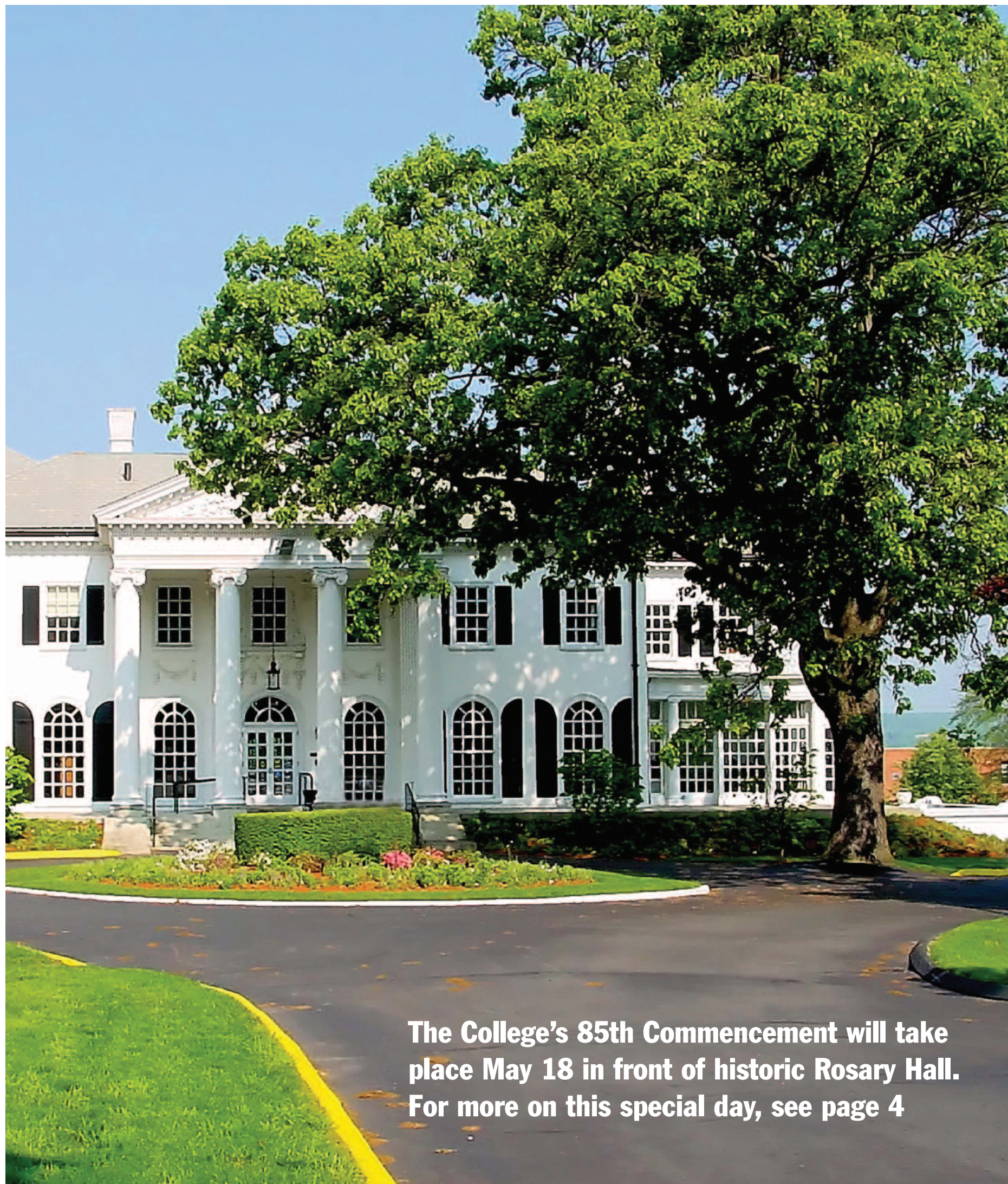


# From the Hill



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The College's 85th Commencement will take place May 18 in front of historic Rosary Hall. For more on this special day, see page 4

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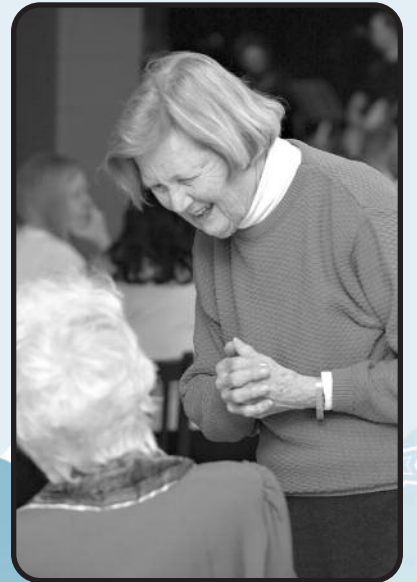
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# The House of Bollstadt:

Where St. Albert and St. Patrick meet!



On Thursday, March 13, 2008, AMC alumni, friends and family celebrated St. Patrick's Day in the House of Bollstadt (campus pub). The atmosphere, energetic and full of Irish spirit, was highlighted by a live acoustic performance of Billy Donaldson's *Keltic Kick*.



During spring break, the College's student-athletes headed west and south. The men's baseball team traveled to an Arizona tournament and the women's softball team played in Florida. These early games provide a warm-up for regular season play.

