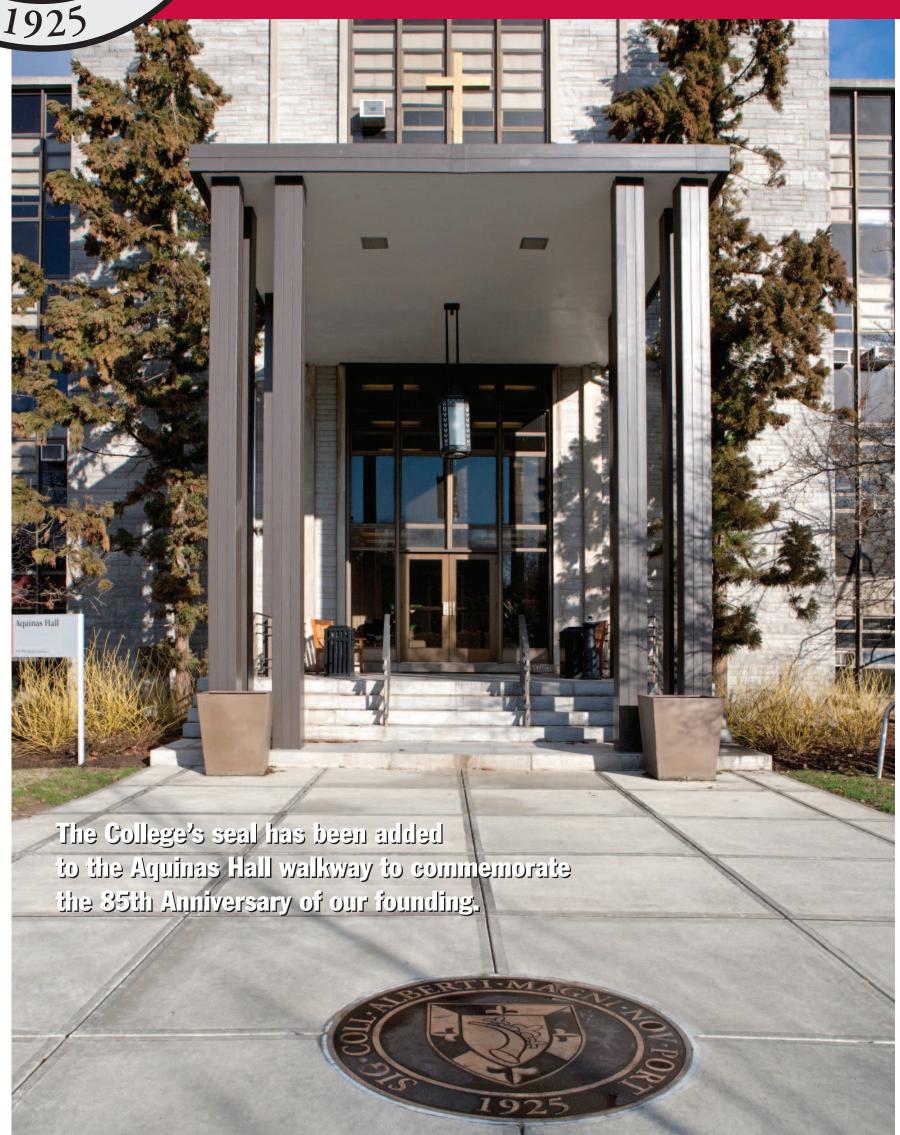


## From the Hill

The Publication for Alumni of Albertus Magnus College

**SPRING 2011** 



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Reunion 2011
Get all the facts about events on
Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11

Honorary degree recipients, new athletics logo, happenings on campus

#### Class Notes

Who, what and where

# Reunion2011

Reunion 2011 Registration	Form—RSVP by	June 1, 2011		
Name	maiden	last	Class Year	
E-Mail Address				
Phone Number				
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Please indicate the name(s) of your gu	uest(s):			
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Please indicate the total number of people	•	. (See schedule of events o	n the next page for additional details.)	
We welcome our 50th Reunion Class	(and one guest) as guests	s of the College for all R	eunion events.	
	# Attending			
Friday Night in the Pub N/C				
Lunch  Adult \$20				
Children 12 and under \$10		Pricing Guideline	es:	
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Millennium "20" \$10			activities as <b>guests of the College.</b> aduates who have reached or passed their 50th Reunion	
Activities N/C		(classes from 1928 -	-1960)	
☐ Mark Twain presentation in the AMC bookstore		Millennium "20" Di	scount: Graduates whose class year begins with "20"	
☐ Campus Tour		To assist you be	tter	
Alumni College "Who Are You?  Building Your Personal Brand"		•	f any special dietary needs/food allergies for you	
☐ Alumni Mass		or your guest(s):	,	
Golden Society Induction				
Alumni Association Annual Meeting and presentation of the				
Premier Achievement Award				
Cocktails & Dinner Buffet				
☐ Adult \$30 ☐ Golden Society Members \$15		Do you or anyone tra	aveling with you have any special needs we should	
☐ Millennium "20" \$15			call the Alumni Office at 203-773-8502 or e-mail to  Our staff is happy to assist you.	
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☐ Adult \$45 ☐ Golden Society Members \$22.50				
☐ Millennium "20" \$22.50				
Please RSVP by June 1, 2011 to Office	ce of Alumni Relations. Al	bertus Magnus College.	700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511	
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#### Premier Achievement Award

Karreem Mebane '04

After graduating from Albertus with a major in social sciences through the Accelerated Degree Program, Karreem Mebane didn't have far to go for the next step in his educational journey. In fact, it was just a few blocks down Prospect Street to the Yale University Divinity School. While a student there, he focused on business and social ethics, receiving a Master of Arts in Religious Studies in 2006. He earned the Chancellor's List Honor, the International Scholar Laureate Award, and was named a Yale Club Scholar. Yale hired Mebane later in 2006 to supervise graduate and professional school intramural athletic programs. He previously had been a baseball umpire for seven seasons, working minor league games throughout the professional baseball system, and on staff in the Office of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, where he assisted with on-field operations. He now is with Yale's Office of Development as senior program coordinator, overseeing a team of seven working on a \$3.5 billion capital campaign. Never forgetting his commitment to the College, he served for five years on the Board of Governors of the Albertus Alumni Association, including time as vice president. In 2010 he co-chaired the inaugural Alumni Golf Outing, a very successful part of last year's reunion weekend. The Albertus connection continues: For close to five years, he has been a lecturer and adjunct professor at the College, teaching undergraduate courses in the department of philosophy and religious studies. For the past three years, he has carried out his strong belief in the importance of acting as a moral and socially responsible citizen by giving of his time and talents as an advisory board member for Rock & Wrap it Up, a national food recovery think tank, which partners with 60 sports franchises in the NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL and AFL to recover food that is prepared but not sold from home game concessions throughout the United States and Canada, then donated to feed the indigent. Closer to home, he is a director of St. Luke's Episcopal

#### Reunion 2011—Schedule of Events

#### Friday, June 10

7:00-An evening in the House of Bollstadt

11:00 p.m. Pub open, refreshments, music, and Karaoke!

