

Canisius Happenings



WASHINGTON D.C. - NATIONAL PRESS CLUB



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BPO ON CAMPUS



BUFFALO-NIAGARA SKI WEEKEND

WASHINGTON D.C.

The Capital District Regional Chapter hosted two alumni events early in 2006.

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

Nearly 60 alumni and friends attended a cocktail reception at the National Press Club on Thursday, February 2, 2006. Capt. Daniel Thomas Celotto '90 and William T. Hughes '89 reconnected at the event. It was the first time they had seen each other since graduation from Canisius more than 15 years ago.

Pictured (l-r) are: Capt. Daniel Thomas Celotto '90 and William T. Hughes '89.

SABRES GAME

More than 60 attended the party at the Irish Channel Restaurant and Pub before the Sabres played the Capitals in Washington D.C. on March 14, 2006.

Pictured (l-r) are: Mary Jo Slazak '94, Rich Henry '99 and Shannon Ruminski '96.

BPO ON CAMPUS

More than 60 alumni and friends attended the reception before the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performed at the Montante Cultural Center on April 5, 2006.

Pictured (l-r) are: Jacqueline M. Gregoire '91 and Elizabeth A. Gentile MS '95, MS '01

BUFFALO-NIAGARA

Buffalo-Niagara alumni hit the slopes at Holiday Valley Ski Resort for the chapter's third annual ski weekend.

Pictured (l-r) are: Katy L. Salerno '97, Tracey (Long) Marchant '97, Mark J. Manuele '92, Maria Rose Frisina '93, Jennifer S. Farrell '98, Sara M. Abrams '99, Celeste Marie Scarozza '98, MSED '00, Scott M. Wright '98, MS '01, Todd Salansky '00, MBA '04, Courtney R. Williams '00, Nicholas Fiume '01, Stephen J. Tarajos '98.

Canisius Alumni Find Second Home in Florida

Whether you're a snow bird or a year-long resident of South Florida, you are counted among more than 1,200 Canisius alumni and friends who live, work or play in the Sunshine State. You may be far from *alma mater* but rest assured *alma mater* it is not far from you. Each year, loyal Canisians on Florida's East and West coasts host a myriad of events to keep alumni connected.

"It's nice to have a core group of friends from the Buffalo-area with Canisius at the center," says **Joseph R. Casacci**. The 1980 alumnus moved to the Ft. Lauderdale area 25 years ago and regularly attends alumni events on Florida's East Coast. For several years, Casacci organized the college's annual Ft. Lauderdale Mass and reception. (He recently passed the torch to **Thomas F. Stapleton '50** and a committee of eight alumni and friends.)

"Being involved with these events has helped me professionally with my law practice, as well as personally," says Casacci, who also co-founded the popular Demske Memorial Golf Tournament in 1994, with the help of **Peter J. Battaglia '73** and **Thomas P. Enright '69, MBA '74**. Proceeds from the annual event benefit the **Rev. James M. Demske '47, S.J.**, Scholarship Fund.

The Demske Golf Tournament and Ft. Lauderdale Mass and reception are just two of many Florida alumni events that attract large Canisius crowds. For several years, **John, MD** and **Lucille Giardino**, friends of the college, hosted a popular East Coast Canisius reception at Ballen Isles in West Palm Beach. Two years ago, the event moved to Jupiter, FL where **Nelson D. Civello '67** and his wife, **Patti**, host a reception at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club & Spa. The event attracts more than 80 alumni and friends.

On Florida's West Coast, 70 people attend the annual Venice event hosted by Special Counsel to Canisius President **George M. Martin '42, HON '88** and his committee of 15. In Tampa, where most alumni are permanent residents, **Suzanne (Boyer) Gerard '70** and her husband, **Wil**, regularly plan events for alumni and friends in the area. The annual Naples Mass and reception also attracts some 100 Canisius alumni and friends – of all ages.

"The alumni demographics in Florida are interesting," says **Christopher Bopst '95**, who is working to establish a Southeast Florida young alumni group. "There is a large contingent of retired alumni who live here only part of the year. There are also a large number of alumni who have made Florida their permanent home."

No matter what brings alumni and friends to Florida, many find the comfort of home through their Canisius connection. The annual events have become a tradition that enables them to sustain their Canisius bond while nourishing new friendships.