**The women's softball team took part in the Disney Spring Break Tournament held at Disney Wide World Sports Complex in Orlando. They faced St. Joseph College, also from Connecticut, and Illinois Valley Community College in doubleheaders; their match-up against New York University was a single game.**



Jess Zanghi



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**Participating in the RussMatt Greater Phoenix Invitational along with more than 60 teams, Albertus played a demanding schedule of 10 games in 6 days. Opponents for the doubleheaders were UMass-Boston, Keene State College, Williams College, Nebraska Wesleyan University and Springfield College.**

# Springtime for Athletics

*For more about athletics at Albertus, go to Athletics on the College's web site at [www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu).*

*Check out schedules and plan to support the Falcons when games are in your area.*



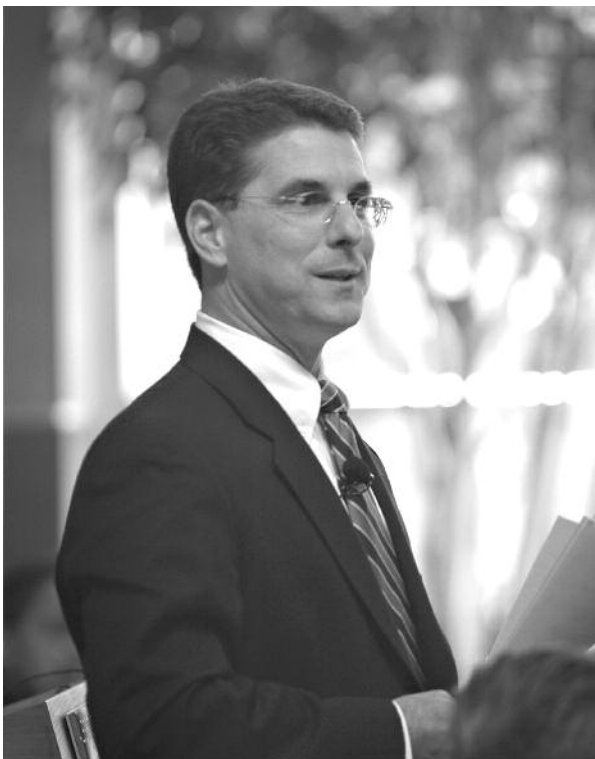
# CAMPUS NEWS

## Student Research Symposium Draws Crowd



The first Albertus Student Research Symposium—initiated by a committee of students and faculty—took place in February in the St. Albert Atrium of the Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology, which is dedicated to one of the most influential scientists of the Middle Ages. Thirty students from the undergraduate day, Accelerated Degree, Master of Arts in Art Therapy and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies programs presented their independent projects from various disciplines, including biology, psychology, art therapy and anthropology, to the College community. Left photo: Michael Karkowski, left, and Andrew Rubano, both undergraduates in the day program, showcased their biology project entitled “Determination of Surface Charge on Multi-Walled Carbon Nanotubes.” Right: Bonita Criscuolo, center, Accelerated Degree; and Jillian Zampaglione, day program, welcomed Dr. Loel Tronsky, their faculty sponsor, to their collaboration on “The Contributions of Simple Multiplication Skill, Processing Speed, Working Memory Capacity, and Math Anxiety to the Development of Complex Multiplication Skill.”

## Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership Speaker Series



**David R. Fusco, left, president of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Connecticut, spoke to members of the College and Greater New Haven communities on February 29 as part of the Tagliatela School of Business and Leadership 2007–2008 Speaker Series. His topic: “Keeping a Local Focus when You’re a National Health Care Leader.” On March 7, Jeffrey P. Pino, right, president of Sikorsky Aircraft, focused on how to build a leadership culture through communicating to employees, setting the vision and developing commitment. This year’s series began in November with Roxanne J. Coady, president and founder of R. J. Julia Booksellers in Madison, Connecticut, and concluded April 8 with John Baldoni, leadership coach and consultant, whose latest book is “How Great Leaders Get Great Results.”**



## Albertus Announces 2008 Honorary Degree Recipients

The Board of Trustees of Albertus Magnus College has voted unanimously to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon the following distinguished individuals at the College’s 85th Commencement Exercises, Sunday, May 18:

**Charles G. Crump**—After service during World War II, Charles Crump returned to his native Connecticut and began a career in the brokerage business at Charles W. Scranton & Co. in New Haven, where he rose through the ranks to managing partner. Now a senior investment adviser and research analyst with Stephens, Inc., he has given to his hometown of Wallingford many years of volunteering to local organizations, including the school board and fire commission.

**Carlton L. Highsmith**—Founder, president and CEO of the Specialized Packaging Group, Inc., the largest minority-owned business in Connecticut, Carlton Highsmith is an innovative entrepreneur and passionate philanthropist. Headquartered in Connecticut, his company has manufacturing sites, design centers and sales locations in 10 locations in the U.S. and one in Canada. He is a steadfast advocate for the “endless possibilities” education provides to young people.

**Thelma M. Johnson**—Thelma Johnson has spent nearly 50 years in the field of education as administrator, college professor, reading specialist and public school teacher. Consulting regionally and nationally, she has focused

on ways to help teachers make a student’s learning experience the best it can be. Dr. Johnson brings the same spirited commitment to her personal philanthropy and to her numerous civic and public service activities.

**Valerie F. Lewis**—From November 2000 to February 2008, when she retired, Valerie Lewis served as Connecticut’s Commissioner of Higher Education. She has been a strong advocate for controlling tuition costs and increasing aid and access for needy students, and has held a variety of public and independent college administrative positions in admissions and financial aid, and in finance. She will deliver the Commencement address.

**Jacqueline Noonan, AMC ’50**—A chemistry major at AMC who also earned her medical degree at the University of Vermont, Dr. Noonan went on to achieve a long list of firsts in her medical teaching career, as well as an international reputation for her pioneering work in pediatric cardiology and the causes of congenital heart disease. Today Noonan Syndrome is recognized as one of the most common syndromes associated with congenital heart failure. She is professor *emerita* of pediatrics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine.



