

Canisius Loses Loyal Friend in Paul Koessler HON '05



Paul J. Koessler HON '05

The Canisius community mourned the loss of a dear friend when **Paul J. Koessler HON '05** died on July 17. He was 71. Koessler was one of Western New York's most renowned businessmen, philanthropists and community leaders.

The former president and CEO of Greater Buffalo Press (GBP), Koessler worked with his father, **J. Walter Koessler '22**; his uncle, **Kenneth L. Koessler '29**; and his brother, **John W. Koessler '49**, to build GBP into a nearly half billion dollar company.

After 45 years in the printing business, Koessler put his extraordinary skills and business acumen to work in the community. The consummate consensus builder, Koessler's leadership as chairman of the Peace Bridge Authority brought stability and common sense to the controversial project.

His professional successes enabled Koessler to establish The Paul J. Koessler Foundation, which supports educational, health and human services, performing arts and Roman Catholic institutions – including Canisius College.

Prior to his passing, Koessler committed \$400,000 to *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. His gift will be used toward the devel-

opment of Science Hall. It is the most recent gift in Koessler's long history with Canisius.

Koessler also served Canisius in a variety of volunteer roles including, most recently, the college's Government Relations and Advisory Board. Koessler served six years on the college's Board of Trustees, and was an active volunteer with the *Imagine Canisius* capital campaign executive committee and as a past chair of the college's annual fund.

"Throughout the campaign, Paul assumed responsibility for more than his share of leadership gift calls, with the understanding that he could not ask others to do, what he himself could not," recalls Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**

The Canisius College Board of Regents recognized Koessler's contributions to the community in 2003, when it presented him with its Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award. In 2005, he received an honorary degree from Canisius. Koessler completed two years at Canisius in the Pre-Engineering Program and received his degree at The University of Detroit.

Koessler's commitment to community extended well beyond Canisius. He was chairman of Canisius High School's fund-raising campaign, and served on the boards of directors for the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute, the Roswell Park Alliance and the Niagara Lutheran Health Foundation.

Canisius College: A Great Place to Work

The Chronicle of Higher Education "Great Colleges to Work For 2008 Survey" recognized Canisius College as a leader in providing an exceptional work environment for employees.

Among medium-sized colleges and universities (those that employ between 500 and 2,499 people), Canisius ranks among the top five institutions in 20 of the 27 categories polled. Those categories include healthy faculty-administration relations; collaborative governance; compensation and benefits; job satisfaction; work-life balance; connection to institution and pride; and respect and appreciation.

"*The Chronicle* survey is a welcome validation of what our faculty and staff have been telling us for years: that Canisius College is an outstanding place to work and pursue a career," says **John J. Hurley '78**, executive vice president and vice president of college relations. "Our campus environment is one in which we all strive to communicate and engage with each other. The result is a more collegial and productive atmosphere, which in turn has made us a more successful university."

The results were based on responses from more than 15,000 administrators, faculty members and staff at 89 four-year institutions – 39 public universities and 50 private colleges.

Ciancimino Appointed Provincial Superior



Rev. David S. Ciancimino, S.J.

The Superior General of the Society of Jesus, Rev. Adolfo Nicolas, S.J., appointed **Rev. David S. Ciancimino, S.J.**, provincial superior of the New York Province. Father Ciancimino is a member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees and was executive assistant to the current provincial superior, Rev. Gerald J. Chojnacki, S.J.

Father Ciancimino earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and graduate degrees in theology from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He continued his graduate studies at Canisius College and received New York State Certification in secondary education administration and supervision.



Eileen C. Herbert '04

Herbert is New Director of Public Relations

Eileen C. Herbert '04 is the new director of public relations at Canisius College. Herbert comes to the position with more than 20 years of experience at the college. She served as associate director of public relations since 2000.

