

# Where Leaders are Made

## Canisius Alumni Honored for their Professional, Service and Athletic Achievements

Exemplifying the tag line "Where leaders are made" are several Canisius alumni, whom the college is recognizing for distinguished achievements in their profession, their service to alma mater and their athletic abilities.

### 2004 Sports Hall of Fame

The Canisius College Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Athletics Department, inducted six Canisius graduates into the Sports Hall of Fame on February 7. The inductees were honored during half-time of the men's basketball game against Marist College, for their outstanding athletic accomplishments while playing at *alma mater*. The 2004 Sports Hall of Fame inductees are:



**William J. Covelli '84**  
Men's Crew/Rowing



**Jennifer Johnson-Smith '91, MBA '93**  
Women's Tennis



**Christopher S. Mattingly '88**  
Men's Cross Country and Track



**Richard E. Mazuca '50, MS '58**  
Football



**Leslie Anne Sanson '93**  
Softball



**Ann L. Woloszynski '90, MBA '94**  
Softball

### 2003 Distinguished Alumni

The Montante Cultural Center was the setting in November when five Canisius alumni were bestowed with the college's Distinguished Alumni Award. Presented by the Canisius College Alumni Association, the Distinguished Alumni Award is presented annually to recognize the accomplishments of graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen professions. The 2003 recipients are:



**Charles L. Maday '67**  
Senior Vice President of Programming, The History Channel



**Rev. John C. Barth '74, MM**  
Assistant General, Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers



**Patrick M. Gallivan '82**  
Sheriff, Erie County



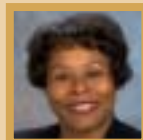
**Richard F. Griffin '54**  
Counsel, Phillips Lytle LLP



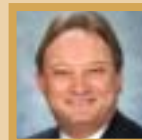
**Norma Jean Nowak '79, PhD**  
Director of Scientific Planning, University at Buffalo's Center for Excellence in Bioinformatics

## DiGamma Honor Society

The Canisius College DiGamma Honor Society will continue a 75-year tradition on March 5 when it welcomes eight new members into the organization. The prestigious society is composed of Canisius alumni, faculty, administrators and students who have distinguished themselves working for the advancement of the college. This year's inductees are:



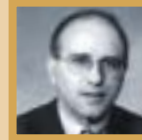
**Evelyn Burns-Kerney '83, MS '85, PhD**  
Customer Relations Specialist, Verizon



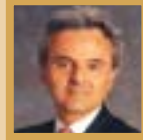
**Edward C. Gelia Jr. '77**  
Executive Vice President, United Insurance Agency Inc.



**Edwin L. Kantowski Jr. '53**  
(Retired) Public Affairs Director, Niagara Mohawk Power Co.



**Stephen T. LoVullo '74**  
Partner, Lumsden and McCormick



**Rocco J. Maggiotto '72, MBA '79**  
Chairman of Client Development, Marsh and McLennan Companies



**Michael J. Montante '91**  
Account Executive, Uniland Development



**Curtis C. Gaume MS '77**  
Director of Student Financial Aid, Canisius College



**Mariusz M. Kozik, PhD**  
Professor of Chemistry, Canisius College

The keynote speaker at this year's dinner will be **Anthony J. Muscato II '82**, vice president, food service sales, Heinz USA Food Service.

To nominate Canisius alumni for a Distinguished Alumni Award or for induction into the DiGamma Honor Society or the Sports Hall of Fame, visit [www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni\\_awards.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/alumni_awards.asp).



Mark Miyashita '03

## Former Griff to Play in Pros

**Mark M. Miyashita '03**, a former attack on the Canisius College men's lacrosse team, is the newest member of the Vancouver Ravens. Miyashita was the first, overall pick in the October 2003 National Lacrosse League Entry Draft, which included the league's 10 franchises selecting from North America's premier lacrosse talent pool.