- On April 17, Dr. Julia M. McNamara joined U.S. Catholic college and university presidents invited to Washington, D.C., to attend a talk by Pope Benedict XVI on Catholic higher education. The address took place on the campus of The Catholic University of America. She also attended a reception at the Embassy of Italy in honor of the 81st birthday of Pope Benedict.
- Dr. Howard Fero, assistant professor of management and leadership, and director of the Master of Arts in Leadership program, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Institute of Behavioral and Applied Management. IBAM is a network of college and university professors studying the field of management, practitioners in business and the corporate world, not-for-profit organizations and government, and students.
- New Haven Business Times earlier this month honored Bernadette Holodak, director of development, as one of its Twenty Noteworthy Women. A 2006 graduate of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Center program, she is vice president of the board of the New Haven Literacy Volunteers and chair of its annual Scrabble Tournament; she was volunteer of the year in 2004 at Hopkins School; and she volunteers for the American Cancer Society.
- Evie Lindemann, clinical coordinator for the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program, served as research associate, coping skills trainer and project director for Dean Margaret Grey of the Yale School of Nursing, the principal investigator for a seven-year project testing the application of coping skills training with children, teens and families with type 1 diabetes. Lindemann worked on the randomized clinical trials that began with adolescents. The National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) recently named the first of Dr. Grey's studies with adolescents as one of 10 landmark studies in NINR's 20-year history.
- Stephen Steinlight, fellow at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C., spoke on "Immigration, Immigration Policy and the 2008 Election." The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program sponsored the talk, which was open to the College community.
- The College's Accelerated Degree Program sponsored Leadership Greater New Haven's Second Annual Alumni Reception January 30 at Business Expo 2008. Dr. Howard Fero, assistant professor of management and leadership and director of the Master of Arts in Leadership program, served as moderator for the panel on leadership and community service. Panelists were Charles Frey, president and CEO, American Red Cross of South Central Connecticut; Kristin Geenty, president, The Geenty Group; and Tony Valillo, president, The United Illuminating Company.
- On April 11, there was a noon-time reception and book signing for the College community at Rosary Hall to recognize four faculty members whose books have been published recently. The authors are: Susan Cole, "Missing Alice: In Search of a Mother's Voice," Syracuse University Press, 2007; Michael Geary, "Sweet Land of Security," YBK Publishers, 2008; Elise Martucci, "The Environmental Unconscious in the Fiction of Don DeLillo," Routledge, 2007; and Paul Robichaud, "Making the Past Present: David Jones, the Middle Ages, & Modernism," The Catholic University Press of America, 2007.



On February 16, the Albertus women's basketball team supported the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's second annual "Think Pink" initiative to raise awareness of breast cancer in women's basketball, on campuses and in communities.

More than 600 NCAA colleges and universities held special activities during the week. Albertus played Mount Ida College and pink was the color of the day for warm-up tee shirts and programs. AMC team members, left to right, Nikki McCleave, Bianca Brown and Krystal Bryant took part.



Half-time ceremonies at the Albertus-Mount Ida College women's basketball game honored all Albertus women and men who reached the 1,000th point milestone during their playing careers. Shown with Jen Pacelli, director of athletics, second from right, are, from left, Jason Crockett (1993-1997/1,323 points), Lauren Aloï (1994-1998/1,344), Diana Burroughs (1993-1997/1,210), Natalia Perlaza (2001-2005/1,576), Candace Young (2003-2007/1,358), Tim Russell (2001-2005/ 2,234), Tara Cruz (2001-2005/ 1,010) and Pat Good (1991-1993/1,437). Ari Crooks (1996-2000/1,473) also returned for the ceremonies.

## New Award Honors Betsy Fahy

Director of Athletics Jen Pacelli, inspired by a passage in Elizabeth Kubler Ross's "Life Lessons"—"With those who have died, we find new ways to share their existence as they live on in our hearts and memories"—has established the Betsy Fahy Award to be given to a student-athlete who exhibits passion for his or her sport, a spirit of camaraderie toward teammates and opponents, and a jovial disposition. The award honors the late Betsy Fahy, who had just completed her eighth season as coach of the women's tennis team when she died in June 2007 after a short illness. The award will be presented during the athletic awards ceremony held every spring; this year's event is May 1.

A graduate of Marymount College, Fahy received graduate degrees from Fairfield University. A tennis pro for many years at the Owenego Beach and Tennis Club, she was a retired teacher and vice principal who served the Milford (CT) School System for 35 years. Fahy was the daughter of the late Mary Catherine O'Brien Fahy '29 and the niece of Helen O'Brien Levack '32.





## Reunion 2008— Schedule of Events

### Friday, June 6, 2008

5:30–7:30 p.m.

**The Digital Art Studio**—an art show of digital images by AMC students and faculty coordinated by Jerry Nevins, professor, visual and performing arts and Julia Coash, associate professor, visual and performing arts  
Reception to accompany the show  
St. Albert Atrium (Atrium), Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology (AC)

### Saturday, June 7, 2008

10:00 a.m.

**Registration** begins in the Hubert Campus Center (HCC)  
Coffee And...  
Bookstore Opens

10:30–11:30 a.m.

**Alumni College: The Upcoming Presidential Election**

Note: The panel discussion is **not** focused on the political views of the Republican or Democratic parties. There are historic social implications with the current campaign. The panel will focus on topics such as: the possibility of the first female or African American Presidential candidate; the influence of the media in an internet age; the role of big business in the campaign process, etc.

#### Faculty Panel Participants:

Dr. Clara Munson, associate professor of business administration and management

Mr. Eric Schoeck, assistant professor of English and humanities

Mr. Ron Waite, associate professor of communications

Dr. Patricia Yeaman, professor of sociology  
Behan Community Room, HCC

Noon–2:00 p.m.

**Alumni Luncheon**  
Dining Hall, HCC

2:00–4:00 p.m.

#### Afternoon Activities

- Campus Tour (walking tour)
- Dorms Open  
(McAuliffe, Sansbury, Nilan, Mohun and Dominican)
- Athletic Center/Pool open for use
- Special Event  
3:00 Author Reading, Discussion and Book Signing  
Dr. Susan Cole, professor of English  
Featuring her recent book:  
"Missing Alice: In Search of a Mother's Voice"  
Bookstore, HCC

4:00 p.m.

**Reunion Mass**  
Atrium, AC

5:00 p.m.

**Golden Society Induction & Toast**  
Atrium & Courtyard, AC

5:30–8:30 p.m.

**Annual Meeting**  
**Followed by Cocktails and Buffet Dinner**  
**featuring live jazz**

- President's Address
  - Presentation of the Alumni of the Year Awards
- Dining Hall, HCC

8:30–11:30 p.m.