DEMSKE GOFT TOURNAMENT

PLAN AHEAD FOR FLORIDA 2007

The details are still being finalized but if you are thinking about heading to Florida in 2007, you won't want to miss the following:

*Florida East Coast Events:
February 2007*

*Florida West Coast Events
March 2007*

Stay tuned as we finalize the dates.



NAPLES, FL



VENICE, FL

George M. Martin '42, HON '88 and Pamela Jacobs Vogt at the Venice reception on March 23, 2006.

JUPITER, FL

Nelson D. Civello '67 and his wife, Patti, hosted alumni and friends at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Club & Spa on February 23, 2006.

TAMPA, FL

(l-r): Sue (Boyer) Gerard '70, Mary Kay Clark '80 and Kathy Lojaco at an event Sue and her husband, Wil, hosted at their home in Tarpon Springs, outside of Tampa, on March 21, 2006.

DEMSKE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pictured (l-r): Joseph R. Casacci '80, Thomas P. Enright '69, MBA '74 and Peter J. Battaglia '73 at the Demske Memorial Golf Tournament on February 27, 2006.



FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

NAPLES, FL

Norine A. Kirkpatrick, James W. Kirkpatrick '57 and Rev. Michael F. Tunney, S.J., associate professor of fine arts/director of studio arts, attended the Naples Mass and reception on March 25, 2006. Father Tunney celebrated the Mass.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

Matthew J. Becker '81, Susan (Cunningham) Becker '82, Robert L. Becker, Nancy Stapleton and Thomas F. Stapleton '50 at the Ft. Lauderdale Reception on February 25, 2006.



ALUMNI NOTE

Buscaglia '04 Involved in Rescue of Baby Noor

First Lieutenant **Christopher J. Buscaglia '04** was part of the U.S. military unit in Iraq that helped rescue Baby Noor from the notorious Abu Graib sector of Baghdad this past December. Buscaglia and his unit from the Army's 10th Mountain Division discovered three-month old Noor al-Zaharar, during a raid of a house in the poverty-stricken district. The soldiers noticed paralysis in the baby's legs and what appeared to be a tumor on her back.

After learning she suffered from a potentially fatal spina bifida condition, Buscaglia and his platoon made arrangements with the Georgia National Guard for Noor to be transported and treated at Atlanta's Children's Healthcare Hospital. Buscaglia also arranged for Noor's family to secretly leave their home, so they would not face retaliation from neighbors.

Noor had surgery on January 9 to properly reposition her spinal cord and the seven-month old remains in good condition, although doctors believe she will likely remain a parapalegic.

An ROTC scholar, Buscaglia is stationed out of in Fort Drum.

Alumni Association to Confer LaSalle Medal on DiVita '55

The Canisius College Alumni Association will confer its LaSalle Medal on **Richard A. DiVita Sr. '55** at undergraduate commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 20, 2006. The LaSalle Medal is the association's most distinguished award and recognizes substantial contributions in advancing the interests of the college.

Since graduating more than 50 years ago, DiVita has consistently served *alma mater* with distinction. He recently co-chaired his 50th reunion committee, which raised more than \$300,000 for Canisius — the largest reunion gift in the college's history. DiVita has also served on the Canisius College Board of Regents and Board of Trustees, and as chair of the annual fund cabinet.

DiVita is chairman and CEO of DiVita Group of Companies, which includes the Ramada Inn in Amherst, NY, formerly University Inn and Conference Center. He is a member of the DiGamma Honor Society and in 1993, his professional achievements earned him the college's Distinguished Alumni Award.



RICHARD A. DIVITA SR. '55



2006-2007 Call for Nominations

The Canisius College Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the following 2006-2007 awards, inductions and commendations:

2006 Sports Hall of Fame

Honors former outstanding varsity athletes who competed in intercollegiate athletics, and those who have made outstanding contributions to Canisius athletics in a non-playing capacity
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – JULY 28, 2006

2006 DiGamma Honor Society Inductions

Recognizes alumni, faculty and administrators who have distinguished themselves by working for the advancement of the college
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – AUGUST 11, 2006

2006 Distinguished Faculty Award

Recognizes a full-time faculty member for his/her outstanding contributions to the academic world and teaching excellence
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – DECEMBER 1, 2006

2006 Distinguished Senior Awards

Recognizes Canisius seniors who have distinguished themselves through academic excellence and leadership roles at the college
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – DECEMBER 1, 2006

