



## Chestnut Hill Reaccredited by Middle States Commission

At its sessions on June 25-26, 2003, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to reaffirm the accreditation of Chestnut Hill College. An evaluation team from Middle States visited the campus for three days this past April to observe day-to-day operations and activities, and to talk informally with staff and faculty. Their visit was preceded by a two-year-long self study in which the entire college community prepared for the assessment.

Accreditation is crucial to any college's status as a reputable and viable institution and affirms that it holds itself accountable to certain academic, financial, and ethical standards – in other words, that it lives its mission. The roster of accredited institutions is reported to the U.S. Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, the appropriate accrediting agencies, and the public. While accreditation itself does not mean additional financial support for the College from any governing body, it is a key credential in obtaining grants and other funds and in attracting qualified faculty and students.

It is important to note that no college is mandated to join the higher education commissions that conduct accreditation reviews. Membership is entirely voluntary, and the college has been a member of the Middle States

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Lois Trench-Hines '64 (l) accepts her Fleur de Lis pin from Sister Carol Jean Vale at the event as Chair of the Development Committee, Nayda Shmavonian, (center) looks on.



Michael Crofton, President, Philadelphia Trust Company (l) and Board of Director member Thomas Lynch, V.P. of Rittenhouse Trust Company, enjoy refreshments in the garden.



Trudy Carlin Rutledge '63 accepts a special gift from Sister Carol Jean Vale in recognition of her membership in the Fleur de Lis Society with more than ten consecutive years of gifts of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund.

## Fleur de Lis Society Feted at Morris Arboretum

The charter members of Chestnut Hill College's newest Giving Club – the *Fleur de Lis Society* – were recognized at an evening reception among the beautiful gardens of the Morris Arboretum on June 6, 2003. The society was formed to emphasize the importance of the Annual Fund and publicly thank contributors of \$1,000 or more.

At the presentation ceremony, President Carol Jean Vale personally conferred each *Fleur de Lis Society* member with a golden pin in the shape of a fleur-de-lis. The pins were designed and crafted by jewelry designer Carol Voelmle Zemnick '75. The fleur-de-lis, an enduring motif of the College, is integrated into the college seal.

Sister Carol noted that contributions to the College's Annual Fund "help us to ensure the integrity of the academic programs and provide social and cultural activities for students...your contributions are essential to the ongoing success

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## Transition Update



The transition to a coed student population at the College was well underway at mid-summer as 175 first-year students gathered on campus for orientation. The Class of 2007 participated in a series of workshops, ice-breakers, and spirited team-building activities over the course of three days at Chestnut Hill, all geared to help students "find their inner griffin" and make the transition to college life. This lively orientation, with its diverse schedule, was shaped by the efforts of the College's student affairs team, upper-class

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# Threes And Eights Congregate

## At Reunion Weekend



Alums browse a copy of *Tradition and Risk*, the official history of Chestnut Hill College, as author Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ looks on.



Teresa Mahoney McGeary (L) and Kay Brown Davis, members of the Class of 1933, celebrated their 70th anniversary.

Class members who graduated in years ending in “3” and “8” – from 1933 through 1998 — came together to reminisce and reconnect at Reunion Weekend, held May 29 - June 1 at Chestnut Hill College. Wet weather limited some of the festivities, (such as the traditional campus walks) but no one left hungry. Attendees were treated to several epicurean repasts served by Chartwell’s Dining Service in Sorgenti Arena and the College’s newly refurbished dining room, from the Friday opening reception to Saturday night’s barbeque to Sunday’s farewell brunch. The highlight of Saturday’s champagne luncheon was the presentation of the Eleanore Dolan Egan ’28 Award for Outstanding Service to the Chestnut Hill College Alumnae/i Association to Elaine Bennett Davey ’65. (See sidebar). President Carol Jean Vale toasted the entire audience, noting, “If you want to know the true worth of a college, look at the alumnae, at their quality of life and service, at their relationships with family, friends, and community, at their level of faith and belief in the religious dimension of life — this will tell you all you need to know about the college they attended.” Between meals, reunion-goers had the opportunity to attend special presentations, catch up at class meetings, and discover more about the roots of their *alma mater* at a special alumnae/i lecture given by Chestnut Hill College historian and professor Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L.

