At its sessions on June 25-26, 2003, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education acted to reaffirm the accreditation of Chestnut Hill College. An evaluation team from Middl...
Class members who graduated in years ending in “3” and “8” – from 1933 through 1998 — came together to reminisce and reconnect at Reunion Weekend, held May 29 - June 1 at Chestnut Hill College. Wet weather limited some of the festivities, (such as the traditional campus walks) but no one left hungry. Attendees were treated to several epicurean repasts served by Chartwell’s Dining Service in Sorgenti Arena and the College’s newly refurbished dining room, from the Friday opening reception to Saturday night’s barbecue to Sunday’s farewell brunch. The highlight of Saturday’s champagne luncheon was the presentation of the Eleanore Dolan Egan ’28 Award for Outstanding Service to the Chestnut Hill College Alumnae/i Association to Elaine Bennett Davey ’65. (See sidebar).

President Carol Jean Vale toasted the entire audience, noting, “If you want to know the true worth of a college, look at the alumnae, at their quality of life and service, at their relationships with family, friends, and community, at their level of faith and belief in the religious dimension of life — this will tell you all you need to know about the college they attended.” Between meals, reunion-goers had the opportunity to attend special presentations, catch up at class meetings, and discover more about the roots of their alma mater at a special alumnae/i lecture given by Chestnut Hill College historian and professor Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L.

### REUNION APPEAL 2003

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### Elaine Bennett Davey ’65

 Receives 2003 Eleanore Dolan Egan Award

Nominating Elaine Davey for the Egan Award for Outstanding Service to the Chestnut Hill College Alumnae/i Association, Patricia Parrella Orlando ’68 wrote, “Ellie Egan would certainly have given the nod to Elaine if she were here today. Elaine has always given 100% effort and dedication to whatever job she has undertaken in alumnae affairs. Over the years, she has exhibited great leadership and vision. She is selfless, generous, and charming.” That endorsement was echoed by other alumnae, such as Jane Wilson Dunne ’50. “Elaine’s contributions have benefited the Alumnae/i Association in many differing areas. She has worked in an official and unofficial capacity whenever and wherever she was needed. She is a woman of deep faith and generous spirit - qualities that were encouraged and reinforced in her
Reunion ’03 At-A-Glance

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

Elaine Bennett Davey ’65 continued from page 2

four years at Chestnut Hill College.”

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

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

At Commencement 2003, Tradition Ends, Begins Anew

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

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

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

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

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Maiden Name _________________________________ Class Year __________
Address _________________________________________________________
Your News _________________________________________________________

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ALUM NOTES

IN MEMORIAM
Elizabeth Regorwy Dalsey ‘35
Zelphia Cohalan Brown ‘37
Mary Kerwin Byron ‘40
Josephine Zogby Moran ‘41
 Ruth Oltinger ‘42
 Margaret Lauman Ognes ‘51
 Carol Vauch Kennedy ‘52
 Phyllis Colacicco Marciano ‘53
 Patricia Burke Boguski ‘56
 Margaret Becker Ross ‘56
 Carolyn O’Donnell Consor ‘64
 Patricia Sweeney Leros ‘65

MARRIAGES
Anne Keeler McBride ‘48 to
John J. Manion, Jr.
Soror Pujyanna CED ‘95 to
Robert A. Mornillo, III
Theresa Salvatore ‘99 to Robert Hunsicker

BIRTHS
Sarah Beatrice-Katherine to Laurie
Ezroth-Meyer ‘96
Paola Giel to Lara Doyle Iannetta ‘90
Kevin Blake to Tara Ryan Kelsey ‘91
Andrew James to Pamela Rindock
DePetro ‘92
Casey John to Lise Cassarella Leonard ‘93
Emily Anne to Bridget Hill Panza ‘94
Nicolett Lejolie to Nicole Osher Rosen ‘95
Meghan Elizabeth to Joanne Hemming
Arnold ‘96
Keeyea Gloria to Michelle Lesko Keshk ‘97

1940 - 1949
Marjorie (Mep) Piga Crain ‘48, public
information officer for the Anne Arundel
County (MD) Department of Aging and
Editor of the Senior Services Directory.
She is also a member of the Board of
Directors of the Maryland Hall for the
Creative Arts in Annapolis.

1950 - 1959
Emily Binns, Ph.D. ‘52 has been elected to
the St. Hubert H.S. Hall of Fame.

1960 - 1969
Kathryn (Katie) Coyle Keegan ‘61 and
her husband, Jim, are the recipients of the
Mgr. Thomas J. Reese award for outstanding
community service to the
Catholic: Charities Organization of the
Diocese of Wilmington, DE. Bishop
Michael Saltarelli presented the award at
dinner honoring Katie and Jim.

