

# From the Hill



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## Graduates return to *alma mater*

**G**raduates with class years ending in one and six gathered at the College on September 21 and 22 in celebration of Reunion 2001. In the wake of the events of September 11, it seemed more important than ever to spend time together on campus to strengthen the bonds between classmates and friends and to replay fond memories.

To open the annual luncheon, Sr. Charles Marie (Gloria) Brantl, O.P. '51, led those present in prayer. "...We give thanks this day for the opportunity to renew our acquaintances. We rejoice in seeing each other and recalling our happy days of youth and learning. We pray for all here present, for those who are able to be with us this day. We pray for all of our alumni, those here present, those unable to attend and especially for the deceased alumni. We pray for this College that it may continue to carry out its mission. We are grateful for the fine learning and nurturing our Alma Mater gave each of us. We pray for its administrators and faculty and especially for those who are deceased..."

...We come here today with joyful hearts and happy memories which are greatly overshadowed by the tragedy of last week. The works of our hands and the cunning of our science have built great structures that we thought would last for generations, symbols of our power and security. But they, and our sense of security, lay in dust and ashes with the broken lives of our fellow citizens. We pray for all who gave their lives as inno-



With the afternoon sun streaming in, members of the Golden Reunion Class stand together for a class photo in front of the St. Thomas Aquinas mural in the Bianchi Dining Room. President Julia M. McNamara toasted the Class of 1951 in celebration of their 50th Reunion.

cent office workers, as passengers on planes, as heroic rescue workers. We pray for our nation in this time of great adversity.

Let us join together in a moment of silence for all these people and especially for those directly related to our Albertus family."



## Visitors Catch BioBus on Campus

Connecticut's BioBus, a new 40-foot long mobile science learning center designed to stimulate students' interest in science and scientific careers, as well as educate the general public about bioscience, traveled to the Albertus campus in November. Judith Greiman, president of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, sponsor of the familiarization visit, welcomed science educators from Teikyo Post University, University of Bridgeport, Sacred Heart University, Rensselaer and St. Vincent's College. Touring the BioBus from Albertus were Dr. Evelyn Garrity, Dr. Mark Barreuther, Dr. Isaac Hon and Dr. Donnasue Graesser with her Frontiers of Science class. Lead sponsors for the BioBus are the members of Connecticut United for Research Excellence (CURE)—Connecticut's BioScience Cluster—and Connecticut Innovations, the state's leading investor in high technology.

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# Reunion 2001

*“We are exceedingly proud of you, for you represent a history of the finest values this college instills —outstanding achievement, excellence, creativity, generosity, tolerance and social conscience, to name a few. You continue to reflect these values in your considerable contributions to the world—through your careers and families and friendships and volunteer work.*

*It is more important than ever that educational institutions such as Albertus continue to foster those values that work toward making the world a better place—this is especially evident in light of recent tragic world events. We are more than ever a global community, and what we as individuals believe and do can have an impact on the world.*

*As Albertus Magnae alumnae, you honor this college as you continue to reflect those values in all aspects of your lives. You are an inspiration to all of us...”*

—Remarks given by Jean Andros '95, President, Alumni Association Board of Governors at The Golden Society Induction Ceremony



The “rowdy table” (AKA the class of 1961) takes a moment away from laughter and swapping memories to pose for a class photo.

Well-known muralist Tony Falcone chats with President McNamara at the opening reception of his show Artworks! in the Margaret L. MacDonough Gallery. The reception kicked off reunion weekend.



15th Reunion classmates Kim Richards Engelhart, Rachel Hart and Carrie Mazza at the President's cocktail reception.



After The Golden Society induction, Rae Coppola Orlando '50 enjoyed luncheon with fellow 1950 classmates.

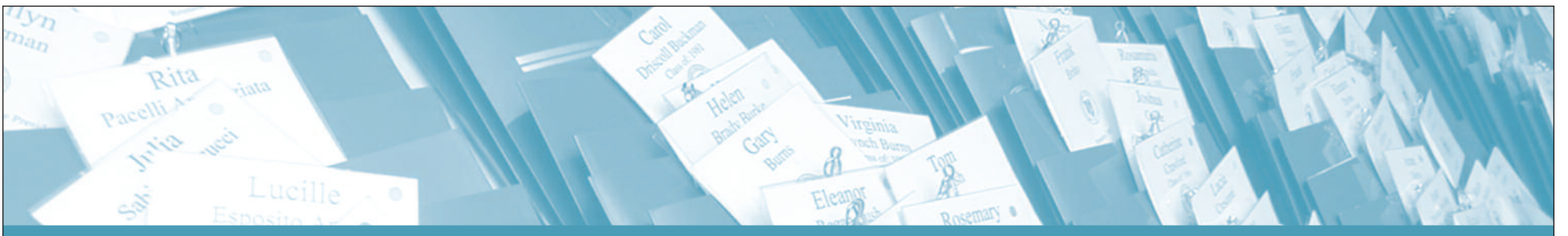


Dr. Susan Cole, Professor of English, prepares for her book reading and signing at the AMC bookstore. In attendance were alumni, current students, faculty, staff and community members.



Lawrence DeNardis, current President of the University of New Haven and former AMC faculty member, attended luncheon and the Alumni of the Year Awards presentation as the guest of Jane Nady Sigmon '70, recipient of the 2001 Outstanding Professional Achievement award.





Dr. Janet L. Fallon '72, new Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Sr. Mary Faith Dargan, O.P., '53, Professor of Foreign Languages, enjoy an evening away from their offices!



Members of New Dimensions cohort 00/12 (from left to right: Laurene Instone, Barbara England, Doug Maze, Fran Pistey and Mike Renkewith) join in the fun of Pub Night.



Silver Reunion (1976) classmates Valerie Moliterno Vanadia and Harriet Buckman spend time catching up in the House of Bollstadt on Friday night.



Nancy Fallon '79, Associate Professor of Business and Economics, displays her creative side. Her colorful, crushed velvet scarves debuted in the bookstore over Reunion Weekend.

1986 classmates Maura Hackett Federico, Danielle Barry LoCascio and Jill Mauro-Sweet take a break from swapping family photos to give our photographer a big smile.



Proud members of the 50th Reunion class stand for their induction into The Golden Society.



Reunion 2001 spans the decades!

## To Our Readers,

Welcome to the pages of *From the Hill*, the new Albertus newspaper just for alumni. This publication, named for the College's location on Prospect Hill, is part of our plan to provide more frequent communications to you, keeping you up to date and connected to what's happening in the life of the College and in the lives of your classmates.

More frequent issues mean you'll be getting news while it's still new. You'll continue to receive *Albertus*, the College's magazine for alumni, parents and friends.

Let us know how you like *From the Hill*. It is a publication for you, and we want to make sure it meets your needs. Please send your comments or suggestions to me at [zudekoff@albertus.edu](mailto:zudekoff@albertus.edu) or call me at 203-773-8502.

Rosanne Zudekoff '60  
Director of Communications



# 2001 Alumni of the Year Awards

## Category I

### Loyalty and Service to the College

#### *Lynne Stapleton Farrell '60*

The love Lynne Stapleton Farrell demonstrates for her *alma mater* makes her one of the College's most fervent and loyal supporters. Whether with classmates, friends from college days, colleagues, peers or members of the professional and business communities, she is ever the advocate for Albertus. Since graduation, she has served as a member of countless class, reunion and Alumni Association committees. Supportive of her own class, she also has developed a special relationship with members of the Class of 1961, keeping them up to date on College news, most recently by email. Elected an Alumni Trustee for the 1996-1999 term, she currently serves as a Trustee of the College. As a long-time member of The President's Associates, she believes it is important to give back to the place where she received the foundation and incentive for a lifetime of learning. She received an MS from Southern Connecticut State University, a Certificate of Advanced Study from Fairfield University, a Ph.D. from Fordham University in Curriculum and Teaching and, in 2000, a JD from Quinnipiac College School of Law.



