

From the Hill



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New Albertus Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology will be completed in December 2004



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COMMENCEMENT 2003



Tucker Wood '05 pipes the procession into the Rosary Hall drive on a sunny Sunday afternoon.



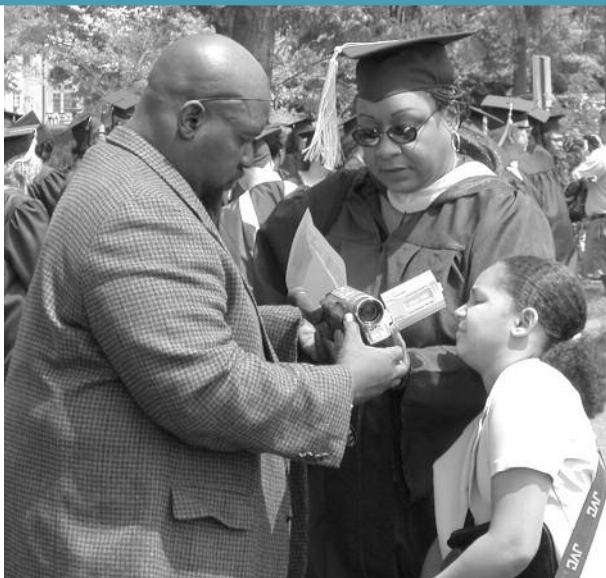
The College's 80th Commencement attracted a crowd of 5,000 family members and friends—of all ages.



It was a happy day for Alison Stegner and her family.



A treasured diploma takes center stage for a photo.



Cameras are omnipresent on this day of great celebration.



Honorary degree recipients gather at Rosary Hall. Left to right: President Julia M. McNamara; Frances T. "Bitsie" Clark; Stephen and Louis Tagliatela, Jr., who accepted the degree for their father; Dr. Lynne S. Farrell, AMC trustee and presenter; back row: Bishop Theodore L. Brooks, Sr.; Brother Rick Curry, S.J.; Robert F. Behan, Board chairman; William Doyle, AMC trustee and presenter.



It was cap and gown for Katherine Wright and friend.



This happy quartet was among more than 600 students receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees.



Candice Giordano shared the days with family and friends.



Smiles, balloons, flowers...and congratulations to the Class of 2003.

Honorary Degree Citations

Bishop Theodore L. Brooks, Sr.

Pastor and spiritual leader whose congregation has advanced well beyond the walls of the Beulah Heights First Pentecostal Church, you are an advocate for community and Christian fellowship, and a believer that the future does not belong to those who are content with today, but to those who will bring reason, courage, and commitment to the issues facing society. By founding the Beulah Land Development Corporation... you provided the momentum for a comprehensive revitalization of the Dixwell neighborhood of New Haven.

Frances T. "Bitsie" Clark

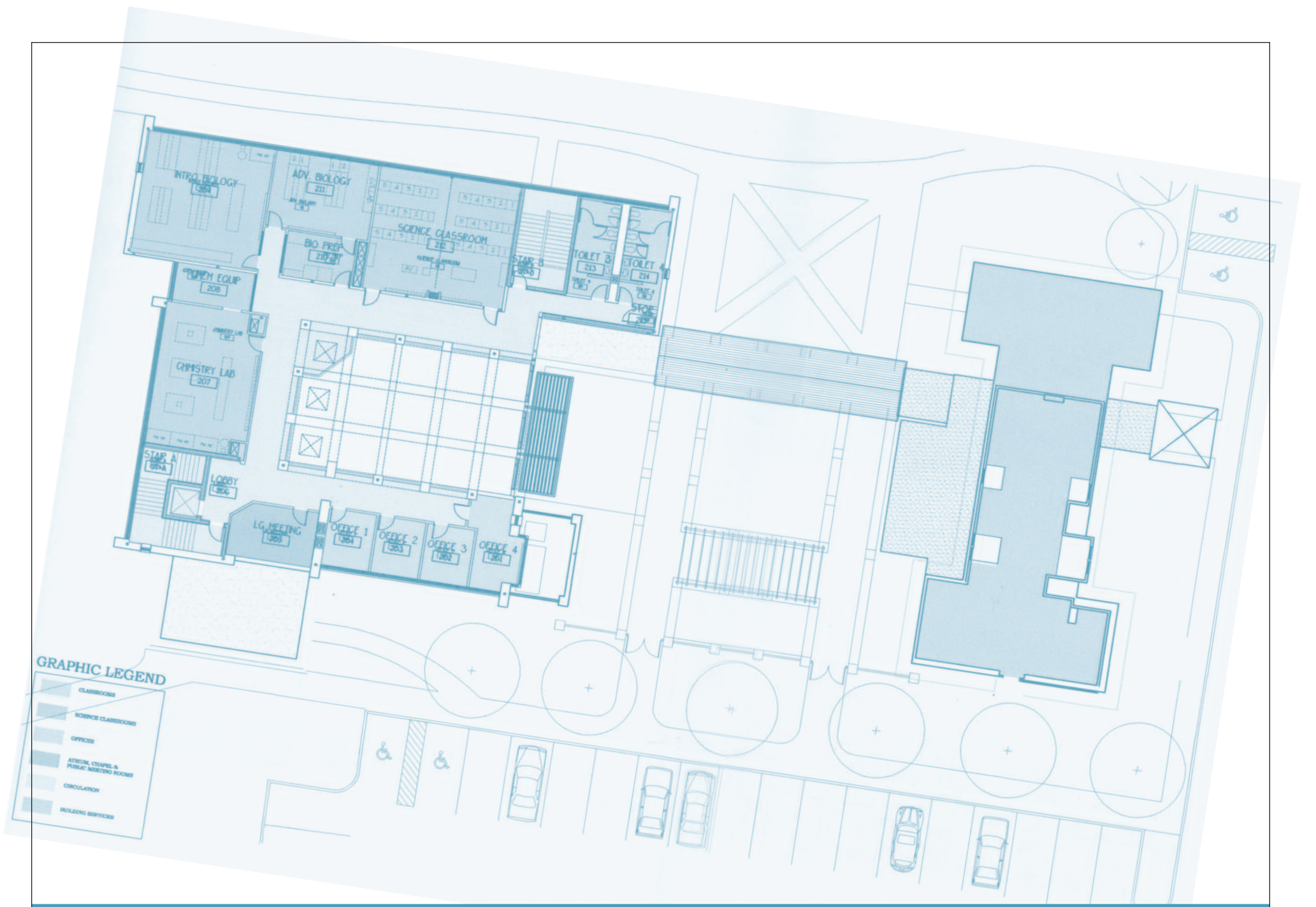
...during your stewardship of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven, you mentored, motivated and empowered artists of all ages.... Due to your singular foresight and ground-breaking commitment, New Haven today is even more than a creative center for artists, actors, and musicians. Through your tenacity and steadfastness, our theatres, galleries, and public spaces flourish; and the region's economic vitality and quality of life has been enhanced in great measure because of your contributions to this community.

