poe and Arthur Conan Doyle, and continues to be celebrated today in countless police procedural novels and television shows such as *CSI* and *Law and Order*. But where does fact leave off and fiction begin? Is what we read in a book or see on the screen an accurate reflection of what really happens? Assistant Professor Michael Geary, who directs Albertus Magnus College's Criminal Justice Program—and is a retired New York City police officer and a lawyer—will discuss fact and fiction in criminal investigation. Joining him will be Dr. John Donohue, vice president for academic affairs, who writes murder mysteries.

Alumni Directory News

The 2006 Alumni Directory will be released in late December and should arrive by late January to alumni who reserved a copy. To check the status of delivery, please call Harris Connect Customer Service number—800-877-6554—they will be happy to field any questions. Also, if there are any alumni who would like to purchase a directory, they can call Customer Service as well. While it is too late to reserve a copy of the directory, Harris, on a first-come, first-served basis, will provide any overrun copies to our alumni.

2007 Spring Events

For a complete listing of events including pricing, please visit www.albertus.edu. News and events are listed in the alumni section. See page 10 for news of an events discount program for recent graduates.

In celebration of Black History Month A performance by Capoeira Balance Wednesday, February 7

Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art developed by African slaves in Brazil, starting in the colonial period. The slaves disguised the fight form as a dance with the intention to defend themselves against the tyranny of the slave owners. Capoeira is marked by deft, tricky movements often played on the ground or completely inverted. It also has a strong acrobatic component in some versions and is always played with authentic music. Capoeira Balance was started by Professor Fabiano Lucas. He has been doing capoeira for 13 years and he has been teaching in Connecticut for 3 years.

Annual Celebration of Saint Patrick Friday, March 16

Highlights include a traditional Irish buffet and live music by Billy Donaldson's Keltic Kick. See the web site for more information and special pricing for our Millennium alumni (alumni with graduation years beginning in 2000).

Brunch at Bravo in Boston Sunday, March 24

Bravo restaurant is located in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Alumni and their guests are invited to join us.

Albertus goes to Washington, D.C. Cocktail Reception at The Cosmos Club Thursday, April 19

The Cosmos Club is located on Massachusetts Avenue near Dupont Circle. The reception is open to Albertus alumni and their guests.

Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership National Speaker Series Leading at the Edge by Dennis Perkins Wednesday, April 25

In 1914, the intrepid explorer Ernest Shackleton boarded the *Endurance* with his team of seamen and scientists, intent upon crossing the unexplored Antarctic continent. What happened in the two years between their departure and their final, improbable rescue has rarely been matched in the annals of survival. Complete with gripping survival accounts, contemporary business case studies of the principles in action, and practical guidelines for implementing the strategies, *Leading at the Edge* is the first book to translate this remarkable story through the lens of business—to reveal 10 lessons on what it takes to be a great contemporary leader.

Reunion 2007 Saturday, June 9

Highlighting classes ending in 2 and 7. All are welcome to attend any/all Reunion events.

Reunion 2007—Area Hotels

Several area hotels have blocked rooms at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion 2007. Listed below are the participating hotels. Reservations for "block" rooms must be made via telephone direct to the hotel. **Please be sure to mention that you are attending the Albertus Reunion when making a reservation.**

Fairfield Inn by Marriott
400 Sargent Drive, New Haven
203-562-1111
\$91 per night, plus tax
Special rate deadline: May 8, 2007

Hamden Clarion Hotel & Suites
2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
203-288-3831
\$129 per night plus tax
(Junior Suites available, call for price)
Special rate deadline: May 8, 2007
(Closest hotel to the campus.)

Quality Inn
30 Frontage Road, East Haven
203-469-5321
\$89.95 per night, plus tax
Special rate deadline: May 14, 2007
www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ct080

Other area hotels that may be available for individual reservations—please call the hotel directly for rates and room availability. **Note: June 8–10 is a very busy weekend in New Haven. Not all hotels listed below will have rooms available.**

Marriott Residence Inn
Long Wharf Drive, New Haven
203-777-5337

Holiday Inn North Haven
Route 5, Exit 12 off I-91
203-239-4225

Courtyard by Marriott
136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange
203-799-2200 or 1-800-294-8733
www.courtyard.com

Best Western
Just off I-95 in West Haven
203-933-0344

Omni Hotel
155 Temple Street, New Haven
203-772-6664

Courtyard by Marriott at Yale
30 Whalley Avenue, New Haven
203-777-6221
www.courtyardmarriottyale.com

Local Bed and Breakfast

Touch of Ireland Guest House
670 Whitney Avenue, New Haven
203-787-7997
www.TouchofIrelandGuestHouse.com

Farnam Guest House
616 Prospect Street, New Haven
888-562-7121
www.farnamguesthouse.com



Mark Kurber '05



Robert Hubbard

AMC Alumni Association Participates in Open House 2006

The Albertus Alumni Association hosted a table in the Department Exhibit section of the Office of Admission's November Open House for prospective students and their families. On display were vintage yearbooks and class banners, early student handbooks and other alumni memorabilia. The exhibit also featured maps of the United States and the world showing the locations of Albertus alumni. Members of the Alumni Association Board of Governors were on hand to answer visitors' questions about careers the College's graduates are following. More than 220 persons attended the Open House.

