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Up and Coming: The Class of 2008 Steps Out into the World Chestnut Hill College Celebrates 81st Commencement



Commencement Speaker Melissa Fitzgerald
"Act, serve, be great, and change the world!"



Sara Ellen Kitchen, J.D., associate professor of sociology, was named the recipient of the 2008 Christian R. and Mary F. Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

Humanitarian, social activist and actor Melissa Fitzgerald delivered the 81st commencement address at Chestnut Hill College on Saturday, May 17. Ms. Fitzgerald, best known for her role as Carol Fitzpatrick on the award-winning television series, *The West Wing*, addressed the largest undergraduate graduating class in the history of the College. The College awarded 237 bachelor's degrees, 195 master's degrees, and 18 doctoral degrees during the ceremony. During the commencement ceremony, Ms. Fitzgerald was presented with the Chestnut Hill College Medal. Her grandfather, James McCullough, 30 years earlier received an honorary degree for his contributions to the College as one of the first lay board members.

In addition to being a talented actor, Ms. Fitzgerald is also a social activist and humanitarian. Calling herself an "actorvist," she noted that the words "actor" and "activist" have the root word "act" in common. In 1995, Ms. Fitzgerald co-founded Voices in Harmony, a non-profit community outreach theatre program that mentors at-risk youth from the Los Angeles area. Melissa is currently involved in advocating for peace in war-torn northern Uganda. During the summer of 2006, she traveled to Uganda with the International Medical Corps where she worked on several programs including a drama for an educational campaign on gender-based violence.

While in Uganda, she worked with malnourished children and witnessed the terrible conditions facing the people in northern Uganda. With the desire to tell the stories of the atrocities to the refugees as well as their uncrushable hope and resilience, Melissa returned to the refugee camps in northern Uganda last summer and is currently co-producing the documentary "Voices of Uganda," a compelling film illuminating the situation facing teenagers in that war-torn country.

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The General Council of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Advocates Restructuring of Board of Directors; Barbara D'Iorio Martino '60 Named First Lay Chair

At their quarterly meeting on May 5, the Board of Directors of Chestnut Hill College elected Barbara D'Iorio Martino '60 as chair of the board, effective September 2008. She is the first chair of the College Board who is not a Sister of Saint Joseph. Patricia Kelly, SSJ, current Board chair, along with the members of the General Council of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, inaugurated and approved this change in board structure in the 2007-2008 academic year in collaboration with President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D.

The movement toward board realignment incubated with the General Council, all of whom sit on the College's board, but who retain reserve powers apart from those of the other Board members. The General Council



Chair to Chair: Barbara Martino
Congratulated by Sister Pat Kelly

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Catherine Nerney, SSJ, Ph.D., James J. Binns, Esquire, and President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D.

Ms. Fitzgerald urged the audience, “Say yes to the opportunities that come your way. This is your life—you get to star in it. Act, serve, be great, and change the world!”

She is a native of Philadelphia and the daughter of long-time Chestnut Hill residents, Carol McCullough Fitzgerald, executive director of the Pennsylvania Society and member of the Chestnut Hill College Board of Directors, and the Honorable James J. Fitzgerald, III, currently serving as a Senior Judge on The Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were awarded to William T. Walker, Ph.D., senior vice president, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Chestnut Hill College, who is retiring after 10 years of service on June 30. (*see Transitions, page 9.*) and to alumna Emily McKay Binns, Ph.D. '52 (posthumously). Dr. Binns’ degree was accepted by her brother, James J. Binns, Esquire. Presenter

Catherine Nerney, SSJ, Ph.D., associate professor of religious studies, memorialized Emily Binns as a “respected theologian, beloved teacher and scholar, administrative leader in higher education and advocate for social justice...not only did Emily see the world and everything in it as interconnected, she labored tirelessly to strengthen fragile connections, to mend broken relationships, and to inspire hope in a future of unity and peace.

“At Villanova University, where she taught for over 20 years, students remember Dr. Binns as a favorite teacher, a professor who instilled in students a love of learning and ‘the religious studies teacher who awakened in me, an engineering student, an awareness of my own spiritual depth.’”



Emily McKay Binns, Ph.D. '52



John Boyle, C.P.A., M.B.A. rose to accept the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award. He teaches accounting in the School of Continuing and Professional Studies.

Baccalaureate:
“A farewell address in the form of a sermon delivered to a graduating class”

On the eve of graduation, the College’s traditional Baccalaureate liturgy in honor of the graduating class was celebrated at 7 p.m. in the Motherhouse Chapel of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The Reverend Richard Malloy, S.J., Ph.D. officiated, telling the seniors in his homily, “We hope you have caught fire here. We hope you let the Holy Spirit of God ignite in your hearts and minds with the desire to make our world a community of justice and joy, hope and healing, love and life. This is the fire of Pentecost.” The missioning ritual – “to carry the light of the College mission into the world” –closed the ceremony.



The General Council of the Sisters of Saint Joseph Advocates Restructuring of Board of Directors; Barbara D'Iorio Martino '60 Named First Lay Chair

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is elected every five years by the congregational delegates to the General Chapter, explains Sister Pat Kelly, and the General Council currently includes her as Congregational President, along with Mary Barrar, SSJ, Mary Dacey, SSJ, Anne Myers, SSJ, Ph.D., and Dorothy Urban, SSJ. "We're sort of like the major stockholders," smiles Sister Pat Kelly.

One of the General Council's reserve powers is to change the by-laws, and two primary changes have been made. First, the number of Sisters who sit on the Board of Directors – which has 30 members altogether – will move towards a fewer number of seven by September 2009. Secondly, beginning in the 2008-2009 academic year, the chair of the Board of Directors would be a layperson, while the vice chair would automatically be the Congregational President of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, or Sister Pat Kelly, whose term ends in July 2009. The timing of the changes will ensure a smooth transition to the term of the next Congregational President.

"There has been a gradual process of reducing the number of Sisters of Saint Joseph who sit on the Board," explains Sister Pat Kelly. "In 1989, the Sisters comprised 50 percent of the board. This had changed to 30 percent before the decision to go coed," she continues. "The two latest changes have been hastened by this new moment in Chestnut Hill College and its needs, and the transfer of this responsibility is not because of a lack of enjoyment or appreciation of the role. It has been a happy privilege for me and my predecessors."

Rather, she reflects, "Our whole Chestnut Hill College refoundation needs a lot of experience, financial support, and connections to the public sector that lay leadership can bring, while the presence of the Sisters of Saint Joseph offers aspects of tradition and experience." She verifies, "We feel that we're giving our legacy in a new



Clockwise from top left: Anne Myers, SSJ, Ph.D.; Mary Dacey, SSJ; Pat Kelly, SSJ; Mary Barrar, SSJ; and Dorothy Urban, SSJ.

form—as partners in the mission, and we are expanding the leadership. We are using our power to share power for the common good of the College, and it's a symbol that's important."