Members of the Albertus Student Government Association will be on hand during Karaoke to assist (and applaud) you!

#### Saturday, June 11

10:30 a.m.	Registration
−5:00 p.m.	

10:30-	Albertus Bookstore open for shoppin	ng
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11:00-Special Presentation in the Bookstore

11:30 a.m. "Mark Twain a hundred years later: the wit and wisdom of America's greatest humorist, featuring an appearance by Mr. Twain himself."

11:00 a.m. Buffet Luncheon for all alumni and guests

−1:30 p.m. GO Falcons! Meet some Albertus student-athletes at the luncheon.

1:00-

4:00 p.m. Grab your friends and get your photos taken together!

Campus Tour (walking tour) 1:30 p.m.

1:30-Dorms Open (McAuliffe, Nilan, Sansbury, Dominican and Mohun) 4:00 p.m.

Alumni College session: "Who Are You? Building Your Personal Brand" 2:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Reunion Mass

Golden Society Induction Ceremony followed by a Champagne Toast 5:00 p.m. Honoring the Class of 1961

6:00 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association; presentation of the

Premier Achievement Award

Cocktail Reception and Buffet Dinner for all classes 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. featuring live jazz

Tell us your Albertus Story! During Reunion, attendees will have an opportunity to be a part of the 85th Anniversary – 85 Stories project.



#### **Reunion 2011—Area Hotels**

Hotel room blocks are available at a special rate for Albertus graduates traveling to campus for Reunion 2011. 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.

#### 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 11, 2011 www.clarionhotel.com

#### **Premier Hotel and Suites**

Farnam Guest House\*

888-562-7121

616 Prospect Street, New Haven

www.farnamguesthouse.com

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 11, 2011 www.newhavensuites.com

Other area hotels that may be available for individual reservations please call the hotel directly for rates and room availability. Note: **June 10–12** 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

30 Whalley Avenue, New Haven 203-777-6221 www.courtyardmarriottyale.com

**Courtyard by Marriott at Yale** 

#### **Quality Inn**

30 Frontage Road, East Haven 203-469-5321 www.qinewhaven.com

#### **New Haven Hotel**

**HOTELS** 

229 George Street, New Haven 203-773-1641 or 800-NH-HOTEL www.newhavenhotel.com

#### **Holiday Inn North Haven**

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

La Quinta

203-562-1111

www.lq.com

Omni Hotel

203-772-6664

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

400 Sargent Drive, New Haven

155 Temple Street, New Haven

www.omninewhaven.com

#### The Study at Yale

1157 Chapel Street, New Haven 203-503-3900 www.studyhotels.com

<sup>\*</sup> Close to the Albertus campus.

## CAMPUS NEWS

## College Announces Honorary Degree Recipients

The Board of Trustees of the College has voted unanimously to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon the following distinguished individuals at Commencement Exercises, Sunday, May 15:

**Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., '51** was an economics major at Albertus, and then earned her master's degree and doctorate in economics from Fordham University. In 1976, she accepted an invitation to return to her *alma mater* to build and staff a new department of business and economics. She later served as vice president for academic affairs for 11 years and is now director of assessment and institutional research. This passionate advocate for lifelong learning was an early supporter of information technology as a tool for the improvement of student learning, helping to bring the College fully into the Information Age.

Sister Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., '53 earned the master's degree in Latin from Boston College, and later joined the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs; she received her doctorate in classics from The Ohio State University. In 1970 she returned to her *alma mater* as chairman of the classics department. Four years later she became academic dean—a position she held for a decade. She is now professor of classics in the foreign language department. A highly-respected classics scholar, Sister Mary Faith has been an active and committed member of her religious congregation and a stalwart supporter of her *alma mater*.

Natalia Icaza Holland, '40 is a member of the 13th class to graduate from the College, where she was a history and political science major. Described in her class book as a "dynamic statesman and globe-trotter," she applied to law school at a time when few women did, and received an L.L.B. degree in 1943 from New York University Law School. A dedicated volunteer, she was honored last year by the Daughters of the American Revolution for 70 years of continuous service. She has been extraordinarily loyal to her *alma mater*, unwavering in her philanthropy and love for the College.

Marcus R. McCraven, native of Des Moines, Iowa, has been deeply involved in the life of New Haven for more than four decades. A graduate of Howard University, he spent many years in California as a nuclear scientist at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory. In 1970 he began a long and distinguished career with the United Illuminating Company, retiring as vice president of UI's environmental engineering program. He is a champion of the underserved in the Greater New Haven community, believing with great passion in the importance of education for students of color.

#### **Community Celebrates National Student-Athlete Day**

On April 6, National Student-Athlete Day, Albertus honored its student-athletes for their academic and athletic achievements. The NCAA has been the official sponsor of National Student-Athlete Day since 1994.

The celebration of student-athletes also featured the unveiling of a new logo for Albertus athletics, featuring a stylized falcon's head above the name Albertus Magnus.

At Albertus, student-athletes make up about a third of the Traditional Day College. Speaking in the Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center to a crowd of students, faculty and staff, Michael Spinner, director of athletics, noted that student-athletes here "receive a world-class education in life and in academics. They use their athletic experience to assist them on their life journey after graduation." He pointed out that Division III student-athletes graduate on time at a higher rate than student athletes at the Division I and Division II levels.



#### Albertus Receives Davis Educational Foundation Grant

The Davis Educational Foundation has voted to grant the College \$72,000 over three years for the project "Using ePortfolios to Promote Student Success."

