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‘Practice What We Believe’
ALUMNI LIVING THE MISSION
Pursuing a Vocation of Compassion

MARITA E. GREEN LIND, M.D., FAAP, '88

MY INTRODUCTION TO THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS WAS an inauspicious one. I was standing in line buying lunch during freshman orientation and spilled my lunch tray on Brother Gerry Molyneaux. It has been more than 20 years, and I still can picture the cup of Sprite tipping over.

I would be dishonest if I said that Br. Gerry, a communication professor, did not tease me a little in that moment. But when he recognized the pure terror in my freshman eyes, he demonstrated the compassion that I consider one of the hallmarks of a great teacher. He taught me my first important lesson in college: not to take myself too seriously.

That has probably been a life-saving lesson. It has given me the freedom to explore my career and to be open to many new experiences. So, in some basic way, I owe Br. Gerry thanks for helping to shape my career.

I am a pediatrician. But unlike many pediatricians, I care each day for children who have suffered abuse and degradation. Some have been starved. Some have been abandoned. Most have been sexually abused. I am asked all the time why I chose my work as a child-abuse pediatrician. I find myself sometimes wordless as I try to explain the concept of vocation.

Fortunately, I had some help in developing that concept. The La Salle mission statement says: “The programs of the University also aim at preparing students for informed service and progressive leadership in their communities and to fulfill the immediate and final goals of their lives.” I never once read the mission statement when I was a student. But the mission was alive in my experience of La Salle.

The faculty who taught me knew that they were not just there to make sure I learned what I needed to be successful in medical school. They knew that in order for me to have a successful life, I needed to be nurtured in my social and spiritual life. They supported my efforts to participate in campus life and to provide service to the larger community.

So, in addition to learning physics and biology, I learned about the world outside the classroom. Some of the lessons challenged my intellect. Some of them challenged my soul.

Through campus ministry, I was given the opportunity to reach out to people who were homeless and living in cardboard boxes. I learned how soup kitchens work and what poverty in Philadelphia looked like. I learned to talk to people whose life experience was vastly different from my own. Coupling these lessons with those in the classroom helped me to understand emotionally and intellectually many issues of social justice. My La Salle education opened the door to much higher goals.

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With this door open, I continued my education and finished medical school. Pediatrics was my chosen field, and I enjoyed working with children and their families, first in a rural setting and then in an urban one. In my work I was often struck by the reality that mistreatment of children cut across all social strata. It was clear to me that the children who had experienced abuse and neglect needed the best care possible from their physicians. I have dedicated my career to providing that care.

On any given day, I have the opportunity to meet wonderful children. Often I have the opportunity to help families make children safe and help them heal. Some days, I see such harm inflicted upon children that I am left speechless. In those moments I am most aware of the influence of my La Salle experience. I am grateful for the guidance of my mentors who helped me develop an inner sense of what is truly important work.

I had thought the most important lesson Br. Gerry taught me on my first day at La Salle was to not take myself too seriously. But I have since learned the truth. The real lesson was this: Compassion can transform any situation.

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Since it is your responsibility to teach your students about God, you must first become aware of the action of God in your life. Teach by example. Put into practice what you want your students to believe." St. John Baptist de La Salle reflected on the position of teachers as role models for their students in his *Meditations* three centuries ago, and the message still resonates at La Salle. The lessons that today's Christian Brothers and lay faculty and staff members teach students mirror those that St. La Salle conveyed to the first Christian Brothers—apply your minds and your hearts to service to others. Countless alumni have made a commitment to living this lesson in their professional and personal lives, and the stories of just a few are told on the following pages.
Advocating Progress in Africa

BY LIZ VARGO

AFTER RECONNECTING WITH HER ROO TS IN Yacolidabouo in the Ivory Coast, Yolande Gordon, '99, was inspired to help the village grow. Gordon’s passion to improve these West African communities, sparked by her father’s own nonprofit work, led to the recent development of Yakoly.org—a nonprofit organization committed to erasing poverty in African villages.

Yakoly.org is not Gordon’s first service-related venture. Through the years, she has devoted time to the AIDS Walk, Ronald McDonald House, and Philadelphia Cares. While a student at La Salle, she joined several organizations and learned to live the University’s mission by way of its dedicated staff. Assistant Professor of Finance Kathleen McNichol made a profound impact on Gordon while she was a member of Gamma Iota Sigma, the Risk Management and Insurance Society.

“She showed us what dedication to a cause meant, and what it is to be well-organized,” Gordon said. “She will probably never take credit for it, but she is an inspiration for me and I am sure for many other students.”

Gordon left the insurance industry after eight years to develop her nonprofit. Last December, she and her husband traveled to Yacolidabouo, west of Ghana along the southern shore of the Ivory Coast, to understand the community’s struggles and goals. As a result, Yakoly.org pledged to help villagers understand basic health and safety, explore natural resources, create jobs through these resources to increase income, and develop lifelong education and career opportunities for younger generations.

Q: How did you and your husband get introduced to the situation at Yacolidabouo?

My roots are from the Ivory Coast but I never really lived there. I grew up in France and then moved to the United States at the age of 19. I never had a true connection with the Ivory Coast, except for the fact that that’s where my genetic pool is from. My father is a huge advocate for helping the less fortunate lead the way, and he created a nonprofit organization called Ouyine.

This nonprofit helps villages reorganize themselves with a modern African approach. In other words, the organization brings an African thought process as opposed to a European thought process to how a village should be organized. So we heard about the progress of Yakoli through Ouyine and decided that this village was a great way to shed some light on development projects led by Africans.

Yolande Gordon, ’99 (right), learns about the latex industry sustaining the village of Yacolidabouo in the Ivory Coast.

Q: How did you organize Yakoly.org and determine what needed to be done?

At first, we had no idea what needed to be done ... so we started communicating with Ouyine and other people from the village via e-mail to get an overall idea. We then scheduled a trip to the Ivory Coast that would allow enough time to experience the village life. I have to say that I fell in love with the village and the people’s pride in what they have accomplished. What is even more amazing is that they want to go further—they want to exceed their own expectations and they know exactly what they need. How we determined what needed to be done was easy—just by listening. I believe that we were there not to impose but to help, guide, and exchange ideas.

Q: Why have you decided to focus on establishing Yacolidabouo as a self-sustaining community?

They receive government help for their schools, but you cannot wait for government assistance and other nonprofits that work through governments to erase poverty. ... There has to be a clear understanding that it is by your own hard work that you can rise above poverty. No more begging.