Barbara Martino, elected by ballot as the first layperson to chair the College's board of directors, is well-equipped for the task. Her service to her *alma mater* is nearly legendary. She has completed six, three-year terms on the board. During this time, she chaired the College's first Capital Campaign, and under her skillful leadership, its goal was surpassed when \$5.5 million was raised. By century's end, the College was seeking donations to construct a new building with a spectacular multi-purpose arena, technologically "smart" classrooms, video production facilities, seminar rooms, and more. Barbara was in the lead in bringing new friends to support the College as well as working tirelessly with her alumnae sisters to contribute to this daunting challenge of raising over \$11 million dollars. In Barbara's honor, her husband Rocky donated \$2.5 million to put the campaign over the top and the College was proud to name the new building for her. The first building to be constructed on campus in 40 years and the first to be named for an alumna, Barbara D'Iorio Martino Hall was dedicated on October 8, 2000.

Barbara Martino received the award of Distinguished Achievement in Philanthropy in 2001. The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes alums who have distinguished themselves in their business or profession or in civic, philanthropic, or other volunteer activities. In 2004, she was the recipient of the Alumni Association's Eleanore Dolan Egan '28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College. That honor was followed in 2005 by her naming as a charter member of the *Libris Society*, one of 80 outstanding alums who have distinguished themselves in their personal and professional lives while exemplifying the qualities celebrated in the College motto of *Fides-Caritas-Scientia* (Faith-Charity-Knowledge).

In the process of suggesting names for the Board's chair, Board members recognized Barbara Martino's continuous dedication and commitment to the College and its mission, her participation in all cycles of change over the last 20 years, and her unwavering zeal for the future of the College. Sister Patricia Kelly attests for the Congregation, "We, together with the entire Board of Directors, congratulate Mrs. Martino and look forward to her leadership. May God continue to bless her and all who support the College and its mission." ❀

Honors All Around



The April 27th Honors Convocation was highlighted by roll calls for academic, athletic, and departmental honors, as well as the highly anticipated annual scholarship and awards presentations.

The convocation address was delivered by Chris Lowney, M.A., president of Pilgrimage for our Children's Future, a non-profit foundation that funds education and healthcare for impoverished, developing world children and for their families. Mr. Lowney, a former Jesuit, is also the author of *A Vanished World: Medieval Spain's Golden Age of Enlightenment*, an examination of Jewish-Muslim-Christian relations in medieval Spain, as well as *Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World*, a study of the leadership practices of the Jesuits, the religious order founded by Ignatius of Loyola. Mr. Lowney has lectured as a guest of the College twice before.



The Dorothea E. Fenton '28 Memorial Medal, presented from 1929 to 1962 to the senior "chosen by the faculty for qualities of cooperation and loyalty to the school." (*Fournier News*, April 21, 1961) was reinstated in 2007 for presentation to a senior nominated by the faculty *and* staff. Business administration major Mark Hammons '08 of Mt. Laurel, N.J., accepted the medal inscribed "The fruit of the spirit is charity." He was congratulated by Mindy Welding, IHM, director of campus ministry (left) and Mary Darrah, SSJ, assistant to the president for mission and ministry.

President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., (left) presented the **2008 Distinguished Service Award to Marian Brogan Ehnou "62** (right) circulation



librarian at Logue Library. The annual award is voted to a staff member by co-workers.

Fran Boshell '09 was awarded the 2008 St. Catherine Medal, voted to a sophomore or junior who represents the high ideals of a Catholic college education. The recipient is selected by faculty and classmates on the basis of leadership and service. Fran is a native of Brooklyn, New York.



Joseph Kulkosky, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology and chair of the biology department, (center) presented a dual **Academic Achievement Award in the Biological Sciences** to biology majors **Raul Angel Garcia '09** (left) of Carney's Point, N.J., and **Alexander Kowalski '09** (right) of Drexel Hill, Pa.



Cheryl King '08 (left) of Philadelphia was selected for The Matthew Anita MacDonald, SSJ, Ph.D. Outstanding Continuing Education Student Award. It is presented each year to a Kirby Student in recognition of scholastic achievement, leadership, and community service. King, an education major, is a member of the *Kappa Delta Epsilon* education honors society. 🦋

Alpha Lambda Delta Inductees



On March 3, new members were inducted into the Chestnut Hill College chapter of the national honor society *Alpha Lambda Delta*. Chapter advisor, Jacqueline C. Reich, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, announced the names of students who have met the requirement of earning a 3.5 G.P.A. or higher in their first year of college. First row, left to right: Shannon Bressler, Nicole Hartley, Michelle Pereira, Heather Greene, Stephanie Robalino, Shaina Ward, Kelly Kolson, Megan Dolan. Second row, *left to right*: Matthew Moleski, Celeste Maldonado, Richard Abram, Nicholas Corey, John Reeth, John Chase Harrison, Jarreau Freeman, Jowie Benson, Brooke Reitz, Maria Pelone, Jessica Fisher, Leah DiNardo. Third row, *left to right*: Brittany Murtha, Janean Cancia, Samantha Dodds, Jill Sanger, Shannon Burdziak, Krystina Sissick. Top: Samantha Brenneman, Kelly O'Neill, Amber Pitts. *Missing from photo*: Stephanie Andreacchio, Brian Blanche, George Kochu, John Koziol, Chelfon Saunders, Francesco Scanga. 🐝

THANK YOU!

Your generous financial assistance for the following initiatives has made an enormous difference to our students this year —

- **THE GRIFFIN FUND** – unrestricted funds for annual operations
- **SUGARLOAF HILL CAMPAIGN** – property acquisition, short-term building and grounds renovations
- **GENERAL ENDOWMENT** – student scholarships and academic lectures
- **SPECIFIC GIFT DESIGNATIONS** – campus ministry, student life, athletics, library resources, class gift funds, specific academic departments or programs
- **REUNION GIVING** – specific project options selected by classes and individuals during the five-year anniversary of their graduation

2008 Reunion Giving

Congratulations to the Top Six Classes with the Highest Participation Rate to Date:

Class of 1933 – 75th Reunion – 100%
Class of 1958 – 50th Reunion – 60%
Class of 1948 – 60th Reunion – 59%
Class of 1953 – 55th Reunion – 52%
Class of 1943 – 65th Reunion – 48%
Class of 1963 – 45th Reunion – 45%

Special thanks to all 2008 Reunion Class members for your generous support!!!

*Whatever purpose you have chosen to support,
your gifts help to provide the financial and spiritual foundation on which this College stands.
We are so very grateful for your ongoing generosity.*

THANK YOU!