### Elaine Bennett Davey '65



#### Receives 2003 Eleanore Dolan Egan Award

Nominating Elaine Davey for the Egan Award for Outstanding Service to the Chestnut Hill College Alumnae/i Association, Patricia Parrella Orlando '68 wrote, “Ellie Egan would certainly have given the nod to Elaine if she were here today. Elaine has always given 100% effort and dedication to whatever job she has undertaken in alumnae affairs. Over the years, she has exhibited great leadership and vision. She is selfless, generous, and charming.” That endorsement was echoed by other alumnae, such as Jane Wilson Dunne '50. “Elaine’s contributions have benefited the Alumnae/i Association in many differing areas. She has worked in an official and unofficial capacity whenever and wherever she was needed. She is a woman of deep faith and generous spirit – qualities that were encouraged and reinforced in her

#### REUNION APPEAL 2003

Class	Anniversary	# of Alums	No. of Gifts	% Response	Amount	Average Gift
1933	70th	10	5	50%	\$3,530	\$706
1938	65th	28	3	11%	\$250	\$83
1943	60th	33	11	33%	\$7,196	\$654
1948	55th	71	19	27%	\$8,365	\$440
1953	50th	89	62	70%	\$18,550	\$299
1958	45th	97	28	29%	\$7,970	\$285
1963	40th	135	48	36%	\$57,927	\$1,207
1968	35th	128	26	20%	\$3,490	\$134
1973	30th	81	10	12%	\$2,580	\$258
1978	25th	89	18	20%	\$3,750	\$208
1983	20th	84	8	10%	\$810	\$101
1988	15th	73	7	10%	\$450	\$64
1993	10th	77	4	5%	\$130	\$33
1998	5th	74	3	4%	\$125	\$42
TOTAL		1069	252	24%	\$115,123	\$457

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## Reunion '03 At-A-Glance

- Alums attending the opening reception at the Dowley Art Gallery enjoyed the exhibit of a classmate, Christine Westrum Porter '93.
- 7 decades of CHC graduates came to campus from 23 states and the District of Columbia.
- This year, the Class of 1963 boasted the highest attendance, with 55 attending their 40th Reunion. The Class of 1953 were 54 strong for their 50th Reunion.

## *Elaine Bennett Davey '65* *continued from page 2*

four years at Chestnut Hill College.”

Indeed, Elaine Bennett Davey has been the consummate volunteer for her *alma mater*. She guided her class as its president during the 1970s and chaired Reunion Weekend in 1974, 1976, and 1977. She also helped plan the gala events surrounding the College's Golden Jubilee in 1974, its 60th anniversary, and its Diamond Jubilee in 1999. She served on the Golf Invitational committee in 1999 and 2000; hosted an Autumn Soiree cocktail party; facilitated the dinner to honor Sister Matthew Anita; and finally, chaired the Auction gala committees in the late 1980s.

Elaine's energies also reach to the Alumnae/i Association's Board of Directors, where she was a member in the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and President in 1979 and 1980. She continued to serve as a member-at-large from 1997 to 2000. As chair of the nominating committee on 1997 and 1998, she co-created the Honors and Awards Committee, of which the Eleanore Dugan Egan Award '28 is one outcome. It is appropriate that the woman who helped conceptualize a means of recognizing exceptional service has earned that award herself.



The first doctoral graduating class of clinical psychologists: (l to r) Brenda Yost, Sandra Baumgardner, Catherine Taylor, Heather DeGroot, and Francine Barbetta.

## At Commencement 2003, Tradition Ends, Begins Anew

A cool spring afternoon softened into sunshine and bright skies as the graduating class of 2003 stepped up to the podium and into Chestnut Hill College history on May 3, 2003. This was the final time the traditional senior class would be matriculating from a college for women alone. In honor of the seventy-nine years of the College for Women, each senior in the processional placed a long-stemmed rose at the graduation platform to a roll call of the years 1924 to 2003.

But just as one tradition ended in 2003, a new one was begun. For the first time, the College was awarding doctoral degrees in the field of clinical psychology. Ironically, all five of these first doctorates were obtained by women: Francine Barbetta, Sandra Baumgardner, Heather DeGroot, Catherine Taylor, and Brenda Yost had all successfully completed a rigorous six-year course of study. For the first time, too, the College awarded seven master's degrees in the field of administration of human services.



Altogether, Chestnut Hill College graduated 348 students — the largest class in the history of the College. The degrees were conferred by President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., who presided over the outdoor ceremony.

Tim Russert, moderator of *Meet the Press* and NBC political analyst, delivered the commencement address. A graduate of a small Catholic college himself, Russert observed, “The education you've received at Chestnut Hill College isn't meant to be the same as you could have received at a score of other colleges—public and private—across the country. You've been given an education that says...values really do matter.” He emphasized, “The values you have been taught, the struggles you have survived, and the diploma you are about to receive, have prepared you to compete with anybody, anywhere. Reject the conventional wisdom that success is only for the very rich or very privileged or Ivy-League-educated. Graduating from Chestnut Hill College has given you incredible advantages over others in your generation.”



President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ is flanked by honorary degree recipients (l to r) Ann Rusnack Sorgenti '58, Tim Russert, Diane Driscoll, SSJ '63, and Harold A. Sorgenti.