Q: How did you find the time and resources to take on this initiative?

There is always time and resources to do a project that you have at heart.
Q: What was the biggest hurdle to overcome as you organized your effort?

Money is always the problem. Everything—the Web site, the trip, etc.—have been financed by my husband and me. It’s a challenge that comes to anyone who is building an organization.

Q: How would you encourage others to pursue a life of service, even if they have less time to devote to the cause?

I actually had a similar conversation with a client and a colleague when I was working in the insurance industry in London. I told them that you do not have to pursue a life of service because you really have to go there because your heart leads you there. It is certainly not to make money! What I told them is that everyone should help out in their community, whether it is their church, local youth club, etc...

A life of service does not have to be a full-time activity; it can be one hour a week or two hours every three months. What is important is to share with others.

Frank Cervone, M.A. '04

“One of the things that’s important to us is that we represent the whole child—the need for counseling, how he’s doing in school, whether he has a safe and permanent home,” Cervone said.

Cervone was initiated into social justice work when he was a student at La Salle College High School and volunteered to visit the elderly in nursing homes. Later, in law school at Villanova, he got involved at the Delaware County Legal Assistance Association in Chester, Pa. In the meantime, he had become a Christian Brother, and, after graduating from law school, he went to work as legal counsel for St. Gabriel’s System, a Christian Brothers-run treatment program for juvenile offenders.

Protecting the Innocent

BY MARIAN BUTCHER

EVER HEARD A JOKE ABOUT A LAWYER? IN THE MORE THAN 25 years that Frank Cervone, M.A. '04, has been a lawyer, he’s heard plenty. However, in his work as Executive Director of the Support Center for Child Advocates, a nonprofit that links volunteer lawyers with abused and neglected children who need legal representation, Cervone has seen the flip side to the ruthless lawyer stereotype.

“We attract some wonderfully compassionate lawyers who step up to donate their time and expose themselves to tremendous emotional strain,” Cervone said. “The opportunity to use this profession for good is wonderful, and when I meet others who are doing the same, as I have throughout my career, I find an affirmation.”

Cervone, who holds a master’s degree in theology and ministry from La Salle and has received the Signum Fidei Medal from the University’s Alumni Association for his work, has been Executive Director of the Support Center for Child Advocates since 1992. The center recruits, trains, and supports lawyers who represent child victims in a variety of legal settings. Working with the center’s staff of social workers and lawyers who are child abuse professionals, the volunteer lawyers represent children who have experienced abuse, neglect, and other trauma in their home lives.
Cervone joined the Support Center for Child Advocates as general counsel in 1990 and was named executive director in 1992. Although he left the religious life in 1989, Cervone has carried with him a Lasallian approach to building relationships with and caring for others.

“When I got to see people in need in various social justice works and in poverty law practice, this dimension of feeling the pain of the other built on that sense of being in relationship to the other,” he said. “When you feel the pain of another, you want to relieve that pain. That’s common for all of us in the helping professions.”

Through his job, Cervone witnesses firsthand some of the saddest stories told in society—stories of traumatized children, troubled teenagers, suffering families. But, he said, he and those he works with find inspiration in being a part of the healing that comes after the lowest point in a person’s life.

“The poor will always be with you,” he said. “The challenge and question is: What are you going to do next? Are you going to turn away? Or are you going to use your resources, your talents to help bring that sad story into some kind of light? When one does that they feel better and more alive as a human being, and it’s happened a thousand times to me. Why wouldn’t I keep doing it?”

To learn more, visit www.advokid.org.

is what will slow us down. We will also start organizing fundraisers by the end of the year. Of course, your material contributions, such as school supplies, are much appreciated.

Q: What are your goals and hopes for the organization?

I have confidence in the organization, but I am worried about African governments. Having spent so much time with the villagers, I realize that they want the same thing we all do—the means to be able to prosper and care for their family. But when a corrupt government is in place, the entire country will face difficulty rising above poverty.

I hope that we will get to a level where we can show that there is not just one village worth speaking about. I hope that the Western media will not always show the wars and famines in Africa. We never speak about progress, whatever size the progress is. That’s what I want to change. I want Africa to be seen truly how it is: a diverse continent that is struggling to find its identity.

For more information, visit www.yakoly.org.

FROM AFGHANISTAN TO ZAMBIA AND EVERYWHERE

in between, nearly 150 La Salle alumni have devoted their time and talents to the Peace Corps in 55 different countries.

Launched March 1, 1961, the Peace Corps provides an opportunity for people to use their skills to improve the lives of others worldwide. Many La Salle alumni who spent their college years reaching out to the Philadelphia area have elected to continue their mission of service for those in greater need around the globe.

Dan O’Brien, ’99, of Haddon Heights, N.J., Elena DiGiovanna, ’03, of Roxbury, N.Y., and Carole Kindling, ’96, of Erie, Pa., are some of the service-oriented La Salle alumni who felt called to a higher cause. For two years, they rose above the challenges of foreign circumstances to express new ideals, educate their communities, and lay the groundwork for improvement in developing countries.

Volunteerism and selflessness were qualities instilled in O’Brien by his parents and fostered by La Salle. As a student, he recognized the University’s strong support for service and participated in activities like Martin Luther King Jr. Day. O’Brien had considered the Peace Corps in college, but he felt the need to address financial responsibilities after graduation. He worked at Vanguard for several years before meeting a Peace Corps volunteer who reinvigorated his interest.

“For better or for worse, I knew I’d grow,” said O’Brien, who headed to Jordan in July 2005.

The spirit of service had always been present in DiGiovanna’s family. As an undergraduate, she completed community service in Philadelphia and traveled to Tijuana, Mexico, with La Salle’s University Ministry and Service program. DiGiovanna eagerly followed the footsteps of her twin sister, who volunteered with the Peace Corps.
in Paraguay, when she joined the organization in September 2005 and headed to the Dominican Republic.

The University Ministry and Service program also played a role in Kindling’s college experience as she set aside time for prison tutoring. She pursued nonprofit work after college, but longed to tackle something more challenging overseas. Kindling joined the Peace Corps in 2005 and headed to the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

The Peace Corps determined each person’s location and assignment according to his or her skills and experiences. Both O’Brien and DiGiovanna were assigned to youth and community development, while Kindling worked with a nongovernmental organization on health education and environmental impact.

“Every community is different,” DiGiovanna said. “It’s a learning process of what the community needs and wants.”

