

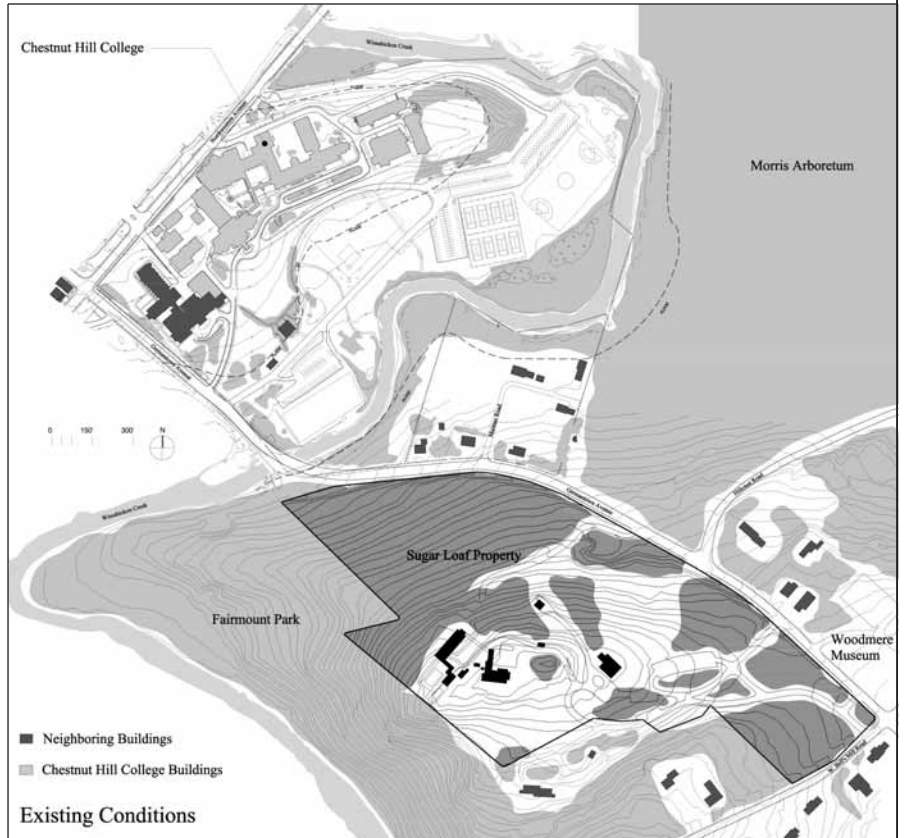


## Chestnut Hill College to Purchase Sugarloaf Estate for Expanded Campus *A "Win" for the College and the Community*

Chestnut Hill College announced that it has signed an agreement of sale with The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation to purchase for campus expansion the Sugarloaf estate, a 32-acre property located in the northwest section of Philadelphia. The property, which is situated diagonally across Germantown Avenue from the College's existing campus, most recently served as The Albert M. Greenfield Conference Center of Temple University.

The College will immediately focus on conducting due diligence and on completing efforts to raise funds necessary for the purchase of the Sugarloaf property. The transaction is expected to close in the third quarter. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

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## *Dear Alumnae, Alumni, and Friends of the College:*



As you see from the story above, this is an exciting and historic time for Chestnut Hill College. The opportunity to purchase the Sugarloaf Estate offers possibilities of expansion that will improve and enhance our beloved College forever.

Since signing the agreement of sale to purchase Sugarloaf last month, we have focused on raising the funds needed to make this dream a reality. We have established a Task Force of prominent community members who are working to surface names of potential individual donors as well as foundations and corporations that may assist us with significant contributions. While we do have several substantial commitments already, only 25% of our goal has been met and our window of opportunity is small. I ask, therefore, for your assistance. If you know anyone who might be interested in providing significant support, please notify me or Lorraine Aurely, vice president for Institutional Advancement. Your contacts can help make this happen for Chestnut Hill College.

As you consider how to help, please keep in mind the various aspects of this project that may be of interest to prospective donors. In addition to enhancing the educational experience of our students, acquiring Sugarloaf will extend Chestnut Hill College's stewardship of a significant portion of the Wissahickon Valley watershed. We intend to maintain open green space and, toward this end, the College will place appropriate portions of the Sugarloaf property under conservation easement to assure their protection in perpetuity.

The College's neighbors share our excitement at the possible acquisition of Sugarloaf. At a series of meetings with groups including the Chestnut Hill Community Association, the Chestnut Hill Business Association, the Chestnut Hill Historical Society, Friends of the Wissahickon, the Morris Arboretum, and Woodmere Museum, along with individual neighbors, College representatives shared the vision for Sugarloaf. Many neighbors praised our plans as sensitive to the architectural heritage and environmental concerns of the greater community and encouraging of civic and cultural partnerships. The changes on campus continue to astound us as the student population increases at unanticipated rates. Applications for next year have increased more than

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**Deadline for  
annual giving is June 30!**



**Jennifer  
is well  
rounded.**

Jennifer Wilmot  
Chestnut Hill College  
Class of 2006

**MAJOR:**  
English Literature & Communications

**AMBITION:**  
To obtain a Ph.D. in English, with a concentration in African American literature of the late 19th century, along with a Ph.D. minor in African American Studies.

**CHC ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:**  
African American Awareness Society; Student Government Association; Resident Life Advisor; Student Orientation volunteer; Committee of Leaders member; Intramural volleyball player.

**BIRTHDAY:**  
November 10, 1984

**HOMETOWN:**  
Philadelphia, PA

**HOBBIES:**  
Volleyball, Reading.

**LAST BOOK READ:**  
*Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
Any Newscast

**PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:**  
My Grandmother



**Stacie  
loves  
life.**

Stacie Ann Bray  
Chestnut Hill College  
Class of 2006

**MAJOR:**  
Molecular Biology

**AMBITION:**  
To graduate from medical school and fulfill my lifelong dream of becoming a trauma physician.

**CHC ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:**  
Recipient of the College's Saint Catherine Medal; Campus Ministry volunteer; President of the Griffin Club; Chamber Singers; Student Orientation; Co-Editor of the 2006 Yearbook.

**BIRTHDAY:**  
December 16, 1983

**HOMETOWN:**  
Weatherly, PA

**HOBBIES:**  
Designing jewelry, Collecting antiques, Movies.

**LAST BOOK READ:**  
*One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
*House MD*

**PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:**  
Elizabeth Blackwell

***"In dreams begin reponsibilities."  
- William Butler Yeats***


Try to remember what it was like when you were a college student like Angela, or George, or Jennifer, or Stacie. Your dreams were fostered in the classroom, and with extra-curricular activities, and by treasured friends and teachers. From a practical standpoint, you probably never thought to ask how the roof got fixed, or the staff got paid, or where new library books and athletic uniforms came from. You only knew that you had everything you needed to enrich your life and follow your dream. Wasn't it great?

But behind the scenes, the College relied on a critical source of revenue, the annual fund - now known as The Griffin Fund — to pay for its general operating costs that supported those dreams. Things like academic and student life programs; faculty and staff salaries; equipment purchases and upgrades; building and grounds maintenance; athletic uniforms and equipment, library acquisitions, and utility costs.

The Griffin Fund is also used to attract grants from corporations, foundations, and government agencies. That's why the percentage of participation in fund giving is equally important to the dollar amount raised.

