

Board of Regents Elects Six

The Canisius College Board of Regents welcomed six new members to three-year terms this fall. The new members join the existing 34 regents, who serve as an advisory group to Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. and the college's Board of Trustees. The new Canisius College Board of Regents members are:



Elizabeth P. Barlog '78, MD
Partner, Anesthesiologist,
Parkside Medical
Anesthesia Association



Moira S. Dooley
Assistant General Agent,
MassMutual Life
Insurance Co.



Luke T. Jacobs
Partner,
Ballynoe Inc.



Robert T. Scott '75, AFSC
Principal,
St. Joseph's Collegiate
Institute



Richard A. Stenhouse
Pastor,
Bethel African Methodist
Episcopal Church



Nora B. Sullivan
Director,
Citigroup Private Bank

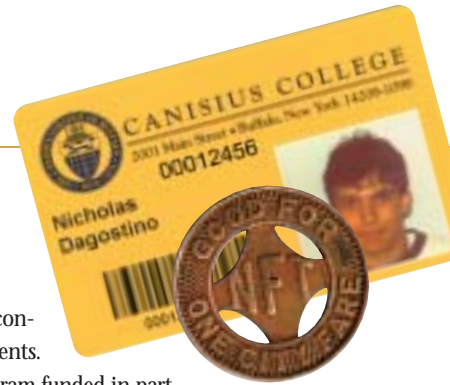
Free Ride for Canisius Students

Canisius College has partnered with the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) to provide safe, reliable and convenient transportation for the college's 3100 undergraduate students. The Metro-Canisius College Transit Pass Program is a pilot program funded in part by Canisius College with additional funding secured by the NFTA from the Federal Transit Administration, New York State and the New York State Department of Transportation. **The students can use their student ID cards as proof of fare** on the Metro Bus and Rail System.

"We believe this is a win-win program because it provides our students with the opportunity to access all that our region has to offer, while supporting our transit system," said Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Ellen O. Conley at the September news conference announcing the partnership.

Lawrence Meckler, executive director of the NFTA, added, "The NFTA lauds Canisius College for exhibiting the leadership necessary to provide its students with a viable means of transit accessibility."

The Metro-Canisius Transit Pass Program runs through May 31, 2003. Student usage will be monitored by the NFTA and the college to determine if the program will continue in subsequent years. ■



Accounting Program Receives High Scores on National and State CPA Exam Rankings

The numbers tell the story for the Canisius College Accounting Program, which earned high marks on national and state rankings recently released by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountant (AICPA) and National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA).

In New York State, Canisius accounting students with **bachelor's degrees** had the highest passing rate on the auditing portion of the exam; the second highest passing rate on the financial accounting & reporting – business enterprises section; and the fourth highest passing rate in the state on the accounting & reporting –other areas portion. Canisius students had the second highest overall pass rate in New York State on all four parts of the exam.

Canisius accounting graduates holding **advanced degrees** had the third highest passing rate in the

nation on the business law & professional responsibilities (LPR) portion of the exam. They also had the fifth highest passing rate in the nation on the audit portion.

The rankings are based on graduate and undergraduate first-time takers of the November 2002 Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Exam and report the performance by school on all four parts of the exam.

"These recognitions further emphasize the continued high quality of an accounting education at Canisius," said Dr. Ian J. Redpath, chair of the Accounting Department, who adds that Canisius graduates Mary Packman '02 and Mark Zogaria '02 received the highest and second highest scores (respectively) on the November 2002 CPA exam, as previously announced in *Canisius College Magazine*. ■



Hola España y Portugal!

Explore the stunning culture of Spain and Portugal this summer when Dr. Richard J. Thompson, professor *emeritus* of English, hosts his 28th annual overseas excursion. Canisius alumni, family and friends are invited to tour the European countryside during a 15-day tour, which travels from Barcelona to Pamplona, Bilbao to Loyola, Madrid to Andalusia before concluding in Sintra and Lisbon.