In the Dominican Republic, DiGiovanna taught life skills, like self-esteem and conflict resolution, as well as the long-term values of education. “It’s more about human development and trying to get people to work together,” she said.

O’Brien knew only a few dozen Arabic words when he was assigned to Jordan, but he quickly discovered that his native English language was a highly desired skill. While working at a community youth center, he taught English to high school and college-age boys, coached basketball, and introduced the community to flag football.

KAREN PUSHAW, ’78, TRADED HER SPOT IN A MAIN LINE condominium community for a bedroom in a less-than-impressive house in the Kensington section of Philadelphia about 17 years ago. While just a quick El ride away from the prestigious Center City law firm where she used to work, she moved worlds away to serve the city’s poor as a full-time, unpaid volunteer.

Pushaw graduated from La Salle with a bachelor’s degree in political science and then received her law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In her 10 years as a lawyer, she saw Philadelphia’s growing homeless population each day during her short walk from the train station to the high-rise where she worked. She felt more and more inclined to serve these people and decided to enroll in a year-long, faith-based volunteer program.

“I didn’t want to be in the office in the back doing studies and typing up statistics about the problem. I wanted hands-on interaction with the people,” she said. She knew St. Francis Inn would provide her that opportunity from the moment she stepped in the door. “I had been there about an hour, and I thought it was one of the dirtiest, smelliest places I had ever been, but yet it was where I wanted to be,” she said. She left the law firm two years later with her colleagues’ blessing to take an offer they couldn’t match—a career as a full-time volunteer.

The Philadelphia native has worked as part of the 11-person team that runs the Inn since 1991. They all serve as co-directors because their Gospel values promote a fraternal model. The Inn provides basic outreach to the impoverished community, offering home-cooked meals, a secure mailing address, clothing vouchers to its thrift shop, and referrals to social service agencies. Guests come from all over the city to eat at the Inn, which serves 10 meals a week with a minimum of 300 people per meal. Pushaw’s legal background also has enabled her to help guests and the organization itself with legal questions and referrals.

“It’s a lot more than stirring a pot of soup,” she said. “People come to us in crisis and we drop everything to see how we can help.” Often that means providing a shoulder to cry on, a friendly voice of reassurance, and a few hours
“The first year can be really difficult as you’re getting the acceptance of the community,” he said. “You have to work with what you know.”

Kindling, too, first found it challenging to meet her goals because of the language barrier. Speaking Georgian has been compared to learning Chinese, she said. “It’s difficult, but they love that you try,” Kindling said. “Some people expect to make a big impact. I made a little impact that I think will remain intact through the people I met.”

Eventually, she picked up the native language with her host family and educated the community on issues like women’s health and hygiene. She also ran an environmental camp for children.

Despite its initial hurdles, the Peace Corps proved to be rewarding, according to the alumni. “The experience was challenging and worthwhile. I wouldn’t have changed any of the obstacles that came about, because I learned from them,” DiGiovanna said.

In the Dominican Republic, DiGiovanna was thrilled to take part of the construction of a small school library and hopes to return for the library’s inauguration. She also coached soccer.

During his second year, O’Brien worked with Operation Smile, which flew hundreds of Iraqi children into Jordan for medical attention. He also introduced the “Phenomenal Woman’s Essay Contest” to promote gender equality and organized the area’s first computer lab, which helps him keep in touch with the community.

Kindling has already returned to Georgia to attend a wedding. She said the area’s motto, “Guests are a gift from God,” made it easy to maintain communication with her newfound friends. “They need to know we’re still available for advice,” she said.

As the volunteers returned home to contemplate their experiences, they realized their devotion to service had deepened. O’Brien and DiGiovanna are both considering jobs in Washington, D.C., or overseas, where they can apply their international skills. Kindling has considered returning to school and also may pursue work in D.C.

“You have to be able to recognize the progress and don’t focus on the adversity,” O’Brien said. “Then you can appreciate the success.”

For more information, visit www.peacecorps.gov.

Yet no number of honors and degrees could encapsulate what Pushaw learns every day from the community in which she lives and serves. “The level of poverty here is so extreme and yet the guests don’t seem to resent who we are or where we’ve come from,” she said. “The thing that inspires me about them is that they seem able to enjoy life and they have a great resiliency.”

To learn more, visit www.sfranciscisum.org.
ONE MORNING, AT THE END OF SERVING BREAKFAST TO 50 men and women at the Holy Family Catholic Worker House in Kansas City, Mo., Vicki Kline, '05, noticed one man lying across a few chairs in the back of the dining room. She tried to wake him and noticed that he seemed to be in pain. Worried, Kline led the man, whose name she did not even know, to her car and took him to the hospital.

For most people, and even for Kline up until a few years ago, the story of taking a perfect stranger to the hospital would be one they’d tell for days and perhaps remember for the rest of their lives. During Kline’s two years as a Lasallian Volunteer, however, witnessing personal crises among the needy and often homeless individuals and families at Holy Family House was part of the routine.

“Things that we would view as crises outside of that environment are part of daily life—you take people to detox, you break up fights, you confront destructive behavior,” she said. “My experience was a crash course in understanding human emotions and in discovering how open you are to the full experience of service.”

Kline, who graduated from La Salle with a degree in social work, joined the Lasallian Volunteers just after college and was assigned to Holy Family House, a soup kitchen and family shelter. There, she lived in community with other volunteers and a Christian Brother.

She helped to run the soup kitchen, which served 200 people a day, six days a week, and also held another job on the side.

Resident volunteers at Holy Family House agree to live simply and in voluntary poverty by practicing the values of the Catholic Worker Movement, which was founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, a former Christian Brother.

“Living in a place like Holy Family House makes you strip yourself of all sorts of preconceived notions...
of what service is, what faith is, what spirituality is supposed to be in the face of injustice and violence,” Kline said. “You’re trying to pare yourself down to the basic elements of being compassionate and being there for somebody.”

Kline found that being fully engaged in the lives of others comes at a hefty emotional price. Catholic Workers often have a sense of humor about this experience. One volunteer created a list of coping strategies for the stress, including: “Go to your room and cry if necessary, but then come downstairs and do the dishes.”

Today, though her official commitment to the Lasallian Volunteers has ended, Kline is still involved, even as she pursues a master’s degree in social work at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and works with female inmates in an enrichment program at a municipal jail. She has noticed the common link of poverty between the inmates and the people she serves at Holy Family House.

