President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., along with the College’s board of directors, honored the leadership-level support of contributors at the President’s Donor Recognition Celebration on Sunday, September 16. This annual event celebrates the generosity of donors whose consistent support is essential to the College’s financial strength. A sumptuous brunch buffet on the graceful piazza adjacent to Fontbonne Hall was enjoyed by members of the President’s Circle (benefactors who have given $1,000 or more during the fiscal year) and the Hallmark Society (individuals who have named the College as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift.) The names of President’s Circle donors appear on a commemorative plaque which is updated annually and displayed in St. Joseph Hall.

All received personal thanks and public recognition from President Vale. Among this year’s new society members was Carol Steinour, Esq., ’82, who was invited to reflect on why she and her husband, Robert Young, choose to give to the

Any educator would own a supreme sense of fulfillment at winning the Robert J. Kealey Distinguished Principal Award from the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) – particularly since in 2007 it was awarded to just 12 principals nationwide. In May, Lynn Domenico, M.Ed. ’03, principal of St. Lawrence School in Lindenwold, N.J. was able to relish that tribute. But wait, there’s more! In June, she learned that she had also been named one of the best elementary school principals in America by the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP). She shares that sparkling honor with 63 others across America.

In a sense, one honor led to another, explains Domenico. “I was nominated for the NCEA award by Sister Dawn Gear, the superintendent of schools in the Diocese of Camden. After I received the Kealey award, I was nominated by a member of the NCEA committee for the NAESP award.”

Business Team Collects National Honors at Leadership Competition

Competing against 3,000 students from 46 states at the 2007 Phi Beta Lambda (PBA) National Leadership Conference in Chicago from June 23-26, five members of the Chestnut Hill College Business Team reached national finals in three events. Dan Washington ’09, Mark Hammons ’08, and Lisa Doria ’08 shared a group win in Business Ethics, while Sarah Possinger ’09 scored for her

Principal Lynn Domenico, M.Ed. ’03 Awarded Twofold as One of America’s Best

— by Anne Vey Stewart

Shown (top to bottom) Robert Durney, M.B.A. assistant professor of business and team adviser; Daniel Washington of Philadelphia; Lisa Doria of Bayonne, N.J.; Amanda Cappelletti of Boyertown, Pa.; Sarah Possinger of Schnecksville, Pa; and Mark Hammons of Mount Laurel, N.J.
The College continues to grow as we welcome the newest class to Chestnut Hill College. Here is a snapshot of the class entering in fall 2007.

- Of the 293 new students entering this fall, 235 are first-year students and 58 are transfer students making this the largest new entering class to date;
- 53 percent are female and 47 percent are male;
- SAT scores rose by nine points and the average G.P.A. was above a 3.0.
- This class comes to us from 13 different states including: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, New York, Florida, Maine, Delaware, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.
- Six are from five different countries of origin and join nine other international students from countries including: Saudi Arabia, Dominican Republic, India, Vietnam, Japan, Egypt, South Korea, Burkina Faso, United Kingdom, Croatia, Kazakhstan, Zimbabwe, and the Congo.

In addition to regional, national and international diversity, these students bring a wide variety of activities and accomplishments to our campus.

This class has been extremely involved in clubs and organizations such as the National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, S.A.D.D., Key Club, and Phi Theta Kappa. They have been yearbook editors, orchestra, choir and marching band members, and class officers. They have been active student-athletes, having participated in a variety of sports teams and earning various all-league honors and most valuable player awards.

And here are some examples of the dedication, commitment and leadership that some of these classmates have shown:
- Several have earned black belts in the martial arts;
- One is a National Eagle Scout, the highest award that scouts can achieve;
- One works as an advocate for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation;
- One is a UCA All-American cheerleader;
- One is a successful marathon runner;
- One is a 13-year cancer survivor who works at a camp for children who have cancer or are in remission;
- And one left a successful career in real estate to pursue full-time study at Chestnut Hill College.

All bring to our campus community individual personalities, diverse backgrounds, and unique experiences. We look forward to seeing new contributions – not only building on the existing traditions here at the College, but also creating new ones for future classes to embrace. We welcome the Class of 2011 to Chestnut Hill College.

**Snapshot of the Class of 2011**
Contributed by Jodie King, Dean of Enrollment Management

**Move-In Day for the Class of 2011**
Record numbers of incoming first-year students converged on campus the morning of August 24, spilling from crammed family cars in front of Fournier Hall to unload the 21st century necessities. Flat-screen TVs, compact refrigerators, laptops, stereo shelf systems, and cases of bottled water grew in piles on the sidewalk as the newest Griffins checked-in, picked up their room keys, got IDs, and met their roommates. The College experience had begun for the Class of 2011.