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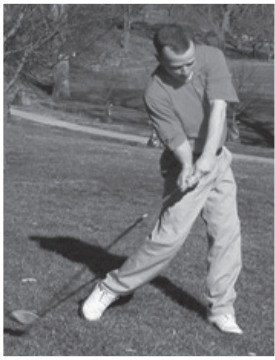
Men's Baseball (7-34, 5-22)

The baseball team wasted no time making history in their inaugural season, defeating Neumann College in the first game of their opening day doubleheader at La Salle University on March 2. The Griffins topped the Knights 7-5 in game one behind a strong pitching performance from sophomore **Ryan Weber**. The team notched their first CACC and NCAA Division II victory on March 21 with a doubleheader sweep of the University of the Sciences, defeating the Devils 3-0 and 2-1. Weber and freshman pitcher **Tommy Walton** each recorded complete game victories, failing to surrender a single earned run in the twin bill. For their efforts, Walton was selected as the CACC Rookie of the Week, while Weber earned an honorable mention for the conference Player of the Week award.

Offensively, the Griffins were led by freshman outfielder **Dan Etherton** who earned a CACC Rookie of the Week award for his play during the week ending March 16 and an honorable mention for the same accolade for the week ending April 2. He led the Griffins in batting with a .403 average while also knocking in 21 runs and stealing 17 bases. Freshman catcher **Bryan Henry** and freshman first baseman **Mike Knipe** totaled 11 and 10 extra-base hits, respectively.

Men's and Women's Golf (0-11)

Sophomore **Michael Gibbons** led the golf team in each event this spring. His low round, an 81, came on March 18 in a home match with the University of the Sciences. He was the top finisher at the CACC Championship Tournament coming in tied for 34th place with a two-round score of 178. Senior



John McLaughlin

John McLaughlin carried the second best average round with a 94.4. He finished 43rd at the conference tournament with a 190 and turned in the team's second lowest score in half of this year's events.

Men's Tennis (8-12)

Doubling their win total from last season, the men's tennis team recorded eight wins this year. Freshman **Carson Richter** and junior **Garrett Senior** tied for the team lead in singles play. Richter posted a 12-8 record at number one singles, while Senior finished 1-0 in the third singles flight and 11-7 at number four singles. In doubles play, Richter teamed with senior **Shane Leshner** for a 13-7 record in the top doubles flight.

Softball (12-33, 6-18)

Sophomore pitcher **Katlin McKeever** recorded eight of the team's 12 wins while sporting a 3.91 earned run average (ERA) and collecting 128 strikeouts in 152.1 innings pitched. Freshman pitcher **Shannan Burdziak** recorded four wins including a no-hit performance on April 14 in the second contest with Lincoln University. Offensively, the



Caitlin Rickey

Griffins were led by junior first baseman **Amanda Corcoran** and senior infielder **Caitlin Rickey**. Corcoran led the Griffins with a .333 (22-for-66) batting average, while Rickey led the Griffins in runs-batted-in (RBI) with 15.

Women's Lacrosse (4-11)

Totaling at least 60 goals for the third consecutive season, junior attacker **Katie Donovan** once again finished as the top scorer for the Griffin offense. She benefited from the play of sophomore sisters **Carley and Maryanne Glass**. Maryanne finished third in points for the Griffins, more than tripling her freshman totals; she recorded 33 goals and nine assists this season for 42 points. Carley controlled the point for the Griffins supplying a team-high 16 assists; she added 16 goals to total 32 points for the year.

Carley teamed with junior defender **Sarah Possinger** to captain the Griffin defense. She collected 40 ground balls, 46 draws, and forced 23 turnovers. Possinger also caused 23 turnovers. Junior goalkeeper **Stephanie Jordan** played all 900 minutes in the cage for the Griffins, making 230 saves this season.

Junior attacker **Stephanie Carlyle** recorded her 100th career goal on April 23 against Philadelphia University. She finished the year with 37 goals, her third consecutive season as the team's second leading scorer. 🦅



Shane Leshner

Chestnut Hill College Athletics Unveils New Look For Griffins



As the new athletics logo was unfurled in the Rotunda...

...delighted students broke into approving applause.



President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., welcomed the College community to St. Joseph Hall on April 21 to view the new graphic identity for Chestnut Hill College athletics. Unveiled at the ceremony, the new athletics logo presents a modern and more aggressive portrait of the Griffin, symbolizing the College's commitment to the advancement and success of its athletic programs.

Earlier this academic year, Sister Carol announced the College's reclassification from NCAA Division III to NCAA Division II and full membership in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). The new logo is a reflection of this move and the College's significant effort to emphasize its athletic programs.

"In working with 160over90, we stressed the need for the design to be based on Chestnut Hill College's tradition and history, and the Griffin portrayal to not only signify strength and power, but also action, and the incorporation of the College's colors of scarlet, white, and gold," stated Director of Athletics Bill Stiles. "We are delighted with the results and believe that all of the themes have been included into our new family of marks." The new athletics logo will serve as the primary branding image for the Athletics Department, while the College will continue to use its traditional logo.



The College's agency, 160over90, presented Sister Carol with a football helmet sporting the new athletics logo, hinting that another varsity sport may yet be in the College's future.

Chestnut Hill College, a member of the NCAA Division III since 1996, has enjoyed unprecedented success in its athletics program since going coed in 2003. Since that time, 13 of the College's varsity athletics programs have qualified for conference playoffs and three teams have garnered appearances in their respective NCAA Tournament, including women's soccer (2003, 2004), women's basketball (2005), and men's soccer (2006). The NCAA Division II is composed of 22 conferences and 16 independent institutions. Chestnut Hill College holds provisional Division II status in 2007-2008 and will become full, active members in 2008-2009. 🦁

On the Lecture Circuit



Stephen G. Hart, assistant vice president at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, was invited by the Business Department to speak on “The Essence of Leadership” on February 18. Mr. Hart is also an adjunct professor of organizational dynamics at LaSalle University.



Veterinary surgeon to the Kentucky Derby winner, Barbaro, Dr. Dean W. Richardson, was the speaker at the College’s 15th annual biomedical lecture series on April 2. Dr. Richardson discussed “Mechanical and Biological Challenges in Equine Orthopaedics,” with specific reference

to treating the shattered bones of racehorse Barbaro, who ultimately had to be euthanized. The series is sponsored by the Biology Department/Division of Natural Sciences, under the direction of Lakshmi Atchison, Ph.D., professor of biology and chair, division of natural sciences.

The Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments, along with the Chestnut Hill United Methodist Church, presented an interfaith panel and discussion on April 16. The panel included Rabbi George Stern, executive director of the Neighborhood Interfaith Movement, Rafiyqi Friend of Philadelphia’s Nasir Mosque,

and Reverend Cliff Cutler, rector of St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Chestnut Hill.