LaSalle Medal

Recognizes outstanding alumni who have made substantial contributions to advance the interests of the college
DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – DECEMBER 1, 2006

For more information on nomination criteria or to nominate an individual, visit www.canisius.edu/alumni.

alumni calendar

MAY 2006

May 20
Undergraduate
Commencement
Class of 1956 50th Reunion
Dinner Dance

May 21
Golden Plus Mass &
Brunch

JUNE 2006

June 2 & 3
Alumni Weekend

June 10
Charlotte Chapter Outing:
Knights vs. Bisons

JULY 2006

July 13
Boston Young Alumni
Boat Cruise

July 17
56th Annual Little Three
Golf Tournament at Lockport
Town & Country Club

July 21
Buffalo/Niagara Chapter
Outing to Dunn Tire Park

For more information or to register for these events, visit www.canisius.edu/alumni.



ALUMNI NOTE

Maday '70, MSED '73 Produces Broadway Musical

Gregg Maday '70, MSED '73 brought one of Anne Rice's most celebrated literary characters to life this spring in the Broadway production of *Lestat*. The musical was produced by Warner Brothers Theatre Ventures Inc., of which Maday is executive vice president, and composed by Sir Elton John with lyrics by Bernie Taupin.

Based on characters and incidents from Anne Rice's best-selling novels *Interview with the Vampire* and *The Vampire Lestat*, the musical tells the story of Lestat, a man who escapes the tyranny of his oppressive family only to have his life taken from him. He must then reconcile his innate sense of good with his primal need to exist.

Lestat opened on Broadway April 25 and is the inaugural production of Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures but not the first major production for Maday, who has also developed shows with Radio City Music Hall, and produced two movie-music events with the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. Maday is also senior vice president for television movies and miniseries at Warner Bros. Television and has supervised more than 1,000 hours of programming in his tenure. Listed among Maday's television movie and miniseries credits are Neil Simon's *Goodbye Girl*, Stephen King's *Salem's Lot* and *The Shining* miniseries.



ALUMNI NOTE

In the Wright Place at the Right Time

Timing was everything for **Mary (Jenkins) Roberts '77**. This community advocate was a volunteer docent at the Frank Lloyd Wright Darwin Martin House Complex when a part-time position opened up for assistant director of finance. With an accounting degree from Canisius and previous banking experience, Roberts thought it an ideal opportunity to combine two great interests. The administrators of the Martin House Complex agreed.

Not long after, another unexpected opportunity arose for Roberts. The Martin House Complex was in the midst of its significant restoration project when the owner's representative, who served as the liaison between the owner and the project developer, left the organization. Like many architectural masterpieces, the Martin House had suffered years of neglect until government funding was made available for its restoration. To keep the long-overdue project on track, Roberts assumed added responsibility. Today, she serves both as director of finance and owner's representative for the Martin House Restoration Corporation (MHRC).

"To see Mary one day in a business suit dealing with finance committees and the next day in a hard hat and mud boots, in the field directing contractors, is the best way to describe her roles at MHRC," explains John C. Courtin, executive director of the Martin House Restoration Corporation. "She's a woman of many talents with a lot of responsibility."

Roberts takes her responsibility seriously but describes it as a labor of love — and an opportunity that presented itself simply by "being in the Wright place at the right time."

babygriffs

Paul J. Clark '98 and his wife, Patricia, a daughter, **Julia Elizabeth**, born October 14, 2005

Maria (Mogavero) Conboy '92 and her husband, Kyle, a daughter, **Acadia Rose**, born March 18, 2005

Kimberly (Bartkowiak) DeTrask '95 and her husband, Eric, a daughter, **Mia Elizabeth**, born September 17, 2005

Kelly M. (Kenline) Duran '02 and her husband, David, a daughter, **Emily Marie**, born January 30, 2006

Bridget (Power) Fitzpatrick '93, MSED '98 and her husband, **Ronald G. '92, MBA '99**, a daughter, **Brenna Colleen**, born March 19, 2005

Mark W. Ford '04 and his wife, Sarah, a son, **Jude Alexander**, born June 9, 2005

Nicole (Vystup) Girardi '96 and her husband, Andrew, a daughter, **Arianna Grace**, born July 8, 2005

Mark Grasser '92 and his wife, Amy, a son, **Logan Brian**, born March 15, 2005

Beth (DePasquale) Gullo '99 and her husband, **Jason '99**, a son, **Matthew John**, born November 14, 2005