Brother Rick Curry, S.J.

...As founder of the internationally acclaimed National Theatre of the Handicapped, you have opened doors once closed and barred to talented and gifted individuals. As author, teacher, and highly visible spokesman and lecturer, you have championed the cause of persons with disabilities, both here and abroad. Your dedication and personal commitment has even encouraged you to share with the world your dazzling secrets of bread-making and soupmaking.

Louis F. Tagliatela, Sr.

...Allied commanders ...put your drawing and drafting skills to good use during World War II. When you returned home, those same skills, as well as your vision and entrepreneurship, reinvigorated one of the region's oldest family owned businesses, the Franklin Construction Company....you established a reputation unmatched in your industry. Yet, you aspired to fashion more. With unequivocal dedication and charitable spirit, you and your family established the Louis F. and Mary A. Tagliatela Foundation....your generous vision is assisting...countless state organizations in their service to others.



College to Build New Academic Center





At this year's Alumni Association annual Reunion luncheon in June, President Julia M. McNamara announced construction plans for a new \$6-million Academic Center for Science, Art and Technology. It will add 18,000-square feet for academic programs to the Prospect Street campus and be completed in December 2004.

"Albertus Magnus College is in the midst of a growth period. This is a very positive situation, one that provides a unique opportunity for us to move forward, adapting to these rapidly changing times, both anticipating and delivering the highest quality service and educational product to our target constituencies: traditional-age students and working adults," President McNamara said.

"As work progressed on the College's 2003–2008 Strategic Plan, it became clear to the planning team that a new academic center was essential to serve the needs of students and the College in the future."

The contemporary design of the two-story brick and glass building complements the look and feel of the mix of 1920's mansions and late 20th century buildings that make up most of the campus.

A two-story atrium will be the heart of the new building, linking several multi-disciplinary learning areas. This light-infused communal space recalls the ancient places of meeting and gathering within the Academy; it will accommodate student, alumni and community activities.

Additional features of the new building include science classrooms and labs, an MIS suite to provide space for teaching a technology-intensive curriculum; a studio for communications majors with production, editing and post-production rooms for video and audio work; an advanced technology room for the College's education program to help simulate advanced teaching facilities for elementary and secondary schools; and a state-of-the art teaching amphitheater.

The project will also include a complete renovation of adjacent Walsh Hall, the home of science facilities at Albertus since 1927, for art and digital graphics studios. A formal courtyard will link Walsh Hall to the new center. Grace Chapel, behind Mohun Hall, will be relocated to a more central location in Walsh Hall. It will be a place for reflection, prayer and small group services.

Moves into the new center will provide needed relief for crowded conditions in Aquinas Hall, the classroom facility completed in 1965.

"It is fitting that we will begin construction 100 years after design work began in 1904 for Rosary Hall, the mansion purchased as the first building for the College by our founders, the Dominican Congregation of St. Mary of the Springs, in 1925," President McNamara noted. The last new building on campus, the 60,000-square-foot Cosgrove, Marcus, Messer Athletic Center, opened in 1989.

Svigals + Partners, based in New Haven with 20 years of experience serving academic institutions and other clients throughout New England, is the architectural firm. Pavarini Construction Company, a 107-year-old construction manager/general contractor services firm with headquarters in Stamford and offices in New York and Florida, is the general contractor for the project.

REUNION



Alumni Association President Donna Sjogren '00 MSM, left, and guest Lisa Burkarth get a personal lesson from Dr. William Schulz III, vice president for academic affairs and *sommelier extraordinaire*, at the wine tasting event. The Alumni Association Board of Governors sponsored the tasting.

Dr. Joan Venditto '63 and Jacquelyn De Lallo Martello '73 get to know each other while waiting for the Golden Society Induction Ceremony at Rosary Hall.

Classmates from '78 Patricia Epperly and Jean Dennison, Albertus Trustee, find some interesting AMC items in the bookstore.