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**ALUM NOTES**

**IN MEMORIAM**

Elizabeth Regnery Dalsey '35  
 Zelfhia Cohalan Brown '37  
 Mary Kervin Byron '40  
 Josephine Zogby Moran '41  
 Ruth Cottringer '42  
 Margaret Lauman Clynes '51  
 Carol Yauch Kenny '52  
 Phyllis Colacicco Marciano '53  
 Patricia Burke Boguski '56  
 Margaret Stecker Foss '56  
 Carolyn O'Donnell Consor '64  
 Patricia Sweeney Leroy '65

**MARRIAGES**

Anne Keeler McBride '48 to John J. Manion, Jr.  
 Saori Fujiyama CED '95 to Robert A. Mormile, III  
 Theresa Salvatore '99 to Robert Hunsicker

**BIRTHS**

Sarah Beatrice-Katherine to Laurie Etzrodt-Mayer '86  
 Paola Gael to Lara Doyle Iannetta '90  
 Kevin Blake to Tara Ryan Kelsey '91  
 Andrew James to Pamela Rindock DePietro '92  
 Casey John to Lise Cassarella Leonard '93  
 Emily Anne to Bridget Hill Panza '94  
 Nicoletta Joelle to Nicole Ohler Roman '95  
 Megan Elizabeth to Joanne Hemming Arnold '96  
 Kelsea Gloria to Michelle Leshko Kaschak '97

**1940 - 1949**

Marjorie (Mep) Piga Crain '48, public information officer for the Anne Arundel County (MD) Department of Aging and Editor of the Senior Services Directory. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis.

**1950 - 1959**

Emily Binns, Ph.D. '52 has been elected to the St. Hubert H.S. Hall of Fame.  
 Dolores Sejda Aversa '53 is listed in the 2002 edition of "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in American Education."  
 Maureen Maclean McCord '58 is a director for the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Foundation, the Champaign County League of Women Voters, and the Dog Training Club of

Champaign-Urbana. She is a commissioned auditor-notary for the Diocese of Peoria, IL.  
 Helen McCann Williams '58 is a public school superintendent in Castleton, VA.  
 Theresa Rowley Cechony '59 is an adjunct professor of English, Kean U. in NJ

**1960 - 1969**

Kathryn (Katie) Coyne Keegan '61 and her husband, Jim, are the recipients of the Msgr. Thomas J. Reese award for outstanding community service to the Catholic Charities Organization of the Diocese of Wilmington, DE. Bishop Michael Saltarelli presented the award at a dinner honoring Katie and Jim.  
 Catherine Albanese, Ph.D. '62 has received a yearlong fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and also a Presidential Research Fellowship in the Humanities from the U. of California to complete her book "A Republic of Mystics and Metaphysicians: A Cultural History of U.S. Metaphysical Religion" to be published by the Yale U. Press.  
 Carole Wimberg Cadora '63 is teaching at the mission school in San Juan Capistrano.  
 Paula Nyhart Gowen '63 has been elected Registrar of Wills for Chester County, PA  
 Catherine O'Donoghue Helwig '63 is a professor of computer sciences at Villanova U.  
 Zenaida Ancheta Krablin '63 is the office manager in an Internal Medicine Group Practice in Gettysburg, PA.  
 Rita C. Schwartz '63 is serving as president of the National Association of Catholic School Teachers and as president of the Association of Catholic School Teachers of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.  
 Denise Reilly Blasdale '68, a residential appraiser, is on the Board of Directors of the Appraisal Institute and the Heritage Conservancy, Doylestown, PA.  
 Jane Foulkrod Galvin '68 is the director of regulatory affairs for Blue Cross/Blue Sheild, Washington, DC  
 Maureen Burns Heacock '68 is vice-president of Computer Generations, a non-profit company whose mission is to equip people of all generations with computer skills.

Kathleen Corcoran Keene '68 is now a high school math teacher in Greenwich, CT.  
 Joan K. Lunney, Ph.D. '68 has been selected as the USDA Beltsville, MD Area Distinguished Lecturer Award. Visit Dr. Lunney's research website at www.anri.barc.usda.gov/idrl.  
 Margaret McKee Madison '68, a high school teacher at Rancocas Valley, NJ, is the 2002 recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Rose Award for Distinguished Service & Accomplishment.  
 Ellen Miller '68 is chairing the Local Arrangements Committee for the Special Libraries Association's annual conference in NY and is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award of the Association's local chapter.  
 Maryanna Kane Massey '68 is the mentoring and outreach coordinator for the Long Lake, MN School District.  
 Joanne Hayes-Rines '68 is the publisher of *INVENTORS' DIGEST*, America's only magazine for inventors.  
 Carol Panepinto Trojan '68 is the director of special education of Bayonne, NJ and is on the Board of Directors of Women Rising of Hudson County.  
 Terry Clark Trudeau '68 is the administrator of the largest AIDS service provider in Phila. She also serves on the Board of Directors of the Allens Lane Art Center.  
 Connie Parsons Wickersham '68 is the manager of public affairs for Merck & Co.  
**1970 - 1979**  
 Cornelia Mueller '73 is the smuggling interdiction and trade compliance officer for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.  
 Maryanne Kane, Ph.D. '78 is a music specialist in the Upper Darby, PA School District and an adjunct professor at Rosemont College.  
 Bernadine Hugues Steinmetz '78 is teaching 4th and 5th grade strings and K and 1st grades general music in the Radnor, PA School District.  
**1980 - 1989**  
 Celeste La Bella Morello '80 is working on the third book in the series "Before Bruno: The History of the Philadelphia Mafia." - Book One

