



Demolition of the former Mount St. Joe's Academy began on January 14.

## Former Mount St. Joseph's Academy Comes Down

Demolition is nearly complete on the former Mount St. Joseph Academy. Due to the poor condition of the two school buildings, located at 2064 Main Street, the college could not convert the structures without significant expense.

"We believe that it made more sense to demolish the buildings and convert the area to additional green space in the short-term," explains **John J. Hurley '78**, executive vice president and vice president for college relations. "The college's long-term plan for the property is to

develop new residential and classroom space on that site."

In 2005, Canisius exercised its right of first refusal to purchase the five-and-one-half acre property from the Institute of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Diocese of Buffalo, after they announced their intention to close Mount St. Joseph Academy. The school leased the Main Street property from Canisius until September 2007, when it moved to its new location at 15 Jewett Parkway, the site of the former Central Presbyterian Church.

## High Marks for Canisius Accounting Alumni

The National Association of the State Boards of Accountancy says Canisius College MBA and undergraduate accounting graduates ranked number one overall in New York State, on the 2006 CPA Exam.

Canisius alumni had the highest percentage passing rates in three of the four subject areas tested: financial accounting, auditing, and business and environment concepts. Canisius alumni had the second highest percentage passing rates on the regulation portion of the exam. They ranked first in the "ALL" category, for persons passing all sections taken.

The results are based on schools that had 10 or more candidates sit for the exam. Canisius had 34 candidates sit for the 2006 CPA exam.

## Canisius Introduces New Dual Degree Engineering Program

Canisius now offers a 3+2 Dual Degree in Liberal Arts and Engineering. The cooperative program, between Canisius and Pennsylvania State University at Erie, The Behrend College, enables students to complete three years or the equivalent studying liberal arts and pre-engineering courses at Canisius. Upon completion of the course requirements and with a recommendation from Canisius, students may then pursue a mechanical engineering degree at The Behrend College. Successful completion of all requirements leads to a baccalaureate degree from each institution.

"The combination of liberal arts, science and engineering courses will expand student mastery of communication, critical thinking and leadership," says **Scott A. Chadwick, PhD**, vice president for academic affairs.

**H. David Sheets, PhD**, professor of physics, is director of the new dual degree program at Canisius.

## Rappl '77 Inducted into Hall of Fame

The Western New York Softball Hall of Fame inducted Canisius College Softball Coach **Michael R. Rappl '77** in November. Now in his 29th year as head coach for the Golden



Mike Rappl '77 poses with Pam Amabel, a member of the WNY Softball Hall of Fame Board of Directors.

Griffins softball program, Rappl has compiled a career record of 651-362-2.

He is a six-time Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and has helped lead the Blue and Gold to 11 MAAC regular season championships, 10 MAAC Tournament titles and nine NCAA Division I Softball Tournament appearances.

"I could not have accomplished any of the things I have at the college without the help and support of great student-athletes, a great support staff and a great administration," says Rappl. "I proudly go into the Western New York Softball Hall of Fame on behalf of the

entire Canisius community."

Rappl is the senior-most member of the school's athletics staff. In his time at Canisius, he served as the softball coach, women's basketball coach and associate athletic director for facility operations.

## Canisius Alumni, Darden '72 and Stanton '79, Give Commencement Addresses



Calvin Darden '72

Two prominent Canisius alumni will address the Class of 2008 during commencement ceremonies in May.

**Calvin Darden '72**, retired senior vice president of UPS, will speak to the undergraduate class on **Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m.** in Alumni Arena at the State University of New York at Buffalo (Amherst campus). Approximately 750 undergraduate degrees will be conferred.

Darden joined UPS in 1971 as a part-time package handler. He learned the business from the bottom up and nearly 30 years later was named senior vice president of the world's largest package distribution company. Darden was responsible for all U.S. operations, including 320,000 employees, \$28 billion in revenue, and the pickup and delivery of 13.3 million packages every day.

In 2001, Darden's professional achievement earned him a place among *Fortune* magazine's "50 Most Powerful Black Executives in America." He ranked eighth on the list, above Oprah Winfrey and Vernon Jordan, former advisor to President Bill Clinton.

**Daniel W. Stanton '79**, a retired partner of Wall Street's

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and founding principal of Samson Capital Advisors LLC in Palm Beach, FL will address the graduate Class of 2008, on **Wednesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Koessler Athletic Center on Main Street. Approximately 275 graduate degrees will be conferred.

Stanton spent 22-years with Goldman Sachs, where he managed the firm's global Private Wealth Management business, started and managed its Global Securities Services business, and led the firm's Equities Institutional Sales. His global responsibilities also included a role as chief of the firm's German businesses, which Stanton managed out of Goldman Sachs' Frankfurt office. Stanton retired from Goldman Sachs in 2003.

He and Darden will receive honorary degrees during commencement ceremonies, along with **Clement Eckert**, retired president and CEO of the Food Bank of Western New York; **Herbert A. Hauptman, PhD**, president of Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute Inc.; and **David C. Hohn, MD**, president *emeritus* and executive director of health policy at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.



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## New Exchange Program Comes to Canisius

Canisius College is a new participant in the Near East and South Asia Undergraduate Exchange Program (NESA). Launched in August 2007 by the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs for the U.S. Department of State, NESA provides full scholarships for college students from the Near East to study abroad at American colleges and universities.

Canisius has five NESA students: two are from Jordan, and the others hail from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Egypt. All NESA students are required to take at least one course in American culture or society, reside with an American roommate, complete at least 20 hours of community service, give a presentation on their culture to American audiences, and submit a final report on their experiences.



Brianna Hodges '11 (left) and Kiana Harris '11 (right) participate in a ULLC team learning class.

## Urban Leadership Program Recognized for Excellence

The University of San Francisco Jesuit Network for Equitable Excellence in Higher Education (JNEE) recognized the college's Urban Leadership Learning Community (ULLC) for excellence in diversity in education. The only program of its kind in the area, ULLC provides full and partial scholarships to underrepresented students in the Western New York area, and develops their academic and leadership potential through team learning.

The ULLC enrolled its first class in fall 2000 and experiences an impressive 86 percent, four-year graduation rate.

## Upcoming Events

### Conversations in

#### Christ & Culture Lecture Series

"Life in a Jar: An Interactive Theatrical Presentation"

Saturday, March 29 / 7:30 p.m.  
Montante Cultural Center

"Constructing a Black Catholic Theology for the 21st Century"

Shawn M. Copeland, PhD,  
Associate Professor of Theology,  
Boston College

Thursday, April 17 / 7:30 p.m.  
Regis Room, Richard E. Winter '42  
Student Center

#### The William H. Fitzpatrick Chair of Political Science Lecture Series

"America at the Crossroads"

Francis Fukuyama, PhD,  
Bernard L. Schwartz Professor of  
International Political Economy,  
Nitze School of Advanced International  
Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Tuesday, April 15 / 7:30 p.m.  
Grupp Fireside Lounge