Pictured with President McNamara are Jane Nady Sigmon '70 (C-II), Rita Savarese Moule '39 (C-III) and Lynne S. Farrell '60 (C-I).

## Category II

### Outstanding Professional Achievement

#### *Jane Nady Sigmon '70*

In June of 2000, Jane Nady Sigmon, an advocate for victims' rights for more than 15 years, became the U.S. State Department's first victim assistance specialist. She is developing a new strategy for dealing with local law enforcement agencies around the world on behalf of the hundreds of Americans who are victims of crimes while living or traveling abroad each year. Previously, at the American Prosecutors Research Institute, she directed research and evaluation efforts to meet the needs of local prosecutors and community-based criminal justice agencies across the country. She was, for seven years, the executive director of VALOR (Victims' Assistance Legislative Organization) where she helped to improve and expand the treatment of victims of violent crime through public education, training and public policy reform. A former director of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Victims of Crime and associate commissioner of the U.S. Children's Bureau, she has been recognized nationally for her work in establishing crime victim programs for Native Americans. She received her M.Ed. from Boston University and a Ph.D. in School Psychology from Duke University.

## Category III

### Humanitarian/Community Service

#### *Rita Savarese Moule '39*

For more than 55 years, Rita Savarese Moule has been a compassionate and committed volunteer. A charter member of the Catholic Women's Guild of Holy Infant Church in Orange, Connecticut, she served as president of the Guild, director of the Religious Summer School and member of the Parish Council. President of the Orange Scholarship Fund for 15 years, and a charter member, she is now in her seventeenth year as a member of the selection committee. In 1994, she joined the Lioness Club because she was drawn to the mission of serving the blind and disabled. For her work as board secretary of the group, for ministering to premature babies at Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of St. Raphael, and for supporting elderly residents of local health care facilities, she was honored as Lioness of the Year in 1999. Many alumni and friends are aware of and applaud Rita and her classmates as they continue to organize bi-weekly gatherings of "The Club" which have continued uninterrupted for 61 years.

## Alumni of the Year 2002 Nomination Form

Nominations for the 2002 Alumni of the Year awards are sought from all members of the Alumni Association. The Alumni of the Year awards will be presented at Reunion in June of 2002. All graduates of the College are members of the Alumni Association.

Check the category in which you are nominating the alumna/us:

### I. Loyalty and Service to Albertus Magnus College

This yearly award is presented to a living member of the Association who has manifested extraordinary loyalty and dedication to the College.

### II. Outstanding Professional Achievement

This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who has attained preeminence in his/her field through outstanding professional, scholarly or artistic achievement.

### III. Humanitarian Award

This award, which need not be given each year, is presented to a living member of the Association who is devoted to serving others through volunteer work or community service.

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for Consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening): ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this form by May 1, 2002 to:

Alumni of the Year Awards Committee, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street,  
New Haven, CT 06511-1189, Fax 203-785-8652, [alumni@albertus.edu](mailto:alumni@albertus.edu)

# Alumni Trustee Election Coming Up

The three-year terms of the two elected Alumni Trustees—Joan Edwards Sacco '59 and Jean Dennison '78—will expire in June 2002. Please give thoughtful consideration to candidates for these important positions on the College's Board of Trustees and submit your nominations by February 1, 2002. The Committee will select the best-qualified candidates to stand for election.

Any graduate is eligible for nomination except: 1) A current Alumni Trustee; 2) Members of the faculty or staff of the College; 3) The President of the Alumni Association while holding that office.

The nominating committee will review proposed names in two groups so that there is proportional representation of the membership:

- Graduates of 25 years or more, i.e., 1928–1972
- Graduates of 25 years or less, i.e., 1973–2000

## 2000–2002 Board of Governors Alumni Association of Albertus Magnus College

<b>President</b>	Jean Andros, '95 (CE)
<b>Vice President</b>	Marlene Passaretti, '92 (CE)
<b>Secretary</b>	Eileen Denny, '92
<b>Members-at-Large</b>	
Group I 1928–1958	Philomena DeMaio La Viola, '50 Bette Ann Curtin Bailey, '52
Group II 1959–1978	Kerith Prior, '65 Dorothy Yutenkas Mutkowski, '67
Group III 1979–1998	Victoria DePalma, '92 Catello James (C.J.) Cuticello, '96 '98 MS (New Dimensions)
<b>Two Recent Classes</b>	Everton Chambers, '99 (ND) Donna Sjogren, '00 MS (ND)
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	Fiona Della Ventura, '84
<b>Alumni Trustees 1999–2002</b>	Joan Edwards Sacco, '59 Jean Dennison, '78

## Alumni Trustee Nomination Form Term of 2002–2005

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening): (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day): (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (evening): (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Date submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a sheet with the nominee's qualifications and verification of willingness to serve and attend four Board meetings a year. **Candidates may self-nominate.**

Return this form by February 1, 2002 to:

Alumni Trustee Committee, Albertus Magnus College, 700 Prospect Street,  
New Haven, CT 06511-1189, Fax 203-785-8652, [cbehan@albertus.edu](mailto:cbehan@albertus.edu)

# UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

## Back by popular demand!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Celebration of Saint Patrick! Saturday, March 16, 2002—with live music by The Highland Rovers Band.



The Highland Rovers Band on stage in the campus pub.

## Encore!

Kate Sullivan '72 returns to campus this spring for another musical performance. "Sweeney," scheduled for Sunday, April 14, 2002, is a musical adaptation of medieval Irish stories and poems which tell of the madness and downfall of an Irish king.



Kate Sullivan '72 as "Piaf, the Little Sparrow."

## We've moved!

Reunion has officially moved to the second Saturday in June! Reunion 2002 is scheduled for June 7–8, 2002. Friday night in the pub will highlight the Decade of the 80's! On Saturday: expand your mind at Alumni College; join us at lunch for the presentation of the 2002 Alumni of the Year Awards; chat with President McNamara over cocktails and hors d'œuvres; tour the campus and gather with classmates! Members of our 50th Reunion class will be inducted into The Golden Society of Albertus Magnus College on Saturday afternoon. A Champagne Toast with President McNamara will follow the Induction.

Call your classmates and friends! Come back to *alma mater* in June!



1991 classmates attend "Friday Night in the Pub."

## Calling all Hartford/Springfield area alumni!

Gather with President McNamara at our New Dimensions East Hartford Learning Center on Wednesday, April 24, 2002. Located at 111 Founders Plaza, the Learning Center offers eight classrooms, an interactive Smart Classroom and is home to over 500 adult learners. Come and see your local Albertus Campus!

## Questions about our upcoming events?

Email [alumni@albertus.edu](mailto:alumni@albertus.edu) or call 203-773-8502. For the most up-to-date information, visit our web site at [www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu)—and click on the "Alumni and Friends" section.

Keep an eye on the web for event registration forms!

[www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu)



Mary Curley Beisel '41 shows off her Golden Society Pins after the September 22, 2001, Inaugural Induction.