Targeted to promoting student success and retention, the project will foster student engagement and thinking; support an innovative honors program focused on student learning outcomes rather than simple course completion; and enable the College to gain a new source of data for program and institutional assessment.

Albertus has a history of successfully working with underrepresented student populations and first-generation college students. The Education Trust ranks the College second highest for its four-year and six-year retention rates when compared to 15 benchmarked institutions, and the Washington Monthly ranks the College 10th out of 250 liberal arts colleges for promoting social mobility.

The Davis Educational Foundation was established by Stanton and Elisabeth Davis after Mr. Davis's retirement as chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.

#### **Magazine Honors Andrew Foster** as a 2011 "40 Under 40" Leader

Connecticut Magazine has named Andrew Foster, director of financial aid, one of its 2011 "40 Under 40" distinguished honorees. The cover



story of the March issue describes the group as part of a "new generation of leaders," women and men who are "full of energy, ideas and the determination to help steer Connecticut's course into the future."

Foster joined the Albertus community five years ago. A native of Jamaica, he has a B.S. in psychology from Sacred Heart University and is currently working on a master's degree in leadership at Albertus. He also volunteers as a presenter for the Connecticut Association of Professional Financial Aid Administrators, conducting free financial aid workshops around the state for students and their families.

- Several faculty members, graduates and students of the College's art therapy program have been accepted to present at the AATA (American Art Therapy Association) National Conference in July. **Evie Lindemann, clinical coordinator, will present** a workshop, "Creating Retablo Panels"; Abbe Miller, director, will lead a panel with four MAAT students on "El duende Process Painting for Internship"; Amanda Salzano, assistant research consultant and '09 MAAT graduate, will present "Team Quilt to Reduce Burnout," based on her thesis; Roxanne Crane '10 MAAT, will present "Art Materials and Stress," based on her thesis. Michael Galaburri, MAAT student, and Donna Kaiser, research consultant, will present at the Research Roundtable.
- Melissa DeLucia, practicum and internship coordinator, graduated from the Experiential Education Academy, which is sponsored by the National Society for Experiential Education. She also was elected to a third term as vice president of the **Cooperative Education and Internship Association** for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- **Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy** Association has accepted an article by Lisa Furman, assistant professor in the MAAT program, titled "Last Breath: Art Therapy with a Lung **Cancer Patient Facing Imminent Death." The** Arts in Psychotherapy has accepted a paper by Crystal I. Schrade '09 MAAT, "Physiological **Effects of Mandala Making in Adults with** Intellectual Disability."
- An article by Paul Robichaud, chair of the department of English and humanities, on Hugh MacDiarmid's long poem, "To Circumjack Cencrastus," has been published in the peerreviewed Literary Encyclopedia, an online resource for scholars and students. His poem "Domestic," appeared in the U.K. magazine, Brittle Star, Issue 25.

#### **Poem by Charles Rafferty Appears in The New Yorker**

Charles Rafferty, director of the Master of Fine Arts in Writing program and adjunct professor of English at Albertus, has had his poem "The Man **Explains His Souvenirs" published in the January 17 issue of The New Yorker.** "This is one of the few poems I've written that is consciously based on an actual event," he says. "On a camping trip in Arkansas I found the skeleton of a wild pig in the woods, and took one of the molars home with me. At the time, I knew I'd write a poem about it, but I didn't sit down to actually compose the poem until a few years ago."

Rafferty received a 2009 NEA Fellowship in Creative Writing, as well as a grant from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism. He is the author of four full-length collections of poetry, and his poems also have appeared in many journals, anthologies and textbooks.



#### **Lacrosse Coaches for Men's and Women's Teams Join Staff**

The College's first coaches for its new lacrosse program are Darryl Delia, men's team, and Steve Jewett, women's team. Director of Athletics Michael

**Spinner, in making the announcements,** noted that both coaches are true professionals who understand the importance of balancing academics and athletics. They are, he said, "the perfect fit for Albertus and will be building outstanding and successful programs."

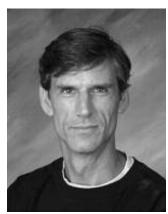
Delia spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach at Sacred Heart University, where he served as both offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator. He also was at Fairfield University for four seasons and for five seasons at Yale University as the top assistant coach and interim head coach during the 2003 season. While at Yale he was one of only a few coaches nationally to serve as a selector for the 2000 U.S. World Team.

Jewett has been involved with coaching lacrosse in Connecticut for 20 years, including serving as head coach at Mitchell College and, for 17 years, the head coach at Hamden Hall Country Day School. A fulltime educator, he is a lower school science teacher at Hamden Hall.

During the summer of 2011, the College will renovate its game field, installing a turf playing surface to accommodate the addition of men's and women's lacrosse. In the spring of next year, lacrosse will be a club sport, moving to varsity status in 2013.



**Darryl Delia** 

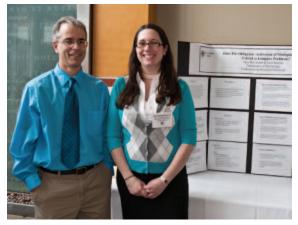


Steve Jewett

## **Experiential Learning Day**



























he Albertus Community in March celebrated its first Experiential Learning Day, a time to salute Practicum and Internship Students of the Year and to honor Community Partners of the Year for outstanding supervision and mentorship of Albertus students.

The mission of the College is to provide an education that "promotes the search for truth in all its dimensions and is practical in its application." Here, academic internships, practica and relevant work experiences are encouraged as preparation for meaningful careers. Practical work experience is integrated with academic learning, increasing self-awareness and helping students to further define their career goals. About 125 students a year participate in practica and/or internships, reports Melissa DeLucia, program coordinator.

Practicum and Internship Students of the Year for 2010-2011 are:

Mariella Argentari (Office of the Tax Collector, City of New Haven); Heather Bodie (Bridges A Community Support System, Inc., and Clifford Beers Clinic); Amanda Cuomo (SPI Books and Albertus Magnus College Marketing Department); Shanelle DeVeaux (State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection); Lindsey Eagles (Claire's Corner Copia); Theresa Flood (Bridges A Community Support System, Inc., Gateway Christian Fellowship and Yo Soy el Camino); Amna Hamid (ACES Mill Road School and ACES Whitney High School North); David Pietkiewicz (MTV Networks); Ashley Ramos (Village Care); Alyssa Schiff (Drive Creative Agency); Kate Slavinski (Hamden Middle School); Kristin Thoelen (TV News 8 and The Record Journal); Andre Wilson (Department of Finance, City of New Haven); and Cynthia Youd (Albertus Magnus College Marketing Department).