Nominations Sought for the Alumni of the Year Awards

The Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for the Alumni of the Year Awards for Loyalty and Service to the College, Outstanding Professional Achievement and dedication to Humanitarian/Community Service. Nominations may be submitted via the form below or visit the Albertus web page at www.albertus.edu and go to the Alumni & Friends section. See list of past recipients, page 11 of this issue. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Albertus Magnus College Alumni of the Year—Nomination Form

Nominations for the Alumni of the Year awards are sought from all members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni of the Year awards are presented at Reunion. All graduates of the College are members of the Alumni Association.

Check the category in which you are nominating the alumna/us:

- I. Loyalty and Service to Albertus Magnus College.** This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who has manifested extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College.
- II. Outstanding Professional Achievement.** This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who has attained preeminence in his/her field through outstanding professional, scholarly or artistic achievement.
- III. Humanitarian Award.** This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who is devoted to serving others through volunteer work or community service.

Nominee's Name: _____ Class: _____

Reasons for Consideration: _____

Biographical Information: _____

Nomination submitted by: _____ Class: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number (Days): _____ Phone Number (Evenings): _____

Date Submitted: _____

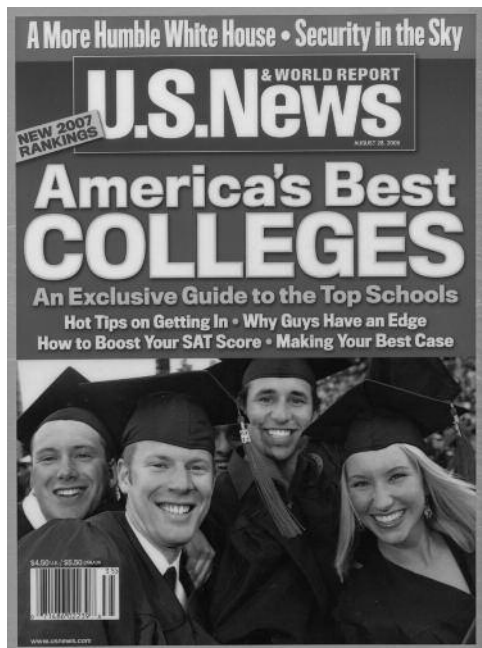
Return this form by April 15 to:

Albertus Magnus College, Alumni of the Year Awards Committee, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511-1189

CAMPUS NEWS

Albertus Listed In U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges Issue

Albertus Magnus College has been ranked 24th in the top 25 Best Comprehensive Colleges—Bachelor's for the North Region by U.S. News & World Report in its 2007 listings of "America's Top Colleges." Factors U.S. News considers are academic excellence, peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni giving rate.



The Tradition Continues



That oldest of Albertus traditions—Candlelight Ceremony—took place September 13 in the St. Albert Atrium of the Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology. Seniors light candles held by members of the freshman class, signifying the transference of the light of knowledge to the College's newest students.

Banker Opens Tagliatela Series



Peyton Patterson, chairman, president and CEO of NewAlliance Bancshares, Inc., inaugurated the 2006–2007 Speaker Series sponsored by the College's Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership on November 8 in the Hubert Campus Center. Her topic: "Contemporary Leadership and the Challenges of Change." Nearly 200 persons attended her talk, which was free and open to the Albertus and New Haven communities. On April 25, 2007, the Speaker Series continues, with Dennis N.T. Perkins, Ph.D., author of "Leading at the Edge," speaking on "What it Takes to be a Great Contemporary Leader."

Community Observes 9/11 and Constitution Day

A memorial service, speakers, tree dedication and College Forum marked the College's observance of 9/11 and Constitution Day. Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Patricia Thomas led a prayer service; Sr. Patricia Cusack, O.P., director of volunteer programs at New York City's St. Vincent's Hospital—the closest trauma center to the World Trade Center—spoke of the chaos and then the quiet of that day five years ago. Following the service of meditation and reflection, those gathered in Behan Community Room moved outside for the blessing of a Tree of Renewal.

Tamim Ansary, author of "West of Kabul, East of New York," spoke of his life as an Afghan-American. His memoir is based on an e-mail message he circulated to friends a few days after September 11, 2001.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal opened the afternoon's College Forum, "The War on Terror and the Constitution." Taking part in the discussion were U.S. District Attorney Kevin O'Connor and Connecticut ACLU Legal Director Renee Redman.



Photos by Carolyn Behan '86



Sr. Patricia Cusack, O.P., remembered 9/11.



President Julia M. McNamara welcomed Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

Author Tamim Ansary talks about his book with Professor Judith Lawler Caron '61.



