



While Canisius College is a private, independent college, it is still subject to a number of federal, state and local laws and regulations. And it relies on government funding in some key areas, the most important of which is student financial aid. The federal Pell Grant and guaranteed student loan programs, as well as the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) form the bedrock of the college's financial aid packages for students that make a Canisius education accessible.

Canisius has also sought federal and state appropriations for strategic initiatives, and our principal target, at the present, is the proposed interdisciplinary science center to be developed on the site of the BlueCross BlueShield building, which the college will acquire at the end of 2007. This past spring, our local delegation, led by Canisius alumni state Senator Dale Volker '60 and state Assemblyman Robin Schimminger '69, obtained a \$3 million appropriation for the college's science center (see page 4). This comes on the heels of last summer's announcement that the college's Congresswoman Louise Slaughter had obtained \$836,000 for the purchase of the BlueCross parking ramp through the federal transportation bill.

We have a convincing story to tell our elected officials. Among the highlights:

- Canisius has invested more than \$115 million in its campus in the past 12 years, of which only about \$1 million came from government sources. The balance came from the college's own privately raised resources.
- During this time, no other business or institution has invested more of its own money in the city of Buffalo than Canisius College. These investments have been a key to the college's development and have also anchored central Buffalo and in particular, our immediate neighborhood, the historic Hamlin Park District.
- With its \$85 million operating budget, its 900 full- and part-time employees, Canisius is a significant economic force in the region. The college ranks as one of the top 100 employers in the region and would rank as the 20th largest private company. A recent economic impact study prepared by the Center for Governmental Research estimates the total annual economic impact of the college at \$232.6 million!

We will continue to tell this story every chance we get. I am very grateful to our elected representatives for their willingness to listen and respond.

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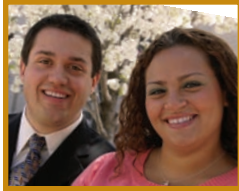
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Each year, the Canisius College Alumni Association bestows its Distinguished Senior Award to students who set themselves apart through leadership roles and involvement at the college. Meet this year's recipients: Danielle V. Esposito '06 and Nicholas L. Tober '06.

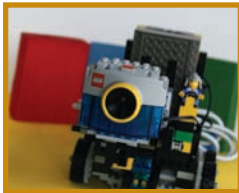
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