This year's Community Partners of the Year are Forensic Health Services, Inc. (Milford Alternative to Incarceration) and the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

The College suspended classes during the day until 3 p.m. so that all students could take part in the day's events, which included a Share and Pair breakfast for Practicum and Internship students, their advisors and site supervisors; concurrent presentation sessions by undergraduate and graduate students; lunch and student musical performances; awards ceremony; research poster sessions, and a clubs and arts showcase. From 4 to 6 p.m. the School of Evening and Graduate Programs held a reception for undergraduate Accelerated Degree Program and New Dimensions students and graduate students.

## CLASS NOTES

 1936
 75th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

 1937
 75th Reunion June 9, 2012

 1941
 70th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

 1942
 70th Reunion June 9, 2012

#### 1944F

**Pearl Fattibene,** Monroe, CT, is still recovering from a bad fall suffered more than a year ago. Family and friends came from as far away as California to celebrate her 90th birthday on Thanksgiving Day.

**1946** 65th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

**1947** 65th Reunion June 9, 2012

#### 1950

Lois Edwards Schlager, Hartland, WI, reports surviving another of Wisconsin's winters. She is helping out in Ken's new wireless communications business. There are many visits and travels to their 8 children and 16 grandchildren—some close by and some scattered throughout the U.S.

#### **1951** 60th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Andresen Hackett, Cheshire, CT, has 3 sons and 3 daughters, and 19 grandchildren (5 in college and the youngest in kindergarten). She is involved with pastoral care at St. Mary's Hospital, serves as a Eucharistic Minister for her local church and the St. Thomas More Chapel at Yale, and teaches fourth grade CCD, among many other activities. She also is an "ice/field hockey, lacrosse, football and ballet cheerleader for grandchildren."

**Katherine Schlauder O'Connor,** Stratford, CT, is retired from her real estate business, but is active with the town beautification committee and the Perry House Foundation (the oldest house, 1687, in town). She and George had six children—three are deceased.

Nancy Fanning Rabbott, Hamden, CT, is retired, and volunteers at Yale-New Haven Hospital and Cheshire Senior Center. Her two daughters graduated from Albertus: Nan in 1978 and Lisa in 1979.

Lois Agne Westhoff, Wallingford, PA, enjoys reading, walking and church ministries.

#### **1952** 60th Reunion June 9, 2012

**Patricia Owens,** Scottsdale, AZ, who retired from her travel agency in 2006, now enjoys studying Argentine tango, skiing and taking cruises. She travels frequently with college roommate **Colette Ledoux Mayer.** 

Angela Scimone Sledden, San Antonio, TX, reports that she and Dick are active in Respect Life, Gabriel Project, Knights of Columbus, and that she still sings in the church choir. One daughter is a clinical child psychologist in Houston and one daughter is the director of training and development for JPMorgan Chase in San Antonio.

#### 1953

**Barbara McCarthy McCooe,** Ridgewood, NJ, and her husband spent a month in Europe, including WWII sites in Normandy and the beautiful Isle of Guernsey. She notes that "grandchild count is at 17 and holding."

#### **1956** 55th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

**Ann Bunnell Coppola,** Punta Gorda, FL, and Joe have three sons, (a daughter who died in 2000) and three grandchildren. She enjoys quilting, crafts and reading.

#### Happy 100th Birthday to Helen

Helen O'Brien Levack '32, a member of the College's fifth graduating class, recently celebrated her 100th birthday at a gathering with family and friends in New York City. President Julia M. McNamara sent a greeting from the Albertus Community, which was read aloud at the party by Helen's daughter. Helen remembers her years at Albertus with great fondness, and looks forward to the latest news of the College. Her sister, the late Mary Catherine O'Brien Fahy, graduated in 1929, the first class to spend four years here.



Claudette Willig McGinty, Manning, SC, notes that her town never had a Roman Catholic church until six years ago; the priest says Sunday mass at four area towns. The Manning church, Our Lady of Hope, currently has a Dominican priest from Nigeria. "It is a small world, and our Church is a universal church embracing people of all races," she says.

**1957** 55th Reunion June 9, 2012

#### 1959

**Gail Lindsay Schuler,** Hamden, CT, visited Denver last year to see her son, Paul, and two grandchildren. She is "dabbling" in pastels and has started volunteering for Birthright.

#### **1961** 50th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

**Nancy Sculli Bell,** Belchertown, MA, is retired and volunteers for the library and her church. She is married, has three children and six grandchildren.

**Catherine Crimmins Burgard,** East Haven, CT, and Gary have two sons and three grandchildren. She is on the board of the local Hagaman Library, active with the Alliance Française in New Haven and teaches a French class at the Essex Library.

Maxine Parcells Driscoll, Danbury, CT, teaches at Ridgefield High School, and enjoys swimming, travel, needlepoint, movies with friends, and visiting with family in California and Colorado. She has four sons and eight grandchildren.

Jane Meyer Gill, Brooklyn, NY, has two sons and two grandchildren. She enjoys astrology, photography, some art, some music, city parks, Egypt and mysteries. She and her husband have been "discovering what fun babysitting for our grandson, who just turned three, can be." Phasing out of teaching ESL, she will have more time now for enjoying the city.

Marie Di Certo Iannazzi, Norwalk, CT, retired as a middle school principal after 30 years in the Norwalk Public School system. Her daughter, Beth, is a special education instructor at Mitchell College, and her son-in-law, David, is a prosecutor for the state of Connecticut. She has two granddaughters, who are the joys of her life. She and Ralph continue to enjoy travel.

#### **1962** 50th Reunion June 9, 2012

Marsha Sangster Thompson, Pleasantville, NY, is heading to Rio for her next birthday celebration and to a ranch in Argentina to ride horses with the gauchos. Last summer she went to Alaska with all of her family, and enjoyed rafting down the Klondike River, panning for gold and seeing the "Big Five" in Denali. "I liked the wolves the best," she notes.

#### 1964

**Sandra Strasburger LaPierre,** Chestertown, NY, is retired from teaching, and she and Bill are living in the Adirondacks where they grew up. They have nine

grandchildren. Last year they traveled to New Zealand. They have sold their funeral home in Westchester to their son.