**Dog Days of Summer Enlivened by Griffin Days**

July 19, 20, 23, and 24 sizzled outside, but inside air-conditioned Sorgenti Arena, a lively competition of the CHC version of “Let’s Make a Deal” capped the end of each Griffin Day orientation. Director of Student Activities, John Costa, led the games aided by Katie Donovan ’09 (left), Katelyn Arsenault ’09 (right) and, of course, the Griffin.

The day-long sessions included a College community welcome to the Class of 2011, along with academic testing, financial aid paperwork, and an overview of academic affairs and student life in preparation for the fall semester. College faculty and staff joined in greeting students and their parents for informal lunchtime socializing.
Dear Alumni:

As I write this, summer is ending and our college is opening its doors again for another academic year. As alums, we no longer have to deal with the realities of “going back to school.” However, this fall, we do have the opportunity to return to Chestnut Hill in a new “virtual” way—through our online community!

CHC Griffins Online (www.CHCgriffinsonline.com) is up and running, and this fall is a good time to sign on and “go back to school.” The Web site offers us all the chance to reconnect with our college and classmates. We can chat with one another, post photos and classified ads, and find old friends, just to mention a few ways to use the site. Once you’ve registered, it’s an easy site to use. Add your name to the close to 500 alumni who registered within the first month of operation!

The new online community opens doors for us that previously were available only to alumni from much larger schools.

Last fall, as I sat having lunch in a bar in Georgetown, South Carolina, I overheard a conversation that illustrates this:

A young woman was talking to a young man and lamenting the fact that she had gone to a small college and didn’t have the networking opportunities that he had. She had to pound the pavement to look for a job. When she got that job, she had to find all her business leads herself. She pointed out to him (well, perhaps she whined) that he could go anywhere in the country and have access to a network of alumni that could help him find a place to live and work, and offer him business and social opportunities that she would never have. She felt the money spent on his college education was well worth it if only for the network of alumni available to him from attending his expensive and prestigious university. Her small school, she claimed, could never help her in the way his alma mater could.

As I listened to her, I understood and empathized with her. Chestnut Hill College did not offer us a nationwide network of alumni and the opportunities that go along with it. However, when I first signed onto www.CHCgriffinsonline.com, I was immediately struck by the fact that, now, the potential is there to network with Griffins all over the country for just about any reason we would like. New doors have been opened for us.

In addition to these new networking opportunities, the online community offers us a fantastic window on CHC. Take one look at the summary and photos posted of alums celebrating reunions during the past two years (www.chc.edu/alums, Reunion), and try not to register for your next reunion! Those of us who are involved and attend events could try to tell you what a good time we had, but looking at the photos from events throughout the year should inspire you to attend them! As president of the association, I do hope that our online community can inspire more of our alums to reconnect with CHC!

I look forward to seeing you, online and in person!

Be well!

Joanne Fink ’76, President
Chestnut Hill College Alumni Association

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**SEASONAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTIFICATION**

Yes, I want to be kept informed of exciting College news and alumni events throughout the year.

Name: ________________________________

Class/Graduation Year: ____________________ School: ___SUS ___SCPS ___ SGS

Please start forwarding mail on (date): ____________________________ to this seasonal address: ____________________________________________

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Please return to mailing to my regular home address on (date): ____________________________
Profiles in Giving

Supporting the College’s annual Griffin Fund has long been a priority for Susan Pisano ’71 who parlayed her degree in English literature to a job as vice president of communications for a trade association in Washington, D.C. Says Pisano, “My own gifts have been smaller in some years and larger in others, but I feel they are highly appreciated every year.”

She agreed to a five-year term as class fund agent in 2002, and began sending a personal appeal to classmates. One of the responses she received was from the late Ann Edward Bennis, SSJ, former head of the College’s English department. She wrote, “My dear Susan, you get A++ for the excellent letter that you kindly sent…”

Pisano offers, “While it is perhaps understandable that Sister still grades my work, it is ever so much more telling that her assessment still means so much to me three decades later.” She explains, “From Sister Ann Edward, I learned things that had little to do with literature.”

“I think of her whenever I allow myself to take emotional or intellectual risks, change my view, or am surprised by life, open to a new idea, hold two contradictory ideas at once, understand those who oppose what I stand for, or look below the surface of things. These are some of the traits and habits that define for me the word ‘liberal’ in a liberal arts education, and the fact that I learned these lessons at our alma mater tells you why I contribute to the Griffin Fund at Chestnut Hill College and why I urge others to do so.”

The sum of $2,500 may not seem like a lot today, but in the academic semesters of 1955-1956 and 1956-1957, it bought tuition and room-and-board for two years at the College. For an alum who graduated in 1957, it was a princely sum, and a college education would have been out of reach but for the scholarship she received. So to mark her fiftieth reunion in June, she donated 30 shares of Exxon Mobil stock to the College’s general endowment. This alum, who wishes to remain anonymous, said, “I would like to replenish some of the scholarship money that I received, which allowed me to have a wonderful Chestnut Hill College education and experience.”

