



President's Perspective

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THE SPRING SEMESTER is the peak time of year for the Canisius College Admissions Office. Applications have been processed, acceptances have been mailed, financial aid packages are developed and the campus is filled each day with prospective students determining whether Canisius will be the right school for them.

The college's strategic plan has taken aim at a very aggressive enrollment goal. We want to diversify the student body geographically by bringing in more students from outside Western New York. We want to recruit better students. And in the process, we want to become a more selective college. There are detailed strategies in place to make this happen. Our admissions staff is re-examining every step in the recruitment process to insure that we maximize the return on every contact and activity in the process. Our goal is admittedly a long range goal but one that is absolutely essential to achieve if Canisius is to become a preeminent regional university.

Already, we are seeing signs of progress. For fall 2005, applications are up. We are purposefully budgeting for a smaller entering class so that we can be more selective in our admissions. We expect to continue making progress in the high school averages and SAT scores of our entering class, which are key benchmarks for academic quality.

A key ingredient in our progress has been our residence halls. Canisius has become a predominantly residential college. Nearly 75 percent of the applicants for the fall 2005 class are from residential students. When Eastwood Hall is completed this summer, the college will have approximately 1700 beds available for residential students, more than half of the undergraduate student population.

We're also making progress on diversifying the class. More applications are being generated outside the Western New York area. Our alumni chapters in Rochester, Central New York and Albany are targeting student recruitment in their activities.

Alumni are a living testament to the value of a Canisius education. You can join our efforts to recruit quality students to Canisius by promoting your Canisius education proudly. You are our best ambassadors!

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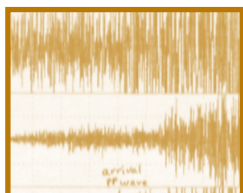
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Over the past decade, the name James R. Palermo '65 has become synonymous with Charlotte, NC. From residential living to retail developments, and cultural arts to education expansion, this Canisius alumnus is the unofficial architect who helped build the city into a fast-lane business and cultural metropolis.

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From the 10th floor of the Transamerica Building, James R. Palermo overlooks uptown Charlotte, NC; a city whose skyline has been redefined in the past decade, as a result of a vision by this 1965 alumnus. (PHOTO BY CHARLES & MARY LOVE, IMAGE SOURCE INC.)