#### 1965

Patricia Perotta Gioia, Loudonville, NY, and Paul, an attorney, live near Albany. She is an administrative assistant in a social services outreach program, and a freelance editor in history, architecture and historic preservation.

Alice Orient Keil has retired for the second time after teaching high school math for 14 years, and is now joining her husband, Steve, in his travels on behalf of the National Solar Observatory, of which he is the director. They live at the Observatory in the small community of Sunspot, New Mexico. Their two children are grown: the oldest, Pamela, received a Ph.D. in animal behavior from the University of New Mexico and is now working for the park department in Alice Springs, NT Australia; Wesley, an art major, works for a computer game company in California as a graphic artist.

**Sr. Elizabeth McDonough, O.P.,** Stamford, CT, was profiled in a February article "Canon Law in Pastoral Perspective" in the Fairfield County Catholic. She currently is a canonical consultant for the Diocese of Bridgeport. Also in February, the "Review for Religious" released a CD of 100 canonical counsel essays and 9 articles on consecrated life she wrote for the publication between 1990 and 2009.

#### **1966** 45th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Katherine Wood (Bennett) Green, Middlefield, CT, received a certificate in gerontology from Southern Connecticut State University. She is a member of the house committee of the Rockfall Foundation; Friends of Long Hill Estate; State Preservation Council; Old Burying Ground Association; and the Middletown Garden Club. She has two step-children and four grandchildren.

#### **1967** 45th Reunion June 9, 2012

Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski, Cheshire, CT, reports that her mother, Helen Yutenkas, who recently turned 90, was featured in the New Haven Register. Helen continues to perform with the Twilight Tappers, the troupe she has danced with for 20 years. According to Dorothy, she is a blend of "Auntie Mame and Zorba the Greek, with a little bit of Betty White thrown in."

Peggy Higgins, Falls Church, VA, is retired.

#### 1969

Mary Kay Mulligan, Onancock, VA, reports that her memoir of grief and recovery was published in an anthology of women's stories: When One Door Closes. She and her husband are enjoying retirement—

#### All in the Family

Business People Vermont last September ran a cover story on two car dealerships in St. Albans, VT, owned by Karen Handy Luneau '72, her husband, Dan Luneau, and her brother, Dan Handy. The family business was founded in 1970 by her father, and now two of her three sons are involved. She has served on many local school boards over the years and is now a member of the Vermont State Colleges board.

#### 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 2010–2011 Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus '86, associate vice president for development and alumni relations, at alumni@albertus.edu, or call 203-773-8502.

#### Maryann Horgan Receives Governor's Service Award

Maryann Cronin Horgan '68 has received the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in North Carolina for her work in local schools through the Master Gardener program, and specifically for establishing a 4-H Club for Junior Master Gardeners ages 8-10. Students in the program learn about healthy foods and lifestyle choices, leadership skills, scientific inquiry and gardening.

Horgan also has written the curriculum for the TILS (Teaching Inmates Life Skills) program at the county prison where inmates take horticulture classes and grow their own fruits and vegetables.

A retired teacher, she has a master's degree in biology and a sixth-year certificate in environmental education. She taught for many years at Connecticut's Greenwich High School, where she developed an ESL biology course so that immigrant students could earn science credits and learn English at the same time.

cooking, travel and the time to have fun on Virginia's Eastern Shore.

Josephine Polomski O'Brien, Lafayette Hill, PA, has retired from a career in financial services. This means more time to travel with her husband and to enjoy their grandchildren—seven boys and one girl.

#### 1970

Laurie Ackley Adams, Stratford, CT, retired from a 36-year (French and Latin) teaching career in 2006. She and Michael like to travel and visited Alaska last year; they are looking forward to their next trip. "I love retirement," she says.

Carol Esposito Gillispie, West Haven, CT, visited the Rubin Museum in New York City, which she describes as "blind-friendly" since one can touch the statues from the Himalayas. With a friend from the Lions Club, she traveled to Washington, D.C., to the National Library Services for the Blind and the National Zoo. A volunteer lector at the V.A. and St. Paul Church, she was honored with the Melvin Jones Lions Award.

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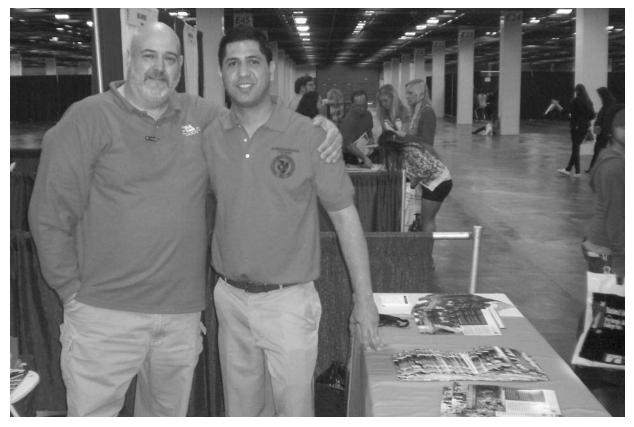
Dorota Stypkowski Bussey, Amherst, MA, a certified yoga teacher, is a human resources administrator. She has three children and three grandchildren.

Georgianna Guarino Libero, Wallingford, CT, has been married for 40 years. She and her husband have two married sons and two grandchildren. She is in her 12th year of teaching at Our Lady of Victory School in West Haven.

Marcialynn Marando Trotta, Meriden, CT, and Carmine, who have been married for 40 years, have a son and two grandchildren. She retired in 2005 as director of the Meriden Public Library and is now a consultant in humanities and teaches in the New Dimensions program at Albertus. The new edition of her book "Staff Development on a Shoestring" will be published this spring.

Jacqueline Zorena Albis '74 was

featured recently as Person of the Week in her hometown paper, the Courier in East Haven, Connecticut. She has been an English teacher at East Haven High School for 15 years, and the article describes her as "a teacher's teacher who gives 110 percent to each of her students." In February, her 26-year-old son, James, in his first try for state office, was elected State Representative in a special election to fill a seat in the Connecticut Legislature. He won by 92 votes.



