

John Rowe '66, HON '02, MD, Helps Make Future Science Center a Reality

The college's interdisciplinary science center project received a tremendous boost in December when **John W. Rowe '66, HON '02, MD**, committed \$2 million to *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. Rowe is the former chairman and chief executive officer of Aetna Inc. and also the co-author of a leading book on aging in America, entitled *Successful Aging*.

"Jack's generous gift puts our *Legacy of Leadership* campaign even closer to its goal," says Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.** "We are honored that Jack, who is recognized internationally for his distinguished careers in science, medicine and business, has endorsed this project."

Science Hall will bring together, in one location, the college's biology, chemistry, biochemistry, bioinformatics, environmental science, physics, psychology, computer science and mathematics programs. It will also provide space for new interdisciplinary curricular initiatives.

Rowe was chairman and CEO of Aetna Inc. from 2000-2006, and is widely credited with leading the health insurance company through a remarkable turnaround, which made the company a national leader in healthcare benefits and management.

Prior to Aetna, Rowe was president and CEO of Mount Sinai NYU Health, a position he assumed after he conceived and executed

the merger of Mount Sinai and NYU Medical Center. Under his leadership, the Mount Sinai NYU Health System grew to become the largest integrated healthcare system in the region.

Rowe is currently a professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, where he works on local and national issues that address the challenges and opportunities associated with the aging of the baby boom generation. He has received funding from the MacArthur Foundation to lead an international group of scholars, demographers and economists who are planning for a National Research Network on an Aging Society.

Rowe earned a BA in biology from Canisius and an MD from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He is a member of the college's DiGamma Honor Society and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1989. Rowe is a past speaker for the Dr. George E. Schreiner '43 Pre-Medical Center Lecture Series and he addressed the Class of 2002 during undergraduate commencement exercises, at which he also received an honorary degree.

Rowe and his wife, Valerie, reside in New York City and have three children.

Wendt Foundation Commits to Campaign for Canisius

The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation made a \$1 million commitment to *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College* in February. The gift will support the renovation and purchase of equipment for Science Hall, the college's planned interdisciplinary science center.

"Canisius is very grateful to The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation, which has been a valued supporter of the college for many years," says **John J. Hurley '78**, executive vice president and vice president for college relations. "Their commitment to the interdisciplinary science center constitutes an invaluable endorsement of this strategic initiative that will move Canisius in important new directions in the sciences."

The interdisciplinary science center at Canisius will be developed in the former HealthNow building and parking pavilion at 1901 Main Street, in the heart of campus. The building is best known as the site of the former Sears Roebuck store and consists of a four-story building with 237,000 total square feet (170,000 net usable square feet), on three-and-a-half acres. It includes a three-level parking ramp with a total of 1,350 spaces. The anticipated cost of the renovation project is \$47 million.

The Margaret L. Wendt Foundation is a private philanthropic organization dedicated to the support of not-for-profit organizations in Western New York.

Campaign Update

As of February 2008, Canisius College has secured \$57 million in commitments toward its \$90 million goal for *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*.

If you would like to assist Canisius, or know of a person or organization who would like to be a part of the college's historic campaign, contact Canisius at 716-888-8200. To learn more about *A Legacy of Leadership*, visit www.canisius.edu/campaign.





Regents Ball Promises an “Enchanted Evening”



Carl J. Montante '64, HON '04

Enjoy an evening of music and masquerade as Canisius College hosts its 42nd annual **Regents Scholarship Ball** on **Saturday, May 10** at the **Hyatt Regency**. This year's theme is “Some Enchanted Evening” and guests are encouraged to don masks to add a bit of mystique to the gala.

The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award to **Carl J. Montante '64, HON '04**, who will be recognized for his civic, cultural and economic contributions to Western New York. Montante is president and managing director of Uniland Development Company, the area's largest developer of office and industrial real estate. He is one of the area's most respected business and community leaders.

Proceeds from the Regents Scholarship Ball provide financial support to promising young students who otherwise would not be able to take advantage of a Canisius education.

For more information on sponsorships or to purchase tickets to the Regents Scholarship Ball, contact Marion Mittler, director of donor relations and special events, at 716-888-8217 or visit the Web site at www.canisius.edu/regentsball.

Alumni Sodality to Memorialize Father Ruddick



Rev. James J. Ruddick, S.J.

The Canisius College Alumni Sodality will honor the memory of **Rev. James J. Ruddick, S.J.**, with an engraved paver on Leadership Walkway. Father Ruddick was a professor *emeritus* of physics at Canisius and director of the Braun Seismograph Station. He also served as associate vicar for religious for the Diocese of Buffalo. Father Ruddick was 83 years old when he died in March 2007.

Donations for Father Ruddick's paver may be sent to Canisius College, Leadership Walkway, 2001 Main Street, AG206, Buffalo, NY, 14208. For more information on Leadership Walkway, visit www.canisius.edu/support/walkway.



Commissioned on November 11 by the college's Greatest Generation Reunion Committee, the memorial stone pictured below now stands as a permanent tribute to those Canisius alumni who served their country during the war years of 1941-1953. Located between Old Main and Bagen Hall, the memorial was purchased with funds raised by the college's Greatest Generation alumni. The group also raised enough money to endow the Greatest Generation Scholarship – A Tribute to the G.I. Bill.



More than 125 Canisius scholarship recipients met their respective benefactors at the college's annual Endowed Scholarship Brunch. Canisius College awarded more than \$2 million in endowed scholarship support in the 2007-2008 academic year.

Seated (l-r) are: Michele Carballada '92, Virginia Carballada, R. Carlos Carballada '56, HON '81 and Paula Valente '70.

Standing (l-r) are: Leah Schwartz '11, Monica Stage '08, Gregory Straus '08 and Kevin Valletta '11.



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A planned gift to *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College* may be made through a variety of giving arrangements and yield significant, immediate and long-term benefits for you, your family and Canisius College.

For more information or to establish a planned gift, contact Dianna Civello, director of development for major gifts, at 716-888-8220 or visit our Web site at www.canisius.edu/legacyofleadership.

