The mission of Chestnut Hill College is to provide students with holistic education in an inclusive Catholic community marked by academic excellence, shared responsibility, personal and professional growth, service to one another and to the global community, and concern for the earth.

Let's Talk About It: College Counseling Center Grows With Campus

On Sunday, December 2, 2007, the College's counseling center on the third floor of St. Joseph Hall was named in honor of Ann Durkin Montano, "a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, (who) was committed to higher education and personal integrity, as well as the cultivation of individual human potential and she exemplified those values throughout...

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$527,000 Grant Announced for SEPCHE Colleges

At a press conference held at Cabrini College on Wednesday, January 9, Senator Robert Casey (D, Pa.) announced that the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) will receive a $527,000 federally funded grant in support of the SEPCHE Institute for Mathematics and Science. Congressmen Patrick Murphy (D, Pa., 8th); and Jim Gerlach (R, Pa., 6th) joined Casey at the announcement along with the eight presidents of the SEPCHE schools.

Established in 2001 through a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Institute's efforts are directed toward advancing math and science literacy and accomplishment in the region's college and K-12 institutions, while ensuring that faculty are teaching and students are learning with state-of-the-art equipment and methodologies.

The SEPCHE Institute for Mathematics and Science prepares the next generation of leaders in two critical fields of world competitiveness. Through this federal funding, SEPCHE colleges are able to offer summer graduate workshops for K-12 teachers in the Delaware Valley to help enhance the quality of math and science curriculum and teaching resources.

“What brings us all together today is that we really believe that inside every child is a bright light burning within them….it is our basic obligation to make the investment so that bright...

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MAJOR FOCUS: MUSIC

By Anne Vey Stewart

When Fadlullah Ba’th ’09 began violin lessons at the age of three, he'd already absorbed a year's worth of instruction by watching other people play. Before he was even born, his mother, a voice major at Catholic University, simply fancied the image of a child violinist, and decided then that her future child would be a violin player.

“She just thought it was cute,” smiles Fadlullah, now a junior at Chestnut Hill. “She says now she never thought it would go this far!” But the Washington, D.C. native (Fadlullah translates to “By the grace of God” in Muslim) has indeed embraced his destiny. “I can’t imagine not playing the violin,” he says simply. Private music lessons and an accelerated schedule had him ready to start college at the age of 16. “I visited a lot of schools where you’d just be a number,” he says, noting that he took a class one semester at the University of Maryland, where “the teacher never even learned my name.”

Luckily, Chestnut Hill made the decision to reinstitute their once popular music major in time for Fadlullah’s enrollment. Kathleen McCloskey, SSJ, chair of the music department, explains the departure...

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her life. The Chestnut Hill College Counseling Center, whose mission is to encourage lifelong human growth and development, is thus a fitting tribute to her extraordinary warmth, empathy and personal generosity.

So reads the plaque to mark the endowment made by the late Ann Durkin’s husband, Arthur Montano, Esq., in recognition of her dedication to Chestnut Hill College and the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Sandy Montano Bumgardner, one of the College’s three therapists, earned three of her degrees from Chestnut Hill College (B.A., 1976; M.S., 1989; and Psy.D., 2003) and says with a smile that her mother Ann was so committed to the Sisters of Saint Joseph that neither she nor her three sisters (Sharon Montano Adams ’74, Cheryl Montano Hughes ’80, and Bernadette Montano Dronson ’84) “ever really had a choice about where we went to college. My mother used to drive us up here when we were girls to show us the campus.”

Sheila M. Kennedy, SSJ, Ph.D., also a graduate of the Class of 1976, didn’t know Sandy well then, but connected in the halls of the College, where Sandy was an adjunct psychology professor and seeking additional work. Fortunately for her, Sister Sheila Kennedy had assumed full-time directorship of the counseling center in August 2006 and was looking to add to a staff that already included Lisa Johnson, Psy.D. ’04 (M.S. ’92). Dr. Johnson, also a double degree-holder from the College, knew Dr. Kennedy from a clinical internship at CORA Services, Inc. The addition of Sandy completed the team.

Dr. Bumgardner focuses on adolescent development and assessment, Dr. Johnson specializes in gender and racial identity issues, and Dr. Kennedy’s studies concentrated on counseling issues. The schedules of all three are quite busy since the counseling center went to “full-time service” in 2006, operating from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from August through May, when the School of Undergraduate Studies is in session.

When asked what problems trouble today’s students, Dr. Kennedy allows that generally, “We’re helping with stress, depression, anxiety, relationships, and time-management issues.” The counseling center has established a series of “psycho-educational workshops” with sessions on grief and bereavement; relationships; body image concerns; coping with transitions for first-year and transfer students; and having healthy holidays. All three psychologists recently underwent BASICS training (an acronym for Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students), as part of a campus-wide program.