Brian N. Lane '89, MSED '92 and his wife, Tina, a daughter, **Julia Madison**, born February 4, 2005

Sheila (Dillon) Melton '99 and her husband, Tony, a son, **Aiden James**, born April 4, 2005

Donna (Davis) Moore '94 and her husband, Timothy J., a son, **Reilly John**, born August 14, 2005

Michelle (Duggan) Oliveri '97 and her husband, James, a son, **Colin Paul**, born December 19, 2005

Jane (Perrello) Orcholski '93 and her husband, Joseph, a daughter, **Ava Rose**, born July 5, 2005

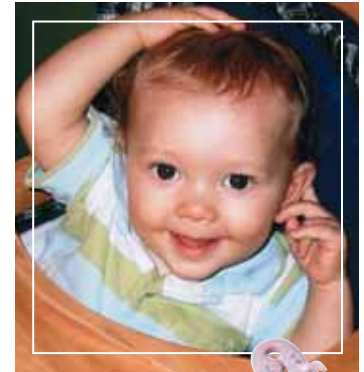
Tara (Lane) Preteroti '91 and her husband, Joseph, a daughter, **Mia Victoria**, born July 4, 2005

David E. Reid '92 and his wife, Karen, a son, **Connor Joseph**, born October 12, 2005

David M. Strzalkowski '97 and his wife, Lori, a daughter, **Alexandra Noelle**, born December 5, 2005

Suzanne (Wishman) Sullivan '99 and her husband, Brett, a son, **Caden Joseph**, born September 29, 2005

Michele VanLandingham '92 and her husband, Kirk Sandberg, a son, **Ethan Atticus**, born October 7, 2005



this issue's featured Baby Griff...



Gavin Patrick Daly

Born on February 11, 2005 to Lisa (Mancuso) Daly '92 and her husband, Jeff.

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 will 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. **ALL Baby Griff photos submitted can be viewed on the college's alumni site at www.canisius.edu/alumni/wedding_births.asp.**

PHOTOS WILL BE RETURNED IF YOU PROVIDE A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE.

Rowe '66, HON. '02 Elected Fellow to American Academy of Arts & Sciences

John W. Rowe '66, HON. '02, MD, has joined the ranks of the nation's most prestigious scholarly society. The American Academy of Arts & Sciences inducted the president and CEO of Aetna Inc. into its 2005 Class of Fellows. Membership is determined through a highly competitive process, and recognizes individuals who have made preeminent contributions to their disciplines and society at large.

A well-distinguished and nationally respected physician, Rowe is considered one of the country's foremost authorities on aging. He is the author of a leading textbook on geriatric medicine and co-author of *Successful Aging*.

A 1989 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Rowe is president and chief executive officer of the nation's largest health insurance company, and credited with reviving the organization's ailing \$26 billion healthcare business. Prior to Aetna, he was president and CEO of the Mount Sinai NYU Health system, which he grew to become the largest integrated health care system in the region. A former professor of medicine at Harvard University, Rowe is also the founding director of the Medical School's Division on Aging.

Other newly-elected fellows to the Class of 2005 are the late William Rehnquist, Supreme Court justice; Steven Squyres, leader of NASA's Rover program; Sidney Poitier, Academy Award-winning actor and director; and Tom Brokaw, television journalist.



Kimberly A. Allen '02 and Shane Gallo on September 17, 2005

Randall R. Boivin '95, DC and Stephanie J. Grilli on October 15, 2005

Jessica J. Burgasser '99 and **Scott R. Hapeman '98** on September 1, 2005

Mary C. Dillon '82 and Daniel R. Olthaus on October 15, 2005

***Laura A. Finucane '01, MS '03** and **Kevin A. Kirchgraber '01** on February 25, 2006

Danielle A. Godin '01 and Alexander Trainer on September 3, 2005

Sara L. Grover '03 and **Robert Cronin '02** on August 13, 2005

***Brandy L. Hahn MSED '05** and David A. Yates on December 3, 2005

Laura T. Lesinski '92 and **David E. Lee MSED '97** on July 23, 2005

Kelly R. Moore '94 and William J. Colbert on October 1, 2005

Michael I. Raven '91 and Ann Crowley on July 23, 2005

Brian C. Smith '87 and Gail Poremba on October 22, 2005

Jessica M. Wilde '05 and Nathan W. Hallick on September 10, 2005

Do you have a wedding photo to share? If so, send an E-mail to alumni@canisius.edu with a photo attachment. We would love to hear from you! Your photo will appear on the college's alumni site at www.canisius.edu/alumni/wedding_births.asp.