Every dollar given to The Griffin Fund contributes to a need, meaning someone like Angela is at work with the best technology, someone like Stacie is experimenting with top-notch lab equipment, someone like Jennifer has the extensive library resources she needs, and someone like George can enjoy competitive soccer play. Our students will soon have much to offer the world. What can we offer our students?

Fulfill a promise to the student you once were yourself, and stay true to the dreams of your youth by making a contribution to The Griffin Fund this year.

Contributions to this year's Griffin Fund must be made by June 30, 2006. For more information, please contact Catherine Quinn, director of development, at [quinnc@chc.edu](mailto:quinnc@chc.edu) or 215.248.7137. 



**Angela  
loves it  
here.**

Angela Garafalo  
Chestnut Hill College  
Class of 2006

**MAJOR:**  
Business Administration

**AMBITION:**  
Pursue a master's degree in higher education administration and a career in student affairs at a college or university. I'm also interested in becoming a small business owner.

**CHC ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:**  
President of the Student Government Association; Dean's List every semester; nominated twice for Saint Catherine Medal; nominated for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

**BIRTHDAY:**  
July 25, 1984

**HOMETOWN:**  
Huntingdon Valley, PA

**HOBBIES:**  
Tennis, Lacrosse, Digital photography.

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
CSI

**PERSON I ADMIRE MOST:**  
My Mom



**George  
soaks  
it in.**

George Roitzsch  
Chestnut Hill College  
Class of 2007

**MAJOR:**  
Biology

**AMBITION:**  
To further my education and become a professional in the medical field as a doctor, nurse or technician.

**CHC ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS:**  
President of the Junior Class; Student Government Association; Resident Advisor; Student Leader for Legacy retreat; Griffin Club; Student Ambassador; Merit Soccer; Senior Dinner president; Alum Reunion staff worker.

**BIRTHDAY:**  
October 30, 1984

**HOMETOWN:**  
Howell, NJ

**HOBBIES:**  
Surfing, Swimming, Fishing.

**LAST BOOK READ:**  
*Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**  
*Law and Order*

**PERSONS I ADMIRE MOST:**  
My Mother and Father



*If you graduated from the traditional undergraduate program in one of these years:*

**2001 • 1996 • 1991 • 1986 • 1981 • 1976 • 1971 • 1966 • 1961 • 1956 • 1951 • 1946 • 1941 • 1936**

*then my message is of special interest to you. Please read on!*

Dear Alums,

This is a special year for you – it's time to celebrate your class reunion at your *alma mater* and we're pulling out all the stops to make it the best ever!

By now you should have received a rather large and colorful "save the date" postcard alerting you to the dates for your special weekend at the College: June 2-3-4. When you spotted it in your mailbox, what was your first reaction? Was it "Great! Can't wait to go!" Or was it more like, "Oh, no, not again!" Or if you're from the class of '01, you may have thought, "What is this all about?"

If your reaction was positive, you've attended a reunion before. Previous attendees know that the weekend is one of fun-filled activities, fabulous food, and the chance to be a kid again with the people who still think of you as one. If you're like me, your real best friends today are your friends from CHC, with whom you can pick up a conversation as if you saw each other yesterday. There's a special ease about being with old friends – and a lot of laughs, too. Just bring your yearbook and photo albums and the laughs and stories will flow profusely! Also bring along the music from your era and your favorite "adult beverages" and a party will surely follow.

On the other hand, if your reaction was not quite so positive, I'm guessing you have never been to one of your reunions or haven't joined in for quite some time. Or, if this is your first invitation as a member of the class of '01, you have no idea what to expect. So let me tell you a bit about how reunion weekend works:

First of all, you need to know that the menu of weekend activities is presented "*a la carte*." What I mean by that is your official invitation package will show you what's planned for the entire weekend. While we hope you'll come for all, we realize you might have a family wedding or a vacation and can only join us for part of the weekend. No problem. Pick and choose which events you want to attend and make your reservation accordingly and pay only for what you select. Or select the whole weekend package, which includes two nights in a dorm room, all the meals and snacks (and there are a lot of them), and all the events. It's your "best buy." Besides, don't you deserve a weekend of kicking back with your pals, letting a chef prepare all the meals, and savoring all those memories as you stroll our gorgeous campus? Yes, you deserve the royal treatment at your CHC class reunion!

Most alums who have limited time come to the most important event: the official reunion luncheon and Association meeting on Saturday. Held in Sorgenti Arena of Martino Hall, this beautifully prepared and served meal is the signature event of the weekend. You'll cheer for your class during the opening "Roll Call of the Classes" and share a champagne toast. You will be the first to know the identity of this year's winner of the Eleanore Dolan Egan '28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College through the Alumnae & Alumni Association. Your class photo will be taken to preserve the day and its memories. And you'll be privileged to hear and enjoy the annual "State of the College" address from our president, Sister Carol Jean Vale. This year's presentation promises to be a blockbuster as our College is growing by leaps and bounds in every way! You won't want to miss the luncheon!

After the luncheon, class meetings are held and new officers are elected for the next five-year term. Saturday night we're having a new event: Casino Night with a martini bar! Should be a ton of fun that you won't want to miss. There're also individual class parties, outings to the Chestnut Hill community, tours, lectures, swimming, workouts in the fitness center, worship, reflection, and more. Phew! What a weekend!

So now that you know more about it, how can you resist? When your Reunion Reservation Package arrives in the mail, read it promptly and say "Yes!" Talk to your friends now and get a huge turnout organized. Call your class officers for info about your class party. Volunteer for our "phone-a-thon" at the Alum Relations Office later this spring to encourage classmates to attend. Just call Alum Director Pat Canning at 215-247-7144 to help out.

If you plan now to celebrate your class reunion, then it will be my distinct pleasure to greet you in the main lobby of Fournier Hall on June 2 and say, "Welcome Home to the Hill!" 🐦

Best regards,

*Suzanne Schulz Dressler '71*

***Suzanne Schulz Dressler '71, President, Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association***

P. S. Be the first to know news about everything going on at CHC by sending your e-mail address to [alumni@chc.edu](mailto:alumni@chc.edu). You'll join thousands of other alums who are already receiving electronic news flashes about lectures, games, faculty, updates on construction, academic programs, and more. Log on now, send us your e-mail address, and stay connected.



**Suzanne Schulz Dressler '71  
Alumnae & Alumni  
Association President**

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College President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. said, "It is not hyperbole to state that the acquisition of Sugarloaf is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Chestnut Hill College, an event of historic and transformational proportions. With the implementation of the decision to go coed, growth accelerated at an unanticipated rate and a metamorphosis of the campus began. When Sugarloaf is purchased, it will herald a second change unprecedented in the 81 years of the College's existence. The implications of the addition of these lush acres to the already exquisite College campus are staggering and, in fact, life-altering in terms of the future. If I sound excited and enthusiastic, it is because I am." Adding Sugarloaf to the College will nearly double the size of the campus, allowing for expansion that is necessary to accommodate a growing coeducational student body.

Priscilla M. Luce, president of The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation,

said, "We have been seeking a buyer for this historic and important Philadelphia property in order to better focus on our primary purpose of providing grants that will strengthen civic and community life in Philadelphia. Over the last year, we have sought an approach to Sugarloaf that would balance the best interests of the community, the environment, and advancement of the Foundation's mission. We believe we have found the perfect buyer in Chestnut Hill College and we are absolutely delighted to help facilitate not only the college's growth, but also the stewardship of the entire Chestnut Hill community. It's a win for all concerned."