A four-year letter winner at Canisius, Miyashita led the Golden Griffins in points per game (49), ground balls (102) and assists (26) in his senior year. He also led the

MAAC Lacrosse League in points-per-game (3.50) and assists-per-game (1.86).

"I am very excited to have the opportunity to play lacrosse professionally with an up-and-coming team such as Vancouver," said Miyashita. "My four years at Canisius with Coach (Randy) Mearns '92, MS '02 prepared me well for the jump to the pro ranks and the work ethic he instilled in me has made me a better lacrosse player."

The Ravens opened their 2003-2004 season on December 26 against Arizona.



## Class of 1942 Holiday Luncheon

Members of the Class of 1942 gathered for a holiday lunch at the Buffalo Yacht Club on December 11, 2003. Pictured (l-r) are: Ted Fink '42, Rita Jenczka MS '50, Ralph Gall '42, Dorothy Phelan (Fran '42), Rose Marie Twist (Frank '42), Florence Butler (John '42), John Conway '42.

## Call for Nominations

The Canisius College Alumni Association Board of Directors is accepting nominations for AT-LARGE DIRECTORS and the officer positions of SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY and TREASURER. Nominations must include a resumé and may be sent to [alumni@canisius.edu](mailto:alumni@canisius.edu) no later than March 3, 2004.

For more information about the Canisius College Alumni Association Board of Directors, visit [www.canisius.edu/alumni/board.asp](http://www.canisius.edu/alumni/board.asp).



## Dallas, TX Alumni Reception

More than 100 alumni and friends gathered in Dallas, TX on November 9 to cheer on the Buffalo Bills as they faced off against the Dallas Cowboys at Irving Stadium. The Bills were defeated 10-6 but that didn't dampen the spirits of Canisius alumni.

Pictured (l-r): Marguerita McConico '89, Tom Jakiel '55 and John Strauss '61, HON '96.

## alumni calendar

### FEBRUARY 2004

*February 21*  
Buffalo Niagara Chapter outing at Koessler Athletic Center

*February 26*  
West Palm Beach, FL reception with Father Cooke  
NYC Alumni reception at Cafe Centro

*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 dinner at The Buffalo Club

*March 11*  
Charlotte alumni St. Patrick's Day celebration at South End Brewery

*March 13*  
Charlotte alumni march in St. Patrick's Day parade

*March 18 & 20*  
NCAA first round men's basketball tournament hosted by Canisius College at HSBC Arena

*March 23*  
St. Petersburg/Clearwater/Tampa, FL reception with Father Cooke

*March 24*  
Sarasota/Venice, FL reception with Father Cooke

*March 27*  
Ft. Myers/Naples/Marco Island, FL reception with Father Cooke

### APRIL 2004

*April 23*  
Reception in Phoenix, AZ with Father Cooke

*April 24*  
Alumni Toronto theater trip to "The Producers"

### MAY 2004

*May 19*  
Graduate Commencement

*May 21*  
Class of 1954 stag  
Baccalaureate Mass

*May 22*  
Undergraduate Commencement  
Class of 1954 50th reunion dinner-dance

*May 23*  
Golden Plus Mass and brunch

### JUNE 2004

*June 4-5*  
Alumni Weekend

*June 5*  
NYC Chapter outing at Carnegie Hall to see the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra

*June 13*  
Jesuit alumni Mass and brunch at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA

## babygriffs

**Patricia (DiLaura) George '93** and her husband, **Michael R. '85, MS '93**, twins, a daughter, **Claire Anna** and a son, **John "Jack" Patrick**, born October 2, 2003

**Gregory B. Heer '97** and his wife, Robin, a son, **Connor Brian**, born July 22, 2003

**Nancy J. (Ulrich) Hulan '93** and her husband, Matthew, a son, **Lukas Roy**, born July 30, 2003

**Gregory J. Jacobs Jr. '87** and his wife, Carrie, a son, **Brian Christopher**, born July 19, 2003

**Gretchen (Eberl) Kaderli '95, MSED '97** and her husband, **Matthew '97, MSED '03**, a daughter, **Gabrielle Emma**, born June 27, 2003

**Susan P. (Wood) Kane '91** and her husband, **Christopher D. '90, PhD**, a daughter, **Maura Madelyn**, born November 14, 2003

**Camille (Macner) Kerr '93** and her husband, Douglas, a daughter, **Olivia Margarete**, born June 29, 2003

**Patricia A. (Terian) Mancabelli '92** and her husband, **Charles R. '95**, a son, **Kegan Charles**, born August 17, 2003

this month's featured Baby Griff...