Joseph Staub '95 and Giovanni (Gio) Duaqui '96, both of the Los Angeles area, recently volunteered to represent the College's Office of Admission at the 2011 Orange County National College Fair in Anaheim. This fair is one of the country's largest, attracting some 3,000 visitors each year. Providing feedback about the fair, Duaqui said "We had a great day, and made sure we took our time and spoke with every prospective student and their families who came by our booth. After all, this is what Albertus is all about. People were impressed that we were volunteers." Staub said, "We're a good team. I'm the talker; Gio is more the listener. I get into the big concepts of learning; Gio makes it personal for students and their families."

Staub, who is a teacher in the Los Angeles United School District, and Duaqui, who is vice president for global sales at ITO Solutions, also have a project they are working on with the Albertus Alumni Office, and that's trying to start an active alumni chapter for graduates living in California. They envision a chapter that would facilitate alumni events, provide networking opportunities and assist the Office of Admission by representing Albertus at college fairs, and they agree that it is an opportunity to "do something for the place that gave us so much."

All alumni living in California by now have received a letter from Staub and Duaqui spelling out their idea and asking fellow alumni to fill out a short questionnaire about their interest in participating in an alumni chapter. Forms should be returned to the Alumni Office, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511, or responses sent to alumni@albertus.edu.

#### Distinguished Teachers

The Greer Chair for Distinguished Teaching has been awarded over the years to 13 teachers at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. Three of the honorees are women and two of them are Albertus alumnae: Suzanne Hannay '67 and Claudia Lyons '76.

#### 1972

40th Reunion June 9, 2012

#### 1975

Mary DeVylder Lemkin, Crownsville, MD, reports that her fourth grandchild arrived on February 12. She and her husband, Bruce, recently started an international consulting business for aerospace, defense, government relations and energy. They have two daughters, both teachers.

#### 1976 35th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Patricia Duffy Flint, Wayland, MA, who has an M. Ed. from Boston University, is associate dean for advancement in the College of Science, Northeastern University. She and John have a son who graduates this year from Connecticut College. She enjoys gardening, skiing, music, tennis and sailing.

1977

35th Reunion June 9, 2012

#### **Health Council Honors** Pamela Lorenzo '78

Pamela Lorenzo, program manager and clinical supervisor for the Visiting Nurse Association of South Central Connecticut's Nurturing Families Network, has received the Valley Council for Health and Human Services' Lewis Savitsky's Staff Excellence Award.

The award is given to an individual for extraordinary service as an employee in the non-profit community who has had a positive impact on the quality of life of residents in the lower Naugatuck Valley. It recognizes her work with the VNA and her dedication as the chair of the Valley Council's Early Childhood Task Force.

A resident of Branford, Lorenzo has been with the VNA for 15 years. She holds an M.S.W. from Southern Connecticut State University.

#### 1980

Mary Gambardella, Milford, CT, is a partner in the Stamford office of Wiggin and Dana LLP. She is the author of "Employment Litigation," published by Law Journal Press.

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#### Alumna and Daughter Honored for Food Safety Advocacy

Colette Thode Dziadul '83 and her daughter Dana, 13, of Viera, Florida, were honored in Washington, D.C., on January 27 for their role in seeking improvements to the safety of America's food supply.

Food safety became a major interest to the Dziadul family in 2001 after Dana, then a three-year-old, became ill the day after she had eaten several pieces of cantaloupe. Her parents and doctor thought it was a virus, but when her symptoms worsened, she was rushed to the emergency room. The eventual diagnosis: she was a victim of Salmonella poisoning, a foodborne illness that caused an infection to spread to her blood stream. For five days she was on an aggressive course of IV antibiotics.



Dana Dziadul, daughter of alumna Colette Thode Dziadul, is shown in Washington with U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, who serves on a subcommittee overseeing food and drug safety.

A week after Dana was discharged from the hospital—the family was living in Connecticut at the time—the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released a warning that an outbreak of foodborne illness associated with cantaloupe had caused numerous illnesses and deaths in 14 states. Since then Colette and Dana have become active volunteers for food safety reform, working with S.T.O.P. (Safe Tables Our Priority), a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing illness and death from foodborne pathogens. Colette, who is director of lower school guidance at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy in Melbourne, reports that she and Dana were interviewed by ABC, NBC and Fox News, and Florida Today, their county newspaper.

The Make Our Food Safe coalition sponsored the Washington breakfast, which honored 14 S.T.O.P. advocates. Earlier in January, President Obama signed into law food safety reforms that will provide the FDA with improved authorities to oversee the safety of the nation's food supply and prevent foodborne illness. The Food Safety Modernization Act is the first major update to the law in more than 70 years.

#### 1981 30th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Susan Beardsley Ash, Westborough, MA, is a senior consultant, business operations support for Verizon Communications. Her husband is the managing director of SunLife Financial in Wellesley Hills. Her son, Gabriel, a graduate of St. Michael's College, is a software engineer in Boston, and her daughter, Marybeth, is a senior at St. Michael's, majoring in economics. She enjoys USTA tennis, bicycling and cryptograms.

Rosemary Nigro Bartholomew, Durham, CT, teaches Spanish at the Thomas Edison Middle School in Meriden. She and Chris will be married 30 years in October and have three children. She enjoys reading, MahJongg, travel, theatre and Hispanic culture.

**Sheila Pepe,** New York, NY, was part of a three-artist show, "A Room in Three Movements," that opened at the Sue Scott Gallery on the Lower East Side in January and ran through March 8. The New Yorker reviewed the show in its February 14/21 issue. She also had a solo exhibition this winter at Carroll and Sons in Boston.

#### 30th Reunion June 9, 2012 1982

Dona Frauenhofer, Torrington, CT, in November presented a two-part lecture series at the Oliver Wolcott Library in Litchfield on "Art's Greatest Room: the Sistine Chapel." Her talks explored the Chapel's history, the popes, Michelangelo, the restoration, and some recent theories regarding the frescoes.

#### 1983

Fran Consiglio, East Haven, CT, founder of the youth ministry group at the local Our Lady of Pompeii Church, is a commissioned lay minister with a focus on youth ministry. The group has grown from 8 students to 94 in sixth through twelfth grades. In the fall she was selected as the Person of the Week by the East Haven Courier, and told an interviewer that helping the students to "develop spiritually is one of our responsibilities, but we want them to be able to incorporate their spiritual life into their everyday life."

#### 1986 25th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Caron Berube Paniccia, Midlothian, VA, has been married to Mark for 22 years; she is assistant circuit executive for administration in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She has a master of tourism administration degree from The George Washington University.

