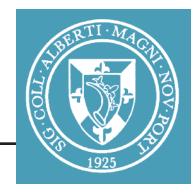
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ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni of the Year Nomination Form 2009

The following changes to the Alumni of the Year Awards were voted on and approved at the Alumni Association Annual Meeting on June 9, 2007:

- The submission deadline will change from April 15 to March 15.
- The existing three categories (Loyalty and Service to the College, Outstanding Professional Achievement and Humanitarian) have been combined in to one Alumni of the Year award that can be presented to one or more persons. This award is presented to a living member of the Association who: has attained preeminence in his/her life through outstanding professional, scholarly and artistic achievement; who is devoted to serving others through volunteer/ community service work; or who has manifested extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. This award need not be given each year.
- The addition of the Premier Achievement Award which will be given to an individual who has graduated from Albertus within the last 10 years who has excelled either professionally, within the community or shown extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. This award is presented to a living member of the Association who has graduated within the past ten years. This award need not be given each year.

Aumni of the Year	Nomination Form
Nominee's Name:	
Class Year:	Program Attended: 🗆 Day 🗆 ADP/CE 🗆 ND 🗆 Graduate Program
Reasons for Consideration: (feel free	e to attach supporting documentation)
Biographical Information:	
Nomination submitted by:	Class:
Phone Number:	🗆 Day 🗆 Evening 🗆 Mobile
E-mail:	Date Submitted:
New Haven, CT 06511-1189 o	ch 15. Return this form to Albertus Magnus College, Alumni of the Year Awards Committee, 700 Prospect St., r e-mail alumni@albertus.edu. Forms can be found at www.albertus.edu/alumni.
Previous Alumni of tl 1953 Evelyn Sturmer '42 1954 Lucille Esposito Amore '38 1955 Elizabeth McKeon '37 1956 Phyllis Mays Stock '53	1974 Justine Horrigan Hampp '29 (C-I) Jeanne Kay Wolf '49 (C-II) 1988 Elizabeth Cornfield Bellach '37 (C-II) 1998 Deborah DeWitt Frattini '70 (C-I) 1975 Mary Ellen Murphy Miniberg '49 (C-I) 1988 Elizabeth Cornfield Bellach '37 (C-II) 1998 Deborah DeWitt Frattini '70 (C-I) 1975 Mary Ellen Murphy Miniberg '49 (C-I) 1989 Class of 1929 (C-I) Toni Lee Ferrucci '68 (C-III) 1985 Linda Brandi Cataura '44S (C II) Sr. Mary Ellen Burns, ACSI '79 (C-III)

- 1957 Jean Venditti Leary '34
- 1958 Gertrude Sternchuss Lebland '28
- s McCormick King 1976 Elizabeth Hurley Candels '48 (C-I)
- Joan V. O'Brien '46 (C-II)
- 1999 Nancy Ryan Doyle '49 (C-I)

- Margaret McCaffrey '43 (Evening) 1959
- 1960 Mary Kennedy Flood '40
- 1961 Eileen O'Neill '37
- Eileen Donnelly Hickey '53 1962
- 1963Estelle McCullough McDonough '33
- 1964 Natalie Connor Dick '29
- Sister Francis de Sales 1965(Anne Heffernan) '35
- 1966Mary Goode Rogan '36
- Margaret O'Shaughnessy Heckler '53 1967
- Eleanor R. Devine '40 (C-I) 1968 Mary A. Wrenn '46 (C-II)
- 1969 Josephine P. Bree (Honorary Alumna)
- 1970 Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo '56 (C-I) Sister Joan Delaney '52 (C-II)
- Marion Tubridy Kennedy '31 (C-I) 1971 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)
- Jane McKeon Maloney '35 (C-I) 1973 Dorothy Murphy Brown '37 (C-I) Margaret Mary Burns Clancy '57 (C-I) Clare Coughlan Sullivan '60 (C-I)

Vivian Rogers McCoy '41 (C-II)

- 1977 Margaret Allman '42 (C-I)
- 1978 Patricia Wallace '71 (C-II) Class of 1928 (C-I)
- 1979 (None awarded due to "Celebration of Four Judges")
- Carol Kirwan Aikenhead '58 (C-I) 1980 Virginia Guidone Upton '51 (C-II) Audrey Gallagher '41 (C-III)
- Jean Carini Donadio '61 (C-I) 1981 Helen Weinreich '41 (C-II)
- 1982Mary Batrow '62 (C-I) Martha McMahon McCaffrey '54 (C-II) Lois Venditto Simpson '67 (C-III)
- 1983 (None awarded due to Inauguration)
- 1984 Eleanor Goode Sanders '29 (C-I) Gertrude McKeon '47 (C-II)
- 1985 Linda Barth Brencher '65 (C-I) Ellin M. Mulholland '51 (C-II)
- 1986Nancy Fanning Rabbott '51 (C-I) Sister Mary Faith Dargan '53 (C-I) Ann Bain '68 (C-II)
- 1987 Carol Broshjeit '62 (C-I)

- 1990 Catherine Cestar Crawford '66 (C-I) Evelyn M. Garrity '48 (C-II) Tara Sullivan Rickart '68 (C-II)
- Madeleine Martin Sobin '51 (C-I) 1991 Mary Jane Sheehy Scarpellino '68 (C-II)
 - Beverly Volk Fagan '44S (C-III)
- 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)
- Ellen McDonnell Ferguson '58 (C-I) 1993 Sheila McCue Hennessey '58 (C-II)
- 1994 Sr. Thomas Aquin Kelly, O.P. '35 (C-I) Elizabeth Heery Porell '56 (C-III)
- Rosanne Zudekoff '60 (C-I) 1995Marcialynn Marando Trotta '71 (C-II) Barbara Lombardi '68 (C-III)
- Marv Colleran '38 (C-I) 1996 M.K. Bennett '61 (C-II) Marilyn Quinn Jacobson '54 (C-III)
- 1997 Maribeth Piscitelli-Villecco '83 (C-I) Elizabeth Mever Travnor '52 (C-II) Patricia Lipowski Nuelsen '63 (C-II) Frances Wendt Meade '60 (C-III)

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June 6–Reunion 2009

Return to campus on June 6, 2009 to see classmates, share memories and reminisce with friends.