“Speaking out on behalf of the friends I’ve made, who live under bridges or get arrested or get deported, has allowed me to become a part of their lives,” she said. “Nothing that I do is ever completely detached from their reality, and it has shown me how interdependent we are.”

has been involved with BOMF for about seven months. She said that running with the organization empowers her. When she runs, she feels “healthier, lighter, and better all around.”

Like Back On My Feet, City Year is an organization that brings people together. City Year organizes diverse groups of young people between the ages of 18 to 24 and provides them with the opportunity to spend a year doing full-time service. Sean McDevitt, ’00, and Tim Hannigan, ’96, became involved in City Year after graduating.

“I had the desire to do something involving service and education,” said Hannigan who earned a bachelor’s degree in education from La Salle. “I didn’t want to jump directly into a classroom teaching job.” Hannigan became involved in City Year when the organization started its Philadelphia chapter in 1997, and he was active in the organization for two years.

McDevitt worked for City Year Boston, spending his time as part of a group of 10 leading an after-school program for seventh-graders. He and his group tutored the children and took them on field trips. He describes his City Year experience as “very hands-on.”

“I think La Salle has a great atmosphere which encourages participation in activities from student government to community service,” said McDevitt, who is now Alumni Director for City Year. “La Salle introduced me to service.”

Collins said giving back empowers her. “La Salle is very supportive of embracing your civic and social responsibility,” she said. “La Salle supports those who don’t necessarily have the same opportunities as others.”

For more information, visit www.backonmyfeet.org and www.cityyear.org.
Serving Children through Charity

BY LEEN KHALIFA, '00

AS ONE OF THE AREA’S LARGEST CHARITIES, VARIETY—The Children’s Charity of Greater Philadelphia provides programs and services to approximately 10,000 children with disabilities in the Delaware Valley.

Variety’s Executive Director, Andrew Pack, '95, has improved the organization’s status to that of a premier chapter in the country, which has earned it the Fiscal Excellence Award. This honor has been bestowed upon Variety of Philadelphia both years Pack has served as its director. It recognizes the chapter that has shown the greatest increase in revenue, the lowest administrative costs, and the largest development of new programs for children with disabilities.

“I love being able to give back,” Pack said. “It’s great to be in a position to apply a business philosophy to the nonprofit sector, developing cost-effective programs through fundraising, which truly make an impact on the lives of the children we serve.”

Pack has worked with Variety since 1996. During his tenure, the organization has generated millions of dollars in revenue and created dozens of new programs and fundraisers. Among the charity’s significant accomplishments under his leadership is the Family Resource Center for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

The center—located at Variety’s 80-acre Camp and Developmental Center in Montgomery County, Pa.—has emerged as the region’s premier provider of care, services, and programs for children with autism spectrum disorders, their families, and caregivers. The center collaborates with social workers and medical professionals to provide the best care for children on the spectrum, especially during the vital time immediately following diagnosis.


Pack has also enlisted the support of many La Salle alums for Variety. “I am surrounded by unbelievable people who give of themselves while asking nothing in return,” he said.

For more information, visit www.varietyphila.org.

Nurturing the Needy

BY JANINE STEVENS, '07

“I GET MY DRIVE FROM BEING ABLE to provide services to people who have a need, in the hope that their troubles will ease, even just a bit,” said Melanie Gavin, MSN '97.

“People actually do go on to an improved quality of life.” Gavin turned a nursing practicum requirement for the master’s program at La Salle into an opportunity to serve the needs of the community for a decade.

“The need was there. The community was there,” Gavin said. St. Vincent’s Health Center, located in Germantown, was born to meet the needs of St. Vincent Dining Room guests by improving health of mind, spirit, and body. Respect and emotional support are at the core of St. Vincent Health Center’s services, which provides relief from the everyday discomforts of the poor and homeless.

Gavin’s goal upon arriving at St. Vincent’s was to expand the health center in order to make the services more widely available. The center provides nursing care, health education, and assistance by linking people to the appropriate health and social services. “The volunteer nurses at St. Vincent’s had been talking about expanding, but no one had enough time to take it on,” Gavin said. At the time, the health center was open only one hour on Sunday for three Sundays each month.

During Gavin’s employment, staff expanded from a strictly volunteer basis to include an administrative employee, two staff nurses, and a volunteer nurse for each shift. The health center broadened its hours as well, opening
Encouraging the Next Generation

BY KATY RESCH GEORGE, ’01

“VISITING THE CHILDREN IS A GREAT WAY TO RECHARGE. The preschool is a happy place,” said Jim Mullan, ’61, MBA ’78, about Early Years, Counseling or Referral Agency (CORA) Services’ state-licensed preschool program in the Fox Chase neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia.

It’s no wonder the preschool is such a happy place. When CORA recently constructed its new facility, they didn’t build typical, run-of-the-mill classrooms to house their child-care center; instead, they paved the halls like city streets and painted the walls with towering skyscrapers, creating a unique, child-sized city for the preschoolers to care about and learn within.

Mullan, who serves as Chair of CORA Services’ Board of Directors, said the nonprofit treats all of its clients with this kind of specialized attention—which is one of the reasons, he believes, the nonprofit improves the lives of the more than 20,000 children and families it works with each year.

When Mullan retired from his position as Chairman and CEO of PrimeSource Corp. four years ago, he thought carefully about how to best spend the energy once devoted to his profession. Of course, he wanted to see more of his family, but, believing that “success reflects not just your career, but the spectrum of your entire life,” he wanted to use his retirement to contribute to the community.

Since then, Mullan has actively dedicated his talents as a business leader to CORA Services, though his relationship with the organization began about 20 years ago.

Founded in 1971 under the sponsorship of the Sisters of Good Shepherd, CORA Services provides a range of educational and counseling programs in the Greater Philadelphia region, including the city’s East Germantown section, where Mullan was born and raised.

In part, it was this neighborhood tie that acquainted Mullan with CORA in the 1980s. The involvement of the Good Shepherd nuns, who Mullan recalled “had been a positive presence in the neighborhood growing up,” especially led him to support the nonprofit. Now, after years of working with the organization, its core value of individualized care reminds Mullan of the Lasallian tradition that both motivated him as a student and inspired his dedication to service.

“Much like La Salle, what CORA offers is not a one-fits-all, cookie-cutter approach to care,” he said.

To learn more, visit www.coraservices.com.

Melanie Gavin, MSN ’97 (right), with St. Vincent Health Center staff and volunteers (from left) Kathy Torrisi, Nancy Wiedemer, Alfreda Scott, and Gwynn Sinkinsha.