* INDICATES MARRIED AT CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL

1940s

'41 Thomas L. Burns, a retired senior executive historian for the federal government, residing in Silver Spring, MD, has researched and authored *The Quest for Cryptologic Centralization and the Establishment of NSA: 1940-1952*. The book is a study of the creation of the National Security Advisory. Originally classified as top secret, the study has been declassified.

'47 BS Milford C. Maloney MD, of Williamsburg, VA, received the Mercy Heritage Award in recognition of his outstanding leadership and service to Mercy Hospital in Buffalo. Throughout his 35-year affiliation with the hospital, Maloney has been a role model and mentor to hundreds of men and women in its residency program. He also served as chair of the Department of Medicine and facilitated the implementation of numerous innovations and practices in internal medicine.

1950s

'52 BS, MS '61 Angelo Prospero, a professor of history at Trident Technical College in Charleston, SC, was selected as a prospective reader for the advanced placement U.S. history examination.

'55 BA Anthony J. Colucci, founding member of Block, Colucci, Notaro & Laing, P.C., together with his wife, **Carmella HON '88**, and their family, received the Family Life Award from the Buffalo Urban League.

'55 BS George S. Parlato, MD, a psychiatrist in private practice, was invited to lecture at the 2006 World Psychiatric Association's Congress in Madrid, Spain. The title of his presentation is *The Psychotherapy of Dr. Faustus: Dealing with the Devil*. He gave this lecture in Santa Fe, NM for the American Institute of Medical Education's *Creativity and Madness* seminar.

1960s

'61 BS Richard W. McCann, who retired from the U.S. Army and now resides in Alexandria, VA, has served as head coach of the United States Albert Schweitzer Basketball Team for more than 30 years, amassing nine championships: one second place finish and three third place finishes.

'62 BA Daniel A. Casciano, PhD, retired from the Food and Drug Administration after more than 32 years as a scientist. He last served as director of the National Center for Toxicological Research in Little Rock, AR.

'63 BS John F. Bernacki Sr., president of JB Associates of Rochester Inc., was named Engineer of the Year by the Society of Plastics Engineers.

'63 BA Robert J. Brandon was promoted to senior vocational rehabilitation

counselor in the Buffalo office of the New York State Education Department of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities.

'63 BA, HON '01 Dale M. Volker, New York State Senator, received the NCCJ's 2006 Brother/Sisterhood Award for his work in government.

'65 BA Robert B. Conklin, general counsel specializing in commercial litigation at the law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP, is listed in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'65 BA Gerard A. Hauser, PhD, professor of communication at the University of Colorado at Boulder, received the National Communication Association's Distinguished Scholar Award.

'65 BA James P. Renda, an attorney in private practice who specializes in matrimonial and family law, is listed in the 2006 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*.

'68 BA Terrence M. Connors, a partner in the law firm of Connors and Vilaro LLP, received the Attorney Professionalism Award from the New York State Bar Association.

'68 BS Robert M. Dobmeier Jr., president of Dobmeier Janitor Supply Inc., was appointed parish chair on the leadership team for the 2006 Catholic Charities Appeal for the Diocese of Buffalo.

'68 BA Alfred F. Luhr III, senior vice president of M&T Bank, was appointed general chairman of the 2006 Catholic Charities Appeal for the Diocese of Buffalo.

'68 BA James E. Sherwood, PhD, dean of university extension at the University of California, Berkeley, is serving as chair of the Council on Extension, Continuing Education and Public Service of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

'69 BS Carmen A. Mannella, PhD, director of the Division of Molecular Medicine at the Wadsworth Center in Albany, NY, was named the eighth Coleman Fellow in Life Sciences at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheeva, Israel. He will visit the university in May 2006 to present a series of lectures on his research into the structure and function of mitochondria.

'69 BA Norman S. Paolini Jr., co-director of St. Luke's Mission of Mercy, received the NCCJ's 2006 Brother/Sisterhood Award for his contributions in community service and volunteerism.

1970s

'70 BS Dennis A. Castiglia, a partner of Lumsden & McCormick Capital Management LLC, received the One Star Eagle Award in recognition of his

achievements in wealth management from 1st Global Capital Corp.