If the counseling center has a motto, offers Dr. Kennedy, it’s on a sign in the waiting room: No matter what happened yesterday, today is full of hope and promise. “We’re here to strengthen and support the positive aspects of personality,” says Dr. Johnson. Dr. Bumgardner agrees, “One goal is to identify patterns of negative thinking and replace them with the practical orientation of developing coping skills and problem-solving skills.” She adds thoughtfully, “This center is really a fitting tribute to my mother, who believed in lifelong growth and development, that we could always become better people. That embodies the spirit of this counseling center.”

Major Focus: Music

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and the subsequent return of the music major. “With the Class of 2004, the final music education majors graduated from the College. That fall, there were several inquiries concerning the major even though it did not exist. The addition of young men on campus strengthened the interest. During the 2004-2005 school year, we lost several students because of no music program. So with the support and approval of President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ and the College’s board of directors, the music program was reinstated in the fall of 2005.”

As a music major, Fadlullah practices two to three hours a day and takes private violin lessons at an outside studio, which the music department located, to meet his needs. He commends his academic advisor, Sister Kathleen McCloskey for her ready availability and responsiveness, even moving the students’ concerts from midweek to Sundays so Fadlullah’s family have time to travel from Maryland to hear him play. It’s a reward he treasures.

Fadlullah belongs to the Chestnut Hill College Orchestra as well as the city youth orchestra, Philadelphia Sinphonia. He minors in computer science and plays basketball with friends for exercise, but his consuming passion remains the violin. “I go to College for what I have fun doing.” Mother knew best, after all.

You can hear Fadlullah and other students play at the spring recital on Sunday, April 6, at 4 p.m. in the East Parlor of St. Joseph Hall, and on Sunday, April 27, at 4:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium.
scintillating light inside of a child can burn ever brightly,” said Casey. “Whatever that child’s potential is, whether the brightness of their potential is limited or boundless, we have to make the investment and make them a priority and do everything we can so they can achieve their potential, especially in the important subjects of math and science.”

Formed in 1993, SEPCHE is a nonprofit consortium of eight independent higher education institutions in the Greater Philadelphia region who engage in a collaborative approach to the challenges of higher education and work together to promote quality and efficiency of academic programming, student access, faculty development, institutional operations and community outreach, through sharing a range of activities, services, technology and information. Member schools of SEPCHE include Arcadia University, Cabrini College, Chestnut Hill College, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Holy Family University, Immaculata University, Neumann College, and Rosemont College.

Collectively, SEPCHE awards more master’s degrees in education than any other institution in the State and is the largest provider of teaching credentials in the Delaware Valley.

$527,000 Grant Announced for SEPCEH Colleges

Profiles in Planned Giving: The Pollitt Sisters

Though just two years separated by birth, Mary Pollitt ’58 (left) and Joan Pollitt ’69 (right) graduated from the College more than a decade apart. Mary took the more traditional route, enrolling after high school and choosing English literature as her major. She became an honors student who wrote her thesis on T.S. Eliot. “I wish I could do it all over,” she says of her classes, mentioning Father Lynch’s “marvelous Shakespeare courses” and the magic poetry recitations by Anne Edward Bennis, SSJ. Mary affirms, “I incorporated a lot of her ideas when I taught myself” as an English teacher to 10th, 11th, and 12th graders at Bartram High School in inner-city Philadelphia until her retirement in 1993, when she became an adjunct professor in English at Temple University. “Students told me that I was the most practical teacher they ever had,” she says with quiet modesty.

Joan, in contrast, trained as a registered nurse and was employed by the College in 1965, where she was afforded free tuition as she studied psychology. “As an older student,” Joan reflects, “you have a different perspective on learning. I loved the experience of being a student! I was so happy to get an overall education in many things, like philosophy and theology, and I loved the atmosphere of the campus as well as the classroom.” After earning her bachelor’s degree, Joan instructed student nurses in all areas of clinical nursing and lectured in basic psychology, retiring in 2001.

Mary and Joan Pollitt share a retirement life nurturing the passions cultivated at Chestnut Hill: voracious reading, museum and gallery visits, travel, and even a drama program with the cultural forum they’ve established at the Granite Farms life care community in Media, now their home base.

Because of their lifelong gratitude to the College, the sisters have been faithful to their alma mater with pledges to a variety of appeals: the Capital Gifts Initiative, The Griffin Fund, the Reunion Giving Fund, and the SugarLoaf Hill Development Fund. Now, Mary and Joan have become members of the College’s Hallmark Society, meaning they’ve designated the College as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift – a very special and important form of financial support.

Consider becoming a member of the Hallmark Society yourself – it’s one extraordinary way you can pay tribute to the Chestnut Hill learning tradition that’s enriched your life.

For additional information about the Hallmark Society and other planned giving opportunities, please contact Director of Planned Giving, Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ, at 215.753.3617 or e-mail shevlandm@chc.edu. A variety of planned giving options are also available on our Web site at www.chc.planyourlegacy.org.
WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

Men's Basketball
Youth is the theme for the 2007-2008 men's basketball team, with 1,071 of the Griffins' 1,195 points (89.6%) being delivered by the freshmen and sophomores. With nine contests left at press time, the Griffins are 3-15 overall and 2-6 in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). The team claimed their first win of the year on a last second three-point shot in overtime from freshman guard Kevin Whaley, landing the Griffins their first National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II and conference victory, 84-83 over Dominican College on January 5. The Griffins later secured wins over conference rival, The University of the Sciences on January 17, and Columbia Union College on January 24.