Gavin became Director of St. Vincent Health Center in 1997, a position she held until her departure in 2006. She currently works through Einstein Hospital as a visiting nurse for the Immune Deficiency Center for the hospital’s HIV clinic.

“Much like the mission of the Christian Brothers, the nurses at St. Vincent’s Health Center serve the community. The clients keep us going,” Gavin said. “In many ways, we benefit as much as they do from the encounters in the health center. You get enough small successes that make it worthwhile.”
GROWING UP IN A TOUGH PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOOD
with a passion for the city’s impressive, but often dishearten-
ing, sports teams, it’s no wonder Sister Mary Alan
Barszczewski, ’75, has a fighting spirit.

Sr. Alan, originally of Fishtown, recently received the President’s
Medallion from Felician College, her first alma mater, for her lifelong dedica-
tion to St. Anthony’s High School in Jersey City, N.J. The inner-city Catholic
school’s story of survival—with Sr. Alan working 24 years as the unlikely Athletic
Director—is also in the works as a movie.

Home of the nation’s No. 1 high school boy’s basketball team, St. Anthony’s
is often mistaken for a prosperous private school to those unaware of its
circumstances. Since her placement at St. Anthony’s 30 years ago, Sr. Alan
has struggled to overcome the school’s financial troubles and has led its students
to success. Even today, as she battles reoccurring liver cancer, Sr. Alan makes
the school her first priority.

“We’re giving them a sense of hope,” she said. “When I became a sister, I desired
to help kids and always wanted to be in education. I didn’t find my niche until
I was doing it.”

After earning her associate’s degree at Felician College, Sr. Alan went to work
as a teacher in Wilmington, Del. While teaching, she began attending night classes at La Salle to pursue her bachelor’s degree in education. She earned her master’s
degree from Villanova.

Her assignment to St. Anthony’s in 1977 was disappointing. “For a Philly kid at heart, I was less than thrilled,” Sr. Alan said. “Wilmington was closer to Philly.” Although farther from home, she found that she easily related to the
school’s inner-city kids.

At that point, St. Anthony’s already had a phenomenal basketball team and
outsiders were contemplating whether the high school was cheating. The
principal suggested Sr. Alan, a history teacher who had played basketball in
high school, become Athletic Director to ease the tension. A tenacious group
from Hudson County with the reputation for being the area’s “good ol’ boys” held
the first athletic meeting in the back of a bar—but to their surprise, the nun
showed up.

“I learned as I went,” she said.

Sr. Alan and basketball Coach Bob Hurley developed a strong bond to the
benefit of their students. Hurley was a strict disciplinarian on the court, and
Sr. Alan lent a compassionate ear to students when things weren’t going right.
“We used basketball to better their lives,” she said. “To this day, we get a lot of kids who are below level in basic skills, and we bring them up to the next level. It’s an ongoing battle.”

Many of the students excel in basketball, but they feel they can’t accomplish anything else, Sr. Alan said. Those at St. Anthony’s are driven to change that attitude.

“The kids are just looking for people who will be positive with them and give them hope and encouragement,” Sr. Alan said. “They need someone to listen to them.”

For more than three decades, Sr. Alan has witnessed the impact of having provided a positive voice for her students. But possibly the most appreciated moment came recently, when current and former students returned sentiments of care and optimism during the fight of her life. For the past six years, she has sought vigorous and experimental treatments to battle liver cancer. The situation looked bleak last year, so friends recently threw her a “thank you” party.

“What stands out in my mind is how caring the kids were,” Sr. Alan said. “It’s the most wonderful feeling of success. They come back and visit and have become good contributors of society. They’re parents who are bringing their children back to school.”

Amazingly, doctors offered Sr. Alan a new pill—without the negative side effects of chemotherapy—and were thrilled with the results. She is back to St. Anthony’s several times a week to continue the school’s plan for the future.

Each year, the school must raise $1.5 million to survive. A core group at St. Anthony’s, including Sr. Alan as Vice President of the school, has worked tirelessly to develop a board of trustees who can continue the school’s mission.

“It takes a tremendous amount of energy,” she said. “When it’s time for me to retire, I hope there’s a good development office in place and an endowment established so the work of the school can continue.”

Looking back at her vocation is humbling, she said. “It’s not just my work—so many people make it happen.” The love, coaching, encouragement, fundraising, and care that occur at St. Anthony’s have written a happy ending for countless students. Their story, The Miracle of St. Anthony’s, has been successful as a book and will soon be developed into a movie. Sr. Alan’s wish is that this recognition gets the message out to “keep the mission going.”

“I’d like people to realize we’re like a lot of other struggling Catholic schools,” she said. “We’d like to make the world a better place and help kids become better people.”

“We used basketball to better their lives. To this day, we get a lot of kids who are below level in basic skills, and we bring them up to the next level. It’s an ongoing battle.”

—Sister Mary Alan Barszczewski, ’75
**Why I Give Back: Thomas, ’54, and Janet Kean**

Although they have not lived in the Philadelphia area for more than 40 years, Tom and Janet Kean have stayed connected with La Salle through their generous support of the University.

Tom, who earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from La Salle in 1954, and Janet Kean have been faithful donors to the Annual Fund and the Explorer Club for many years, and they also have endowed a scholarship for a member of La Salle’s swim team.

Recently, the Kehans gave a generous donation to Shoulder to Shoulder: Securing the Future, a major gift initiative to fund a new science and technology center and strengthen the University’s endowment. Over the seven-year life of Shoulder to Shoulder, the University broke new philanthropic ground by raising $84 million. Part of the Kehans’ gift went toward the couple’s second endowed scholarship for a La Salle student.

The new scholarship, awarded for the first time in the 2007-08 academic year, will benefit one student each year who has encountered an emergency financial situation and needs assistance in order to continue at La Salle. The goal is to keep a talented, motivated student from dropping out as a result of a financial hardship.

Tom Kean, who attended La Salle on a swimming scholarship, said he feels it is important to give back and give students the same opportunity he had to get a college education.

“I probably wouldn’t have had the choices I had in my life and my career if it hadn’t been for La Salle,” he said.

After graduating from La Salle and spending five years in the Army, Kean and his family relocated to Albemarle, N.C. In 1960, he took a job with Jeffries Southern Processors, a commercial textile dyeing and finishing plant. He retired as the company’s President and CEO in 1991.

The Kehans have two daughters, Teresa Anne and Ann Marie, and one granddaughter, Ashley.