# SPORTS

*Imagine... You're a young student on the Albertus basketball team, playing at an away game outside of Boston, and when you make a great shot, a cheer of "Go Falcons!!" comes from the crowd ...what a thrill!*

You don't have to be in New Haven to cheer on the Falcons. Calling all Rhode Island, Florida, Massachusetts and Vermont alumni—gather a group of friends, call your classmates to come and support the AMC Falcons in YOUR neighborhood! Listed below are the winter 2002 basketball schedules, as well as Florida baseball tournament information, along with specific venue locations. News and photos from the games are most welcome and can be sent to [alumni@albertus.edu](mailto:alumni@albertus.edu) or to Albertus Magnus College, Office of Alumni Relations, 700 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

## Let's go Falcons!

### 2001–2002 Men's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sat.	Nov. 17	Wheaton College Tip-Off Tournament	8:00**	Norton, MA
Sun.	Nov. 18	Wheaton Tournament: Cons./Champ.	1–3:00	Norton, MA
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>Western Connecticut State University</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
Thurs.	Nov. 29	Newbury College	7:00	Brookline, MA
Sat.	Dec. 1	Nichols College	1:00	Dudley, MA
Thurs.	Dec. 6	Eastern Connecticut State University	8:00	Willimantic, CT
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Wesleyan University</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Mon.	Dec. 10	Framingham State College	8:00	Framingham, MA
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Dec. 12</b>	<b>U.S. Coast Guard Academy</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Westfield State College</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Tues.	Jan. 8	Gordon College	7:00	Wenham, MA
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 10</b>	<b>Notre Dame (NH) College</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
Sat.	Jan. 12	Norwich University*	2:00	Northfield, VT
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 17</b>	<b>Suffolk University*</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
Sat.	Jan. 19	Daniel Webster College*	1:00	Nashua, NH
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>Emmanuel College*</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
Sat.	Jan. 26	Johnson & Wales University*	1:00	Providence, RI
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>Emerson College*</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Southern Vermont College*</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Western New England College*</b>	<b>7:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Thurs.	Feb. 7	Emmanuel College*	6:00	Boston, MA
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Rivier College*</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Tues.	Feb. 12	Emerson College*	TBA	Boston, MA
Thurs.	Feb. 14	Suffolk University*	7:30	Boston, MA
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 16</b>	<b>Johnson &amp; Wales University*</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
TBA	TBA	GNAC Tournament (Opening Rd.)	TBA	Highest Seed
Fri.	Feb. 22	GNAC Tournament (Semi-finals)	TBA	J & Wales U.
Sat.	Feb. 23	GNAC Tournament (Championship)	TBA	J & Wales U.

\*Denotes Great Northeast Athletic Conference Game \*\*AMC vs. Wheaton @ 8:00  
Head Coach: Bob McMahon (5th Season); Assistant: Jason Crockett (4th Season)

### 2001–2002 Women's Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Sat.	Nov. 17	Mt. Ida College	5:00	Newton, MA
Tues.	Nov. 20	Trinity College	7:30	Hartford, CT
Tues.	Nov. 27	Salve Regina University	TBA	Newport, RI
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Nov. 29</b>	<b>Elms College</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec. 1</b>	<b>Nichols College</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Connecticut College</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
Thurs.	Dec. 6	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	5:30	New London, CT
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Mt. Ida College</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>MA College of Liberal Arts</b>	<b>7:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Jan. 5</b>	<b>Westfield State College</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Sun.	Jan. 6	Anna Maria College	1:00	Paxton, MA
Sat.	Jan. 12	Norwich University*	4:00	Northfield, VT
Tues.	Jan. 15	Newbury College	7:00	Brookline, MA
Thurs.	Jan. 17	Pine Manor College*	TBA	Chestnut Hill, MA
Sat.	Jan. 19	Daniel Webster College*	3:00	Nashua, NH
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Jan. 21</b>	<b>Emmanuel College*</b>	<b>2:00</b>	<b>Home</b>
Sat.	Jan. 26	Simmons College*	TBA	Boston, MA
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Jan. 29</b>	<b>St. Joseph College*</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Thurs.	Jan. 31	Framingham State College	6:00	Framingham, MA
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 2</b>	<b>Southern Vermont College*</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>Feb. 5</b>	<b>Western New England College*</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
Thurs.	Feb. 7	Emerson College*	TBA	Boston, MA
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Rivier College*</b>	<b>1:30</b>	<b>Home</b>
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\*Denotes Great Northeast Athletic Conference Game  
Head Coach: Ed Panzo (2nd Season) Assistant Coach: Wendy Coleman '00 (2nd Season)

### Albertus Magnus College on the Road

**Daniel Webster College**, 20 University Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire, 603-577-6000  
**Eastern Connecticut State University**, 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, Connecticut, 860-465-5000  
**Elms College**, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts, 413-594-9474  
**Emerson College**, 100 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 617-824-8500  
**Johnson and Wales University**, 8 Abbott Park Place, Providence, Rhode Island, 401-456-1000  
**Norwich University**, Main Street, Northfield, Vermont, 802-485-2000  
**Pine Manor College**, 400 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 617-731-7000  
**Rivier College**, 420 South Main Street, Nashua, New Hampshire, 603-888-1311  
**Southern Vermont College**, Monument Avenue Ext., Bennington, Vermont, 802-442-4600  
**Suffolk University**, 41 Temple Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 617-573-8000  
**Trinity College**, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 860-297-2000  
**U.S. Coast Guard Academy**, 33 Mohegan Avenue, Roland Field House, New London, Connecticut, 860-444-8600  
**Western New England College**, 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, Massachusetts, 413-782-3111  
For a full list of venues, email to [amcfalcons@aol.com](mailto:amcfalcons@aol.com) or call the Athletic Center at 203-773-8575.



President McNamara and Women's Tennis Coach Betsy Fahy, daughter of the late Mary O'Brien Fahy '29, pose for a team photo on Rosary Hall steps.

### Falcons in Florida!

The men's baseball team will be playing in Homestead, Florida from Saturday, March 9 through Friday, March 15, 2002. Games will be held at the Baseball Complex in Homestead. A final schedule of the Falcons eight game roster will be posted sometime in January on our web page at [www.albertus.edu](http://www.albertus.edu) in the Athletics section.

For more information please contact the Athletic Department at [amcfalcons@aol.com](mailto:amcfalcons@aol.com) or call the Athletic Center at 203-773-8575. All Florida alumni, family and friends are invited to attend!

# THEATRE

## The Play's the Thing

One of the first extracurricular groups established on the Albertus campus in 1925 was The Albertus Magnus Players. In 1928 the 12 members of the College's first graduating class found immediate employment in business, teaching...and acting.

Over the years the connection to the dramatic arts has flourished, with countless Albertus alumni working in the theatre. **Kim Mancuso** '74, for example, is a lecturer in theatre arts at MIT and artistic director and co-founder of Pilgrim Theatre, a not-for-profit company now based in western Massachusetts, with a residency at the Boston Center for the Arts.

After graduating from Albertus as a Drama/English major, she received an MA from New York University in 1976 and an MFA from Yale University's School of Drama in 1981.

Talking about the impact of Albertus on her life, Mancuso says that two mentors, Susan Cole and Bob Jennings, are the "greatest gifts" Albertus gave to her. "Susan Cole, (professor of English and director of the drama concentration at the College today) and I have an on-going dialogue around issues of theatre and life, and I count her as one of my most cherished friends. She has offered guidance and support in the darkest times, and we have celebrated some of the brightest moments of life together.

"I was in awe of her brilliance from the moment I walked into her Shakespeare course and was never nervous about approach-

ing Shakespeare after that. I remember the huge fear I had about one paper in particular. It was on "Hamlet," on which Mrs. Cole based her dissertation. But I thought I should challenge myself, and if I could write about

"Hamlet" to her satisfaction, then I could accomplish nearly anything I set my mind to doing. The best thing of all was that I, too, fell in love with "Hamlet." Years later Mancuso would meet her partner, Kermit Dunkelberg, working on the play together in Poland.

Mentor Bob Jennings was "a constant inspiration in practical theatre. He taught me everything: how to sweep a stage properly; how to swing a hammer; the intricacies of electrical circuitry and lighting design; and Stanislavskian acting."

Mancuso remembers her first role in the theatre, at age 8 in "The Nutcracker." By her first year in high school, she was trying out for roles because her friends were involved. "I was a flower seller in

"My Fair Lady" but kept forgetting my two lines," she confesses.