1970 - 1979
Catherine Albanese, Ph.D. ‘72 has received a yearlong fellowship from the
John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation and also a Presidential
Research Fellowship in the Humanities
from the U. of California to complete her book “A Republic of Metics and
Metaphysicians: A Cultural History of U.S. Metaphysical Religion” to be
published by the Yale U. Press.

1980 - 1989
Maryann Kinsley ‘80 is the
Director of the Maryland Hall for the
Creative Arts in Annapolis.

1990 - 1999
Karen S. Bedard ‘90 is the
near-infectious disease consultant for
the New York City Department of
Health and Mental Hygiene.

2000 - 2009
Judith Ann ‘00 is the
Director of the New York City
Department of Health and Mental
Hygiene.

2010 - 2019
Kathleen Ludden (Katie) ‘10 is the
Director of the New York City
Department of Health and Mental
Hygiene.

2020 - 2029
Kathleen Corcoran Keene ‘68 is now a
high school math teacher in Greenwich, CT.

2030 - 2039
Mary K. Ludden, Ph.D. ‘39 has been
selected as the USDA Beltsville, MD Area
Distinguished Lecturer Award. Visit Dr.
Ludden’s research website at
www.ansr.ars.usda.gov/fhrl.

MARGARET MCKEE MADISON ‘68, a high
school teacher at Rancocas Valley, NJ. is the
2002 recipient of the Delta Kappa
Gamma Rose Award for Distinguished
Service & Accomplishment.

Ellen Miller ‘68 is chairing the Local
Arrangements Committee for the Special
Libraries Association’s annual
conference in NY and is the recipient of the
Distinguished Service Award of the
Association’s local chapter.

Maryann Kinsley ‘80 is the
Director of the Maryland Hall for the
Creative Arts in Annapolis.

J oanne Hayes-Rines ‘68 is the
publisher of INVENTORS’ DIGEST,
America’s only magazine for inventors.

Carol Panepinto Trojan ‘68 is the
director of special education of
Bensalem, NJ and is on the Board of
Directors of Women Rising of Hudson
County.

Terry Clark Trudeau ‘68 is the
administrator of the largest AIDS
service provider in Phila. She also
serves on the Board of Directors of the
Alums Lane Art Center.

Connie Parsons Wickersham ‘68 is the
manager of public affairs for
Merck & Co.

1970 - 1979
Comelia Mueller ‘73 is the smuggling
interdiction and trade compliance
officer for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Maryanne Kane, Ph.D. ‘78 is a music
specialist in the Upper Darby, PA School
District and an adjunct professor at
Rosemont College.

Bernadine Hugues Steinmetz ‘78 is
Teaching 4th and 5th grades general music in the
Rancocas Valley, NJ, is now a
high school math teacher in Greenwich, CT.

1980 - 1989
Celeste La Bella Morello ‘80 is
working on the third book in the series
“Before Bruno: The History of the
Philippines.” - Book One

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

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

Christina Vega is a social worker for Congresso De Latinos.

Daw n Vozy is a teacher in the Philadelphia School District.

Koari Watanae is a systems engineer for AT&T Global Network Service, Japan.

Devon Wilshe is a technology instructor (grades 1-3) for Norwood-Fontbonne Academy.

Class of 2002

School of Continuing Studies

ACCELERATED Degree Program

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

Colleen Dougherty is an instructor for Ewln Institute.

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

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

Valerie Harris is a senior accountant for Amerigas Propane.

Ronald Hoopes is an IS supervisor for Express Scripts.

Carolyn Israel is a systems administrator for Hunt Corporation.

Patricia Jackson is a senior counselor for Coleman Hall.

James Metzger is a lieutenant for SEPTA Transit Police.

Scott Saunders is a police officer for SEPTA Transit Police.

Keith Singleton is a therapeutic support staff member for NIFC.

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

ADVANCED DEGREES

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

Rosalie Papa Shaw ’63, Ed.D. in School Administration, Widener U.

Crystal McCain ACCL ’99, M.A. in Bilingual/Bicultural Studies, I.A Salle U.

