

43rd Annual Regents Ball: A Celestial Gala

The stars will shine at the 43rd Annual **Regents Scholarship Ball**, scheduled for **Saturday, May 9**, at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York is the presenting sponsor of the event, which will include the presentation of the Distinguished Citizen Achievement Award to **Joseph “Jerry” Castiglia ’55, HON ’94**. Castiglia will be recognized for his civic, cultural and economic contributions to Western New York.

A certified public accountant, Castiglia is the former president and CEO of Pratt & Lambert United and an avid community advocate. He serves on the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra Foundation boards of trustees and is an *emeritus* member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees. Castiglia is also a member of the Bishop’s Council of the Laity, and the finance and investment committees for the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. He served several years as chair



Joseph “Jerry” Castiglia ’55, HON ’94

of the BlueCross BlueShield Board of Directors. “Jerry Castiglia leads by example and takes care to understand the environment but is never afraid to confront a challenge,” says Alphonso O’Neil-White, president of BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York. “His long tenure at BlueCross BlueShield, as board member and later chairman, left a leadership imprint that continues to guide us.”

The Regents Ball is the principal fund-raiser for the college’s Board of Regents Scholarship Fund. Proceeds provide vital financial support to promising young students, who otherwise would not be able to take advantage of a Canisius education. Last year’s gala raised nearly \$100,000.

For more information about sponsorships or to purchase tickets to the Regents Scholarship Ball, contact **Erin Lawless ’00, MS ’04**, assistant director of donor relations and special events, at 716-888-8228 or visit the Web site at www.canisius.edu/regentsball.

Maximize Your Donation with a Matching Gift

Did you know that you can maximize your philanthropic contributions to Canisius, if your employer offers a matching gift program?

With matching gift programs, employers match employee charitable contributions dollar-for-dollar, or more. Matching gifts allow employers to reduce their tax burdens and strengthen their commitments to the community, while employees realize a greater impact with their contributions.

For not-for-profit institutions such as Canisius, “matching gifts are critical to growing the college’s annual fund,” says **Kirsten L. Reppert MS ’07**, director of the annual fund. Reppert notes that matching gifts to Canisius account for approximately \$350,000 in donations, annually. Those funds support financial aid, student scholarship, academic programs and state-of-the-art technology.

“Canisius was very good to me and if the gift I provide can be enhanced by a match by my company, then I hope it will help,” says **Patrick M. Hanley ’81, MBA ’87**, vice president of the Special Credits Unit at HSBC Bank, who takes advantage of HSBC’s 2:1 match. “For me, it’s simple – just send in the form.”

To learn if your or your spouse’s employer participates in a matching gift program, contact the employer’s Human Resource or Payroll departments. They can provide a matching gift form. Simply fill it out and submit it with your gift to Canisius. The college will take care of the rest. But don’t wait.

“If your employer still offers the benefit, now is the time to take advantage of it,” says Reppert.

For more information on matching gift programs, contact **Kirsten Reppert** at 1-800-201-4952 or via E-mail at reppertk@canisius.edu.





Photo: Richard N. Blewett '48 (right) with John J. Hurley '78, executive vice president and vice president for college relations.

Canisius Names Blewett '48 Distinguished Honoree on National Philanthropy Day

Canisius College recognized **Richard N. Blewett '48** as a Distinguished Honoree at Buffalo's National Philanthropy Day luncheon. The annual celebration commemorates the spirit of giving across the nation.

A devoted volunteer at Canisius, Blewett served as committee chair for his 60-year class reunion. He is also past president of the college's Alumni Association and a recipient of the LaSalle Medal, conferred upon those who have made substantial contributions in advancing the interests of the college. Blewett made his most generous commitment to Canisius in 2008, when he established The Richard '48 and Jean Blewett Family Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid to deserving students.

In addition to Canisius, Blewett avidly supports Catholic Charities and The United Way. He also continues to practice at the law firm of Cohen and Lombardo PC, and is past president of the Catholic Lawyers' Guild, Buffalo's Legal Aid Bureau and the Erie County Bar Association. In 1996, he was named Erie County Lawyer of the Year.

McGowan Charitable Fund Supports MBA Student

Caroline Nord '09 is the recipient of an \$18,000 McGowan Scholars Program Scholarship, which was awarded to Canisius College from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund. The national program supports students who pursue majors offered by business schools accredited by the International Association for Management Education (AACSB) or the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACSBSP). Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit, application essays, community involvement, and personal and professional aspirations.



Caroline Nord '09

Nord is enrolled in the Richard J. Wehle School of Business One-Year MBA program. She plans to pursue a career in financial management after she receives her MBA from Canisius. Nord currently holds a bachelor's degree in international economics from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, MN.

The McGowan Scholars Program was established by the McGowan Fund to honor William G. McGowan and the MCI founder's legacy in business. The national program encourages leadership ability, interpersonal skills, and involvement in academic, campus and community activities. It also recognizes excellence of character, spirit of innovation and entrepreneurial potential. Since 1997, the McGowan Fund has granted 19 scholarships to Canisius, which total \$300,000. Canisius applies each year for the scholarship grant and the distinction of being named a McGowan Scholars Institution.



Attorney and artist **LeRoy C. Johnson '71** presents Canisius President **Rev. Vincent M. Cooke, S.J.**, with his latest painting. Entitled "Unification," the oil and acrylic on canvas now hangs prominently on the first floor of Old Main.

Campaign Update

Canisius College has secured \$65 million in commitments toward its \$90 million goal for *A Legacy of Leadership: The Campaign for Canisius College*. To learn more about *A Legacy of Leadership*, visit www.canisius.edu/campaign.