### Francis Michael Zabawa

Born on October 29, 2003 to Kimberly A. (Miller) Zabawa '98 and her husband, Francis '96



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.**

**Susan (Murphy) McNess '86** and her husband, **Mark H. MBA '02**, a son, **Sean Mark**, born August 14, 2003

**Jennifer C. (Rossolo) Meyers '92** and her husband, **Thomas MBA '02**, a daughter, **Casey Carroll**, born May 8, 2003

**David E. Reid '92** and his wife, Karen, a son, **Jackson David**, born October 2, 2003

**Michele VanLandingham '92**, a daughter, **Autumn Mae**, born June 25, 2003

## weddings

\* INDICATES MARRIED AT CHRIST THE KING CHAPEL

**Therese J. Angilella '96** and Myron Burnet Hickok III on August 31, 2003

**\*Melissa Baker MS '00** and **Matthew A. Struzik '00, MS '01** on October 11, 2003

**Melissa A. Brooks '01** and **Michael C. Boest '01** on September 27, 2003

**Richard J. Buza '01** and Christine LeFever on July 12, 2003

**\*Shannon K. Cavanaugh MSED '99** and Brian Lembke on November 1, 2003

**\*Brian D. Conley '97, MBA '01** and Jennifer M. Parker on October 4, 2003

**\*Kimberly M. DiVita MSED '98** and Peter J. Ruddock on October 11, 2003

**Erin K. Kenney '02** and G. **Nicholas Giunta '95** on August 30, 2003

**\*Ann Marie Kopf '93** and Michael Sanscrainte on October 11, 2003

**\*Robert A. Morelli '89** and Jennifer L. Childs on October 18, 2003

**Paul V. Oabel '02 MSED** and Aimee Rankin on August 9, 2003

**\*Charisse E. Ross '98, MBA '01** and **Kevin S. Callahan '98** on November 8, 2003

**Maria C. Wichlac '99** and Jason Grove on October 25, 2003



## I N M E M O R I A M

**Thomas J. Fahey '30, DDS** died November 5, 2003

**George E. Cookingham '35** died November 20, 2003

**Mortimer J. Murphy Jr. '36** died October 4, 2003

**Ruth M. Buckley '37** died October 31, 2003

**John W. Stillwell '37** died February 23, 2003

**Richard J. Stedler '39** died November 11, 2003

**John H. Baker '40** died October 12, 2003

**Fred A. Quarantillo '40, DDS** died October 19, 2003

**Charles F. Cipolla '41** died October 9, 2003

**Leo F. Rutkowski '41** died October 14, 2003

**Earl A. Munzert '42** died October 28, 2003

**Rudolph C. Grandits '43** died November 26, 2003

**James F. Quinlan '46** died July 13, 2003

**Edward F. Penders '49** died November 23, 2003

**James M. Hanlon '50, PhD** died November 6, 2003

**John R. Mallon '50** died November 15, 2003

**Gerard R. Fornes '51** died October 22, 2003

**Jerome G. Lojaccono '51** died October 3, 2003

**Victor R. D'Ambrosia '53** died November 08, 2003

**Ronald J. Hastreiter '54** died October 23, 2003

**Margaret V. Lombardi '56** died November 18, 2003

**J. Terence Murphy '57** died November 25, 2003

**Sr. Roseanne Marie M Radecke '57** died October 9, 2003

**Donald P. Weber Sr. '60** died September 28, 2003

**Grace F. McMenamy '64** died November 2, 2003

**Rev. Msgr. John R. Gabalski '68** died October 9, 2003

**Matthew S. Makowski '73** died November 26, 2003

**Laura J. Porter '78** died November 25, 2003

**Aaron D. Bender '03** died November 15, 2003

**Ruby M. Patterson '03** died November 10, 2003

**Rev. Thomas H. Jones, adjunct professor of religious studies** died December 26, 2003



## Canisius vs. Syracuse Game and Post-Game Reception

More than 150 alumni and friends joined Coach Mike MacDonald and the Canisius College men's basketball team following their game December 30 against Syracuse University at the Carrier Dome. Pictured (l-r) are: Joanne Schwartzott '69; Yaku Moton-Spruill '04, men's basketball team; Meg Coyle '96; and Bernie Coyle.

