

## Battaglia '69 and Costanzo '67 Receive LaSalle Medals



Paul A. Battaglia '69, Esq.

The Canisius College Alumni Association conferred LaSalle Medals on **Paul A. Battaglia '69, Esq.** and **Craig J. Costanzo '67**, during commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 17. The LaSalle Medal is the association's most distinguished award and recognizes substantial contributions in advancing the interests of the college.

Battaglia is a two-time chair of his class reunion committee and has served as past president of the Alumni Association, an advisor to the college's Planned Giving Advisory Committee, a Board of Regents mem-



Craig J. Costanzo '67

ber, and an annual fund volunteer. He provides seminars on tax planning for retiring faculty, and estate planning for older alumni. In 1992, he established the Anthony J. & Mary K. Battaglia Scholarship.

Costanzo is a Board of Trustees member, an *emeritus* Board of Regents member and a dedicated annual fund volunteer, serving both as vice chair and chair of the fund-raising drive. As co-chair of his 35th class reunion committee, Costanzo helped raise \$140,000 for the class gift. In 1996, he established the Craig J. Costanzo '67 Scholarship.

## From the Hill ... LaFalce '61 Named Distinguished Professor and Presented with President's Medal

With his career on Capitol Hill complete, former Congressman **John J. LaFalce '61** is putting his expertise to work at *alma mater* as the new Peter Canisius Distinguished University Professor. The part-time appointment became effective April 1 and continues through June 30, 2004.

As a Distinguished Professor, LaFalce will deliver college-wide lectures and participate in class presentations and discussions, at the invitation of fellow Canisius professors. He also hopes to lead educational trips and develop a public policy forum, involving community discussions on current issues.

"John has a long-standing interest in social ethics and Catholic social doctrine, and Canisius College can provide an appropriate forum for him to pursue that interest with students and the community," said Dr. Herbert J. Nelson, vice president for academic affairs.

LaFalce's wealth of political experience and first-hand government involvement will serve as a unique resource for students of political science and recent history. Additionally, his

involvement with small business and banking make him an extremely valuable asset to students and faculty in the Wehle School of Business, as well as to the local business community.

"I am delighted at the opportunity to return to my *alma mater* to share some of my experiences and perspectives with the Canisius students and faculty, as well as with the entire Western New York community," states LaFalce.

LaFalce recently ended a 28-year career as a member of the United States Congress, where he served as the ranking Democrat on the House Financial Services Committee and before that, as chairman of the House Small Business Committee. During his tenure on the hill, LaFalce held hearings on the international competitiveness of United States industry; authored legislation that reformed the Minority Business Set-Aside Program and the Women's Business Opportunity Act, which gave women equal access to credit; led the effort to enact the modernization of financial services laws, with special concern to protecting consumer rights; and sounded the first congressional call



John J. LaFalce '61

for reform of auditing securities and corporate government practices, long before the Enron scandal. Early in his career, LaFalce helped draft the Chrysler and New York City loan-guarantee legislation, as well as the Super-Fund Law, in response to the Love Canal crisis.

Canisius College recognized the Congressman's many achievements in May when President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., presented LaFalce with The President's Medal. Conferred periodically, The President's Medal bears the Latin phrase "*Pro Deo et Patria*" (for God and country) and recognizes those who have distinguished themselves in public life through service to God and the community. LaFalce is only the 18th person to receive The President's Medal from Canisius College.



A fine time was had by all, even the youngest Griffs, when the Buffalo Sabres took on the Washington Capitals at the Capital District Alumni Night on February 26, 2003.

Pictured (l-r): Dave Yormick '91, his son, Cerri and his wife, Kimmie.



The Canisius College Alumni Association cordially invites you to Alumni Weekend 2003! The annual event, scheduled for June 6-7, has become a Canisius tradition that continues to grow in attendance

each year. Of course all Canisius alumni are invited but a special invitation goes out to the classes of 1958, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93 and '98.

Last year, more than 500 people from across the country returned to *alma mater* for Alumni Weekend. Mark Nowak '92, of New York City, was one of them. "It was definitely worth the trip back," says Nowak, who celebrated his 10-year reunion. "I had a great time at both the Friday and Saturday events, and was able to catch up with a lot of friends whom I had not seen since my fifth reunion."

Alumni Weekend is filled with events for both alumni and their families. The weekend kicks off with the Friday night tent parties, featuring the popular Buffalo band "Boys of Summer." This year's evening event is expected to be even bigger and better as the newly-formed Buffalo Niagara Chapter hosts its first tent party. Saturday afternoon serves up a family picnic along with tours of campus. Alumni Weekend concludes Saturday night with the alumni Mass in Christ the King Chapel and individual class reunion events.

"The class reunion committees have been working very hard to plan their class events and publicize those events to fellow alumni," says Jeff Parobeck '03, reunion coordinator. "I think we can expect a very

successful and fun-filled weekend."