The Spanish excursion leaves July 9, 2004. The group is limited to 25 people so reserve your seat today by calling Thompson at (716) 836-5606. ■



Social Activist and Educator to Speak at MLK Celebration



Conlon Chosen to Advance Enrollment Management

Admissions, financial aid and enrollment planning are under new leadership at Canisius with the appointment of Jill Conlon as the college's new associate vice president for enrollment management. Conlon has more than 20 years of experience in the enrollment management field and will play a key role in advancing the college's recruitment efforts so as to enhance academic quality and establish a more geographically diverse student body. She is also responsible for institutional marketing.

Prior to Canisius, Conlon worked as a consultant for Noel-Levitz, a leading national enrollment management consulting firm. She also served as director of admissions and an admissions counselor for SUNY at Geneseo.

Conlon holds a BBA in marketing from St. Bonaventure University, and a master's degree in career and human resource management from Rochester Institute of Technology. She replaces former dean of enrollment management Anthony J. Bellia, who is serving as special assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, until his retirement in May 2004. ■



The college's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be highlighted by an evening lecture from Dr. Calvin O. Butts III. President of SUNY College at Old Westbury and Pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York City, Butts has a long history of social activism aimed at uplifting the moral and ethical standards of the human community.

He is considered a leader in the fight against police brutality in New York City and has spearheaded boycotts against New York institutions for, what he calls, racist policies and employment discrimination against African American people. Butts also organized a successful campaign to eliminate negative billboard advertising in several New York City communities and was at the vanguard of the issue of negative rap lyrics, specifically targeted to women and violence.

Butts will speak on **February 3, 2004 at 8:00 p.m.** in the college's **Montante Cultural Center**. Seating is limited. ■

Canisius' Community Partnerships Commended



Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Ellen O. Conley (center), Director of Public Safety Gary M. Everett (left) and Public Safety Officer James A. Murphy (right) accept the Best Practice Award for Community Partnerships, on behalf of Canisius College November 8.

Buffalo and Erie County's United Neighborhoods Community Action Organization gave high accolades to *alma mater* in November, when it recognized the college for outstanding commitment to community building. Canisius was presented with the Best Practice Award for Community Partnerships at the organization's seventh annual Neighborhood Block Club Conference, which is one of the largest community functions in the Buffalo area. ■

Upcoming Events at Canisius

Canisius and the BPO Connection Concert Series presents:

- Informally-Formal Chamber Concert featuring the Ravel String Quartet
February 10, 2004
7:30 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**
- Informally-Formal Chamber Concert featuring the BPO winds and strings
March 30, 2004
7:30 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**
- Canisius Night at Kleinhans
April 23, 2004
7:15 p.m. | **Mary Seaton Room** (Chamber Orchestra)
8:00 p.m. | **Main Music Hall** (Marvin Hamlisch)

The Canisius College Contemporary Writers Series presents:

- Edwidge Danticat – author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory*; *The Farming of the Bones*; *Behind the Mountains*; and *After the Dance*
March 11, 2004
8:00 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**
- Sharon Olds – author of seven books of poetry including *Satan Says*; *The Dead and the Living*; *The Gold Cell*; and *The Unswept Room*
April 1, 2004
8:00 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**

The Canisius College Program in the African American Experience presents:

- James M. Lawson Jr. – organizer of the largest and most successful sit-in during the Civil Rights Movement
February 4, 2004
7:30 p.m. | **Regis Room**
- Melba Patillo Beals – member of the Little Rock Nine who, as a 15-year old student, faced angry mobs as she tried to enter Central High School
March 31, 2004
7:30 p.m. | **Grupp Fireside Lounge**
- Linda Brown Thompson & Cheryl Brown Henderson – plaintiffs in the landmark 1954 school desegregation case of *Brown vs. Board of Education*
April 30, 2004
7:30 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**

Corporal Works of Mercy Lecture Series

- Nan Roman – president of the National Alliance to End Homelessness
Sister Mary Scullion – executive director of Project HOME
January 22, 2004
8:00 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**
- Frank Sharry – executive director of the National Immigration Forum
March 4, 2004
8:00 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**
- Dr. Deborah Richter – past president of Physicians for National Health Care
April 15, 2004
8:00 p.m. | **Montante Cultural Center**

For a complete listing of upcoming events at Canisius, visit www.canisius.edu/newsevents.