Soon she joined a small community summer theatre—in North Branford (CT) where she grew up—as assistant director and experienced her personal version of "the show must go on." "We were working on Shaw's "Pygmalion." The director became quite ill and could not continue. She told me when I went to visit her in the hospital that I should finish the production. So I did, trying things about which I really knew nothing at the time, but rather following some kind of theatrical intuition:

breaking the fourth wall; having actors mixing with the audience; lighting the ballroom scene, a sea of romantically clad dancers in white ball gowns, through a scrim of lavender netting."

Reflecting on those days, she says, "From the beginning I had more courage as a director than an actor. I discovered a passion for creating the whole theatrical world... and so I became the director of that little theatre, returning to it each summer through my junior year at Albertus." In 1974, her senior year, Bob Jennings started a summer theatre on campus, which she joined.

One year out of Yale Drama School, Mancuso attended a summer workshop at Hamilton College that dramatically changed her life. There she met Zbigniew Cynkutis, a one-time leading actor in the Polish Laboratory Theatre living in self-imposed exile with his family in the U.S. as a protest to the Soviet

occupation of Poland. "When he returned to Poland to create a new theatre, he invited me to join him as the director of the International Group of his company, and I did."

What started out as a six-month commitment turned into three years. Mancuso, who resigned her position as head of the theatre program at Bradford College to remain in Poland, acted and directed at Second Studio in Wroclaw. Kermit Dunkelberg was one of the American actors who joined the company in 1986.

Cynkutis was killed in a car crash the next year. "We tried to continue Second Studio, but the politics of the situation were too difficult," she says. "I finished 40 performances of "Hamlet" with the Interna-



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tional Group—Kermit in the title role—and then we disbanded it." Although most of the actors returned to the States, she and Dunkelberg stayed on, founding Pilgrim Theatre and hoping to continue the physical training and theatre philosophy of Cynkutis. But after one too many difficulties with the local military police, they, too, decided to return home.

Back in the States they began a continuing relationship with MIT as Guest Artists in Residence. Today, Mancuso teaches acting there and from time to time directs students, and continues the work of Pilgrim Theatre Research and Performance Collaborative.

"I strive to make every new work a challenge to me, and to the artists of Pilgrim Theatre," she says, considering herself an enabler or catalyst. "We have performed in the vast Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts; in the winding centuries-old tunnels under a culture-house in Krakow, Poland; in an arena in Urubamba, Peru; at Don't Tell MaMa, a smoky New York cabaret and at LaMaMa, the famed Off-Off Broadway theatre of Ellen Stewart; and at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts."

The company, which has four core artists and two dozen associate artists, creates original work. In 1991, for example, it toured Europe with a project based on the notebooks of Leonardo di Vinci. Recently, it created a piece about Sarajevo based on letters of people who survived the war there. Right now Pilgrim Theatre is touring with "The House Not Touched by Death," a new comedy with original music by a Massachusetts playwright. "It takes to task the healthcare system in this country and we do a post-show discussion with the audience and end-of-life experts about the issues raised by the production," Mancuso says.

Recalling her student days at Albertus, Mancuso states with certainty that this is where she gained the "strong sense of the value of community that I believe has sustained me in my life and work. I understood the community that was the College, and another that was the smaller group of colleagues who worked so passionately in the theatre. This early work, in community, made me understand that it is just as valuable to try, and to fail, as it is to succeed. And to understand, too, that if the community persists, one can keep going, in spite of failure. We never stop learning.

"Sister Mary Faith Dargan once said that she learned as much from her students as they did from her...and I think I must have said the same thing about a thousand times over the years."

For more about Kim Mancuso's work as a director, read "Playwrights in Rehearsal: The Seduction of Company" by Susan Letzler Cole (Routledge, 2001). Dr. Cole describes the participation of playwrights in rehearsals of their plays, including Jean-Claude van Itallie whose work "The Tibetan Book of the Dead" Mancuso directed at the Boston Center for the Arts in 1998.

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# CLASS NOTES

**1932** *70th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1934**

**Jean Venditti Leary**, New Haven, CT, was honored in May by the Alliance Francaise for her 40 years of service to the organization. Her granddaughter Maura, Connecticut College '01, is attending the Ecole Normale Supérieure in Paris this year.

**1937** *65th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**Mary Rita Crotta Watson**, Pacific Palisades, CA, travels often, mostly with Elderhostel. She writes that she "is mourning the death of my younger brother, Daniel Crotta."

**1941**

**Juliette Roche Ewart**, Arlington Heights, IL, is a neighborhood volunteer and Eucharistic minister, and works with a group that helps the homeless.

**Mary Duff Murphy**, Stratford, CT, enjoys reading, gardening and needlework. She wishes classmates "good health and contentment with an abundance of God's blessings, always."

**1942** *60th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1944S**

**Beverly Volk Fagan**, Madison, CT, has 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren from "coast to coast." She keeps in touch with **Eileen Foley Fitzpatrick** and **Dottie Butler Hyland**, "friends since 1941 at AMC as freshmen."

**Gloria Segnalla Golia**, Hamden, CT, reports that her granddaughter graduated in 2001 from Boston College summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa.

**1946**

**Janet Sachs Saslow**, Hamden, CT, is involved with the National Council of Jewish Women and Brandeis University Women's Chapter.

**1947** *55th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1949**

**Faith Augur McCarthy**, Northford, CT, attended a recent Augur family reunion, which drew nearly 200 persons from around the country. The first local Augur arrived in the New Haven area in the 17th century.

## *Tribute to a Teacher*

**Mary Ellen Murphy Mininberg '49**, of New Haven, CT, was honored in the November 11 Connecticut section of *The New York Times*. The article "Saluting Teachers Worth Remembering" included a letter written by a former student in her 12th-grade English class who said, "She not only inspired me to become a teacher, she made me want to be the kind of teacher she was, and showed me the power that a teacher's love of the subject matter can carry in a classroom."

**1951**

**Sr. Charles Marie Brantl**, O.P., New Haven, CT, after 11 years as vice president for academic affairs at AMC, enjoyed a three-month sabbatical and is back half-time as director of assessment and institutional research.

**Eleanor Regan Bush**, Maryville, TN, grandmother to 11, is retired. She is chair of the liturgy committee of her church, and involved with the local Food Pantry and Friendship Force.

**Rosemary Herold Calvit**, Potomac, MD, reports that she and Tom are presidents of St. Raphael's Adult Club.

**Patricia Flynn**, Ellijay, GA, is retired and enjoying traveling.

**Leonore McAlonen Mosley**, Salem, SC, is retired, but keeps busy with her family, golf, reading, bridge and performing with a community chorus.

**Katherine Schlauder O'Connor**, Stratford, CT, a real estate broker, is on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the beautification and affordable housing committees, as well as the business/education support team.

**Katherine Fallon Quinn**, Ponte Vedro Beach, FL, volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and is active in three women's clubs.

**Lois Agne Westhoff**, Wallingford, PA, enjoys travel, reading, walking and her work with several parish ministries.

**1952** *50th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**Phyllis Aldous Russell**, Marlton, NJ, and her husband, Larry, are "happily" retired, visiting their three children and seven grandchildren in Minnesota, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

**Betsy Meyer Traynor**, Guntersville, AL, continues her psychiatry practice. She has 19 grandchildren and enjoys taking friends and family out on her pontoon boat at Lake Guntersville. "I welcome visitors."

**1953**

**Sr. Mary Faith Dargan**, O.P., New Haven, CT, received the Barlow-Beach Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of New England in March, 2001, for contributions to the field of Classics in New England.

**Sr. Dolores Liptak**, RSM, New Britain, CT, is the author of "Hartford's Catholic Legacy: Leadership," based on her research into the archives of the Archdiocese. A review in *The Catholic Transcript* called the book "a spiritually enriching history."