- As this issue of From the Hill went to press, Jennifer Pacelli '01, MSM and MBA '06, was named AMC athletic director; she had been serving as interim athletic director. Previously, she held the positions of assistant athletic director and sports information director. In other recent athletic department moves, Nicholas Wajnowski '06, former sports information director, is now assistant athletic director/compliance director; Brian Leighton, head baseball coach, also assumed the duties of assistant athletic director/sports information director.
- Pavarini Construction of Stamford, Connecticut, construction manager of the College's new Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology, has received honorable mention in College Planning & Management magazine's Managing Excellence—Delivering Success awards program for its work on the project.
- Albertus was the exclusive sponsor for the youth component of City-Wide Open Studios, New Haven's ninth annual salute to the visual arts. On the third and final weekend, October 28–29, more than 300 artists set up temporary space in the former Hamden Middle School, just a few blocks from the campus. The youth component, a part of Middle School exhibition, focused on the work of students and young artists. Albertus students who volunteered were Rebekah Crasso, Annetty Koense, Stephanie Lopes and Laura Smith.
- Molly Smyth is spending the 2006–2007 academic year at Albertus under a program sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Presbyterian Committee on Northern Ireland. Students attend a U.S. college or university affiliated with the Catholic or Protestant faith opposite their own. Albertus has participated in the program for several years.
- The art work of eight Albertus students was accepted for the 2006 Exhibition of Undergraduate College Artwork in Connecticut, which took place October 22 to November 19 at the John Slade Ely House, a non-profit contemporary visual arts center in New Haven. Laura Arsenault, Elizabeth De Lucia, Nicole Germaine, Rob Montes, Justin Orlando, Patricia Scalzo, Laura Smith and Molly Smyth created their works in the painting and drawing classes of Julia Coash and introduction to computer art class of Jerry Nevins. Manchester Community College, Norwalk Community College, Paier College of Art, Southern Connecticut State University, University of Connecticut, University of New Haven, Wesleyan University and Yale University also participated.
- NBC 30 in Connecticut recently aired a segment on "Art Therapy for Better Health." It featured Sandra Tyrrell, ATR-BC, LPC, and one of her clients. Tyrrell received her BA in 2000 through the College's Accelerated Degree Program and the Master of Arts in Art Therapy in 2003. Albertus offers the only master's program in art therapy in the state.
- Continuing its support for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, the Albertus Community sent \$460.00, proceeds from a bake sale sponsored by Campus Ministry, to St. Dominic's School in New Orleans.

Insight Class Composes Message for City of New Haven Time Capsule

When the City of New Haven recently restored the Angel of Peace statue atop the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument at the summit of East Rock, workers found an old shoe inside the 11-foot bronze statue, believed to have been placed there in 1887 to ward off evil spirits. A call went out from the City to the public seeking wishes for the world to be placed in a time capsule to give future residents a glimpse into the lives of New Haveners in 2006.

Students in Professor Deborah

Frattoni's Invitation to Insight Class created this message, which was posted on the City's web site and included in the time capsule: *Peace may be calm and quiet, but it makes a loud statement, Like a rose, it blooms only with love and hard work.* Stephen Carden, Kaitlin Duffy, Hannah Emerson, James Fitzgerald, Ashley Flynn, Timothy Foley, Laura Harrison, Dominique Joseph, Casey Launder, Alexandra Massaro, Daniel Mergner, Mary Narain, Shannon Palucci and Robert Pompano. Missing from photo: Christina Carew and Michael Strong.



Deborah Frattoni '70

Suzanne Yurko Wall to Lead National Web Seminar on Résumés

In February, Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services at Albertus, will present a live one-hour virtual seminar on "Providing Résumé Solutions for a Blend of Traditional and Adult Students." Sponsored by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the seminar will explore the ways in which career services at Albertus meets the diverse résumé needs of traditional students seeking entry-level positions and working adult students looking to advance or change their careers. The key, says Wall, was to develop "services that were personal, convenient and comprehensive... without increasing the operating budget." The office of career services uses résumé development concepts, transition theories, market-driven management and qualitative research methods to serve the needs of traditional and adult students. Alumni of the College have free, lifelong access to the career center.

Wall received the 2002 Outstanding New Professional Award for Connecticut from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) and is secretary of the Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association (CCCDA). She is a graduate of Russell Sage College and has a master's degree in counseling from Central Connecticut State University.

Professor and Alumnae Address Management Conference

An Albertus professor and two of his students took part in October's Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management annual conference in Memphis.

Howard Fero, assistant professor of business and leadership and director of the Master of Arts in Leadership program, served on a panel discussing cooperative learning. He was named program chair and vice president of the organization for 2006–2007 and will serve as president of the international organization for the 2007–2009 term.

Kristin Hatch, MSM '05, MBA '06, presented her paper—"The Successful Project Manager"—and Jennifer Camarro, MSM '06, MBA '07—presented "Current Perspectives on Telecommuting." They also served as session chairs.