The "Men of Reunion," from left to right, Michael McCarthy '93, Dan Sullivan '93, Richard Freeth '93 and Takeshi Nakayama '98, who traveled all the way from Japan to attend his first Reunion, have a photo op with President McNamara at the luncheon.

Graduates from 1968 catch up during registration.



The class of 1953 celebrated its induction into the Golden Society in the Italian Garden of Rosary Hall. A champagne toast and class photos followed the ceremony.

Anne Coughlin Riordan and Elizabeth Hurley Candels of the class of 1948 take a moment for our photographer.

2003



Clockwise from left to right, Micky Royer Pratt, Katie Geis, Tara O'Rourke Olenik and Lisa Seethaler Baker, of the class of 1988, spend some time in the Italian Garden during the cocktail reception Saturday evening.



In true Albertus spirit, Diane Sjostedt Gowdy '68 wore her Beanie at lunch.



Nancy De Filippi Tate and Barbara McCarthy McCooe, class of 1953, have a chance to catch up after the Golden Society Induction Ceremony.



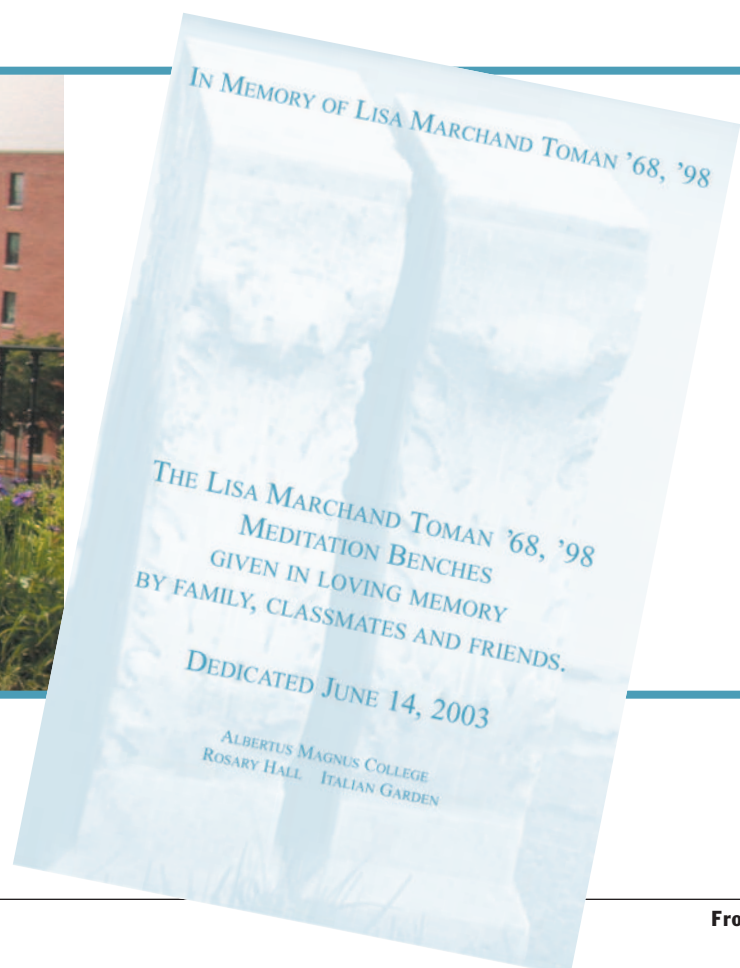
Classmates from 1963 chat with Beverly Chieffo, associate professor of art, right, during the Alumni Art Show.



The Alumni of the Year Award celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Pictured are past recipients of the Loyalty and Service award Jean Venditti Leary '34, left, and Mary Colleran '38, who also was celebrating her 65th Reunion.



On Saturday afternoon, family, friends and classmates of Lisa Marchand Toman '68, '98 MALS, gathered for the dedication of benches in her memory. The ceremony, led by classmate Denise Franklin Terry, featured an opening prayer by Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., a Lord Byron poem read by Diane Sjostedt Gowdy '68 and the folk song Forever Young by Bob Dylan, recorded by Joan Baez. Hank Toman, fourth from left with family, offered moving remarks and memories.



CLASS NOTES

1934 *70th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1938

Elinor Affinito Ingelido, Colorado Springs, CO, keeps busy with her book and mah jong groups and church activities.

1939 *65th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1941

Lorraine Shortell O'Callaghan, Seymour, CT, is treasurer of the Ansonia Garden Club and a member of the board of directors of the Derby Historical Society. She enjoys visits with son Jack on Martha's Vineyard and son Kevin in North Carolina.

1943

Betty Kenny Conway, Greenfield, MA, has two granddaughters: Sarah, a junior at Claremont McKenna College, and Megan, a junior at Boston Latin.

Marguerite Flannery, New Haven, CT, is active with the Catholic Charity League, CT Retired Teachers Association, New Haven Federation of Teachers, Irish-American Historical Society and the community commitment committee at her church.

Virginia Bracken Isakson, is now living in an independent retirement facility in South Kingston, RI. She'll be ten minutes away from her daughter, Lucy, who retired from teaching in June.

Mary K. O'Brien, Rockaway, NJ, notes that as she approaches her 82nd birthday, "AMC receives my gratitude for a magnificent education." She retired in 1988 after 45 years of teaching Latin and French.

1944F/1944S *60th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1948

Elizabeth Hurley Candels, Avon, CT, enjoys caring for her daughter Lisa's two-year-old twice a week. Daughter Eileen and her husband are waiting to adopt a daughter from China.