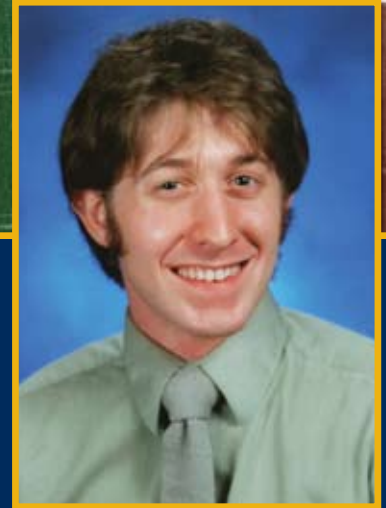
In her new role, Herbert oversees the public relations team, and the promotion of the college's news and information. She is the liaison between the college and local, regional, national and international media outlets, and manages special events that involve distinguished speakers.

Herbert is secretary for the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Buffalo/Niagara Chapter's Board of Directors and co-chair of its May C. Randazzo Scholarship Committee. She is also the recipient of many PRSA awards, including a platinum Best of Show for her promotion of "The Disputation" performance at Canisius.

Academic Excellence



Adam M. Walters '08



Kyle L. Walker '06

Fulbright Success Continues at Canisius

Their fields of interest are as far apart as the countries in which they will study but **Adam M. Walters '08** and **Kyle L. Walker '06** do share one thing in common: they are the latest Canisius recipients to receive J. William Fulbright Scholarships. Walters and Walker are two of nearly 1,500 U.S. students selected this year to receive the highly competitive scholarship, which funds one academic year of study, research or a teaching assistantship.

Walters will use his Fulbright to undertake an independent study at the Universidad ESAN in Lima, Peru. He will examine the response to climate changes and their effects on Peru's Andean Glaciers, which make up the majority of the world's tropical glaciers.

"Glacier retreat is an urgent concern for government and population alike, as Peru is one of the first nations to face the severe consequences of climate change," explains the international relations and Spanish graduate.

Walters' interest in climate change developed in summer 2005, when he participated in a study abroad program in Morelia, Mexico. He wrote his All-College Honors Program senior thesis on the subject.

"Adam's receptivity to new ideas, his inexhaustible work ethic and his commitment to use his knowledge to serve just human causes make him an ideal cultural ambassador for the USA," says **Jonathan M. DiCicco, PhD**, assistant professor of political science and Walters' advisor.

Kyle Walker will also use his Fulbright to further his undergraduate research. The philosophy and psychology graduate will study Ernst Mach, the 19th century Austrian physicist and philosopher for whom 'Mach speed' is named. Walker will study at the University of Vienna in Austria.

"By working out Mach's place in history with more detail, I hope to contribute to a better understanding of the roots of the analytic-

continental division," says Walker. He explains that Mach was largely responsible for analytic philosophy or the idea that observational evidence is indispensable for knowledge of the world. Mach's school of philosophy contradicted that of continental philosophy.

Walker currently resides in Los Angeles, CA where he is a team leader for AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America). He and his team of 12 volunteers serve LA's underserved communities.

"Kyle is driven and self-motivated," says **Tanya M. Loughead, PhD**, assistant professor of philosophy and Walker's advisor. "More important, he believes in the power of education. He has seen it work in his own life and will now actively promote it during his year as a Fulbright scholar."

Both Walker and Walters credit the mentorship they received from Canisius faculty for their Fulbright successes.

"So many professors had a profound influence on me, personally and academically," says Walker. "I am very thankful for their support and their insight, with regard to my interests."

"It's nice to be recognized with a Fulbright Scholarship, of course, but I am also happy that it brings well-deserved attention to the college, its programs and the faculty, whose support was instrumental throughout the Fulbright process," adds Walters.

Walters and Walker continue a long tradition of Fulbright success at Canisius. They are now among the 25 Canisius graduates who have been awarded Fulbright Scholarships since 1987. Just last year, the Fulbright program ranked Canisius fifth in the nation, among master's institutions, for its number of J. William Fulbright Scholarship recipients in 2007-2008. Three Canisius students and one faculty member secured Fulbright awards during that period.