



Jessica Kahn – Teacher

by Anne Vey Stewart

Think of a classroom and chances are that a blackboard is an image that comes to mind. Today's blackboard is likely to be a screen with a PowerPoint presentation explaining "Blackboard," an online course management system. At Chestnut Hill College, the Blackboard expert is Professor of Education Jessica Kahn, a woman noted for her high energy, a voice that carries, and an intense passion for everything she does. Teaching comes first, but she also loves to read and bake. Kahn annually donates sacks of books to the College library, and her co-workers have enjoyed her homemade challah and Irish soda bread. There's also quilting and knitting ("I've made sweaters and quilts for all the people I love") and baseball. Baseball? "There is never any moment in baseball that is totally hopeless! And it has a mathematical precision to it – it's a hit or an error, ball or strike..."

Right now though, Kahn is immersed in the Blackboard system, explaining, "It makes it possible to exchange ideas and information on a Web site, easily. I

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Opening Convocation, September 15...



President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, along with Student Government Association (SGA) President Jen Johnson '05, prepares to deliver the oath of office to the incoming SGA class representatives.

In her remarks to the assembly in Sorgenti Arena, Sister Carol charged the College community with "taking responsibility" in the new academic year, saying, "It is not easy at times to take responsibility for our choices and decisions. However, to be mature is to be willing to make decisions, to be aware that our decisions have consequences, and to be willing to accept those consequences with courage and honesty...there is almost no aspect of life that does not involve assuming some

responsibility. Taking responsibility means I know what I believe and am willing to stand for what I believe; to do in the beginning what I wish I had done after I have done it."

Convocation guest speaker Phil Martelli, head coach of St. Joseph's University men's basketball, echoed Sister Carol's message as he talked about taking responsibility in his own life. In 1995, Martelli assumed the top basketball spot on Hawk Hill. Since then, he has taken the Hawks to the NIT finals twice and to the NCAA play-offs four times. "When I go into a home and ask parents to entrust me with their son," said Martelli, "one of my efforts is to make them look as good as I can in basketball. But I think it is also important that we help them grow from being a young man to a man. And, to me, one of the responsibilities of a man or a woman is to give to others." 🐘



A Snapshot of the Class of 2008

At opening convocation, Enrollment Management Vice President Arthur D. Goon supplied a profile of the College's newest class of students...

- with 150 females and 100 males, the group is 60% female, and 40% male.
- classmates have come as far west as Fountain Hills, AZ, as far north as Corona, NY, as far east as Sabattus, ME, as far south as Coral Springs, FL, and as far away as the United Arab Emirates, the Sudan, and the Congo.
- 54 students have transferred to the College from other institutions such as Community College of Philadelphia; Bucks, Delaware, and Montgomery Community Colleges; the University of Delaware, and Albright and Moravian Colleges.
- the youngest member of the class is 16 years old; he will turn 17 in November. Another classmate studying fulltime this fall is on her way to fulfilling her dream

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In celebration of the College's 80th Anniversary, Founders Day 2004 paid homage to a trinity of time:



The Past: President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, reflects on the vision of Sister Maria Kostka Logue, founder of the College.



The Present: Mary Darrah, SSJ, assistant to the president for mission and ministry, introduces the concept of the Mission Awards, bestowed on Founders Day to 80 students who have especially exemplified the values and mission of the College. The eighty were nominated by the College community-at-large.



The Future: Mary Elizabeth Coy '08 delivers her winning essay on "What Will Chestnut Hill College Look Like in 80 Years?" Coy envisions the College as a still viable spiritual and intellectual oasis in an otherwise bleak future world.



Preparing the 80th Anniversary Time Capsule: Dr. Joseph Kulkowsky, assistant professor of biology, adds the faculty-senate's component to the Founder's Day time capsule, to be buried in the Mandell Courtyard and re-opened in 20 years. COLEX groups, class officers, and staff council also contributed to the capsule.



The 2004 Mission Award recipients, given in commemoration of the College's 80th Anniversary.

Autumn Rituals

First-year students find their way on Move-In Day, August 26...



First-year student Keith Beaver, from the Andorra section of Philadelphia, tries out the upper bunk in his new dorm room.

Resident assistant George Roitzsch '07 (left) escorts Adam Epstein '08 (right) of Roxborough and his mother Debra Valenti-Epstein (center) to the first-year Fontbonne residence hall.