**Barbara McCarthy McCooe**, Ridgewood, NJ, and her husband, Jack, took a 40th anniversary trip to northern Italy, hiking in the Dolomites and along the Mediterranean coast. They are awaiting the birth of their 11th grandchild, and two of their children were married this year.

**1954**

**Dolores Brexel Boyle**, Coram, NY, reports that her second daughter enrolled in law school. "Considering she has four children, including one in college, I consider her remarkable."

**1955**

**Janet Brenner Franzoni**, Atlanta, GA, sends word that she retired from Georgia State University in 1998,

but maintains a private practice as a psychologist. She and Lou recently celebrated 44 years of marriage; they have five children and eight grandchildren.

**1956**

**Barbara Walsh Angelillo**, Rome, Italy, a freelance writer and editor, reports that Ernesto died in 1997. She has three children and two grandchildren.

**Ann Braun Bevak**, Grosse Ile, MI, is a Eucharistic minister at her church, volunteer at the local historical museum and director for the building and maintenance of a children's discovery garden at the herb society.

**Albina Sacco Cannavaciolo**, North Haven, CT, a mathematics education consultant, is president-elect of the Hospital of St. Raphael Auxiliary.

**Ann Bunnell Coppola**, Punta Gorda, FL, writes that after a difficult year-and-a-half since the deaths of their daughter and her mother, she and Joe are "trying to enjoy their time together, taking trips to see more of Florida. Come on down—it's great!"

**Diane Mormile Cosker**, Wethersfield, CT, reports that her husband, John, is recovering from a major stroke he suffered on his 65th birthday in January, 2001.

**Eileen Farrell Kinney Dubois**, Enfield, CT, is president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, a literacy volunteer and a 1st Way Life Center volunteer.

**Joan Giardina**, Ansonia, CT, now retired, is a member of the historical society, garden club, Delta Gamma Kappa Society International and a volunteer at Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

**Patricia Hinchey**, Rockville Centre, NY, is retired on orthopedic disability.

**Arline Walsh Lloyd**, Beverly Hills, CA, is a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Her husband, David, received the Writer's Guild of America's Paddy Chayefsky Laurel Award, the Guild's highest award for television writing. Her son, Christopher, won a writing award at the same ceremony.

**Claudette Willig McGinty**, Southbury, CT, enjoys retirement, travel with her husband and making new friends. "Being a grandparent has provided an added dimension to life."

**Patricia Crotty Miele**, Southbury, CT, is heavily involved with activities for her condominium, parish nurse ministry and church Respect Life Committee.

**Calista Daley Moon**, Pittsboro, NC, is a part-time children's librarian, and competes in local, state and Senior Olympics swimming meets.

## Marge Galvin-Karr '74

### PROFILE

It's a long way from Walsh Hall at Albertus to her lab at Duke Energy, a Fortune 100 multinational energy company, but Marge Galvin-Karr has loved every step of the journey.

Majoring in chemistry and mathematics, she knew that a lab always would be her home away from home. After Albertus, she received a Master's degree in chemistry from the University of Connecticut and took her first job as an analytical chemist for the Dexter Corporation in Rocky Hill, CT. Next came a nine-year stint as a scientist at Stanley Works, where she supported worldwide manufacturing and product development through analysis of polymeric materials. This was followed by a move to quality assurance operations at American Cyanamid.

By 1988, Galvin-Karr was the analytical chemistry manager for the Springborn Testing Institute in Enfield, supervising a group of chemists doing materials analysis for a variety of commercial customers, but she and her husband, Chuck, an accountant, were getting tired of heavy traffic and heavier snow. "When Chuck was offered a transfer to North Carolina, we grabbed it and moved south," she says.

Her first job at the then Duke Power Company involved providing analytical chemistry services to support the company's nuclear, fossil and hydro generating stations. Since a 1997 merger with Pan Energy of Houston, her laboratory provides analytical chemistry support to Duke Energy locations throughout the United States.

Today, Galvin-Karr is a project manager, one of three scientists serving as a single point of contact between customers of laboratory services and the laboratory itself. The sheer volume of the 39,000 samples and the nearly 163,000 different analyses the lab handled last year on everything from soil and waste water to drinking water and natural gas makes the interface job crucial. "We help our customers design and manage sampling and analysis programs. This ranges from identifying the specific analyses they need to monitoring laboratory certifications," she says.

"The only major challenge I face at this point in my career is the work/life balance issue. I am child-free, so I constantly have to fight the trap of spending too much time at work." After working for 25 years, Galvin-Karr finds that "my priorities are changing, and climbing the corporate ladder is just not that important to me anymore." What is important is enjoying life with Chuck and their golden retriever, Katie.



## *A bright life*



**Louise Colvano Pease**, Ft. Pierce, FL, enjoys grandchildren, family reunions at her lake house in Maine, gardening and volunteer work, including presidency of the Canaan (ME) Volunteer Library Association.

**Betty Heery Porell**, Ft. Myers, FL, is involved with tutoring and Catholic Charities of Venice, FL. She says that among "the friends I most cherish are women I met through Albertus who are unafraid to think and willing to act."

**1957** *45th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1961**

**Maryanne Convey Beckford**, Menlo Park, CA, announces the arrival of her fourth grandchild, the third in eight months.

**Jeannette Grellner Birmingham**, Silver Spring, MD, is retired but does scientific writing, book chapters and grant writing on contract.

**Trudy McKeon Daly**, Glastonbury, CT, vp for corporate relations, The Hartford Financial Services Group, received the 2000 Chairman's Award for Distinguished Community Service as part of a team that ran a nationwide campaign to share the results of a study on the effects of Alzheimer's and dementia on a person's ability to drive.

**Jean Mulmeister Davis** has retired and relocated to East Palo Alto, CA, after 26 years in Puerto Rico. Her husband, Mike, has joined the design team developing a powerful radio telescope using hundreds of small satellite dishes linked with optical fibers. The project is a joint venture of the University of California at Berkeley and SETI Institute (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence).

**Maxine Parcels Driscoll**, Danbury, CT, teaches at Ridgefield High School. She travels, golfs, swims and does needlework.

**Angela DeFilippi Errico**, Plandome, NY, a sculptor, is active with art-related organizations.

**1962** *40th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1964**

**MaryEllen McCann Adamo** and her husband, Mike, are snow birds in Pompano Beach, FL.

**Clare McMahon Bernard**, Cheshire, CT, visited Brazil as part of The Friendship Force, an organization fostering global goodwill through personal friendships at homestay exchanges.

**Patricia Checko**, Berlin, CT, reports that the State Legislature appointed her to the Board of Trustees for the Tobacco Settlement and Health Trust Fund.

**Ellen Donahue**, Chestnut Hill, MA, a high school teacher and department head, took early retirement July 1, 2001. In early September she enjoyed an Elderhostel trip to San Antonio, TX.

**1966**

**Maryann Civitello**, Newton, MA, is an attorney, and serves on the boards of the local battered women's shelter and Girl Scout council.

**Olivia Paiva Klein**, Tallahassee, FL, is bar counsel in the division of lawyer regulation for The Florida Bar.

**Mary Egan Mulligan**, Clinton, CT, has a two-year-old grandson. She is a supervising clinician in the forensic division of Connecticut Valley Hospital.

**Sandra Lefevre Talbot**, Naugatuck, CT, is a professor of computer science at Naugatuck Valley Community College. She is Youth Exchange Officer for Naugatuck Rotary.

**1967** *35th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1968**

**Joan Cashman Mazur**, Havertown, PA, is vice president of Integrated Modular Systems, Inc., a family business in healthcare information systems. Her husband, John, is president. They have three children and one grandchild.

**Denise Franklin Terry**, Chevy Chase, MD, took advantage of her "empty nest" by remaining on Cape Cod until late October. Her youngest is in her first year at Wesleyan University.