'70 BA Mark Fitzgibbons, former director of the Beaufort County Detention Center in Beaufort, SC, is the new at-large Beaufort County magistrate.

'70 BA Robert W. Hogan, MD, partner in the Southern California Permanente Medical Group in San Diego, CA, is a designer and developer of the Drug Interaction Adviser Program. He subsequently organized the first scholarly clinical software review feature in the U.S. for JAMA (*Journal of the American Medical Association*) and served as the journal's first software adviser.

'71 BS Kurt C. Bingeman, owner and president of Russell Bond & Co. Inc., was recognized by the American Institute for CPCU (Certified Property Casualty Underwriter) and the CPCU Society as qualifying for the Continuing Professional Development Program.

'71 BA Robert A. Kajdan, a manager of alcohol and drug services at Contra Costa Health Services in Martinez, CA, recently was in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, where he provided consultation and training to physicians on the current best practices for treating methamphetamine addiction and cognitive impairment.

'72 BA Barbara M. (Moesch) Harder was elected treasurer of the American Red Cross, Greater Buffalo Chapter, Board of Directors.

'75 BA, MS '80 Max E. Donatelli, executive director of the Parent Network of Western New York, received NCCJ's 2006 Brother/Sisterhood Award for his contributions in the social services.

'76 BS Maureen G. (Lynch) Leland was promoted to senior technical staff member at IBM, where she is chief UI architect of the IBM workplace designer product. She gave a keynote demonstration on the workplace product line at the OSGi Conference in Paris.

'79 BS Garry R. Lubi was promoted to city president in St. Lucie and Indian River counties for SunTrust Bank in Fort Pierce, FL.

'79 BS Jeffrey T. Sonier, political and investigative reporter for WCNC-TV in Charlotte, NC, received a Midsouth Emmy Award for live reporting and the 2006 Emmy for public affairs for his weekly *Spin Cycle* political reports.

1980s

'80 MS Joseph J. Cozzo is the new chief executive officer of the Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center.

'80 BA John E. Laudan is the new systems acquisition specialist in charge of the U.S. Army's property book and unit supply-enhanced system with the Federal Government at Fort Lee, VA.

'80 MS Maureen (Vanderwerf) Peck, a Title I mathematics teacher for the Buffalo Board of Education, was included in the ninth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* and has been nominated for inclusion in the 10th edition.

'82 BA Mary C. Dillon is the new marketing director for the United Way of Central West Virginia.

'82 BS Vincent G. LoTempio is one of the founding partners of the law firm of Kloss, Stenger, Kroll & LoTempio, where he will concentrate his practice in intellectual property law, corporate law, and licensing and royalty agreements.

'82 BS Patrick J. Wiles is the new associate vice president of health sciences for SUNY Erie Community College.

'83 BS James A. Bove is the new national account director at Azerty, a division of United Stationers.

'83 BS, MBA '94 James F. Dentinger is the new president of McGuire Development Company.

'83 MBA Mary S. (Muraca) Martino is the new interim chairman of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

'83 MBA Catherine (Higgins) Pilarz, director of Mattel worldwide product safety for Fisher-Price, is a new member of the ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials) International Board of Directors.

'84 BA, MS '01 Patricia G. Duffy, principal of Catholic Central School, was elected to the West Side Neighborhood Housing Services Board, where she holds the position of treasurer on the executive committee.

'85 BS Brian H. Farrell is the new Northeast regional manager for Weidmuller, a global connections company based in Richmond, VA.

'85 BA Peter G. Kirchgraber is the new director of the Episcopal Refugee and Immigrant Center Alliance in Baltimore, MD, a church-based community resource center that helps refugees and other immigrants adjust to their new lives in the U.S.

'85 BA James D. Lynch is the new manager of marketing for the Metro Bus and Rail Division of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

'85 MBA Mary C. (Smith) St. Mary is the new project manager in product development at Independent Health.

'86 BA Kristin Hellman, a partner and investment advisor representative with Croll Financial Group LLC, in Beverly Hills, CA, served on a panel at the San Marino Gallery in San Marino, CA, which discussed how to collect art as a sound investment medium. She also is a

class notes

New job?

Newly married?

New arrival to the family?

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and the editors will share your accomplishments in a future issue of *Canisius College Magazine*.

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docent at the Getty Museum and one of few chosen to give tours at the controversial opening of the newly renovated Getty Villa in Malibu, CA.