Smiling through the chaos of unpacking is Jennifer Lambert '08 from Bensalem, PA




No sign of a kitchen sink, but all the other dorm room essentials and more will make it into one student's new college living quarters.

Planned Giving Comes to Chestnut Hill College

As part of Chestnut Hill College's Office of Institutional Advancement, a new department has been added: Planned Giving. This area administers planned gifts for the College. Such gifts may include bequests, endowments, gifts of real estate or cash, deferred payment gift annuities, and life insurance policies. These charitable gift options can provide significant tax benefits to the living donor while making the College a future beneficiary. You can discuss the advantages of these options with your financial or estate planner.

President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, has appointed Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ, as the new Director of Planned Giving. Sister Mary Theresa earned a B.S. in Education from Chestnut Hill and an M.A. from Villanova University.

Sister Mary Theresa welcomes questions about how planned giving to the College can become part of your financial strategy. Call her at 215.753.3617 or e-mail shevlandm@chc.edu. 



New Faces on the Hill

Julia Aggreh, M.M.Ed.
Registrar

Jim Cox
PC/Network Technician

Robert Durney, M.B.A.
Assistant Professor of Business

Carolynne Ervin, M.A. (new title)
*Coordinator of Spiritual Direction/
Instructor in Religious Studies*

Patrick J. Gallagher
Head Cross-Country Coach (part time)

Matt Kerr
Head Volleyball Coach (part time)

Keely McCarthy, Ph.D.
*Assistant Professor of English/
Coordinator of the Writing Program*

Judy McClenning, M.F.A.
*Professor/Assistant in Communications/
Videographer in Residence*

James G. McLaughlin, B.A.
*Admissions Counselor/Coordinator for
Off-Campus Recruitment*

Sheldon L. Miller, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Chemistry

Merilyn Ryan, SSJ, Ph.D.
Professor of Mathematics



The McGill Girls: (left to right) Connie McGill, family friend Jeanette Ganley, Lisa (Mrs. Jef) McGill, and Dorrian McGill take a pause from putting to pose at the golf outing.



Admiring a drive off the tee at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club were (left to right) Mark Sutton, College board member Steve Gardner, Paul McGurkin, and Mark Magarity, all of whom were sponsors or donors of the golf invitational.

22nd Annual Chestnut Hill College

Golf Invitational

October 11, 2004

Whitemarsh Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill, PA, was the setting for the College's 22nd Annual Golf Invitational. The annual event benefits the College's Academic and Student Life Programs. This year's event honored long-time College supporters Connie and the late John McGill, Sr.

College Receives CHC/SSJ History and Legacy Grant

Last year, the College received a \$100,000 grant, payable over three years, to explore and share the Chestnut Hill College/Sisters of Saint Joseph (CHC/SSJ) history and legacy as these are impacted by the Ignatian spiritual tradition. The grant will provide funds for members of the College community to attend events at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Wernersville, PA, on-campus events and lectures, retreats, and weekend conferences or weekends of prayer. The grant provides an important opportunity for faculty and staff development.

The project coordinator for the grant is Carolynne Ervin, M.A., coordinator for the spiritual direction practica and instructor in the spirituality program. 🦋