M. Alice Delehanty, Hamden, CT, a retired guidance counselor, is involved with the New Haven Women's

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.

If you have mentioned Albertus in your will or other estate plans, please let us know. We will list you as a Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College's next Annual Report. Please contact Carolyn Behan, director of alumni relations and special events, at alumni@albertus.edu or 203-773-8502.

Club, West Haven Retired Teachers and numerous committees at her condominium.

Jean Robert Hinners, Guilford, CT, has a daughter, **Deborah Ann Hinners Miles**, who graduated from AMC in 1975, and a son, William.

Rose Quadrino Quillin, Fort Myers, FL, traveled to Tuscany at the end of May with her daughters, **Susan**, '77 and Patti, to attend an Italian cooking school.

1949 *55th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Jean McInnis Robichaud, Attleboro, MA, sends word that her mother died in January at the age of 103.

1952

Bette Ann Curtin Bailey, Southington, CT, retired June 30 from teaching middle-school language arts.

1953

Joan McKeon Boyle, Hamden, CT, is retired from First Union Bank. She is now a sustaining member of the Catholic Charity League after many years of volunteering as an active member.

Helen (Sally) Perkins DeGennaro, New Haven, CT, serves on the boards of the Woodbridge Garden Club and the Friends of the Woodbridge Library. Her daughter **Helen** graduated from AMC in 1990.

Janice Mailloux Delgrego, Holyoke, MA, has seven grandsons, ages 11 to 22. She and Larry, who is semi-retired from his tax practice, sold their home in Upton and moved to an apartment.

Ellen Lynch Diamond, Pawtucket, RI, is retired. A widow, she has two sons and one daughter. She enjoys books on tape and entertaining.

Joan Moran Duggan, Stuart, FL, is retired, but keeps busy with reading, swimming, walking and genealogy.

Eileen Donnelly Hickey, Hartford, CT, retired in 1998 from the Hartford school system. She enjoys taking courses at the University of Hartford.

Sr. Josepha Kruchinsky, Stamford, CT, writes that she was unable to make the 50th Reunion festivities because she has been "more out of state than in" since Easter. "Hats off to the Class of 1953!"

Barbara McCarthy McCooe, Ridgewood, NJ, keeps active with skiing, hiking, canoeing, paddle tennis, travel, reading and various church and community activities. She and her husband, Jack, had a great trip in April, skiing in Kitzbühel.

Nancy De Filippi Tate, Arlington, VA, has a daughter who is a congressional correspondent and a son who is a financial advisor at Smith Barney, and two grandchildren.

Joan Miller Troy, Manchester, CT, spent last Christmas in the hospital for a colon cancer operation and is presently undergoing chemotherapy once a week, but tries to play golf a couple of times a week. "Please keep me in your prayers," she writes.

1954 *50th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Joan Hanlon Moylan, moved to Brevard, in the western part of North Carolina near the Pigsah National Forest and Blue Ridge Parkway, two years ago. "My daughter lives nearby, so I'm enjoying more frequent visits with grandchildren," she writes.

1958

Carol Kirwan Aikenhead, Norwalk, CT, reports that her four daughters are married and that she has seven grandchildren.

Rosemary Clancy Edwards, Hingham, MA, a retired teacher, sends word that on a recent trip to New Mexico she visited with "little sister" **Barbara Macauley Cardona** '61, who owns an art gallery in Truchas, several miles outside of Santa Fe, and "enjoyed seeing her beautiful paintings of New Mexico."

June Munnally Falcone, Naples, FL, is very involved with the Stonebridge condominium community, serving on social committees, enjoying the book club, lectures and other activities; she also serves as a Eucharistic minister at her church.

Ellen McDonnell Ferguson, Branford, CT, retired English department chair at Branford High School, is now a member of the local board of education. Her son, Niall, was married in New York City on February 16.

Mary Elizabeth Egan Mace, Pleasantville, NY, has four children and four grandchildren. She teaches French in the Scarsdale public schools.

Kathleen Coughlan Mays, Pocasset, MA, is a data base administrator in Woods Hole for NOAA Fisheries. She has ten grandchildren.

Eileen Mengali, Bristol, CT, retired from the West Hartford school system as a French teacher. She likes gardening, Tai Chi, and taking lifelong learning classes at Trinity College.

Martha Polinsky Spiegelman, Amherst, MA, notes she is "retired from earning" and is now an "all-around volunteer and helper" working with several peace and justice movements.

Virginia Foley Valade, Trumbull, CT, has ten grandchildren. She retired from the Diocese of Bridgeport, where she was coordinator of the Child Nutrition Program. She and Jay, her blind date arranged by **June Munnally Falcone** for the 1956 Yale-Penn Weekend, will celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary in October.

Demitra Tsoukatos '92

PROFILE

Most college freshmen aren't sure what academic path they will follow. Not so for Demitra Tsoukatos. Her goal from day one back in 1988 was to major in psychology...and she did, with a minor in sociology.

While at Albertus, she interned at Children's Youth Services and New Haven Battered Women's Services. Eleven years later, she says, "I realize now how fortunate I was to have hands-on experience while an undergraduate.

"I had wonderful teachers at Albertus. I felt that I had an identity in the classes; they knew me by my first name; and I felt comfortable talking with them. Patricia Yeaman taught urban sociology and encouraged open debate in class; she inspired me to ask more questions, to go beyond 'accepted' theories. Judith Caron got me thinking about how individuals interact with the social environment; Stephen Joy helped me to realize that I would need to complete a Ph.D. program to become a psychologist; and Ragaa Mazen pointed me toward a master's degree in social work so that I could have flexibility in my career."