**Three Easy Ways to Submit Your Alumnae/i Note**

Keep in touch with your friends and classmates. Career news, advanced degrees, births, marriages, deaths, whatever your news; share it with friends and classmates via the *Chestnut Hill College Newsletter*. Submit your news by September 10, 2003 to be considered for print in the next issue.

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## ALUM NOTES

## New Faces on the Hill

(1880-1931), Book Two (1961-1946), published by Jefferies & Mainz, Inc. She is also the author of *"The Philadelphia Italian Market Cookbook: The Taste of South 9th Street"*

Mary Ellen Boland Radloff '81 is serving in Kuwait with the 3D Personnel Command in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mary Pat Olley Perri, Esq. '83 is an account representative for Thomson-West, a legal information company.

Christine M. Haenn '84 has been named communications director for the Nuclear Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC.

**1990 - 1991**

Janet McGuinness Pierce CED '91 is a child support officer in the Texas Office of the Attorney General.

Susan Pagliaro Clark '93 is a technology teacher for the Archdiocese of Phila.

Suzanne Coster McCarthy '93 is the director of admissions for the Holy Child Academy, Drexel Hill, PA.

**Class of 2002****School of Undergraduate Studies**

Jeanna Bonelli is the accounts payable coordinator for Chestnut Hill College.

Jocelyn Brantley is a social worker for New Foundations.

Danielle Brown is a service representative with the Social Security Administration.

Julie Chase is an editorial assistant at Lippincott Williams and Wilkins.

Natasha Chang is a resource coordinator with the Northeast Community Center.

Patricia DeAngelis is a kindergarten teacher in the Colonial School District.

Amy Durso is a language arts teacher (grades 4-7) with The Laboratory Charter School of Communications and Languages.

Jennifer Gormely is a sterile product release associate with Merck & Co.

Cheryl Jushchyshyn is a substitute teacher with the Colonial School District.

Deanna Leonard is an auditor for the Air Force Audit Agency, Department of Defense.

Connie Lesem is a brain injury therapist at the Einstein Medical Center/Moss Rehab.

Tonia Harmon Lloyd is a human resources recruiter for PCI Cardinal Health.

Pamela McCully is a web designer for Americorps VISTA.

Felicita Medina is a contracting specialist for the Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia.

Beth Miller is a financial analyst for Northwestern Hyman Services.

Melisa Mordenti is a mobile rehab specialist for Homes Team/Hedwig House.

Dorothy Niehoff is a kindergarten teacher for Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Janene O'Brien is a clinical research associate for ICON Clinical Research.

Heather Rodenheiser is the third grade teacher at the NC Pickett Primary School.

Christina Vega is a social worker for Congreso De Latinos

Dawn Vozzy is a teacher in the Philadelphia School District

Kaori Watanabe is a systems engineer for AT&T Global Network Service, Japan.

Devon Wilshe is a technology instructor (grades 1-5) Norwood-Fontbonne Academy.

**Class of 2002****School of Continuing Studies****ACCELERATED Degree Program**

Teresa Dixon is a correctional sergeant for the City of Philadelphia.

Colleen Dougherty is an instructor for Elwyn Institute.

Dean Ennis is a corporate project member for Independence Blue Cross.

Bernice Garrison is a student advocate/advisor for Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Valerie Harris is a senior accountant for Amerigas Propane.

Ronald Hoopes is an IS supervisor for Express Scripts

Carolyn Israel is a systems administrator for Hunt Corporation

Patricia Jackson is a senior counselor for Coleman Hall

James Metzger is a lieutenant for SEPTA Transit Police.

Scott Saunders is a police officer for SEPTA Transit Police.

Keith Singleton is therapeutic support staff for NHCFC.

Leonard Sutton is a police officer for the City of Philadelphia.

**ADVANCED DEGREES**

Therese Rowley Cechony '59, M.A. in English and American Literature, Harvard U.

Roaslie Papa Shaw '63, Ed.D. in School Administration, Weidner U.

Crystal McCain ACCL '99, M.A. in Bilingual/Bicultural Studies, La Salle U.

Julia Deputy '01, M.S. in Professional Communication, LaSalle U.

Marisa Vincent '01, M.Ed. in Elementary Education, Indiana State U.