International Group Honors Morrell

Erin Morrell, director of campus activities, has received the 2005–2006 Outstanding New Professional Award from the Association of College Unions International, Region One. The award recognizes a commitment to excellence in the field of college unions and student activities.

Campus Activities Programming, the magazine of the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) published her article—"Advising Student Organizations: Strategies for Establishing and Maintaining Successful Advisor/Student Relationships" in its November/December issue. The NACA Northeast Regional CO-OP buying coordinator, Morrell also served on the 2005 Northeast Regional conference committee. She received a bachelor's degree in human development and family relations from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree in applied psychology from Fairfield University. She has been at Albertus since October 2004.

Memorial Service for Sally Wells

On October 11, members of the Albertus community gathered in the Hubert Campus Center to remember Sally Wells, manager of the College bookstore for the past eight years. She died October 2 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Sally had a cheery greeting for everyone who walked into the bookstore, but most of all, she loved her students. She celebrated their birthdays each month, introduced them to her legendary apple fritters at Fall Fest and was their friend. After readings, prayers and songs, many students, faculty and staff stepped forward to share their memories of her.

Albertus Comm

10th Annual

Overcast skies did not dampen spirits at the 10th annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 23, as everyone was enjoying food and cheering on the Falcons. Alumni with their families



Community Celebrates

Fall Fest

Smiles were the hallmarks of the afternoon. It was a day of catching up with old friends, and friends – along with students, staff and faculty – had a great time.



CLASS NOTES

1932 *75th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1937 *70th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1942 *65th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1945

Linda Brandi Cateura, Brooklyn, NY, gave a talk on her latest book, "Voices of American Muslims," in September at the Asia Division of The Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. The book features profiles of 23 Muslims who share their thoughts and feelings about living in America, their religion and their future.

1947 *60th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1952 *55th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1955

Eleanor Roberts Ilgen, Chapel Hill, NC, reports Spring 2006 was hectic, although without the health worries of the previous year, when her son, Marc, had lung problems. This year, both grandchildren moved on to a higher-level school in September; and there were visits from family in California and Panama. "We had three generations present and more fun than you could ever imagine." She is still seeing a physical therapist for her back, but less frequently than before.

1957 *50th Reunion June 9, 2007*

1959

Arlene Fanucci Johnson, Fairfield, CT, teaches one section of advanced placement biology at Westport's Staples High School. She took a trip to Paris in March after her daughter's wedding in February.

1962 *45th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Marsha Sangster Thompson '62, Pleasantville, NY, is an inveterate traveler and sends lots of news. "At this time of my life," she writes, "I am able to travel and see many of the places I read about and thought about." In September, she visited Egypt, "sailing on the Nile, crawling in one of the huge pyramids, walking along the Aswan Dam and taking pictures at Abu Simbel. I keep asking myself, was I really at a 5,000-year-old temple to the Pharaoh Rameses II in Egypt? It was a fabulous trip." In late fall she celebrated her birthday in Morocco, and planned a pre-Christmas trip with her 9-year-old grandson, including a visit to a castle used in Harry Potter films. "Needless to say, we are both excited." In March, she's on to Turkey. "I am grateful for retirement and airplanes," she says. She spends time each week at St. Vincent Hospital working in the field of substance abuse and two days a week teaching special education children. She has five grandchildren and enjoys special trips with them.

"Albertus Magnus College gave me so much. I loved my time there...I feel blessed—and I am very, very grateful. Thank you, Albertus. I hope and pray that lots of my classmates will return for Reunion so I can see and enjoy them all."

1967 *40th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Marilyn Simons Wenner, Santa Barbara, CA, retired now after many years in interior design, enjoys golf, travel and needlework. She is active with the Community Arts Music Association and the Santa Barbara Museum of Art. During her husband's career with McKinsey & Company, they moved often, living in New York, Massachusetts, Denmark, Georgia, Florida and the Bahamas.

1969

Peggy Brennan, North Haven, CT, was featured in the New England Real Estate Journal's CT Personality Profiles on October 20. She is economic development director for the City of Meriden.

1971

Barbara Mordarski Bartucca has joined Westport Country Playhouse in Westport, Connecticut, as director of development. She previously had been director of development at Hartford Stage.

Roseanne Gribben Loring, Newtown, CT, will serve as youth services director of Newtown Youth and Family Services, Inc., when Newtown Youth Services, Inc. and the Family Counseling Center, Inc. merge in July 2007.

Franceen Lyons, Arlington, TX, has taken early retirement from corporate life. At the end of June, she retired from Verizon, where she was the manager of sales and marketing training for various telecom business groups. She plans to stay in the Dallas-Fort Worth area with her husband and do "whatever she wants."

Albertus Jubilarians

Dominican Sisters with Albertus connections have celebrated major anniversaries of their professions of vows as members of the Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs. Sr. Valerie Johnson '47 observed her 60th year and Sr. Christine Cosgrove '74 her 25th. Sr. Gilmory McCabe, director of freshman advising and lecturer in humanities at the College, marked 50 years.