## class notes

### 1950s

'53 **George W. Wopperer** retired as president of RIBCO Inc. (Remedial Insulation Barriers Company Inc.).

'55 **BS Joseph J. Castiglia**, former chairman of Buffalo's Catholic Health System Board of Directors, received the 2002 Trustee Leadership Award for Healthcare Trustees of New York State.

'55 **BS George S. Parlato, MD**, a psychiatrist, presented a paper on occupational psychiatry at the World Psychiatric Association International Congress: Alliances for Mental Health in Caracas, Venezuela.

### 1960s

'61 **BA Hon. John J. LaFalce**, Peter Canisius Distinguished University Professor at Canisius and a partner at the law firm of Harris Beach LLP, received the Theodore Roosevelt Exemplary Citizenship Award from the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site Foundation.

'66 **BA Robert M. Greene**, a partner at the law firm of Phillips Lytle LLP, received the 2003 Reflection Award from Trocaire College.

'66 **BA Paul B. Hurley Jr.**, president of Trocaire College, is a board member for St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute.

'67 **BA Hon. John F. O'Donnell**, a State Supreme Court Justice, received the President's Award from the Western New York Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York.

'69 **BA S. David Shia**, assistant controller for Griffin Automation, is vice president of membership for the Buffalo Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

### 1970s

'70 **BA Hon. Richard B. Halloran Jr.**, Michigan Circuit Court Judge for Wayne County, received the Domestic Violence Award from the Family Bar Association for managing the domestic violence docket over the last five years. He issued 70,000 personal protection orders.

'70 **MS, '86 MS Mary Anne Kermis**, superintendent of the Holley Central School District in Orleans County and former assistant superintendent of human resources for the Ken-Ton School District, was named Educator of the Year by the Ken-Ton School District.

'71 **BA, MA '74 Thomas P. Connelly III** retired from the practice of law and relocated to Newport News, VA. He is currently serving a 13th term as secretary of the International Hopkins Association, which publishes *Hopkins Quarterly*, a magazine devoted to the life and writings of 19th century Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins.

'71 **BA LeRoi C. Johnson**, an attorney, is secretary of the Burchfield-Penney Art Center Board of Trustees.

'71 **BA Stephen F. Mercurio** is a financial advisor for En Passant Financial Planning LLC in Syracuse.

'72 **BS Col. Guy A. Giancarlo** retired from the U.S. Army after 31 years of service. His latest assignment was chief financial officer of the Army Reserve in Fairfax, VA, where he managed more than \$5 billion a year in Congressional appropriations.

'75 **BS Anna Marie (Rooth) Cellino**, senior vice president of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, was featured in the September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

'75 **BA, MS '77 M. Kerry Courtney**, principal of Frontier

Middle School, is treasurer of the Character First Board of Directors in Hamburg.

'76 **BA William Jaremko, MD**, former intern in internal medicine and dermatology at the Air Force Medical Center at Lackland, TX Air Force Base, serves on the Olean General Hospital Board of Trustees.

'77 **BS Gregory R. Blarr** is account executive for MarketSource Direct.

