

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2003...A Reunion for the Record Books!

Alumni Weekend 2003 brought record numbers of Canisius graduates back to *alma mater* this summer. More than 500 people attended the weekend celebration, including **Charles Michalski '58** and his wife, **Judy '86**, who made the trip back to Canisius from Florida. It was Michalski's first time back to campus in 45 years!

"I read about all the new buildings in *Canisius College Magazine* but was in awe when I actually saw, firsthand, all the changes to the campus," said Michalski, who resided in the Village Townhouses for the weekend. "I'll be back for my 50th!"

**Kathleen Ferrick Rosenblatt '68** flew in from Los Angeles for Alumni Weekend. With the assistance of the Alumni Relations Office, she was even able to contact one of her Canisius

classmates and convince him to make the trip back to *alma mater*, as well.

"I wanted to make the trip worth my while so the Alumni Relations Office helped put me in touch with people who I had not seen in 20 or 30 years," explained Rosenblatt. "I was successful in getting **John Corthorn '68** to make a last minute commitment to come back, which was great because it made the weekend that much better."

The family picnic on Saturday proved to be the perfect meeting place for **Jim Stuver '88**, of Rochester, and many of his Canisius classmates. Stuver noted, "There are not always a lot of opportunities for us to see each other with our kids, so the picnic was a great way for the families to get together with the children and the activities for the kids were great!"

Following Saturday's family activities, many Canisius alumni enjoyed a night-out-on-the-town at the individual class reunion evening events.

**Dave Repka '88**, who flew in from Florida with his family for the weekend, says the evening events enabled him to spend time with people he already knew, like **Jim '88** and **Cindy (Eberl) '88 Lawicki**, and make new friends. "As it turned out, I had a million things in common with people who, in the past, were just a face in class. I have not laughed so hard in years and am definitely looking forward to attending my 20th."

Making that commitment to attend Alumni Weekend is what guarantees its growing success each year — so plan now to be at next year's event. Reunion committees are already being formed and publicity for the weekend is beginning early. ■



Classmates **Anthony Carbone '58** (left), **Patrick Lalley '58, MS '63** (center) and **Mike Calandra '58, MS '62** (right) reminisce about their college days over dinner at the Friday night tent party.



Members of the class of 1998 enjoy their evening reunion gathering at D'Arcy McGee's Irish Pub on Saturday, June 6, 2003. Pictured (l-r) are: **Celeste Scarozza '98, MS '01**, **Jan Farrell '98** (president of the Buffalo Niagara alumni chapter), **Amy Teprovich '98** and **Tim Scharf '00** (assistant director of alumni relations).



**Steve Brown '83** (second from left) and his wife, **Tara** (left), traveled from Chicago to reunite with classmates **Nadine Bargnes '83**, **Chris Rushwicz '83**, **Steve Boyd '83**, **Kevin Kuligowski '83**, **John Falsone '83** and **Thomas Topper '83**.



Children of alumni enjoy a wildlife presentation; one of several planned activities that took place at the Alumni Weekend family picnic.

**Alumni Weekend 2004** is scheduled for Friday, June 4 and Saturday, June 5. All alumni are invited to attend but a special invitation goes out to the classes of 1959, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94 and '99. Contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-800-201-4952 for more information, to make reservations, inquire about on-campus housing or to get in touch with your long, lost classmates. Alumni Weekend information is also available on the Web site at [www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni\\_week-end\\_2004.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni_week-end_2004.asp).

## Alumna's New Book Attracts National Attention

**Cindy Skrzycki's** new book, *The Regulators: Anonymous Power Brokers in American Politics*, is shedding new light on Washington's political power struggles, lobbying duels and legal battles – and capturing national attention at the same time. The 1976 alumna recently appeared on National Public Radio, the "Bloomberg Report," C-SPAN's "Book TV" and in *Fortune Magazine* to discuss her book, which examines the regulatory system inside the Beltway and how it affects the life of every American.

By drawing upon real-life legislative episodes to illustrate the power and reach of Washington rule-makers, Skrzycki explains the process of the government, and how it converts the broad laws that Congress and the president enact into tight rules that actually govern real behavior.

"The Regulators" is also the name of Skrzycki's recurring column in *The Washington Post*, which focuses on the nexus between government, business and regulation. She began her career at *The Buffalo Evening News* and has since reported on some of the most important regulatory issues in Washington, the public policy makers involved in those issues, and the influence of lobbying and special interests on public policy. Skrzycki's book is available at bookstores nationwide and at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).



## Canisius Helps Alumni Make Career Connections



Ken O'Donnell '74, MBA '91 and Namita Acharya MBA '01 at Bank of America in Ft. Myers, FL.

When **Ken O'Donnell '74, MBA '91** needed to recruit new employees at his Bank of America office in Ft. Meyers, FL this past March, he knew Canisius alumni would make excellent candidates. So, the senior vice president and market executive contacted the Alumni Relations Office at *alma mater*.