Whaley is one of four underclassmen leading the Griffins in scoring. Sophomore guard Julian McFadden is at the head of the pack with 13.8 points-per-game. He's followed by backcourt partner, freshman guard Brandon Williams. Williams has provided 13.5 PPG while also leading the Griffins in steals (31) and assists (53). Williams and McFadden have proved to be an even more potent duo in conference play, ranking third (17.9) and tenth (15.0) among the CACC scorers. Freshman forward Trenton Davidheiser has manned the paint this year, contributing 10.4 points-per-game and leading the team in rebounds with 6.8 per contest. He's recorded four double-doubles to date. Whaley has been the Griffins weapon off the bench. Draining 27-of-84 (32.1%) from beyond the arch, Whaley is averaging 10.2 PPG.

Sophomore forward Larz Jeter has been the glue in the Griffin defense, leading the squad in blocks (10), and placing second in steals (23) and rebounds (4.7). He's also first in free throw shooting (26-of-33, 78.8%), helping to rank the Griffins first among the CACC members in team free throw percentage (257-of-358, 71.8%).

Women's Basketball
The Griffins opened the year winning two of their first three contests, defeating Dickinson College in their season opener, 52-49, and topping Delaware Valley College three days later 62-54. They picked up their first conference and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II victory on January 17, with a 75-63 defeat of Post University.

The Griffins' post players have been the focal point of this year's squad. Senior forward Tara Walsh and sophomore forward Jenna Beck have combined for 12 double-doubles this season and rank one and two, respectively, in scoring. Walsh is averaging 12.9 points-per-game and was recently recognized by the CACC with back-to-back honorable mentions among the conference weekly award winners. She recorded a career-high in points against Lincoln University on January 26 with 22 points; she also tied her career mark for rebounds in that contest grabbing 14. She ranks tenth in the conference in rebounds-per-game (7.7), fifth in blocks (24), and first in free throw shooting (60-of-71, 84.5%). Beck has also shined in the paint, coming in second in scoring for the team with 11.3 PPG while also leading in rebounding (8.3 RPG). She's the eighth best rebounder in the conference this year and ranks in the top 30 in scoring.

Sophomore guards Katelin Formica and Carley Glass have shared the point position this season, combining for 5.6 assists-per-game (APG) and 28 steals on defense. Junior forward Marianne Finfrock and freshman guard Jessica Pruiti have been the Griffins' top players off the bench and have combined as the team's outside shooting threat.

Contributed by Greg Gornick, athletics communications coordinator

For the College athletics calendar for spring sports, visit the College's Web site at www.chc.edu/athletics and plan to support our teams at home – or at an away game near you!
SUGARLOAF HILL FUNDRAISING EFFORTS
The College continues to raise funds for the SugarLoaf Hill Initiative: Expanding our Vision, Extending our Horizon. To date, the telemarketing campaign has raised over $751,000 in one-time and multi-year pledges from more than 1,500 graduates, parents, and friends. Many of these donors have enhanced their gifts to the College by requesting a matching gift from their company of employment. In addition to these pledges, the College has received more than $316,000 in cash contributions to the SugarLoaf Hill initiative since July 1, 2007.

Your generous financial response to this important campaign manifests your continued faithful commitment to the future of Chestnut Hill College and our students. Thank you!

2007-2008 APPEALS Griffin Fund Appeal

The Griffin Fund appeal, supporting annual unrestricted operations, was mailed in October, December, and February. This year's appeals include a letter campaign, as well as a special postcard sent only to young alums in classes 1992 to 2007 encouraging them to make a minimum gift of $10 online or by mail.

Names of these young alumni were placed in a raffle for a free iPhone or GPS. Another raffle will occur in July for gifts made between January 1 and June 30, 2008.

Congratulations to Jane DeSilverio ’93 SCPs, winner of the fall raffle. We are most grateful to Jane who donated the value of her prize back to the College.

To date, The Griffin Fund campaign for unrestricted funds has yielded gifts of more than $480,000 from 714 graduates, parents, and friends.

Reunion Fund Appeal

During the fall semester, alums in Reunion classes received a mailing asking them to consider an additional gift to the College – above and beyond their usual annual gift – in honor of their Reunion. This special appeal gives Reunion alums the opportunity to choose from a variety of options that reflect their interest in specific needs of the College; such as, Griffin Fund, SugarLoaf Hill, general endowment, special class fund, or some other designation of their choice.

Gifts from Reunion class members received from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 will count toward the total for each class. Help your class reach its goal of 100 percent participation!

Whatever purpose you choose to support, your gifts help to provide the financial and spiritual foundation on which this College stands. Your generosity helps make the difference between a good education and a great one for our students! THANK YOU!