'77 **BA Paul E. Noel** is manager of program business for NOVA American Group Inc. and NOVA Casualty Co.

'78 **BS J. Michael O'Connell III** is director of the Congressional Information Program for NEI (Nuclear Energy Institute) in Washington, DC.

'79 **BS Joseph A. Duffey** is senior vice president and credit manager with First Bremen Bank in Canal Winchester, OH.

'79 **BS, MBA '86 Ann Marie (Huefner) George**, controller of Sealing Devices Inc., was featured in the September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

'79 **BS, MBA '85 Stanley J. Kaznowski III**, treasurer and chief financial officer for Curtis Screw Company Inc., is a board member for Buffalo Prep.

'79 **BS, MBA '82 Deborah C. (Caudell) Leous**, chief financial officer at Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, was featured in the September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

'79 **BA David M. Spiller**, a partner in Ohio Sports Plus and former assistant basketball coach at Ohio State, is athletics director at

## Honors Reunion Planned

A reunion of alumni in the **All-College Honors Program** is planned for fall 2004. Organizers expect the event to include tours of campus, presentations in renovated Old Main classrooms and a reception with faculty in the program.

The college needs help, however, in developing an accurate mailing list for the event because its records of graduates from the program only date back to 1978. The college's archives indicate the program began as early as 1958.

Graduates of the program prior to 1978 are urged to contact John J. Hurley, vice president for college relations, and identify themselves and their classmates who completed the program. John can be reached at [hurleyj@canisius.edu](mailto:hurleyj@canisius.edu) or at 716-888-3104.

Walnut Ridge High School in Columbus, OH.

### 1980s

'80 **BA John L. Lomeo**, president and chief executive officer of Niagara Hospice Inc., was featured in a *Business First's* "Best in Business."

'80 **BS Rocco Lucente II**, managing partner at the law firm of Cohen and Lombardo PC, is a Fellow of the New York State Bar Foundation.

'80 **BS Army Col. Timothy K. McNulty** is commander of Area II and the 34th Support Group in Yongsan Seoul, South Korea.

'80 **MBA Neil C. Woodworth** is director of human resources for the sanitation division of ITT Industries Inc., in Milwaukee, WI.

'82 **BA Clotilde Perez-Bode Dedecker**, executive director of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, was a divisional volunteer chair for the United Way of Buffalo and the Erie County 2003 Communications Campaign.

'82 **BS Thomas Faso Jr.**, former vice president of Creditor's Interchange, is co-chair of the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation annual fund.

'82 **BS Patrick M. Gallivan**, sheriff of Erie County, was inducted into the Byron-Bergen High School Alumni Hall of Fame.

'82 **BS Michael J. Samulski** is senior accountant in the General Services Department of Dopkins and Company LLP.

'83 **BS Henry G. Koziol Jr.**, a director for Freed Maxick and Battaglia, received certification as a financial planner.

'84 **BS Irving H. Levy**, a director for Freed Maxick and Battaglia, received certification as a financial planner.

'84 **BS Elizabeth B. (Ifrah) Pressman** is vice president of marketing and operations for Forge Consulting.

'84 **BS Rhonda F. Spates-Benton**, plant manager for the United States Postal Service in Rochester, was featured in the



## Buffalo Niagara Chapter Holiday Party

More than 80 alumni and friends from the Buffalo Niagara alumni chapter gathered for a holiday party on December 12 at Pat McGinty's in Buffalo, NY.

Pictured (l-r) are: Tim Meer, Christa (Barone) Meer '91, Lisa Mulligan '91, Patricia Schanzlin and Rick Schanzlin '93.

## class notes

September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

**'84 BS Janet M. (Binizkiewicz) Stanek**, president and founder of Partners in Marketing LLC, was featured in the September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

**'85 MBA Karen N. (Schrutt) Feuerstein**, technical writer for HSBC Bank USA, is secretary for the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication Board of Directors.