"What Ken wanted to do fit right along with the Career Center and the Office of Alumni Relations' goals of providing career support for alumni throughout the country," says Erin Herlihy, director of Alumni Relations.

At the same time O'Donnell was looking to identify Canisius candidates for Bank of America, **Namita Acharya MBA '01** was working in Buffalo but interested in expanding her professional horizons outside the city. Upon contacting the Career Center to learn more about the Canisius connections in her field, Acharya learned

of O'Donnell's search for Canisius alumni. Today, Acharya is in Florida training to be a banking center manager with Bank of America and enjoying her work with a fellow Canisius grad.

"The things that are stressed at Canisius, especially in the MBA program: good ethics, business practices

and leadership, are what Ken O'Donnell and Bank of America are looking for," says Acharya. O'Donnell adds, "Bank of America wants leaders who have a passion for hospitality and business experience, and Canisius students have gained that experience through the college curriculum, its relationship with local Buffalo businesses and through campus organizations and activities."

Neither Acharya nor O'Donnell would have established their professional connection had they not reached out to *alma mater*. If you would like to make a similar connection; are in need of professional résumé services, job search strategies, resources or career evaluation; or would like to enroll in the college's Alumni Career Mentoring Program, visit the alumni Web site, at [www.canisius.edu/alumni/services.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/services.asp), for more information.

## Canisius Alumni Get High Scores on CPA Exam



Mary R. Packman '02

Accounting graduates **Mary R. Packman '02** and **Mark A. Zogaria '02** were recognized by the New York

State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA) in May, for their high scores on the November 2002 Certified Public Accountant Exam. Packman earned the highest score on the November exam,



Mark A. Zogaria '02

followed by Zogaria, who received the second highest score. For their outstanding accomplish-

ments, both Packman and Zogaria were presented with the NYSSCPA Charles Waldo Haskins Memorial Award at the society's annual dinner in New York City.

## Deadline for Nominations

The deadline for nominations for the following Alumni Association honor societies, events, positions and recognitions is as follows:

Sept 23, 2003	Sports Hall of Fame
Sept 30, 2003	DiGamma Honor Society
Feb 5, 2004	LaSalle Medal recipients Distinguished Senior Award Distinguished Faculty Award
March 3, 2004	Alumni Association Officers (Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) Alumni Association At-Large Directors
June 3, 2004	Distinguished Alumni Award

For more information on nomination criteria and forms, visit the alumni Web site at [www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni\\_awards.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni_awards.asp) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 1-800-201-4952.

# babygriffs



this month's featured Baby Griff...

## Ian Joseph DeWolfe

Born — October 4, 2002

Parents — Amy Louise (Setlik) DeWolfe '93, MBA '95 and Steven Joseph '94

**Shauna (Felix) Andres '92** and her husband, Jerry, a son, **Hunter Felix**, born December 6, 2002

**Pamela A. Badame-Flaherty '86** and her husband, **David Flaherty MBA '02**, a son, **Ryan Walter**, born December 7, 2002

**Jessica T. Bryant '02** and her husband, **Matthew P. Bryant '99, MBA '01**, a son, **Kyle Andrew**, born March 26, 2003

**Lisa (Lawida) Chwojdzak '91** and her husband, Ron, a son, **Stan Miguel**, adopted July 25, 2002

**Michele M. Colangelo '93, DO** and her husband, **Vincent A. O'Keefe '91**, a daughter, **Lindsay Josephine**, born April 1, 2003

**Sheryl M. (LeRoy) Dunsmore '88** and her husband, Joe, a son, **Colin Richard**, born January 27, 2003

**Catherine Falkner-Gemza '96** and her husband, Steven, a son, **Tyler Patrick**, born November 25, 2002

**Tammy (Michaels) Foley '92** and her husband, **Michael '93**, a son, **Colin**, born August 10, 2002

**Theresa M. (Lehner) Fox '98** and her husband, **Daniel '98, MS '00**, a son, **Benjamin Andrew**, born March 6, 2003

**Karen (Leschuk) Klementowski '85** and her husband, **Marc '86, MD**, a daughter, **Michelle Katelyn**, born February 20, 2002

**Denise M. (Kwilos) Kushner '96** and her husband, Kevin, a daughter, **Emma Grace**, born April 5, 2003

**Deborah (Schott) Lacey '91** and her husband, James, a daughter, **Emma Jane**, born August 21, 2002

**Bernadette (DiMaggio) Lynch '86** and her husband, Patrick, a son, **Michael Patrick**, born May 8, 2002

**Jennifer (Schmidt) Patterson '93** and her husband, John, a daughter, **MacKenzie Elisabeth**, born December 5, 2002

**Sheila M. (Robinson) Radwan '89** and her husband, Thomas, a daughter, **Olivia Maureen**, born February 1, 2003

**Jessica Santucci '94** and her husband, **Richard '94**, twins, a son, **William Reid**, and a daughter, **Lauren Grace**, born April 23, 2003