1972 *35th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Mary Lou Apuzzo DiPaolo, North Haven, CT, teaches international students at the New Arrivals Center of East Rock Global Studies Magnet School in New Haven.

Sharon Gilcrest O'Neill, Pound Ridge, NY—a marriage and family therapist and family business consultant—published her second book, "Sheltering Thoughts about Loss and Grief," last year. She is donating proceeds to The Connecticut Hospice Inc. in Branford, Connecticut, where she was the first human resources director in the late 1970s.

1974

Kim Mancuso, Ashfield, MA, artistic director of Pilgrim Theatre, reports that "N (Bonaparte)"—the new play by Laura Harrington which she directed last year at the Boston Center for the Arts—was invited to participate in the Ko Festival of Performance at Amherst this past July and toured to New York this fall, appearing at La MaMa, ETC, one of the premiere venues for cutting-edge theatre in the world.

1977 *30th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Dorita Mason Gibson, Uniondale, New York, has been appointed regional superintendent of Region 7 of the New York City Department of Education. She received her Ed.D. in 2005. Her daughter Caitlin entered New York University in the fall and daughter Kelsey began high school.

1980

Sr. Mary Grace Walsh, ASCJ, Bridgeport, CT, has been appointed one of two deputy superintendents in the Office of Education for the Diocese of Bridgeport.

1982 *25th Reunion June 9, 2007*

Michele Bunting, Shavano Park, TX, is a real estate broker in San Antonio, specializing in residential and investment property.

1983

Kathryn Evans, Pasadena, CA, is a freelance scenic artist, custom prop maker, production designer and art director, primarily for the film industry.

Alumna's Son Killed in Iraq

Marine Corporal Jordan Pierson, a son of Beverly True Pierson '84 of Milford, Connecticut, was killed by sniper fire in Fallujah, Iraq, on August 25, 60 days before his unit was to return home. A 2003 graduate of Milford's Foran High School and member of a Marine reserve unit, he had put his studies at the University of Connecticut on hold to serve in Iraq.

1985

Julia MacKo Risko, Shelton, CT, has been elected recording secretary of Connecticut Junior Women Inc. This is her fourth term on the board.

1987 *20th Reunion June 9, 2007*



CORRECTION Jewel Christy '69, not Patricia Donnelly, is shown at right in the photo with Dianne Pinderhughes '69, recipient of the Outstanding Professional Achievement Award at Reunion in June.

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.

Kate Mai-Loretz '01
Kris Loretz '98

PROFILE

The forces behind CT Dance Force, a studio in Hamden, Connecticut, are owners Kate Mai-Loretz '01 and Kris Loretz '98. Here they teach toddlers, pre-schoolers, teens and adults everything from creative movement to ballet and jazz, tap and hip-hop. She is artistic director of this growing dance business and he is managing director.



Dancing nourishes the souls of this couple—and they want to share their passion for dance with their students, who range in age from 18 months to adults. Their goal is to “inspire all our students to appreciate and respect dance as a performing art.” This is a teaching-focused studio with emphasis on “what is needed to be a good dancer, not the glitz and glamour of competition—how to be dancers, not just how to do a dance.” They believe the training they offer will help students in every facet of their lives.

Between them, Kris and Kate have about 45 years of dance experience. At the age of 3, Kris wanted to take dance lessons because that’s what his best friend was doing. “She stopped lessons at 11 or 12, but we’re still friends,” he says. Over the years, he has had professional theatre and voice training, in addition to his dance classes. He earned a BA in performing arts from Albertus. “I had already been accepted by another college, but I visited Albertus anyway. When I met and talked with Al DeFabio, head of theatre program, I was hooked on Albertus and Act 2 Theatre.”

Kate’s career in dance began at the age of 6, with a class in rhythmic gymnastics; after two years she switched to ballet. “I asked my mom for lessons,” she recalls. “I don’t know what prompted it; I just knew, even then, that dancing was for me, and the longer I danced, the more certain I became that performing and teaching would always be part of my life.” It was an Act 2 production of “The Wiz” that brought Kate and Kris together. “I had great times with my involvement at Act 2, being in the cast of shows and meeting some wonderful people—including my husband,” says Kate. “Everything I learned at Albertus—I was a humanities major with a minor in psychology—has helped me professionally as a dancer and teacher, and personally as a wife and a mother to our little boy.”

Both Kate and Kris have taken—and taught—many master classes at studios throughout New England, studying with performers from the American Ballet Theatre, Momix and Pilobolus, for example, and maintaining their dance credentials through Dance Masters of America.

Kris has had starring or supporting roles in more than 20 Off-Off Broadway and community productions, won more than 35 platinum, gold and silver medals in competition and choreographed some 20 platinum and gold winning numbers. But for all his performing, he loves teaching. “As a performer, you influence only the people who actually see you. As a teacher, you influence your own students, and the students they may have someday, and on and on,” he says. His greatest dance memory—he was about 8—is of seeing Rudolph Nureyev in a performance of “Swan Lake” in Worcester and later meeting him.