**1969**

**Suzanne Patry**, West Haven, CT, has joined the staff of Notre Dame High School's foreign language department.

## Mary Ann O'Brien '93

### PROFILE

As School to Career Coordinator for the New Haven (CT) Board of Education, Mary Ann O'Brien knows first-hand that career education and exploration activities can put students on a path to lifetime learning and fulfilling lives. Her work today reflects in large part her own path to a career that is challenging and fulfilling.

"I was the associate executive director of a YWCA. Unfortunately, I had never completed my undergraduate degree," she says. That ruled out applying for an executive director's position.

The idea of finishing her degree and doing it through an accelerated program at Albertus, near her work, appealed to O'Brien. After meeting the staff of the Continuing Education Division and some faculty members, she knew Albertus was the place for her. "Everyone was friendly and helpful; I was nervous. After all, I hadn't been a student for years."

Once she enrolled, she knew she had made the right choice. Sociology and religion were "absolute favorites." Professors made her time at Albertus a "challenging, satisfying, interesting, intellectually stimulating and mind-expanding experience."

Her time at Albertus, she notes, gave her the foundation to move on and to handle any situation with confidence. "This included taking on responsibilities for which I had no experience or expertise; I learned that there is very little I cannot do or accomplish."

In addition to her School to Career work, O'Brien also is the school system's Title IX and Gender Equity coordinator. With five centers and 12 staffers, she serves some 2000 students a year.

O'Brien oversees a growing list of services and programs for elementary, middle and high school students—from computerized assessment tools and interest inventories to job shadowing and internships. There are career days and guest speakers, classes on résumé writing and computer repair certification, mentoring and internship placement. Add the challenges of finding summer jobs for 700 students in more than 60 community-based organizations and running an after-school computer camp for third and fourth graders, and you begin to get some idea of the reach and impact of her office.

New collaborations are important as well. O'Brien notes that there now are partnerships with Unilever, SNET, Yale University, Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven Savings Bank and many other businesses and non-profit agencies.

Giving students options for their futures is what the job is all about, O'Brien points out. "The bottom line is that we are making a difference in the lives of many students."



**1970**

**Anita Domizio**, Farmington, CT, had an exhibition, "Images of a Soul," at the UConn Health Center. She combines Chinese watercolor pigments and ink with American and European watercolors, using Chinese and Japanese brushes to create her unique style.

**1971**

**Diane Cadrain**, West Hartford, CT, telecommutes to her job as legal editor for Business & Legal Reports in Old Saybrook.

**Bonnie Keyes**, New York, NY, sends word that she has had her first poem published. Called "Redemption," the poem appeared in Timepieces, a small literary magazine.

**Franceen Lyons**, Arlington, TX, is program manager, sales training for Verizon. She volunteers at a homeless shelter and is a reader at her church.

**Karen McGroary Yardley**, Milford, CT, is president of Our Lady of Mercy, Laurelton Hall, a private high school for girls.

**1972** *30th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1973**

**Jean Incampo**, Cheshire, CT, is now a paralegal for a New Haven law firm. She also is a first-time grandmother.

**1974**

**Alexis Rascati Carol**, Madison, CT, is the co-founder and director of "Women in Transformation," a network of women helping women to transform their lives.

**Mary Beth White Congdon**, Hamden, CT, reports that her stepson graduated from the Foote School in June, receiving awards for highest academic and athletic achievement, as well as the Foote School Prize for excellence in leadership and service. She is president-elect of the Planned Giving Group of Connecticut.

**1976**

**Joan Baldwin Chapman**, Cheshire, CT, is senior administrative assistant in the Office of Facilities at Yale University.

**Robin Cueroni Hanson**, Knoxville, TN, volunteers in the schools of her three children. She sings in a Sweet Adeline's chorus that competed in October against 29 other choruses from around the world.

**Claudia Lyons**, Deerfield, MA, has been chosen to receive the Greer Chair for Outstanding Teaching at Deerfield Academy.

**Sherrie Zembrzusi**, Waterbury, CT, teaches chemistry and math at Notre Dame Catholic High School in Fairfield, where she is the cheerleading coach. She also is in charge of the Connecticut State cheerleading competition.

**1977** *25th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**1978**

**Edie Davis**, Hamden, CT, is a lecturer in the humanities at Gateway Community College.

**Pamela Lorenzo**, Branford, CT, recently received the MSW from Southern Connecticut State University. She is working toward the LCSW.

**Michele Sorensen-Bagwell**, Farmington, CT, is the new director of New London's Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication. She coordinated the Gifted and Talented Program for the Farmington schools and taught for 14 years at the National Conference on the Gifted and Talented at the University of Connecticut.

### In Memoriam

In October, Albertus learned that **Gertrude Sternchuss Leblond '28**, a member of the College's first graduating class, died in 2000. Class president in her senior year, she majored in Romance Languages. She lived in Montreal, Canada, where she had been active with civic organizations there.

May she rest in peace, *cum angelis in caelo*.

**Marion Tubridy Kennedy '31**  
West Hartford, CT  
August 31, 2001

**Jane McKeon Maloney '35**  
Sarasota, FL  
November 14, 2001

**Helen Faughan Kiley '49**  
Meriden, CT  
July 9, 2001

**Mary Furtado Michael '58**  
Fairfield, CT  
October 3, 2001

**Dennis J. O'Connor '01**  
Naugatuck, CT  
November 16, 2001



# CLASS NOTES

**Kathleen Sullivan**, Framingham, MA, is assistant director of senior plan sales for Fallon Community Health Plan in Worcester.

## 1981

**Judith Scibelli Basile**, Hampden, MA, a sixth-grade teacher, recently traveled throughout the Baltic area. She and her husband, John, have four daughters: Taia, 16, Giana, 15 and twins Mia and Madelana, 13.

**Geri-Ann Scibelli Cimmino**, Hampden, MA, and her husband, Michael, have 15-year-old twins Michael and Mikara, and Ben, 12.

**Tina Freilicher**, Jackson Heights, NY, a doctoral candidate at Columbia University, is director of testing standards at the New York Stock Exchange.

**Liz Grey** has left her position as news director of WVIT-Channel 30 to concentrate on raising her four children, the youngest born in July. She and her husband, Arthur Godbout, live in Avon.

**Laura Cavanaugh Montany**, Glastonbury, CT, a kindergarten teacher, coaches "Odyssey of the Mind" teens. Her children are 17, 15 and 12.

## 1982

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**Maureen O'Neil**, Tallahassee, FL, takes Irish step dancing lessons with her children Kate, 9, and Daniel, 7. She is assistant director of Refuge House, a shelter for battered women and their children. Her husband, Mark Bollone, is in his 10th year of teaching at Tallahassee Community College and is president of the Buck Lane Elementary School PTO. (*Editor's Note: We apologize for running this item under the Class of 1962 in the last issue.*)

## 1986

**Josephine Agnello-Veley**, Kensington, CT, a human resources associate at United Technologies' corporate headquarters, is a United Way volunteer and involved with several organizations fostering employment of persons with disabilities.

**Judie Pierwola Alderman**, Branford, CT, is an elementary school art teacher. She enjoys kayaking, belly-dancing, book clubs and supporting animal rights.

**Michelle Fiorillo Della Camera**, North Branford, CT, is an adjunct instructor at Gateway Community College. Her daughters are 4 and 2.

**Christy Dibble**, East Greenwich, RI, has twin daughters, Alexandra and Isabella, and is married to Thomas Lanna, a cardiologist. She is director of Gastrointestinal and Endoscopy Services at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence.

## Tim Quinn '88

## A Journey like No Other

### PROFILE

"Life is just a journey. I've been blessed with the talent to survive the drama of day-to-day living with humor and compassion."