To reserve your place at Alumni Weekend, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-201-4952 or visit [www.canisius.edu/alumni/event\\_registration.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/event_registration.asp). Find out which of your former classmates are also planning to attend Alumni Weekend by visiting [www.canisius.edu/alumni/reunions.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/reunions.asp).

## Alumni Weekend 2004

Believe it or not, the Alumni Relations Office is already planning Alumni Weekend 2004.

Reunion committees for the classes 1954, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99 are being formed and volunteers are needed now! To get involved, contact the Office of Alumni Relations 1-800-201-4952.



## Take a Tour of *Alma Mater*

You might not recognize *alma mater* if you haven't been back to Canisius since graduation! The campus now extends up and down Main Street, from Jewett Parkway to Lafayette Avenue, and exhibits the renovations of several buildings including Old Main, Lyons Hall (the former Mt. Saint Joseph High School) and the Montante Cultural Center (the former St. Vincent DePaul Church).

Of course, you can take a virtual tour of Canisius by visiting [www.canisius.edu/virtual\\_tour/](http://www.canisius.edu/virtual_tour/). But why not come back to campus? Tours are available during Alumni Weekend (June 6-7) or by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-201-4952.

## Strigl '74 Selected "Person of the Year"

In the world of wireless communications, the name **Dennis ("Denny") F. Strigl '74** is as widely-recognized as Verizon's new "Can you hear me now?" ad campaign. No wonder: the Canisius College Board of Trustees member is president and chief executive officer of the nation's largest wireless carrier and most recently was named "Person of the Year," by the industry publication *RCR Wireless News*. Recognized for his "impact on the wireless industry," Strigl has

served as the guiding force behind Verizon, concentrating on business basics, such as great network coverage and the introduction of third-generation services.

Strigl has more than 25 years in the telecommunications industry and launched the nation's first cellular telephone network while president of Ameritech Mobile Communications in 1984. Prior to launching Verizon Wireless in 2000, Strigl was president and CEO of Bell Atlantic.



Dennis F. Strigl '74

## June 2003

### June 6

Alumni Weekend Tent Parties

Buffalo Niagara Chapter Tent Party @ Alumni Weekend

### June 7

Alumni Weekend Picnic, Mass and Class Parties

### June 17

Alumni Past Presidents' Stag Event

### June 19

Alumni Board Year-End Dinner Atlanta Wine Tasting Event

### June 21

History Majors Reunion

### June 26

NYC Young Alumni Networking Night

### June 28

Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter Outing at PNC Park (Pirates vs. Rockies)

## July 2003

### July 14

Little Three Golf Tournament

### July 25

Syracuse Alumni Chapter Freshman Send-Off Picnic

### July 26

Albany Alumni Day at the Races in Saratoga

## August 2003

### August 17

Chicago Alumni Chapter Outing at Wrigley Field (Cubs vs. Dodgers)

### August 20

Alumni Past Presidents' Dinner

## September 2003

### September 27

Alumni Niagara-on-the-Lake Outing - Lunch at the Prince of Wales and viewing of "The Widowers' Houses"

For more details, visit [www.canisius.edu/alumni](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni) and click on "Calendar of Events."

## Canisius Students and Faculty Recognized for Distinction



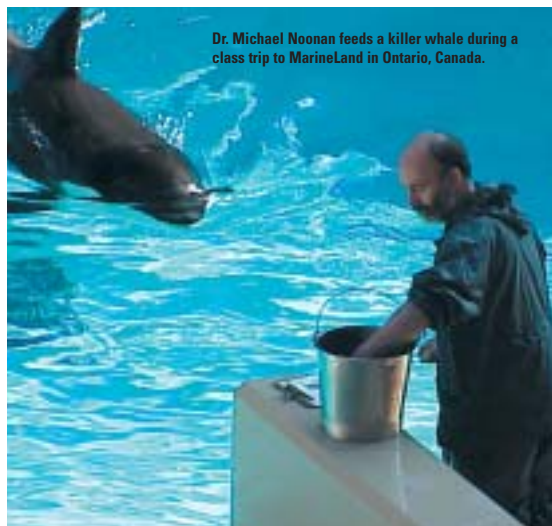
Christopher Luthi '03

Spring Honors Convocation on April 24 saw the presentation of three Distinguished Senior Awards. The college's Alumni Association conferred the awards upon **Christopher Luthi '03**, **Kathleen McCarthy '03** and **Kathleen Riley '03**, each of whom were recognized for distinguishing themselves through academic excellence and leadership roles at the college.

The Alumni Association also presented **Dr. Michael Noonan**, professor of psychology/biology, with the 2003 Kenneth L. Koessler Distinguished Faculty Award for his contributions to the academic world of teaching. As director of the college's animal behavior and zoo biology programs, Noonan is regarded as an outstanding teacher and mentor, who provides students with intellectually stimulating class discussions and academically rich out-of-class experiences.



Kathleen McCarthy '03



Dr. Michael Noonan feeds a killer whale during a class trip to MarineLand in Ontario, Canada.