**Campus Pub** opens with music, fun food and spirits  
House of Bollstadt, HCC

*Family and friends  
are welcome at  
all activities for  
Reunion 2008.*

# 2008 Alumni Awards

During the 2007 Annual Meeting, the Alumni of the Year Committee recommended the following changes to the Alumni of the Year awards and procedures:

- Move the submission deadline for nominations to March 15 from April 15
- Revise the three award categories (Loyalty and Service to the College; Outstanding Professional Achievement; Humanitarian/Community Service) to one Alumni of the Year category. This award can be presented to more than one alumna/alumnus.
- Add a Premier Achievement Award that is presented to an individual who has graduated within the last 10 years. This award can be presented to more than one alumna/alumnus.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The Alumni of the Year Awards Committee is pleased to announce the 2008 award recipients.

## Alumni of the Year

### Joan Lucey Donnelly '58

Over the years, Joan has been very involved with organizations advocating the full inclusion of persons with disabilities into the day-to-day life of the Catholic Church and society. For 38 years she has been a member of the Robert Brunner Foundation and is currently vice president; she also serves as president of CUSA—An Apostolate of Persons with Chronic Illness and Disability; and she recently became a member of the Board of Governance and treasurer of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Joan Donnelly played a leadership role in planning the Class of 1958's 45th reunion and is currently spearheading its 50th reunion donation drive.

### Patricia Scussel '89

Patti Scussel is executive director of the Greater New Haven Leadership Center, which offers programs for potential and current leaders in the area, including Leadership Greater New Haven, a community development course emphasizing leadership training within the framework of critical and social issues, and Executive Orientation for senior-level executives who are interested in understanding the area's critical issues. She also serves as executive director of the New Haven Network for Public Education. Passionate about the importance of volunteering, she is a member of numerous boards and committees, such as the Connecticut Consortium of Education Foundations, Connecticut State Scholars' Business Support Committee and The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven's Fund for Women and Girls.

## Premier Achievement Award

This new award honors an individual who has graduated from the College within the last 10 years and who has excelled either professionally, within the community or shown extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College. This award can be presented to more than one alumna/alumnus.

### Jodi Lombardozi Everone '02

In her first year of graduate study at Southern Connecticut State University, Jodi received the Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation's John F. Shaw Scholarship, which honors one graduate student in the state who "shows a commitment to integrating those with intellectual and developmental disabilities into mainstream society." Today she is a speech-language pathologist in the public schools of Stratford, Connecticut, providing speech and language therapy to students who qualify for special education services. In her work, breakthroughs with students are few and far between, but when they do occur she knows she has made a difference that could have an impact on the child's education and adult life.

### Terri Smith '05 MSM, '06 MBA

After retiring from the corporate world, Terri Smith began her graduate work at Albertus. She is now director of the Urban Outreach Program for the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut, creating the only program of its kind in the country. She brings word about kidney disease to minority groups around the state—particularly the African American community, which has an extremely high risk of developing the disease. She combines traditional media with out-of-the-box thinking to reach her audience. In January 2008, the Hartford Business Journal honored Terri Smith as its Health Care Hero for community service and her pioneering work in educating and empowering minorities to find and use existing health care resources. Every day her efforts help save lives.

The Alumni of the Year Awards Committee would like to thank all of the individuals who sent in nominations for this year. The Alumni Association accepts nominations throughout the year. The submission deadline for the 2009 awards is March 15, 2009. Please visit [www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu) for more information and nomination forms.

## Alumni Association Board of Governors

With only six months remaining in the current two-year term, the Board of Governors of the Alumni Association seeks individuals interested in serving for the 2008–2010 term.

This dynamic group of alumni, comprised of graduates from the traditional, Accelerated Degree and New Dimensions programs, works in conjunction with the College to develop new programs and events aimed at strengthening the bond between Albertus and her alumni. With one of its many projects for the term already implemented, the AMC Mentoring Program, the Board continues to work toward achieving its goals and looks forward to another rewarding two-year term.

If you would like to become a part of this exciting team, please contact Carolyn Behan Kraus, director of alumni relations at 203-773-8502 or e-mail [alumni@albertus.edu](mailto:alumni@albertus.edu).

### 2006–2008 Board of Governors

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# CLASS NOTES

**1933** *75th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**1938** *70th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Elinor Affinito Ingelido**, Colorado Springs, CO, reports that she and Michael, both 90, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last spring.

**1943** *65th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Elizabeth Birney Cochran**, Tucson, AZ, has four children and four grandsons. She is involved with the Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood Association, the TMC intensive care nursery where she is a "cuddler," and the Arizona Theatre Company.

**1948** *60th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Elizabeth Hurley Candels**, Avon, CT, and her husband retired in 2000. She volunteers for the American Red Cross, responsible for the staffing of all volunteers for 5 to 10 bloodmobiles a month in Avon and Farmington.

**1953** *55th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Eileen Donnelly Hickey**, Hartford, CT, and her husband, John, have two children and two grandchildren. She retired from Hartford Public High School in 1998.

**1958** *50th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Carolyn Newins Denny**, Warwick, NY, and her husband, Bob, have four children and three grandchildren. She has volunteered for Meals on Wheels, local library and hospital, as well as helping migrant workers. She and Bob are looking forward to attending the 50th Reunion.

**Catherine Dinehart**, New York, NY, a member of the class for three years, is a retired retail executive.

**Barbara Popp Murphy**, Arlington, VA, has 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. She does volunteer work for the Order of Malta, and makes annual pilgrimages to Lourdes.

**Elizabeth Lyons Weber**, Portland, ME, a retired teacher, has three sons and daughter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She is involved with Portland Landmarks, Portland Observatory, Wayside Kitchen and "Born to Read" program.

**1963** *45th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Elizabeth Treiber Greenwood**, Andover, MA, a retired high school English teacher, tells us that the older she gets, "the more valuable reunions with our AMC class become." She and Floyd have two sons and three grandsons.

**Correction:** The gift of Patricia Coyle Foley to the 2006-2007 Albertus Annual Fund should have been listed in the Annual Report's Honor Roll for the Class of 1956 under the Siena Society because it included a match. It was incorrectly listed in the Aquinas Affiliate category.

## *Hannay Teaching for a Year in Jordan at King's Academy*

Last month, **Suzanne Hannay '67**, a faculty member since 1990 at Deerfield Academy in Deerfield, Massachusetts, appeared in an interview on ABC News with King Abdullah II of Jordan about the Middle East's first co-educational boarding school, King's Academy, which he founded. The school, in Madaba, opened in August and is modeled on Deerfield, from which King Abdullah graduated in 1980. Hannay, and her husband, John Palmer, also a Deerfield teacher, are teaching at King's Academy for the 2007-2008 school year.