**Kim Sardinia-Smith '94, MBA '96** and her husband, **David MSED '00**, a son, **Dillan Thomas**, born February 25, 2003

**Kevin F. Saville '87** and his wife, Patricia, a daughter, **Margaret Frances**, born July 12, 2002

**Kathleen (Smith) Schmerler '94** and her husband, Todd, a daughter, **Allyson Audrey**, born April 9, 2003

**Melinda (Jacobsak) Sippel '94** and her husband, **Michael '89**, a daughter, **Allison Currier**, born January 20, 2003

**Michael Stanz '92, MBA '97** and his wife, Allyson, a son, **Dominic Michael**, born January 4, 2003

**Steven Steck '96** and his wife, Kimberly, a son, **Benjamin Julius**, born November 15, 2002

**Donald M. Winkle Jr. '82** and his wife, Susan Tills, a daughter, **Teal Lynn**, born June 28, 2002

# weddings

\* INDICATES MARRIED AT CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL

\***Jennifer J. Arndt '98** and Eric Conley on May 31, 2003

\***Timothy P. Burke '98** and Jennifer Downing on March 15, 2003

**Elizabeth A. Caldiero '95** and Derrick G. Pitard on May 31, 2003

\***Antoinette J. Dagonese '99** and **Nathan A. Johnson '97** on May 31, 2003

\***Alan D. Draper '93, MBA '01** and Lisa Abate on May 10, 2003

\***Carol L. Giovino '97** and **Kevin M. Murray '97** on May 24, 2003

**Matthew T. Johnson '99** and Wendi A. Hastings on June 21, 2003

**Charles G. Katra '90** and Joy Rohloff on April 27, 2002

**Lauren S. Mitchell '02** and **John J. Marciano III '01** on August 17, 2002

\***Christopher Nogaro '99** and Jillian Oswald on May 24, 2003

**Pamela Nugent '00** and **Jason Iddings '98** on April, 26, 2003

**Deborah Pofi '00** and **Kevin Talbot '98** on June 21, 2003

**Lynn Stachewicz '94** and **Marc Rosen** on May 23, 2003

**Charlene E. Zahn '98** and Christopher W. Dodd on September 14, 2002



# in memoriam

**Rev. Msgr. Alton J. LaRusch '37** died March 22, 2003

**Edward J. Wandel '40** died May 24, 2003

**Paul B. Cotter '41, MD** died April 25, 2003

**John L. Martin Sr. '41** died April 14, 2003

**Raymond J. Doro '43, DDS** died February 9, 2003

**Edwin A. Ziemer '47** died May 17, 2003

**Walter B. Baumgarten '49** died April 16, 2003

**Peter A. Lombardo Sr. '49** died March 9, 2003

**Simon S. Palumbo '49** died March 11, 2003

**William J. Schaefer '49** died May 16, 2003

**John D. Curtin '50** died March 28, 2003

**Richard B. Dreyer '50, MS '60** died May 5, 2003

**Vincent F. Ferraro '50** died March 6, 2003

**William J. Hess '50** died April 16, 2003

**Charles E. Felthouse '52** died April 28, 2003

**Thomas A. Rasp '52** died May 8, 2003

**Frederick W. Recktenwald '52** died May 17, 2003

**James C. Clark '53** died May 28, 2003

**John F. Gibney '53** died March 15, 2003

**Daniel S. Mark '53** died March 30, 2003

**Robert C. Wilde '53** died May 24, 2003

**Hon. Edward A. Rath Jr. '54** died May 1, 2003

**Sr. Mary Angelora Stawiasz '54** died May 8, 2003

**Eugene T. Gallivan '55** died April 29, 2003

**Geraldine M. Sartori '55, MS '59** died March 13, 2003

**Thomas E. Burns '56** died April 15, 2003

**Clara Cohen Glaubman '60** died March 13, 2003

**Alonzo W. Thompson Sr. '60** died March 17, 2003

**Theodore A. Wienczek '61** died May 1, 2003

**Rosemary L. Forsyth '62** died March 15, 2003

**Peter C. Schmitt Jr. '62** died April 7, 2003

**Joseph F. Wincenc '62** died April 5, 2003

**Barbara A. McKenna '64, PhD** died January 29, 2003

**Richard C. Batt '65, MD** died March 19, 2003

**Henry F. Zwierzchowski '65** died May 24, 2003

**James R. Boyle '66** died April 13, 2003

**Joseph S. Sperrazza '67** died February 27, 2003

**Jeannette Williams '67** died May 24, 2003

**Sr. Marcella Bauerlein SSJ '72** died April 9, 2003

**William J. Nelson '74** died May 12, 2003

**Lt. Col. Robert L. Rackley '74** died May 24, 2003

**Santus J. Tomasello '74** died March 27, 2003

**Hon. Daniel P. Moynihan HON '77** died March 26, 2003

**Rev. Abraham K. Pulikoottil '77** died April 8, 2003

**Donald P. Goodman '79** died April 21, 2003

**Joseph A. Bettinger '82** died March 22, 2003

**Theresa R. (Fonseca) Vito '86** died April 18, 2003

**Gregory J. Jacobs Jr. '87** died April 18, 2003

**Linda L. Vincent '93** died March 23, 2003

**James J. Lilley '00** died March 1, 2003

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 could 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. Photos will be returned if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope.