Highlights include:

- Tour the campus: visit your old dorm* room...see the new buildings and renovations currently under way
- Shop in the newly renovated bookstore for AMC alumni gear
- Engage your mind at an Alumni College session featuring AMC faculty
- Celebrate Mass in the St. Albert Atrium
- Applaud our Alumni of the Year and Premier Achievement Award recipients
- Toast your special milestone with classmates at a cocktail and dinner reception for all alumni and their guests

Formal schedule of events and pricing will be available at www.albertus.edu/reunion as the event approaches. Visit the Web site frequently for updates. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events at 203-773-8502 or e-mail alumni@albertus.edu.

* McAuliffe, Sansbury, Nilan, Mohun and Dominican

Reunion 2009—Area Hotels

Several area hotels have blocked rooms at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion 2009. 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. We encourage travelers to make their reservations early.

Quality Inn 30 Frontage Road, East Haven 203-469-5321 \$89.95 per night, plus tax Special rate deadline: June 6, 2009 www.ginewhaven.com

Premier Hotel and Suites

3 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven 866-458-0232 \$139 per night, plus tax, all rooms are suites, rate includes breakfast Special rate deadline: May 5, 2009 www.newhavensuites.com

Hamden Clarion Hotel & Suites*

2260 Whitney Avenue, Hamden 203-288-3831 \$139 per night plus tax (Junior Suites available, call for price) Special rate deadline: May 5, 2009 www.clarionhotel.com

Other area hotels that may be available for individual reservations—please call the hotel directly for rates and room availability. Note: June 5-7 is a very busy weekend in New Haven. Some hotels listed below may not have rooms available.

Bed and Breakfast

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

Hotels

New Haven Hotel 229 George Street, New Haven 203-773-1641 or 800-NH-HOTEL

Farnam Guest House*

616 Prospect Street, New Haven 888-562-7121 Rates range from \$89-\$179 per night www.farnamguesthouse.com

Best Western 490 Saw Mill Road, West Haven 203-933-0344

AMC in Florida

Save the date!

You are invited to join President Julia M. McNamara at the following events in Florida:

Monday, January 5, 2009 Reception in the Belvedere Room 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs, FL

Wednesday, January 7, 2009 Lunch at Charley's Crab Restaurant Noon-2:00 p.m. 3000 N.E. 32nd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Alumni and their guests are welcome. Please R.S.V.P. to the Office of Alumni Relations & Special Events 203-773-8502 or e-mail alumni@albertus.edu.

Map and directions available from the alumni office or on the web at www.albertus.edu/ alumni in the news and events section.

Celebrate History Month

In Celebration of Black History Month and Women's History Month Albertus is proud to present the

kit mcclure band: a living history of jazz

Thursday, February 26, 2009 7:00 p.m. Behan Community Room, Hubert Campus Center

A living history of jazz is a program that features the music and stories of great artists in jazz history. The Kit McClure Band is comprised of women musicians who will perform the music and speak on the struggles of women, black and white, in jazz and the music business.

www.newhavenhotel.com

Holiday Inn North Haven Route 5, Exit 12 off I91 203-239-4225 www.holidayinn.com/northhavenct.com

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

* Close to the AMC campus.

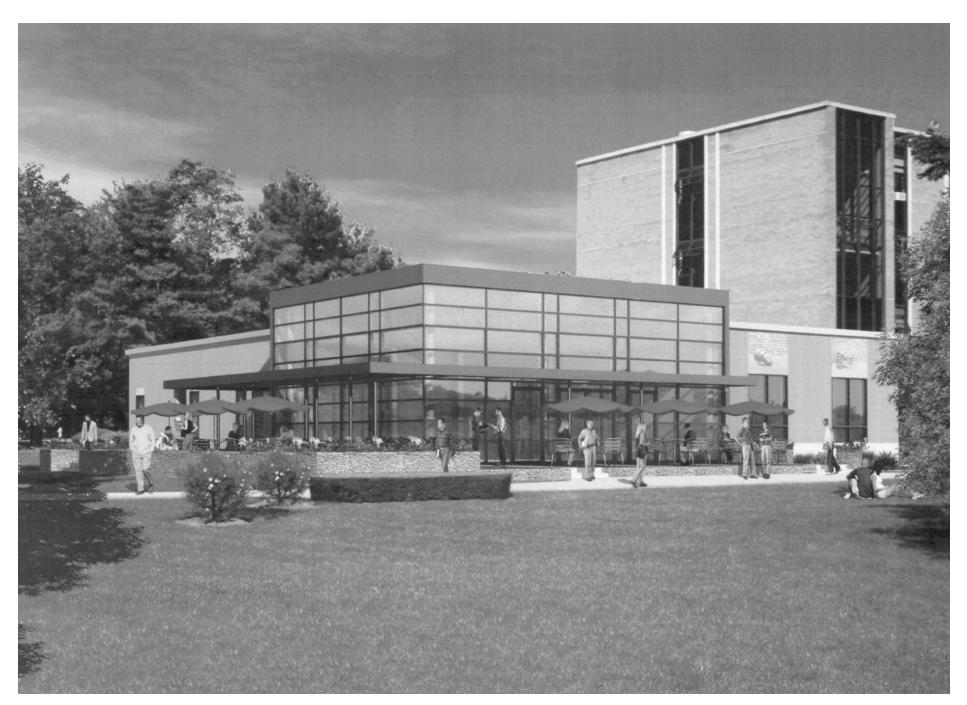
Omni Hotel 155 Temple Street, New Haven 203-772-6664 www.omninewhaven.com