**'85 BA Colleen M. Keery** is associate professor of biology at Monroe Community College in Rochester.

**'85 BS Gerald F. Pullano** is a partner at the accounting and consulting firm of Chiampou, Travis, Besaw and Kershner LLP.

**'86 BS Katheryn A. Buechi**, executive assistant for Wilson Commencement Park in Rochester, passed the Notary Public Exam.

**'86 BS John F. Herbert**, vice president of finance and administration for Shea's Performing Arts Center, is a recipient of the 2003 *Business First* 40 Under Forty Award.

**'86 BA Susan (Murphy) McNess** won an Emmy Award in the category of Outstanding Technical Team Remote for her work with NBC Sports at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, UT.

**'86 BS Celia Szczepura** is department business administrator in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at Cornell University.

**'88 BA, MBA '90 Andrew J. Shaevel**, CEO of Remarketing Services of America, received *Business First's* "Best in Business" recognition.

**'89 BS Thomas P. Cunningham**, partner in the law firm of Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola LLC, was a speaker on "Construction Work Site and Accident Litigation" at a seminar sponsored by the New York State Bar Association.

**'89 BS Russell J. Matuszak** is an attorney at Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola LLC. He is also a part-time instructor at Canisius College, where he teaches business and commercial law courses.

**'89 MBA Kathleen W. (Farrell) Robinson**, vice president at First Priority Mortgage Inc., was featured in the September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

### 1990s

**'90 BA Christopher D. Kane, PhD**, is a senior research scientist with Pfizer Global Research & Development in Groton, CT. He works in the Department of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases.

**'91 BS Joseph M. Becht**, a partner at Gould & Swanson PC, is vice president of professional education for the Institute of Management Accountants Board of Directors, Buffalo chapter.

**'91 BS, MBA '95 Thomas C. Hopkins** was honored for exceptional customer service as network administrator for the Brothers of Mercy Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

**'91 BS Amber L. Slichta**, executive director of Health for All of Western New York Inc. was recognized by *Business First* for community leadership.

**'92 MBA Darren M. Gress** is assistant vice president and consumer loan manager at Greater Buffalo Savings Bank.

**'93 BS Andrew J. Barczak** is a marketing developer at Aurora Consulting Group Inc.

**'93 MBA Sanjay Chadha**, associate director of outpatient services at ECMC, is president of the Health Care Executive Forum, an affiliate of the American College of Health Care Executives.

**'93 BA James J. Koppmann**, branch claims manager at Amica Mutual Insurance Company, earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation.

**'93 BA Thomas W. McMahon** was named Teacher of the Year at the Davidson County Extended Day School in Lexington, NC.

**'93 BS Karen M. Spencer**, an accountant at Tronconi Segarra & Hore, LLP, is corresponding secretary for the Buffalo chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants.

**'94 BA Ellen Maureen (Weirzba) DellaPenna**, records coordinator at Genesee Community College, was named September's Employee of the Month.

**'94 BA Michael P. Hughes** is manager of public affairs and marketing at Rural/Metro Medical Services.

**'94 MBA Gail J. MacCleverty**, vice president, commercial relationship manager, at Wyoming County Bank, was featured in the



### You never know where you'll find a fellow Golden Griffin...

Imagine the surprise of **Dr. Richard G. Battaglia '79** (right) when he was introduced to fellow Canisius alumnus **Ammar Sallam MBA '00** (left) while working half-a-world-away in Doha, Qatar this winter.

Battaglia is part of a 14 person PricewaterhouseCoopers team that has been engaged to assist with improvement in the levels of service and care provided by the Qatari healthcare system. He is acting as the paired advisor for the Medical Director of the Hamad Medical Corporation, which is the state-run medical system.

The two were introduced through a PricewaterhouseCoopers staff person in the Doha office.

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**'94 BA Lynn Marie (Stachewicz) Rosen** is assistant to the executive director of the Carriage House Children's Center in Pittsburgh, PA., where she also works with the center's after-school program.