## Our Lady of Canisius Statue

The Class of 1953 refurbished and presented the "Our Lady of Canisius" statue, during the Golden Plus Mass and brunch on Sunday, May 18. The statue was blessed by Rev. Paul J. Dugan, S.J., and dedicated in memory of Henry J. Reiser '53, who served as co-chair of the Class of 1953's Golden Jubilee reunion committee until his death in January 2003, and all the deceased members of the Class of 1953.

Pictured (l-r): Shirley Reiser, wife of the late Henry Reiser, and George W. Wopperer '53, whose company, Ribco Inc. (Remedial Insulation Barriers Company), refurbished the statue.



## Alumni Association Appoints Six New Board Members



VINCENT D. CLARK '97  
Director of Grants,  
Office of U.S. Congress-  
man Jack Quinn



THOMAS T. MURPHY '90,  
MBA '91  
Development Officer,  
Shea's Performing Arts  
Center



DAVID J. NASCA '79  
Executive Vice President  
of Consumer Banking &  
Central New York  
Regional Executive,  
First Niagara Bank

The Board of Directors for the Canisius College Alumni Association welcomed six new members on July 1, 2003. The new members each will serve a three-year term. They are: **Vincent D. Clark '97, Thomas T. Murphy '90, MBA '91, David J. Nasca '79, Stephen M. Nosek '76, Jennifer L. Paterson '95, MS '01 and Scott L. Sroka '94.**



STEPHEN M. NOSEK '76  
Financial Advisor, First  
Vice President & CFM,  
Merrill Lynch



JENNIFER L. PATERSON '95,  
MS '01  
Director, Creative Services,  
Canisius College



SCOTT L. SROKA '94  
Regional Representative,  
U.S. Senator Charles E.  
Schumer

The alumni board also wishes to thank **Thomas H. Van Nortwick '71** for his service to the college as outgoing president and welcomes **Domenic V. Cortese '78** as the 2003-2004 president of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

# alumni calendar

### SEPTEMBER 2003

**September 27**  
Canisius outing to  
Niagara-on-The-Lake  
Shaw Festival

### OCTOBER 2003

**October 3**  
San Francisco, CA reception with  
Father Cooke

**October 11**

Alumnae Luncheon celebrating  
80 years of women at Canisius

**October 18**

Scholarship Associates Luncheon

### NOVEMBER 2003

**November 5**  
Orlando, FL reception with  
Father Cooke

**November 8 & 9**

Canisius outing in Dallas, TX for  
Bills vs. Cowboys game

### NOVEMBER 2003

(continued)  
**November 15**  
Distinguished Alumni Dinner

**November 27**  
Thanksgiving Mass and  
Continental Breakfast

### DECEMBER 2003

**December 2**  
Central New York Chapter  
Christmas Party in Syracuse

### JANUARY 2004

**January 28**  
Washington, DC reception with  
Father Cooke

### FEBRUARY 2004

**February 7**  
Sports Hall of Fame Dinner

**February 26**

West Palm Beach, FL reception  
with Father Cooke

### FEBRUARY 2004

(continued)  
**February 27**  
Demske Golf Tournament in  
Pembroke Pines, FL.

**February 28**  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL Mass and  
reception with Father Cooke

### MARCH 2004

**March 5**  
DiGamma Induction  
Ceremony

**March 18 - 20**  
NCAA first round  
basketball tournament  
hosted by Canisius College  
(HSBC Arena)

**March 23**

Sarasota, FL reception with  
Father Cooke

### MARCH 2004

(continued)  
**March 24**  
St. Petersburg/Clearwater/  
Venice, FL with Father Cooke

**March 23**  
Ft. Myers/Naples/  
Marco Island, FL reception  
with Father Cooke

### APRIL 2004

**April 23**  
Phoenix, AZ reception with  
Father Cooke

**April 24**  
Toronto Theater Trip to  
"The Producers"

### MAY 2004

**May 21 - 23**  
50th Reunion activities

### MAY 2004

(continued)  
**May 22**  
Undergraduate Commencement

**May 23**  
Golden Plus Mass and Brunch

### JUNE 2004

**June 4 - 5**  
Alumni Weekend 2004

More events to come.  
For an up-to-date calendar  
of events, please visit  
[www.canisius.edu/alumni](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni).

