

## Hoorah for Army ROTC



Lt. Col. James H. Soos (l), professor of military science, accepts the distinguished MacArthur Award on behalf of Canisius College and its Army ROTC Cadets, as Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., (center) prepares to pin the MacArthur Award streamer on the American flag, with Cadet Battalion Commander Jessica Lee '08. Pictured in the background (l-r) are: Cadet Jeremy Reamer '11, Cadet Matthew Laney '10 and Cadet Robert Tuttle '10.

The U.S. Army Cadet Command ranks the Canisius College Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program among the best in the nation. The Army Cadet Command, in conjunction with the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, placed the Golden Griffin Battalion first out of 135 schools in the Eastern Region, for medium-sized detachments.

Only six of the nation's 272 Army ROTC programs are recognized with a MacArthur Award each year. Battalions are selected based upon production efficiency, commission and contract mission accomplishment, and retention rates.

"We aim to uphold Canisius College's reputation as an exceptional program that produces highly-principled officers for the U.S. Army," said Lt. Col. James H. Soos, Golden Griffin Battalion command officer and chair of military science. "This recognition confirms that the college, our cadre and the cadets are on the right track."

The ROTC program at Canisius prepares college-educated officers for the U.S. Army, Army Reserve and National Guard. On May 16, seven Canisius cadets were commissioned as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army, during the college's commissioning ceremony.

Ret. Lt. General Peter M. CuvIELLO '69 presented the keynote address at the commissioning ceremony. He is the former chief information officer for the Army's 1.2 million-person organization. During CuvIELLO's military tenure, he was the highest ranking Canisius graduate to serve in the armed forces. He currently serves as a senior strategist for BearingPoint, a management and technology consulting firm.

## Ignatian Scholarship Day Showcases Student Works

More than 200 undergraduate and graduate students showcased their research, scholarship and creative accomplishments at Ignatian Scholarship Day on April 16.

The first academic event of its kind at Canisius, Scholarship Day provided a conference-like setting for students to share their scholarly works with the college community. Works were presented in various forms of expression, including poster displays, paper and media presentations, two- and three-dimensional art works, and poetry, drama, vocal and instrumental performances.

"Students gained valuable insight as to what it is like to present at an academic conference," said Scott A. Chadwick, PhD, vice president for academic affairs. "In addition, the experience provided students with an opportunity to build their resumes or graduate school applications."

Students who participated in Scholarship Day required the endorsement of a faculty member, who served as a mentor and advisor.

"We also attended the student presentations and asked substantive questions to try to increase critical thinking and thought-provoking conversations that surround the research act," said Julie J. Henry, PhD, chair of the Education Department.

Student abstracts were published in a conference program and also appear on the Ignatian Scholarship Day Web site ([www.canisius.edu/academics/ignatian.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/academics/ignatian.asp)).



Caitlin A. Pilliod MSED '08 discusses her poster presentation, entitled "Study Images of Femininity," with Rev. Paul Nochelski, S.J., chair and associate professor of adolescence education.

## Canisius Remembers Role Model: Lillian Levey '67



Lillian M. Levey '67

Former Canisius College Vice President for Student Affairs **Lillian M. Levey '67** passed away on March 5. She was 86. Levey served more than three decades at Canisius under three different presidents: Rev. James J. McGinley, S.J., Rev. James M. Demske '47, S.J. and Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.

"She will be remembered for her strong spirit, quiet demeanor, and her service as a mentor and role model to countless alumnae," said **John J. Hurley '78**, executive vice president and vice president for college relations.

Levey came to Canisius in 1961 as acting dean of women and chair of the college's nursing program. She went on to mark several firsts, as the college transitioned into a co-ed institution. Levey was the first female appointed dean of women and then dean of students. In 1978, she became the first woman in Canisius history to assume a vice president's role, when she was appointed

vice president for student affairs. Nine years later, Levey was named assistant to the president, a position she held until her retirement in 1995.

"Canisius College was truly blessed by Lillian," recalls **Ellen O. Conley, PhD**, vice president for student affairs. "During her tenure, she was responsible for the well-being of thousands of students and she became known for her compassion, fairness and willingness to listen."

A past member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees, Levey was an honorary past president of the Alumnae Association, which established a scholarship in her name in 1989. She was the recipient of the LaSalle Medal, which is the highest honor given by the Alumni Association for distinguished service; the I. Joan Lorch Award, presented for the effective promotion of women's issues on campus; and the President's Medal, awarded for service to God through service to humanity. In 1997, Levey received the college's Distinguished Alumni Award.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Lillian M. Levey '67 Scholarship Fund, c/o the Canisius College Development Office, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14208.

## Canisius Enhances Emergency Communication Plan

Canisius officials can quickly notify the campus community in the event of an emergency, thanks to two new emergency communication initiatives.

Canisius Alert is an enhanced emergency communication system that can send announcements within minutes, via voice mail, text message, E-mail and messages to TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired. Canisius Alert will only be used in the event of emergencies, college closings or weather-related emergencies.

"The recent tragedies at Northern Illinois University and Virginia Tech demonstrate why it is imperative that we have the ability to disseminate information rapidly," says **Ellen O. Conley, PhD**, vice president for student affairs, who notes that campus safety is a paramount concern among parents of prospective students.

Canisius Alert went on-line in March and has 71 percent enrollment among the campus community. The Canisius participation rate surpasses the national average, which is 30 percent and under for colleges and universities with similar emergency plans.

Canisius will also install a campus-wide loudspeaker system, as an additional emergency communication plan.

"The loudspeaker system is the first of its kind in Western New York," adds Conley. "Every significant building on campus will be equipped with the speakers so college officials will be able to communicate directly to the campus community in real time, using two-way radios that can be operated from anywhere in the eight counties of Western New York."

Installation of the loudspeaker system has already begun.

## Lyons '56, HON '98 Receives LaSalle Medal

Canisius College presented **James F. Lyons '56, HON '98**, past chair of the college's Board of Trustees, with its LaSalle Medal,



James F. Lyons '56, HON '98

during the college's undergraduate commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 17. The LaSalle Medal is the Alumni Association's most distinguished award, which honors an alumna/us for substantial contributions that advance the interests of the college.

Lyons is the current chairman and CEO of Oracle Management Company, and has engineered dramatic corporate turnarounds and directed the progress of multi-national companies in such industries as technology, investment banking and healthcare. He often cites

*alma mater* as the foundation of his success. "A Jesuit liberal arts education at Canisius is a treasure trove. All you have to do is mine it," he says.

At Canisius, Lyons' two-term leadership on the Board of Trustees represents just one example of his devotion to the college. In 1998, he pledged \$3 million to the *Imagine Canisius* capital campaign. It was then the largest single gift the college had ever received.

In recognition of Lyons' generosity and service, Canisius presented him with an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in 1998 and its Distinguished Alumni Award in 2001.