Kathleen Riley '03

## Reminisce with Resident Assistant Alumni

Remember what it was like serving as a resident assistant: the comforting conversations with homesick freshmen; the late-night knock from frenzied students; and the friendships that were made with fellow RAs?

Well now, the Residence Life and Alumni Relations offices want to help you rekindle some of those long-lost friendships. Visit the new Web page exclusively for RA Alumni at [www.canisius.edu/reslife/ra\\_alumni.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/reslife/ra_alumni.asp). Here you will find a list of Canisius RA alumni and a direct link to the alumni directory.

## History Majors — Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, June 21 is the date for the second annual Canisius College History Alumni Reunion. Hosted by the History Department and the Office of Alumni Relations, the reunion will include a 6:00 p.m. campus tour, followed by a reception in the Grupp Fireside Lounge. All history majors are invited to attend. To make reservations, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-201-4952 or register on-line at [www.canisius.edu/alumni/event\\_registration.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/event_registration.asp).

## Ft. Lauderdale Alumni Reception

More than 90 alumni and friends gathered on March 1 at the Canisius event at St. Sebastian's in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



(l-r): Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J. and Jack Evans '47.



(l-r): Joe Casacci '81, Kris Zapaniuk and John Zvijac '82, MD.

# seeking nominations

The Canisius College Alumni Association Board of Directors is seeking nominations for its 2003 **Distinguished Alumni Awards**. If you know alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers, visit [http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni\\_awards.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni_awards.asp) to complete a nomination form.

The Alumni Association Board is also seeking nominations for at-large directors and officer positions for **second vice president, secretary and treasurer**. To submit a nomination or for more information visit [www.canisius.edu/alumni/board.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/board.asp).

**The deadline for all nominations is June 5, 2003.**

babygriffs



think your baby ought to be in pictures? Send us a photo of your newborn with his/her name and date of birth. Each issue, we will draw from the entries. If your child's picture is chosen, he/she could be featured as the next "Baby Griff." SEND ALL PHOTOS TO: *Canisius College Magazine Baby Pictures*; 2001 Main Street, Lyons Hall 209; Buffalo, NY 14208. Photos will be returned if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

this month's featured Baby Griff...



Jameson Christopher Hoffman

(held by big sister Cassidy)

Born — January 27, 2003

Parents — Jennifer (Findlay) Hoffman '94 and Christopher Hoffman '94

**Michael J. Ball '95** and his wife, Jennifer, a daughter, **Morgan Paige**, born December 2, 2002

**Kelly (Erickson) Bell '87** and her husband **Douglas R. '88**, a daughter, **Sophia Maeli**, adopted January 14, 2003

**Anthony J. Bellia Jr. '91** and his wife, Tricia, a daughter, **Katherine Anna**, born November 26, 2002

**Kelly M. (Rabb) Brodnicki '99** and her husband, Mark, a daughter, **Delaney Ray**, born May 28, 2002

**Lynn M. (Ackerson) Capone '93** and her husband, Anthony, a daughter, **Katherine Grace**, born September 22, 2002

**Anthony A. Cassiol '88, MBA '90** and his wife, Kalinda, a daughter, **Sophia Antoinette**, born June 8, 2002

**Lori J. (Noreika) Chilcott '95** and her husband, **Eric P. '95**, a daughter, **Victoria Elizabeth**, born December 25, 2001

**Michele C. (Dineen) Daniels '90** and her husband, Norman, a son, **Evan Connor**, born December 8, 2002

**Karen (Kukoda) Danley '91** and her husband, Chris, a son, **Brendan Christopher**, born March 7, 2003

**Mary Kate Dempsey-Newell '86** and her husband, David, a daughter, **Hope Kelly**, born June 26, 2002

**Kevin E. Fisher '91** and his wife, Isabelle, a daughter, **Eloise Dorothy**, born September 4, 2002

**Linda (Friedrich) Geldres '90** and her husband, Max, a daughter, **Gabriella Nicole**, born July 21, 2002

**Kristine M. (Safee) George '82** and her husband, Robert, a son, **William Joseph**, adopted November 2002

**Laurie Anne E. (Enright) Gullo '91, MA '93** and her husband, **Joseph B. '91**, a son, **Dominic Joseph**, born December 2, 2002

**Kim Marie Romani-Hedges '92** and her husband Chris, a son, **Evan Parker**, born August 3, 2002

**Michelle A. (Murray) Intihar '92** and her husband, **Brian C. '92**, a son, **Riley Joseph**, born October 6, 2002

**Jennifer L. Johnson-Smith '91** and her husband, David, a son, **Eric Thomas**, born January 7, 2002

**Nicole (Wilson) Juzdowski '97** and her husband, Phil, a daughter, **Alexa Halle**, born October 20, 2002

**Annette T. (Keicher) Mueller '88** and her husband, Paul, a son, **Nathaniel Paul**, born October 4, 2002

**Marisa (Marchionda) Rizzo '89** and her husband, **Salvatore '89**, a son, **Joseph George**, born September 20, 2002

**Michael G. Robertson '90** and his wife, Shannon, a daughter, **Madigan Josephine**, born October 28, 2002

**Christine M. (Pawlowski) Tudor '89, MS '91** and her husband, **Eric '90**, a daughter, **Hannah Elizabeth**, born September 18, 2002