## class notes

### 1930s

'39 Rev. John G. Sturm, S.J., published a new book entitled *Life Is A Dance...Not a Dress Rehearsal*.

### 1940s

'42 BS, MS '46 Ralph J. Gall, of RJ Gall & Associates, wrote several vignettes that were published in *Chemical Heritage Newsmagazine*.

'46 BS, '49 MSED Mark J. Mogavero finished in first place in the table tennis doubles at the National Senior Olympics in Hampton Roads, VA. Mogavero and his table tennis teammate competed in the 80-84 age division.

### 1950s

'50 BA, MS '52 Raymond E. Sinclair, a realtor with Hunt Real Estate and a Tonawanda town councilman, is on the board of trustees at Mount St. Mary Academy.

'58 Philip V. Vullo, DDS, was inducted as a lifetime member to the Erie County Dental Society.

### 1960s

'60 David R. Jerome, DDS, was inducted as a lifetime member to the Erie County Dental Society.

'61 BA Hon. John J. LaFalce, a Peter Canisius Distinguished University Professor, joined the law firm of Harris Beach. He is also a recipient of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society's Red Jacket Award.

'62 BS William F. Marx, who was part of a 15-member delegation to Iraq in February, spoke at the opening reception for the Center for Explanatory and

Perceptual Art (CEPA) Gallery's "Faces of Iraq" exhibit.

'63 BA Thomas Andruschat, an attorney, is on the board of directors for United Cerebral Palsy of Western New York.

'63 BA Hon. Dale M. Volker, New York State Senator, was honored by the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association as its Legislator of the Year.

'64 BA John J. Dumpert of Hatch Leonard Naples, serves on the advisory committee for the Construction Exchange of Buffalo and Western New York.

'64 BA Stanley Keysa, an attorney, is foundation director for Southeast Foundation Inc.

'64 BS Carl Montante, president and managing director of Uniland Development Company, received the Humanitarian Award from the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation.

'64 BA Michael J. Ryan, a partner in the Cosgrove Law Firm, is treasurer of the board of directors for AAA Western and Central New York.

'66 BA, MS '68 George E. Riedel, special counsel at Lipsitz, Green, Fahringer, Roll, Salisbury & Cambria LLP, is secretary for the Financial Planning Counselors of Western New York.

'66 BA Frank D. Tudini was selected as the first lay principal of Canisius High School.

'68 BA Alfred F. Luhr III, of M&T Bank, is a member of the board of directors for People Inc. He also served as chair of the large gifts division for the Diocese of Buffalo's 2003 Catholic Charities Appeal.

'68 BA Joseph M. Weixlmann, PhD, is provost at Saint Louis University.

'69 BA Joanne M. Schwartzott is chair of the Centennial Committee (2004-2005) for Mount Mercy Academy in Buffalo. She is also the corresponding secretary for the Canisius College Scholarship Associates Board of Directors.

'69 BS Kenneth J. Wilson, of Merchants Insurance Group, is vice chair for the board of directors for the Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center.

### 1970s

'70 BA Michael T. Kelly, an attorney who retired to private practice after serving as regional director for the Office of the Attorney General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Buffalo, is chair of the New York State Bar Association's 1,300 member Criminal Justice Section.

'70 BS Thomas A. Palmer, a partner in the corporate department at Jaeckle Fleischmann & Mugal LLP, serves on the firm's executive committee.

'71 BA John C. Stubenbord, MD, is a newly elected Fellow of the American College of Physicians - American Society of Internal Medicine.

'72 BA, MBA '77 Patricia M. (Clooins) Bauer is manager of compensation and benefits administration for Delaware North Cos.

'73 BA Michael E. Hudson was appointed by Governor Pataki as judge to the New York State Court of Claims.

'73 BA Francine R. Militello Mergl, director of development services and prospect research at Canisius College, is on the board of trustees for Mount St. Mary Academy.

'73 BS C. Anthony Rider is vice president and chief financial officer of Mod-Pac Corp.

'73 BA Kristina M. Young, president of Kristina M. Young & Associates Inc., received the John N. Walsh Board of Appreciation Award from Child & Family Services.

'74 BS, MBA '81 Thomas F. Keenan, a vice president at M&T Bank, is president of the Buffalo Executives' Association. He is also a citizen representative on a task force to study fire department and emergency medical service practices in the city of Buffalo.

'75 BS Paul J. Kolkmeier, of First Niagara Bank, is a team captain for the Niagara USA Chamber membership drive.