**FROM CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE**

Maryann Conway Watt, Esq. '63, M.S. in Counseling Psychology and Human Services

Carmen Guzman Riter '78, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

Michelle Raganan '87, M.S. in Administration of Human Services

Sandra Bumgardner GD '89, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology

Judith Foster Cute CED '90, M.S. in Holistic Spirituality/Spiritual Direction

Anne O'Neill Scharnikow CED '93, M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education

Katherine Young CED '94, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

J. Meghan Brolly '95, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

Jacqueline Palmer '97, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

Mark Alfarano, B.A.

*Dorm Director*

Lynn Brandsma, Ph.D.

*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

William Craig, B.S.

*Admissions Counselor*

Nancy DeCesare, IHM, Ph.D.

*Assistant Professor of Sociology*

Edward Flocco, M.S.

*PC/Network Technician*

Kenneth Grose

*PC/Network Technician*

Barbara Hogan-Zarro, Ph.D.

*Coordinator for Spirituality and Healthcare Program and Clinical Pastoral Education Collaborative Program*

Joseph Kulkowsky, Ph.D.

*Assistant Professor of Biology*

Mary Esther Lee, SSJ, M.A. (new title)

*Director of Admissions, School of Continuing Studies*

Mary Kate McKenna, B.S. (new title)

*Experiential Education Coordinator, Career Services/Facilities Rental Director*

Brian Morris, B.S. (new title)

*Activities Coordinator/Women's Basketball Coach*

Jayne Mashett, B.A.

*Director of Admissions School of Graduate Studies*

Brian O'Neill, B.S.

*Admissions Counselor/Financial Aid Officer*

Katherine Ricci, B.S. (new title)

*Applications Coordinator, Office of Admissions*

Kathryn Sonnie, B.A.

*Assistant to the Dean for Student Affairs*

Father Ray Tribuiani

*Chaplain*

Michael Williams

*PC/Network Technician*

Tia Anderson Barkley '98, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

Angeline Freeman Payne ACCL '99, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

Sandra Oteri CED '00, M.S. in Counseling Psychology and Human Services

Jennifer Tartaro ACCL '01, M.S. in Administration of Human Services

## Professor Guides Biomedical Series Into Tenth Year, Chairs National Conference in Spare Time

By Anne Vey Stewart

Energy radiates from the person of Lakshmi Atchison, Ph.D., Professor of Biology and Chair of the Division of Natural Sciences at Chestnut Hill College. It is more than physical, although certainly her eyes sparkle, her long black hair glistens, and the bright polish on her fingernails catches the light as she talks with expressive hands. She is speaking with lively excitement about a project cherished by her – one that has become an important event at the College. It is the annual biomedical seminar lecture, an idea formulated by Dr. Atchison not long after she became a full-time faculty member in 1992. This year marks the tenth anniversary of the prestigious lecture series, which is produced thanks to her efforts and enthusiasm.

It seems natural that a woman with so much vitality would find the study of the life sciences to be her vocation. A native of Bangalore, India, Dr. Atchison received her doctorate from New York University in 1984 and did subsequent research in cell and molecular biology in the medical oncology department at Fox Chase Cancer Center from then until 1991. Her teaching repertoire at Chestnut Hill College includes general biology, human anatomy and physiology, endocrinology, molecular biology, recombinant DNA technology, genetics, zoology, and the biology of cancer. Ever the teacher and mentor, Dr. Atchison developed the biomedical lecture series in order to foster meaningful interaction with the College's neighboring institutions, enrich her students' knowledge of advances in biomedical research, and to provide them with all-important contacts and internships for careers in basic research, health, and medicine.



In 1994, Atchison persuaded no fewer than six leading researchers and physicians to appear at the College. This is remarkable given that the series pays no honorarium, and the speakers are among the busiest and most prominent men and women in their fields. Over the years, Atchison has personally persuaded Dr. Carlo M. Croce, director of the Jefferson Cancer Institute at

Thomas Jefferson University, James Wilson, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Institute for Human Gene Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania, and Robert C. Young, M.D., president of Fox Chase Cancer Center, to come to Chestnut Hill College and impart their knowledge *gratis*. They have shared their time, says an appreciative Atchison, “purely through professional courtesy and personal generosity.” In 1995, she again managed to recruit six important lecturers. Only two lectures were scheduled in subsequent years, in part, she admits philosophically, “Because it is hard to expect very busy, very important people to give of their time.”

Still, the lecture series is going strong in its tenth year and neither the quality of the speakers nor the relevance of the subjects has declined. And Dr. Atchison's conviction that it is well worth her time and energies is also stronger than ever. She emphasizes, “The students get the benefit,” adding, “I do it so the whole college community will benefit. No one can lose—it is a win, win situation.” Dr. Atchison is now making plans for a tenth anniversary celebration this fall of the Biomedical Seminar Series, and hopes to have four “heavy hitters” at once for the 2003-2004 academic year.