THE LEGACY OF 1968
APRIL 4-5, 2008

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

BHELDON HACKNEY, Ph.D.
Boas Professor of History,
University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Hackney specializes in the history of the American South since the Civil War, with an emphasis on the Civil Rights Movement in particular, and the 1960s in general.
Friday, April 4, 4:00 p.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall

CAROLSE FINK, Ph.D.
Professor of History,
The Ohio State University
Dr. Fink, a widely published specialist in historiography, is co-editor of the essay collection, 1968: The World Transformed. (Cambridge, 1998)
Saturday, April 5, 1:00 p.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall

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a pivotal year that witnessed the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., the Democratic National Convention, the election of Richard Nixon, the Tet offensive, and the My Lai massacre. The Prague Spring and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, student riots in Paris and elsewhere were among the worldwide expressions for change. Culturally, 1968 also witnessed the publication of significant works in literature, music, and art.

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For more information, please contact Donna Smith, Chestnut Hill College Office of Academic Affairs.
smithdo@chc.edu or 215.248.7022

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
In December 2004, the sudden death of Father Charles Pfeffer from a heart attack at the age of 53 rocked the world of his circle of friends—and there were many.

Monsignor Francis X. Schmidt, his mentor throughout his priestly career; the hundreds of youths he counseled as director of The Office for Youth and Young Adults (OYAA); his colleagues from the Catholic Leadership Institute; the students he taught as an adjunct professor at the Center for Ministry Development; the lives he touched in parish ministries, and as chaplain and director of the Newman Center at the University of Pennsylvania. But possibly no one missed him more than Jeannemarie Jordan, SSJ, who says, “He was my best friend for some 30 years—my bud.”

Known always as Father Chuck (“My father is Charlie,” he used to say), the two met at Our Mother of Sorrows parish in West Philadelphia when he was a seminarian and Sister Jeannie a first grade teacher. They were instantly simpatico, bonded especially by a sense of humor. Sister Jeannie, who coached basketball and treated her players to McDonalds on Saturdays, recalls, “Every once in a while, I got an envelope full of money to pay for the meals, and I couldn’t figure who was doing it. It turned out to be from Chuck—he gave me whatever he had so the children could eat at McDonalds. Nothing material was ever important to him.”

Father Chuck was, by all accounts, a big man with an even bigger laugh—the kind that’s so infectious it makes everyone in the vicinity laugh too. To read his eulogies is to come away sensing that he was truly “a great shepherd” and larger than life. Monsignor Schmidt lit upon an idea to honor that life and invited Sister Jeannie, Chuck’s best friend, to be part of the planning.

“Father Chuck’s Challenge” (www.fatherchuckschallenge.com) was formed in cooperation with Food for the Poor, Inc. to raise enough money to provide housing in the rural village of Bijagual, Nicaragua, one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. Fifty prefabricated concrete homes required $155,000 in funding, and by fall of last year, the goal had been reached and surpassed through direct donations, drives at schools and parishes, and through priest friends of both Monsignor Schmidt and Father Chuck.

In December, Sister Jeannie, administrative assistant in the College’s physical plant office, received a call inviting her to attend the dedication of “Father’s Pfeffer’s Village” in Nicaragua on January 9, 2008. Since she’d only been on a plane three times and had never left the country, Sister Jeannie recalls, “But I was told the money had become available to send me. In a couple of weeks, I had my passport and vaccinations. It was all a sign.”

The 28 people in the pilgrimage from Philadelphia arrived in Managua, Nicaragua on January 8 and made the 100-mile trip to Father Chuck’s village, Bijagual, the next day. (The party was escorted everywhere by open cars with soldiers wielding machine guns—a typical safety measure in that country, explains Sister Jeannie.)

Nevertheless, the villagers welcomed their guests by laying out a pathway of vines over the mud—“their red carpet,” Sister Jeannie describes it — leading to the new community house where mass was celebrated. The group then went through the village for the blessing of the modest new homes, painted bright colors by their proud and grateful owners. “Some wouldn’t come near us,” says Sister Jeannie, “and I felt sad because I couldn’t speak Spanish to communicate.” She says the villagers don’t shake hands, but stroke you gently on the arm to convey thanks.

The last sights shown to the Philadelphia visitors the day before they departed Nicaragua, was a 15-foot deep dump littered with every imaginable form of debris and garbage. Visitors to the site must sign in as the dump is patrolled by police to prevent fights from breaking out among the villagers who visit it daily to rummage.
The homes in Father Chuck’s village are built on a gentle downslope.

The Office of Institutional Advancement welcomed Joseph A. Martino to the team on January 28 in the newly-created position of Director of Advancement Services, where he’ll coordinate and facilitate the College’s mission in the areas of donor stewardship, stakeholder relations, alumni records, and database security and integrity. Previously Joe was with Bishop Shanahan High School in Downingtown, Pa. for six years, serving as the technology curriculum integration specialist, then as a technology and theology teacher, and most recently as technology coordinator and Webmaster and director of publicity and advertising. Prior to that, he nurtured his affinity for technology over a decade, working variously as a consultant, chief technology officer, technology systems provider, and systems designer. Joe earned a B.S. in management information systems from Saint Joseph’s University and two master’s degrees in business administration and applied theology from Wheeling Jesuit University in West Virginia.