**Donald M. Winkle '82** and his wife, Susan, a daughter, **Teal Lynn**, born June 28, 2002

**Robert W. Zuchlewski '92** and his wife, Beverly, a daughter, **Kathryn Grace**, born October 12, 2002



weddings

\* INDICATES MARRIED AT CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL

**Kate M. Bechtel '02** and **Christopher J. Kane '01** on October 5, 2002

**Julianne Bitterman '94** and Joseph Urban on November 9, 2002

\***Timothy Burke '98** and Jennifer Downey on March 15, 2003

**Amy M. Courtwright '94** and William Wisilosky on November 30, 2002

**Robert I. Haley '00, MA '01** and Amy L. Failing on July 12, 2002

**Ray F. Harland '87** and Susan M. Hooper on September 21, 2002

**Candace Y. Herbert '90** and Christopher D. Wright on June 8, 2002

**Mary E. Sands '94** and Norman Klawender on October 26, 2002

**Christopher Sasse '93** and Michele DiCola on September 22, 2002

**John A. Terranova Jr. '99** and Martha E. Weaver on July 6, 2002

**Gina M. Verbocy '00** and **Salvatore G. Curella '97** on October 4, 2002

**Michael J. Viksjo '99** and Maureen A. Grossi on February 16, 2003

**Jamieson P. Zimmer '98** and Dawn Domick on October 5, 2002



in memoriam

**William E. Tuttle '36** died February 5, 2003

**James J. Collins Jr. '39** died February 5, 2003

**John J. Tronolone '39** died January 12, 2003

**Robert J. White '39** died December 5, 2002

**Robert J. Ortner '42** died December 18, 2002

**Edmund S. Wardynski '44** died January 7, 2003

**James R. Spengler Sr. '45** died January 23, 2003

**Kathryn M. Sheehan '48** died January 30, 2003

**Vincent J. Shanahan '49** died December 28, 2002

**Robert G. Schuster '50** died December 22, 2002

**Edgar R. Stanford '50, DDS** died January 16, 2003

**James E. Gillen Jr. '51** died February 9, 2003

**Stanley E. Mazurkiewicz '52** died December 29, 2002

**Joseph N. Ward '52** died February 2, 2003

**Stanley V. Jezierski '53** died December 13, 2002

**Robert E. McGuinness '53** died January 7, 2003

**Roger F. Milan '54** died December 9, 2002

**J. Francis Drea '55** died January 15, 2003

**Peter C. Facos '55** died January 8, 2003

**Ernest M. Macy '58** died December 2, 2002

**Whitney E. Derby '62** died February 7, 2003

**George F. Wilson '62** died January 10, 2003

**William J. Honer '65** died November 27, 2002

**Mary G. McGillicuddy '66** died February 27, 2003

**William B. Harkins '67** died January 6, 2003

**Ingo Koch '67** died February 22, 2003

**Elizabeth D. Cooper '69** died November 24, 2002

**Gaylord T. Cummings '71** died January 18, 2003

**Marie T. Erickson '71** died January 28, 2003

**Thomas F. Wilde '73** died November 19, 2002

**James R. Buchanan '76** died December 28, 2002

**William G. Bilton '77, PhD** died November 5, 2002

**Michael J. Lee '80** died January 6, 2003

**Georgia M. Werts '81** died December 9, 2002

## class notes

### 1950s

'50 **BA Robert J. Kresse**, counsel to Hiscock Barclay LLP, is secretary of the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Board of Directors.

'54 **BA Richard F. Griffin**, partner at Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, serves on the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy Board of Directors.

'55 **BA Anthony J. Colucci Jr.**, senior counsel at Block Colucci Notaro & Laing PC, is serving a second five-year term as director of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo.

'55 **BA Joseph F. Crangle**, counsel to the law firm Colucci & Gallaher P.C., is chairman of the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo Board of Directors.

'55 **BS George S. Parlato, MD**, presented a paper to the American Institute of Medical Education on Occupational Psychiatry and Medicine in Santa Fe, NM.

'56 **BS Deacon Thomas E. Schultz** and his wife, Virginia, are co-directors of the Family Life Department of the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

'56 **BS Leo A. Bradley, CPA**, is a member of the Holy Angels Academy Board of Trustees.

'58 **BS Joseph A. Deck**, president of Deck & Co., received the "Top Commercial Agent" award from RealtyUSA.

### 1960s

'60 **BA, MS '65 Basil J. Piazza**, mayor of Williamsville, is secretary of the Energy Cooperative of New York Inc. Board of Directors.

'61 **BS Frederick G. Attea**, partner at Phillips Lytle Hitchcock Blaine & Huber, is serving a three-year term on the Artpark & Company Board of Directors.