Courtyard by Marriott 136 Marsh Hill Road, Orange 203-799-2200 or 1-800-894-8733 www.courtyard.com

This event is free and open to all members of the Albertus Magnus College community, their family members and friends. To reserve your seat, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@albertus.edu or call 203-773-8502.



CAMPUS NEWS



New Look for Campus Buildings

Renovations are under way on three campus buildings. At Aquinas Hall-shown above in an architectural rendering of the new exterior—the project will expand classroom availability, provide needed faculty office space and offer additional meeting/community space for students and faculty. The work in this building, which was dedicated in April 1966, also will increase space efficiency for the Information Technology and Accelerated Degree Program departments. Nearby, at the Hubert Campus Center, which opened in 1970, the renovation will provide expanded space for student and staff use with major enhancements to the north façade, Albertus bookstore and several offices. A new entryway with a window wall and a window wall for the bookstore open up vistas of the lower campus. Landscaping on the former softball field will improve views from the Mary A. and Louis F. Tagliatela Academic Center and create a natural earthen berm to shield the existing parking tiers. Renovations will continue in phases during the 2008–2009 academic year. Svigals + Partners, the architects for the Academic Center, which opened for classes in 2005, is the designer for the renovations.

College Inducts Athletics Hall of Fame Honorees

On Saturday evening October 11, as part of the Fall Fest weekend, Albertus inducted its first group of honorees into the Athletics Hall of Fame at a celebratory dinner held in the DeDominicis Dining Hall. Honored were the 1996 men's soccer team, winner of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference championship—Victor Alves, Donald Anderson, James Bernardo, Shane Bryan, William "Casey" Cahoon, Victor Crespo, Vincent DeStefanis, Gabriel DeMelo, Edward Easter, Christopher Everone, John Gilbey, Kevin Guarino, Jason Kelly, Jay Kopchinski, Matthew Monroy, Daniel O'Connor and Joseph Quinn; George Bedocs, founder of the men's soccer team and AMC coach for 15 years; Liz Lacroix Nawrocki, all-time leading scorer in women's basketball history at the

College with 1,557 career points; Karen Lobasz Scheuler, four-year starter at point guard position who scored 1,457 points during her career; and Joe Tonelli, former baseball coach, former athletics director and the first Albertus coach to bring a team into an NCAA tournament. The Athletics Hall of Fame wall of honor in the College's Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center features plaques noting achievements of the inductees. Joe Walsh. commissioner of the Great Northeast Athletic Conference. gave the keynote address; Jennifer Pacelli '01, '05 MSM, '06 MBA, director of athletics, presented the honorees. (See back page for a photo of the inaugural class of the Athletics Hall of Fame; for more on Fall Fest, see pages 6–7.)

Hubbard Speaks on St. Dominic

Robert Hubbard, associate professor of computer information systems, spent two weeks this summer in Fanjeaux, France, taking part in a study program on the life of St. Dominic, who lived there from 1206 to 1215. Thirty faculty members, stu-

American Executive magazine ran a Corporate Spotlight article on President Julia M. McNamara and the College in its October issue. "Small College, Big Approach" chronicles the history of Albertus from its founding in 1925 to its current mix of traditional and adult students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The article notes that by "serving the underserved and maintaining a small but healthy size, this liberal arts college is making waves in New England."

In celebration of Constitution Day, the College on September 22 welcomed Dr. Laura Wittern-Keller of the University of Albany, who spoke on "The Constitution, Free Expression, and Film Viewing in the United States." She is the author of the recently-published "Freedom of the Screen: Legal Challenges to State Film Censorship" and coauthor of "The Miracle Case: Film Censorship and the Supreme Court," published in October.

This fall, Albertus sponsored a competition for original short films, inviting filmmakers to submit works that explore the impact of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights on the lives of people living in the country today. Winners are: "Crossing Numbers" by Abel Gonzalez, an exploration of illegal immigrants along the U.S.-Mexican border, first place; "The Conversation" by Joel Callaway—a student in the Accelerated Degree Program—a conversation about the Constitution, second place; and "Grand Wheel" by Gavin Heffernan, a look at the Peace Movement in the United States, third place.

On Saturday, November 15—the Feast of St. Albert—the Office of Admissions hosted the College's annual open house for prospective students. More than 200 high schoolers and their families attended the event, which included brunch and welcoming remarks, faculty and department exhibits in the Tagliatela Academic Center. Staff members were on hand to provide admission and financial aid information, and student guides conducted tours of the campus.

Crystal Schrade, a student in the College's Master of Arts in Art Therapy program—the only one in Connecticut—has won the Myra Levick Scholarship from the American Art Therapy Association. She is one of five students in the nation to receive this prestigious award. In November she attended the Association's annual conference in Cleveland.