So says Tim Quinn whose journey has taken him from a typical brokerage firm in Connecticut to Hollywood and Southeast Asia. An economics major and senior class president at Albertus, he graduated with the College's first co-ed class, but had an Albertus family long before that. Christine Farley Quinn '61 is his mother; Anne Farley Hubbard '55 and Eileen Farley Caravati '58, his aunts.

As a student he interned with Merrill Lynch and joined the firm as a sales assistant in the Stamford branch right after graduation. A year later he transferred to Florida, as assistant sales manager for the Fort Lauderdale office. What he calls the "strange twists of life" began when he left his job at Merrill Lynch to open an ice cream store, started modeling and, "through a form of EST worked hard to discover a new way of being and finally learned to be comfortable in my own skin."

Traveling cross-country by hot air balloon for a Heublein promotion of tequila and Mexican art, Quinn "tested the waters" for an acting career in Hollywood. It was there that he began work on special events for the Borghese cosmetics line. "I loved it," he says. "Then I found myself in Milan for training as a Borghese make-up artist."

For the next five years he traveled constantly, but counts a month-long trip to Southeast Asia as a "harrowing experience." The poverty he saw was overwhelming: "It truly opened my eyes to how fortunate I have been in my life and made me rethink my whole world."

Two years ago he joined the Laura Mercier Cosmetics and Skincare Company as the top producing make-up artist. He did special events, training, selling and promoting the line internationally; he continued to travel in his spare time. This year he became National Face Designer for the Giorgio Armani Parfums division of L'Oreal USA, based in New York.

"Life has been kind to me," Quinn says. "I've worked all over the world, encountered fascinating people from all walks of life." He talks, too, of his beloved Nana, who died recently at 98, and her impact on him. "She taught me so much of life, the importance of loving and living with grace. I miss her terribly and strive to impact the lives of others in much the same way."

The future? "Someday, in my perfect world, I dream of taking my love of the cosmetics industry and the business acumen it has given me and starting my own business. But, for now, I continue to love my daily chaotic life and all the wonderful experiences it brings."



**Kim Richards Engelhart**, Mahwah, NJ, has three daughters: Taylor, Hannah and Madison.

**D. Danielle Barry LoCasio**, Naugatuck, CT, has two children: Dante Antonio and Ariana Rose.

**Jill Mauro-Sweet**, Madison, CT, is a member of the Catholic Charity League, a catechist at her church and an "Odyssey of the Mind" coach. Her children are 8 and 4.

## 1987

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## 1988

**Gina Baldo** has returned to the States after seven years in Singapore, where she was product and business development manager for Tyco/U.S. Surgical

Division. She now is product manager, critical care systems, for Tyco Healthcare's Nellcor Division in Pleasanton, CA.

**Katie Geis**, Forest Hills, NY, received an MBA from New York University in 1999. She is a director in the IS department of a reinsurance company and recently bought a co-op.

## 1989

**Patricia Scussel**, East Haven, CT, executive director of Leadership New Haven, was honored by Business Times newspaper in its Forty Under Forty program, recognizing outstanding professional achievement and community involvement.

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

The sons of two alumnae died in the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001. May they, and all those who perished that day, rest in peace, *cum angelis in caelo*.

**Peter G. Gelinas**, 34, the son of Susan Brown Gelinas '63 and the late Gerard Gelinas, was a graduate of Villanova University. A partner at Cantor Fitzgerald, he leaves his wife and two sons, 4 and 1.

**Christopher W. Murphy**, 35, was the son of Virginia Selfors Murphy '49 and William Murphy. He graduated from Yale University, Emory University Law School and The College of William and Mary, where he received the MBA. A research analyst with the financial firm of Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, he was married with two daughters, 2 years old, and 4 months.

**Harold G. Anderson**, husband of Florence Anderson, former bookstore and Financial Aid office staff member July 16, 2001

**Richard Arena**, husband of J. Elaine Winfield Arena '49 October 10, 2000

**Francis R. Cassidy, Jr.**, husband of Mary Ann Blondin Cassidy '60 March 19, 2001

**Christopher Chieffo**, son of Beverly Chieffo, chair of the Art Department August 17, 2001

**Mary Cimmino**, mother of Kathie Cimmino Sabel '95 November, 2001

**G. Kathryn Clark**, sister of Calista Daley Moon '56 July 10, 2001

**David R. Coleman**, father of Wendy Coleman '00, assistant women's basketball coach June 4, 2001

**Catherine D. Creagan**, sister of Mary Desmond '35 May 8, 2001

**Louis H. DiTallo**, father of Dianne DiTallo Smith '66 and Cynthia DiTallo Starks '73 July 10, 2001

**Angelina V. Doyon**, mother of Yvonne Doyon Petrin '78 August 13, 2001

**Joseph M. Giardina**, father of Joan M. Giardina '56 September 15, 2001

**Stanley R. Gomlin**, father of Sandra Gomlin Ineson '67 and grandfather of Erlen Stebbings '92 September 25, 2001

**William Kotulich**, brother of Dorothy Kotulich Stawarky '52 September 18, 2001

**A. Paul Levack**, husband of Helen O'Brien Levack '32 November 4, 2001

**Jean K. Licari**, mother of Patricia Licari Cucuzza '57

**Elizabeth Kileen Lyons**, mother of Elizabeth Lyons Weber '58 and Mary Killeen Lyons '59 September 10, 2001

**John A. Mullen, M.D.**, husband of Katharine Curnen Mullen '37 October 12, 2001

**John P. O'Connell**, husband of Marietta Lanthier O'Connell '37 November 14, 2001

**John Pierwola**, father of Judie Pierwola Alderman '86 March 1, 2001

**Theresa C. Ragozzine**, mother of Carolyn Ragozzine Akter '56 November 3, 2001

**Robert G. Smith**, father of Amanda Smith '99 June 21, 2001

**Herbert W. Thode**, father of Colette Thode Dziadul '83 October 17, 2001

**Jerome M. Torre, Sr.**, father of Jerome Torre, Jr., physical plant staff May 15, 2001

**George A. Wilson**, husband of Helen Hankin Wilson '41 May 13, 2001



## 1990

**Meg Meiman Layton**, Nokesville, VA, continues to make frequent international trips as IT director for Starcel Communications Group.

## 1991

**Dianibel Aviles-Perez**, New Haven, CT, is a post-doctoral psychology fellow at St. Francis Home for Children.

**Jo Ann Callegari**, CE, West Haven, CT, has been the elected Registrar of Voters there for 20 years. She works for a New Haven law firm.

**Catherine Rowell Casper**, Simsbury, CT, is a part-time freelance writer and full-time stay-at-home mom to her three sons.

**Christine Cosenza**, Hamden, CT, works for Verizon Wireless. She also facilitates support groups for recovering adult children and is a published writer and poet. She plans to pursue a master's degree and right now is studying for certification as a shamanic practitioner.

**Italia Defazio**, Avon, CT, is a group life and disability underwriter at Hartford Life Insurance.

**Laura Bushinsky McCarthy** and **James McCarthy** live in Norwalk, CT. She is an accountant and he is a senior sales consultant. Their daughter, Caitlin, was born in December, 2000.

**Valzie Peterkin**, CE, Orange, CT, is director of the Family Center at St. John's in Bridgeport, and involved with many community groups.

**Connie Notarino Pullman**, Higganum, CT, works for Bristol-Myers Squibb. She has a three-year-old daughter.

**Ellin Regis-Cowie**, Garden City, NY, and her husband, Stephen Cowie, have a son, Connor. She is an attorney.

**Salvatore Saraceno** is a contract manager at Hanscom AFB, MA. He recently graduated from the U.S. Air Force Officer Training School. He and his wife, Lucia, are expecting their second child.

## 1992 *10th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**Donna Cardonita-Nystrand**, Guilford, CT, writes of the arrival of her first child, Giana Marie Nystrand, on May 16, 2001.