'75 BA, MBA '82 Nancy L. (Kotaska) LaTulip, vice president of small business lending for

First Niagara Bank, received the Small Business Administration Financial Services Advocate of the Year Award.

'76 BS Raymond M. Nowicki, CPA, managing partner and founder of Nowicki and Company LLP, is vice president of the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

'78 BA Hon. Michael F. Pietruszka, Erie County judge, completed the year long Leadership Institute in Judicial Education at the University of Memphis, as part of an American Bar Association Judicial Division team.

'78 BA, MBA '85 Nancy W. Ware, president of Edukids Inc., is on the board of directors for the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women.

'79 BA, MBA '81 Anne M. (Patterson) Dyet is serving a two-year term as director of the Eighth District Federated Garden Clubs of New York State Inc. She has operated an executive search firm since 1988.

'79 BS Peter C. Eimer, CPA, of D'Youville College, is treasurer of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce.

'79 BS Russell J. Gullo, president of R.J. Gullo & Co. Inc, is president of the American Society of Exchangers.

### 1980s

'80 MS Michael Evola retired from the Erie County Department of Mental Health-Forensic Division after 20 years, to devote his energies to his independent behavioral health practice in Williamsville, NY.

'80 BS, MBA '87 Anthony B. Spada, of AAA of Western & Central New York, is treasurer of the board of directors for the Buffalo Hearing and Speech Center.

'81 BS Paul J. Farrell is senior vice president of category and key accounts for the Interactive Marketing Division of America Online.

'81 BS Albert V. Kraft Jr. is purchasing manager at Frey Electric Construction Co.

'81 MA Denise McKenzie is secretary of education for the Diocese of Buffalo.

'81 BS Mark L. Monin, a first vice president at Morgan Stanley in Glendale, CA, received his MBA in finance from Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA.

'81 BS Patrick J. Shea, a program specialist with Social Services, is on the board of trustees for the village of East Aurora, NY.

'82 BS, MBA '96 William Dentinger is senior vice president/senior credit officer for Citigroup Mortgage in Concord, CA.

'82 BA Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker, executive director of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, is president of the board of directors for the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls.

'82 BA Donald M. Winkle is the business representative for the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 14.

'83 BS George Dolce, of AXA Advisors, is president of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Chamber of Commerce.

'83 BA Cindy Eller, vice president of development at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, is on the board of directors for the Western New York chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

'83 BA Martin C. Mahoney, MD, PhD, director of cancer prevention and population sciences at Roswell Park Cancer Institute, is on the board of directors for the Western New York affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

'83 BS Gregory M. Michalek, an administrative vice president at M&T Bank, is responsible for the bank's commercial real estate business in Buffalo and Rochester, and new business development in Syracuse and Binghamton.

'83 BS James J. Roberts, an assistant vice president at HSBC Bank USA, was chair of the parish organization division for the Diocese of Buffalo's 2003 Catholic Charities Appeal.

'84 BS Gregory K. Stang, controller with Snyder Industries, was re-elected to the board of directors for the Western New York affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

'85 BA, MBA '97 Shannon G. DiPietro is global director of human resources information technology for General Motors in Detroit, MI. She recently returned from a three-year assignment in Thailand, where she served as human resources director for General Motor's ASEAN (Association of Southeastern Asian Nations).

'85 BA John P. Huber is vice president and Erie County regional manager for Dunkirk-based Lake Shore Savings.

'85 BS Gregg E. Martinsen, a financial consultant with AXA Advisors LLC, received a professional degree in the field of long-term care.

'85 BS Emmett L. Reilly, of John W. Danforth Company, is president of the board of directors for the Western



Three Canisius College alumni were among 50 others inducted into SUNY/CUAD (State University of New York Council for University Affairs and Development) Hall of Fame at ceremonies on June 5. Pictured (l-r): Jim DeSantis '67, who worked 13 years as a public affairs specialist at the University at Buffalo and is now living in Tampa; Dan Hurley '75, director of government and community relations at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse; and Norbert Haley '51, a retired public affairs and development specialist for SUNY Cortland.

## class notes

New York Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors. He is also on the board for the Construction Exchange of Buffalo and Western New York.

**'86 BA Michael E. Benzin**, director of development for United Cerebral Palsy of Western New York, is vice president of external relations for the Western New York chapter for the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

**'86 MBA Sheila Murphy Blum**, of M&T Bank, is treasurer for the Financial Planning Counselors of Western New York.

**'86 BA James P. Hayes**, New York State Assemblyman, was honored for his leadership and support of school counseling by the New York State Counseling, Admissions and Financial Aid Consortium.

**'86 BA Dawn M. (Carlisi) Iacono** is teaching religion at Holy Angels Academy. She is moderating Angels-for-Life and implementing Project Truth through Catholic Charities. Iacono is also chair of St. Gregory the Great's Adult Faith Formation Ministry.