1987

25th Reunion June 9, 2012

#### 1991 20th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Ellin Regis Cowie, Garden City, NY, and Stephen have five children, ranging in age from 10 to 4. She is a CCD teacher and active with a community book club.

Jo Ann Callegari, West Haven, CT, is the registrar of voters for the City of West Haven. She holds an M.S.W. from Southern Connecticut State University.

#### 1992 20th Reunion June 9, 2012

Susan Ryback Daddio, North Haven, CT, has been appointed a development officer at Quinnipiac University. Previously she was a regional director for the American Heart Association.

#### 1993

Andrew Orefice, Ocean, NJ, is in his fourth year as superintendent of schools for the Oceanport School District.

1996 15th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

15th Reunion June 9, 2012 1997

#### 1998

Martha Dye, New Haven, CT, retired head teacher of the Yale-New Haven Hospital day care center, spoke at a Black Heritage Celebration honoring 18 students of two West Haven schools for leadership, perfect attendance and most improved academics. Stressing the importance of pursuing dreams, she told the youngsters, "You are on the right path. Do not, do not, let anyone lead you astray."

Penny MacCormack, MALS, chief academic officer of Hartford Public Schools, has been accepted into the Broad Superintendents Academy, an extensive management program run by the Broad Center for the Management of School Systems in Los Angeles. The academy is the only program in the country that prepares talented executives with non-education backgrounds, as well as high-level educators, to lead urban public school systems. Only two percent of applicants were accepted this year. She is currently completing a doctoral degree in educational leadership at the University of Hartford.

#### 1999

Neil Dickson, MSM, Norwalk, CT, has been named vice president and branch manager at Stamford First Bank. He began his banking career 16 years ago in Texas. He is a part-time adjunct professor in the College's New Dimensions program.

"Kateri: Native American Saint," by Giovanna Paponetti '91, Ranchos de Taos, NM, takes the reader into the world of 17th century Native Americans and Catholic missionaries. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), known as "The Lily of the Mohawks," was a Native American woman born near the Canadian border in presentday Auriesville, New York. Pope John Paul II beatified her in June 1980 and, if canonized, she will be the first Native American woman to achieve sainthood.

Paponetti, who received a B.F.A. from Albertus, illustrated the book with 21 fullcolor images from an altar screen that she was commissioned to paint for the Church of St. John the Baptist at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo in New Mexico, the oldest parish in the United States. The paintings feature significant chapters from Kateri's early years, her life as a Christian and miracles following her death at the age of 24.

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

Paul V. Cochrane, husband of Patricia Slavin Cochrane '58 January 4, 2011

Jeremiah P. Coffey Sr., father of Jeremiah Coffey, chair of the department of philosophy and religious studies January 11, 2011

**Todd Erickson** was enrolled in the New Dimensions program and scheduled to receive his bachelor's degree this year January 27, 2011

Mary "Maura" Horgan, mother of Irene Horgan '91 December 24, 2010

Edward Lyons Sr. was the brother of John Lyons, '85 D.H.L. and Robert Lyons Sr. '85 D.H.L. December 23, 2010

Karen R. Mehaffey, daughter of Jean Incampo '73 December 17, 2010

Evelyn E. O'Connell, mother of Sean O'Connell, academic dean of the traditional undergraduate program December 22, 2010

Charles L. Rogers, husband of Marion Booth Rogers '54 October 29, 2010

Nancy Ann Rueli, mother of Linda Rueli Kingston '69 July 8, 2009

**R. Sargent Shriver,** founding director of the Peace Corps, founder of Head Start, the Job Corps and Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA); he was the husband of the late Eunice Kennedy Shriver '85 D.H.L. and father of Timothy Shriver, director of Special Olympics International, '97 D.H.L. January 18, 2011

Robert Strona, brother of Doreen Strona Mantilia '71, member of the College's Education Advisory Panel February 7, 2011

Irene Szczesiul, mother of Rosemary Szczesiul Richter '81 January 13, 2011

Neil Topitzer, husband of Mary Jane Lynch Topitzer '54 November 16, 2010

#### In Memoriam

(list includes names that appeared in the December 2010 online edition of From the Hill)

Mary C. Beecher '36 had a 41-year career in education August 19, 2010 Hamden, CT

Doris Smith Carle '40, a retired teacher November 9, 2010 Orange, CT

#### Mildred M. Tomasino '40

was a longtime editor at the New Haven Register August 16, 2010 New Haven, CT

#### **Evelyn Wallace Doyle '41**

was an avid gardener and golfer August 3, 2009 Garrison, NY

#### **Grace Bradley Lorensen '41**

December 19, 1998 Watertown, CT

#### Rose Ryan Maguire-Alfieri '41,

a retired high school teacher, received her master's degree from Canisius College August 24, 2009 Edgewood, NM

Ellen Kennedy Clarke '43, did post-graduate work in metallurgy and during World War II worked in design for Sikorsky Aircraft; while raising her family of nine children, she earned a master's degree in education and later taught high school math and science; she also mentored medical students at the Medical University of South Carolina

February 17, 2011 Mt. Pleasant, SC

#### Gladys Testo Christiani '43

January 31, 2010

Easton, CT

Lucy Scillia '48, sister of Antonette Scillia Giangarra '43, and a former librarian and library administrator in the Milford (CT) public schools

October 14, 2010 Orange, CT

#### Sister George Anne Fosmire, O.P., '49,

a Dominican Sister of Peace, was in the 62nd year of her profession; she ministered at Albertus and other Dominican institutions January 18, 2011

Columbus, OH

#### Shirley M. Herman '49

was employed by Eastman Kodak in Rochester as an executive secretary until her retirement November 12, 2010 Rochester, NY

Dolores Fox Frazier '50 received a master's degree from New Paltz University in 1953 January 9, 2011

Mt. Vernon, NY

#### **Grace Murphy Thomas '52**

November 27, 2010 Hyannis, MA

#### Margaret M. "Peggy" McSweeney Barry '53

received a master's degree in English from Boston University and, when all of her children were in school, a second master's degree in library science from Westfield State College January 22, 2011

East Longmeadow, MA

Frances Amici Doyle '53 earned a master's degree and sixth-year certificate in psychology from Southern Connecticut State University; she taught for many years and also was a school psychologist February 17, 2011