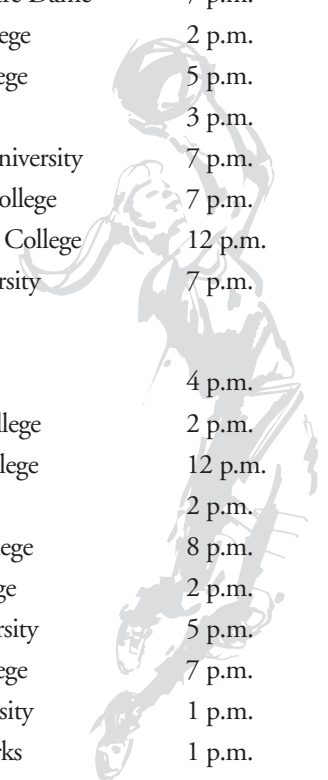
Winter Sports Schedules: Home Games

Women's Basketball

Tuesday, November 23	Catholic University	7 p.m.
Monday, November 29	Trinity College	7 p.m.
Wednesday, December 1	Rosemont College	7 p.m.
Saturday, December 4	D'Youville College	2 p.m.
Tuesday, December 7	St. Mary's College	6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 15	Villa Julie College	6 p.m.
Wednesday, January 12	Wilson College	7 p.m.
Thursday, January 20	College of Notre Dame	7 p.m.
Saturday, January 22	Chatham College	2 p.m.
Wednesday, January 26	Keystone College	5 p.m.
Saturday, January 29	Hood College	3 p.m.
Monday, January 31	Immaculata University	7 p.m.
Monday, February 7	Cedar Crest College	7 p.m.
Sunday, February 13	Mary Baldwin College	12 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15	Lincoln University	7 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Saturday, November 27	Polytech	4 p.m.
Saturday, December 4	D'Youville College	2 p.m.
Sunday, December 5	Cazenovia College	12 p.m.
Saturday, December 11	Keuka College	2 p.m.
Wednesday, December 15	Villa Julie College	8 p.m.
Saturday, December 18	Messiah College	2 p.m.
Wednesday, January 12	Arcadia University	5 p.m.
Wednesday, January 26	Keystone College	7 p.m.
Saturday, January 29	Rowan University	1 p.m.
Saturday, February 12	Penn State-Berks	1 p.m.



Homecoming/Family Weekend

*Friday and Saturday,
October 1 and 2, 2004*



Alumnae/i, students, family, and friends enjoyed a warm welcome at the Homecoming registration tent, to begin a day of food, fun, and games: face painting, miniature golf, spin art, and much more.



Alumnae generations: Kristin Ehnw Neverosky '93 (left) guides the club for 22-month-old son Luke, while Kristin's mother, Marian Brogan Ehnw '62 (right) watches 2-year-old granddaughter Lauren Brogan Ehnw.



Trying his hand at juggling fruit is Jonathan Conley '08 of York, PA, who also donned a jester's cap for the festivities.



ACCELERATED student Ava-Maria Connelley (left) shares some instant digital photo images with a friend at Homecoming.



First-year student Lauren Martin, whose hometown is Salisbury, Maryland, enjoys a hug sandwich from her visiting parents, John and Lisa, during Family Weekend.



Students, faculty, family and friends warm up with bends and stretches outside of Logue Library before embarking on the College Charity Walk.



Kelly McGrath '06 registers classmates for the Chestnut Hill College Charity Walk to benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. The walk was one of the activities during Homecoming/Family Weekend.

80TH ANNIVERSARY

80th Anniversary Gala Celebration National Constitution Center

*Hold the date:
Saturday, April 16, 2005 at 6 p.m.*

Join your fellow alumnae/i and friends
for a special black-tie Gala to celebrate the
College's 80th Anniversary!

Guest Master and Mistress of Ceremonies:

Chris "Hardball" Matthews and
Washington D.C. News Anchor Kathleen Matthews



- The 80 charter members of the Libris Society will be recognized during this gala evening
- Tickets - \$200 per person. Sponsorship opportunities available.
To be included on the invitation list, please call 215.248.7016 or e-mail quinnc@chc.edu.
- For more information on this and other exciting 80th Anniversary activities, visit the College's Web site at: www.chc.edu/80thanniversary

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA!



80th Anniversary Concert Colm Wilkinson Live in Concert

Come spend an evening with the singer who immortalized the roles of Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables* and The Phantom in *Phantom of the Opera* — and help to support the College with your ticket purchase.

**Kimball Center for the Performing Arts
Verizon Hall
Saturday, June 11, 2005, 8 p.m.**

Ticket prices are as follows:
Orchestra Seats: \$78 each
First Tier: \$78 each
Second Tier: \$63 each
Third Tier: \$48 each

For additional information on the concert, please call

Catherine Quinn, Director of Development, at 215.248.7137 or e-mail quinnc@chc.edu.

ORDER YOUR TICKETS DIRECTLY BY CALLING TICKET PHILADELPHIA AT 215.893.1999.

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College Launches Phase II of Capital Gifts Initiative

The College's Capital Gifts Initiative (CGI) is a process for raising funds for campus improvements. The funds are used for capital needs on campus and are separate from those raised through the Annual Fund. Phase I of Capital Gifts brought in \$14 million, which was used to renovate science laboratories, replace boilers, install new roofs, and construct Martino Hall.