While plans for the property are in the preliminary stages, the College is mindful of the impact of the purchase to the Chestnut Hill community and has expressed its desire to maintain open green space, reinforcing its reputation as an institution of higher education that is committed to historic preservation

and environmental conservation. Because the purchase has been endorsed by the Chestnut Hill community and local organizations, the College's ownership of Sugarloaf will continue as a catalyst for greater interaction and collaboration among Chestnut Hill's civic organizations, cultural institutions, and businesses.

A women's college for 78 years, Chestnut Hill College opened its doors in the School of Undergraduate Studies to men in 2003. With current year-to-date applications and acceptances running ahead of last year by 43% and 40% respectively, coupled with a significant increase in enrollment over the past three years, the College has been prompted to plan for additional space and facilities to support the growth in enrollment. A new residence hall, slated to open in fall 2006, will help alleviate a housing shortage on the existing campus.

CB Richard Ellis, Inc. represented Sugarloaf for the sale. 🦋

*Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., President — continued from page 1*

30% over this same time last year, deposits for next year are up 69%, and the incoming class will be the largest in the our history. While this is incredibly positive for the institution, it brings new challenges. In fall 2006, a new 155-bed residence hall will open and be filled immediately. Even with this additional facility, some students will have to live off-campus. The rate of growth is superseding our ability to keep pace, but to slow down the acceleration would be unwise.

The acquisition of Sugarloaf is an unprecedented and likely once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Chestnut Hill College and presents a transformational moment. The prospects for growth and expansion of the College that would be possible on this tract of land cannot be accomplished on our current site. Furthermore, the benefits and possibilities afforded by its adjacency to the College cannot be duplicated. This addition to the campus is crucial if we are to achieve our goal of a full-time undergraduate enrollment of 1,200 to 1,500 students within the next decade. This acquisition will facilitate greater collaboration with the Chestnut Hill community and help us to serve better our neighbors in northwest Philadelphia and its suburbs. Please do everything you are able to help Chestnut Hill College to acquire Sugarloaf. 🦋

Sincerely,

*Carol Jean Vale, SSJ*

*Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., President*



**Nest Builders** – A troupe of nine students and three staff members accepted Habitat for Humanity's "Collegiate Challenge" for an alternative spring break and traveled to Goldsboro, North Carolina in March to spend the week home-building. Fran Vorsky '05 says of the experience, "While the mission of the group was to serve others, it was we who were served. The First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, its members, and the people of Goldsboro showed the group the true meaning of southern hospitality. The group arrived as strangers but parted as friends, making it a trip with memories and lessons that will last a lifetime."

The group included: (kneeling L to R: Stefanie Paternostro '08, Laura Mattesini '06, Angela Garofalo '06, Fran Boshell '09; (standing L to R) Bill from Habitat, Anne Ruckdeschel '06, Roy Sands '08, Heather O'Keefe '08, Fran Vorsky '05, Seth Jacobson '07, George Roitzsch '07, Campus Minister Ryan Murphy, Director of Campus Ministry Rebecca Losinno, and Katie from Habitat. 🦋



## New Faces

**Joseph D'Orio, Jr., Ph.D.**  
*Assistant Professor of Psychology*

**Sara English, B.A. '05**  
*Resident Coordinator*

**Ryan Murphy, M.S.**  
*Admissions Counselor and  
Campus Minister*

**Kathleen Nash, M.S.**  
*Counselor for the Equal  
Opportunity Program*

**Sheila Walsh B.A. '05**  
*Athletic Communications and  
Community Outreach Coordinator  
Intramural Coordinator*

## Transitions

**Christine M. Lundt, Ph.D.** (left) and **April T. Fowlkes, B.S.** (right) have joined the ACCELERATED Degree Program.

In a reorganization of the area, Dr. Lundt has assumed the newly-created position of Director of the ACCELERATED Degree Program in the School of Continuing Studies, overseeing the school's operations. Associate Dean Christine Nydick will continue to supervise academic advising. With thirty years in higher education, Dr. Lundt was most recently with Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania, as associate director in the Center for Social Concern.



April Fowlkes serves in the dual capacity of off-site and transfer coordinator, with half of her time devoted to community outreach, and the other half in transcript evaluation to facilitate credit equivalencies for incoming students. She previously worked as a pre-college coordinator, admissions counselor, and multicultural student advisor at the University of Wisconsin, from which she is currently pursuing a distance master's degree in higher education. 🦋

## RecycleMania Sweeps Fontbonne Hall

by Meredith Nicholson '06

RecycleMania has kicked-off at Chestnut Hill College and Fontbonne Hall has taken on the challenge of—well, recycling. According to [www.recyclemaniacs.org](http://www.recyclemaniacs.org), “RecycleMania is a friendly competition among university recycling programs in the U.S. that provides students with a fun, proactive activity in waste reduction.” There are different categories that schools can compete in: the largest amount of recyclables, the least amount of trash, and the highest recycle rate.

The 10-week competition started January 29 and will end April 8. There are 93 colleges and universities participating and Chestnut Hill College is putting up a good fight! After the first week, the College was tied for second place with Kalamazoo College in the targeted category of bottles and cans.

Resident Coordinator Jennifer Mowad '05 is heading up the competition in Fontbonne. “During our RA re-training in January we were talking about programming and the core values of the College and how to integrate the two. Two of the core values are ‘Service’ and ‘Concern for the Earth.’ Recycling immediately came up. After I did some research I found out about RecycleMania. It sounded like a fun project so we decided to enter,” she said.

Mowad isn't worried about competition from the larger colleges and universities. “The competition is per capita, so the size of the campus or number of people involved is not that much of a factor. We have just as good a chance of winning as a big state school. We've been encouraging students to drink more Snapple, since an empty glass bottle of Snapple weighs approximately 16 times more than an empty plastic bottle of water/soda. I hope this is the start of something big here — I think we've paved the way for a campus-wide recycling program to be established. Next year I would love to see the whole campus involved in the competition.” 🦋



**Weighing-in for Recycle Mania:** Resident Assistant Jennifer Mowad '05 (foreground); behind her, left to right: Jennifer Wilmot '06, Lauren Jackson '08, George Roitzsch '07, Roy Sands '08, and Jamar Turner-Jackson '08.



**Christine Nydick, M.Ed.,** associate dean of the School of Continuing Studies ACCELERATED Degree Program, welcomed 16 new inductees into the *Alpha Sigma Lambda* Honor Society at a ceremony on December 13. The honor society is devoted to the advancement of scholarship and to the recognition of adult students in continuing their higher education. The College has fashioned its chapter to emphasize that even busy lifelong learners can attain high scholastic achievements while being actively involved in the College community. To be elected to the society, students must complete 30 credits and maintain a 3.6 grade point average. 🦋



## *In Memoriam*

### **Helen Veronica McKenna, SSJ, Ph.D. 1918 – 2006**

Helen Veronica McKenna SSJ, Ph.D., died in her 88th year on January 6, 2006 at St. Joseph Villa. She graduated from Hallahan High School in 1936, and entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph the following year. She subsequently taught elementary grades at Philadelphia's Ascension School and at St. Luke's, Glenside, Pa., then mathematics and physics at Wildwood Catholic High School in New Jersey.