Tsoukatos weighed five more years of school for a Ph.D. against being able to make a living in two years with a master's in social work...and social work won.

"I had spent my life in Rhode Island, so I looked for a master's program in a warmer climate with some European charm," she explains. New Orleans beckoned, and she decided on Tulane University's School of Social Work, choosing the clinical track and training at a state psychiatric hospital.

After receiving the MSW in 1995, Tsoukatos worked in a program for chronically mentally ill adults, then in psychiatric admissions for a private hospital and in a residential facility for adult substance abusers. In May 2000 she passed the examination for state licensing as a clinical social worker. "Being licensed is an empowering experience," she says. "It allowed me to pursue private practice, and increased employment options and earning potential."

After working with adults for several years, she accepted a position as clinical manager of a mental health rehab program for children diagnosed with emotional and behavior disorders. "It was, for me, a refreshing change to work with kids. These children were experiencing significant problems. I worked with their parents and teachers to help increase their level of functioning at home and in school." There was great satisfaction for Tsoukatos in seeing positive results when parents used some of the suggested behavior modification techniques instead of punishment to bring about change; but there were frustrations, too, when parents did not follow therapeutic recommendations, yet still expected to see changes in their children.

Today, Tsoukatos is an administrative director and co-owner of Behavior Works, a new mental health rehab agency for children in New Orleans. While she never pictured herself as a director of an agency, the "leap" came as she began to realize that she had the ability and drive to improve the delivery of services to clients. "The foundations I received at Albertus and Tulane prepared for this move. I'm really excited about this new stage in my life!"

New Paths



1960

Kathryn Meyer Schuster, Penfield, NY, describes herself as a "born again volunteer" active in local elections and with projects at her city club. She also is "Loving/hating the computer. Loving/hating golf."

1961

Angela DeFilippi Errico, Plandome, NY, vacationed in Italy in May. Her daughter Melissa Errico, whose debut album "Blue Like That" was recently released, received a Tony Award nomination for her performance in the musical "Amour."

1963

Teresa Teodosio Cavaliero, Milford, CT, is a guidance counselor with Stamford Adult Education. She is the chairwoman and director for "A Celebration of Talent," a fund-raiser for the local Beth El Homeless Shelter.

Suzanne Maier DeGrave, Rochester, NY, is involved with church activities and a book club. She and Gil have two sons, Ken and Mike.

Georgeann Gibson, Stamford, CT, a retired high school history teacher, works part-time for the New England Center for Headache.

Grace Franceschini Hennessey, Goshen, NY, is retired from teaching and now working as a travel agent. She has two grandchildren.

Margaret Johnson Keefe, Kingston, RI, has two sons and two grandchildren. She is an associate professor in the University Library at the University of Rhode Island.

Judy Garcia Lazar, Thousand Oaks, CA, owns a consulting firm specializing in land use and non-profit management. Retired from politics in 1998—she served on the city council and as mayor—she is now free to travel with Roger to visit their grandchildren in San Jose and Glacier Bay, Alaska.

Geraldine Lupoli, Orange, CT, has her own law firm.

Phyllis Smith Peterson, Hornell, NY, is a board member of St. James Mercy Health Foundation and Bethesda Foundation, a deacon of the United Presbyterian Church and a volunteer for AARP and other organizations.

Martha Massi Polemeni, West Orange, NJ, is awaiting the arrival of her eighth grandchild. She is the office manager for an orthodontist, a sustainer member of the Junior League and Eucharistic Minister at her parish.

Fran Burland Rehwaldt, Washington, D.C., and her husband, Chad, have two daughters and a grandson. She is a realtor, and involved with a book club and a home for abused women and their children.

Veronica McDonnell Romano, Cutchogue, NY, is a volunteer driver for Dominican Sisters' Family Health Services in Hampton Bays, secretary of the Columbiettes and member of the Manituck Homemakers.

Kathleen Byrnes Troy, Plainsboro, NJ, is assistant director of the annual fund at Princeton Day School.

Joan Venditto, West Haven, CT, AMC director of education programs, is a member of the Alumni Association Board of Governors. She enjoys gardening, reading and theatre-going.

1967

Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski, Cheshire, CT, continues to teach voice privately. She served as a choral clinician for two music festivals in May.

1968

Rosemary Rudyk Berman, Mt. Kisco, NY, likes to hike, bike, play tennis and do yoga. She and her husband, Peter, are in the process of marketing the house they've lived in for the past 25 years. They plan to move to their Peru, Vermont, home.

Barbara Stocker Eaton, North Attleboro, MA, a high school French teacher, reports that her daughter, Adrienne, will be a junior at Bates College this fall.

Suzanne Janson Higgins, Cape Elizabeth, ME, has writes of horseback riding on the rim of a Wyoming canyon and kayaking whitewater on the Penobscot River with her husband, Charlie. "I decided that calmer water was better suited to my pace." Sarah just finished her first year of college, and Robert is a high school freshman.

Janet Ammon Irving, Essex, CT, has been married to Charles for 35 years and has 23-year-old twins, Jessie and Carrie. She is the Lower School science coordinator at The Country School in Madison.

Janice Lalor, Mesquite, TX, teaches at Skyline High School in Dallas. She is a gardener and jewelry designer.

Susan Culley Murray, Bethesda, MD, is assistant principal at John F. Kennedy High School in Silver Spring.