This past May, Dr. Atchison completed her exhaustive two-year

volunteer duties as conference coordinator and meeting chairperson for the annual conference of the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS), which was held in Philadelphia. “HAPS” is composed of more than 1,000 undergraduate science educators from North America and beyond who share the goal of promoting and achieving excellence in the teaching of anatomy and physiology. The annual conference is the membership's opportunity to discuss and debate content, philosophy, pedagogy, and innovations. Conference details took two years of planning, consuming whatever little free time Dr. Atchison has left on her calendar. The 2003 HAPS Conference took place from May 31– June 5 at the Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel in Philadelphia and included two days of hands-on workshops at the Chestnut Hill College campus on June 3 and 4. Typically minimizing her own role in the convention's success, Dr. Atchison effusively praised the help she received from the entire college community. She recognizes, as a scientist, that each part is essential to the whole.

Incidentally, Lakshmi Atchison has a life outside of the laboratory and classroom, too. She is married to Michael L. Atchison, Ph.D., who is a professor of biochemistry and director of the VMSTP combined degree program at the School of Veterinary Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. The couple have two grown sons.

As our conversation ends, Dr. Atchison beams as she presses me to accept a copy of her latest published research. I glance at the title and see that she has co-authored something called “Transcription factor YY1 functions as a PcG protein *in vivo*.” The subject matter is past me, but I feel that she has imparted a gift to me, too, as she has to her students and the College. It is the way that Lakshmi Atchison seems to move through the world.

*At press time, details on this year's Biomedical Seminar were not complete. Look for complete information in our next issue.*

## Student, Alumnae/i Accomplishments Highlighted at Honors Convocation

In April, the Chestnut Hill College community assembled in Sorgenti Arena to acknowledge outstanding scholastic achievement. Roll calls included academic, athletic, and departmental honors, as well as scholarship and award presentations.



Katherine Marschall, M.D. '69, a physician and educator at the School of Medicine at Yale University, delivered the 2003 Honors Convocation address.



The 2003 Chestnut Hill College Alumnae/i Association

Distinguished Achievement Award was unanimously voted to Stephanie Olexa, Ph.D., M.B.A., '72 for her superlative educational and entrepreneurial accomplishments. Presenting the award is Alumnae/i Association president Regina Maxwell Schwille '65 (left).



Karen Wending '03, who earned the highest G.P.A. in her graduating class, accepts congratulations from President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. Wendling also received the Scholastic Achievement Award from the Philadelphia Section of the American Chemical Society and earned dual departmental honors in biology and chemistry. Wendling is pursuing graduate studies at the University of North Carolina.

Laura Rivera '04, shown with Sister Carol Jean Vale, was the recipient of the Saint Catherine Medal, awarded to a sophomore or junior on the basis of leadership, service to the college, and the best record of progressive achievement.



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and improvement of the College. Therefore, we are especially grateful to those who consistently support this appeal by responding as generously as they are able. To express our gratitude, we are founding the *Fleur de Lis Society*."

The names of *Fleur de Lis Society* donors will also appear on a commemorative plaque displayed in the Rotunda of St. Joseph Hall. The plaque will be updated annually.

For more information, please contact Catherine Quinn, Director of Development at 215.248.7137 or e-mail [cquinnchc@aol.com](mailto:cquinnchc@aol.com).

Ronald and Carol Voelmle Zernick '75 (l) and Catherine Robinson, SSJ, member of the Board of Directors, enjoy the picturesque gardens of the Morris Arboretum.

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Commission on Higher Education since 1930, indicating its intention to uphold characteristics of excellence in higher education.

Evaluations for accreditation typically take place every ten years, with a five-year periodic review report in the interim.

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student orientation leaders and student government representatives. A second orientation is scheduled for the beginning of August.

This year, the College had set a goal of 180 women and men for the first coed class. That number had been exceeded, and the newly-named School of Undergraduate Studies can now claim its largest incoming class ever, with more than 200 students, of which 37 percent are men. Applications overall have increased 67 percent over last year at this time, to 1,071 from 640 and deposits have increased 71 percent. These rewarding numbers indicate the successful culmination of two years of transition planning and preparation from the time that the Board of Directors voted for coeducation in 2001.

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Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were also awarded to New Jersey educator Diane L. Driscoll, SSJ '63, in recognition of her distinguished career of service to Chestnut Hill College and to the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and to college advocates and benefactors, entrepreneur Harold Sorgenti and his wife of forty years, Ann Rusnack Sorgenti '58. The philanthropic energies and support of the Sorgentis have been immeasurable in nurturing the College's growth and ensuring its future. In addition to their commitment to Ann Sorgenti's *alma mater*, the Sorgentis have contributed their time and generosity to organizations such as the Academy of Music, the Franklin Institute, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Regional Performing Arts Center.