**Laura Kelly-Cormier**, Yarmouthport, MA, is a commercial credit analyst at Citizens Bank of Massachusetts.

## 1993

**Susan Bishop**, CE, Peabody, MA, has returned from two years of teaching English in Poland. She is an ESL teacher.

## Prospect Hill Society

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

*If you have mentioned Albertus in your estate planning, please let us know. We will list you as a Charter Member of the Prospect Hill Society in the College's Annual Report for 2001-2002. Please contact Rosanne Zudekoff '60, Director of Communications, at 203-773-8502; fax 203-785-8652; email zudekoff@albertus.edu.*

**Richard Freeth**, New York, NY, singer-songwriter by night, lawyer by day, has been performing in Greenwich Village, Lower East Side and New Haven clubs. His EP, "Like in the Movies," was recorded with his current backing band, the Squibbs.

**Jennifer Hurtado Daniels** reports that she, Jason, Eleanor and the new baby, Thaddeus, born in May, are off to London for three to six months. Jason will be in charge of setting up the new pricing office for the global sales and marketing division of his company.

## 1994

**Marco Rafala**, New Haven, CT, has sold his first short story, "Tenebre," to the Bellevue Literary Review, a journal published by the New York University School of Medicine. In October, he gave a reading at a reception celebrating the first issue of the journal.

**Nancy Grecco Sudhoff**, CE, Milford CT, writes that Sarah Martha was born in February, 2001.

## 1995

**Amie Keddy**, Cambridge, MA, has been accepted into the graduate program in creative writing at Bennington.

**Matthew Martin** played Troilus in a production of "Troilus and Cressida" staged by New York's Bardolatry Theatre in October.

**Joset Crespo Rosado**, Yonkers, NY, sends word that she married Marcos Rosado in June, 2001. A clinical social worker with the Archdiocese of New York and Catholic Charities Community Services, she directs a Parenting Education and Family Support Program. She would love to hear from classmates: [theshrink42@aol.com](mailto:theshrink42@aol.com).

## 1996

**Anthony Cook** has relocated to Alexandria, VA.

**Christopher Silhavey**, Stratford, CT, is a senior analyst for SNET Information Services. A member of

the Stratford Town Council since 1999, he is currently minority leader.

**Jamie Mowat Young**, CE, Killingworth, CT, is director of admissions at the Yale University Graduate School.

## 1997 *5th Reunion June 7-8, 2002*

**Kimberly Dunn**, Thomaston, CT, is now teaching second grade in the Granby school system.

**Suzanne Siegel**, CE, Guilford, CT, was selected to participate in a six-week exchange program with the National College of Art and Design in Dublin, Ireland.

## 1998

**Nancy Rodriguez Johnson**, CE, Milford, CT, married Craig Johnson in 1998. They bought a 1785 early Greek Revival house a month before their son, Jake, was born in April, 2001. She works part-time as a consultant for BIC Corporation, training software users and helping develop business processes.

**Michael Raymond**, CE, Brooklyn, NY, has been promoted from service desk coordinator to recruiting specialist at Prudential Investments.

## 1999

**Brian Dunne**, CE, Southington, CT, channel sales manager for the Qwest Business Partner Program, is completing his master's degree at New Dimensions.

**Peter Phelan**, ND, Milford, CT, is now vice president and branch manager in Stamford for Connecticut Bank of Commerce.

## 2000

**Shannon McKeon Dubay**, an account development representative for Conversent Communications in Rocky Hill, CT, married Richard Dubay in November, 2000.

**Nancy Webb-Wright**, MS, Ridgefield, CT, has been promoted to vice president at Ridgefield Bank. She is manager of its Customer Connections Call Center.

## Thank You! Thank You!

*Albertus Magnus College sincerely thanks all those who have contributed to the 2000-2001 Albertus Fund between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001. Your gifts support teaching and scholarships, expansion of technology, maintenance and refurbishing of buildings and grounds, athletics and student life.*

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*With the introduction of new publications and changes in structure and scheduling of existing ones, we will not publish an Honor Roll of Giving for the last (2000-2001) annual fund year. Beginning with the Fall of 2002, we will publish each year a new and separate Annual Report of the College, which will include the Honor Roll.*

## College Taps Alumna for VP—Academic Affairs

Dr. Janet L. Fallon '72 is back at Albertus, this time on the other side of the desk. The former History/English major is now vice president for academic affairs, succeeding Sr. Charles Marie Brantl, O.P., '51, who served in that position for 11 years and currently is director of assessment and institutional research.

Prior to returning to Albertus, Dr. Fallon had been a member of the faculty in the Department of Communications and Graphic Design at Marymount University, Arlington, Virginia, since 1988. She also served as chairwoman of that department for 11 years.

"Earlier in my teaching career as a college professor, I knew that I eventually wanted to become an academic administrator at a college or university—and preferably at an institution with a Catholic identity," she says. "Of course, the thought passed my mind that perhaps one day I might be invited to return to my *alma mater* in an academic capacity, but that was more wishful thinking than active reality. That is, until last winter when after applying for the position of vice president for academic affairs, I was invited by the Search Committee to interview for the position."

What are her feelings about being back at the College? "I have to confess that I am thrilled," she says. "I find the campus now to be more beautiful than it was in 1972. And, of course, I am so pleased that our Albertus students today can enjoy the improvements and expansions to the physical plant, such as the outdoor track, the Athletic Center and the computer labs. But what I find even more exciting is the array of academic programs offered to our students.

"Despite the sense of comfort and familiarity I have with being back on campus, I must say that Albertus Magnus College in many ways is a very different institution—and all the wonderful changes are to the credit of the visionary Trustees, administrators and faculty who continuously set higher goals and expand the boundaries."

Dr. Fallon's early career included secondary school teaching at schools in Puerto Rico, Massachusetts and Ohio. After completing her Ph.D., she served as an intelligence analyst with the Central Intelligence Agency and a systems analyst in the Federal Systems Group at TRW.

She received a Master's in communication and a Ph.D. in communication with a minor in education administration from The Ohio State University.





**An answer to the age-old question...**

## *“Should I go to my class reunion?”....*

To the Albertus Community:

### **A Blast from the past!**

Together with a handful of college classmates, I went to my 25th Albertus reunion this past fall. For many of us, it was the first time we had been back since graduation. We were amazed to see the many changes to campus but also relieved to see that many things were exactly the same.

As we walked around campus visiting our old dorms, we traveled down a wonderful journey of emotional retrospection from a time filled with discovery, growth and pain. We laughed, we cried and maybe 25 years ago, we would have “crawled on our bellies like a reptile” but this time we just enjoyed the old memories of yesterday while creating new memories for tomorrow.

I brought my yearbook from 1975 and asked everyone to sign it for a second time, and we vowed not to wait 25 years to attend another reunion. Although my story may be familiar to all who have experienced reunion weekend, I’m encouraging my fellow reluctant alumni to go to your reunions when they come up. It’ll be a blast to see how much you remember and how much you’ve forgotten. It’ll be worth the effort, the investment and the laughter.

Sincerely,  
Geri T. Mancini (Class of 1975)

Letter received in July 2001. Reprinted with permission.

## **Reunion 2002 June 7 and 8**

### *Come back to campus for:*

- ~ *Friday night in the Pub*
- ~ *Alumni College*
- ~ *Alumni of the Year Awards*
- ~ *Cocktails and hors d’œuvres*
- ~ *Tour the campus, shop the bookstore...*

### *And More*

*(Complete schedule and registration form to be mailed April–May 02.)*



*“Those who hear the word of God by Truth are fed.”  
—St. Thomas Aquinas*

Following the 50th Reunion Champagne Toast, 1951 classmates reflect upon the words of St. Thomas Aquinas depicted in the mural by artist Tony Falcone.

## **From the Hill**



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

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