

## Eleven Elected to Board of Regents

Eleven new members were elected to the Canisius College Board of Regents this fall. The new members join the existing 28 Regents who serve as an advisory group to Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. and the college's Board of Trustees. Board of Regents members serve three-year terms.



Kevin M. Carter '86  
Erie County Family Court  
Judge



William J. Frederick '69  
CFO & Senior Agent,  
Principal Finance Group



Paul Michael Hassett '62  
Managing Partner,  
Brown and Kelly LLP



John J. Jenkins '83  
Partner, Calfee, Halter  
and Griswold LLP



Alfred F. Luhr III '68  
Senior Vice President &  
Manager, M&T Bank



Acea M. Mosey-Pawlowski '92  
Attorney and  
Commissioner, Erie  
County Water Authority



Richard A. Neil '64  
President, BBC, LLC



E. Peter Ruddy  
President & CEO,  
WESTNY Building  
Products Corp.



Eileen Crotty  
Sender '78  
CFO, Hodgson Russ LLP



Michael J. Stachowski '70  
Trial Lawyer, General  
Counsel, Town of  
Cheektowaga



Susan M. Zebro  
Community Volunteer

## A New Constitution for NYS

Equipped with plenty of enthusiasm, more than 75 students, from various majors, closed the book this fall on a three-year project that examined, revised and rewrote the New York State Constitution to meet the needs of the 21st century.

Under the direction of **Dr. Peter J. Galie**, professor of political science, students researched all 19 articles of the 50,000-plus word document, heard from more than 25 experts on the Bill of Rights, state finance, the environment, local government, gubernatorial powers, and amending the constitution, and ultimately published their recommendations in *A New Constitution for New York State*.

"This revised constitution, with accompanying legislative intent, demonstrates the effort, thought and imagination students



brought to the project," says Galie. "The final document removes the obsolete material better handled by statutes, and has created a streamlined and more coherent document."

Among the most significant recommendations made by the Constitutional Reform Commission: the creation of a revised budget process and timetable that abolishes late budgets; a reform of the debt limitation provisions that closes loopholes, curbs backdoor financing and

improves the state's low credit rating; the adoption of a state-wide consolidated court system in which the selection of judges is recommended by a nominating panel, approved by the senate and appointed by the governor; and a provision that guarantees the right to a sound and basic education for all students.

*A New Constitution for New York State* was made possible through a generous grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation.

## Chapter & Verse

The college's widely popular Contemporary Writers Series returns to campus this spring with two nationally recognized fiction authors. **Viken Berberian** and **Lucille Clifton** will each read from their works and host informal discussions with the audience.

Under the direction of Dr. Mick Cochrane, professor of English, the Contemporary Writers Series is made possible through a grant from the John R. Oishei Foundation, which recently renewed its support of the college's Oishei Professors Program (see *Canisius College Magazine*, summer 2002).

All events are free and open to the public.

Read more about the authors at [www.canisius.edu/writers](http://www.canisius.edu/writers).



**Viken Berberian**  
February 6  
Montante Cultural  
Center, 8:00 p.m.



**Lucille Clifton**  
March 27  
Montante Cultural  
Center, 8:00 p.m.

## Canisius to Offer Degrees to War-Year Students Who Left Early

If the graduating seniors at next May's commencement exercises appear to be a bit older than usual, there's good reason. Several former students from the 1940s and 1950s are expected to appear on stage to receive their diplomas at long last.

Canisius has announced that it will award formal degrees from the college to former students who attended Canisius for at least three years and left to attend professional schools. The program has been arranged through the college's Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs in consultation with the State Education Department.

"Over the years, we have heard from former Canisius College students whose education at the college was interrupted before they received their

diploma," said John J. Hurley, vice president for college relations



and general counsel. "This occurred throughout the war years in the 1940s and into the 1950s. Many of these former students had their educational careers temporarily halted by military service after which they pursued early admission to graduate and professional

schools. The good news is that we are now able to resolve this diploma issue in many of these situations."

Former students may be eligible to receive a degree from Canisius if they completed at least three years



at the college, did not receive an undergraduate degree from any other institution and can provide the college with a copy of their professional school transcript and diploma. Canisius will

reconcile the professional school transcript with the Canisius transcript and confirm that the Canisius degree can be awarded. Once confirmed the "graduate" will be invited to the commencement exercises scheduled for Saturday, May 17, 2002.

Letters have been sent to those former students who appear, from the college's records, to be eligible. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2003. If you have not received a letter and believe that you may be eligible or if you know of someone who may be eligible, you can obtain further information from John Hurley at [hurleyj@canisius.edu](mailto:hurleyj@canisius.edu) or Pat Greenwald at [greenwal@canisius.edu](mailto:greenwal@canisius.edu) or by calling Sally Guerin at 716-888-2777.

## Buffalo Business Execs Awarded for Achievement

The 34th annual Canisius College Business Awards Dinner, held October 15, recognized two Buffalo business executives for outstanding career achievement.

The Richard J. Wehle School of Business named **Randall L. Clark** *Business Executive of the Year*. The chairman of Dunn Tire Corp. is a veteran in the tire industry. His career began in 1968 at B.F. Goodrich. Clark later moved to Dunlop, where he became president and CEO of the tire division before Dunn Tire



Randall L. Clark

recruited him to lead the buy-out of the company and elected him chair of the company.

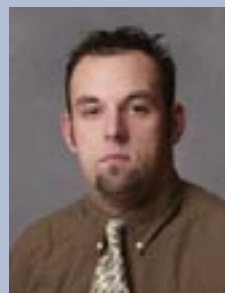


Maureen E. D'Orazio '87, MBA '90

The School of Business also recognized **Maureen E. D'Orazio '87, MBA '90**, vice president and manager of financial reporting at HSBC Bank. D'Orazio received the

*Dr. Bernard L. Martin Award*, presented annually to a distinguished graduate of the college's MBA program. A member of the Canisius College Council on Accountancy and the DiGamma Honor Society, D'Orazio is past president, treasurer and secretary of the MBA Alumni Association Board of Directors. In 2000, her dedication and service to the School of Business and its Alumni Association earned her the prestigious *Rev. Thomas E. Fleming, S.J., Distinguished Service Award*. One year later, D'Orazio was bestowed *emeritus* status for her 10 years of service to the board.

### Golden Griffins Lose Teammate and Friend



A car accident in Maine claimed the life of a Canisius College student-athlete in August. **Timothy J. Smith**, a member of the pitching staff for the Golden Griffin baseball team, was a fifth-year senior, set to graduate this May.

A native of New Jersey, Smith made 39 appearances as pitcher throughout his four seasons with the Griffs. As a senior out of Bridgewater High School, he was named All-Somerset Second Team by the *Newark Star-Ledger*.

Smith, who would have turned 22 in September, was the son of Jeff and Joan Smith. At the request of the family, donations may be made to the **Tim Smith Baseball Scholarship** at: Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Lyons Hall 206, Buffalo, NY 14208.