Farewell to Bill Wadlinger, director of academic computing, who retired on February 8. He came to the College from Arcadia University (then Beaver College) in February, 1999 at a time when Beaver was completely restructuring its IT organization. At the same time, a door opened at Chestnut Hill that gave him the opportunity to take on greater responsibility as Director of Academic Computing. Bill reflects, “I’m proud to have had a role in developing the College information infrastructure and have had many truly excellent staff members without whom it couldn’t have happened, as well as excellent support from “on high”: Sister Mary Jo Larkin and Dr. William T. Walker.

In turn, Sister Mary Jo says, “Bill has the wonderful capacity to communicate with clarity, and best of all, with remarkable humor. His fabled repertoire of amusing stories balances his technical expertise. He arrived at Chestnut Hill when the challenges of limited funding and, in most areas, an aging infrastructure. His wide ranging interests, from folk-dancing and ethnic music to the newest developments in computer networks and, in most areas, an aging infrastructure. His wide ranging interests, from folk-dancing and ethnic music to the newest developments in computer networks and programs, will surely afford him an abundant agenda in retirement.”

Dr. George McKenna was appointed Acting Vice President for Information Technology to the College in January. Said President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., “Dr. McKenna has had an extensive professional background in IT, including 20 years at the University of Pennsylvania. He will be responsible for all technology at the College – both academic and administrative. We are confident that combining these two areas of technology under a new vice president will result in enhancing efficiencies and more integrated planning.

for food and scraps of plastic that might be gathered and sold.

Sister Jeannemarie Jordan will never forget the image of the dump or of the 113 families who live in shacks inside the dump or on its outskirts. It’s one thing to read about poverty; another to witness it. “It was eye-opening to see just how poor the people are. We have everything we want and more, and their world is filled with hopelessness and lacks opportunities.” Father Pfeffer’s Village is at least one more light in the darkness.
With the goal of opening the Lodge at SugarLoaf Hill for student occupancy in August 2008, contractor Haverstick-Borthwick is well underway with renovations. We’ll be bringing you a series of pictorial updates to keep you informed of the progress!

The first order of business, after an eight inch fire line was installed, was to create an access road for construction vehicles entering from Germantown Avenue up through the interior of the SugarLoaf property. The road was nearing completion in February.

The view from the Greenfield Mansion’s backyard shows the beginning stages of roof replacement to the Lodge, which has 32 rooms that will be converted for student residence use. So far, the carpeting and wallpaper have been removed from the rooms for mold remediation. New drywall and windows will follow.

The interior of the Lodge will be completely renovated to meet the needs of our students, with the installation of air conditioning, sprinkler systems, and cables for wireless technology and television.

In Memoriam

Consuelo Maria, SSJ, (Elizabeth T. Aherne), age 92, died on December 27, 2007, at St. Joseph Villa, Flourtown, Pa. A graduate of John W. Hallahan High School, Elizabeth was awarded a scholarship to Mount Saint Joseph (Chestnut Hill) College. She entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1933, and her first ministry was teaching elementary school in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

After earning her Ph.D. from The Catholic University of America, Sister Consuelo taught at Chestnut Hill College for 21 years. In 1968, she was elected a member of the General Council of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She served as assistant superior general and oversaw the finances of the Congregation. During her tenure, she borrowed money to enable the Congregation’s incorporation into Social Security and paid off the debt for Saint Joseph Villa.

Sister Consuelo returned to Chestnut Hill College until she became a resident at St. Joseph Villa in 1993. Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ offered these insights about her friend and colleague: “A faithful Sister of Saint Joseph, she understood the history and the charism of the Congregation, and modeled it for others. Her memory will live on not only through her many accomplishments but most of all because of the compassionate, caring person that she remained through her long life.”

Donations in her memory may be made to Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.

Mary Harold, SSJ, (formerly Florence Anne Knox), died at St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown, Pa. on January 6, 2008. She is survived by her sister Mary Jane, her brother Harold and his wife, Renee, and nieces and nephews.

She entered the Sisters of Saint Joseph at the age of 17 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Chestnut Hill College, a master's degree from Columbia University, and a master's degree in Montessori elementary education from Xavier University. After years of traditional teaching, she began Montessori training. Sister Mary Harold later said, “I got a reward from learning Montessori the way a child gets the reward out of learning—it's a joyous way of learning.” She brought Montessori Education to Norwood-Fontbonne Academy and then introduced a Montessori and Early Childhood teacher training program at Chestnut Hill College.

Mary Dacey, SSJ, related of Sister Mary Harold, “When she found some of the changes in religious life challenging or difficult, she used the analogy of her Montessori teaching—to see things from another point of view. When she gave up community living to care for her family, she began a special ministry of supporting other sisters who were caring for their family members—writing to them often to share community news and to keep up their spirits. She continued that ministry even after she came to the Villa in 1996.” Donations in her memory may be made to Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118.
Go Griffins!