Scott L. Browning, Ph.D., professor of psychology, was this year's recipient of the Christian R. and Mary Lindback Foundation Award for distinguished teaching.



**Ladies, Start Your Carts!** – Glorious spring weather graced Friday, May 30, 2003, when the 4th Annual All-Women's Golf Outing players took to the greens at Cedarbrook Hill Country Club. The hard-working committee members who helped to make the day happen were Sharon Baldwin '76, Cathy Bitting '92, Sallyann Bowman M.D. '72, and Joanne Fink '76.

**SAVE THE DATE**

*21st Annual  
Golf Invitational*

**In Honor Of  
Francis J. "Tim" Dunleavy**

**Monday, October 13, 2003**  
Whitemarsh Valley Country Club

For more information or to register,  
please call 215.248.7137

**Fall Sports Schedules/Home Games**

<b>Soccer</b>	Saturday, September 6	CHC Tournament	10:00 a.m.
	Sunday, September 7	CHC Tournament	10:00 a.m.
	Tuesday, September 9	Valley Forge	4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, September 17	Lincoln University	4:00 p.m.
	Wednesday, October 1	Alvernia	4:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 4	Wilson	1:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 18	Wells College	11:00 a.m.
	Wednesday, October 22	Trinity College	4:00 p.m.

<b>Tennis</b>	Wednesday, September 10	Wesley	4:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, September 30	Rosemont	3:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 4	College of St. Elizabeth	1:00 p.m.
	Saturday, October 18	Wells College	10:00 a.m.

<b>Volleyball</b>	Thursday, September 11	Hood College	7:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, September 30	Trinity College	7:00 p.m.
	Thursday, October 2	Immaculata	7:00 p.m.
	Monday, October 6	Cedar Crest College	7:00 p.m.
	Thursday, October 9	Philadelphia Biblical U.	7:00 p.m.

<b>Women's Basketball</b>	Friday, December 5	Wilson College	7:00 p.m.
	Tuesday, December 9	Valley Forge Christian	6:00 p.m.
	Saturday, December 13	Eastern College	2:00 p.m.

<b>Men's Basketball</b>	Tuesday, December 9	Valley Forge Christian	8:00 p.m.
	Saturday, December 13	Delaware Valley College	4:00 p.m.
	Friday, December 16	King's College	7:00 p.m.

## College Receives \$176,000 Bequest

Corinne Aherne Abel loved learning and pursued it whole-heartedly. Even after her retirement in 1976, this former school counselor searched for the best environment to continue her lifelong curiosity – and she found it at Chestnut Hill College. For over 16 years, Ms. Abel attended a variety of classes at CHC, including philosophy, psychology, art, and history, and along the way, formed close relationships with many in the College community.

At the end of her life, Mrs. Abel wished to express gratitude for the many years of pleasure she received at Chestnut Hill. With extraordinary generosity, Ms. Abel left a bequest to the College of over \$176,000. Her magnanimous gesture has allowed the College to renovate the Student Life Center on the ground floor of Fournier Hall. This area, which for years has been a gathering place for students, was redesigned and refurbished to serve better the needs of both residents and commuters. Mrs. Abel's generous and unexpected gift will continue her pursuit of learning and sharing knowledge by touching the lives of students for many years to come.

***Including the College as a beneficiary in your Will can make an enormous difference. The College may be named as the recipient of a specific amount or be designated to receive a percentage of your estate. As the donor, you may indicate a specific use for the funds or designate that they are unrestricted. If you wish to explore bequest options, or have questions on how to name Chestnut Hill College as a beneficiary in your Will, please contact Lorraine Aurely, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at 215.248.7103, email at [lachc@aol.com](mailto:lachc@aol.com), or Catherine Quinn, Director of Development at 215.248.7137, email at [cquinnchc@aol.com](mailto:cquinnchc@aol.com).***

## Alums Are Key Connections for Students

Beyond your family and friends, can you think of one person who changed your life - one person outside of your normal everyday environment who opened up possibilities you had not yet considered? If you believe one person can make a difference, consider being a mentor. Ten years ago, Sister Carol Jean Vale envisioned an alum-mentoring program and Patricia McGlynn, Director of Career Services and Sister Agnes Josephine Conway initiated *Career Connections*, a program that links alums with undergraduates to help with career planning. *Career Connections* is intended as a one-day visit, so that a student can get a snapshot of a career. In some cases, a mentoring relationship just naturally develops.

Afea Tucker '04 recently transferred to Chestnut Hill, and visited Megan Gallagher, '98, on the job. Megan is an Adult Probation/Parole Officer. After her visit, Afea reported, "I learned that the Probation Officers are deeply involved with the people they monitor, it's not just systematic and brief." Megan said of Afea, "She asked appropriate and thoughtful questions about working in probation."