CT Dance Force opened in 2003, renting space by the hour in an arts center, and moved to its current quarters in January 2005. “We’ve built this business from the ground up,” says Kris, who will be starting the Albertus Master of Arts in Leadership program in January 2007. There were 14 dancers in their first recital, and by this spring 70 will participate. Kris and Kate hope to expand their teaching staff by two or three—currently there is one other besides themselves—and eventually have additional studios.

Their son, Aidan, who will be 5 in January, is following in his parents’ footsteps: he’s been dancing since he was 2.

Albertus Alumni Association

All graduates of the College—from undergraduate and master’s programs—automatically become members of the Alumni Association. There are no applications to fill out and there are no dues.

Member Benefits

- From the Hill—the alumni newspaper
- Lifelong access to the Albertus Office of Career Services
- Discount membership to the Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center
- @lbertus—monthly e-mail newsletter
- Invitations to class reunions
- Invitations to special events and program on campus and around the country
- The College’s Annual Report

The Association Board 2006–2008

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Donna Sjogren '00 MSM

Members

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- Verica Milivojevic '04
- Deirdre Moody '02 CE
- John Polletta '96 CE
- Kerry Prior '65
- Joan Venditto '63

1989

Patti Scussel, East Haven, CT, executive director of the Greater New Haven Leadership Center, was the subject of “Young Pros” article in the New Haven Register in August.

1992

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Laura Kelly, Taunton, MA, received two degrees in May from Suffolk University: MBA and graduate degree in professional accounting. She recently accepted a position as credit manager/AVP at Rockland Trust, a regional bank in Massachusetts.

Marlene Passaretti, CE, Madison, CT, is a business sales representative for Verizon Wireless.

1993

Alison Boni-Perlini, West Haven, CT, a psychologist in the Naugatuck school system, has been inducted into the West Haven High School Athletic Hall of Fame. In high school she played volleyball and ran track; she holds school records in the 300 hurdles and 400 relay. At Albertus, she played volleyball for four years.

Dan Sullivan, Wallingford, CT, has been appointed principal of New London High School. He previously served as assistant principal of Middletown High School. He also is a member of the College’s Education Advisory Council.

Alain Villafranca, Virginia Beach, VA, began a new position September 1 as director of business analysis with Landmark Communications in Norfolk.

1997

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1999

John Spradlin, ND, Guilford, CT, has joined Guilford-based Coldwell Banker Coast and Country as a full-time real estate sales associate.

2000

Stephen DeCrescenzo, West Haven, CT, has won a seat on the City Council.

James LaBanca, ND, Trumbull, CT, has joined Prudential Connecticut Realty’s Corporate Relocation Division as director of business development. He will work with corporations and educational institutions in Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island.

2001

Yvonne Ballester Distante, ND, New Haven, CT, keeps busy with her family, which includes a new grandson.

Robert Lanzieri, ND, Seymour, CT, received an MBA from the University of New Haven in 2005. He is a purchasing manager at Sikorsky Aircraft.

In Memoriam

Mary Zoccano Dolce '30

November 30, 2006
Florida

Madeline Lupoli Carloni '49

Sister of Geraldine Lupoli '63
August 28, 2006
New Haven, CT

Geraldine Young Wermann '89 CE (AA)

mother of Kathleen Wermann Allen '84
November 3, 2006
Guilford, CT

Luis Carmona '01 ND

July 30, 2006
Stamford, CT

Joseph “Jay” Amico '03 MSM, '04 MBA

September 29, 2006
Bethany, CT

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

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CLASS NOTES

2002

5th Reunion June 9, 2007

Kristin Barone and **Clifford (CJ) Roper** are married and living in Wallingford, CT. She is a transportation analyst with Wilbur Smith Associates and he is a police officer.

2003

D. Jeff Bell, ND, has had his first book, "Marblehead," published. He lives and works in Massachusetts as a financial analyst for the U.S. Air Force.

Christopher D'Amico, Shelton, CT, received the MS degree in communication from The College of New Rochelle in May, and an award for outstanding academic excellence. His thesis was titled "The Fantastic Four: The Evolution and Development of the Homosexual Character in U.S. Television."

Shelley Giordano, MSM, has been elected vice president of the Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists, which she also serves as director of clinical education. She is assistant professor of diagnostic imaging at Quinnipiac University.

Jessica Simons Mullerheim resides in Guilford, CT, with her husband, Michael, and her son, Cole. She received a JD degree with a concentration in family and juvenile law from Quinnipiac University School of Law in May.

2004

M. Corina Alvarez de Lugo, Branford, CT, had an exhibition of her paintings at Webster Bank in New Haven during May. She also had one of her pastel drawings selected for the March show, "Art Translating Women's Issues: From Intuition to Reality," at The Pen and Brush Gallery in Greenwich Village; during September she exhibited at Branford's Willoughby Memorial Library.