In a response to classmates who saw the interview and e-mailed her, Hannay wrote of her "amazing" year in Jordan, a "place every American with an open mind on the world should see." It is, she said, "safe, happy, beautiful, and the people are warm and wonderful. We have been welcomed everywhere, and the Arabs are eager to be seen as good people. We will hate to leave here in June."

This photo is one Hannay took on an overnight camping trip with 56 students to Wadi Rum, a sandstone landscape of dunes and valleys, where much of "Lawrence of Arabia" was filmed.

**1966**

**Carol Luppi Hurlburt**, Lansing, MI, continues to enjoy teaching microbiology full time at Lansing Community College.

**Sr. Mary White**, St. Louis, MO, is an assistant professor at the Doisy College of Health Sciences at Saint Louis University, where she is in her tenth year as a faculty member.

**1967**

**Susan Lundgren Rottner**, West Hartford, president of Bank of America in Connecticut, is honorary chair of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Hartford 2008 annual campaign and gala.

**1968** *40th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Alyce Tuttle Fuller**, Evanston, IL, has a son, Tim, 27, and a daughter, Kate, 24. She will be traveling in Europe at the time of Reunion. She is interested in photography, child literacy and health issues, and serves as an alumni trustee on the College's Board.

**Diane Sjostedt Gowdy**, Broad Brook, CT, is a retired French teacher and her husband, Frank, a retired math teacher. One son is a jeweler and the other is a lawyer. She has two grandsons.

**Deborah Hawkins**, Felton, CA, is a self-employed psychotherapist and consultant. She has a daughter, 32, who is getting married in June, and a son, 29. A volunteer webmaster for the local chapter of psy-

## *Bar Association Honors Memory of Alumna*

The Massachusetts Bar Association's 2008 Access to Justice Awards luncheon, held March 6 at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston, was dedicated to **Nancy King '69**, the former executive director of South Middlesex Legal Services in Framingham, who died in December after a 20-year battle with breast cancer. For the past 30 years she had practiced law and served as director of the legal aid office, which provides free civil legal representation to low-income people in 36 towns. Her three sisters and two brothers accepted the Lifetime Achievement Award on her behalf.

Also at the luncheon, The Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the Bar Association's philanthropic partner, announced creation of the Nancy King Memorial Fellowship. This fellowship will support a summer legal intern at South Middlesex Legal Services.

chotherapists, she also volunteers as a therapist with victims of domestic violence. She is in a 12-year committed relationship with Dr. Kimberle Jacobs, a neuroscientist and research professor.

**Maryann Cronin Horgan**, Southport, NC, retired in 2006 from Greenwich (CT) High School, where she was chair of the biology department. She is a master gardener, volunteers with the "Community in Schools" program as a mentor/tutor, and is active with the Coastal Carolina camera club and St. James women's service club.

**1972**

**Elaine McDonald**, Middletown, CT, is the new board chair of The Children's Museum, West Hartford, the fifth oldest children's museum in the nation. Until her retirement, she was president and CEO of Aetna Bermuda, a subsidiary of Aetna International. She is the founder of The McDonald Group, a consulting group that assists for-profit organizations with strategic planning and business development.

**1973** *35th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Rosemary Dorr Clarie**, Hampton, NH, and her husband, Tom, published "Just Rye Harbor," on local history. A retired teacher, she is a bereavement counselor and is in her sixth year of volunteering for New Hampshire S.P.C.A.



**Jacqueline Noonan '50**, Lexington, Kentucky, professor emerita of pediatrics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine—where she served as chair of the department of pediatrics for nearly 20 years—and internationally-recognized pediatric cardiologist, was inducted in March into the Kentucky Women Remembered exhibit at the State Capitol in Frankfort by Governor and Mrs. Steve Beshear. The exhibit recognizes lifetime achievements of outstanding Kentucky women. Dr. Noonan's research findings led to the international acceptance of Noonan Syndrome as one of the most common syndromes associated with congenital heart disease. Shown at ceremonies in the Capitol are, from left, Dr. Noonan, First Lady Jane Beshear, Executive Director of the Kentucky Commission on Women Eleanor Jordan and Governor Steve Beshear. Portraits of the three 2008 inductees will be hung in the Capitol Rotunda alongside those of 53 previous honorees.



**PROFILE**

In 2007 U.S. News and World Report included speech-language pathologist is its listing of Best Careers. It didn't surprise Jodi Everone at all. This speech-language pathologist knows she has a great job.



"I love the versatility my career offers. I can work with infants or adults, in a hospital setting, private practice or in a school system," she says. Her choice: working in the public schools of Stratford, Connecticut. "It can be a challenge. There are so many state and federal special education laws to follow when providing students in the schools with speech-language services. Maintaining a positive working relationship with students' parents and collaborative professionals is sometimes a challenge as well, but it's absolutely essential for student success."

Her role in the town's schools is to provide speech and language therapy to students who qualify for special education services. She evaluates speech and language disorders in children, and creates individualized education plans, which include curriculum-related goals and objectives, for students who have been diagnosed with speech-language disorders. A good portion of her work involves providing strategies and consultations to classroom teachers who have concerns about their students' speech or language skills.

Everone traces her interest in the field to her undergraduate days at Albertus. Through internships she began working as a behavior therapist with autistic children. "I really enjoyed the one-to-one setting and providing skill training to children with disabilities," she recalls. Working with a speech-language pathologist at one of her internships, she began to understand how direct instruction of language skills from a qualified pathologist could have an impact on a child's education and adult life.

In her work, breakthroughs with students are few and far between. But when they do occur, she knows she has made a difference. "It's the most rewarding part of the job," she says. "Having a parent tell me that a child is using a skill at home that we worked on so hard and so long at school...that is the most wonderful feeling and most rewarding experience in my line of work."