The department of Biology/Chemistry and the

dents and staff from 10 Dominican colleges and universities participated in discussion groups that focused on contemporary challenges to the Dominican identity and how Dominic might have handled today's social justice issues. Hubbard, the first person from Albertus to attend the program, shared his experiences with the College community in October.



News of Our Faculty

Matthew Waggoner, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, wrote an article, "Religion and Culture," which has been included in the "Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Religion," published in the United Kingdom in November. It will be available in the United States in January 2009. He also has two articles scheduled for 2009 publication: "Split Level: Adorno and the Predicament of Dwelling" in New Formations, a London-based journal of culture, politics and theory, and "Learning from Los Angeles: Adorno, Kafka, America" in Telos, an international quarterly journal providing a forum for political, social and cultural change.

Robert Imholt, professor of history, delivered a paper, "French Revolutionary Violence and Popular Culture in Connecticut," at a meeting of the New England Historical Association (NEHA) and another paper, "The Guillotine Comes to Connecticut," at the 2008 annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic. He also reviewed David Topitzer's novel "Orlando's Nemesis" for NEHA News.

Ron Waite, associate professor of communications, has written a textbook, "Public Speaking as Performance," being piloted this year in his speech communications course.

Karen Kendrick, assistant professor of sociology, contributed an article, "Normalizing' Female Cancer Patients: Look Good, Feel Better and Other Image Problems," to the journal Disability and Society.

Jerry Coffey, professor of philosophy and religion, and **Joe Veth,** associate professor of philosophy and religion-education, offered

a panel, "The Insight Program: Building a Curriculum for Our Time," at the 10th Biennial Dominican Colleges Colloquium at Edgewood College in Madison, Wisconsin. **Deborah Frattini**, assistant professor and chair of English and humanities, and **Eric Schoeck**, assistant professor of English and humanities, also presented a session, "Leadership through Literature: Uplifting and Transforming Desires of the Human Spirit."

Donna Kaiser, assistant professor of psychology and director



AMC Science Club co-hosted a talk by Kenneth Zercie, assistant director of the Connecticut Forensic Laboratory, on October 31. His presentation was "An Overview of Forensic Science in the *Real* World." The Connecticut Forensic Laboratory was founded by Dr. Henry C. Lee, internationally known forensic scientist who received an honorary degree from Albertus in 2007.

Jennifer Pacelli '01, '05 MSM, '06 MBA, director of athletics at Albertus and a member of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's Sports Council, recently spoke to Council members on "Sports Marketing in the New Haven Area." She shared best practices from sports councils across the country with members of the New Haven group, which will be looking at ways to apply these successful strategies to existing sports events in the area. of the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, has an article, "Assessing attachment with the Bird's Nest Drawing: A review of the research," which will be published in 2009 by Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association; a second article, "Disequilibrium and development: The family counseling experience," is under review by Counselor Education and Supervision.

Clara Munson, professor of business and chair of Business Administration and Management in the Accelerated Degree Program, presented "Challenges U.S. Managers Face While Doing Business in Singapore" at the regional conference of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education at Salve Regina University.

Evie Lindemann, assistant professor of art therapy and clinical coordinator for the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, had an article on coping skills training for school-aged children with type one diabetes published in the Journal of the American



This year's Fall Fest drew 800 alumni and their kids, parents, students, faculty and staff to campus for soccer and tennis matches, kid-friendly activities, a picnic luncheon and a hospitality tent where graduates re-connected with classmates. Saturday night the Athletics Hall of Fame inducted its first honorees at a dinner held in the DeDominicis Dining Hall. (For details on the Hall of Fame event, see page 4.)

ALBERTUS COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 12th Annual Fall Fest









CLASS NOTES

1934	75th Reunion June 6, 2009
1939	70th Reunion June 6, 2009
1944F	65th Reunion June 6, 2009
1944S	65th Reunion June 6, 2009

1945

Eileen O'Neill Bird, Troy, OH, and her sister-in-law **Jessie Piccolo O'Neill** of Reston, Virginia, recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to Ireland together. Highlight of the trip was a visit with some cousins, including a missionary priest on a home visit.

1947

Anne Cretella Tutoli, Lady Lake, FL, is a charter member and 1st vice president of The Villages Quilting Guild, which began in 1993 with 35 members and now has 435 members in 9 chapters. She also is fairly active in the Lake Sumter branch of the American Association of University Women. Her husband, Peter, she reports, has had to give up golf, "but is hanging in there."

194960th Reunion June 6, 2009Betty McDonnell Fitzgerald, Ridgefield, CT, reportsshe has won the 18 hole President's Cup tournament atthe Ridgefield Golf Course. "Great fun at 81," she says.

1954 *55th Reunion June 6, 2009*

1959

50th Reunion June 6, 2009

1960

Lynne Stapleton Farrell, Huntington, CT, was an alternate delegate to this year's Republican National Convention. She also reported from the convention for the Internet blog of the New Haven Register.

Kathryn Meyer Schuster, Penfield, NY, traveled through Europe in June with her daughter, Gretchen. Her son, Arthur, is rehabbing a house in Denver. She and her husband, Art, are enjoying friends, travel and golf.

1961

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Plandome, NY, had an exhibition of her latest sculptures at her New York City studio in September.

Madeleine DiSanto Ferraz, Little Compton, RI, is enjoying retirement. She is very active with the local art group, serving as past president and board member, and she paints weekly at scenic locations in Rhode Island and Massachusetts with a group of dedicated artists.