'63 **BA Ronald J. Huefner, PhD**, professor of accounting at the University of Buffalo, was featured in a *Business First* article. He holds the title of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

'63 **BA Thomas H. O'Neill**, chairman at Somerset Oil and Gas Co. Inc., and his wife, '02 **NON Nancy Naples**, received the 2003 Citation Award by

the National Conference for Community & Justice.

'64 **BA Frank T. Ralabate**, an attorney, is Western region counsel for Public Abstract Corporation.

'65 **BA Robert B. Conklin** was recognized in the 2003-04 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* for his work in business litigation.

'66 **BA James E. Rolls**, attorney for Rolls Kohn & Associates LLP, is board president for the CEPA Gallery.

'66 **BA Hon. William M. Skretny**, U.S. district judge

'68 **BA Gregory Stamm**, of Stamm, Reynolds & Stamm, is a member of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority's Board of Commissioners.

'69 **BA Richard Panz** retired after 13 years as director of the Rochester Public Library and Monroe County Library Systems.

### 1970s

'70 **BA John Alfieri** is vice president of sales and marketing for Sorrento Lactalis Inc.

## New job? Newly married? New arrival to the family?

If so, then *Canisius College Magazine* wants to hear from you!

Simply E-mail your news and notes to [alumnote@canisius.edu](mailto:alumnote@canisius.edu) and the editors will share your accomplishments in a future issue of *Canisius College Magazine*. (But don't forget to indicate **Alumni Note**, **Alumni Wedding** or **Baby Griff** in the subject field of your E-mail!)

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for the Federal Government, is honorary director for the General Pulaski Association of the Niagara Frontier.

'67 **BA George R. Chernowski**, executive vice president at the Wm. Coppola Insurance Agency Inc., was named to *Business First's* "Who's Who of Insurance."

'68 **BA Dennis J. Dombek**, vice president at JP Morgan Chase, is treasurer of the Mercy Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.

'68 **BA Mary Ann Lauricella** of Lauricella Public Relations Co. is serving a three-year term on the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York Board of Directors.

'68 **MS Robert E. Nessler, CME**, manager at Marketing & Advertising Services Center, received the first lifetime Certified Marketing Executive designation.

'68 **Richard C. Penfold**, retired CEO of South Park Enterprises, is a member of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Board of Directors. He and his wife, Karen, served as co-chairs for the Kenmore Mercy Foundation International Cuisine & Fine Wine Experience fundraiser.

'70 **BS, MBA '74 David M. Naples** is a commercial lines manager at United Insurance Agency Inc.

'70 **BS, MSED '96 James Sahlem**, principal law librarian at the New York Supreme Court Library at Buffalo, is treasurer for the Western New York Library Resources Council.

'71 **BS Kurt Bingeman**, president and owner of Russell Bond & Co. Inc., was named to *Business First's* "Who's Who of Insurance."

'71 **BS Thomas H. VanNortwick**, assistant commissioner and regional director of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal, is an officer of Leadership Buffalo and president of the Canisius College Alumni Association.

'72 **BA James T. Kelley**, senior hockey writer for FoxSports.com and former columnist for *The Buffalo News*, was named to the hockey news list of the "100 People of Power and Influence in Hockey."

'72 **BA Philip H. McIntyre**, partner in the law firm of Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugel Attorneys, was featured in a recent edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'72 **BA William P. McMahon**, senior vice president at Maryland General Hospital, is a member of the Council of Regents, the legislative body of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE).

'72 **MS Patricia L. (Urbanski) Pitts**, of Cannon Design, is chair of the Holy Angles Academy Board of Trustees.

'73 **BA Michael M. Emminger** is regional director of counsel for New York State for the Hartford Insurance Company. He will be based in Albany, NY.

'75 **MBA Frank J. Pecoraro**, broker-owner of Metro Real Estate Place, is president of the WNY Metro Association of Realtors.

'75 **BA Mary Grace Trimboli**, judge of Toledo Municipal Court, is president of the Association of Municipal/County Judges of Ohio Inc. in Columbus, OH.

'76 **MSED Carol (Glodzik) Mohrman** retired from School #51, in Buffalo, where she taught for 21 years.

'77 **MS Gayle L. Eagan**, attorney at Jackle Fleischmann and Mugel Attorneys, was listed in the latest edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'77 **BS David J. Reedy**, an insurance and pension specialist at Beck, Reedy & Associates, was named to the 2002 Million Dollar Roundtable.

'77 **BS Denise N. (Darden) Wooten**, a professor in the Business Administration Department at Erie Community College North campus, received the 2002 State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

'78 **BS Michael L. Anastasia Jr.**, assistant managing director at the MONY Group, was named to the 2002 Million Dollar Roundtable.

'78 **BA Diane M. Cairone-Cortese** and her husband, **Domenic Cortese '78 BA**, president of Cortese Brothers Construction Co. Inc., received the Citizens of the Year award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce.