Brian Jenkins, ND, is the new director of Catholic Charities' New Covenant House of Hospitality, an inner-city soup kitchen, in Stamford, Connecticut. He's currently working toward a master's in community counseling at the University of Bridgeport.

Ashley Maher, MSM, Norwich, CT, has been appointed regional director of the American Heart Association

Camaraderie Express

The East Shore (CT) Alumni Chapter in November marked its 25th year of bus trips into New York City. Carol Broshjeit '62 has chaired the project since its inception. Spring and fall trips provide transportation only, with convenient drop-off and pick-up points; riders are free to make their own plans for the day. Home-baked treats are provided for the morning trip and snacks on the return. Congratulations, Carol.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

John R. "Jack" Cheeseman, husband of Suzanne DeAngelo-Cheeseman '80 September 9, 2006

Eugenia Dennison, mother of AMC Trustee Jeanne Dennison '78 June 14, 2006

Frederick Fagal, former AMC Trustee July 19, 2006

Anthony Fraulo, brother of Anne Fraulo '48 August 28, 2006

Alfred R. Guarino, stepfather of Beth Mischler '83 and Gail Mishler Corbett '84 September 15, 2006

Richard Hoffman, husband of Barbara Cushing Hoffman x'52 November 2, 2006

Margaret Donovan Huber, mother of Mary Ellen Huber Petty '66 July 26, 2006

Ester Anderson Leavstrom, grandmother of David Mikhail, AMC network analyst November 16, 2006

Irene H. Stephens, mother of Lynne Stephens Baxter '76 and Charlotte Stephens Robbins '83 August 4, 2006

Sally Wells, manager of the AMC Bookstore October 2, 2006 (see page 5)

May We E-mail You?

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Rocky Neck Heart Walk. She previously was with the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut.

2005

Heather Brownell Keegan, CE, Killingworth, CT, was married in June. She recently was promoted to team leader at Fiserv Lending Solutions in Rocky Hill.

Carmen Rosado, New Haven, CT, is a staff accountant at the firm of Weinstein & Anastasio, P.C., in Woodbridge. She is pursuing a master's degree at Southern Connecticut State University.

Gavin Stegmiller, CE, is a publisher's representative at Business New Haven, a bi-weekly newspaper.

2006

Nicole Cadovius, MSM, MBA, Sherman, CT, is the new director of licensed facilities at Ability Beyond Disability, a not-for-profit organization that provides services to individuals with disabilities.

Keith Murphey, MA-AT, Moodus, CT, was one of the organizers of an art show for students at Behavioral Management, LLC, which offers services to children

*The December issue of Good Housekeeping magazine will feature a Swedish Christmas design segment in which the pepparkakor cookies **Maureen Lindberg Donnarumma '76** created will appear; it is not the recipe that will appear, as reported in the August issue.*

and their families who need help with emotional and behavioral issues.

Samuel Rush, MSM, Waterbury, CT, a staff member of the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority, was featured in a story on adult students in the April issue of Hartford Magazine. He also was recently honored as Male Professional of the Year by the Waterbury Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club, Inc.

The Albertus Magnus College Alumni Association is pleased to announce the Millennium "20" Discount

Alumni with class years beginning with "20"* are invited to attend AMC alumni events at a special rate. The millennium discount offers a fifty percent reduction in the price per person for the graduate and one guest. The annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration (Friday, March 16, 2007) will be the first event to offer this special discount.

We look forward to welcoming our most recent graduates from all programs back to alma mater for fun and exciting events.

* valid for class years: 2000-2010



Ron Waite



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Alumni-Athletes, Where Are You Now?

Were you a member of an Albertus team? The athletics department is updating its address records. Please go to Athletics on the College's web site, www.albertus.edu, and fill out the brief on-line Questionnaire. It will only take a minute.