As most of you can tell, over the past two years I have amassed quite a collection of Chestnut Hill College attire. I have T-shirts and sweatshirts, golf shirts and sweatpants, hats, and even a beach towel. This wasn’t the case until I became president of the Alumni Association.

Before that, I wore University of Notre Dame attire. This dates back to a boyfriend from the early ’80s, who had graduated from Notre Dame. On fall Saturdays he would arrive at my house (I lived with my mom then) with a cooler of beer that he plopped down in the living room. He then proceeded to rearrange the living room furniture for optimal TV viewing. If you knew my mom, none of her four children could ever have gotten away with such a thing, but he did. It may have been because he was the first, and only, Catholic boy I ever dated. And so we rooted and cheered for good old Notre Dame. My life as a Notre Dame fan lasted far longer than the relationship.

Wearing Notre Dame gear you hear lots of “Go Irish!” I’d even get a high five if the team was having a good year. I ran into Notre Dame grads in Santa Barbara, Capetown, and Key West. So, when I became president of the CHC Alumni Association, I thought it only right that I start showing some spirit for my own alma mater.

As I began to wander the earth in my CHC gear, I thought it was inevitable that someone, somewhere might one day say “Go Griffins!” or “Hey, I went there!” And then, I could take a picture of us together for the newsletter, and write about my amazing chance encounter with a fellow alum.

Well, as I was climbing the Great Wall of China last spring, I thought the moment had arrived! I was struggling up stairs as tall as my legs, when a man descending looked at my shirt and said, “Chestnut Hill…” I looked up at him, wild with anticipation. “Where’s that?” he finished. I explained, and disappointed, I continued up the wall. In retrospect, it was probably best he had no connection with the College. Any photo taken after climbing more than 3,000 steps would have been less than flattering.

Shortly after I returned to the U.S., I was at the College for Reunion Weekend and missed a 50th birthday party at home. Someone at the party asked where I was, and when a woman in the group heard I was at Chestnut Hill for Reunion Weekend, she responded, “Hey, I went there!” There it was, the chance encounter, and where was I? At Chestnut Hill!

Chestnut Hill College has played an important role in all of our lives that need not end with graduation. There are many ways for us as alumni to remain a part of the College community. You don’t have to wander the earth in hopes of a chance encounter to be a part of things when you can just go to CHC Griffins Online!

Be well!

Joanne Fink ’76

P.S. Mary from the 50th birthday party, if you read this, call me. I lost the cell phone with your number in it. Or better, yet, log in to www.CHCgriffinsonline.com and send me an Instant Note.

REUNION OF THE STARS

celebrates all the stars in the Classes of

JUNE 6-7-8

It’s lights, camera, action…and so much more than Reunion Luncheon,
It’s a full get-away weekend — Friday through Sunday — planned just for you.
It’s red-carpet events and new attractions since your last reunion, including:
★ Steier Friday afternoon “Nourish Your Mind, Body & Spirit” personal enrichment and education sessions
★ Variety of Friday and Saturday late-night activities
★ Air-conditioned all-suites accommodations…and more than just a few surprises.

It’s the first presentation of two new five-star events for Golden Griffins: a cocktail reception for the 50th Reunion Class, hosted by the president of the Alumni Association, and the Class of 1958 induction into the Golden Griffins, each welcoming Golden Griffin Spouses.

What did they say last year?
"I wish I had been able to attend more functions. The variety offered — in particular, the [Friday] lectures — was excellent. I will definitely plan on attending for the whole weekend next time...”
- Eileen Menegus Babalis ’57

We don’t want you to have any regrets. Make plans now to be here for a bosso weekend. Come back to Chestnut Hill, come back to where you once belonged… and still do. Be sure your name is on the “A” list when the Box Office opens on June 6.

The Reunion of the Stars invitation brochure arrives in alumni homes through March 31. Registration through www.CHCgriffinsonline.com is encouraged.

For reunion program comments and questions: Patricia Canning, director of alumni relations, 215.753.7144 (canning@chc.edu). For registration and event information: Jennifer Johnson, special events & projects manager, 215.753.3666 (johnson@chc.edu)
The Alumni Director’s Corner by Patricia Canning ’70

Reunion Weekend 2008 ... Be Sure Your Star Shines on June 6

Plans for Reunion Weekend 2008 — this year themed the Reunion of the Stars — have been completed. All alums from School of Undergraduate Studies classes ending in 3 and 8 are encouraged to visit www.chc.edu/reunion for a full description of the red-carpet events and the feature attractions that are new since last gathering five years ago. Reunion of the Stars is so much more than Saturday’s luncheon. How do Stars Under the Stars Night...Casino Royale Night...air-conditioned, all-suites accommodations...a choice of stellar personal enrichment and educational sessions sound? (And that’s only scratching the surface. Don’t miss the lights, cameras, action! Online registration on the College’s password-protected site is encouraged for this enjoyable get-away weekend. Be sure you’re on the “A” list when the Box Office opens on June 6.