1964

45th Reunion June 6, 2009

Sandra McQuilton Erickson, Kent, WA, retired in April after more than 21 years with the Internal Revenue Service. She is enjoying her retirement in the beautiful Pacific Northwest with her husband of more than 36 years, Rod Erickson, and her 15-year-old Westie, "MacNab."

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 2008–2009 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, director of alumni relations and special events, at cbehan@albertus.edu or Bernadette Holodak, director of development, at bholodak@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

at Bentley College. She and her husband, John, are hosting a college student from Kathmandu, Nepal. *E-mail her at mal716@hotmail.com*

1971

Marcia Marando Trotta, Meriden, CT, director of library services for the Berlin Free Public Library, is co-editor of "Museums, Libraries and Urban Vitality: A Handbook," published by McFarland. The book documents use of museums and libraries as vehicles for economic development. She is a past president of the Connecticut Library Association and has twice received its Outstanding Librarian of the Year award.

1974 *35th Reunion June 6, 2009*

1975

Geri Mancini, Guilford, CT, has completed her 33rd year as a photographer/graphic designer at the Yale University School of Medicine. She and her husband,

Don Butler, have a son, Lanzi, at Vassar College and a daughter, Abby, at Guilford High School.

1978

Marybeth Smith Bean, New Haven, CT, is the manager of Kline Science Library at Yale University. She and her husband, Rick, are parents of Joshua, 19, and Danielle, 18. (*This note appears a second time because the last name was incorrectly spelled in the August issue.*)

30th Reunion June 6, 2009

Eileen Frailey Eder, Guilford, CT, had one of her oil paintings shown in the Active Members Exhibit of the New Haven Paint and Clay Club in September.

1980

1979

Maureen E. Burns, New Haven, CT, a member of The Pellegrino Law Firm, has been elected secretary of the Connecticut Bar Association for the 2008–2009 term.

A Living Treasure

Lucy Scillia '48

PROFILE

For 16 years, Lucy Scillia has been a dedicated volunteer. Name a committee or board in her hometown of Orange, Connecticut, and chances are she has served on it. Prior to retirement in 1992, she had spent most of a long career as a librarian and library administrator for the Milford school system.

"I couldn't face having nothing to do each day," she says. "I needed something to occupy my mind and, perhaps, be challenged by some new experiences." So she asked the librarian who held her former position whether volunteer help one morning a week in the library would be welcome. The offer was quickly accepted. "I spent my time processing the books that she did not have time to do," she recalls. "Computers were just beginning to have a vital role in libraries, and I catalogued books electronically for several years."

Her next project stemmed from a chance meeting with the principal of the Sacred Heart/St. Peter's elementary school in New Haven. "I asked about the library and she invited me to see for myself. I found out that the library was nothing more than a dream at the time—piles of books on the floor of what was once an auditorium." Scillia spent a year setting up the library and training volunteers, and because there was no computer, she catalogued books "the old-fashioned way—by a card catalogue."

After 10 years of volunteering twice a week at two schools, she was ready for something new and offered to read to youngsters in her parish's Pre-School. "I had no experience working with little ones, but it did turn out to be fun, and 14 years later I'm still there."

Last year, Scillia became a student once again: she was selected for the Town of Orange's Senior Leadership Program. Attending nine day-long sessions over nine months, she learned about the town's history and economic development, legislative advocacy, communications skills and team-building. Participants also formed teams to identify, problem-solve and take action on local issues such as setting up a computer center



1968

Carol Gondek Fischer, Cary, NC, who recently retired as a recruiter for American Airlines, enjoys travel, freelance travel writing and helping at a local winery with tours and tastings. She and Raymond, her husband of 30 years, have two sons: Casey, 29, and Andy, 24.

Denise Franklin Terry and Donald are now living in Bethesda, Maryland. One of their daughters has moved to New Haven, where her husband is the new golf coach at Yale. "That will bring me back to town," says Denise.

1969

40th Reunion June 6, 2009

Mal Chapin Corliss, Natick, MA, reports that her daughter, Bethany, who spent the summer in Costa Rica studying medical Spanish and volunteering at The Children's Hospital in San Jose, is now in her second year at The Ohio State University Medical School; her son, Joseph, spent the summer studying at the Swiss Finance Institute and is now in his senior year for seniors and creating a senior resource center.

"My team worked on an intergenerational literacy program, matching 5th and 6th graders with senior citizens. Students read to the seniors, play word games and chess with them. When I joined the Leadership program, my goal was to do something for one of my favorite causes—children's literacy. Our program is continuing this year because it has been so successful," she says.

Earlier this year, Orange named Scillia one of the town's Living Treasures for her years of commitment to volunteer work. "This is an overwhelming honor for me. There are so many people in our town who are worthy of that title that I still cannot believe I was even nominated."

The list of Scillia's community commitments is very long, most reflecting her lifelong love of books and reading. "Reading is the most important skill that leads to success and enjoyment in life. It needs to be developed into and beyond adulthood. My entire working life involved books and their value, and I am happy to continue to be involved," she says. At 81, this is a volunteer who shows no sign of slowing down.

Scillia is a three-term member of the Library Commission and liaison to the Friends of the Library; and a volunteer for the Friends of the Library, Adopt-A-Reader, Senior Advisory Committee and other town groups. She is active, too, at Holy Infant Church, serving as a leader of the Bible Study class and reader at the Children's Summer Bible Camp, member of the social ministry and other committees.