Nurturing a keen interest in psychology, in 1953 Sister Helen Veronica undertook full-time studies at the Catholic University of America, earning a master's degree in psychology in 1955.

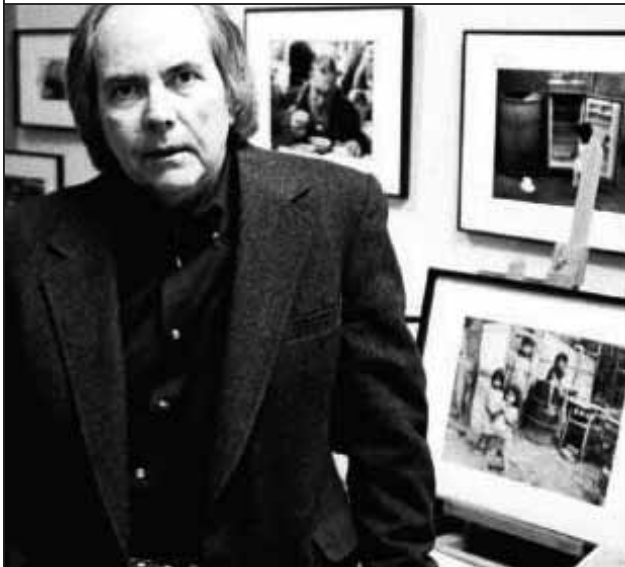
She continued full-time graduate studies at Fordham University and was awarded a Ph.D. in psychology in 1958, becoming one of the first Sisters of Saint Joseph to earn such a degree. From 1958 through 1969, she taught psychology at the College as well as a few courses in philosophy, and published a number of scholarly articles in professional journals. She cited these years of teaching as the happiest of her career.

In 1969, then-College President Sister Mary Xavier Kirby appointed Sister Helen Veronica as the academic dean, a position she held until 1980. Among her achievements as dean were curriculum revisions; the introduction of majors in elementary education and business; and the development of the continuing education program.

Sister Helen Veronica taught psychology part time at the College from 1980-1990 and then worked in ACCESS (later ACCELERATED) and in the Kirby Program as an evaluator of transcripts until 1997, when she retired to the Villa.

Professor Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L., says of her colleague, "Fidelity and devotion characterized her relationship with her many friends, both personal and professional. She and Sister Mary Xavier shared almost 12 years in the administration of the College and understood and supported each other totally, often through challenging times in the turbulent sixties and the early seventies. In addition, she developed lasting relationships with her students. Her Christmas mail, even up until 2005, always included cards and letters from alumnae who continued to revere her."

Sister Helen Veronica is survived by nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118. ✨



**Former Hollywood producer turned documentary filmmaker of the poor and powerless**, Gerry Straub returned to campus on Tuesday, March 21 to share his latest work, "Poverty and Prayer." He's made six previous films documenting global poverty on five continents, including "Endless Exodus" (the story of undocumented migrants from El Salvador and Mexico) "Rescue Me" (Los Angeles's Skid Row) and "Patients of a Saint" (about a doctor who treats lepers in the Amazon). His work has been described as "incarnational." He himself observes, "Scripture tells us that to forget the poor is to forget God." Straub is founder of the San Damiano Foundation, dedicated to producing films for charitable organizations that serve the poor. ✨

## **Back By Popular Demand: *Mathematics and Music Education Majors***

Not every problem solver is meant for M.I.T., nor is every music lover suited for Juilliard or the Curtis Institute. So, here at the College there's a place once again for the mathematically inclined and musically talented, as the College has reinstated these courses of study as majors.

Attracting music education majors also helps to support some of the College's long-held traditions, such as Carol Night and the Spring Musical. Kathleen McCloskey, SSJ, chair of the music department, observes, "Performance is integral to music and music education majors. Groups such as the Hill Singers, Instrumental Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Improvisation Lab and the Chorus provide abundant opportunities for performance. Young men and women interested in a career as a music educator can also pursue a Bachelor of Science in music education. After completing their course work and tests required by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, students are eligible to teach music K-12. This certification program is currently in progress."

"Mathematics is one of the oldest and most fundamental sciences," says Judith Sullivan, coordinator of the department, "but it continues to be an excellent choice of major in today's world. It provides a solid foundation for any career choice in which strong problem-solving and critical thinking skills are imperative, such as law, medicine, and business." The reinstatement of the math major is effective July 1, 2006.

The faculties of both departments have been increased with the addition of former adjunct instructor Edward Strauman, Ph.D. as assistant professor of music, and Marilyn Ryan, SSJ, Ph.D. as professor of mathematics. ✨



## A Second Blooming: *Jean Robinson Turns 80, Enrolls in Graduate School*

by Anne Vey Stewart



“There’s someone in my course that you have to meet,” a student in the College’s master’s program in clinical and counseling psychology told me. “She’s 80 years old.” “Getting a masters?” “Yes, and she plans to go on for her Psy.D.” I was immediately guilty of making assumptions about type — in this case, an 80-year-old type — and vaguely pictured a frail person with blueish curls and sensible shoes.

Jean Love Robinson, the College’s oldest student, is tiny all right, but far from frail, since decades of dance lessons and yoga practice have endowed her with a sure grace. She is chic in a yellow sweater and corduroy jeans, with lustrous dark hair, a dazzling smile, and firm handshake. She gives me a copy of her autobiography, *How to Survive in Spite of Your Family*, written in

longhand over a 20 year period and published in 1996. The book, she offers, is a history of a black family in the twenties; it is also a frank account of the racism she faced in her own Philadelphia family as the only dark-skinned child in a light-skinned African-American family. Another person might have been crushed by the emotional abuse, but Jean, optimistic and spiritual by nature, turned the other cheek. She says simply, “Once I discovered that God loved me, it didn’t matter who else didn’t.”

Jean excelled at Philadelphia Girls High, and went on to graduate *magna cum laude* from Virginia State College. Afterwards, she reconnected with Leon Robinson, a childhood neighbor, and the two wed in 1948. The happy union would last 55 years. Leon was a psychiatrist and Jean taught physical education, then got her real estate license and managed apartment buildings. In between, the two raised a daughter and pursued an enriching life of shared values that included a commitment to volunteer work. Suddenly in April 2003, Leon died after taking a walk. Jean reflects, “The first phase of my life had a time frame of 78 years. The second phase, which I’m in now, defines and confirms my purpose for being born. I attribute this to my unusual response to widowhood when my wonderful husband died. I responded not by mourning his transition to God’s kingdom, but by celebrating his life by continuing to be the same happy, optimistic person he loved and admired, and to continue my personal growth, which he encouraged so much.”