**'86 BS Thomas E. Kurrikoff** is chief operating officer for Boston Pizza Restaurants in Dallas, TX.

**'86 BS Joseph G. McIntosh**, controller at Robert James Sales, is mayor of Depew.

**'86 BS Mark J. Mendel** is an administrative vice president at M&T Bank.

**'86 BA Diane R. Tiveron**, managing attorney at Hogan and Willig PLLC, is on the board of directors for Southeast Works.

**'86 MBA Jerome K. Welsch, CPA**, is president and CEO of American Steamship Company.

**'86 BA Thomas A. Wolf**, of wolfwired.com photography, received an honorable mention in the NFL's Pro Football Hall of Fame prestigious photo contest. Wolf was awarded in the feature category for his photo "Alone in the Storm," taken at the Bills - Miami game, December 1, 2002.

**'86 BA Laura A. (Montante) Zaeffel**, corporate relations manager at Uniland Development Co., was chair of the community division for the Diocese of Buffalo's 2003 Catholic Charities Appeal.

**'87 BS Douglas R. Bell**, general manager for Fleishman-Hillard Cleveland, was promoted to partner.

**'87 BS Rev. Leon J. Biernat**, director of vocations for the Buffalo Catholic Diocese, received the 2002 Citizen Award, in the category of religion, by *Am-Pol Eagle*.

**'87 BS Timothy M. Cryan** is the new executive officer at the Institute for Lasers, Photonics and

Biophotonics with the State University at Buffalo.

**'87 BA Kathleen L. Gallivan** is executive director of Cradle Beach Camp Inc.

**'87 BS Carmela M. (Cavaliere) Kieffer, CPA**, accountant with Tobin-Wolowicz Accounting Services, is co-treasurer of Mt. St. Mary's Academy Board of Trustees.

**'87 MBA John J. Larry**, regional president of Fleet Bank, was named Volunteer of the Year by the Upstate New York Chapter of the March of Dimes.

**'87 BA Lisa A. ( Mancuso) Manley**, senior vice president of direct banking at HSBC Bank USA, will participate, with other women leaders from across the U.S., in the 2003 America Issues Forum of Leadership America.

**'87 BA Michael J. Martineck**, communication specialist at the NFTA, wrote and published a fantasy/science fiction novel entitled *The Misspellers*.

**'89 BA Jeane D. Hawthorne**, assistant director of development for the Diocese of Buffalo, is secretary for the Western New York chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

**'89 BS Frank T. Rapini**, of the Compass Group, received the Agency Leader Award from New England Financial for being in the top 20 percent of the organization nationwide.

**'89 BA Jeffrey Voelkl, Esq. LLM**, an attorney with Robshaw & Associates PC, was recently admitted to practice in the U.S. Virgin Island and will be expanding his practice to advise clients nationwide on the tax benefits and shelters available in the Virgin Islands.

### 1990s

**'90 BS Deborah K. (Besant) Cassidy** served as a certified athletic trainer for the World Figure Skating Championships held in Washington D.C. She also passed the NCSF test to become a certified personal trainer.

**'90 MS Tanya Perrin-Johnson**, CEO of the YWCA, is secretary of the board for the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women.

**'90 MBA John A. Vecchio** is director of Institutional Advancement at Trocaire College.

**'91 BS Kip J. Kubiak** is a financial analyst at Ciminelli Development Co.

**'91 BS, MBA '94 Joseph G. Perna** is controller at International Imaging Materials.

**'92 BA Terrence E. Romance** is a programmer/analyst in the

Information Technology Department at Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation.

**'92 BS David M. Saeva**, of Fisher Towne & Associates, passed the Microsoft Certified Partner Exam, earning certification in analyzing requirements and defining solution architectures.

**'93 BA Susan E. Martino** is a board member for the Erie County Commission of the Status of Women.

**'93 BA William E. Paterson** is associate creative director at Gelia Wells & Mohr.

**'93 BA Christopher L. Sasse** is the division director of Robert Half Technology for Princeton and Southern New Jersey.

**'94 MBA Diane M. Bembenista** is senior systems analyst in the Information Systems Department at Rich Products Corporation.

**'94 BS Patricia (LoVullo) Danwin** is a staff accountant for Chiampou Travis and Dansa LLP.

**'94 MPA Eric C. Frandsen** is safety director for Frey Electric Construction Co.

**'94 BA Louis A. Gerona** is the regional human resources manager for Sun Chemical Corporation in Northlake, IL.

**'94 BA Michael P. Hughes**, public affairs manager for Rural/Metro Ambulance, graduated from Leadership Buffalo 2002 and is on the board of the American Red Cross Communications Committee.

**'94 BA Amy M. (Courtwright) Wisilosky** is marketing coordinator for the Virginia Beach Schools Federal Credit Union.

**'95 BA Randy Boivin** graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and opened his own practice within Upstate Chiropractic in Baldwinsville, NY.