'86 BS, MS '88 Suanne S. Maurer-Starks, EdD, recently received a doctorate degree in health education from Columbia University and is a new assistant professor in the Department of Athletic Training, School of Health Professions at Northeastern University in Boston, MA.

'87 BS Rev. Leon J. Biernat is the new pastor of Our Lady of Pompeii Parish in Lancaster. He also was elected vice president of the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors.

'88 BA John E. Bernacki Jr., an attorney in private practice, was re-elected to the Pittsford Town Board. He also was selected by Rochester, NY business leaders to receive the Forty under 40 Award, recognizing his professional success and civic contributions to the community.

'88 MBA Deborah A. DiMatteo, vice president of business and professional banking at M&T Bank Corporation, was elected president of the Leadership Buffalo Board of Directors.

'88 BA Cherylyn Harley LeBon is the new political appointee at the Department of Veteran's Affairs in the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs in Washington DC.

'89 MBA Frederick M. Krajacic is the new president and chief operating officer of Ciminelli Real Estate Corporation.

'89 BA Craig P. Moritz was promoted to regional sales director for Avaya Inc., a telecommunications company in Lisle, IL.

1990s

'90 MS Tanya Perrin-Johnson is the new community services commissioner for the city of Buffalo.

'90 BA Jeffrey F. Reina was promoted to senior partner at the law firm of Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria LLP. He concentrates in the areas of corporate law and business and commercial litigation.

'90 BA David R. Rice, DDS, a dentist with East Amherst Family Dental, was an honored guest at the dedication ceremony of The Zone, a state-of-the-art therapeutic play and education center for children and their families, located in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

'91 BA Michael I. Raven is the new director of land administration for Rex Energy Company in State College, PA.

'91 BA Kenneth H. Stammen Jr. is the new manager of communications and community relations at Columbia Gas of Ohio in Columbus, OH.

'92 BS Jennifer (Gray) Bojdak was promoted to manager of distribution for Energizer Battery Company in St. Louis, MO.

'92 BA Craig D. Hannah was appointed City Court judge by Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown.

'93 BA James W. Creenan, an attorney with the law firm of Wayman, Irvin, & McAuley LLC in Pittsburgh, PA, was named the 2006 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Allegheny County Bar Association.

'93 BS Karen M. (Spencer) Leone, an assistant vice president with M&T Bank, is the new financial audit manager in the bank's Internal Audit Department.

'93 BA Dexter L. Parker is the new assistant facilities administrator of programs at the Paulding County Regional Youth Detention Center in Dallas, GA.

'93 BA Wende Poremba-Knapp recently received her master's degree in communications from Seton Hall University and is the new head of public relations for Xerox Corporation - Canada in Toronto, Ontario.

'93 BS Amy A (Pelczynski) Samplinski was promoted to senior manager at the certified accounting firm of Freed Maxick and Battaglia.

'94 BA Kathleen M. Sellers was elected partner at the law firm of Hodgson Russ LLP, where she focuses on business-related litigation at both the trial and appellate levels.

'94 BS, MBA '95 Heath J. Szymczak is a new partner in the litigation practice group at the law firm of Jaeckle, Fleishmann and Mugel.

'95 BA Randal R. Boivin, DC, is a new chiropractor with Upstate Chiropractic in Baldwinsville, NY.

'95 MBA Robert E. Rich III is president of ROAR Logistics Inc., the first international intermodal marketing company based in Western New York.

'96 BA, MS '00 Thomas P. Watts, instructional supervisor and principal for Tompkins Seneca Tioga BOCES in Ithaca, NY, was selected as one of the White House Regional Finalists for the 2006-2007 White House Fellowships.

'97 BS, MBA '03 Thomas F. Grzebinski II, an assistant vice president for GMAC Commercial Mortgage, was sworn in and assumed the responsibilities of the First Ward Alderman in the city of Lockport.

'97 BS, MSED '02 Edmund C. Kosiorek is the new assistant principal at Wolcott Street School in the Le Roy Central School District in Le Roy, NY.

'97 BA Jeffrey M. Paterson, APR, is named president of the Buffalo Niagara Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

'97 BS Stan L. Purdie is deputy director for employment and economic development at Action for a Better Community Inc. in Rochester, NY, and was recently named one of Rochester's Emerging African American Leaders by the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*.

'97 BA David M. Strzalkowski is a new software design consultant for Siemens Power Generation in Orlando, FL.