The Kehans’ dedication to providing educational opportunities has not been limited to La Salle. Avid Tar Heels athletics fans, they have established five swimming scholarships at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Tom Kean also serves on the Executive Board of the Educational Foundation, a nonprofit that raises funds for scholarships for University of North Carolina student-athletes.

In Albemarle, the Kehans are longtime supporters of the Stanly County Family YMCA. Tom Kean has served on the organization’s Board of Directors for more than two decades, overseeing a large-scale renovation of the facility and the building of a new aquatic center. The Kehans are also active parishioners at Annunciation Catholic Church.

The Kehans have received numerous accolades for their dedication to the institutions and causes they have supported over the years. However, they get the most satisfaction out of the relationships they have forged with various scholarship recipients and the tokens of appreciation they have received—including Christmas cards, letters, and family photos—from former students who have benefited from the couple’s generosity.

“It just gives you a really good feeling to give other young people a helping hand before they go out in the world,” Tom Kean said.
Athletes Team Up for Neighboring Community

BY SCOTT LAUGHEAD

FOUNDED IN 1863 BY THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS, LA SALLE University values service to others as an important characteristic of a well-rounded individual. Of the several goals listed in the University’s mission statement, one specifically states “to continue to provide to the residents of the immediate La Salle neighborhood the educational resources and expertise to improve the quality of their lives.”

This Catholic tradition set forth by St. John Baptist de La Salle could be plainly seen at the Explorers’ men’s basketball game against Richmond on Jan. 9.

That afternoon, a large percentage of those in attendance were students from local elementary schools, who received free Explorer rally towels and a luncheon before the game. This treat is just one example of a program implemented through an Athletic Department initiative called Project Teamwork.

Project Teamwork is a community service initiative sponsored by the La Salle Athletic Department. It was developed as a way to get Explorer student-athletes involved in the community surrounding the University. One of the strongest relationships stemming from the program is the Adopt-a-School initiative, in which La Salle Athletics has partnered with Logan Elementary School. At Logan, Explorer student-athletes have the opportunity to participate in an after-school mentoring program as a partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

“The Logan-La Salle partnership has opened an entirely new world for students at Logan Elementary School,” said Principal Mark Wilicki. “It has given them new experiences that they would otherwise not encounter.”

——Principal Mark Wilicki

to see me,” said La Salle field hockey player and program participant Kara Harpel. “That lets me know I’m making a difference.”

Other Project Teamwork events that have taken place over the years include the Fairmount Park cleanup, tree-planting projects, Christmas toy drive and gift wrapping, food bank, book drive, and sports clinics. Philadelphia native Mike Ellerson, ’07, Director of Project Teamwork, is happy to be a part of a group that serves the community. “I’m very fortunate to be in the position to give back to the neighborhood that I grew up in,” he said.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has taken a leadership role in helping get students actively involved with Project Teamwork. These members are viewed as the voice of the student-athletes and are represented by student-athletes from each of La Salle’s sports.

La Salle also is actively involved in the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS). The NCAS is based on the idea of using the positive impact of sports as a catalyst for change in our society. Athletic Director Tom Brennan, Ed.D., is a member of the NCAS Executive Committee. Ellerson recently was on hand to accept the NCAS Outstanding Outreach and Community Service award at the organization’s annual conference in Orlando, Fla. This marks the sixth consecutive year that La Salle Athletics has been recognized by the NCAS for its commitment to community service and outreach.

“It is a testament to La Salle University and its student-athletes to consistently receive such high praise for work done in the community,” Brennan said. “The special emphasis that we place upon work in the immediate neighborhood mirrors the efforts of the University to reinvest in the community.”

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“Good Kids Who Make Bad Decisions”

BY BROTHER BRIAN HENDERSON, F.S.C., '81

AT TIMES, SOMEONE ASKS ME in reference to my past work as Dean of Students and my current work as Director of Saint Gabriel’s Hall, a residential program for juvenile delinquent boys, “How are you doing with those bad children?” I always respond, “They are not bad, they are good kids who make bad decisions.”

As a Christian Brother of 28 years, I have primarily served inner-city teenagers, working frequently with the wayward, lost, and ultimately marginalized youngsters of schools and our society. Throughout, I have found these youngsters to be down to earth—what you see is what you get—finding underneath their demeanor a good soul of God and heir to heaven.

The experience of St. John Baptist de La Salle heartens me. He discovered within himself, and thus inspired our Institute of Brothers along with a wide network of colleagues, an appreciation for the goodness within the children characterized as “poor” in his time. De La Salle wrote in his meditations, “Recognize Jesus beneath the poor rags of the children whom you have to instruct. Adore him in them.” St. La Salle did not see these children as poor so much as they were of poor circumstances.

The teenage boys at Saint Gabriel’s Hall are good kids afflicted significantly by what St. La Salle observed as emotional trauma that leads to their moral deterioration, which directly contributes to their emotional and behavioral impairment. St. La Salle further linked trauma, deterioration, and impairment with the struggles of families to free themselves from poverty, sacrificing attention to a more adequate family life, which further afflicts youngsters.

These realities described by John Baptist de La Salle are realities today.

However, St. La Salle also pointed out the importance of what I continue to discover and reaffirm during my ministerial work everyday, “The first and basic transformation that occurs in the lives of youngsters—especially those who are in need—is that adults are interested in them, seek them out, and recognize them as persons.”

Some accomplishments of former youngsters of poor circumstances whom I have encountered inspire me. Just recently, while preparing to attend a board meeting at St. Frances Academy, an inner-city Catholic high school in the second-poorest area of Baltimore where I served as Dean of Students 10 years ago, a former student I encountered frequently as Dean tapped me on the shoulder. He greeted me warmly and informed me that he could not talk long because he now does what I did—keep kids out of trouble and in the classrooms! Currently, St. Frances Academy employs four fine faculty members who were students during my tenure there, all of them having overcome difficulties. A particularly potential marginalized soul when he came to St. Frances, he not only graduated from high school but also from college in Pittsburgh. I once witnessed him presenting to an auditorium of high school students from low economic areas of Pittsburgh, where he said, “You must work to become
a product of yourself, not of your circumstances.” I was astounded by the wisdom of his words, quite proud of him, and glad to have worked with him during his time of struggle.

St. La Salle possessed a clear and great love for children of poor circumstances. His writings, even for the audience of today, are keenly insightful and accurate descriptions of what creates poor circumstances that afflict children, and they offer effective prescriptions for solid comprehensive education and transformation.