At Albertus, Everone majored in communications with a double minor in sociology and psychology. She was class president as a freshman and sophomore, vice president as a junior; in senior year, she was president of the Student Government Association. In her first year of graduate study at Southern Connecticut State University, she received the Connecticut Department of Mental Retardation's John F. Shaw Scholarship, which honors one graduate student in the state who "shows a commitment to integrating those with intellectual and developmental disabilities into mainstream society."

In addition to her master's degree in speech and communication disorders, Everone has taken 30 credits of graduate level course work in assistive technology, which provides specialized training in educational computer software, hardware and alternative communications devices. She also holds professional certification of clinical competence from the national American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

**Kathleen Irons Harper**, Cumberland, ME, and her husband, Jim, a family physician in Portland, have a son, Will, Yale '05, who lives and works in New York City, and a daughter, Emma, Princeton '08. She is working as a writer, "not published yet, but hoping to be someday."

**Jean Incampo**, Hamden, CT, has a daughter and five grandchildren. She teaches English at Gateway Community College, Southern Connecticut State University and Stone Academy.

**1974**

**Sr. Christine Cosgrove, O.P.**, New York, NY, recently earned an MA in sacred scripture from St. Joseph Seminary. She is assistant principal, director of advancement and freshman Latin teacher at St. Vincent Ferrer High School in New York City. She holds an MA in English and Ph.D. in education from Fordham University.

**Susan Peters Crawford** in August 2007 relocated to Santa Fe from Dallas. Her husband, Ken, retired after almost 30 years with KPMG, the last 19 as an international tax partner. She has opened the Santa Fe office of Craddock Davis & Krause and continues to practice in the area of corporate defense.

**1975**

**K. M. Foroud**, Doylestown, PA, has a daughter, 24, and a son, 21. She has been employed for a number of years as the assistant estate manager and executive gardener at Spring Hill Farm and Imperatore Nurseries in New Hope. She earned a master's degree in comparative literature from the University of Connecticut. In the '90s she was the co-founder and founding president of the Alliance Française of Doylestown.

**Hartwick College Names AMC Alumna President**

Hartwick College's Board of Trustees has named **Margaret Drugovich '81** president of the 1,480-student, private liberal arts and sciences institution in Oneonta, New York. She will take office July 1.



Currently vice president for Strategic Communication and University Enrollment at Ohio Wesleyan University, Dr. Drugovich earned her EDM, Executive Doctor of Management degree, from Case Western Reserve University. She holds a master of arts in medical sociology from Brown University; at Albertus she was an experimental psychology major. At Ohio Wesleyan, Dr. Drugovich is responsible for new student recruitment and admissions, financial aid, and integrated university-wide communications. She and her partner, Beth Steele, have a daughter, 17, and son, 12.

**Lisa Zuccarelli, O.P.**, Portsmouth, RI, chair of Salve Regina University's biology and biomedical science department, in November presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, held in San Diego. Her topic was "Shocking Discoveries: A History of Electrophysiology."

**1978 30th Reunion June 6-7, 2008**

**Pamela Lorenzo**, Branford, CT, is program director of the VNA/South Central Connecticut Nurturing Families Network. Last year, she was chosen as a "Woman Who Makes a Difference" by Griffin Hospital and received the first Karen Fleming Award from the Children's Trust for her work in the field of child abuse and neglect.

**1979**

**Sr. Jerilyn Hunihan, A.S.C.J.**, Shelton, CT, is a chaplain at the Hartford Correctional Center.

**1983 25th Reunion June 6-7, 2008**

**Marjorie Eichler**, New Haven, CT, lives a block away from the College campus.

**Maribeth Piscitelli** recently relocated to Las Vegas from southern Florida. She is looking forward to Reunion.

**1985**

**Sherry Crocifisso**, Chicago, IL, in February journeyed to Guatemala to adopt an 11-month old boy. He is Mercier Jacinto Crocifisso. Sherry notes that her little guy is cute and enjoying his new life.

**Catherine Holmes Kirby**, Guilford, CT, and her husband, Jay, have been enjoying renovating their townhouse, pursuing ongoing careers, travel to Maine, Rhode Island and New York City, and the many weddings and births in their large extended family.

**Michelle Dubreuil Macek**, Lusaka, Zambia, is involved with Our Lady's Hospice, which provides care for the terminally ill, and a clinic for those afflicted with HIV/AIDS. She conducts bi-monthly Biodanza classes at the hospice for caregivers and staff. Be in touch with her at [maddm@hotmail.com](mailto:maddm@hotmail.com)

**1988 20th Reunion June 6-7, 2008**

**Maureen Hayes McDonough**, Lynn, MA, has her own business—Maureen McDonough Daily Money Management. She and her husband, John, have two sons: Sean, 6, and Liam, 5. She is a volunteer for the AARP Bill Payer program and active in her local elementary school PTO.

**Shelley Frazier Pelletier** and her husband recently relocated to Old Saybrook, Connecticut, following his return from a year-long deployment in Iraq. She has opened a private practice as a pediatric neuropsychologist providing services to children, families and school districts. She has completed board certification as a school psychologist and will serve as president of the American Board of School Psychology for 2008.

**Suzanne Fazzone Robitaille**, Cheshire, CT, and her husband, Vincent, have three children: Rachel, James and Caroline. She is a realtor.

**Key to Abbreviations**

ADP	Undergraduate Accelerated Degree Program/Continuing Education
ND	Undergraduate New Dimensions Program
MA-LS	Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
MA-AT	Master of Arts in Art Therapy
MSM	Master of Science in Management
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MLDR	Master of Arts in Leadership

**Prospect Hill Society**

Many loyal alumni and friends have indicated that they have included Albertus Magnus College in their estate planning. To recognize, honor and say thank you to these benefactors, the College has established the Prospect Hill Society.

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# CLASS NOTES

## 1992

**Marlene Passaretti**, ADP, Madison, CT, is a vendor operations analyst with Health Net of the Northeast.

## 1993 *15th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Diana DeNegre Limoncelli**, New Haven, CT, is with the VA Connecticut Healthcare System in West Haven.

## 1994

**Tabitha Wazorko Manafort**, Plainville, CT, is now on the board of directors of the Plainville Food Pantry and The New Britain Foundation for Community Giving. Her kids are 2 and 4, and "growing up fast." The business she started two years ago, remodeling houses, is "going strong."