Now, as enrollment continues to climb, the College must focus on plans for positive growth and change. The emphasis of CGI Phase II is to improve and enhance academic and student life facilities. Continued renovation, modernization, and expansion of technology are required to provide students with an excellent educational experience.

The College will be asking graduates, parents, and friends to invest in this critically important need by making pledges to CGI II.

Because it is impossible to reach every graduate individually, the College is partnering again with IDC, a nationally known fundraising firm, to speak via telephone with alumnae, alumni and parents. All graduates will soon receive a letter from President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, explaining in detail the College's needs. The letter will be followed by a call from one of her representatives from IDC, giving all donors the opportunity to ask questions, clarify their understanding of the challenges facing Chestnut Hill College today, and make personalized arrangements for supporting the program.

Watch your mail for Sister Carol's letter detailing the exciting next steps planned for the College — steps that will become strides with your support of Phase II of the Capital Gifts Initiative. 🦋

ALUM NOTES

BIRTHS

- Audrey Hannah to Siobhan McEnaney Hayes '82
- Colin Augustus to Kathleen Shea Pié '87
- Kate Marie to Tara Ryan Kelsey '91
- Lena Aurelia to Lauri Irving Hofstrom '92

MARRIED

- Virginia (Ginny) Haenn '88 to Christopher McKee

DECEASED

- Alice McGoldrick Connor '35
- Mary Jackson Fitzsimmons '35
- Mary Connelly Tripodi '37
- Nathalie Reynaud McNally '38
- Anne Rogers Law '45
- Mercedes Folz Blanch '45
- Dorothy McGovern Bissinger '47
- Anne Marie Moore Halcovage '50
- Mary Dunne Mardenborough '51
- Rosarita Amoriello Annussek '60
- Rosemary DeNote '64
- Margaret Mallon Boyd '67
- Patricia Ashton '69
- Linda Fisher, Ph.D. '76
- Gloria Gabriel Nicholas GD '99

Fleur de Lis Society Entertained by Artist Bo Bartlett at Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts



Marianne McGurk Wallaesa '87, with husband Harry, said, "My giving to the Annual Fund is a reward in and of itself, but to have the presence of an artist like Bo Bartlett at the Fleur de Lis reception for an exclusive evening was quite remarkable."

President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, (left) comments on a painting to Isabelle Walsh Gundaker '65 and husband Robert Gundaker. Mrs. Gundaker, a second year Fleur de Lis Society donor, observed of the reception, "This was a lovely invitation and PAFA was just fantastic!"



Members of the *Fleur de Lis Society* – contributors of \$1,000 or more to the College's Annual Fund – enjoyed an evening of recognition hosted by President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, at Philadelphia's elegant Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts on September 24. Sister Carol thanked donors for the generous \$1,000+ contributions to the Annual Fund, which "help us to ensure the integrity of our academic programs and provide social and cultural activities for students...your contributions are essential to the ongoing success and improvement of the College."

New *Fleur de Lis* members were presented with a golden pin in the shape of a fleur-de-lis, a recurring motif of the College which appears in the College seal. The pins were created by jewelry designer Carol Voelme Zemnick '75.

To the delight of the donors, *Fleur de Lis* members were treated to an exclusive tour of the painting retrospective, 'Heartland', conducted by American realist artist Bo Bartlett. Bartlett, who trained at PAFA, credits both Andrew Wyeth and Norman Rockwell as influences, but says his own work is "readdressing what it means to be living in America."

The names of all *Fleur de Lis Society* members for 2003-2004 appear on a commemorative plaque displayed in St. Joseph Hall. The plaque is updated annually. For more information, please contact Director of Development Catherine Quinn at 215.248.7137 or e-mail quinnnc@chc.edu. 🦋



Joanne Fink '76 (right), with Donna Singer, remarked of the PAFA event, "It was such a treat to have the entire place to ourselves, and enjoy delicious hors d'ouerves and cocktails with Bo Bartlett's commanding artwork as a backdrop. To have the unexpected opportunity to have Bo speak with us about his paintings was truly the highlight of the evening. The price of admission to this reception was certainly well worth it...simply a contribution to the Annual Fund."