Previous Alumni of the Year Award Recipients

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|---|---|--|
| 1953 Evelyn Sturmer '42 | 1976 Elizabeth Hurley Candels '48 (C-I)
Vivian Rogers McCoy '41 (C-II) | 1993 Ellen McDonnell Ferguson '58 (C-I)
Sheila McCue Hennessey '58 (C-II) |
| 1954 Lucille Esposito Amore '38 | 1977 Margaret Allman '42 (C-I) | 1994 Sr. Thomas Aquin Kelly, O.P. '35 (C-I)
Elizabeth Heery Porell '56 (C-III) |
| 1955 Elizabeth McKeon '37 | 1978 Patricia Wallace '71 (C-II) | 1995 Rosanne Zudekoff '60 (C-I)
Marcialynn Marando Trotta '71 (C-II)
Barbara Lombardi '68 (C-III) |
| 1956 Phyllis Mays Stock '53 | 1978 Class of 1928 | 1996 Mary Colleran '38 (C-I)
M.K. Bennett '61 (C-II)
Marilyn Quinn Jacobson '54 (C-III) |
| 1957 Jean Venditti Leary '34 | 1979 (None awarded due to
"Celebration of Four Judges") | 1997 Maribeth Piscitelli-Villecco '83 (C-I)
Elizabeth Meyer Traynor '52 (C-II)
Patricia Lipowski Nuelsen '63 (C-II)
Frances Wendt Meade '60 (C-III) |
| 1958 Gertrude Sternchuss Leblond '28
(Overlap due to Reunion being moved
from the fall to the spring) | 1980 Carol Kirwan Aikenhead '58 (C-I)
Virginia Guidone Upton '51 (C-II)
Audrey Gallagher '41 (C-III) | 1998 Deborah DeWitt Frattini '70 (C-I)
Kathleen Prendergast Hollowell '68 (C-II)
Toni Lee Ferrucci '68 (C-III)
Sr. Ellen Burns, ACSJ '79 (C-III) |
| 1959 Margaret McCaffrey '43 (Evening) | 1981 Jean Carini Donadio '61 (C-I)
Helen Weinreich '41 (C-II) | 1999 Nancy Ryan Doyle '49 (C-I)
Patricia J. Checko '64 (C-II) |
| 1960 Mary Kennedy Flood '40 | 1982 Mary Batrow '62 (C-I)
Martha McMahon McCaffrey '54 (C-II)
Lois Venditto Simpson '67 (C-III) | 2000 A. Geraldine O'Brien Sullivan '38 (C-I)
Carmelo Otero '97 (C-II)
Sandra Vilardi Leheny '60 (C-II)
Elaine Pyles-Harding '96 (C-III) |
| 1961 Eileen O'Neill '37 | 1983 (None awarded due to Inauguration) | 2001 Lynne S. Farrell '60 (C-I)
Jane Nady Sigmon '70 (C-II)
Rita Savarese Moule '39 (C-III) |
| 1962 Eileen Donnelly Hickey '53 | 1984 Eleanor Goode Sanders '29 (C-I)
Gertrude McKeon '47 (C-II) | 2002 Julia M. McNamara '02 (Honorary Alumna)
Tomoko Takahashi '77 (C-II) |
| 1963 Estelle McCullough McDonough '33 | 1985 Linda Barth Brencher '65 (C-I)
Ellin M. Mulholland '51 (C-II) | 2003 (None awarded due to 50th Anniversary
of the Award Celebration) |
| 1964 Natalie Connor Dick '29 | 1986 Nancy Fanning Rabbott '51 (C-I)
Sister Mary Faith Dargan '53 (C-I)
Ann Bain '68 (C-II) | 2004 Celebrating Educators |
| 1965 Sister Francis de Sales
(Anne Heffernan) '35 | 1987 Carol Broshjeit '62 (C-I) | 2005 Joan E. Venditto '63 (C-II) |
| 1966 Mary Goode Rogan '36 | 1988 Elizabeth Cornfield Bellach '37 (C-II) | 2006 Dianne M. Pinderhughes '69 (C-II) |
| 1967 Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler '53 | 1989 Class of 1929 (C-I)
Linda Brandi Cateura '44S (C-II)
Joan V. O'Brien '46 (C-II) | |
| 1968 Eleanor R. Devine '40 (C-I)
Mary A. Wrenn '46 (C-II) | 1990 Catherine Cestar Crawford '66 (C-I)
Evelyn M. Garrity '48 (C-II)
Tara Sullivan Rickart '68 (C-II) | |
| 1969 Josephine P. Bree (Honorary Alumna) | 1991 Madeleine Martin Sobin '51 (C-I)
Mary Jane Sheehy Scarpellino '68 (C-II)
Beverly Volk Fagan '44S (C-III) | |
| 1970 Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo '56 (C-I)
Sister Joan Delaney '52 (C-II) | 1992 Marion Crane Lee '34 (C-I)
Nancy Francis Hopkins '57 (C-I)
Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P. '51 (C-II)
Bette Anne Curtin Bailey '52 (C-III) | |
| 1971 Marion Tubridy Kennedy '31 (C-I)
Ellen Bree Burns '44S (C-II) | | |
| 1972 Eleanor V. Jordan '35 (C-I)
Anne S. Kelley '53 (C-I)
JoAnne Kiely Kulawiz '56 (C-II) | | |
| 1973 Jane McKeon Maloney '35 (C-I)
Dorothy Murphy Brown '37 (C-I)
Margaret Mary Burns Clancy '57 (C-I)
Clare Coughlan Sullivan '60 (C-I) | | |
| 1974 Justine Horrigan Hampp '29 (C-I)
Jeanne Kay Wolf '49 (C-II) | | |
| 1975 Mary Ellen Murphy Mininberg '49 (C-I)
Frances McCormick King '43 (C-I) | | |

C-I: Loyalty and Service

C-II: Professional Achievement

C-III: Humanitarian/Community Service

Come back to Albertus on June 9.

See page 2 for info on Reunion 2007.



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