With and For Alumni...and Future Alums

The second year of collaboration between the Career Services and Alumni Relations offices transformed the traditional Backpack-to-Briefcase Week into Backpack-to-Briefcase Month throughout February. Annual tried-and-true events included Resumé Rx, Interviewing for Success, the Etiquette Dinner, and the Government Career Information Fair. Two new events joined this year’s line up. The Student-Alumni Networking Reception introduced students to alums working in a variety of occupations and professions, while “Money Management for New Grads: You Can Have It All...With the Right Planning” featured tips and guidelines from the local Edward Jones Investments representative. This 90-minute session was also offered to all young alumni and to all College staff who graduated from any college within the last 10 years.

Surveys will be mailed to graduates of the School of Continuing & Professional Studies and the School of Graduate Studies regarding activities and services of interest to them. Of particular importance is feedback concerning reunion events for alumni of these two Schools of the College.

Manasquan, New Jersey’s Algonquin Arts Theater was the site of a wine, cheese, and beer social immediately preceding an evening performance of “Singing Astaire: A Fred Astaire Songbook” on February 8. The Jersey Shore Chapter (primarily Monmouth County) of the Alumni Association co-sponsored this pleasant social event with the local chapter of the Villanova University Alumni Association. Mary Kaufmann Ryan ’66 and Art Ryan (Villanova ’65) chaired the evening’s festivities, which featured acclaimed NYC cabaret singer Hilary Kole and partners.

Haven't logged in yet? Misplaced your announcement flyer? Lost your ID number?

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

Add your name to the more than 675 alums who registered within the first six months of operation!

Discover for yourself the terrific free features and services now available through CHC Griffins Online.

Once you log in for the first time, you’ll be able to search the alumni directory, send e-mails and instant notes to friends and classmates, register for alumni and other College events, post wedding, baby, and other family photos, display your resume, receive instant news from the College, list classifieds, and so much more.

Reunion Weekend 2008 alums — be sure to sign on to save yourself a stamp and time by registering for your Reunion of the Stars activities on www.CHGriffinsOnline.com

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

Keep in touch with your friends and classmates! Career news, advanced degrees, births, marriages, deaths – whatever your news, share it via the Chestnut Hill College Newsletter. Submit your items by April 15, 2008 to be considered for print in the next issue.

4 Easy Ways to Submit Your Alum Note

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2. FAX TO: 215.248.7196
3. MAIL: Patricia Canning
   Director of Alumni Relations
   Chestnut Hill College
   9601 Germantown Avenue
   Philadelphia, PA 19118
4. ONLINE: Visit www.chcgriffinsonline.com and register to be part of this new online community!
IN MEMORIAM
Margaret Yanouch Berry ’32
Mary Nurtney ’37
Lydia Aponte Bacque ’42
Helen Del Niembte Marcellus ’44
Margaret Adams Dugan ’45
Tullia Giordano Gionboy ’49
Jane Wilson Dunne ’50
Madeline Murphy Reid ’70
Carol Keenan Dormuth ’72
Christine Callaghan ’74
Frank Schramm ’80 SGS

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS
Jason Robert to Rhea Canfora Borbotti ’87
Joseph Anthony to Susan Polanite Gabattoni ’90
John “Jack” Ronald to Eileen Borne Hower ’92
Oliver Steven to Meriann (Merr) Reinold Lee ’02
Eric Charles to Deanna Leonard Miller ’02

ALUM NEWS
’50s
Selma Koury-Wunderlich ’53 (chemistry) represented the Villanova University graduate school Class of 1958 at the inauguration of the university’s new president, Rev. Peter M. Donohue, O.S.A. Selma is a founding member of Villanova’s Graduate School of Liberal Arts and Sciences Alumni Society, now known as the Graduate Alumni Society, serving seven years as its president. She is a member of the University Senate, representing the president of the Villanova Alumni Association board of directors, and also a member of the university’s board of trustees Alumni Affairs Committee.
Ellen (Sperky) Whiteside Byrne ’56 (chemistry) has been home schooling her 16-year-old granddaughter Meghan Byrne for the last three megan. Meghan is a competitive pairs ice skater who, with partner Nate Bartholomay, skates out of the University of Delaware rink under the direction of coaches Vickie and Byron Helenber. This winter, Meghan and Nate qualified in the top five at the Junior Nationals in St. Paul, Mn., which places them in the Grand Prix as an official member of the U. S. Ice Skating team. A week of spring training at the Olympic Village in Colorado will be followed by international competition for Meghan and Nate in the fall. Sperky, a former Mount St. Joseph Academy science teacher, has been teaching Meghan physical science, biology, and chemistry on nights and weekends. No word on whether a tutoring trip to Europe is in the cards!

’60s
Paula Nyhart Gowen ’63 (English) was reelected Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans’ Court for Chester County, Pa., in November’s election.

’70s
Nancy Day Kelley, Ph.D. ’71 (history) was appointed to the board of trustees of Devon Preparatory School, Devon, Pa. She is director of the academic learning communities for first-year students at Villanova University and an assistant professor in its Center for Liberal Education. She previously held senior academic administration positions at several Philadelphia-area independent schools, including The Baldwin School, The Haverford School, and the William Penn Charter School.