The gift of securities will benefit her family as well: they’re entitled to a charitable income tax deduction for the fair market value of the gifted securities as of the date of gift; and, they’ve eliminated the capital gains tax that would ordinarily become due if they’d sold the appreciated securities on the open market and donated the proceeds from the sale to charity.

In spite of having never graduated from Chestnut Hill College (she would have been in the Class of 1953), Sally A. Donnelly of West Chester, Pa. is a faithful annual donor. She left the College after her first year to pursue a profession as a radiologic technologist. Yet she “made lifelong friends in my single year at the Hill, and I continue to see them to this day.”

Ultimately, Sally spent her entire career at Temple University Hospital, department of diagnostic imaging, serving the last 20 years as quality control coordinator. In 1963, she applied for a leave of absence to serve with Medico-Service of Care in Algeria, North Africa. The following year she sailed on the hospital ship S.S. Hope to West Africa. After retirement, she volunteered in Calcutta, India, with the Missionaries of Charity.

In 2000, Sally A. Donnelly established a scholarship in memory of her parents, Dr. Joseph and Sara Donnelly. “I wanted to honor them and felt a scholarship was the best way,” she says. More recently, she became a member of the Hallmark Society, naming the College as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift in her estate.”

Special Tax Incentive for IRA Gifts Expires December 31

The popularity of planned gifts has grown enormously in recent years, thanks to the potential benefits of current income tax deductions; avoidance of long-term capital gains tax; increase in income and effective rate of return; and reduction in estate and gift taxes. Strategies for planned gifts can now be found on the College’s Web site in a new section on Planned Giving. Simply type that phrase in the search bar, and you’ll be directed to a section that steps you through all the options open to you.

You’ll learn about ways to give wisely…goals and benefits…gift plans…assets you can give…and much more, including resources and attorney information. And be sure to see if you qualify for a special tax incentive for IRA gifts that will expire on December 31, 2007:

If you are age 70½ or older, tax law allows you to make cash gifts totaling up to $100,000 this year from your traditional or Roth IRA to qualified charities without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. This is good news for people who want to make a charitable gift during their lifetime from their retirement assets, but have been discouraged from doing so because of the income tax penalty. The provision is effective for the 2007 tax year only, so you must act by December 31.

For more information, contact Director of Planned Giving, Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ, at 215-753-3617 or e-mail shevlandm@chc.edu.
A Year in Tuscany, South Florida, and LePuy

Just weeks before Margie Thompson, SSJ, associate professor of art, was to begin her sabbatical for the 2005-2006 academic year, her father died. They had been especially close in life and the daughter felt the loss deeply. She believes that the hard work of grieving and then healing began in Tuscany, Italy that September, where she embarked on the first part of her year-long journey.

Thanks to arrangements by "Untours" in Media, Pa., Sister Margie was joining a group of artists from the Wallingford Art Center for a two-week study. They would stay in rented farmhouses and apartments in the region surrounding the Tuscan hill town of Montalcino, where their Italian hosts welcomed them with soup, bread, cheese, and the region's famous Brunella di Montalcino wine. The next day, Sister Margie set out her brushes and pigments, and in 14 days, she had created 14 paintings.

She loosely sketches first in pencil and then paints the watercolor, which she considers to be her strongest medium. All of her paintings, she says, reflect her specialty: the relationship between art and spirituality. (She holds a master's degree in holistic spirituality in addition to her master's degree in fine art.)

The artist interpreted landscape as a metaphor for spirituality in a painting style she describes as “Van Gogh meets Gauguin – energetic mark-making with intense color. It's not about watercolor technique, it's about painting,” she emphasizes, noting that her sense of color and design were gifts imparted to her by Mary Julia Daly, SSJ, former art professor at the College. The result is an array of dazzling Tuscany vineyards reflecting the variations of light at daybreak, high noon, after a storm, and as the sun sets, all under shifting, infinite skies.

If the artist absorbed peace in the quiet beauty of Tuscany, she also discovered it in the “extreme noise” in the South Florida Everglades where she painted next, from December through April. Thousands of great white herons filled the dense air with shrieks, swooshes, and splashes as they plopped into lagoon waters and zoomed off again through the tropical landscape. This series of paintings vibrates with energy and a riot of color.

Sister Margie's last sojourn in the year of her sabbatical took her to the Centre International St. Joseph in LePuy, France. One senses that the transformation cycle was completed there, in the remote village where the order originated in 1650. The artist's rendering of LePuy en Velay is subtitled Landscape of Reconciliation. It is distinctive from the year’s earlier paintings by its dreamier forms and softer colors, and seems to incarnate the collection’s title: "A World Awash in Grace."

The exhibit, "Watercolor Landscapes: A World Awash in Grace," paintings of Tuscany, LePuy, South Florida, and the Everglades, is open daily from October 1 through November 30 in the Dwight V. Dowley Gallery on the 5th floor of St. Joseph Hall. The artist's talk and reception, which is open to the public, is Sunday, November 18, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. All of the paintings, which are matted and framed, are available for purchase.