Ruth Kapp Hartz, who lived as a hidden child in Nazi-occupied France during World War II (right), recalled her childhood memories in a lecture on



April 24. Her appearance marked the commemoration of Holocaust Awareness Day at an event sponsored by the history program and *Phi Alpha Theta* (the national honor society for history), and supported by the College’s Lecture Committee. Mrs. Hartz was introduced by Lorraine Coons, Ph.D. (left), professor of history.



Metanexus Senior Fellow Norbert M. Samuelson, Ph.D., the Harold and Jean Grossman Chair of Jewish Studies at Arizona State University, lectured on “Light and Enlightenment: Rabbinic Judaism and Modern Science”

on May 6. “Light and enlightenment” is a phrase that correlates traditional and modern Jewish views of the days of the messiah and the world to come with what contemporary science predicts about the future of humanity and the universe. Kathleen Duffy, SSJ, Ph.D., professor of physics, arranged for Dr. Samuelson’s lecture. 🦋

Transitions

Barbara A. Bradley, SSJ, M.S., director of the writing center, is retiring from the College after 10 years of service. She joined Chestnut Hill in 1998 as director of the Act 101 program, then went on to direct the writing center, which serves as a resource for students seeking additional help with writing, grammar, and punctuation.

In a tribute to Sister Barbara at the April 27 retirement celebration, her writing center tutor, Jane Ziff ’08 captured sister’s special spirit, “Sister Barbara personifies the friendliness and welcoming attitude that Chestnut Hill College is known for. She considers everybody either a friend or a friend-to-be, and will greet each person with an irresistible enthusiasm. Her lively presence will be missed next year, in the writing center and everywhere else on campus. Sister Barbara worked hard to help students who wanted their papers to be as good as possible. She

was very interested in teaching students lessons that lasted beyond their visits. But the writing center atmosphere wasn’t just businesslike; Sister Barbara kept things interesting by hanging Christmas lights around the room, and on very special occasions, by breaking into song and dance! With her around, the Center was never boring.”

With Sister Barbara’s lively curiosity and zest for life, she won’t be retired for long. During her tenure as writing center director, she took advantage of several opportunities to act in bit parts for both television and film. She has announced plans for a new career that calls for “an English teacher with acting experience.” 🦋



Transitions: Farewell, Bill Walker



Bill Walker in a typical office pose early in his Chestnut Hill College career.

William T. “Bill” Walker, Ph.D. was appointed to the College in 1998 as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. He earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of South Carolina, where he taught for many years before returning to his hometown of Philadelphia. He held various teaching and administrative positions at Gwynedd-Mercy College, Villanova University, and the University of the Sciences before coming to his final post at Chestnut Hill.

Bill Walker arrived at a time when College enrollment was precariously low, yet the College was forging ahead with a capital gifts initiative to construct a new multi-million dollar facility. Then came the dizzying decision to go coed, a burst in enrollment, and a bursting at the seams. New construction, new staff, and an increase in faculty all needed to be found – and administered -- in a short span of time.

In 2006, Millie Walker had optimistically gifted her husband with a retirement clock. But her dream had to be deferred because in August of that year the College purchased the Sugarloaf estate, a 32-acre property situated diagonally across Germantown Avenue from the College’s existing campus – “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Chestnut Hill College, an event of historic and transformational proportions,” said President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D.

In July 2007, Sister Carol announced the promotion of Dr. Walker to Senior Vice President for the College, placing him second in command to the president. She praised him profusely: “It is with great enthusiasm that I make this appointment. Not only has Dr. Walker earned this honor, he truly deserves it. His commitment to the College, his competence and dedication to his work, his outstanding contributions to SEPCHE, his attention to academic discipline, his superb relational skills, as well as his professionalism, integrity, honesty, and loyalty make him a truly superior administrator, one who has my complete trust.”



The following year, Bill Walker submitted his resignation, this time meaning it. His service corresponded with a decade in the College’s history that might be characterized as “the worst of times” yet “the best of times.”

At a retirement celebration on April 27, Dr. Walker was lauded by his history students past and present, then given a retouched photograph of himself with his idol, Winston Churchill, proving, the students said, that he really had known the great English prime minister. (see photo, left)

In a final tribute, Bill Walker was honored on May 5 at a retirement dinner attended by the Chestnut Hill College Board of

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Cecelia J. Cavanaugh, SSJ, Ph.D., dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies, paid her boss a tribute that brilliantly encapsulated his 10 years of service. “Part of Dr. Walker’s legacy to CHC is the book discussion group that he organized and directed faithfully every semester. In that spirit, we turn to great literature to express what he means to us,” said Sister Cecilia. “The venerable text *Horton Hatches the Egg* by Dr. Seuss presents the elephant Horton and his trials and triumphs when asked to care for a fragile life – Horton assumes responsibility for Lazy Mazy’s egg and through rain and danger and ridicule, Horton hangs in there. His mantra: *“I meant what I said and I said what I meant, An elephant’s faithful, one hundred percent!”*

--is what inspired us to borrow from his story to honor our faithful, fearless leader. So, with a nod to Horton and Dr. Seuss, we present our rendition of:

Walker Shepherds the School

The Griffins were changing – 1998
In all kinds of challenge, they needed to make --
--a VPAA post -- a new slot to fill --
“Say, Walker, how ‘bout it?”
He answered, “I will.”
*“I meant what I said and I said what I meant
A Walker is faithful, one hundred percent!”*

Few flock to Bill’s office to say “all is well,”
Some visitors come with a sad tale to tell.
No matter their worries, their woes or complaints
Our hero is steadfast, neither falters nor faints.
What’s more, we’ve all learned that his word we can trust
He is kind, he is prudent, says and does what he must:
*“I meant what I said and I said what I meant
A Walker is faithful, one hundred percent!”*

Just as Horton protected the egg in the snows,
Walker stood by the Griffins as numbers hit lows.
We froze budgets, we worried -- three schools were at stake
All knew hard decisions were pending to make.

We thought and we prayed, studied, read and despaired
And tried to be patient as reports were prepared.

Together with Walker, we agreed: follow Teagle!
It rhymes – after all, the Griffin’s half eagle!
*“He meant what he said and he said what he meant
A Walker is faithful, one hundred percent!”*

And so Chestnut Hill opened doors to young men
And Bill Walker proved to us time and again
What vision and wisdom with a good mix of fun
Can help us accomplish when there’s much to be done.
Our campus is thriving; with more numbers comes work
And with the growth new tasks Senior VP can’t shirk

*“He meant what he said and he said what he meant
A Walker is faithful, one hundred percent!”*
Human nature is fickle, we live ups and downs
And through all the challenge, the grins and the frowns,
The tears and the laughter, the smiles and the pouts
The drama, the intrigue, our ins and our outs
Bill Walker’s compassion holds us all in fine store
His good sense prevails and his humor – and more --

For there was a motive to take all he took:
“When all this is over, I’m writing a book.”

