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Thousands of Griffs fans assemble at HSBC Arena to cheer on their team at the MAAC Tournament Championship Game in March.

president's perspective

For more than 130 years, Canisius College has been educating students as leaders in their professions and their communities. Each of our graduates has his or her own success story – but each story is woven with one common thread: a Canisius education rooted in academic excellence. It is the common denominator that exemplifies the Jesuit philosophy of *cura personalis* – or care for the individual. From their first day on campus as freshmen to the day they receive their diploma and make their way into the world, our students are educated both intellectually and spiritually.

As we look closer at academic quality in this issue of *Canisius College Magazine*, you will find in our Cover Story that the essence of a Canisius education lies in the college's core curriculum. This is where students begin to develop their critical thinking skills through a variety of courses, which ultimately produce highly educated and well-rounded individuals. And just as Canisius strives to maintain a curriculum that keeps our students competitive in the marketplace, we are also eagerly in search of new and creative programs, which will enhance the living and learning experience of our students.

Similarly, our Faculty Profile tells the story of the Canisius College All-College Honors Program. It illustrates how professors heighten the Jesuit tradition of academic excellence through enhanced interdisciplinary learning and more importantly what that means to students in the program.

So, as you read this issue of *Canisius College Magazine*, reflect on your own success story. In looking back, you will undoubtedly have your Canisius education to credit. By remaining steadfast in our mission to provide academic excellence to future Canisius students, we will continue to produce leaders in our hometown, our nation and our world.

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