California Teaming

From the harbors of San Diego to the hills of San Francisco, the sun shines brightly on the California coast, where nearly two percent of the College’s alumni base have settled in America’s most populous state. In June and July, President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. and Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Ken Hicks, M.B.A., twice made a goodwill cross-country trip to greet and thank the alums who are faithful across the miles and years, and to cultivate new friendships for the College.

They reconnected with graduates in the San Diego and Los Angeles metropolitan areas in June, followed by get-togethers with alums in the San Francisco Bay area in July, sharing good news of the College: robust enrollment numbers, a completely integrated coed student body, and steady progress in the development of the SugarLoaf Hill campus.

President Vale and Ken plan to return to the West Coast on a biannual basis for more friendship-building. — by Anne Vey Stewart

Outside of San Francisco, Sister Carol enjoyed a warm reunion with loyal supporter, Rosalie Reardon Albers, M.D. ’39 (right), a retired anesthesiologist who lives in Lafayette, California.

In San Diego, Ken Hicks, vice president for institutional advancement (left), and President Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, (right), share College news with Mariella Swenson ’67 (center).

Ken Hicks and Sister Carol (left) catch up with San Diego residents Sandra Glynn Lippe ’62 and husband, Ernie (right).
Dedication of Fitzsimmons Hall — continued from page 1

College. She easily linked the past to the present, declaring, “I think about the enduring value of this place, the students who continue our rich history of excellence and integrity, the spirit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, our school motto Fides, Caritas, Scientia, the magnificent architecture here at this campus, the transformational changes in which the College finds itself, and the beauty and promise of SugarLoaf.”

The brunch celebration was followed by the dedication of Fitzsimmons Hall, the new residence hall opened in fall 2006 and named in honor of Mary Elizabeth Jackson Fitzsimmons ’35. Her lifetime giving to the College, including the proceeds from her estate, was approximately $2 million. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was led by a reflection delivered by Mrs. Fitzsimmons’ goddaughter, Kathy Collins Giordano. Mrs. Fitzsimmons, who died at the age of 92 in Convent Station, Morristown, N.J., was preceded in death by her husband, Leo. She was president and chief executive officer of M.A. Jackson Holding Co. and the Staunton Co., Inc. in Newark, N.J. A mathematics major at the College, Mrs. Fitzsimmons was active in Catholic education at her Newark parish, Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Carol Steinour, Esq., ’82 offered reflections on giving at the celebration on September 16.

Mass of Remembrance for deceased alumni of the past year and deceased family members and friends of alumni
Saturday, November 3, 2007

In observance of the Feast of All Souls
Chapel, Fournier Hall
11:00 a.m., Light reception following
All are welcome

Please reserve by October 24 by contacting Jennifer Johnson, events & projects manager, at 215.753.3666 or johnson@chc.edu, or through the Events Registration feature available to alums logged on www.CHGriffinsonline.com. Visit www.CHGriffinsonline.com for the opportunity to offer names of the departed for remembrance at the General Intercessions.

Transitions

Ann Cerminaro-Costanzi, Ph.D., associate professor of Spanish, has left the College after 11 years to care for her mother in Scranton, Pa. She will also be teaching at Marywood University.

Jim Cox, Network Technician to Network Engineer

William J. Fritz, B.A., Associate Director of Admissions to Director of Admissions, School of Undergraduate Studies

John Keller, B.A., Web site Assistant to Web site Manager

Michele Mocarsky, PHR, Human Resources Manager to Director of Human Resources

Ryan Murphy, M.S., Manager of Experiential Education to Assistant Director of Career Services for Service Learning and Experiential Education

Brian P. O’Neill, B.S., Assistant Director of Admissions to Director of Enrollment Technology, School of Undergraduate Studies

New Faces on the Hill

Lori Boccuzzi, B.S., Admissions Counselor, School of Undergraduate Studies

Paul Budline
TV Studio Manager

Katherine Dahlsgaard, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology, School of Graduate Studies

Mary Fazzini-DiCamillo, M.A.
Spanish Instructor/Assistant Professor, School of Undergraduate Studies

Nicole Dietrich
Assistant Athletic Trainer

Gregory Gorski, B.A.
AV Technician

Leslie Harms, B.A.
Marketing Manager, Office of Admissions, School of Undergraduate Studies

Kimberly Johnston, B.S.
Assistant Director of Student Activities, School of Undergraduate Studies

Euraina Jones, B.A.
Residence Coordinator, School of Undergraduate Studies

Seamus O’Connor
Men’s Soccer Coach

Brian Ortale, J.D.
Professional Academic Assistant, School of Undergraduate Studies

Kristyna Pesatova, M.Ed.
Assistant Women’s Tennis Coach

George Roitzsch, B.S.
Residence Coordinator, School of Undergraduate Studies
The awards evolved primarily from Principal Domenico’s innovative NASA Specialized Center for Research and Training, now in its seventh year. It’s a unique, comprehensive learning experience involving every grade from kindergarten through eighth in which the students prepare for a simulated trip to space and lunar landing. Preparation for the trip means learning about all the biological and scientific factors that would ensure its success.

