

DONOR profile *Alumna Makes Canisius History*



Catherine M. Burzik '72 and her husband, Frank, have made a \$1 million commitment to *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. The gift is the largest from an alumna in Canisius' 138-year history. It will be used toward the creation of an interdisciplinary science center at the college and to establish The Catherine and Francis Burzik Endowed Scholarship Program for Canisius students who major in mathematics

and the sciences. A portion of the gift is also designated to the college's annual fund.

"We are grateful to Cathy and Frank for their commitment to the future of Canisius College," says Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.** "Cathy is a distinguished graduate of our very strong mathematics and science programs. Their very generous gift will help make Science Hall a reality and thus, keep Canisius at the forefront of undergraduate science education, while also providing important scholarship grants for our students who will become our leaders of tomorrow."

Burzik is chief executive officer of Kinetic Concepts Inc. (KCI), a global marketing technology company with leadership positions in the wound care and therapeutic support systems markets, located in San Antonio, TX. She was named CEO in October 2006. Previously, Burzik was president of Applied Biosystems and senior vice president of Applera Corporation. She also served as president of Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company.

Burzik earned a BA in mathematics from Canisius and an MA in mathematics from the University at Buffalo. In 2001, Canisius presented her with its Distinguished Alumna Award, which recognizes the professional accomplishments of alumni.

Currently, Burzik is a member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees and chair of the Trustees' Institutional Advancement Committee. She is an enthusiastic supporter and fund raiser for the college's interdisciplinary science center, to be housed in the former HealthNow building.

"My Canisius education was the source of so many good things that have happened to me," says Burzik. "For that I will always be very grateful. Frank and I are pleased to be able to support the development of Science Hall and the education of future generations of Canisius students."

Science Hall will bring together in one location the college's biology, chemistry, biochemistry, bioinformatics, environmental science, physics, psychology, computer science and mathematics programs. In addition to classrooms, laboratories, offices and support space to accommodate faculty research programs, the building will also have interdisciplinary research training facilities to support the college's move into the new disciplinary programs such as bioinformatics, quantitative sciences, robotics, cellular molecular biology, analytical chemistry and neuroscience.

The anticipated cost of the project is \$47 million. In addition to gifts from alumni and friends of the college, Canisius is also seeking support from federal and state sources, and national and regional foundations and corporations.

An Enchanted Evening Had by All

The Canisius College Board of Regents hosted another successful Regents Scholarship Ball in May. More than 600 guests, including an unprecedented number of young alumni, attended the 42nd annual event, which raised nearly \$100,000. The Scholarship Ball is the principal fund raiser for the Canisius College Board of Regents Scholarship Fund, which provides financial support to students. The current market value of the fund is \$1.2 million, which will enable the Board of Regents to provide \$58,000 in scholarship assistance to students in 2008-2009.

To view more pictures from the Regents Scholarship Ball visit: www.canisius.edu/regentsball.

Canisius President Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J., (center) poses with Regents Ball Chairs Ron Raccuia '90 and his wife, Melissa (left), and Carol and Carl J. '64, HON '04 Montante (right). Carl Montante was the recipient of this year's Board of Regents Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award. He is president and managing director of Uniland Development Company.



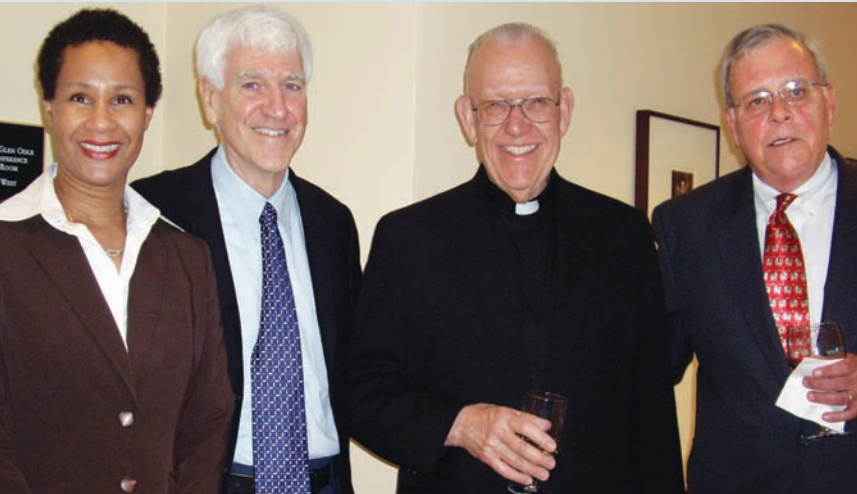


Campaign Update As of May 16, Canisius College has secured more than \$62 million in commitments toward its \$90 million goal for *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. To learn more about *A Legacy of Leadership*, visit www.canisius.edu/campaign.

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Campaign Events Underway Across the Country

Canisius alumni from across the country are helping to spread the word about *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. In February, **Rocco J. Maggiotto '72, MBA '79** and his wife, Kathleen, hosted a campaign reception in their New York City home. Similarly, **Angelo M. Fatta '66, PhD** and his wife, Carol, opened their Sarasota, FL home in March for an alumni Q&A about the campaign. Two additional campaign events were hosted this spring in Chicago and Washington, D.C.



PHOTO, TOP: Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, (center) spoke to Washington, D.C. alumni during *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College* campaign reception hosted on April 29 by Board of Trustee members (l-r) **Cherylyn Harley LeBon '88**, **Joseph M. Hassett '64** and **Donald T. Lynch '70, MBA '74**.

PHOTO, BOTTOM: Canisius alumnus **David Jarmusz '87** (center) and his wife, Molly, hosted a reception in their home for the college's *Legacy of Leadership* campaign. Pictured (l-r) are: **Judi Kerklo**, **David Jarmusz '87** and **Thomas McDermott '88**.

It is Better to Give AND Receive

Make a Gift to Canisius College and Receive Payments for Life

For those whose financial obligations preclude them from fulfilling their philanthropic goals, charitable gift annuities (CGA) may be a fitting solution. Of all the life-income gifts, the charitable gift annuity is the simplest, most affordable and most popular. In exchange for a transfer of cash or marketable securities, Canisius will agree to make fixed payments to you and/or another beneficiary for life. After the payment obligation is satisfied, the balance of the gift annuity is applied to the program you designated when you made your contribution. And, you have the satisfaction of making a significant gift that benefits you now and Canisius later.

The benefits are many: You receive an immediate charitable income tax deduction for creating a gift annuity thereby reducing your current taxes. If you fund your gift annuity with appreciated securities, no upfront capital gains tax is payable. You can contribute appreciated but low-yielding assets and put the entire amount of your gift to work earning lifetime payments for you. And your guaranteed payments are fully backed by all the college's assets.

At Canisius, a charitable gift annuity can be created with a gift of \$10,000 or more. Your gift annuity can make payments to a maximum of two beneficiaries. Gift annuity rates are partly determined by the age of the beneficiary when payments commence. Younger donors may find excellent planning benefits by deferring gift annuity payments until they retire.

For more information about charitable gift annuities or other ways you can support *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*, contact **Dianna Civello**, director of development for major gifts, 716-888-8220, civellod@canisius.edu.

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