



President's Perspective

REV. VINCENT M. COOKE, S.J.

A T C A N I S I U S C O L L E G E ,
we claim to be a place "Where leaders are made." We usually mean that we educate our students for lives of accomplishment and service in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition.

We know that our students learn these important lessons in leadership and service in the classroom, in extracurricular activities and on the athletic field. A short time ago, it was made clear to me that our students learn the meaning of service from the more than 800 employees of Canisius College.

At our spring Celebration of Service, we honored employees of the college who have served 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years. We also said goodbye to employees who are retiring from the college. In all, we honored 55 employees whose combined years of service to Canisius numbers 1,409 years! They are a wonderful mosaic of Canisius employees from housekeepers to secretaries to the most senior faculty members. This event is a highlight of the year because we celebrate the contributions of each and every employee who helps make Canisius the great institution that it is.

A few highlights from the ceremony are in order, especially for our alumni who will remember many of the names and faces. The longest serving member of the Canisius staff, E. Joyce Eulner, our director of human resources, retires after 46 years. Many alumni remember Joyce as the secretary to the late Rev. Edward F. Maloney, S.J., the college's academic vice president, in the late '60s and '70s.

Close behind in terms of years of service is Rev. Robert A. Haus, S.J., who retires after serving as a member of the college's Mathematics Department for 45 years. He continues to defy the clock, as he looks as young and vibrant as he did when he earned his first 20-year *Bene Merenti* award in 1979. Also on the list of retirees are Dr. Joseph F. Bieron of the Chemistry Department and former dean of the College of Arts & Sciences (38 years); Anthony J. Bellia, special assistant to the academic vice president and our former dean of enrollment management (34 years); and Penelope H. Lips, our director of admissions (31 years).

Celebrating 40 years of service (and still going strong) are Dr. James C. Lauffenburger of the Physics Department, Dr. Frank P. Riga of the English Department, Dr. Walter G. Sharrow of the History Department and Dr. Stanley L. Vodraska of the Philosophy Department.

We should all be grateful to these marvelous exemplars of humble service to Canisius College and its students and alumni. *Bene Merenti!*

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The Canisius College Learning Community Program educates a new generation of leaders for Buffalo. The Canisius Class of 2004 includes the first 19 graduates of the Learning Community Program.

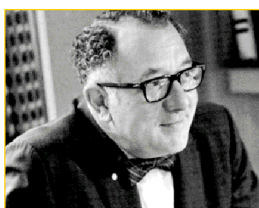
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Cover Story Mapping the Human Genome: One Step Closer to Finding a Cure for Cancer

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Faculty Focus The Legacy of Joseph R. Coppola '40, HON '90, PhD

Canisius remembers the late Dr. Joseph R. Coppola. A member of the college's Accounting Department for 38 years, he is credited for building the foundation of the department and launching the successful careers of some of the top accountants in the field.

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