**Marco Rafala**, Brooklyn, NY, was a semifinalist in the Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award competition.

## 1995

**Cindy Erickson**, ADP, Killingworth, CT, in 2006 began working on a project to photograph and publish posters showing unique doorways. Her goal is to produce a poster for every one of the 169 towns in Connecticut.

**Amie Keddy**, Barre, MA, an English teacher at the Bement School, will be married in September to Glenn Gonyea, a professional chef.

**Daria Far Nettleton**, Clinton, CT, is the senior manager-human resources for Achillion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She has been married since 2003; her son, Cole, was born in 2005 and his baby sister is due this month.

## 1997

**Diana Reilly**, ADP, Wallingford, CT, associate director of the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford, was honored recently as a nominee for The Quinnipiac

## *In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community*

**Cynthia A. Blair**, daughter of Joanne Pawlikowski Blair '56  
January 15, 2008

**William C. Breuler**, husband of Doris Savelle Breuler '52  
December 29, 2007

**William F. Buckley Jr.**, recipient of an AMC honorary degree, May 1987  
February 27, 2008

**Ralph Doyon**, father of Yvonne Doyon Petrin '78  
December 3, 2007

**Lenora Lupoli Erickson**, sister of Geraldine Lupoli '63  
January 26, 2008

**Edna Gonzalez**, mother of Jasmin Burgos, a financial aid advisor at AMC  
March 7, 2008

**Anita Imholt**, mother of Robert Imholt, professor of history and chair of the department of history and political science, and mother-in-law of Kathleen Sheehan Imholt '72  
March 25, 2008

**William M. Hopkins**, husband of Nancy Francis Hopkins '57 and brother of Jane Hopkins Finne '65  
November 29, 2007

**Antoinette K. Laude**, mother of Caroline Laude '92  
December 29, 2007

**Richard E. Love**, husband of Margaret (Peggy) Lloyd Love '50  
December 31, 2007

**Bernard Nevins**, father of Jerry Nevins, professor of visual and performing arts and co-chair of the department of visual and performing arts  
March 24, 2008

**Walter C. O'Neill**, husband of Patricia Kelly O'Neill '53  
February 6, 2007

**Barbara Luty Patla**, former AMC professor of Latin and Greek  
February 2, 2008

**William Pleines**, brother-in-law of Sr. Melanie Hannigan, O.P., consultant and certification officer in Education Programs  
March 2, 2008

**Kevin F. Rowe**, father of Katie Rowe, AMC junior  
November 30, 2007

**Richard Schoeck**, father of Eric Schoeck '05 MALS, assistant professor of English and humanities  
January 29, 2008

**Thomas Wazorko**, father of Tabitha Wazorko Manafort '94  
March 25, 2008

**John Winkelman**, husband of Marion Vece Winkelman '56  
February 28, 2008

**Delphine Wright**, mother of Marilyn W. Alderman, executive secretary and assistant to the President  
January 25, 2008

## *In Memoriam*

**Leonor Lipsher Wexler '30**  
former member of the class  
January 20, 2008  
New Haven, CT

**Mary Minervini Cofrancesco '38**  
November 7, 2007  
Vernon, CT

**Lucy Esposito Grava Berger '42**  
December 27, 2007  
Branford, CT

**Elizabeth Malley Allen '45**  
January 31, 2008  
Branford, CT

**Frances Reynolds Slayton '47**  
mother of Margaret Slayton Taylor '76, sister of Eileen Reynolds Hickey '42 and the late Patricia Reynolds Lynch '44F  
November 21, 2007  
Wallingford, CT

**Virginia Wrinn Coffey '48**  
January 28, 2008  
White Lake, MI

**Margaret Stanger Butler '56**  
December 24, 2007  
Wallingford, CT

**Linda Johnson Greco '58**  
March 2006  
Ellicott City, MD

**Nancy King '69**  
December 18, 2007  
Lincoln, MA

**Joseph Fraulo Jr. '00 ND**  
January 13, 2008  
Branford, CT

**Michael Bauer '04**  
January 26, 2008  
Washington Township, NJ

**Kara Ann Monnerat '05**  
January 26, 2008  
Waterbury, CT

**Megan Power '07 ADP**  
November 27, 2007  
Hamden, CT

*Matthew Q. Martin '95 appeared in "Troy Wins! Or, The Sunday Painter," a first reading of new play by David Cole at The Cornelia Street Café in New York City's West Village in January. Cole, husband of Dr. Susan Cole, AMC professor of English, received the 1992-93 George Jean Nathan Award for best American theatre writing for "Acting as Reading." Among those in the audience were Amie Keddy '95, Natardia Lee Soy '98, Jennifer Frank Martin '93, Brianne O'Donnell '06, Marco Rafala '94 and Jennifer Wiley '07.*

Chamber of Commerce's eighth annual Athena Award, which recognizes excellence in business and leadership skills.

## 1998 *10th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Eric Donelson**, Norwich, CT, reports that his latest short story, "Bonding," appeared in the December issue of Renard's Menagerie, a quarterly magazine of anthropomorphic fiction.

**Nancy Johnson**, ADP, Milford, CT, is a co-founder and CEO of The Latina ARMY (Accomplished Role-Models

## May We E-mail You?

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## *Strong, Smart and Bold*

*Elaine Murphy '01 ADP is the 2008 recipient of the Strong, Smart and Bold Award from Girls, Inc., of Meriden as a role model for girls and young women. Murphy's passion for community service, for giving back, has been recognized before, last year with the Spirit of Meriden award. She is a substitute elementary school teacher two days a week, a volunteer in the BABES program of the Meriden-Wallingford Substance Abuse Council, where she teaches first-graders about the risks of alcohol and drug abuse, and a reader for Head Start.*

*She also is a member of the board of directors of the United Way of Meriden-Wallingford and the Bradley Home of Meriden, a residential care and skilled nursing center.*

*More than 40 years after she graduated from high school, Murphy received a bachelor's degree from Albertus, through the Continuing Education Division. It took her 13 years to complete the degree, she says, "but it was worth it." Retired from Southern New England Telephone (now AT&T) after 20 years of service, she views helping others as her goal in life.*

Motivating Young Latinas), a new non-profit organization that aims to inspire and empower disadvantaged and at risk young Latinas. The organization presents self-esteem workshops to schools, colleges and community groups.