Becoming a psychologist seemed a natural choice for a woman whose ability to forgive and reconcile had been her salvation. Jean is now in her second year of the master’s program with a concentration in marriage and family therapy, and maintains a 3.8 grade average. She volunteers at the Senior Citizens Center in Germantown and anticipates doing her practicum at the Germantown Home, a long-term care facility for the elderly. “I love my classes, adore my professors, and thoroughly enjoy and treasure the camaraderie and friendships that I’ve developed with my younger classmates. Since it will take five years for my next program, I will receive my doctorate degree in 2012 at the age of 86.” 🦋



**David Borsos, Ph.D. receives congratulations from President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. following the official announcement of his promotion to associate professor of psychology, effective July 1, 2006.** Borsos, who earned his Ph.D. from Temple University, joined the College in 1995, teaches theories of counseling and counseling techniques. 🦋

### Graduate Partnership With Emlen School Is Thriving

It’s time to buddy up on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the lunchroom at Eleanore Emlen Elementary School in Germantown. That’s when 200 sixth-graders and kindergartners pair up for buddy activities — the girls on Tuesdays, the boys on Thursdays. It’s all part of the plan of behavioral and academic supports devised by Chestnut Hill College, in partnership with the School District of Philadelphia, thanks to a continuing grant from the School Reform Commission. The grant was originally awarded in November 2004 and renewed in November 2005 due to the successes of goals laid out in the original grant. Among the yearly goals are to reduce suspensions and increase academic achievement and parental involvement. So far, suspensions have decreased by 35 percent, while reading assessment scores rose from three to six levels. A school-sponsored parent “movie night” in January (featuring the film *Madagascar*) drew more than 250 people versus the projected 75.

The project continues to support four graduate students from the College: Kristine LePonte and Marie Beresford from the education department; Judy Johnson from human services administration; and Alissa Brown from the department of professional psychology. Dr. Carol Pate, chair of the education department, is the project director, assisted by Dr. Stephen Berk, assistant professor of psychology, and former school psychologist David Kahn. Annual renewal of the grant could potentially go on indefinitely, says Dr. Pate. 🦋

# From the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations

## Reunions All Around

Plans continue to unfold for reunions of graduates of the three Schools of the College, beginning with the **School of Continuing Studies** (CED, Kirby Program, ACCELERATED). Alums will gather on Saturday, May 6, in the Sorgenti Arena of Martino Hall for their 1st Annual Reunion consisting of a cocktail reception hosted by the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations, followed by dinner.

The West Dining Room provides the setting for the 1st Annual Reunion of graduates of the **School of Graduate Studies** on Saturday, May 20, immediately following the School's 25th Anniversary Celebration Academic Conference. A cocktail reception hosted by the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations is planned. [See reunion invitation below.]

Graduates of the **School of Undergraduate Studies** will return for their traditional Reunion Weekend on June 2-4 for more than two days of fun, relaxation, and reminiscing. Reunion celebrants will enjoy several annual favorites plus a number of enhanced and new activities throughout the weekend. The full registration package will be mailed by early April.

Reunion Weekend closes on Sunday [June 4] with the annual Golden Griffins Brunch for the 50th reunion and earlier classes. This year, however, additional activities, opportunities to explore the surrounding area, and other downtime choices will be available for those who remain to enjoy the new, added event that occurs that evening — the Libris Society Celebration Dinner.

## Libris Society Celebration Dinner

The Libris Society Celebration Dinner, which will welcome new members chosen by a selection committee, begins at 5:30 on June 4 with cocktails. All alums, especially Libris Society Charter Members inducted during the College's 80th Anniversary celebration last spring, Reunion Weekend celebrants, and classmates, families, colleagues, and friends of this year's honorees, are encouraged to attend. Call 215.248.7085 or e-mail [garnettea@chc.edu](mailto:garnettea@chc.edu) by April 20th to request an invitation.

## Athletics Day Attracts Alum-Athletes, Young Alums

A number of alum-athletes of the last 25 years participated in Athletics Day at Chestnut Hill on January 20. The Admissions and Alumnae offices collaborative event consisted of a morning Athletics Open House and afternoon basketball double-header, followed by a post-game Alum Happy Hour at nearby Brittingham's Irish Pub. Alum-athletes were joined at the festivities by close to 30 young alums, women's basketball coach **Jackie deMarteleire**, Athletics Director **Bill Stiles**, and Alumnae & Alumni Association officers **Suzanne Schulz Dressler '71** and **Joanne Fink '76**. **Margo Mongil-Kwoka '80** traveled from the Baltimore area to join **Diane Wasyluk Iardella '87** from Wilmington and local residents **Julia King Gorniak '99**, **Kathleen McKenna Pestich '92** and

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*The Chestnut Hill College Alumnae & Alumni Association  
cordially invites all graduates of the School of Graduate Studies  
to the*

*First Annual Reunion  
Cocktail Reception*



*Saturday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.  
West Dining Room*



*Following the School of Graduate Studies  
25th Anniversary Celebration Academic Conference*

*Cocktail Reception courtesy of the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations*

Please call or e-mail the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations  
(215.248.7085; [garnettea@chc.edu](mailto:garnettea@chc.edu); [canningp@chc.edu](mailto:canningp@chc.edu))

**By Monday, May 9, for reservations.**



# From the Office of Alumnae & Alumni Relations

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**Christine McCrane '01** at the Open House in welcoming prospective students and parents, then staffing an information table during the lunchtime mini-fair. More formalized athletics-admissions ambassador activity is expected to evolve for these and other alum-athletes next year.

## College President Visits Alums

Sister Carol Jean Vale and VP of Institutional Advancement Lorraine Aurely '71 updated Southeastern Florida alums on College expansion, curriculum development, and other news during a luncheon on February 11 hosted by **Mary Lou Stafford McGill '54** at Jonathon's Landing in Jupiter. Additional visits and presentations to alums took place in March in Los Angeles and San Diego, each hosted by **Trudy Carlin Rutledge '63**, and in San Francisco, hosted by **Bonita Jones '79**. **Elizabeth Shafer Tetenbaum '70** and **Carole Wimberg Cadora '63** assisted with the Los Angeles and San Diego events.

## Reaching Out in Print, On Screen, and by Phone

In an effort to increase the frequency, timeliness, and dimension of communications with Chestnut Hill graduates, the alum office this year moved beyond traditional flyers to a series of blast e-mails and jumbo postcards. The newest items are a Spring 2006 Activities

postcard mailed to all alums in recent weeks and the Libris Society nomination postcard mailed in January. Alums with e-mail capability are asked to either register or update their addresses by contacting **alumni@chc.edu**. All alums are encouraged to check the College Web site [www.chc.edu/alum](http://www.chc.edu/alum) for continuous updates to the events calendar and to other news items. Electronic communication and other services are expected to increase with the introduction of an alum online community scheduled for implementation by iModules, Inc. during the next several months.

Alums from the class years ending in 1 and 6 will call classmates during an April 5-28 phonathon to encourage Reunion Weekend registrations. The phones also got a workout when students and Alumnae & Alumni Association directors rang alums during a March 20-31 Griffin Fund phonathon. This fundraising activity resumes at Chestnut Hill after several years' absence to solicit charitable gifts for the College's annual operating budget. The Griffin Fund, the new identity and name to what was traditionally known as the annual fund [and many years earlier as the alumnae fund], is the College's single most important annual philanthropic priority. 🦋

*Graduates of all schools of the College are encouraged to contact Director of Alumnae & Alumni Relations Patricia Canning '70 with news, comments, and suggestions by either phone or e-mail (215/248.7144; [canningp@chc.edu](mailto:canningp@chc.edu)).*



## Chestnut Hill College Travel Programs...

### 13-Day Greek Isles Cruise

July 2 - 15, 2006

Your journey will begin in the storied city of Venice, then you'll embark on the *Grand Princess* bound for the isles of Greece, such as the shores of the sunny island of Corfu. The trip includes stops in Athens, Naples, and Rome. There is a 2-night optional extension in Rome with exclusive private tours of the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museum. Fares for the regular cruise begin at \$3,416 per person, and include round trip air from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, or Newark, airport transfers in Europe, port charges and all meals and entertainment aboard ship. Taxes of approximately \$113 per person are additional.