’80s
Mary Pat Feeney Kessler ’83 (psychology) was elected to the board of directors of the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity. She is director of new business development for Brown & Company Consulting, Philadelphia.
Margaret Quigley ’95 (art history), an IT manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, received the Philadelphia Chairman’s Award in July 2007 for her efforts in advancing the cause of diversity. Along with her colleagues, she organized a Philadelphia GLBT Circle to address issues and concerns within the international professional services firm’s Philadelphia office. She was one of six individuals and five engagement teams recognized for their performance at extraordinary levels. Margaret had also been recognized as the firm’s GLBT Member of the Year in September 2006.

’90s
Renee Haggerty ’90 (political science) is a senior analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York.
Maria Vega Castro ’93 (elementary education) is a third-grade teacher with the School District of Osceola County, Florida, where she was voted Teacher of the Year in 2007. She graduated from St. Joseph’s University in 2002 with a master’s degree in reading, married in 2001, and gave birth to “a handsome little boy” in 2004.
Michelle Kornberger ’95 (elementary education and psychology) was sworn in as president of the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools at the annual summer conference in Memphis.
Robyn Ross ’98 SCPS (human services) recently joined Coldwell Banker Preferred as a sales associate in the Blue Bell, Pa., office. She has a background in the health care industry and also earned degrees from Eastern University and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts.

’00s
Mary Padilla ’01 SCPS (human services) was profiled in the “Student Spotlight” feature of The Philadelphia Inquirer (12/02/07) for her achievements as a faculty adviser of Women Supporting Women, a student organization at Katharine Gibbs School in Norristown that performs service projects for women in need there and in Philadelphia. She has been a criminal justice instructor at the school for four years, first as an adjunct professor following a 20-year career as a corrections officer in the Philadelphia prison system. She retired as deputy warden in 2005. The student organization’s service projects include collecting school supplies for at-risk families, donating clothing and personal-care items for battered women and children, hosting community workshops about abusive relationships, preventing pregnancies and other social issues. She has filled volunteer roles as conflict resolution facilitator and mentor to adults and adolescents through her experience in the corrections system. Mary received an associate’s degree in criminal justice from the Community College of Philadelphia and is currently working toward a master’s degree in criminal justice at West Chester University.
Lori Hamilton Powell ’04 SCPS (human resources management) is director of human resources for ExpenseWatch.com, a provider of operating expense control on demand.
Lauren Carey ’05 (political science) recently began her legal studies at Drexel University Law School.

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**Special Events...**

**“An Emerald Evening” Casino Night & Auction Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 15, 6 to 10 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall
Online registration: www.chc.edu/casino
Information: 215.248.7001 or 800.248.0052

**Saturday Visits**

School of Undergraduate Studies
March 29, May 10, June 21
10 a.m., Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7159

**Biomedical Lecture**

Mechanical and Biological Challenges in Equine Orthopaedics

Speaker: Dr. Dean W. Richardson (Surgeon to Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro)
Charles W. Raker Professor of Equine Surgery, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Pennsylvania
Wednesday, April 2, 4 p.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7159

**“The Legacy of 1968” Interdisciplinary History Conference**

April 4-5
Chestnut Hill College Campus
Information: 215.248.7022 or e-mail smithdo@chc.edu

**Student Music Recital**

Featuring performances by all music and music education majors
Sunday, April 6, 4 p.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7194

**Information Sessions**

School of Continuing and Professional Studies
April 12, 10 a.m.
May 20, June 18, 6 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7062

**Information Session**

School of Graduate Studies
April 12, 10 a.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7170

School of Graduate Studies
Clinical and Counseling Psychology Program
DeSales University Campus
April 14, May 12, 5 p.m.
June 15, 10 a.m.
Information: 610.282.0397 or 610.282.1100, ext.1490
or e-mail gradadmissions@chc.edu

**Honors Convocation**

Sunday, April 27, 1 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall

**Annual Music Department Spring Concert**

Sunday, April 27, 4:30 p.m.
College Auditorium
Featuring the College Chamber Orchestra with Villanova University musicians and the Chestnut Hill College Jazz Ensemble and the Hill Singers
Free admission.
Information: 215.248.7194

**Commencement**

Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.

**Bridges to Infinity 25th Anniversary Celebration, International Society for Hildegard von Bingen Studies**

May 29 through June 1, 2008
Chestnut Hill College Campus
Information: 215.248.7022 or e-mail smithdo@chc.edu

**61st Annual Reunion**

June 6–7–8
School of Undergraduate Studies classes ending in “3” and “8”
Information: 215.753.3666 or 215.248.7144

**Golden Griffins Mass & Brunch**

Sunday, June 8
Information: 215.753.3666 or 215.248.7194

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**“The Wizard of Oz” Based on the beloved classic by L. Frank Baum**

Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.
Saturday, April 19, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 20, 2 p.m.

**Ticket Reservations: 215.248.7166**

College Auditorium
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Philadelphia

Tickets: Adults $12, Children/Seniors $5, Students with ID $3.