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Chef Walker orchestrates the preparation of Bananas Foster at his retirement dinner.

Directors and members of the College administration. For the man who had played many roles at the College over the years, Chartwells Dining Service had one more: he was presented with a custom-made chef coat, embroidered “Chef Walker” and invited to prepare the evening’s dessert of Bananas Foster.

Indeed, Bill Walker’s immediate plan after June 30 is to take a few days off with wife Millie, then to work on his book, *Research Guide to Nineteenth Century World History*. The manuscript is due November 1 with an expected publication date of spring 2009 (Greenwood Publishers). Otherwise in the fall, he’ll be back on campus as an adjunct to teach two courses – British History Since 1485 and Historiography and History.

So, although he is shifting roles and not leaving the College entirely, he offers this farewell:

As I close my 10 years at Chestnut Hill College, I look back with gratitude for having the opportunity to work with Sister Carol Jean Vale, the administrators, faculty, and staff to make the College a more vibrant institution. The transition to a fully coeducational college was without doubt the most significant event during my tenure. The Schools of Continuing and Professional Studies and Graduate Studies have also prospered - - the acquisition of APA accreditation of our Doctor of Clinical Psychology program was a marvelous achievement of the graduate faculty. The acquisition of SugarLoaf Hill was also very significant as land and buildings were attained that will serve generations of students during the 21st century.

I am most appreciative of the opportunity to work with the Sisters of Saint Joseph, our faculty and staff, and our students. I thank all for their thoughtfulness and expressions of best wishes - - know that all of you will be in my prayers. May God bless you and Chestnut Hill College.

Bill 🐾

An evening of poetry-reading on February 23 was dedicated to William T. “Bill” Walker, Ph.D.,

lover of poetry, on the occasion of his pending retirement from the College. Featured poets were Eli Goldblatt, associate professor of English and director of first-year writing at Temple University (left), John Ebersole, who teaches poetry and composition at Chestnut Hill College and Temple University (right), and Philadelphia poet and teacher, Elizabeth Pearson (second from right) who presented Dr. Walker with copies of their published work following the readings. The event was coordinated by Keely E. McCarthy, Ph.D., assistant professor of English. 🐾



Transitions: Welcome Kenneth Soprano



In February, President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. announced that the College had appointed **Kenneth J. Soprano, Ph.D. to the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty** and full Professor of Biology effective July 1, 2008.

In a statement to the College community, she said, “Dr. Soprano comes to the College from Temple University where he served successfully as vice president for research and graduate studies. He earned an A.B. at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts; and an M.S. and a Ph.D. in microbiology from Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Dr. Soprano is a recognized scholar and cancer researcher with extensive experience in administration, teaching, and research. A well-published scholar and respected lecturer, Dr. Soprano is an able successor to Dr. William Walker. I have every confidence that he will move the College to the next level of academic excellence among the schools that form the higher education community in the United States. I look forward to working with him to further the mission, vision, and goals of the College.”

As for himself, Dr. Soprano reflects, “I have been asked to put into words what appealed to me about the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Chestnut Hill College. Many things!

Academic reputation... I first became aware of the College’s academic excellence from the performance of a Chestnut Hill College alumna who was a successful Ph.D. student in our graduate program at Temple Medical School.

Coeducation... The increases in enrollment, the steady rise in highly qualified applicants and the diversity of the student body clearly indicated to me that Chestnut Hill is on the move, heading in the right direction on an exciting journey.

Dedicated faculty and staff... Although my initial on-campus interview occurred during Christmas week, I was pleasantly surprised by the large number of faculty who came to meet with me and I enjoyed their spirited discussion about how someone with my experience and background might serve the College. Their dedication and love of the College was obvious, as was that of various staff members.

Mission... Coming to Chestnut Hill is a return to my own roots. I attended small Catholic, private schools and feel that the education I received is responsible for much of the career success that I have enjoyed. I have spent 30 years in a large, public, non-sectarian university where you must divorce religion and spirituality from all that you do and where at times one wonders whether anything you do will ever have an impact on the lives of individual students. There is no doubt that people who work at the College directly impact the everyday experience of its students as well as their future.

The President... While all of these aspects of Chestnut Hill College certainly weighed favorably in my decision to apply for the position and then to accept when it was offered, the most important determinant was the vision, the energy, the excitement and the long-term goals for the future of the College elucidated during my discussions with Sister Carol Jean Vale. The person who serves as Vice President for Academic Affairs must work very closely with the president. There is no possibility of being successful if you and the president are not compatible.

As to my vision for the College and my goals, the short answer is that I share the vision of the president and the board of directors. I can say that my most immediate, overall goal will be to work hand-in-hand with the president, the faculty and my fellow officers to fulfill the mission of the College and provide all of our students with the best educational experience possible. A college exists to educate its students with the moral, ethical, spiritual, technical and professional essentials required to enjoy a happy, productive, successful life and career. I will have the privilege and responsibility to work with the many diverse components of the College to determine how we can best accomplish this. This is a challenge which I anxiously look forward to tackling, beginning in July.” 🦋



The annual induction ceremony for Alpha Xi Beta, the Sigma Tau Delta chapter of the English honors society at Chestnut Hill College, was held on April 10. Faculty advisor Suzanne delGizzo, Ph.D., assistant professor of English (center), poses with the newly named officers for the 2008-2009 academic year. Left to right are Rachel Steinberg '09, secretary; Elizabeth Frances Conner '10, vice president; Jeffrey Ryan Ambrose '09, president; and Alexandra Scheirer '09, treasurer. 🦋

Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., president of the College, joins the newly promoted and tenured members of the faculty, whose appointments were approved by the College Board of Directors on February 25. The



promotions are effective July 1, 2008, and tenure is awarded July 1, 2009. From left to right: Barbara Hogan, promoted to associate professor of human services; David Borsos, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology, granted tenure; Cheryl Rothery-Jackson, Psy.D., associate professor of psychology and director of clinical training, granted tenure; Sister Carol; Kenneth Soprano, Ph.D., appointed vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty and awarded full professor of biology with tenure; Lisa Olivieri, SSJ, Ph.D., promoted to associate professor of computer science and technology and granted tenure; Meredith Kneavel, Ph.D., promoted to associate professor of psychology and granted tenure; Lynn Brandsma, Ph.D., promoted to associate professor of psychology; and Kelly Butler, Ph.D., promoted to associate professor of chemistry and granted tenure. 🦋

We're Off to See "The Wizard of Oz"



L. Frank Baum's immortal classic *The Wizard of Oz* was recreated on the Chestnut Hill College stage with four sold-out performances in April. The annual spring musical is produced by Kathleen McCloskey, SSJ, M.M., chair of the art, art history, music, and music education department, and is directed by community theater enthusiast, C. Randall Young. This year's production also showcased the work of the set construction class, The Art of Theater Design, under the direction of Therese Benedict McGuire, SSJ, Ph.D.