Lynn Domenico gives enormous credit for inspiration to Chestnut Hill College’s graduate education program, from which she graduated in 2003 with a M.Ed. in educational leadership. “Dr. Cotugno was excellent and extremely knowledgeable in his school law class,” the principal enthuses. “Dr. Pate was a truly skilled guide in my research work with her. Most of all, I believe (the late) Sister Honor Keirans inspired me. She visited my school on several occasions during our NASA Space Day and distance video conferences. She urged me to continue studying and expanding the curriculum, and to form my ‘vision’ and work toward it. I think about this every single day!”

Domenico continues, “I am proud to have received my degree from Chestnut Hill. I always, of course, knew the reputation of the school, but how delighted I was when I could experience it for myself! The idea of attending a Catholic college was an added bonus. I do believe that the principal of a Catholic school must be a spiritual leader, and I found that emphasis within this program.”

After spending 35 years at St. Lawrence, Lynn Domenico is transitioning. On August 15, Camden Bishop Joseph A. Galante, D.D., J.C.D. appointed her principal of St. Joseph High School in Hammonton, N.J., where she’ll apply her gifts with older students.

“I hope that every student who has a Catholic education will take away a solid knowledge of our faith,” Domenico avows, adding, “I do, however, want the students to have a love for it as well. I think this is best accomplished by expressing with the students the happiness, joy, and comfort that come from truly living a Catholic life. In school we try to make our faith an every day, all the time, real experience—not a scheduled or routine occurrence. The presence of Jesus guides all of our words, actions, and decisions.”

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**CALL FOR PAPERS: Two Academic Conferences This Spring**

### The Legacy of 1968
**An Interdisciplinary Conference**
April 4–5, 2008, Chestnut Hill College

Keynote speakers are Carole Fink (Ohio State University) and Sheldon Hackney (University of Pennsylvania). The conference is sponsored by the History and Political Science Department. Proposals for papers are invited on any issue related to 1968, a critical year in the U.S. — the Tet offensive, the My Lai massacre, the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., the Democratic Convention and the election of Richard Nixon, and student protests were among the defining events of 1968. The Prague Spring and the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, student riots in Paris and elsewhere were among the worldwide expressions for change. Culturally, 1968 witnessed the publication of significant works in literature, music, and art.

**Deadline for proposals is December 1, 2007.**

Send proposals to and/or request information: Donna Smith (smithdo@chc.edu), Academic Affairs, Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

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### Bridges to Infinity
**25th Anniversary Celebration, International Society for Hildegard von Bingen Studies**
May 29 – June 1, 2008, Chestnut Hill College

Plenary speakers are Carmen Butcher (Shorter College, Ga.); Robert Cogan (New England Conservatory, Mass.); Dr. Irena Koprowski (Philadelphia, Pa.); Christe Meier (Muenster University, Germany); Marcello Sorace Keller (Lugano, Switzerland); and Dr. Victoria Sweet (University of California/San Francisco, Ca.)

**Evening Concerts:**

**Thursday,** Organist Carson Cooman (Harvard University, Mass.);
**Friday,** “Second Instrumental Unit” co-directed by David Fulmer (Juilliard School, N.Y.) and Eliot Gattegno (Ann Arbor, Mich.);
**Saturday,** Soprano Joan Heller (Southern Methodist University, Texas) and Patrice Pastore (Ithaca College, N.Y.)

Poet Ruth Lepson; exhibits by Lydia Ruyte (University of Northern Colorado, Greeley) and Ellen Wiener (New York)

**Deadline for proposals is December 30, 2007.**

Proposals for papers on any subject involving the scholarship of Hildegard, 12th century bridges to the 21st century, 2000s should be sent to:

Pozzi Escot, pescot@newenglandconservatory.edu OR 24 Avon Hill, Cambridge, MA, 02140

To have your name placed on the mailing list for a program (available in January 2008), contact

Donna Smith (smithdo@chc.edu), Academic Affairs, Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

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**Couple Favors SugarLoaf as Wedding Keepsake**

Guests at their September 15 marriage in Seaside Heights, N.J., didn’t receive monogrammed knick-knacks, bubbles, or mint-filled tins as wedding favors. Instead, Krista Bailey, director of community involvement, and Ryan Murphy, assistant director of career services for service learning and experiential education, chose something unique. They made a donation in their guests’ honor toward the College’s SugarLoaf Hill campaign.