**'94 BS, MBA '98 Kim M. Sardina-Smith** is assistant vice president, WNY human resources services manager, at First Niagara Bank in Lockport.

**'94 BS William L. Wlodarczyk** is a manager at Freed Maxick & Battaglia CPAs PC.

**'95 BS Laura J. Lonie** of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance is a member of the executive board of the American Society of Women Accountants, Buffalo chapter.

**'95 MBA Joseph F. Martin** is vice president of new client development for Principal Financial Group's Upstate New York Retirement Services Office.

**'96 MS James M. Bottlinger**, a department of Air Force civilian, is a school counselor at Incirlik High School in Adana, Turkey.

**'96 BA Therese J. (Angilella) Hickok**, account executive with E-3 Communications Inc., serves on the city of Buffalo's Empire Zone Administrative Board.

**'97 BA Jeremy J. Besch** is teaching ninth grade English at Park School in Buffalo.

**'97 BS Thomas F. Grzebinski** is assistant vice president of GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation and works out of the Buffalo Loan Origination Office.

**'97 BS Christine D. (DiLaura) McWilliams, CPA**, general

services manager at Dopkins & Co. LLP, was featured in the September 2003 issue of *Business First's* "Women of Influence."

**'97 BS Kristina Ann Moore** is a staff two accountant at Gaines Metzler Kriner & Co. LLP.

**'97 BS Debra A. Rektorik**, of Freed Maxick & Battaglia CPAs PC, is treasurer of the American Society of Women Accountants, Buffalo chapter.

**'97 BA Captain Amy S. (Romesser) Rustan**, commander of Headquarters Company, returned to the 115th Field Hospital at Fort Polk, Leesville, LA, after being deployed to an overseas forward operating location in support of Iraqi Freedom.

**'97 BS Ronald J. Soluri Jr.** is a manager at Freed Maxick and Battaglia CPAs PC.

**'97 BA Steven J. Walters** is an attorney at Harris Beach LLP.

**'97 MBA Ralph H. Yacinthe** is a commercial banking relationship manager for Key Bank.

**'98 BS Joseph M. Aquino** is a manager at Freed Maxick and Battaglia CPAs PC.

**'98 BS Sarah L. Clare** is supervisor at Dopkins & Company LLP.

**'98 BS Geri S. Pfohl** is administrator of the Brothers of Mercy Sacred Heart Home.

**'99 BA Jessica M. Baker** is an associate for Hiscock & Barclay LLP in Syracuse, NY.

**'99 BS Captain John J. Gray** returned from his service in the U.S. Army to Kings Park, NY. He was stationed in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO following a one-year deployment to South Korea. After four years of ROTC training and

four years of duty, he departed from the Army, receiving an award for his service.

**'99 BA Maria C. (Wichlacz) Grove** is deputy communications and speechwriter for the Office of the Connecticut State Treasurer.

**'99 BA, MBA '01 Scott J. Zgoda** is executive vice president at Bison Bag Company Inc. in Lockport, NY.

### 2000s

**'00 BS Danielle M. Caruana** of Lumsden & McCormick LLP passed the Certified Public Accounting Exam.

**'00 BS Keith M. Hausrath** is senior accountant at Freed Maxick & Battaglia CPA's PC.

**'00 BS Michael A. Marong Jr.** is senior accountant at Dopkins and Company LLP.

**'03 BS Robert B. Carroll** is a staff accountant at Gaines Metzler Kriner & Co. LLP.

**'03 BS Sara M. Costanzo** is an employee benefits specialist for Choice Employee Benefits Group LLC.

**'03 BS Jennifer A. Held** is a trainee in the Management Development Program at M&T Bank.

**'03 BS Jill L. Misnik** is a pharmaceutical sales representative with GlaxoSmithKline.

**'03 BS Danielle L. Sobieski** is an accountant at Tronconi Segarra & Hore LLP.

**'03 BS Nicole M. Specht** is an account executive with SKM Group Inc.