

New Minor in Peace & Justice

Religion, social science and the humanities combine to make up a new interdisciplinary minor in peace and justice studies at Canisius College. The minor develops in students the skills, knowledge and perspectives necessary to pursue justice. Required coursework includes topics such as social movements and social change, moral issues today, planning for urban revitalization, Catholic social thought, and international law and human rights. The capstone course for the new minor is an immersion experience, in which students identify a peace and justice issue in the community and develop an action plan to resolve the issue.

The minor in peace and justice studies is offered by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice.

Seven Appointed to Board of Regents

The Canisius College Board of Regents appointed seven new members for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2009. The Board serves as an advisory group to Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, and the Canisius College Board of Trustees. The new Board of Regents members are:



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McCarthy to Return to Classroom

A national search is underway for a new dean for the School of Education and Human Services. **Margaret C. McCarthy, PhD**, announced that she will step down from the position effective June 30, 2010. McCarthy will be on sabbatical during the spring 2010 semester and return to the faculty of the Department of Graduate Education and Leadership in fall 2010. **Shawn M. O'Rourke, PhD**, associate dean of the School of Education and Human Services, will serve as the interim dean of the school as of January 1, 2010.



Margaret C. McCarthy, PhD

"It has truly been my honor and privilege to represent the School of Education and Human Services at the college and in the community," says McCarthy. "The faculty commitment to academic excellence and the Jesuit mission of the college has been inspiring and I look forward to working with them in new and interesting ways."

Under McCarthy's leadership, the school launched four new on-line master's programs, saw the creation of two new institutes, established new partnerships with local schools and earned NCATE accreditation, CAATE reaccreditation and its inaugural CACREP accreditation. Most recently, McCarthy led faculty in the School of Education and Human Services through a new program proposal process that resulted in the recommendation of three doctorate programs. The curricula for these new programs are now being developed.





Canisius Makes “Extreme” Gift on Popular ABC-TV Show

Check your local television listings on Sunday, January 24 when Canisius College will make a national appearance on the popular ABC-TV show “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.” Canisius alumnus **David M. Stapleton ’87**, president of David Homes, was the lead builder for the local project, which designed and constructed an energy-efficient, green home in one week for the Powell family on Massachusetts Avenue in Buffalo. Stapleton invited Canisius to support the project. The college agreed to provide scholarships to Dolores Powell and her four children.

Look for complete coverage of the week-long effort that involved Stapleton and students in the *Canisius Magazine* winter 2010 issue.



Photo (left): Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., poses with the Powell family; David M. Stapleton ’87, president of David Homes; John J. Hurley ’78, executive vice president and vice president for college relations; members of Western New York Americorps; and Petey the Griffin outside the Extreme Makeover home on Massachusetts Avenue.

Photo (above): Dolores Powell gives an emotional embrace to David M. Stapleton ’87 for all his efforts on the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition project.

The Art of Diplomacy

Canisius College was one of only 30 higher education institutions in the United States selected to participate in “Freedom Without Walls,” a collegiate commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Designed to raise awareness of the peaceful revolution in Eastern Central Europe during the second half of 1989, the week-long program at Canisius included a series of lectures, as well as the construction of a 56-foot long and eight-foot high replica of the Berlin Wall (pictured left), in the college’s quadrangle.

As part of the observance, Canisius students created wall art on its panels. The art was symbolic of the social, political and artistic expressions on the original Berlin Wall.

Canisius was selected to participate in Freedom Without Walls by the government of the Federal Republic of Germany. The college’s participation was organized by **Peter Böhm, PhD**, associate professor of modern languages. To learn more about the “Freedom Without Walls” event on campus, visit www.canisius.edu/freedom.

Photo (left): Students erected a replica of the Berlin Wall in the college’s quadrangle to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Cold War icon.



Photo (above): Students from the Undergraduate Student Association, German Club and the Young Republicans all participated in the week-long “Freedom Without Walls” events.

Pictured (inner circle, l-r) are Mariel Volk ’10, Barbara Pinello ’10 and Mark VanKerkhoven ’12; *(outer circle, l-r)* Stephanie Majercik ’10, Yuliya Budna ’10, Jena Heimerl ’10, Dr. Peter Böhm, Michael Marrone ’10, Meghan Gallagher ’10 and Marie Schuster ’11.