Pshalitsa Yiannios, '06 said that Marta Larrisey '00 "is an excellent teacher and knows how to integrate conversation into her lectures. The day was very enjoyable; my visit assured me that I would be happy with a lifelong career of teaching."

Mary Amrhein '03 recently joined the ranks of alums. Mary plans to find work as an EMT until she enrolls in medical school. This past spring, she visited pediatrician Dr. Suzanne Olivieri O'Donnell '82. Mary said of her visit, "I felt that this was a great experience for me and my visit gave me a vivid picture of what a physician really does. This is an experience I will never forget." Dr. O'Donnell commented, "It was a joy to have Mary in the office. She reminded me a little bit of me. She was pleasant, cooperative, appropriately conversational, and seemed genuinely interested in the day."

In recent years, friends of Chestnut Hill other than alums have volunteered to host our students. Janet McHugh, mother of Megan McHugh '03, agreed to host five students this year in her fourth grade classroom. Rhonda McLaughlin, a Teacher of Visually Impaired in the School District of Philadelphia, mother of Kelly McLaughlin '06, volunteered to host three students.

Perhaps it is because educators have dedicated their lives to sharing knowledge that we find them overwhelmingly in the majority of alum connections. However, our list of participating alums includes doctors, lawyers, computer specialists, counselors, FBI agents, musicians, probation officers, biologists, librarians, archivists, school administrators, museum curators, veterinarians, and business leaders.

Can you envision yourself hosting a student from Chestnut Hill at your place of employment? If so, the Office of Career Services would be excited to hear from you. Please call Director of Career Services Nancy Dachille at 215.248.7109 or e-mail her at [ndachill@chc.edu](mailto:ndachill@chc.edu).

## Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ Receives Awards for Excellence in Teaching



Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L., professor of French and Russian, has received the Dorothy Ludwig Excellence In Teaching Award—Post Secondary, sponsored by the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French.) The award is given annually to outstanding teachers on the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels. Candidates must be nominated by their chapter, and present their qualifications, recommendations, and a letter explaining their achievements. The award was presented at the annual meeting of the AATF in Martinique on July 7, 2003.

Sister Mary Helen also received another award from the Pennsylvania State Modern Language Association, the PSMILA Educator of the Year Award for 2003, to recognize individuals who made significant contributions to the foreign language teaching field. The award will be presented at the ACTFL/PSMLA Conference in Philadelphia on November 21, 2003. Chestnut Hill College will be honored at that time with a merit award.

## Special Events...

### Information Sessions

School of Continuing Studies  
ACCELERATED Degree Program

Tuesday, September 16, 2003  
Wednesday, October 8, 2003  
Thursday, November 20, 2003  
6 p.m., Social Room, Fournier Hall  
Information: 215.248.7063

### Founders Day

Monday, September 22, 2003  
Information: 215.248.7110

### Family Weekend

Saturday & Sunday,  
October 4-5, 2003  
Information: 215.248.7030

### Alumnae/i Association Leadership Conference

Sunday, October 12, 2003  
Information: 215.248.7144

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### Open House

School of Undergraduate Studies  
Sunday, October 19, 2003  
1 to 3 p.m., Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall  
Information: 215.248.7001

### Open House

School of Graduate Studies  
Sunday, November 9, 2003  
2 p.m., East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall  
Information: 215.248.3610

### Transfer Open House

School of Undergraduate Studies  
School of Continuing Studies  
ACCELERATED Degree Program  
Wednesday, November 12, 2003  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Social Room,  
Fournier Hall  
Information: 215.248.7001

### Empty Bowl Dinner

Thursday, November 20, 2003  
5 to 8 p.m., Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall  
Information: 215.248.7031

### "The Kennedy Legacy: A Forty Year Perspective"

Conference, Department of History  
and Political Science  
Friday & Saturday,  
November 21-22, 2003  
Information: 215.248.7184

### Carol Night

Friday, December 5, 2003  
7:30 p.m., Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall  
Information: 215.248.7194

### Alumnae/i Association Christmas Open House

Sunday, December 7, 2003  
Information: 215.248.7144

### Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 7, 2003  
Performances at 3 & 7 p.m.  
Information: 215.248.7194

### Reunion Weekend

June 4, 5, 6, 2004  
Classes: 4's and 9's  
Information: 215.248.7144  
Or e-mail ghchc@aol.com



### Bermuda Cruise

October 5, 2003

Sail aboard the NORWEGIAN SEA for a 7-night cruise departing from Philadelphia to one of the world's most beautiful islands, Bermuda. Spend one night each in the ports of Hamilton, St. George's and King's Wharf, Bermuda. Prices begin at \$878 per person and include all taxes.

*For more information on these Alumnae/i Association sponsored trips, please call: Craig Martin at Cruisin', Inc. at 610.341.1979 or 800.506.7447 or visit the website at www.alumnivacations.com.*

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