'78 **BA Damian C. Courtin**, a sales representative at US Foodservice, received a certificate of achievement for successfully completing a seminar for sales professionals by Spartan Chemical Co.

'79 **BA Paul J. Cienki** is vice president of finance and information services for Smith's Aerospace Actuation Systems in Whippany, NJ. He also serves on the National Board of Trustees of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

'79 **MBA Robert J. Klein**, of Delta Sonic Car Wash Systems Inc., is vice president for professional education for the Buffalo Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

'79 **BA, MBA '88 Paul A. Saccomando** is director of personal lines underwriting for Merchants Insurance Group.

# class notes



Students and alumni got a jump on spring at the "Everybunny Loves Easter" celebration on April 6, sponsored by the Office of Residence Life. Pictured above (l-r): Michael Kane '92, PhD, daughter Erin, wife Amy '92, '94 MA and daughter Megan.

## 1980s

'80 BS **Timothy Burley**, partner at Ernst & Young LLP, transferred to the firm's New York office to lead the Metro New York Area State and Local Tax Practice.

'80 MBA **Marsha S. Henderson**, president of Keybank WNY, received the 2002 Executive of the Year award for sales and marketing in Western New York, from the Buffalo/Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives. She also received the Service to Mankind award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

'80 MBA **Wayne Mertz**, president of Goergen-Mackwirth Co. Inc, is a member of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Board of Directors.

'80 BA **Mary L. Slisz**, a partner in Lotempio & Brown PC, is serving a three-year term on the Holy Angels Academy Board of Trustees.

'80 BS, MBA '87 **Anthony B. Spada**, vice president and chief financial officer of AAA of Western and Central New York, is treasurer of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce.

'81 BA **Mark K. Barone, DDS**, is secretary for the Eighth District Dental Society of Western New York.

'81 BS **Thomas Droz** is a corporate officer and assistant vice president in charge of marketing for Hill, Rogal and Hamilton of Upstate New York.

'81 BA **Anne E. (Salamone) Duggan**, marketing and leasing manager for Ciminelli Development Co. Inc., is director of Leadership Buffalo.

'81 BA **Kevin R. Karwarth** is head of marketing excellence for AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals PLC in London, England.

'81 BS, MBA '89 **Richard W. Spears**, senior vice president and media director for Crowley Webb and Associates, is a trustee for the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy.

'81 MBA **Peter T. VomScheidt** is manager of the Electrical Engineering Department at Wendel Duchscherer Architects & Engineers PC.

'81 BS **Michael A. Welch** is assistant vice president-small business lender and team leader at First Niagara Bank.

'82 BA **John T. Kolaga**, partner with Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugal LLP, is a member of the Leadership Buffalo Class of 2003.

'82 BS **Thomas C. Lillis**, of JP Morgan Chase, received the Supporting Trustee Award from the WNY Finger Lakes Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

'82 BA **Charles Notaro** is on the equity management level at Block Colucci Notaro & Laing PC.

'82 BS **Ronald M. Olejniczak** is vice president and controller of Aetna in Hartford, CT.

'82 BA **Hon. Wallace C. Piotrowski**, an attorney,

received the Chamber Member of the Year award from the West Seneca Chamber of Commerce.

'82 BA **Michael J. Pratt**, of Harold C. Brown & Co., is treasurer of the Holy Angels Academy Board of Trustees.

'83 BS, MBA '94 **James F. Dentinger**, of Ciminelli Development Company, is an *ex-officio* officer for the Leadership Buffalo Board of Directors.

'83 BA **Martin Mahoney, MD**, works in the Department of Cancer Prevention at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and serves on the American Cancer Society's Eastern Division Board of Directors.

'83 MBA **Michael R. Winter**, managing partner for Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, is vice chair for the 2003 Catholic Charities Appeal.

'84 BS **Michael Auricchio**, president of Auricchio Insurance Agency Inc., was named to *Business First's* "Who's Who of Insurance."

'84 MBA **James R. Boldt**, chairman and CEO of CTG, is vice chair of the Child and Family Services Board of Directors.

'84 BS **Michelle R. DeLorm** is the adapted physical education specialist for the Empire Union School District in Modesto, CA.

'84 BS **James R. Deuschle**, vice president of corporate planning & business development at Rich Products, is a vice president on the board of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Western New York chapter.

'84 BA **Timothy D. Kofahl** joined Fairfield Resorts as a marketing communications manager in brand services in Orlando, FL.

'84 BS **Janet M. (Biniszkiewicz) Stanek** is a member of the State University of Buffalo's Board of Directors.

'85 BS **Daniel J. Brawdy** is a senior credit underwriter at Alter Moneta Corporation.

'85 MBA **Theresa A. (Moran) Eaton**, a senior vice president for HSBC Bank, is assistant treasurer on the Child and Family Services Board of Directors.

'85 BS **Michael J. Faso**, vice president of financial operations at Independent Health, is president of the

board for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Western New York chapter. He was also named to *Business First's* "Forty under Forty" list for 2002.