Artist Bo Bartlett captivates Fleur de Lis members Patti Kane-Vanni '76 and Mrs. John (Ginger) Sabia as he guides guests through a tour of his painting retrospective, 'Heartland.'

Three Easy Ways to Submit Your Alumnae/i Note

Keep in touch with your friends and classmates. Career news, advanced degrees, births, marriages, deaths, whatever your news; share it with friends and classmates via the *Chestnut Hill College Newsletter*. Submit your news by **December 15, 2004** to be considered for print in the next issue.

P.S. Be sure to let us know about your e-mail and address changes too. Of course, we won't share your e-mail and home address with anyone — it is for our files alone.

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- 2 FAX TO:** 215.248.7196
- 3 MAIL:** Director of Alumnae/i Affairs
Chestnut Hill College
9601 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19118

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African Sisters Explore the World of Technology in Sabia Teletheater



Sisters from Catholic religious orders in Africa were treated to a full day of computer skills training from faculty members at the College on September 28. The training is part of an ongoing effort by the African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC) to assist African sisters who are working to improve the course of life in their countries. ASEC is striving to increase access to education in Africa by helping to educate women religious and enable them to acquire the necessary credentials for teaching, health care, spiritual or social service ministries in their countries. Each sister received a laptop computer to take back with her to Africa, donated by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus. For more information on ASEC, please call Kathryn Miller, SSJ, at 215.248.7167 or e-mail kmiller@chc.edu. 🦋

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am particularly fond of the discussion board, which enables an asynchronous exchange of ideas. That means that everyone has time to think before they respond to someone’s “posting.” It’s always interesting to me to think about how tools shape the work we do, a notion I first read in Weizenbaum, and Blackboard offers some interesting possibilities for shaping the way educational communication takes place.”

Joseph Weizenbaum was one of the scholars examined in *Modes of Thinking*, a course taught by Kahn but no longer offered. In *Modes*, the professor challenged her students to arrive at their own definition of thinking by approaching it as a hierarchy or collection of skills, through the lens of creativity and genius, and by contrasting human and artificial intelligence. Each class began with mental warm-ups for the students: riddles, crosswords, brain teasers. It was a way to become aware of how one approached problem-solving.

Jessica Kahn arrived early and confidently to her teaching vocation. At Philadelphia’s Cheltenham High School, her favorite subject was “Latin, then French, then English. My Latin teacher in high school, Marie Hildebrand—and most of my eleventh grade teachers—were so excellent and so energizing that I just knew I wanted to be a teacher.” When she graduated, the anonymous quote under her senior yearbook picture read, “Language is the most astonishing creation of man.”

At Barnard College, Kahn majored in Latin, minored in Greek, and studied Spanish. (In 1997, she learned Italian for a trip to Italy. “Being able to converse in another language is a treat for me,” she says.) Afterwards, Kahn joined Teacher Corps and taught elementary school in inner-city Philadelphia while earning her master’s in education from Temple. She went on hiatus to start a family with husband David, but not for long. She says of the man

with whom she’s shared thirty-four years, “He is my very best friend, and the one constant in my life. He told me when we first married that I should be working with pre-service teachers—and made it possible for me to get a doctorate (our sons were 8 and 5 when I started) and then teach evenings and weekends.”

Kahn returned to graduate school at Penn in 1982, “with the vague notion of learning something about computers so that I would have current skills.” The marvels of technology soon seduced her. “I fell in love with word processing as a way to write, *Logo* as a way to think about mathematics, and programming as a way to think about problem-solving.” Kahn wrote her doctoral dissertation on the experiences of second- and third-graders learning to write with word processing. And on her way through graduate school, Jessica Kahn met Dr. Louise Mayock, SND, who persuaded her to come to Chestnut Hill.



Kahn asserts that Sister Louise empowered her to change the course of her life. “She was my first teacher (in technology) – and she told me that I should be in her doctoral program and should be working with teachers. She encouraged and supported me. Whatever I can do today is the result of Louise telling me that I could do it.” Indeed, one of Kahn’s favorite words is *conation*, a Latin-derived word loosely meaning “the process of trying.” She is emphatic about this concept. “We need to understand as teachers that everyone learns by trying to do something,” she says. “Learning is a *verb*, something people do, not something that happens as they watch! Creating an environment where students can try, and get help as they try, is a teacher’s job.” And Jessica Kahn, who could certainly do many other things than teach, concludes, “I think teaching is the last great creative independent profession, and that classroom teachers are doing the most important job there is.” 🦋

A Few Words From the Alumnae/i Association President...