Among the 46 members of the cast were 14 students, 20 "munchkins" drawn from area grade schools, and three College staff members: Network Technician Jim Cox (Winkie), Director of Residence Life Jenn Thorpe (Ozian) and P.C. Technician Ken West (Monkey). 🦋

above: Glinda, the Good Witch of the North (Rebecca Berkowitz '09) welcomes Dorothy (Shania Ward '11) to Munchkinland.

below: After many adventures along the Yellow Brick Road, Dorothy (Shaina Ward '09) and friends Lion (Mark Urmson '10), Tinman (Allan Michael-Meads '10), and Scarecrow (Nicholas Raspanti '11) are greeted at the gates of Oz by a guard (community actor Richard Craig).



Emerald Evening Brings in Green

—contributed by Jennifer P. Johnson, special events & projects manager

Chestnut Hill College celebrated its 2nd Annual Casino Night & Auction, “An Emerald Evening” on Saturday, March 15. The night was filled with surprises as nearly 400 guests came out and supported the College as they tested their luck at various casino games, bid on silent and live auction items, and were entertained by a guest appearance of the Quaker City String Band. Top prizes included a trip to Ireland as well as a 42” flat screen plasma television. The evening grossed more than \$60,000, making “An Emerald Evening” the most profitable spring fundraiser to date. Chaired by College Board member Cathy Lockyer ’92, the Casino Planning Committee worked hard for months to ensure the success of the event, and what a success it was! 🍀



above left: One lucky winner struck it big at this table!

above: Guests tried their luck in the “Money Pit” for a chance to win fabulous prizes.

left: A surprise appearance by the Quaker City String Band elated the crowd and inspired everyone to dance.



Open Rehearsal with String Quartet

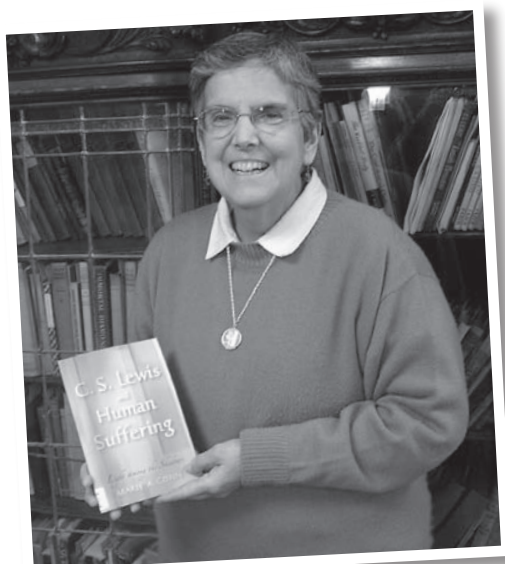


Alejandra Lewandowski '11 reacts to hearing her original composition played for the first time by professional musicians.



The Education and Community Outreach program of the Philadelphia Orchestra Association sponsored an open rehearsal with a string quartet performance on March 27. The audience was treated to several performance pieces by the quartet, who then played “composition sketches” written by music majors Fadlullah Ba’th ’09 (above, left) and Alejandra Lewandowski ’11.

Author! Author! Professors Publish



Marie Conn, Ph.D., professor of religious studies, was honored with a reception on March 6 in the Morton Room of Logue Library to celebrate the publication of her book, *C.S. Lewis and Human Suffering: Light among the Shadows* (Paulist Press, 2008). Dr. Conn, whose scholarly interests include feminine symbolism, women's history, medieval liturgical developments, social justice, and healthcare reform, has authored or contributed to a number of publications on these and related subjects.



David Contosta, Ph.D., professor of history (far left), celebrated the publication of *Rebel Giants: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin* (Prometheus Books, 2008) with a book signing in the Social Room on April 29. The work is the culmination of Dr. Contosta's four years of research into the parallel lives of Lincoln and Darwin. He has published 14 other books and is the author of approximately 100 articles, reviews, and scholarly papers.

Career Services Hosts 18th Annual Job Fair



Eileen Kirby-Webb, manager of employer relations in Career Services (right), coordinated the 2008 Job Fair held on March 27. This year's fair drew more than 60 employers, including ARAMARK, Bank of America, Home Depot, Northwestern Human Services, several departments of the United States Government, and even recruiters from Yellowstone National Park Lodge. The fair also drew business-suited alums Janette Gaytan '04 (left) and Kena Carroll '03 who joined the job-seeking crowd of undergraduate and graduate students from Chestnut Hill College and beyond who took advantage of the event. 🦋

Business Team Wins Big in State Competition



Twenty-one Chestnut Hill College students won 34 awards in 14 competitive events at the Future Business Leaders of America *Phi Beta Lambda* state leadership conference held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on April 18-19. This year's outstanding performance nearly doubles the previous record high of 18 awards set last year. A total of 198 students from 23 colleges and universities across the state competed.

Business honors society adviser Robert Durney, assistant professor of business, (top row, far right) commented, "Pending publication of detailed results, Chestnut Hill College placed 1st or 2nd in total awards this year, which is nothing short of phenomenal considering most of the other schools have far larger enrollments. One key to the club's success is that we draw students from many different majors, enabling us to compete effectively in a wide range of events." Durney's teaching colleagues include Francis Pufko, M.B.A, assistant professor of business administration and John Gerace, Ph.D., assistant professor of business (top row, fourth and third from right).

The College received another high honor at the conference when Amanda Cappelletti '10 (seated, second front left) was elected state vice president and a member of the board of directors of the state *Phi Beta Lambda* society for the 2008-09 academic year. **And the winners are:** Computer Concepts: **Jim Stewart '09** - 1st place; Cyber Security: **Jim Stewart '09** - 1st place; Financial Services: **Andre Leake '09** - 1st place; Business Decision Making: **Mark Hammons '08/Stephanie D'Agostino '09/Jon Gambino '08** - 2nd place; **Joanna Corley '09/Nikki Bayer '09/Kelly O'Neill '11** - 3rd place; Management Concepts: **Kat Huertas '09/Adrianna Guerrini '09/Megan Smith '10** - 2nd place; Client Service: **Amanda Cappelletti '10** - 1st place and **Jon Gambino '08** - 3rd place; Impromptu Speaking: **Amanda Cappelletti '10** - 2nd place; Sales Presentation: **Leslie Zemnick '11** - 3rd place; Business Ethics: **Lisa Doria '08/Kat Huertas '09/Katie Williams '09** - 1st place; **Joanna Corley '09/Samantha Brown '10/Deborah Monsey '11** - 2nd place; Small Business Management Plan: **Dan Washington '09/Chris Cordaro '10/Samantha Brown '10** - 1st place; Business Communication: **Mark Hammons '08** - 2nd place; Future Business Executive: **Sarah Possinger '09** - 3rd place; Job Interview: **Sabrina Brooks '09** - 3rd place; Emerging Business Issues: **Megan Smith '10/Deborah Monsey '11/Kelly O'Neill '11** - 1st place and **Nicole Bayer '09/Sarah Possinger '09/Sabrina Brooks '09** - 2nd place.