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'00 BS Martin A. Chutney, physical education teacher at Charlotte Catholic High School in Charlotte, NC, is a member of the coaching staff of the high school's football team, which won the state championship for the second year in a row.

'00 BA Sarah A. Dean recently graduated from the University of Akron School of Law, where she received the CALI Future Excellence Award in Patent Prosecution. She is a new associate attorney at the law firm of Sternberg, Newman, Shifrin & Associates Inc. in Akron, OH.

'00 BA, MSED '03 Michael S. Muscarella is the new program supervisor in the Ken-Ton School District.

'00 BS William J. Zachowicz, PhD, is a new post-doctoral fellow at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI.

'01 BS Nicholas Fiume was promoted to manager of assurance services for Deloitte and Touche USA.

'01 BS Carolyn Gullo was promoted to director of interactive services at the SKM Group Inc., a full-service marketing communications agency.

'01 BA Royston Mendonza is the new claims counsel for Fidelity National Title Group, where he will be responsible for the administration of title insurance claims in New York, New England and Canada.

'02 BA Betsy Finnerty recently graduated from Notre Dame Law School and is a new attorney at the law firm of Kevin A. Ricotta, Attorneys and Counselors at Law.

'02 BS Christa L. Linsey was promoted to senior accountant at the certified public accounting firm of Lumsden & McCormick LLP.

'03 MBAPA Jeffrey R. Anderson was promoted to the division of enforcement at the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission in Washington, DC, where he investigates financial fraud cases.

'03 BA Christopher T. Luthi is a new volunteer high school calculus, physics and biology teacher at Xavier High School in the state of Chuuk, Weno Island, in the Federated States of Micronesia.

'03 BA, MS '05 Jennifer M. Waite is the new youth market director for the American Heart Association in St. Petersburg, FL.

'04 BS Kyle C. Boerner is the new trade show coordinator for PCB Piezotronics Inc.

'05 MBA Elizabeth A. Smith is the new director of public relations for Studio Arena Theatre.

in memoriam

James R. Barrett '35	October 20, 2005
Henry J. Osinski '35, HON '62	January 24, 2006
Frederick E. Woeppel '36	August 31, 2005
Hon. Matthew J. Jasen '37	February 4, 2006
Edward J. Lang '38	January 31, 2006
Henry L. Maciejewski '38	December 3, 2005
Daniel J. Carnevale '39	December 29, 2005
Leonard M. Sciolino '39	February 21, 2006
Robert J. Miller '40	February 4, 2006
Thaddeus Orzech '43	December 17, 2005
George B. Sidford '48, DDS	February 2, 2006
Charles G. Erickson '49	December 15, 2005
Joseph D. Drew '50	January 10, 2006
Alan H. Sattler '50	May 5, 2005
Sr. Sylvia M. Rauch MA '51	December 2, 2005
David F. Rieman Jr. '51	January 8, 2006
Joseph C. Tamburello '51	February 2, 2006
Thomas W. Fitzsimons '52, MS '55, PhD	January 25, 2006
Robert A. Kempf '52	January 26, 2006
Jean K. Cook '53	November 23, 2005
Francis A. Spencer '53, MS '55	November 12, 2005
John J. Geisel '55	December 19, 2005
Donald E. Greiner '55	February 10, 2006
Stanislaus E. Pacynski '55, MBA '74	January 20, 2006
William J. Ragan '55	February 9, 2006
Vincent A. Palmeri '57	December 16, 2005
John W. Cegielski '58	January 14, 2006
Kevin J. O'Neil '60	January 4, 2006
James E. Hennessy '63, MS '66	February 13, 2006
Patricia (Bickel) Duke MS '70	January 3, 2006
Daniel J. Molik MS '70	January 6, 2006
Frank H. Jellinek Jr. MBA '71	January 24, 2006
Joseph Burruano MS '72	December 3, 2005
Kathleen M. Romance MS '75	February 20, 2006
William V. Freer MS '76	February 4, 2006
Theresa M. Jopek '76	December 3, 2005
Robert T. Keefer Jr. MS '78	February 9, 2006
Michael P. Wojtowicz '79	December 9, 2005
Anne M. (Hahn) Zeis MS '80	January 8, 2006
June (Makey) Bossman '82	January 15, 2006
Richard W. Hough '82	September 19, 2005
Judith I. (Coon) Kooee MSED '95	February 6, 2006