Patricia Rochford Palmer, Houston, TX, reports that she is a psychotherapist in private practice, her husband is a professor of history and law at the University of Houston, and Edward graduated this year from the University of Texas, where Elspeth is a senior.

Diane Botelho Ranft, Terryville, CT, teaches biology/anatomy and physiology at Holy Cross High School in Waterbury.

Mary Rounds, Coatesville, PA, a reading specialist with the Downingtown Area School District and adjunct professor of language arts and children's literature at Immaculata College, enjoys art and New York theatre.

Marie C. Taylor, Wellesley Hills, MA, is the volunteer consumer complaint mediator for the Consumer Assistance Office in Natick. Earlier this year she

After 35 years in education, Mary Jane Sheehy '68 retired on July 1 as superintendent of schools for the North Haven (CT) school system. She taught for three years at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven, then became a guidance counselor and director of guidance there. After 13 years in the New Haven system, she moved to the Connecticut State Department of Education as an assistant to the Commissioner, and then served as director of personnel for the Stamford school system. She received an MS from the University of Bridgeport and Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut.

In Memoriam

Eileen Lavery Sekerak '37

Shelton, CT
June 29, 2003

Miriam Hayner Smith '39

Lauderdale by the Sea, FL
July 17, 2003

Juliette Roche Ewart '41

Arlington Heights, IL
April 3, 2003

Virginia Welsh Russell '41

Branford, CT
April 5, 2003

Marilyn Phillips Happy '48,

mother of Margaret Happy Gallagher '80
and sister of Ellen Phillips Wilson '55
Wallingford, CT
May 23, 2002

Dorothy Hyland Mills '49

Wallingford, CT
July 25, 2003

D. Patricia Doucet Mockus '56

Providence, RI
May 7, 2003

Jane Lee Hively '56

Sister of Mary Ellen Lee Murphy '71
Branford, CT
July 31, 2003

Marilyn Gorry Sullivan '56

Saratoga Springs, NY
May 8, 2003

Karen Loncrini Sarat, '72

Westfield, MA
July 24, 2003

Sherry Knight '79

New Haven, CT
June 16, 2003

campaigned for town-wide elected office: "I did not win, but now have a new appreciation for those who campaign in sub-freezing temperatures!"

Sheila Kailukaitis Umbricht, Ocean Isle Beach, NC, writes that she and her husband have been "down south for three years, and enjoying the wonderful climate and beautiful beaches." She retired after 18 years of teaching Latin and math in Connecticut and is now involved with the local Literacy Council.

1971

Barbara Mordarski Bartucca, Farmington, CT, has been promoted to the position of acting director of development at Hartford Stage. She previously was associate director of institutional giving at the Tony Award-winning theatre.

1973

Margaret (Peggy) Churley, River Edge, NJ, is an assistant professor on the library faculty of Ramapo College of New Jersey. She is a Eucharistic Minister, and loves reading, writing and films.

In Memoriam: Alumni Relatives and Members of the Albertus Community

Sophia Anderson, niece of Shawn Anderson, associate dean for student services
June 27, 2003

Rose D. Civitello, mother of Marianne Lyden, executive assistant to the dean of New Dimensions
July 11, 2003

Marguerite Cosgrove, mother of Sr. Christine Cosgrove '74, Thomas Cosgrove '81 and Stephen Cosgrove '82
May 29, 2003

Nellie B. Decko, mother of Ruth Decko Sullo '67
April 12, 2003

Frank Fratello, husband of Florence English Fratello '45
April 13, 2003

Elizabeth Hugo Halbing, mother of Barbara Halbing Fiskio '54

Edward F. Hennessey, husband of Sheila McCue Hennessey '58
May 25, 2003

Gertrude Hickey, RN, former AMC nurse
July 11, 2003

Stuart D. Holland, husband of Natalia Icaza Holland '40
July 31, 2003

Robert J. Leeney, Jr., son of Robert J. Leeney, Sr., Trustee Emeritus of AMC, and brother of Anne Leeney-Panagrossi, AMC assistant librarian for reference and circulation
July 9, 2003

Sr. Camilla Mullay, O.P., former Mother General of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs and recipient of honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from AMC in 1982
July 14, 2003

Bryan S. Niederschmidt, a third-year student in the Accelerated Degree Program at AMC
May 30, 2003

Geraldine Page, sister of Phyllis Warner Sabine '45
April 17, 2003

L. Natalie Sandomirsky, former AMC professor of French
March 1, 2003

Reno Serfilippi, father of Patricia Serfilippi Riordan '60
June 26, 2003

Fenmore R. Seton, recipient of honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from AMC in 1994
May 26, 2003

Mario C. Villecco, husband of Maribeth Piscitelli-Villecco '83
June 5, 2003

CLASS NOTES

Kathleen Keenan Kuzyk, Broomfield, CO, widowed a year ago, has a son, 18. Recently laid off as a project manager, she plans to return to Chicago.

Jacquelyn De Lallo Martello, Baldwin, NY, has three children, ages 20, 18 and 12. She is office manager for Baldwin Community House, a counseling agency.

Denise Pavano Staples, Deep River, CT, is executive assistant at Virginia Industries, Inc. She enjoys doing obedience and agility training of dogs.

Maureen Riotto White, West Kingston, RI, sends word that she is director for human capital at United Health Group, and her husband, Stephen, is an attorney and probate judge. Marcus, 22, is a senior at the University of Rhode Island and Michael, 19, is a freshman there.