Hamden, CT

#### **Dorothy Dowd Flanders '53**

was a school and town librarian August 20, 2010 Hartford, CT

Jane Wolfertz Bohan '56 received a master's degree in human resources development from the University of Bridgeport in 1986 November 19, 2010

Stuart, FL Joan Curello Davis '57

August 17, 2010 Teaneck, NJ

New Haven, CT

Clementina Valentino '57, teacher in the Hamden (CT) public schools for more than 30 years and member of the Third Order of St. Dominic November 20, 2010

Patricia Harter '60 did graduate work at Fordham University and was a clinical social worker at A.C.E.S. (Area Cooperative Educational Services) Village School, North Haven (CT)

January 28, 2011 Norwalk, CT

Patricia Canavan Tine '61 was a retired teacher and active with the local interfaith food pantry January 8, 2011 Wakefield, MA

Arlene Kosack '69, a retired teacher of Spanish March 3, 2010 East Haven, CT

Carole Ann Williams '69, a post-doctoral fellow and assistant research professor at St. Louis University, taught for many years at the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University December 8, 2010 Johnson City, TN

Sally Potter Katz '70 graduated summa cum laude with a double major in German and French February 6, 2011 River Edge, NJ

Gloria Pregano Steffenburg '71 had a career in the theatre and later as a financial advisor October 30, 2010 New Haven, CT

Carole Santaniello Aldrich '75 was a chief steward with the APWU and retired from the United States Postal Service; later she worked for the North Branford (CT) school system and made jewelry to benefit ovarian cancer research

December 15, 2010

North Branford, CT

Nancy Consiglio '76 was a social worker for the State of Connecticut before retiring and moving to Boca Raton, FL, where she lived for 21 years, forming her own company, which provided homecare services to the elderly March 12, 2011 New Haven, CT

Gloria Hannaford '90 worked for SNET (now AT&T), then joined Salomon, Smith Barney as a financial consultant March 24, 2011 Branford, CT

Elizabeth McNeff '94, a dental hygienist in the New Haven (CT) public schools September 9, 2010 New Haven, CT

#### Dorothy Chrostek Far '95,

a customer service representative October 9, 2010 Orange, CT

Teresa M. Gallagher '05 was an executive assistant with P&G Duracell Research and Development and previously with MCI International for more than 20 years January 9, 2011 New Fairfield, CT

Barbara Durland Devlin '01 spent the last 20 years at the Yale Alumni Magazine; she had a lifelong passion for art, particularly working in pastels February 13, 2011 Chester, CT

#### 2000

Eileen Condron, North Haven, CT, received her law degree from Quinnipiac University after graduating from Albertus through New Dimensions. She is employed by the Judicial Branch of the State of Connecticut as the Civil Clerk of the Stamford Superior Court. "I loved Albertus and the staff and faculty. They made achieving my goals so much easier," she says.

#### 2001 10th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Heather Pine Minore, Cape Coral, FL, is a first grade teacher for the Lee County School District and the president of the Delta Kappa Gamma (Epsilon) chapter of the nationally recognized education association. She has been married to David since July 2007.

#### 2002

10th Reunion June 9, 2012

Nancy Bulkeley, Pawcatuck, CT, became chairwoman of the United Way of Southeastern Connecticut's board of directors in January. She received her associate's degree from Albertus.

Anthony Dorsey, Milford, CT, is the human resources manager for "The Economist" in the greater New York City area.

#### 2004

Corina Alvarezdelugo, Branford, CT, a sculptor and mixed media artist, had a busy summer and fall, exhibiting her paintings and sculptures in numerous outdoor and gallery shows.

Marilyn Rosa, East Haven, CT, and her husband, Luis Rosa Sr., who run the Boxing in Faith Gym in New Haven, were featured in February issue of La Voz Hispana. She received her bachelor's degree in management as a student in the New Dimensions program.

#### 2006 5th Reunion June 10 and 11, 2011

Melonie Smith and Daniel Bland '07, Milford, CT, were married in May 2010.

**Sydney Anne Martin,** Wallingford, CT, has two adult sons and five grandchildren—two in Alaska and three

John Mortimer, Ansonia, CT, received an associate's degree at Albertus and a bachelor's degree at Fairfield University, where he is currently pursuing a master's in American studies. He has a daughter.

Brianne O'Donnell, Brooklyn, NY, received an M.S. in journalism from Quinnipiac University in 2007. She is with gabbegroup, a public relations firm in New

James Philipakos, Danbury, CT, has joined Savings Bank of Danbury as a mortgage consultant

#### 2007

2008

Laura E. Smith, Woodbury, CT, has been accepted to the University of Toronto's Institute of Medical Sciences. A double major in art and biology at Albertus, she is particularly interested in medical illustration.

5th Reunion June 9, 2012

Dena Mentel, Dover, NH, has been accepted into Yale University's physician associate program, which she will start in August.

#### 2010

Annetty Koense is now living in North Carolina. Inspired by her experience tutoring children, she has recently published a book, "Echo: Volume 1."

Lindsay Robbins, Derby, CT, is attending the University of New Haven, working on a master's in teaching. She plans to be a high school English teacher. She also is planning her wedding in July to Patrick Macoy '09.

### Save the Date

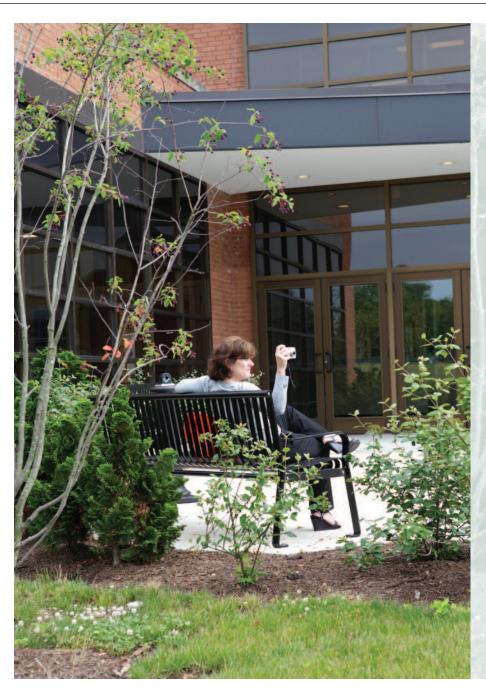
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