**Donna Norcross**, ADP, West Haven, CT, has been working at the Edith B. Jackson Child Care Center in New Haven for the past seven and a half years.

## 1999

**Samone Wright**, MSM, Trumbull, CT, has been named director of housing development at Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County.



## 2002

**Sherese Reddick**, New Haven, CT, has been in several films, including "American Gangster," "What Just Happened," "Righteous Kill" and "College Road Trip." Her most recent TV appearance was in "Law and Order: Criminal Intent."

## 2003 *5th Reunion June 6-7, 2008*

**Heather Kies**, ND, Manchester, CT, received a master's in health administration from the University of Phoenix in 2007. Employed by Collaborative Laboratory Services, she also is an adjunct faculty member at Goodwin College. She is very active in her church, Faith Tabernacle of Manchester.

**Jamie Ream**, a third grade teacher in West Haven who received a master's degree in education from University of New Haven, and **Jason Wyatt**, a sales representative for Pepsi Cola, will be married in June.

## 2005

**Amelia Lancio**, Milford, CT, and **Justin Zywocinski** were married in October. She was an art major; he teaches math at Foran High School.

**Edwin Salisch**, MSM, Sunset Beach, NC, was an ESL teacher in Korea for several months last year.

**Terri Smith**, MSM, '06 MBA, Bridgeport, CT, director of the urban outreach program for the National Kidney Foundation of Connecticut, was honored in January by the Hartford Business Journal with its 2007 Health Care Hero award for community service.

## 2006

**Caitlin Dell**, Hamden, CT, a student in the Master of Arts in Art Therapy program at Albertus, had a Commentary piece published last year in Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association. The article, which she wrote just before her father's death, focused on his use of painting to deal with his memories of time in Vietnam.

**Alyssah Devino** and **Bryan Moran '04** were married on February 10 in Westbrook, Connecticut. They met in Dr. Susan Cole's Shakespeare class in 2003.

## 2007

**Jessica DiDonato**, ADP, Shelton, CT, is an editorial assistant at The Taunton Press, a publishing company in Newtown.

## Why I Give

*"As a graduate of the Accelerated Degree Program, I reflect on my time spent at Albertus Magnus College with sincere appreciation. Albertus Magnus College offered me the opportunity for personal achievement and success, professional development and ultimately enabled me to change my life in so many positive ways. It is my desire to help provide others the same opportunity. I have chosen to give back to the learning community that gave me so much. It is both with a sense of obligation and gratitude that I give to AMC, both financially and by way of my time contributed to the Alumni organization. I know that my contributions are vital to helping AMC continue its fine tradition of offering current and future students all the opportunities that I have been provided."*



MAGGIE HALLINAN '03 ADP

*(Why I Give is a new series that will appear in each issue of From the Hill, sharing comments from a graduate of the College on why he or she has chosen to support Albertus.)*

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**Jeff Komaroni**, Trumbull, CT, is an admissions counselor at University of Bridgeport and studying for a master's degree in counseling.

**Curtis Nichols**, MSM, West Haven, CT, a mechanical design engineer at Sikorsky Aircraft, is engaged to Davina Sowell, an executive associate at Bristol-Meyers Squibb.

## Thoughts on Albertus

Donna Picagli '78

I receive a copy of From the Hill regularly and am always disappointed that none of my classmates have kept in touch. Then I realized, neither did I, so since I will be unable to attend my 30th Reunion, I am sending an update as to what I have been doing.

It's hard to believe it has been 30 years since graduation. I moved from Connecticut to Georgia 11 years ago to accept a new position with the company I was working for, DuPont Sorvall. Since then the company name has changed three times and is now Thermo Fisher Scientific, the largest manufacturer of life science equipment in the world. I manage the sales of biomedical research equipment to academic accounts, the government (e.g. CDC, USDA) and the private sector (pharmaceutical and industrial). Originally my territory was Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and Alabama, but we now sell so many products I only cover the state of Georgia and 25 sales reps.

In addition, I own a 50-acre horse ranch called Rockin' Lorado where I own six horses (and one due to foal in May) and board another nine. I handle all the maintenance of both the property and the horses. I am also a partner in a small shop in town called Sweets Treats n' Eats, which is a cross between Starbucks, an old fashioned candy store and a sandwich shop. I do some of the baking, handle the books, make the gift baskets and occasionally wait on customers. I live on the ranch in a four-bedroom house with my 80-year-young Dad, who moved down from Connecticut four years ago, and my seven dogs (all rescue animals) Dexter, Sam, Penny, Bear, Honey, Candy and Lady. I have been married, but never had any children.

The reason I am telling you all this is because the diversity of an Albertus education all those years ago has carried on throughout my

personal and professional life. I majored in psychology, worked in radio/television for 10 years following graduation, switched to engineering for eight years and have now been in marketing and sales for 12 years. When I left television I was an associate producer at ESPN; when I completed my short engineering career I was an electro-mechanical design drafter and now I have held positions in international marketing for Latin America/Asia Pacific, been a sales manager for Latin/Central America and have won awards for top sales in the U.S.

While many may not believe a liberal arts education is beneficial, it has suited me perfectly. It has enabled me to make career changes smoothly and land on my feet with hardly a blip on the financial screen. While Albertus is not well-known here in Georgia, it opened doors in Connecticut, and I will always be thankful for the grade-school teacher who steered me in that direction.

As I get older and memories fade, my days at Albertus are still bright. I was a day student and worked three jobs to support myself. I will always thank God and Albertus Magnus for affording me the chance to attend such a wonderful college where I was always a name, never a number. No large university could ever replace the personal one-on-one relationships and level of education that we shared. I was saddened when Albertus became co-ed, for that feeling of sisterhood was also something that made AMC special. But I would rather see it co-ed than see the school not survive.

I hope to make it to another reunion one day and visit the beautiful campus I remember so well. In the meantime, I have some wonderful memories that can never be replaced and the knowledge that Albertus Magnus College is going strong and will be around for many years to come.



**JUNE 6 AND 7, 2008**

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