Ryan says, “We wanted to do something that was more meaningful to us personally.” The two had become engaged just days before the College announced that it had acquired the SugarLoaf estate for campus expansion, and the subsequent SugarLoaf celebration on August 2, 2006, impressed Krista “by how inclusive it felt.” The couple agree, “We really love the College, and really love working here. Making the donation in lieu of wedding favors felt like the right thing to do.”
The Chestnut Hill College Alumni Association
amend Article I, which names the organization of graduates.
recommendation of the association By-Laws Committee to
of Directors reaffirmed its earlier April 23 vote to accept the
this all-inclusive nature of the new Chestnut Hill College.
September 13 to change the name of the organization to refl ect
program to men, its association of graduates voted on
Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., announced that the 77-year-old institution
step recognizing the coed continuing studies and graduate
Alumnae to Alumnae & Alumni Association as an interim
in 2005, when the association board voted to transition from
college and what is the newer face of Chestnut Hill."
our association name will never change our own personal
mindful always of our roots as a women’s college. Changing
the fi nal piece of our transition to a coed institution, but
Alumni Association refl ects who our graduates are now. It’s
advocating inclusiveness, Fink noted that “this change to
Association.’ “ Referencing the College’s Mission Statement
made this decision ‘with respect and appreciation for the
generous involvement of the Alumnae and Alumni in the
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Leadership Competition
Sales Presentation and Amanda Cappelletti ’10 reaped honors in
Public Speaking.
Robert J. Durney, M.B.A.,
assistant professor of business
and adviser to the business
honor society, notes that the
accomplishment ties for the highest
number in recent history for schools
with enrollments of less than 1,000
business students. He adds proudly,
“In the entire country, there were
only two colleges besides Chestnut
Hill that had three or more finalists.
By any measure, this was a great
performance by our students.”

Back to Africa: ASEC Training Initiative Continues
In July 2007, Lisa Olivieri, SSJ, (right, standing)
assistant professor of computer science, and Rose
Reda, SSJ, a computer technology team member
at the Mt. St. Joseph Convent, again packed their
bags for a fl ight from Philadelphia to Kampala,
Uganda for a second summer. They spent a month
continuing to teach fundamental technology skills to
sisters from various African congregations, who are
slowly mastering software applications like Microsoft Word and Excel, and becoming
conversant with e-mail and Internet research. They’ll take these skills with them
back to their village communities to teach them in turn to their congregations.
The effort is part of the continuing African Sisters Education Collaborative
(ASEC) initiative to provide technology and leadership instruction to African
sisters. The partnership is supported by Chestnut Hill College and the Sisters
of St. Joseph of Philadelphia. Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D., president of Chestnut
Hill College, is chair of the ASEC Board of Trustees.
(photo courtesy of Rose Reda, SSJ)
ALUM PROFILES

Taima to Aesha Phillips '04
Eleanor Grace to Abigail Palko Hayden '96
Sierra Skye Freeman to Julianne Grady, VMD '91

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS
Carmen Montanez '03 SGS to Corey R. Davis
Ife Zachary '02 to Bryant Martin
Charlotte T. Reckner '87 to Salvatore C. DiNenna

IN MEMORIAM
Carolyn Keber Baird '66
Barbara Cruse '64
Suzanne Kelley Smith '55
Eleanor Grush Niessen '39

ALUM NEWS

Bruce, live in Japan, where he is stationed as a captain in the U.S. Navy.
She specializes in weddings and other social events. She and her husband, Michael, moved to Florida, and her e-mail address, warmatlast@comcast.net, tells it all.
A founding board member in 1985 of the non-profit corporation and uses the profits to assist various charities in the area. Her lighter schedule includes on ebay. She plans to build up this business and use the profits to assist various charities in the area. Her lighter schedule includes downsizing by selling items on Ebay. She plans to build up this business and use the profits to assist various charities in the area. Her lighter schedule includes downsizing by selling items on Ebay.
Sierra Skye Freeman to Julianne Grady, VMD '91
The former English teacher for Central Bucks School District (Pa.). She married Michael in May 2006 and is a stay-at-home mom and Vincent is a professor at Stockton College.

The organization was founded and led by the late Margaret Banes '48.

The political science graduate earned a master of science degree in direct and interactive marketing in 2003 from Mercy College in New York, where she is also an adjunct professor in that field through the college's distance learning program.

Susan Lewis Armitage '93 is a senior benefits consultant with Aetna, Inc. and is currently working on her first novel in collaboration with her husband, Gethin.

Dianne Vagnini '88 has been an instructor of English at Georgia Perimeter College since January 2006. She was awarded an M.A.T. degree by Agnes Scott College in May 2006.

Mary Valle '93, '00 SGS is the recruitment sourcing manager at Johnson & Johnson in the company's corporate headquarters in New Brunswick, N.J. She and her stay-at-home husband, Dan Amabile, are the parents of two-year-old Jessica-Marie and newborn Kaithlin Shay. Dianna reports that she earned an MBA degree from Farleigh Dickinson University in 1999 and worked for C.R. Bard in New Jersey as a communications manager before relocating to Tampa to raise her children.