### 9-Day Irish Heritage Tour

August 11 - 19, 2006

Your 9-day tour begins in Shannon as you sightsee by luxury motorcoach with a professional Irish tour director. The trip includes round trip air from selected U.S. gateway cities, airport transfers, 7 nights superior first class hotel accommodations with private bath, a daily sightseeing program, full Irish breakfasts daily, table d'hote dinners in Killarney, Waterford and Galway, a medieval banquet and entertainment in a 15th century Irish castle, a traditional Irish evening with dinner and entertainment at the Abbey Tavern, and admission to local attractions. Prices begin at \$2,494 per person with air from JFK. Prices do not include air taxes.

*For more information on these Alumnae/i Association sponsored trips, please  
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at 1-800-506-7447 or visit the Web site at [www.alumnivacations.com](http://www.alumnivacations.com).*



## Alum Lacrosse Star Megan McHugh '03 Returns as Head Coach

In her junior year of lacrosse play at the College, Megan McHugh '03 had the thrill of being featured in the *Sports Illustrated* column, "Faces in the Crowd," which highlights special accomplishments by amateur athletes. She was distinguished for scoring 99 goals that season and for finishing first in the country in Division III in scoring goals per game, with an average of 6.19 in 2002. McHugh went on to score a total of 284 goals and played in AWCC championship games in both lacrosse and hockey during her senior year. After graduation, she accepted a job teaching health, social studies, and language arts to the middle grades at Immaculate Conception School in Jenkintown, Pa. She kept up her sports chops as an assistant lacrosse coach

at Cheltenham High School and as an assistant for both lacrosse and field hockey at Widener University.

Now McHugh returns to the playing fields as coach of the women's lacrosse team, following up on a lead about the job opening from college friend Jen Johnson '05, now an admissions counselor at the College. Noting that the athletic program and facilities have expanded impressively since her graduation, Megan says, "I look forward to being able to coach using all the new and improved resources available to the student-athletes and myself. I also look forward to the challenge of being a head coach and competing on our newly constructed lacrosse field."

## *She Shoots! She Scores!*

### Bethann Castone '06 Drains 1,000th Career Point

by Meredith Nicholson '06

"Not only have the girls on my basketball team become my best friends, they're like sisters to me," said senior Bethann Castone, after scoring her 1,000th point\* for the Chestnut Hill College Griffins on January 19 in Sorgenti Arena. A history and secondary education major, Castone has been playing basketball ever since she can remember. "I grew up around it; it wasn't forced upon me," she said. "My four older brothers always played, and I begged my mom and dad to let me play too."

Castone grew up and still permanently resides in the blueberry capital of the world, Hammonton, New Jersey. Her mother, Rita, is a former nurse, and her father, Bill, is the vice principal of her high school, St. Joseph's in Hammonton. Castone's high school basketball team went to the state championships her freshman year and continued to make the playoffs each subsequent year. Along with basketball, she ran cross-country and track and received varsity letters all four years.

Even though there was some pressure around scoring her 1,000th point, Castone said she wasn't too worried about it. "My goal was just to beat the Gators [of College of Notre Dame, in Maryland] because we had previously lost to them," Castone said. "I also have a personal rival on that team who I played against in high school."

Chestnut Hill College has been a very good fit for Castone. "Honestly, I chose Chestnut Hill College because of basketball. I was getting recruited other places, but I noticed that Chestnut Hill was a small community where people could shine. If you're a shy person, it's a great place to become outgoing. It's a wonderful place to grow as a person, everyone is so nice—it just fit."

After graduation in May, Castone hopes to pursue a career as a high school history teacher as well as coach either for a high school or college women's basketball team. If she shows as much dedication to coaching as she has towards playing, somewhere there's a lucky group of young basketball players awaiting her arrival. 🐘

**\* At the end of the regular season, Castone's scoring had reached 1,159.**



### *The Athletics Open House on January 21*

*reunited former student-athletes* with Associate Professor of Physical Education Janice Kuklick (center). The alums were on hand to share their experiences with prospective students. From left to right: Margo Mongil-Kwoka '80, Kathleen McKenna Pestich '92, Kuklick, Julia King Gorniak '99, and Jodie King Smith '96, director of admissions. Not shown are Diane Wasyluk Iardella '87 and Christine McCrane '01. 🐘





**Bob Meyer, Ph.D., professor of biology, was invited to present at the Schuylkill Watershed Congress** at Montgomery Community College in Pottstown, Pa., on March 4. Meyer's presentation focused on "Using the Morris Arboretum's Wetland Project to Teach Ecological Principles." The lower portion of the Arboretum's acreage along the Wissahickon Creek abuts the Chestnut Hill College campus, and the two institutions share a collaborative relationship. Here, Dr. Meyer helps a Philadelphia city school student evaluate a creek sample during one of the College's watershed workshops. 🦋

## Scholars in Service Program: *Living the Mission*

"Service to one another and to the global community" is being realized this year through Scholars in Service to Pennsylvania, an innovative AmeriCorps Education Award program that provides financial grants to students in return for community service.

Students enroll as an AmeriCorps member on a part-time basis, and upon the successful completion of 450 hours of service, receive an AmeriCorps Educational Award of \$1,250, to be applied toward educational expenses any way the student wishes. In addition, the College's Financial Aid Department has generously supplemented the program by offering \$2,000 for both the fall and spring semesters, either through the Federal Work-Study program or through a Chestnut Hill College grant.

Mentoring these "scholars in service" are a campus committee that includes Dr. Marie Conn, professor of religious studies; Nancy Dachille, director of career services; Jackie deMarteleire, manager of experiential education; Crystal Filer-Ogden, director of financial aid; Rebecca Losinno, director of campus ministry; and Kristy Wilhelm, associate director of financial aid. They provide the scholars with leadership and organizational training, and with the opportunity to reflect on the impact the program is having in their lives.

The committee has recruited and is training 12 selected College students: Lydia Adams '09, Maria Bateman '08, Stacie Bray '06, Kristine Kozin '06, Jessica Lauren Lambert '08, James Lual '07, Isabel Merino '06, Heather O'Keefe '08, Idalia Ortiz '08, Gabrielle Waring '08, and Jennifer Wilmot '06. To date, these students have taken advantage of service opportunities through the SSJ Welcome Center, Global Education Motivators, the American Cancer Society, Variety Club, Teach for America, Carson Valley Day Care Center, Germantown Women's YWCA, and Project H.O.M.E.