I continue to be proud of the “troubled” young people who are now “capable” young adults shepherding the next generation of “troubled” youngsters as credible witnesses of becoming a product of themselves, not of their circumstances. This, to me, is the ultimate outcome of faithfully living the mandate of St. John Baptist de La Salle, “To touch the hearts of your pupils and to inspire them with the Christian Spirit is the greatest miracle you can perform and one which God expects of you.”

—Br. Brian Henderson, F.S.C, ’81, is Director of Saint Gabriel’s Hall in Audubon, Pa., which provides a long-term, multi-service residential program for delinquent male youth. For additional information, visit www.saintgabrielssystem.org. In addition, Br. Brian is Chair of the Board for St. Frances Academy, the nation’s oldest African American Catholic high school, in Baltimore, Md. He is a former Dean of Students and Assistant Principal at St. Frances Academy, and he graduated from and previously taught at West Catholic High School in Philadelphia.

Further Reflections

“The Brothers have always in view the promotion of justice in the light of the Gospel and either the direct or indirect service of the poor as the preferred aspect of their ministry of education. They work directly for the poor by providing an education for the economically deprived, victims of social injustice, delinquents, and those neglected by the rest of society.”

—From The Rule of Brothers of the Christian Schools, 1987

“We express solidarity with poor children when, by word, action, and quality of presence, we manifest to them profound love and reverence. In solidarity, we strive to help them grow in ‘resilience.’ Experts on the care of disadvantaged children describe resilience as the capacity to do well in spite of stress or adversity. Resilience resists destruction of the human spirit. It cultivates the capacity to construct a positive life in spite of difficult circumstances.”

—From the Pastoral Letter of Brother John Johnston, F.S.C., former Superior General, 1999

“We are Lasallians because St. La Salle’s story is ours. In April of 1714, one significant episode of that story unfolded. Troubles in the schools in Paris led the Brother Directors and Principals to recall St. La Salle to the city. Upon his arrival in August, St. La Salle responded to the call. ‘Well, here I am. What are your wishes?’ This is a response full of faith in God’s holy presence. ‘Here I am.’ It is a response full of zeal and a readiness to respond to the real needs at hand, ‘What are your wishes?’

“In a world that often doubts that truth can be known, and in a time when the poor long to find signs of God’s holy presence while hungering for prophets of authentic justice and lasting peace, the tradition of St. La Salle is our guide. Education for justice—both works of mercy in service to the poor and social action leading to long-term change—are two expressions of our shared ministry. With the presence of Jesus in our hearts we can with confidence follow in the footsteps of St. La Salle to respond with confidence, ‘Here I am. What are your wishes?’

—From Educating in Justice, “Justice: A Characteristic of Lasallian Education,” by Kevin Regan and Edward Sivas, La Salle Academy, Providence, R.I., 2004
President of Acme Markets Judy Spires is Awarded for Outstanding Leadership

Judy Spires, ’75, took a part-time job at Acme Markets while a student at La Salle University, and just as both played a role in her life then, Acme and La Salle continue to play a role in her life now.

La Salle recently honored Spires, who is President of Acme Markets and a member of the University’s Board of Trustees, with its Leadership Award during the 16th annual Charter Dinner.

Spires’ father, who was a truck driver for Acme, helped her obtain a job there to pay for college. She started as a part-time cashier and said she “fell in love” with the business.

Spires graduated with her bachelor’s in special education from La Salle, then completed Cornell University’s Food Executive Program. She is finishing her MBA at La Salle, and she said that her La Salle experiences are still valuable to her in the corporate world.

“...A liberal-arts education opens your mind to so much more than you ever thought possible,” she said.

During the Charter Dinner, Spires remarked that her La Salle education provided her with a strong foundation for leadership. “At La Salle University, I found my voice through acceptance, through high standards and expectation, and through the creative bent of the academics,” she said. “I learned how to think. I learned how to question. I learned how to work hard for what I want. I learned how to achieve and learned how to dream. ... I am proud to be a truck driver’s daughter and a daughter of La Salle.”

Spires has held prominent positions with American Stores, Albertsons, and Supervalu, including serving as President of both the Albertsons Dallas/Fort Worth and the Rocky Mountain divisions. Prior to her present role at Acme, Spires also served as Vice President of Sales and Advertising, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Human Resources, Vice President of Operations, Vice President of Integration, and Senior Vice President of Marketing and Merchandising. In 2006, she became the first woman President of Acme Markets, overseeing 16,000 employees in 130 stores in four states.

“I often get a great deal of feedback from women who tell me that, with me [in my position], they see someone who has done it,” Spires said.

In addition to serving on La Salle’s Board of Trustees, Spires is a board member for Variety, The Children’s Charity; the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce; the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; the New Jersey Food Council; and the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association.

She is a national Vice President of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, a member of the Forum of Executive Women and the International Women’s Forum, serves on the Advisory Council of Esperanza, and is a founding member of the Greater Philadelphia Network of Executive Women. Most recently, Spires was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Commission as a co-Chair of the Consumer Engagement Committee, as well as on the board of the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Spires and her husband, Robert Spires, ’75, met while at La Salle. They live in Philadelphia and have one son.

—Jan Curulis

ST. BENILDE TOWER RECEIVES BLESSING
La Salle University’s newly renovated St. Benilde Tower, located on West Campus, received a blessing just before classes began for the spring semester. The Rev. James Dever, O.S.F.S., Campus Minister (pictured above), Brother John Kane, F.S.C., Director of Academic Support Services for Student Athletes, Brother Robert Kinzer, F.S.C., Director of University Ministry and Service, and Brother Joseph Willard, F.S.C., ’64, Executive Assistant to the President, led a ceremony and blessed all five University-operated floors in the former Wister Tower of Germantown Hospital. The School of Nursing and Health Sciences recently relocated classes and offices from Wister Hall on Main Campus to West Campus. University Advancement offices also are located in the building.

(From left) Leadership Award honoree Judy Spires, ’75, Board of Trustees Chair William Sautter, ’71, Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’76, La Salle’s President, and Trustee and Charter Dinner Host Bud Hansen, ’58.
New ROTC Scholarship Honors Major General William Burns

Beginning in the 2008-09 academic year, ROTC students will be eligible for a new scholarship program named in honor of U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William Burns, '54.

Burns, who sits on the University's Board of Trustees, has been a top negotiator for nuclear disarmament during the Reagan Administration. He previously instructed ROTC as a faculty member at La Salle.