Congratulations to all! Now it's on to Atlanta for the National Leadership Conference June 21-24. 🦅

UPDATE ON SUGARLOAF HILL



Demolition of Wyncliffe



Repairs to bridge connecting to Lodge



New roof and windows for Lodge

The ongoing development of SugarLoaf Hill progressed steadily this spring with the demolition of the three unusable structures on the property. Wyncliffe, the 1875 mansion that was irreparably damaged by fire a few years ago, was finally dismantled in late March. Also razed was the greenhouse and so-called “hippie house” which perched on the hill along the west side of Germantown Avenue. Clean-up and grading of the property in the aftermath will complete this phase of the project.

Renovations of the Lodge are nearing completion following the installation of a new roof and new windows last month. The so-called bridge, or passageway that connects the Lodge with the Greenfield Mansion, was stripped to its skeleton framework to check for structural soundness. Steel work on the bridge has begun, which will include repairing and replacing many of the rusted cross sections. The wing of the mansion where the bridge connects will be a security desk area. 🦋



The Legacy of 1968, a two-day interdisciplinary conference sponsored by the history and political science department, was held at the College on April 4-5. The conference drew more than 50 papers from scholars exploring the turbulent world of 1968, a pivotal year in history that witnessed the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., the Democratic National Convention, the election of Richard Nixon, the Tet offensive, and the My Lai massacre. The Prague Spring and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, student riots in Paris and elsewhere were among the worldwide expressions for change. Culturally, 1968 also witnessed the publication of significant works in literature, music, and art.

Keynote speakers were Sheldon Hackney, Ph.D., Boies Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania, (standing, third from right) and Carole Fink, Ph.D., professor of history, The Ohio State University (standing, far right).

The conference was conceived and organized by William T. Walker, Ph.D., senior vice president for the College, vice president for academic affairs, and dean of the faculty, (standing, third from left) with the contributions and assistance of (first row, left to right) Philip McGovern, Ph.D., adjunct professor of political science; Barbara Nolan, SSJ, Ph.D., professor of political science; Lorraine Coons, Ph.D., professor of history; Jacqueline Reich, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science; (second row, left to right) Alexander Varias, Ph.D., adjunct professor of history; David Contosta, Ph.D., professor of history; President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., (center); and Cecelia J. Cavanaugh, SSJ, Ph.D., dean of the School of Undergraduate Studies. 🦋

A Few Words from the President of the Alumni Association

Dear Chestnut Hill Alumni,

In late April of this year, I was invited to the unveiling of the new athletics logo. A banner was unfurled from the third floor of the Rotunda, one of the oldest spots on campus, revealing the “newest Griffin” to the crowd of faculty, administration, and student athletes gathered for the occasion. This will probably be an event that students will look back on as an exciting moment in their time at Chestnut Hill. I was honored to be a part of it and to share the excitement with the students.

Moving into Division II athletics and our new logo will bring attention to our college and play a vital part in recruiting new students. As alumni, we too can help. Word-of-mouth marketing is one the most effective methods of marketing, and it costs nothing! Just talk about the College. We all have special memories and moments from Chestnut Hill. Why not share them more often. All my friends know exactly where I went to college. Do I know where they went? For the most part, no, except for the one Ohio State alum who gets football tickets! I can work a story about Chestnut Hill into almost any conversation these days! By talking about our college we can all serve an important role as effective alumni recruiters.



Pastorius Park, 1976



Sporting new athletics logo, 2008

As I sit down to write my final column of my term as alumni association president, appropriately it was at this same time in 1976 when my days as a Chestnut Hill student were coming to an end. I am, of course, writing this on deadline day, which reflects how I approached my academic career. I remember my final days as a Chestnut Hill student only too well. I had saved my final religion credits for my second semester of senior year, and, the truth be told, I wasn't doing too well in that class. I was told I was in danger of not graduating, and the Sisters all but confined me to my room in Fournier Hall with a patient religion tutor. What a way to spend my final few days on campus.

During those tense days, my friends decided we needed an outing, so they formed a human wall around me, and secreted me out of the dorm in plain sight of several Sisters. We piled into my car, and took a tour of the greater Chestnut Hill area (which probably included a stop at Campbell's or McNally's). The one part of the trip I clearly remember was a stop in Pastorius Park, where I took what would be some of the final pictures of our senior year. After graduation (it seemed that all I had to do was pass that religion final, which I had always intended to do), I looked at the photos from that day, sad that my time at Chestnut Hill had come to an end. (Little did I know...)

Thank you for your support during my term as president. It has been an honor and privilege to serve the alumni of the College in this way. And, 32 years after graduation, I realize my time at Chestnut Hill will never come to an end! I hope your time never does, either.

Be well,

Joanne Fink '76

Thank you to all alumni volunteers who gave of time and talent to advance the interests of our college during the 2007-08 academic year.

You make it happen...again and again...year after year.

Alumni Association

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- By-Laws Committee
- Awards & Honors Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Reunion Volunteers Committee
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Class Officers

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South Jersey Chapter
Alumni volunteers to “An Emerald Evening” Casino Night & Auction Fundraiser
Alumni volunteers to the 2007 Annual Golf Invitational

Joanne Fink '76
President, Chestnut Hill College Alumni Association

Profile in Planned Giving: Anna Connor O’Riordan, M.D. ’53

Next to Anna Catherine Connor’s senior picture in the 1953 *Aurelian* are the descriptive phrases “...scatterbrained genius...all set for medical school...good hearted.” Her plans were made early: she graduated with a bachelor of science in chemistry and entered Hahnemann Medical College the following year, choosing pediatric cardiology as her specialty.



recipient of a bequest in her will, placing her name on the honor roll of the College’s Hallmark Society. It’s a very special and important form of financial support.

Dr. O’Riordan explains of her loyal support, “I am very

In 1956, she was married to Joseph P. O’ Riordan, a medical school classmate. She graduated from Hahnemann Medical College in 1957 and began a family, becoming mother to John, Joseph, Catherine, Patricia, Mary Margaret, and Michael while still practicing medicine.