The scholars were also an integral part of the planning and implementation of the College's first ever Volunteer/Service Learning Fair held on November 8, which attracted 23 organizations and more than 50 students. 🦋

## Athletics Calendar Spring 2006\*

### Home Games

### WOMEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

#### APRIL

Sun 2	D'Youville College	1:00 pm
Sat 8	Purchase College	1:00 pm
Sun 9	Polytechnic	1:00 pm
Thu 20	PBU	3:00 pm

#### MAY 6-7

Fri	AWCC's @ Mary Baldwin College	TBA
Sat	AWCC's	TBA
Sun	AWCC's	TBA

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE SCHEDULE

#### APRIL

Tue 4	York College	Home	4:00 pm
Fri 7	St. Thomas Aquinas	Home	3:30 pm
<b>APRIL 28-30</b>	<b>AWCC @ CND</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>

### 2006 MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

#### APRIL

Thu 6	PBU	Home	3:30 pm
Mon 10	Arcadia University	Home	3:30 pm
Thu 20	USP	Home	3:30 pm
Sun 23	Keystone College	Home	1:00 pm
Fri 28	NEAC Tournament @ Purchase	TBA	

**\*For the complete spring sports schedule, check the College's Web site at [www.chc.edu/athletics](http://www.chc.edu/athletics) and plan to support our teams at an away game near you!**

## ALUM NOTES

**IN MEMORIAM**

Mary Jane McGinnis McDonnell '37  
 Helen Leary, MMS, M.D. '38  
 Carol Burnham McQuade '39  
 Anne Marie Robrecht Rhodes '44  
 Mary Meehan Young '44  
 M. Elizabeth Carlson, MSBT '50  
 Joal Madden Norris '50  
 Audrey Fecht '52  
 Catherine Bradley Gould '52  
 Jane Woznik Lamb '61  
 Eleanor Barcklow Fellows '63  
 Mary Lou Smith Williams '63  
 Carol E. Kervick, Esq. '63  
 Roberta Brytcuk Williams '64  
 Mary Jane Deaves Hopkins, Esq. '85 SCS

**MARRIAGES**

Danyale Hammil '94 is now Danyale Hammil Small  
 Lori Homan '02 to William Rich  
 Christine Sokso '03, '05 SGS to Matthew Ellis

**BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS**

Alton Mark to Merewyn Furiga Sheeran '88  
 Bianca Rose to Lara Doyle Iannetta '90  
 Emma Grace to Jennifer Lauer Mastrangelo '96  
 Sierra to Jacqueline Sanchez Marelia '96  
 Francis John IV to Erin Whelan McCann '97  
 Anderson David to Meriann Reinoehl Lee '02

**ALUM NEWS****1940-49**

Gloria Perla Coe '46 reports that she and husband James "are still getting acclimated to life in New Mexico—the "Land of Enchantment" and are "thankful for our good health and dear friends and family."

**1950-59**

Patricia Whelan Bolger '51 and husband Garry "downsized to an apartment in September and have enjoyed a carefree fall and winter with no raking or shoveling to worry about." She reports that the Class of '51 luncheons "are on-going four times a year" and encourages interested classmates to call her for more information (610/527-4877).

**1960-69**

Mary Schuhsler Spangler, Ed.D. '64 was named by *Crain's Detroit Business* to the Top 400 list of "movers and shakers" in the newspaper's annual "Who's Who in Metro Detroit" for 2005. She was also elected to the prestigious Detroit Economic Club's Board of Directors. In February, she gave the keynote address, "The National Perspective on Homeland Security and the Role of the Community College," at the Homeland Security and Emergency Response Institute in Springfield, Illinois. Dr. Spangler is chancellor of the 75,000-student Oakland Community College, the largest community college in Michigan and 14th largest in the United States, and the recipient of numerous awards and citations for her leadership and scholarship in educational administration. In 1996, her dissertation on the president's role in developing a community college foundation won the

national John Grezenbach Award for Outstanding Research in Philanthropy for Education awarded by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

Kathleen Donahue Bruyere '66 and husband Tom have relocated from Baltimore to the San Diego area, enjoying "the lovely weather and being closer to some of Tom's family, especially four young grandchildren." She reports that as retired Naval officers, they will continue working with various volunteer organizations.

Susanne Stanton Regan '66 serves as director of religious education at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Rochester, N.Y., and co-directs the Resurrection Choir. Suzanne reports that her fourth grandchild is due in April.

Margaret McKee Madison '68 was profiled in the "Educator Spotlight" of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (December 4, 2005) as the first recipient of the Rancocas Valley (N.J.) Regional High School Lifetime Achievement Award. The Mount Holly school honored her for her 30 years' experience in teaching English, developmental reading, language arts, and basic skills. She earned a master's degree in reading education and administration at Rowan University and began her career as an English teacher in the Cherry Hill, N.J., school district before moving to Rancocas Valley in 1984, where she taught gifted and talented students and served as the basic skills department chair as well as the director of adult education. She led the school's Read Across America program, initiated a regional writing contest for seven districts, and mentored first-year teachers. In 1997, the International Reading Association presented her with the Constance McCullough Award for her literacy project that began as a book exchange program with the St. Francis Primary School in Kingston, Jamaica, and evolved into a teacher training exchange. She was named to "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 2000 and in 2005.

**1970-79**

M. Susan Dougherty Burke, M.D., FACP '75 was named a "Top Doctor for Women" by *Main Line Today* magazine in its December 2005 edition.

Rita Buckley Connelly, Esq. '75 was featured as the "Profile of the Week" in the Chester County, Pa., edition of *Town Talk* newspaper (December 28, 2005) for her advocacy for the abused. As executive director of the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County, Inc., Connolly has presided over "unprecedented growth" at the 30-year-old organization. The Media-based provider of domestic violence intervention and prevention is among Pennsylvania's oldest organizations of its kind and offers one of the largest programs in the state. The non-profit organization serviced more than 5,300 clients over the last year, offering counseling, emergency shelter, legal

representation in civil and criminal cases, medical advocacy, transitional housing, education, outreach, and a 24/7 emergency hotline. Connolly is a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, N.J. Her bachelor's degree in sociology and political science was followed by a master's degree in sociology at Bryn Mawr College and a law degree from Temple University School of Law. Prior to joining DAP three years ago, she held a number of executive positions in health care marketing and communications for Delaware County Memorial Hospital, a national non-profit corporate alliance of health care providers, and a private non-profit psychiatric hospital affiliated with the Albert Einstein Health Care Network. She was also a member of the adjunct faculty of Widener University for seven years, teaching courses in health care affairs, health care law, and sociology and has been a guest lecturer at the University of the Sciences since 2003. She served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Healthcare Marketing* from 1989 to 2004.

Patricia Kane-Vanni, Esq. '75 exhibited five illustrations at the "Teilhard's Legacy" Conference Art Show in the College's Dowley Art Gallery in November. Her paleo-art has been published in *Fossil Legends of the First Americans, A. Mayor* (Princeton University Press, 2005) and in *The Dinosauria*, 2nd Ed. (U. Cal. Press, 2004).

**1980-89**

Patricia Radick Metz '80 is teaching chemistry in the Parkland School District of Allentown, Pa. She received a second bachelor's degree, in chemistry, from DeSales University in January.

Maria Jonas Hobson '85, who earned a master's degree in education from Chestnut Hill's School of Graduate Studies in December 2004, teaches third grade in the Cheltenham (Pa.) School District.

Maryann Hartzell-Sado, DPM '86, who practices in the Lehigh Valley area, was recently elected to the executive board of the Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association.