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Michelle Silenzio Gicirelo '98 and her husband, Vincent, welcomed their first child, Gianna Regina, on February 1. Michele is a stay-at-home mom and Vincent is a professor at Stockton College.


Judith Landis '01 SGS of Franconia Township, Pa., was featured in The Philadelphia Inquirer’s August 12 “Educator Spotlight” as the new principal of Methacton High School, where she has been teaching since 1996. She chaired the English department and recently served as assistant principal for two years. She previously taught in Bucks County and in New Jersey. Her master’s degree from Chestnut Hill is in applied technology, instructional design.

Jennifer Lott '01 was awarded a master’s degree in library science by Drexel University in June.

Ile Zachary Martin '02 is a pre-school teacher at Vertykes Learning Place in Berwyn, Pa. She married Bryant Martin in May 2006 and is awaiting the birth of their first child in December.

Sharon Badolato Tomolonis '03 SGS is a special education teacher for Central Bucks School District (Pa.). She married Michael Tomolonis, a webmaster and e-marketing manager at Rutgers University Press, in July 2005.

Carmen Montanez Davis '03 SGS is director of the Salvation Army and married Corey R. Davis in September 2006.

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Lynn Domenico ’03 SGS recently began her appointment as the new principal of St. Joseph High School, her alma mater, in the Diocese of Camden. In April, the 36-year educator was named a National Distinguished Principal by the U.S. Department of Education and was presented the Distinguished Principal of the Year award for the New Jersey/Pennsylvania region of the National Catholic Education Association. She had served as principal at the St. Lawrence School in Lindenwold since 1999, where she had taught language arts since 1972. She holds New Jersey K-12 principal/supervisor certification and a bachelor’s degree from Rutgers University.

Donna Bongarzone Fluehr ’03 SCPS was featured in the June 1 Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal as president and executive officer of Tot Time Child Development Centers, Inc. in Montgomery County.

Jillian Getting ’03 is an accountant with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern PA and is beginning her studies in creative writing in Rosemont College’s MFA degree program.

Pamela Zeuner ’05 SCPS relocated from her position with CHC’s enrollment management office to sunny Vero Beach, Florida, where she is the retention manager at Construction Data Company.

Matthew Gelber ’07 SGS recently opened the Weldon Center for Psychotherapy in Malvern, Pa. Named for his mother, who is an ovarian, uterine, colon, and skin cancer survivor, the center offers what Gelber describes as “a relaxed setting within the context of a comfortable, confidential, open relationship.” He stresses life balance and believes in the “Person Centered or Humanistic approach” to therapy. His professional background includes training at the University of New York at Stony Brook and Eagleville Hospital. He is a member of the PPA, APA and PAMFT.

James Lual ’07 was featured in The Philadelphia Inquirer’s “Student Spotlight” (08/05) and in the Quakertown Free Press (08/02) for the successful completion of his degree in political science. James was one of approximately 4,000 young men and boys known as the “Lost Boys of Sudan” who arrived in the U.S. after surviving civil war, hunger, disease, loss of family, and refugee camps in their African homeland. He came to the U.S. approximately seven years ago through two Lutheran immigration and family service organizations and is sponsored by Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Quakertown. James transferred to CHC from Bucks County Community College and is currently seeking both employment and U.S. citizenship.
O’Connor Takes Command of Men’s Soccer
— contributed by Greg Gornick, Athletics Communications Coordinator

Chesnut Hill College welcomed another accomplished coach to what is already a talented staff. Seamus O’Connor brings with him a resume filled with success at the youth, collegiate, and professional levels of soccer. A native of Galway, Ireland, O’Connor has been involved in soccer for most of his life.

Most recently, he completed a stint as the head coach of the Future, a Dover, Delaware member of the Central Delaware Soccer Association. The Future participated in the Women’s Premier Soccer League, the second ranked league in the world for women. Prior to the Future, O’Connor directed Immaculata University’s men’s program to a Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) quarterfinals appearance in the program’s second year.

In 2003, O’Connor led the Reading Rage of the United Soccer League/Premier Development League to an 8-8-2 record, which was the Rage’s first .500 or better record in many seasons, and nearly missed an appearance in the United States Open Cup.

O’Connor graduated in 1997 from Athlone Institute of Technology, Ireland, where he was the starting goalkeeper for three seasons. While in college, he trained with League of Ireland clubs Athlone Town and Longford Town. His soccer education includes a Football Association (FA) of Ireland Coaching License, a FAI Goalkeeping License, a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) National License, a NSCAA Level 1 and a NSCAA Level 2 Goalkeeping License. Seamus resides in Blackwood, New Jersey, with his wife, Alexandra and son, Shay.