In 2006, she and her sister Grace received the Outstanding Service Award established by the Alpha Kappa State, the Connecticut Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. The award is given to volunteers who are devoted to children in Connecticut.

Lucy Scillia says her "goal in life has always been to touch the lives of children, to enrich them, and promote a love of reading and the arts," and she has done just that. In October, Tim Quinn '88 of Boca Raton, Florida, received Hollywood's Makeup Artist of the Year Award, presented by Hollywood Life Magazine at the Pacific Coast Center. The national creative director and celebrity makeup artist for Giorgio Armani Beauty, he joined the Armani team with the launch of the brand in September 2001. Since then he has traveled internationally hosting special events, training and promoting the beauty line.

Featured as one of the "25 Beauty Stars" in W magazine, Quinn has worked backstage at the Academy Awards, Golden Globes and ESPY shows. He has created makeup for many celebrities including Glenn Close, Victoria Beckham, Kim Cattrall, Minnie Driver and Gwen Stefani.

1984

25th Reunion June 6, 2009

Petisia Adger, New Haven, CT, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the New Haven Police Department.

1988

Karen Yarussi-Mello, Cary, NC, is regulatory affairs manager for Burt's Bees.

1989

20th Reunion June 6, 2009

1992

Donna Cardonita. Guilford. CT. reports the birth of her son, Lucio John Nastri, on June 6. Mom, Dad, Joseph Nastri, and big sister, 7-year-old Giana Marie, are all doing well.

1994

15th Reunion June 6, 2009

Matthew Romeo, Prospect, CT, has been promoted to director of university applications at Quinnipiac University. He will be responsible for launching the application allowing the university to go paperless. He also is an adjunct professor in the School of Business.

Nancy Roldán Johnson '98, Milford, CT, won a place in the first Women Rule! Leadership Training Program earlier this year. She also was one of two Connecticut women featured in the November issue of O, The Oprah Magazine. She is co-founder of the Latina ARMY Inc., (Accomplished Role Models Motivating Young Latinas)—a Connecticut non-profit organization whose goal is to inspire and empower disadvantaged and at risk young Latinas.

Oprah Winfrey's magazine and the White House Project, a non-partisan, non-profit group promoting the leadership of women in all communities, were co-hosts for the three-day leadership training program in New York City in June. The Latina ARMY presents self-esteem workshops to schools, colleges and community groups.

The Corporate Life Cristina Mancini Harter '73

PROFILE

underdeveloped parts of the world.

Promotions, lateral moves, stretch assignments-the corporate world offers lots of career opportunities. At her recent retirement dinner, Cristina Harter ticked off the statistics of a 35-year career at General Electric: worked for 33 GE managers, averaging 13 months per manager; had 20 jobs, averaging 21 months per position; worked in 4 of the 6 GE businesses plus corporate; and had several international assignments. Along the way, she led a 40,000-member global employee volunteer organization and was one of the creators of GE's only 501c(3) charity, the GE Community Foundation.



Is there a favorite job in all those assignments? Given Harter's drive and commitment, her favorite is one she describes as "grueling work" and the "hardest job I ever had, but certainly the most rewarding." The assignment: working as one of three directors responsible for financing power plants in

The GE Power Funding Corporation, she explains, helps GE Energy customers secure financing from commercial banks, export credit agencies—the U.S. Export-Import Bank, for example—and multilateral and bilateral financing institutions such as World Bank and Inter-Monetary Fund.

Harter set up multi-million dollar Power Funding projects in the Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tunisia, Italy, Spain and India. During that four-year assignment, she averaged 26 transatlantic trips per year.

Another favorite assignment was one she had right after graduating from GE's Financial Management Program. "I was an analyst in GE's Corporate Consulting Group and responsible for providing cash flow analysis for new ventures and acquisitions. I worked with some of the best minds GE had at the time. Among the businesses we created were GE Robotics and GE Fanuc, a joint venture with GE and Fanuc of Japan for control systems for manufacturing processes."

Her final GE job has been managing director and strategic marketing leader for the Capital Marketing Group in GE Capital Solutions. This line of business provides financing for medium-to-large companies interested in making capital expenditures to grow or expand.

After graduating from Albertus, with a double major in math and economics, Harter received her M.B.A.on full fellowship—from Union College in Schenectady, New York. "Schenectady is a GE town," she says, "and when I was interviewing for jobs shortly before graduation, GE was the logical choice." It was also a family tradition: her parents were longtime employees. She interviewed for all of GE's management training programs and chose finance. "That was the right choice for me."

Another right choice was Albertus. When Harter sent out requests for information as a high school junior, the response from Albertus impressed her, and the College made it to her short list, which also included Mount Holyoke, Mount St. Vincent, Manhattanville and others. "My dad took me to visit all the schools on my short list," she remembers. "I loved the Albertus campus, the people, the academics... and my dad loved the big high wall around the main campus." Her sister, Geri Mancini, graduated from Albertus in 1975.

In retirement, Harter is planning to pursue opportunities in the not-for-profit world. "I've always volunteered—in high school, at Albertus, at GE. I think the one common thread for me has been children, children and education."

She and her husband, John, a lawyer, have been involved in sending books and computers to a small village in Ghana called Tasmi Peiki. "John helped build the village church. Seeing photos from his trip, I couldn't get the kids out of my mind. I asked GE for some used laptops and, along with a group of GE professionals, we modified the hardware and software so the children of Tasmi Peiki could use them," she says.