Wanda Costello '88 SGS was profiled in the "Educator Spotlight" of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (January 22, 2006) for her leadership at the Corpus Christi School in Upper Gwynedd (Pa.). The article focuses on her management of a planned 29,309-square-foot, \$4.9 million addition to the K-12 school, which now enrolls approximately 500 students. The new space will include a wing for grades six, seven, and eight; wireless classrooms; expansion of fine arts programs through new music and art rooms; an honors math room, and enhancements to pre-K and K programs. Target date for completion is September 2007. Costello has been principal at the school since September 2001 and previously taught for 16 years at St. Stanislaus School in Lansdale. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Temple University



prior to her master's degree in elementary education from Chestnut Hill. Merewyn Friga Sheeran '88 resides in Chalfont, Pa., and is a registered nurse with Chestnut Hill Lodge Health and Rehabilitation.

Jane M. Fearn-Zimmer, Esq. '88 reports that her article, "Gay Marriage in Transition," a survey of the tax, estate planning and employee benefits ramifications of New Jersey's Domestic Partnership Act, was published in the January 8, 2006 "In Practice" column of *The New Jersey Law Journal*. She received her LL.M. degree in taxation in 2004 and is an associate with The Sharp Law Firm in Haddon Heights, N.J. She represents clients in special needs trusts, estate planning, estate administration, and elder law.

Michelle Omiatek Siegle '89 is the new accounting manager for the Warren Lightning Rod Co. in Collingswood, N.J.

**1990-99**

Robert Carr '93 SGS is a behavioral health specialist in the dementia therapy program with NewCourtland Elder Care Services.

Jacqueline Sanchez Marelia '96 is a pre-clinical document specialist with GlaxoSmithKline Research & Development.

Meghan Steinman Watson '98 reports that she was married two years ago and has recently accepted a full-time teaching position with The Charter School of San Diego, a dropout recovery high school that services all of San Diego. She will complete her studies for a master's degree in June while also assisting with a family limousine service, Avant Garde Limousine, LLC.

**2000-05**

Diane Felcyn '00, curator of education at the Telfair Museum of Art in Savannah, Ga., was named Museum Educator of the Year for the Southeast Region by the National Art Education Association. She had earlier received similar honors at the state level.

Stacy Schiele '00 recently opened her own business, Coltre Consulting LLC, a sponsorship consulting firm, located in Phoenixville, Pa.

Krithika Balasubramanian '01 is a second-year student in the Ph.D. program in biochemistry at the Temple University School of Medicine.

Christine Sokso '03, '05 SGS, who married Matthew Ellis on September 10, is a therapist and member of the case assignment committee with Creative Health Services in Pottstown, Pa.

Becky Stortenbecker '03 resides in Abington, Pa., and is a financial analyst with Sovereign Bank.

Jennifer Mowad '05 reports that she is "making lots of good money playing and designing games" for Nintendo. She is currently working on a game for eight- to 12-year-olds called "Search for the Porcupine Puffer." 🦔

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## The 25th Anniversary Celebration of the School of Graduate Studies

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**Keynote Speaker: Charles L. Brewer, Ph.D.**

The William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Psychology at Furman University  
"A Talk to Teachers: Bending Twigs and Affecting Eternity"

### Saturday, May 20, 2006

**APA CE's and Act 48 credits are available to those attending the conference.**

Further information on registration and the conference program is posted at [www.chc.edu/graduate/anniversary](http://www.chc.edu/graduate/anniversary)

## Senior Sara Colvin Works "Christmas Magic" at Homeless Shelter



Still slightly damp from an early morning swimming lesson at the College's pool, Sara Colvin '06 nevertheless sparkles when she arrives to talk about a project close to her heart: "Christmas Magic" for the homeless. It's close to her, she says, because of having known people in 12-step alcohol and drug programs, and understanding how addiction often leads to homelessness.

"Christmas Magic" is a non-profit group organized and named by Sara. Its success involved soliciting individuals and businesses for money, merchandise, food, and decorations to bring Christmas to 35 children (aged five months to 17 years) housed in a Red Cross shelter in Levittown, Pa. With the help of friends, by Thursday, December 23, the project was ready. "Fortunately, my brother has a big truck," she smiles, explaining how the accumulation of presents and goodies filled 35 white trash bags, each tied with a large red bow.

Now a senior, Sara completed an associate's degree at Bucks County Community College, then transferred to Chestnut Hill to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology. She chose the College, she says, because of its Christian-based values -- ideals that echo those she learned at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School while growing up in Croyden, Pennsylvania. As a high school student, Sara explains, she was required to do ten hours of community service work. "It opened my eyes," remembers the student. "There's a whole other world out there that needs me."

Sara expects to continue "Christmas Magic" next year and even to make it an annual event. She's already applied to graduate programs in psychology, but if that doesn't work out, she plans to work in a hospital like the Horsham Clinic, with an adolescent psychiatric unit. In the meantime, the commuter student has a full plate balancing her volunteer activities and school, mothering a seven-year-old daughter, and of course, learning how to swim to meet this graduation requirement. "I just make lists," she says cheerfully, "and cross things off." 🦔

## Special Events...

### School of Undergraduate Studies Reunion Weekend

#### Registration Phonathon

April 5 – 28

For classes ending in 1 & 6.

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### 12th Annual Biomedical Lecture Series

Dr. Joan C. Hendricks

Gilbert S. Kahn Dean of Veterinary

Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

“Lessons From Many Species About How  
and Why We Sleep”

Tuesday, April 18, 4 p.m.

East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall

Open to the public.

Information: 215.248.7159

### Information Sessions

#### School of Continuing Studies

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14, 6 p.m.

Social Room, Fournier Hall

Information: 215.248.7062

### Saturday Visits

#### School of Undergraduate Studies

April 22, June 24, July 15, 10:30 a.m.

Information: 215.248.7001

### Information Session

#### School of Graduate Studies

Saturday, April 22, 10 a.m.

Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall

Information: 215.248.7020

### Public Lecture

Chris Lowney, author of

“*A Vanishing World*”

Tuesday, April 25, 2006, 4:30 p.m.

Social Room, Fournier Hall

Open to the public.

Information: 215.248.7148

### Honors Convocation

Sunday, April 30, 1 p.m.

Speaker: Dr. Arthur Caplan

Director of the Center for Bioethics

University of Pennsylvania

Information: 215.248.7022

### School of Continuing Studies (CED, Kirby, ACCELERATED)

#### 1st Annual Reunion

Cocktail Reception & Dinner

Saturday, May 6, 6:30 – 10 p.m.

Information: 215.248.7144 or

e-mail [canningp@chc.edu](mailto:canningp@chc.edu)

### Baccalaureate Mass

Friday, May 12, 7 p.m.

Chestnut Hill College Chapel

### Commencement

Saturday, May 13, 2 p.m.

Speaker: Katherine Marschall, M.D. '69

Physician and Educator,

Yale University School of Medicine

### School of Graduate Studies

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*Ethics and Ethical Standards Across Disciplines*

Saturday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Charles L. Brewer, Ph.D.

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### School of Graduate Studies

#### 1st Annual Reunion

#### Cocktail Reception

Saturday, May 20, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

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### School of Undergraduate Studies

#### 2006 Reunion Weekend

June 2, 3, & 4

Classes ending in 1 & 6

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### Libris Society Celebration Dinner

Sunday, June 4

Cocktail Reception, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

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you'll be the first to know  
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