Athletics Calendar Fall/Early Winter 2007

Men’s Soccer

- Felician College ......................... Mon. ....... Oct. 29 ...... 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Family University ................... Thurs. ...... Dec. 20 ...... 4:00 p.m.
- Immaculata University ..................... Mon. ....... Dec. 17 ...... 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Soccer

- Felician College ........................ Sat. ........ Oct. 13 ......... 4:00 p.m.
- Holy Family University ................... Thurs. ...... Oct. 25 ......... 8:00 p.m.
- Immaculata University ..................... Mon. ....... Dec. 17 ...... 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Volleyball

- Holy Family University ................. Sat. .......... Oct. 27 ......... 2:00 p.m.
- University of the Sciences ............. Thu s. ...... Oct. 25 ......... 7:00 p.m.

Men’s Basketball

- Susquehanna University ................. Wed. .......... Nov. 14 ...... 7:00 p.m.
- New York Institute of Technology .... Wed. .......... Dec. 12 ...... 4:00 p.m.
- Dominican College ........................ Sat. ........ Jan. 5 ...... 1:00 p.m.
- Goldie-Beacon College .................... Thurs. ........ Jan. 10 ...... 8:00 p.m.

Women’s Basketball

- Caldwell College .......................... Sat. .......... Oct. 20 ...... Noon
- Holy Family University .................... Thurs. ...... Oct. 18 ...... 9:00 p.m.
- Felician College ........................ Sat. .......... Oct. 13 ...... 2:00 p.m.
- Holy Family University .................... Thurs. ...... Oct. 18 ...... 4:00 p.m.

* For the complete athletics calendar, check the College’s Web site at www.chc.edu/athletics and plan to support our teams at an away game near you!
Special Events...

Art Exhibit
Watercolor Landscapes: A World Awaits in Grace
Paintings of Tuscany, LePuy, South Florida and the Everglades
Created by Margie Thompson, SSJ, M.F.A.
Associate Professor of Art
Dwight V. Dowley Gallery, St. Joseph Hall
Daily, October 1 through November 30
Artist’s Reception, November 18, 2 to 5 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7042

Public Faculty Colloquium
Scott W. Browning, Ph.D.,
Professor of Psychology
Psychology Tonight: The Awkward Relationship Between a Social Science and the Media
Tuesday, October 16, 3 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7077

Information Session
School of Continuing and Professional Studies and School of Graduate Studies
Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
For more information, please call 215.248.7193 or e-mail freemana@chc.edu

Fall Open Houses
School of Undergraduate Studies
Sunday, October 21
Saturday, November 10, 12 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

Young Alums Chaddsford Winery Tour
Sunday, October 21
Information: 215.753.3666

Public Lecture
Speaker: Dr. Noreen Herzfeld
Professor of Theology and Computer Science, College of St. Benedict, Saint John’s University, Collegeville, Minn.
Does the Future Need Us? Prospects for Humanity in a Technological Age
Monday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7197

Mass of Remembrance
In memory of deceased alumnae, alumni, and alum families and friends.
Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m.
Light reception following.
Elizabeth Powers Carlino Chapel, Fournier Hall
Reservations: 215.753.3666

Second Annual Fair Trade Event
Tuesday, November 6, 12 to 4 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7044

Information Sessions
School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Tuesday, November 6, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, December 12, 6 p.m.
Thursday, January 10, 6 p.m.
Saturday, February 9, 10 a.m.
Monday, March 10, 6 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7062

Empty Bowl Dinner
Wednesday, November 14, 5 to 8 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7095

Public Workshop
Speaker: Gerry Straub
Poverty Activist and Documentary Filmmaker
Putting the Power of Film at the Service of the Poor
Saturday, November 17, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Information: 610.519.7428

Public Faculty Colloquium
Marie Conn, Ph.D.,
Professor of Religious Studies
Health Care Reform: A Human Rights Issue
Tuesday, November 27, 3 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7044

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

Young Alums Holiday Cheer
November 30, following Carol Night
Brittingham’s Irish Pub, Lafayette Hall, Pa.
Reservations: 215.753.3666

Saturday Visits
School of Undergraduate Studies
December 1, 10 a.m.
School of Undergraduate Studies
Admissions Office, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7001

Alumni Christmas Family Open House
Sunday, December 2, 2:30 to 4 p.m.
Reservations: 215.753.3666

Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 9, 3 p.m.
Information: 215.248.7194

Take A Chance! Casino Night and Auction
Saturday, March 15, 6 to 10 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall
Information: 215.753.3666

Biomedical Lecture
Speaker: Dr. Dean W. Richardson
(Surgeon to Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro)
Charles W. Raker Professor of Equine Surgery, University of Pennsylvania
Mechanical and Biological Challenges in Equine Orthopaedics
Wednesday, April 2, 4 p.m.
East Parlor, St. Joseph Hall
Information: 215.248.7159

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

Commencement
Saturday, May 17, 2 p.m.

61st Annual Reunion
June 6-7-8, 2008
School of Undergraduate Studies
Classes ending in “3” and “8”
Information: 215.248.7144

Golden Griffins Mass & Brunch
Sunday, June 8, 2008
Information: 215.753.3666