Faye Webber Williamson, Glastonbury, CT, is regional director of sales for W.S. Griffith Advisors, Inc., a member of The Phoenix Companies, Inc. She plans to start work for an MBA degree this summer through the New Dimensions Program at Albertus.

1974 *30th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1975

Mary Schaefer Badger, Spokane, WA, is a physician with a specialty in internal medicine and intensive care, and an interest in wilderness medicine. In 2002 she hiked along Colorado's Continental Divide trail.

Sr. Lisa Zuccarelli, O.P., '75 is director of academic enrichment at Georgetown University, where she received the "Spirit of Georgetown" and "Teacher of Excellence" awards for 2002. She also received a \$300,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health. She is a University Trustee for Ohio Dominican University.

1978

Jean Dennison, New York, NY, is vice president for international human resources and public affairs at Verizon. She is a member of the Board of Trustees at AMC.

Patricia Epperly, Framington, MA, is married to James Rusche and has two children. She is the parent advocate for the Framingham public schools, as well as the secretary of the Framingham Education Foundation and a Town Meeting member.

Karen Korzi Noetzel sends word that she and Mark, and children Bridget, James and David continue to live in London.

1979 *25th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1981

Sheila Pepe, New York, NY, took part in a group art show that ran from April 12 to June 8 at the d.u.m.b.o. arts center in Brooklyn.

1983

Linda Kronberg, New Haven, CT, is controller at Bayer Pharmaceuticals.

Susan Carriere Lemieux, Slatersville, RI, received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Rhode Island College in 2001. She works on a medical-surgery telemetry unit at The Miriam Hospital in Providence, one of two hospitals in New England to have earned the Magnet award for nursing excellence.

Jill Van Slooten Zalenski, Avon, CT, is an art teacher at Avon High School and working on a 6th year program. She is married, with a daughter born in February of this year.

1984 *20th Reunion June 12, 2004*

1989 *15th Reunion June 12, 2004*

Karen Nobile, Branford, CT, is the new director of corporate communications for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield's Connecticut operations.

1991

Joe Giordano, CE, East Haven, CT, has joined the real estate firm of RE/MAX Alliance of Branford.

Robert Marlowe '00

PROFILE

"I decided to come to Albertus because of the great things I heard about the communications department. I grew up in the area, so I knew it was a solid school committed to its students' growth and development. At that time in my life, I needed more than just a well-rounded liberal arts education," he says.

This transfer student from Loyola University in New Orleans majored in communications at Albertus with a concentration in public relations through the Accelerated Degree Program in the Continuing Education Division. "The teacher who had the greatest impact on my life was Ron Waite. I had him for many classes and was fortunate enough to have him as my advisor. He guided me to three great internships: at KC-101; at WTNH-Channel 8; and at CPTV."

After graduation, Marlowe decided to pursue an acting career, enrolling in classes at HB Studios in New York. One day he called the speaker at his brother's graduation from Fairfield University for advice about acting. Although he hadn't attended the Fairfield ceremonies—his Albertus graduation was the same day—his mother told him all about the speaker. He was Brother Rick Curry, S.J., founder and artistic director of the National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped (NTWH). (Brother Curry was this year's Albertus commencement speaker and received an honorary degree from the College.)

"I called him and we met after one of my classes. He ended up offering me a job. I really was thrilled," Marlowe remembers.

NTWH is a non-profit advocacy organization serving people with disabilities. Founded in 1977, it has offices and classrooms in New York City and in Belfast, Maine.

NTWH offers professional instruction in all phases of theatre to actors with disabilities; it also runs fine arts and professional baker's training programs. Proceeds from the sales of a line of specialty breads, marketed under the Brother Curry's Breads label, and two cookbooks by Brother Curry, "The Secrets of Jesuit Breadmaking" and "The Secrets of Jesuit Soupmaking," support NTWH projects.

In his three years with NTWH, Bob's title and responsibilities have "jumped around a bit." His official title is director of the NTWH Dog Program, although he describes himself as the "dog guy." The auxiliary dog program, which Marlowe heads up, is two-years-old and provides companion dogs to NTWH students. "The philosophy behind it is this: persons with disabilities have others to take care of them and animals to assist them, but they also can have a lot of time to focus on their disabilities. Brother Curry thought that a great way to get them out of themselves would be to care for a companion dog. We raise, train and develop the dogs to give to our students," he explains.

The auxiliary dog program even led to a new product line for the NTWH Bakery: Brother Curry's Dog Biscuits. Along with the breads, dog biscuits are offered on NTWH's web site.

"Times are difficult for all non-profits now," Marlowe says, "but our devotion to the great work of NTWH is strong."

The Dog Guy



1997

Cynthia Janeen Goodnight Bagley, Danielson, CT, married Stephen K. Bagley in May 2002. She is a sales assistant for Rutter Media in Norwich.

Sharon Sanderson, CE, '97, Hamden, CT, in May received the prestigious Seton Elm-Ivy Award in recognition of her contributions to the growing partnership between the City of New Haven and Yale University. Director of recruitment and placement for the Yale University School of Nursing, she connects college-bound high school students from the Hill Regional Career High School with faculty and students for assistance in developing their college applications. Nursing students also tutor or teach classes on health and science at Sacred Heart School. Phyllis Seton and the late Fenmore Seton established the awards in 1979. Albertus granted honorary Doctors of Humane Letters degrees to the Setons in 1994.