Can you guess the one question I am asked most often by our alums? (I'll give you just a few moments to think about it while you hum the *Jeopardy!* theme music.) It is "Do the students still decorate the College for Christmas?"

The question tells me two things. Number one: that this particular CHC tradition, which goes back to the College's founding in 1924, is a vivid and cherished memory for grads from all eras, even many years later. Number two: it also tells me that many of you are overdue for a visit to your *alma mater* at the holiday season.

So you are cordially invited to see the wonderful Christmas decorations, sing carols in the Rotunda, and enjoy the warmth and welcoming atmosphere of the College at our Christmas Family Open House on Sunday, December 5th at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments are served in the East Parlor of St. Joseph Hall where Santa Claus carefully listens to each child's wishes and patiently poses for you to capture the moment on film. It is fun – and free – for you, your family, and classmates. Join in and get the holiday spirit!

You will catch that spirit the moment you enter Fournier Hall and wend your way down administration corridor through a Christmas wonderland to the magnificent Rotunda. Today's students love this tradition and work hard to surprise the College community when they, like elves, come out at midnight and create a magical holiday world overnight. Our 80-year-old tradition of student-created decorations is alive and well and in good hands.

Other traditions you hold dear are also well cared for at the College these days: academic excellence, a top-notch faculty, a first-class library, and caring administrators who know our students by name. Our College may be growing by leaps and bounds, but it hasn't lost those traditions that made it a special place for us.

Of course, today's prospective students don't choose a college for its traditions. Quite the opposite is true. They demand a modern college campus with state-of-the-art classrooms, superior sports facilities, wi-fi dorms, and a curriculum that prepares them for a rewarding career. All of which takes money. And lots of it.

So I ask you to start a new Christmas tradition at your home: put the College on your Christmas gift list and send a check to the Annual Fund as part of your holiday giving. This academic year we celebrate the College's 80th Anniversary, so what better time to make a special gift to your special place? Stewardship of our College begins with us. Let's make this a great Christmas for the College with our special gifts this holiday season! Thank you and God bless you for your loyal support of our College's traditions, old and new.

Best regards,

Suzanne Schulz Dressler '71

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P.S. A special welcome to the Class of 2004, whose members are receiving the *Newsletter* for the very first time. You join a group of 10,000 who are proud to call CHC their *alma mater*. Welcome! We extend a very special invitation for you to come back and see this year's Christmas decorations! 🦋



Suzanne Schulz Dressler, '71
Alumnae/i Association President

Graduate Education Department Awarded Innovative Tuition Grant

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Carol Melvin Pate, chair of the education department, Chestnut Hill College is one of three collaborative area schools participating in the Accelerated Certification of Teachers (ACT) Grant Program awarded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The \$313,000 grant, payable over three years from 2004 through 2006, provides tuition remission to graduate students seeking teaching certification in "high-need" subject matters in "high-need" Pennsylvania school districts, including Philadelphia, where the critical subjects that the College is approved for include special education, math, chemistry, and Spanish.

Eligible grant applicants must already be working in the School District of Philadelphia through an Emergency 01 teaching permit, or possess an intern certificate. Most students take two classes a semester and may obtain their teaching credentials with as few as six credits, or as many as thirty-three, Dr. Pate explains, depending on one's past educational background. Following certification, students commit to a service agreement to remain teaching in the same school for up to two years. This is where the value of the grant program truly lies, says Dr. Pate. "The service agreement helps to ensure that the School District of Philadelphia benefits from a stable cadre of certified teachers over a period of time." According to Priscilla Britnell, grant administrator, there are currently twenty-one students at the College who are receiving awards ranging from \$6,000 to \$14,000. Additional candidates for grant money will be considered in the summer of 2005, when year three of the grant begins.

Last year, the College's masters of education in elementary education with special education certification received full five-year accreditation approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. 🦋

President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Awarded Honorary Degree from Saint Michael's College

Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, president of Chestnut Hill College, received an honorary degree from Saint Michael's College, Vermont, on Saturday, October 23, 2004.