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

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

FROM CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE

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

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

Michelle Ragunan ’87, M.S. in Administration of Human Services

Sandra Bumpgardner GD ’98, Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology

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

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

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

J. Meghan Broily ’95, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

J. Jacqueline Palmer ’97, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

J. Mark Alfaro, B.A. Dorm Director

Lynn Brandma, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Psychology

William Craig, B.S. Admissions Counselor

Nancy DeCesare, IHM, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Sociology

Edward Flocco, M.S. PC/Network Technician

Kenneth Grose PC/Network Technician

Barbara Hogan-Zarro, Ph.D. Coordinator for Spirituality and Healthcare Program and Clinical Pastoral Education Collaborative Program

Joseph Kulikowsky, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Biology

Mary Esther Lee, SSJ, M.A. (new title) Director of Admissions School of Continuing Studies

Mary Kate McCenna, B.S. (new title) Experiential Education Coordinator, Career Services/Facilities Rental Director

Brian Morris, B.S. (new title) Activities Coordinator/Women’s Basketball Coach

Jayne Masseth, B.A. Director of Admissions School of Graduate Studies

Brian O’Neill, B.S. Admissions Counselor/Financial Aid Officer

Katherine Ricci, B.S. (new title) Applications Coordinator, Office of Admissions

Kathryn Sonnie, B.A. Assistant to the Dean for Student Affairs

Father Ray Tribuziani Chaplain

Michael Williams PC/Network Technician

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

Angelene Freeman Payne ACCL ’99, M.Ed. in Elementary Education

Sandra Otter CED ’00, M.S. in Counseling Psychology and Human Services

Jennifer Tartaro ACCL ’01, M.S. in Administration of Human Services
Professor Guides Biomedical Series Into Tenth Year, Chairs National Conference in SpareTime

By Anne Vey Stewart

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

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

In 1994, Atchison persuaded no fewer than six leading researchers and physicians to appear at the College. This is remarkable given that the series pays no honorarium, and the speakers are among the busiest and most prominent men and women in their fields. Over the years, Atchison has personally persuaded Dr. Carlo M. Croce, director of the Jefferson Cancer Institute at Thomas Jefferson University, James Wilson, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Institute for Human Gene Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania, and Robert C. Young, M.D., president of Fox Chase Cancer Center, to come to Chestnut Hill College and impart their knowledge gratis. They have shared their time, says an appreciative Atchison, “purely through professional courtesy and personal generosity.” In 1995, she again managed to recruit six important lecturers. Only two lectures were scheduled in subsequent years, in part, she admits philosophically, “Because it is hard to expect very busy, very important people to give of their time.”

Still, the lecture series is going strong in its tenth year and neither the quality of the speakers nor the relevance of the subjects has declined. And Dr. Atchison's conviction that it is well worth her time and energies is also stronger than ever. She recognizes, as a scientist, that each part is essential to the whole. She feels that she has imparted a gift to her students and physicians to appear at the College. It is the way that Lakshmi Atchison seems to move through the world.

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

At press time, details on this year's Biomedical Seminar were not complete. Look for complete information in our next issue.
Student, Alumnae/i Accomplishments Highlighted at Honors Convocation

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

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

The 2003 Chestnut Hill College Alumnae/i Association Distinguished Achievement Award was unanimously voted to Stephanie Olexa, Ph.D., M.B.A., ’72 for her superlative educational and entrepreneurial accomplishments. Presenting the award is Alumnae/i Association president Regina Maxwell Schwille ’65 (left).

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

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

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

For more information, please contact Catherine Quinn, Director of Development at 215.248.7137 or e-mail cquinnchc@aol.com.

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

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

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College Receives $176,000 Bequest

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

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

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

Alums Are Key Connections for Students

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Information Sessions
School of Continuing Studies
ACCELERATED Degree Program
Tuesday, September 16, 2003
Wednesday, October 8, 2003
Thursday, November 20, 2003
6 p.m., Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7063

Founders Day
Monday, September 22, 2003
Information: 215.248.7110

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

Alumnae/i Association
Leadership Conference
Sunday, October 12, 2003
Information: 215.248.7144

21st Annual Golf Invitational
In Honor of Frands J. "Tim" Dunleavy
Monday, October 13, 2003
Whitemarsh Valley Country Club
Information: 215.248.7137

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

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

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

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

“The Kennedy Legacy: A Forty-Year Perspective”
Conference, Department of History and Political Science
Friday & Saturday,
November 21-22, 2003
Information: 215.248.7184

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

Alumnae/i Association
Christmas Open House
Sunday, December 7, 2003
Information: 215.248.7144

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

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

Bermuda Cruise
October 5, 2003
Sail aboard the NORWEGIAN SEA for a 7-night cruise departing from Philadelphia to one of the world’s most beautiful islands, Bermuda. Spend one night each in the ports of Hamilton, St. George’s and King’s Wharf, Bermuda. Prices begin at $878 per person and include all taxes.

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

Chestnut Hill College Travel Programs...