Several years ago, Harter was featured in the chapter on GE in "Heroes After Hours: Extraordinary Acts of Employee Volunteerism." Summing up her countless volunteer efforts, she said "I can't solve all the problems of the world, but I try to make a difference in whatever way I can by giving back some of the love and compassion that people have given to me in my life. The world really can be a better place if we can each just do our little bit to make a difference."

Bowman and Manafort Elected New Alumni Trustees



Betsy Bowman '80, far left, of Westport, Connecticut, and Tabitha Wazorko Manafort '94 of Plainville, Connecticut, have been elected by the College's Board of Trustees to serve three-year terms as Alumni Trustees.

Bowman received a master's degree through the Stern School of Business Executive M.B.A. Program at New York University, and has held corporate management positions at Price Waterhouse and the Chase Manhattan Bank.

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In 1999, she moved from New York City to Westport, where she became involved with non-profit organizations. She is now chief development officer at Blythedale Children's Hospital in Westchester County, responsible for all fundraising, including a \$70 million capital campaign, public relations and community relations.

Bowman says, "For years, I have been thinking about how I might give back to Albertus, a place that got me started on my incredible journey... I look forward to returning to campus and meeting with today's faculty and students."

Manafort received a master's degree in secondary education from Central Connecticut State University. For ten years she taught and coached at private schools, and was also an education consultant. She was a member of the College's Advisory Panel on Education Programs. Today she runs her own construction business, building and rehabilitating houses. Manafort is a board member of the Plainville Food Pantry and the Plainville Board of Education. She also is a director of The Community Foundation of Greater New Britain and serves on its scholarship committee.

"Albertus holds a special place in my heart, and I am proud to call it my alma mater. I am grateful, once again, to be an active member of the Albertus Magnus community," says Manafort.

CLASS NOTES

1995

Lucio DeLuca, North Haven, CT, who earned his J.D. from Quinnipiac University School of Law in 2003, was appointed deputy director of Judge Support Services— Connecticut Judicial Branch in 2004. A 23-year veteran of the Connecticut Judicial Branch, he received his Albertus degree through the New Dimensions program.

1998

Kristopher Loretz, West Haven, CT, is now executive director/campus president of Lincoln Technical Institute in Hamden.

1999

10th Reunion June 6, 2009

Jason Kelly, Wethersfield, CT, is an agent with McDonough & Keegan Insurance. He reports that he's married now and expecting his first child this Christmas.

2000

Dina Sears-Graves, MSM, has been named vice president of community investment for the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut. She will oversee the fund distribution process and identify future needs for New London County. With more than 15 years of experience in health and human services, she is currently pursuing a doctorate in human services, specializing in management of non-profit agencies.

2001

Jessica Ivancso, East Hartford, CT, recently bought a new home and began studies for a master's in communication and information management at Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Massachusetts.

Cindy Semrau, Wallingford, CT, is vice president and chief operating officer for the Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce. She is responsible for day-to-day operations, program planning, volunteer and committee management, staff and membership development. She returned to college after 26 years and earned a bachelor's degree through the New Dimensions program, graduating the same day her daughter graduated from the University of Massachusetts.

In Memoriam

Marietta Lanthier O'Connell '37 August 8, 2008 Wilton, CT

Grace J. Hughes '39 aunt of Constance St. Onge Post '74 October 2, 2008 Webster, MA

Margaret Lee MacKenzie '43 October 24, 2008 Fairfield, CT

Michelina Paliano Pettine '44S East Greenwich, RI

Jeanne Kay Wolf '49 February 1, 2008 Baltimore, MD

Mary Roberto Futoma '50 October 11, 2008

Why I Give

I haven't always contributed to the Albertus Annual Fund. It took a while —several years, I think—before I gave serious thought to the importance of supporting the College. As I look back, I remember my attitude as being something like "Mom and Dad struggled to put me, the oldest of six, through college. Dad was working three jobs and my mother was a teacher, and I had a couple of assistanceships each year—so why was I expected to pay more money after I had graduated?"



A few years, and a much-needed increase in understanding of a college's financial reality, helped me to think differently. Partly, I think, my changed attitude came from attending reunions—reconnecting with some of the classmates who had meant so much to me and remembering the place Albertus had held in my life during those four wonderful years. It finally hit me that the College depended on the support of alumnae for survival and I certainly wanted the College to survive! I began to give—not a lot, but participation nevertheless—and was fortunate to obtain matching gifts from The Hartford Financial Services Company, where I've worked (42 years full-time and the last four years part-time) since graduation.

If each of us could contribute even a little to Albertus, what a difference we could make!

TRUDY MCKEON DALY '61

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

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2004

Corina Alvarezdelugo, Branford, CT, reports that one of her two pieces accepted into the Guilford Art League's 61st Annual Juried Exhibition received the Art Emporium Award. Also this fall, one of her mixed media works was exhibited at the Housatonic Museum of Art in Bridgeport; in October, she took part in New Haven's 11th annual City-Wide Open Studios week-end. Center): The Importance of a Patient Survey," published in August issue of today's surgicenter. The article is based on her thesis, supervised by Dr. Howard Fero. She has been in the healthcare field for more than 20 years and is a healthcare advisor in Connecticut.