'85 MBA **Karen N. (Schrutt) Feuerstein** is secretary for the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Society for Technical Communications.

'85 BA **Claude P. Imagna Jr.**, solution architect manager at EDS, was named to *Business First's* "Forty under Forty" list for 2002.

'85 BS **Steven J. Longo**, a CPA for Benchmark Management Corporation, is treasurer on the board of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Western New York chapter.

'85 BA **Salvatore P. Losi**, a Buffalo police lieutenant, received the Officer of the Month award by the Buffalo Police Department, for his rescue of small children in a bus accident.

'85 BS **Emmett L. Reilly** is president of the John W. Danforth Company.

'85 MS **Daniel Symoniak** is chairman of the Amherst Chamber of Commerce for 2003.

'86 BS **John R. Ahrens**, of the Ahrens Companies, was named to *Business First's* Million Dollar Roundtable.

'86 MBA **Deborah Barone**, an attorney at Barone & Barone, is a director for the Orchard Park Chamber of Commerce.

'87 BS **Joseph M. Floss**, president of the Floss Agency Inc., is planning board chairman for the Clarence Town Board. He was also named to *Business First's* "Who's Who of Insurance."

'87 BS **Judy (Kelsch) Tallman** joined Marine Buffalo Associates LP as controller.

'87 BA **Jon P. Yormick**, an attorney for Yormick and Associates Co. LPA in Cleveland, OH, is a member of the Ohio Award for Excellence Board of Trustees.

'88 MBA **Deborah A. Dimatteo**, of M&T Bank, is an officer of Leadership Buffalo Class of 2003.

'88 BA **James J. Greco**, an attorney for Colucci and Gallaher PC, is first vice chair on the executive board for "A Taste of Buffalo."

'88 MBA **Paul A. Saccamando** is director of personal lines underwriting

at Merchants Insurance Group.

'89 BS **Thomas P. Cunningham**, an attorney, was a speaker on the topic, "Evolving Trends in Disc Injury Cases: Evaluation and Trial of Serious Injuries Under Insurance Law 5102(d)" at a seminar sponsored by Erie Institute of Law.

'89 MBA **June W. Hoeflich**, senior vice president at HSBC Business Credit, serves on the executive committee for the Erie Community College Foundation.

'89 BA, MBA '98 **Janice M. (Grandoni) Horn** is director of human resources at Rich Products Corporation.

## 1990s

'90 BA **Maria C. Gambacorta**, director of marketing for Lumsden and McCormick LLP, is a member of the Leadership Buffalo Class of 2003.

'90 BS **Michael F. Newman**, vice president for NOCO Energy Corp., is a member of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Board of Directors. He is also first vice president for the Amherst Chamber of Commerce and was named to *Business First's* "Forty under Forty" for 2002.

'90 BS **Albert A. Nigro** is tax advisory group manager for Dopkins and Company.

'90 BS **Eric C. Tudor** is an industrial and commercial real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Commercial Meridian LLC.

'90 BA, MBA '94 **Ann Woloszynski** is a vice president at M&T Bank. She is a retirement services product manager for M&T Investment Group and is certified through the American Society of Pension Actuaries (ASPA) as both a Qualified Pension Administrator and a Qualified 401 (k) Administrator.

'91 MS **Steven A. Achramovitch**, superintendent of the Kenmore/Tonawanda Union Free School District, is a member of the Niagara Frontier Industry Education Council Board of Directors.

'91 BS **Joseph M. Becht** is shareholder/director at Gould and Swanson PC. He is also vice president for

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membership development of the Buffalo Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

'91 BS **Kevin J. Jarnot** is chief technology officer of DebtX, an online exchange focused on the secondary loan trading market in Boston, MA.

'91 BS **Jennifer L. Johnson-Smith** is senior sales representative for TAP Pharmaceuticals.

'91 BS **Michael J. Montante** is vice president/president-elect of the Upstate New York chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

'91 BA **Matthew E. Raiff, PhD**, is a partner at Bates White & Ballentine, a firm of economic consultants in Washington, D.C.

'92 BS **Louis A. DiLeo** is international control analyst for the U.S. Postal Service.

'92 BS, MBA '98 **David O. Faturos, CPA, CIA**, is vice president and corporate controller of Rich Products Corporation.

'92 BA **Teresa Weinreber Mucha** is a partner at the law firm of Webster Szanyi LLP.

'92 BS **Joseph Wolff Jr.** is commercial markets regional manager for Citibank in the Buffalo and Rochester regions.

'92 BS **Robert W. Zuchlewski** joined Frontier Industrial Corporation as chief operating officer.

'93 BA **Todd M. Mittler** is an adjunct professor in the Human Resource Development Graduate Program at Rochester Institute of Technology.

'93 BA **Laura T. Schiller** is a program manager at an independent residence alternative of ARC of Monroe County.

'94 BA, MS '97 **Susan Marie Feneck**, a child psychologist, was selected for the Leadership Buffalo Class 2003.