The following is an excerpt from the presentation: "For your dedication to excellence in teaching and learning, your commitment to young people on their journeys to maturity, your steadfast efforts on behalf of Catholic higher education, and your devotion to your sisters in community, Saint Michael's College is pleased to present to you, Sister Carol Jean Vale, the degree Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*."

The honorary degree was conferred at the centennial celebration of Saint Michael's College during which Sister Carol presented the centennial convocation address on *Catholic Higher Education at a Crossroads*. Patricia Kelly, SSJ, chair of the board of directors of Chestnut Hill College said, "We join together in offering Sister Carol our warm congratulations and add our sincere gratitude for her tireless dedication to Chestnut Hill College and her commitment to Catholic higher education throughout the United States." ✠



Chestnut Hill College Travel Programs...

St. Patrick's Day Irish Heritage Tour

March 11 - March 19, 2005

Spend St. Patrick's Day in Ireland! Rates include roundtrip motor coach from the College to JFK Airport, roundtrip air between JFK and Ireland, 7 nights in superior first class hotels with private bathrooms, 13 meals, sightseeing by luxury coach throughout with a professional Irish tour director. Fares from \$1,632 per person.

Heart of Alaska 12-Day Cruise Tour

July 11 - 22, 2005

Rates include roundtrip air from Philadelphia*, 7-night cruise aboard the *Dawn Princess*, all meals and entertainment aboard the ship, port charges, 4-night

land tour featuring 1 night in Denali Princess Lodge, 2 nights in Mt. McKinley Princess Lodge, and 1 night in Anchorage, all transfers, and a dinner in Denali. Fares from \$2,795 per person.

10-Night Hawaiian Adventure

August 18 - 28, 2005

Rates include roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh or Harrisburg*, 3-night pre-cruise hotel in Honolulu, a 7-night cruise aboard NCL's *Pride of Aloha*. Port charges, all taxes, transfers, and all meals and entertainment onboard the ship. Fares from \$2,255 per person.

*Additional air-gateways available upon request.

*For more information on these Alumnae/i Association sponsored trips, please
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- of entering the international business world at the age of 46.
- the Class of 2008 has been extremely involved in clubs and organizations such as the National Honor Society, *Phi Theta Kappa*, Future Business Leaders of America, and Drama Club. They have been yearbook editors, orchestra and choir members, class officers and accomplished athletes: one was named boy's basketball player of the year and another boy's soccer player of the year in their respective high school conferences.
 - classmates have demonstrated a commitment to volunteerism through work at a summer camp for terminally ill children; as Red Cross assistant respondents after 9/11; and as part-time staffers for each of the Presidential candidates. 🦋

Coming in March...

Alumnae/i Memorial Mass

Special remembrance of alums who have died since March 19, 2004.

All deceased alums will be included in Mass Intention.

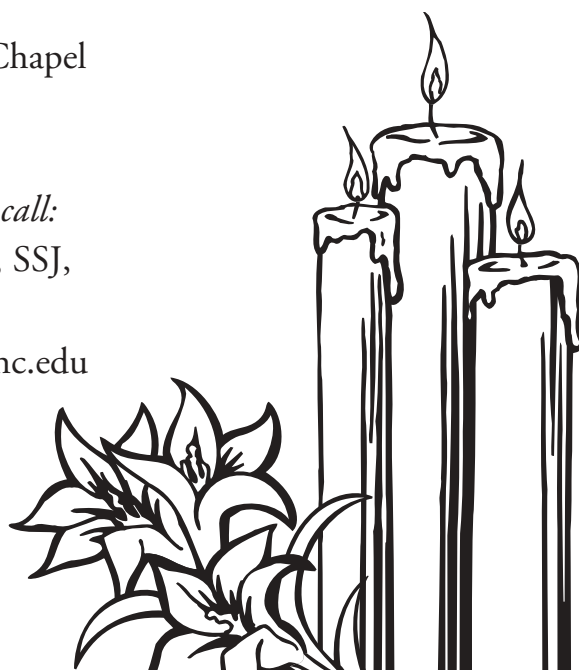
Family and friends are welcome.

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

2 p.m.