In July Patrick Good '93, an English teacher at Plainville (CT) High School, bicycled 600 miles through all six New England states to raise money for Cure Autism Now, a national organization dedicated to finding a cure for the neurological disorder that affects one in every 250 births and causes difficulties with basic communications skills and social interaction. His three-year-old son, Griffin, was diagnosed with autism last May.

In an article about his ride, the Meriden Record-Journal said "watching his son struggle with autism and knowing that many more people are doing the same 'makes this ride the most important thing I'll ever do.'"

1992

Mary McAndrews, Trumbull, CT, received an MBA from Sacred Heart University in May. She works for Health Net, an insurance company.

1994 *10th Reunion June 11-12, 2004*

Marco Rafala, New Haven, CT, read a selection of his short stories as part of the Bellevue Literary Review reading series at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in Bridgewater, NJ in June.

AMC Career Center is Looking for YOU

The Albertus Magnus Career Center in the Campus Center is the central location on campus where students and alumni can find information about self-assessment, career planning, job search techniques, employer and graduate school information, as well as current job openings in a variety of fields. The Career Center also offers computer access for internet job searches, résumé and cover letter writing.

Do you think your career is interesting and rewarding? If so, consider giving back to your alma mater by signing up to be a member of the **Albertus Career Advising Network (ACAN)**.

Share your career and life experience with current AMC students. Assist students in clarifying career goals and researching career interests by agreeing to serve as a mentor, hosting a student at your workplace for job shadowing, or communicating information about what the business environment offers. By investing your time and talent, you can contribute in giving future Albertus Magnus graduates an edge over the competition in workforce readiness. For more information, contact Suzanne Yurko Wall, director of career services, at yurkwall@albertus.edu or at 203-773-6989.

Alumni Serve on AMC Advisory Panel for Prospective Education Programs

With the College preparing to implement the strategic initiative to re-enter the academic field of teacher preparation, President Julia M. McNamara convened an ad hoc Advisory Panel on prospective education programs comprised of administrators and alumni who have had distinguished careers in education.

Alumni serving on the panel are: Dr. Alida Dietrich Begina '72, superintendent of schools; Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo '56, mathematics consultant; Dr. Lynne S. Farrell, Esq., '60, retired principal; Patrick Good '93, teacher; Tabitha Wazorko Manafort '94, consultant; Doreen Strong Mantilia '71, teacher; Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkoski '67, teacher; Sheila Flaherty Wycinowski '72, staff development/teacher; and Karen McGroary Yardley '71, administrator.

Albertus administrators on the panel are President McNamara; Dr. William C. Schulz III, vice president for academic affairs; Robert J. Buccino, vice president for advancement and planning; Deborah D. Frattini '70, director, Academic Development Center and chair of the English Department; Sister Charles Marie Brantl, O.P. '51, director of assessment and institutional research; and Dr. Joan Venditto '63, director of education programs.

1998

Leslie Flynn Morgan, Milford, CT, received an MS in education from the University of New Haven, and hopes to have a permanent teaching position in the fall. She is a volunteer at the Milford Rape Crisis Center.

Sarah Pack, New York, NY, is a Project Liberty crisis counselor at the New York Society for the Deaf, funded by FEMA, and a college instructor. She is president of Deaf Women United—Greater New York Chapter.

Stephanie Tompkins, ND, Hamden, CT, owner and operator of New Creations Christian Childcare, is enrolled in an MSW program at Fordham University.

1999

5th Reunion June 12, 2004

David Majeski, ND, Cheshire, CT, has been appointed by the Governor to a two-year term as a trustee/member of the Rehabilitation Council, the board of the Connecticut Bureau of Rehabilitation Services.

2000

Richard Cudgma, ND, New Haven, CT, has joined the H. Pearce Real Estate Co. as a residential sales associate.

Victoria Stahl, CE, Middletown, CT, is assistant to the director of the Mellon Center for Faculty Career Development at Wesleyan University. She received an MALS degree from Wesleyan in May.

Tami Hodges, ND '00, has been promoted to president of EAP Incorporated, a national employee assistance program that provides 24-hour, confidential counseling and intervention services to employed workers and their families. Formerly the director of operations and corporate secretary for EAP Incorporated, she now will have day-to-day responsibility for running the company with the clinical director, operations manager and vice president reporting directly to her. She is a certified employee assistance professional and a member of the public policy and legislation committee for the Connecticut Chapter of the Employee Assistance Program Association.

2002

Amy Fiebig Grant, CE, is now living in Round Lake Beach, IL, where she is a patient advocate for persons applying for Medicaid. She married Brian Grant in June 2002.

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The Transformation Begins...



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Nilan Hall, at the corner of East Rock Road and Prospect Street, once again will be used as a dormitory because of the growth of enrollment in the traditional-day program and demand for on-campus housing.

The entire building has been renovated, providing updated living quarters for 35 students this fall in one of the College's traditional residence halls.

For nearly ten years, the College rented the building to Reach Out, a non-profit early intervention and speech therapy program for youngsters funded by the New Haven school system and the State Department of Education.

Photos above show work under way on the first floor. Albertus purchased Nilan Hall in August 1942 as the third building for the campus and named it for Bishop John Nilan who served the Archdiocese of Hartford from 1910 until his death in 1924. The house was built in 1909 by Ezekiel Stoddard, the father of Louis Stoddard, the first owner of Rosary Hall. **For a look at the results of the renovation, see the back page.**

Renaissance at Milan Hall

See page 11 for details



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From the Hill



Keeping in touch with alumni of Albertus Magnus College who remember their days on Prospect Hill.

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