**'95 MPA Nancy D. Chu** is an Erie County probation officer. She is also completing the MSW degree requirements at the University at Buffalo while teaching a class on child abuse recognition and reporting at Erie Community College.

**'95 MBA Joseph F. Martin**, senior sales representative of Retirement Services at Principal Financial Group, received the Certified Financial Planner designation from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

**'95 BA, MS '01 Jennifer L. (Cassell) Paterson** has been promoted to director of creative services at Canisius College.

**'96 BA Therese J. Angilella** is an account executive with E-3

Communications Inc., a full-service public relations and public affairs agency. She is responsible for establishing and maintaining client/agency relationships, and developing and implementing public and media relations programs.

**'96 BS Angela M. Heary**, a senior accountant for Bonadio & Co. LLP, completed the requirements to become a CPA in New York.

**'96 BS Suzanne M. McSweeney MSPT** is a physical therapist at Little Falls Hospital's rehabilitation department in Little Falls, NY.

**'96 BA Judith A. Perez**, a regional recruiter for INROADS Inc., is an adjunct professor in the Puerto Rican and Latino Studies Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City.

**'96 MS Eileen A. (Sullivan) Niland**, director of the Canisius College Counseling Center, was named Counselor of the Year by the American Counseling Association.

**'97 BS Salvatore G. Curella**, a senior accountant at Fiddler and Co., earned the Certified Public Accountant designation.

**'97 BS Kevin M. Murray, CFP**, a vice president with AXA Advisors LLC, received his CFP designation from the Certified Financial Planners Board of Standards.

**'97 BA Jeffrey M. Paterson, APR**, director of communication and advancement for the Health Association of Niagara County Inc., received his accreditation in public relations by the Public Relations Society of America.

**'97 BA Capt. Amy S. (Romesser) Rustan** is the headquarters company commander of the 115th Field Hospital based at Fort Polk, LA. She was deployed to the Persian Gulf.

**'97 BA Milton Santiago** is writer/producer of On-Air Promotion at the Sundance Channel. He was recently accepted into the University of Miami's Motion Picture Graduate Program.

**'97 BA Karen Zgoda** was accepted into the PhD program at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work.

**'98 BA Rebecca Diina LaCivita** is an associate attorney at the law firm of Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf & Cunningham LLC.

**'98 BA Scott M. Driscoll** joined New England Motor Freight (NEMF) as an account executive for the company's Buffalo terminal.

**'98 MBA Frances V. Folta**, assistant dean for development at the University at Buffalo School of Social Work, is treasurer for the Western New York chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

**'98 BA Patrick A. Gaughan** is a Citrix certified sales representative at LanTrax Inc.

**'98 MBA Vincent LiPuma**, managing partner of CB Richard Ellis, is president of the board of directors for Southeast Works.

**'98 BA Kevin E. Loftus** is an associate at Chelus, Herdrik, Speyer, Monte, & Pajak, P.C.

**'98 BS Geri S. Pfohl** is executive director at Bassett Manor Adult Care Residence.

**'98 MBA Nancy L. Smith** is the General Motors Administrator for the UAW-General Motor Occupational Health Advisory Board located in Detroit, MI.

**'98 MBA, MS '02 Alan C. West** is chief information officer for Hunt Real Estate Corporation.

**'99 BS Marcie Oruener** is a computer/technology teacher at Hamilton Township High School in Columbus, OH. She is also the school's Web master and a member of the High Schools that Work Leadership Team.

**'99 BA Stephanie A. (Posa) Regdos** is a human resource generalist with LoVullo Associates.

**'99 BS Christen D. Scully-Santiago** graduated with a *juris doctorate* degree from Brooklyn Law School and took the New York State Bar Exam.

### 2000s

**'00 BA Mikal J. Krueger** graduated from the Syracuse University College of Law in May 2003.

**'00 BS Geary Sheeran** is a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. He has been on active duty overseas in the Republic of Korea since December 2000.

**'01 MS Patricia G. Duffy**, principal of Catholic Central School, is a Fellow of the Public Policy and Education Fund's Kellogg Leadership for Community Change Project.

**'01 BS Frank P. Mergl** is manager of M&T Bank's Riverside Branch.

**'02 BS Cindy M. Chmura** is events coordinator at Southgate Plaza.

**'02 BS Elizabeth A. (Schmitt) Gawron** is staff accountant for Gaines Kriner & Co. LLP.

**'02 BS Melissa S. Johengen** is a payroll assistant for Conestoga-Rovers & Associates.

**'02 BA Army Spec. Paul J. Lacapruccia** graduated from the multi-channel transmission systems operator-maintenance course at Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA.

**'02 Stephanie M. Schifano** is a financial analyst at M&T Bank in the Corporate Reporting Department.