'94 BA **William J. Ostrander** received the President's Circle Award for the second consecutive year from Entercom Communi-

golf course superintendent at the Berkleigh Country Club in Kutztown, PA. The Berkleigh Country Club hosts the Betsy King Classic for the LPGA every August.

'94 BS **Julianne (Bitterman) Urban** is assistant vice president/financial audit manager for M&T Bank.

'95 BS **George S. Brunecz** is senior accountant for Matrix.

'95 MBA **Mark C. Cieslinski** is senior director of sales for the U.S. Division at the Mentholatum Company Inc.

'95 MBA, MS '00 **Larry M. Cobado** of Verizon was selected as an officer for the Leadership Buffalo Class of 2003.

'95 BA **Darcie A. Falsioni** joined Bond Schoeneck and King as an associate in its statewide Employment Benefits Practice Group.

'95 MBA **Mark M Turner** received his law degree from Ohio State University in 2002. He joined Gallagher, Sharp, Fulton & Norman's Product Liability and Transportation practice groups.

'96 BA **Kristen T. Bojanowski**, of Praxair, serves as an officer for the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. She will head up their HyperChat Newsletter.

'96 BA **Mark G. Fialkiewicz** is senior employee relations consultant at Fleet's Employee Relations Group.

'96 BA **Tracy Glichowski** received the Honorable Service Award from the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority for developing and implementing a senior citizen program for BMHA development residents.

'96 BS **Jeannette S. Kreher** is a field accountant for WRS Infrastructure and Environment Inc. in Bristol, PA.

'97 BS **Brian M. Culligan** is vice president of Auto Place Inc.

'97 BS **Andrew Kiefer** received the Gallantry Award by the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, for his outstanding service.



Pictured (l-r) Shelly Willax, Paul Willax '61, Judy Dinan and Tom Dinan '67 attended the Canisius event at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Resort on March 22, in Naples, FL.

'97 BA **Matthew A. Smith** completed his PhD in neural science at the Center for Neural Science of New York University. He is currently a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition at Carnegie Mellon University.

'98 BS **Robyn Filipink** completed her MD on May 24, 2002 from SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biological Sciences. She received three awards at the honors ceremony just before graduation: the Morris & Sadie Stein Neuroanatomy Award, the Children's Hospital Prize in Pediatrics and the Humanism in Medicine Award. She is now a resident in pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

'98 MSED **Doris J. Gayles**, a primary teacher, was named to the seventh edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

'98 BS **David Grek** is supervising senior accountant in the Accounting and Audit Department at D'Alba & Donovan CPAs P.C.

'99 BS **Christopher J. Brown**, a senior consultant for Computer Task Group, was selected for the Leadership Buffalo Class of 2003.

'99 BS **Brian Laible** is vice president of Sanderson & Company, an investment consulting firm.

'99 MBA **Susan M. Swarts** is vice president of

operations at The Jacobs Team, where she assists private businesses with ownership and economic issues.

'99 BA **Kevin F. Yost**, is a member of the 2003 Board of Contributors for the *Democrat and Chronicle* in Rochester, a year-long volunteer columnist and advisory panel to the newspaper's editorial board. He is also co-president of the Henrietta Historical Society.

## 2000s

'00 BS **Danielle M. Caruana** is senior accountant of Lumsden & McCormick LLP.

'00 BA **Cory D. Jamieson** received a BA in natural sciences from Florida School of Natural Sciences. He is now a licensed therapist in Florida.

'01 BS **Paul R. Chaffee**, a high school special education teacher for the Wellsville Central School District, received the New York State Section 5 Coach of the Year Award for CC class schools.

'01 BS **Tina M. Colosimo**, of Lumsden & McCormick LLP, passed all four parts of the CPA exam.

'02 MS **Andrea C. Agnello** is head women's basketball coach at Hilbert College and assistant athletics director.

## Career Center:

### Calling All EDUCATION Alumni

Former education majors who keep educators' credentials on file with the Canisius College Career Center, please take note. Effective **August 1, 2003**, the Career Center will remove and destroy all educators' credentials files that have been inactive for five years or longer.

Inactive credential files contain outdated evidence of professional ability and therefore are not considered effective when trying to secure employment.

Most education alumni have originals of these materials in their files, however those who wish to reclaim their inactive files may contact the Career Center in writing **NO LATER THAN July 1, 2003**. All requests may be sent to the Career Center, Old Main 013, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo NY 14208. For more information, contact the Career Center at 716-888-2475.

'92 BS **David T. Karb** of TOPS Markets LLC. Is a member of the Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

'92 BA **Alisia A. Lukasiewicz**, an attorney at Hurwitz & Fine, spoke at a seminar on "State and Federal Personnel Laws in New York."

cations. This award recognizes top marketing professionals nationwide.

'94 BA, MS '99 **Jennifer Renda** is the direct sales manager for Cricket Communications in the greater Buffalo and Niagara Falls area.

'94 BS **Scott M. Steinfeldt** is the assistant