2007

Joanna Toscano Inman, Westerly, RI, a Pfizer employee for the past five years, received an M.B.A. in June from the University of New Haven. She

2005

Harwinton, CI

Joan Carpenter '55 September 7, 2008 Mechanicsburg, PA

Sylvia Ward Hodge '56 October 26, 2008 New Haven, CT

Elizabeth Johnson Webb '61 sister of Margaret Johnson Keefe '63 October 1, 2008 Hampton, NH

Vivian Alotta Wing '68 October 2008 Chestnut Ridge, NY

Rosemary DeFelice Krueger '69 sister of Valerie DeFelice Downing '64 June 12, 2003 Arlington, VA

Eileen Masselli Teta '76 August 17, 2008 Wallingford, CT Laura Grigor, '07 MSM, Madison, CT, had an article, "Patient Satisfaction in an ASC (Ambulatory Surgery

received a B.S. in business management through the New Dimensions program.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Mary Raccio Bozzuto, a volunteer landscape designer and gardener at AMC for many years November 1, 2008

Patricia Hansen, mother-in-law of Christine Hansen, administrative assistant in the Office of Academic Affairs September 8, 2008

Edward Brian Londa, New Dimensions student September 9, 2008

Cecilia P. Lyons, wife of John M. Lyons Sr., recipient of an AMC honorary degree in 2008 August 27, 2008

Joan Lyons Macauley,

sister of Elizabeth Lyons Weber '58 and Mary Lyons '59 August 21, 2008 $\,$

Nancy "Bo" Perkins Ridinger,

wife of Albert Ridinger Sr., former Trustee of the College; sister of Sally Perkins DeGennaro '53 and Willa Perkins Hamilton '57 and aunt of Helen W. DeGennaro '90

New York Times Reviews Book by Albertus Alumnus

"The Big Splash," a first novel by **Jack D. Ferraiolo '94** was released this fall and favorably reviewed in the October 12 issue of the New York Times Book Review. The young adult novel is a parody of detective stories by Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett and other writers. Rich Cohen, the reviewer, said that the "entertaining and thrilling" novel is marked "by twists and turns, and the writing is cynical and tough, riddled with the sort of hard-boiled jargon you expect from a B movie."

Ferraiolo is the developer, writer and director of WordGirl animated shorts for PBS, and head writer for the half-hour series based on those shorts. His work on "O'Grady," an animated film, brought him a co-nomination for an Annie Award from the International Animated Film Society.

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Larry Cole '97

High Hopes

PROFILE

Larry Cole retired from AT&T in 2007 after a 35-year career in the telecommunications industry. At the time he was associate director of public safety, managing Connecticut's statewide E9-1-1 emergency system.

He was interested in volunteering, but had not yet found an opportunity he felt was a match, an opportunity that "hooked" him. "I knew I wanted to work with people with disabilities because both my parents were disabled," he says. One day he came across an article in the local paper about High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc., which was founded in 1974 and by 1990 had built a permanent, full-service therapeutic center in Old Lyme, Connecticut.



The High Hopes program is specifically designed to improve the lives of people with cognitive, physical and emotional disabilities through the benefits of therapeutic horseback riding. "The article described the participants the center helped and how a majority of the success is due to volunteerism," says Cole. Checking out the organization on-line, he realized he had found his opportunity and was "hooked."

Cole took a volunteer training session and began working at the center in September 2007. High Hopes serves more than 220 participants each week and also is approved to train therapeutic riding instructors who come to Old Lyme from around the world. Nearly 30 years ago, High Hopes was one of the first therapeutic riding centers in the country to be accredited by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association.

One challenge Cole faced when starting out as a High Hopes volunteer was that he had no experience with horses. "I've learned that horses have their own personalities—what they like and, more importantly, what they dislike. If you do something they do not like, believe me, they will let you know."

For the past fall riding season, Cole committed to leading three classes one day a week; he also is on the call-list to fill in for other volunteers. As a leader, he gets the participant's horse saddled and bridled before class, then assists the rider in completing lessons determined by the High Hopes instructor. "Leaders give the rider a comfort zone as we typically work with the same riders over a period of time," he explains. "Staff can count on us to be a stabilizing influence. I've been with the same rider for the past year, and we have formed a very special bond.

"High Hopes is a very special place. The ability to have a positive influence with riders who have different challenges and abilities is very rewarding. My 'rule' is that a rider has to smile. It may take weeks to cajole the rider, even with my sense of humor, but the greatest reward is seeing that grin. You can be having a bad day, but when you walk through the doors and see your riders, it all goes away."

Cole's wife, Kathy, is also a volunteer at High Hopes, working behind-the-scenes on the center's data base, Web site and volunteer recruitment. During the past 12 months, more than 600 volunteers have logged over 29,500 hours at High Hopes.

Larry Cole came to Albertus as an adult student in the New Dimensions program. "It was very important to me personally and professionally to complete my studies and obtain my degree. I'm very proud to be the first in my immediate family to have graduated with a four-year degree, and to be the first student from the program to give remarks at the College's Laurel night ceremonies," he says.

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All the World's a Stage...

Martin Marchitto '88 has worked in the theatre for nearly two decades as a set and costume designer, prop master and director; he also has taught theatre design and the history of musical theatre at Allegheny College and served as resident designer for its Playshop Theatre. He currently is a designer with a scenic design studio, which builds sets, museum exhibits and displays. After graduating from Albertus, he attended a certificate program at the Yale School of Drama, and later went on to earn a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Illinois. His design for "Arcadia" is at left; the photo at right shows "Misalliance."



Athletics Hall of Fame

Albertus inducted its inaugural class of honorees, including those above, into the Athletics Hall of Fame as part of this year's Fall Fest celebration on October 11. For more about the Athletics Hall of Fame, see page 4; photos of Fall Fest appear on pages 6–7.



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

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