Chestnut Hill College Chapel
Fournier Hall

To reserve a place, please call:
Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ,
at 215.753.3617
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Living the Mission: Monique Stevenson '05 Awarded Rural Poverty Research Center Undergraduate Fellowship

Serendipity led Monique Stevenson to the Annie E. Casey Foundation Web site where she learned of an opportunity for a fellowship grant in rural poverty research, a subject that has struck a chord in her. She says simply, "It's something inside me, my personal ideals – a passion about how to help serve the disadvantaged in the country." With the deadline a week away, the senior applied for the grant and became one of just five college students across the country selected for the Rural Poverty Research Center Undergraduate Fellowship Award. In August, the five convened for a three-day orientation at the University of Missouri at Columbia, where the university's School of Public Policy is affiliated with the World Poverty Center. The orientation acclimated the students to the realities of rural poverty through lectures and mini-field trips to sites in Sedalia County, a poverty-stricken region of the state. In particular, visiting the free clinic and learning about the monumental health care problems faced by the uninsured poor sparked Stevenson's interest. She's narrowed her focus to health care for the poor and is integrating the subject into her senior psychology seminar, a study on how living in an impoverished environment affects mental health. "It is hard," says Stevenson, "to understand why in this country everyone doesn't have what they need."

Stevenson, who grew up in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania and attended Abington High School, began her college studies at Montgomery County Community College. But in the spring of 2002, she transferred to Chestnut Hill, where, she says, "You feel at home when you walk in." She was also compelled by the College's commitment to the education of women and way of teaching. This spring, Stevenson will wrap up her fellowship research when she and the others present their findings at a national conference on rural poverty. Beyond that, she says, the grant has also provided her with promising networking opportunities for the future. 🦋

Special Events...

Mask and Foil Drama Performance ***Rehearsal for Murder***

Friday & Saturday,
November 19 & 20, 8 p.m.
Sunday, November 21, 2 p.m.
Gruber Theater
Information: 215.242.7990

School of Undergraduate Studies **Open House**

Saturday, November 20, 12 to 3 p.m.
Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

School of Continuing Studies **Public Lecture Series**

Guest Speaker: Leonard Deutchman, J.D.
Computer Forensics and the Law: A Local History
Monday, November 22, 7 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier
Lecture is free and open to the public
Information: 215.248.7063

Carol Night

Christmas in Many Languages
Friday, December 3, 7:30 p.m.
Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7194

Alumnae/i Association **Christmas Family Open House**

Sunday, December 5, 2:30 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7144

Christmas Concert

Chestnut Hill College Community
Chorus and the Doctors' Chamber
Orchestra
Schubert's "Mass in G" and Carols of the
Season
Friday, December 10, 8 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church
Jenkintown, PA
Sunday, December 12, 3 p.m.
Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium
Information: 215.248.7194

Information Sessions **School of Continuing Studies**

Saturday, December 11, 10 a.m.
Monday, January 10, 2005, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15, 2005, 6 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

School of Undergraduate Studies **Athletic Open House**

Saturday, January 29, 2005,
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

School of Undergraduate Studies **Open House**

Saturday, February 26, 2005,
12 to 3 p.m.
Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

Art Show and Auction

Saturday, March 19, 2005
Reception: 6 to 7 p.m.
Art Auction: 7 to 9 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall
Information: 215.248.7137

Transfer Night **School of Continuing Studies** **School of Undergraduate Studies**

Wednesday, March 30, 2005, 5 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

Information Session **School of Graduate Studies**

Accelerated Program
Sunday, April 3, 2005, 2 p.m.
Rotunda, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7020

Spring Musical

Annie, Get Your Gun
Friday & Saturday, April 8 & 9, 2005 at
8 p.m.
Sunday, April 10, 2005, 3 p.m.
Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium
Information: 215.248.7194

80th Anniversary Gala Celebration

Saturday, April 16, 2005, 6 p.m.
National Constitution Center
Information: 215.248.7137

Honors Convocation

Sunday, April 24, 2005

Commencement

Saturday, May 7, 2005, 2 p.m.

Reunion Weekend

June 3, 4, and 5, 2005
Classes ending in 5's and 0's.
Information: 215.248.7144

80th Anniversary Concert

An Evening With Colm Wilkinson
Saturday, June 11, 2005, 8 p.m.
Verizon Hall, Kimmel Center
Ticket orders: 215.893.1999
Event information: 215.248.7137



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