Anna Connor O’ Riordan has held a staff appointment at St. Christopher’s Hospital since 1961, and has been a faithful donor to her *alma mater* for almost as long. She has shown generosity to The Griffin Fund, the Capital Gifts Initiative, and the SugarLoaf Hill Development Fund. This past April she signed a statement of intent to name the College as the

indebted to Chestnut Hill and Cecelian Academy, both of which I attended on scholarship. I am grateful for the scholarships and the strong foundation and good study habits I learned at Chestnut Hill which helped tremendously in med school. I feel I should give back when possible.”

If you’ve ever wondered about ways to give back to the College, consider becoming a member of the Hallmark Society yourself. For additional information about this and other planned giving opportunities, please contact Director of Planned Giving Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ at 215.753.3617 or e-mail shevlandm@chc.edu. A variety of planned giving options are also available on our Web site at www.chc.planyourlegacy.org. 🦋



Boy, were we surprised! We figured that maybe 10 percent of our alumnae would choose the online registration feature to sign up for this year’s Reunion Weekend.

Four weeks after online registration opened, **60 percent** of all registrations were made by alumnae through www.CHCgriffinonline.com. Plus, 71 alums had contacted the Alumni Relations Office for ID numbers to take advantage of this quick and easy way to sign up for **Reunion of the Stars**.

Haven’t logged in yet? Need your ID number? Once you log in for the first time, you’ll be able to search the alumni directory, send e-mails to friends and classmates, register for campus events, post photos, resumés, other classifieds, and so much more.

Contact the Office of Alumni Relations (canningp@chc.edu) today to obtain your ID number so that you, too, can join Chestnut Hill College’s alumni online community.

Add your name to the more than 750 alums who have registered since August.

Discover for yourself the terrific free features and services now available through **CHC Griffins Online** (www.CHCgriffinonline.com).

Don’t wait another minute. Join the crowd...join **CHC Griffins Online**.

4 Easy Ways to Submit Your Alum Note

Keep in touch with your friends and classmates! Career news, advanced degrees, births, marriages, deaths – whatever your news, share it through the *Chestnut Hill College Newsletter*. Submit your items by **August 10, 2008** to be considered for print in the next issue.

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ALUM NEWS

'50s

Adele Solari, SSJ '55 (*chemistry*) was recently appointed director of senior services for the Sisters of St. Joseph, addressing the needs of more than 600 Sisters of the age of 65 and over.

'60s

H. Patricia Hynes Ph.D. '65 (*mathematics*) was featured in an extensive article in Boston University's School of Public Health Dean's Report for 2006-2007, *Investing in the Future: Building Capacity in Public Health*. The article, "A Model Solution," focuses on Pat's nine-year efforts to develop a pest-free environment for the Boston Housing Authority. Working with the City of Boston and public housing residents, Pat and her BU colleagues introduced the Healthy Pest-Free Housing Initiative, which "seeks not only to rid people's homes of cockroaches through more environmentally sound methods of pest control, but also to control the amount and types of pesticides people use." The motivation was research that had established a firm link between acute asthma symptoms and pest infestation associated with poor housing conditions. The use of pesticides only added to in-home toxic exposure and a possible increase in asthma symptoms. Pat is a professor of environmental health at Boston University, the author of *A Patch of Eden: America's Inner-City Gardeners* (1996), and an activist for social and environmental justice that has brought her national awards and honors. She earned graduate degrees in religious studies from the University of Louvain (Brussels) and environmental engineering from the University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

'70s

Betsy Flynn Hollo '70 (*English*) writes to "share a wonderful, recent experience I had. Last Sunday [in April], I was at the Communion brunch sponsored by my parish's Regina Mundi Guild. The brunch featured an intergenerational panel of three women of Church of Christ the King who spoke on the theme of 'What It Means

to Be Catholic.' I was amazed that it was attended by 146 women of the parish, all with very busy schedules and many responsibilities. I think their attendance is a testimony to what women are seeking, their values and priorities. The panelists represented three distinct generations; thus, their remarks were highly personalized, revealing, and inspiring. Most exciting for me was the presentation by one of the speakers, an alumna of Chestnut Hill, **Mary Crecca Kenny '50**, whose opening statement was, 'I attended Chestnut Hill College, in Philadelphia.' I didn't want to interrupt her, but I thought, yippee! As Mary was describing her experience as a young woman in college in the 1940s and continued to mention Chestnut Hill College, well, I finally started applauding. Mary is an inspiration for any woman. She and her husband, Bill, were married for more than 50 years, up until his passing two years ago. She is a mother, grandmother of 25, great grandmother of five, a retired, successful real-estate broker, and a poet. Mary is very well versed in the Bible, and she can find a Biblical quote to support anyone's prayers or needs. And ...she is one *extremely proud ambassador* for Chestnut Hill College!"

Eileen Jude Wust, SSJ '72 (*history*) was recently selected by the Archdiocese of Newark to run its new All Saints Catholic Academy, the consolidation of Bayonne's four remaining Catholic grammar schools. For the last five years, she served as principal of St. Matthias School in Somerset and, previously, at St. Rocco School in Newark and earlier at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Oakland. The consolidated school will operate from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School with a projected enrollment of 560. Sister Eileen earned a master's degree in counseling and human relations in 1979 and a master's degree in school administration in 1987, both from Villanova University. She also holds New Jersey certifications for principal and social worker.

Patti Kane-Vanni, Esq. '75 (*art*), aka "Paleo Patti," continues to be much in demand for presentations on dinos and fossils: "An Egyptian Adventure, from King Tut to the Dinosaurs," in March for the Delaware Mineralogical Society, and "Digging for Dinosaurs in Montana," in April for the Osterhout Free Library in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Travelers flying on Southwest Airlines benefited from Patti's experiences when she was referenced in the article "Kid Stuff: 63 Things To Do With Your Kids Before They Grow Up," published in *Spirit Magazine*, the airline's in-flight publication. Patti was interviewed for activity #51, in which she cited several fossil-hunting sites that welcome children. She edited her list down to Big Brook, N.J., Aurora, N.C., and Peace River, Fla., all locations that she has actually visited and where Southwest flies. Patti notes that there are minor errors in the piece, but overall she was pleased. (www.spiritmag.com/2008_04/features/ft4.php)

'90s

Kristin MacDonald King '91 (*mathematics*) reports that she is a two-year breast cancer survivor, an experience that prompted her to write and record a music CD, "Dichroic Glass," which means colorful layers of sound. She is now performing in the Philadelphia area and selling her CD to benefit breast cancer research. (www.dichroicglassmusic.com)

Penninah Brodie '99 *SGS* (*counseling psychology and human services*) is an elementary school counselor for the Philadelphia School District at Richmond Elementary School.

Odelee Wint-Flynn '94 (*accounting*) is a tax accounting manager in mortgages and PC sales for Freddie Mac's corporate tax department in McLean, Va.

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