Eligible students who are awarded the ROTC scholarship will receive full tuition for four years, as well as paid room and board at La Salle. Students who are currently enrolled in the University also may apply for the scholarship.

"We're pleased to offer this scholarship both as a way to honor Major General Burns and to attract some of the best and brightest students to our school," said John Julian, Vice President for Enrollment Services. "The values and ethics they will learn at La Salle will be of great value to them when they assume military leadership roles."

During more than 30 years of committed service, Burns held a number of important positions, including commanding a field artillery brigade in Germany and serving in Vietnam. In 1981, he became the military representative on the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty delegation in Geneva, Switzerland, negotiating what was to become the only U.S.-Soviet treaty that eliminated an entire class of nuclear weapons. Later, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs, and in 1987 President Ronald Reagan named him Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.


La Salle University is one of 25 colleges in the Philadelphia area to participate in the ROTC scholarship program.

---Jim Caroulis

BOOK DRIVE BENEFITS
LOGAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

In December, members of La Salle's Alumni Association delivered a total of approximately $2,300 in books to Logan Elementary School after a successful book drive in the fall. Through a partnership with Scholastic Books and generous donations during Homecoming Weekend, students received $1,000 in brand-new books and about $1,300 worth of used books. (Back row, from left) Bill Durham, Community Liaison for La Salle; Mark Wilicki, Principal of Logan Elementary School; Jim Ahern, '70, President of the Alumni Association; Kristin Fairweather, '97, Vice President of the Alumni Association; holding her daughter, Addison; Candy Hagamin, '07, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations; and Steve Kinsey, Chief of Staff to State Rep. John Myers, with students from Logan Elementary.
La Salle’s Neighborhood Nursing Center Receives Grant for Community-Based Abstinence Education Program

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Administration for Children and Families has awarded a one-year $510,089 grant to La Salle University’s Neighborhood Nursing Center to work with youth and parents and guardians about the benefits of postponing sexual activity until marriage.

“Telling them to ‘just say no’ is not enough—they need to understand themselves, their values, and the consequences of their choices. They need skills that will empower them to make good choices,” said Ann Maria Catanzaro, R.N., Ph.D., Director of La Salle’s Neighborhood Nursing Center. “Each piece (of the program)—self-esteem, effective communication, and having the skills that will help them develop healthy relationships—lays the foundation for helping our youth make informed decisions.”

The initial grant for the 10-week Community-Based Abstinence Education (CBAE) program totals $510,089; however, if funding is approved for each of the program’s five years, the grant will total $2,715,089. The grant also requires the program to reserve 15 percent of its budget for evaluation.

Each year, La Salle hopes to reach out to at least 500 Philadelphia youth, ages 12 to 15, and their parents and guardians. In Philadelphia, 6.8 percent of births are to women under the age of 18, and 2.1 percent are to unmarried mothers. According to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, the rates are much higher among the North, West, and Northwest communities.

La Salle has partnered with two local organizations, Neighborhoods United Against Drugs (NUAD) and The Women’s Institute for Family Health (WIFH), to reach youth in these communities with the 10-week CBAE program. La Salle will focus on the Northwest Philadelphia community, while NUAD and WIFH will cover North and West Philadelphia communities, respectively.

—Amy Gardner Cranston

La Salle Hosts the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Student Art Exhibit

The La Salle University Art Museum recently hosted the 11th Annual Archdiocese of Philadelphia Student Art Exhibition and awards ceremony.

More than 100 works created by 23 Archdiocesan high school students were displayed for two weeks in the Art Museum’s new Community Art Gallery. Staff from the Philadelphia Museum of Art’s Division of Art Education and La Salle faculty and staff served as jurors for the exhibition. Awards were given for the best artwork in printmaking and photography, graphic design, painting, drawing, mixed media, and three-dimensional art.

“The art exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the students’ artistic abilities while encouraging them to pursue their love of art,” said Miranda Clark-Binder, Assistant Curator of Education for La Salle’s Art Museum.

The La Salle University Art Museum began in 1965 as a study collection for the University’s art history majors. It opened in its current location, on the lower level of Olney Hall, in 1976. The museum houses more than 4,000 objects, and La Salle is currently the only university in the Philadelphia area to own a permanent display of paintings, drawings, and sculptures from the Renaissance to the present. In 2007, with a generous grant from the Connelly Foundation and support from the University’s Brother Daniel Burke Endowment, the museum developed and implemented a K-12 Education and Community Outreach Program.

For more information on the Art Museum, visit www.lasalle.edu/museum.

—Amy Gardner Cranston
PERSONAL FINANCE EXPERT SPEAKS AT 2008 ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FORUM

From left, Paul Brazina, Dean of the School of Business, Thomas J. Lynch, '62, past President of the Union League, Jane Bryant Quinn, and Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, La Salle's President

Jane Bryant Quinn, one of the nation's leading commentators on personal finance, recently headlined La Salle University's 2008 Economic Outlook Forum. The event, hosted by La Salle's School of Business and The Business Network of the Union League of Philadelphia, was held at the Union League of Philadelphia.

Quinn's presentation, "The Economy and Your Money," offered a knowledgeable overview and advice for personal finance in today's turbulent U.S. economy. She discussed the outlook of the business economy, pending government action and legislation, and the impact the current economy has on one's personal finances.

"Jane Bryant Quinn has established herself as one of America's most trusted voices for people trying to manage their money well," said Paul Brazina, Dean of the School of Business. "In light of the current erratic market, Ms. Quinn's topic—the economy and our money—is quite timely."

Named by World Almanac as one of the 25 most influential women in the United States, Quinn's books, Making the Most of Your Money and Smart and Simple Strategies for Busy People, have been read by millions. Her columns on investing and money management have appeared in Newsweek, and her twice-weekly column on personal finance is syndicated by the Washington Post to more than 250 newspapers.

Quinn worked for 10 years for CBS News, first appearing on the CBS Morning News and later on the Evening News with Dan Rather. She hosted her own show, Take Charge!, on the Public Broadcasting System and is a regular guest on Good Morning America.

—Amy Gardner Cranston

LA SALLE RECOGNIZED FOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Thanks to a reference in the 2008 edition of Princeton Review's Best 366 Colleges, students nationwide will recognize La Salle as a "Great School for Education Majors."

Education Department Chair Frank Mosca, Ph.D., recently received word that his department was highlighted among about 50 other colleges and universities as a "Great School for Education Majors." The book is available to high school students and their families who are researching undergraduate institutions. La Salle was one of only three local colleges acknowledged for their education programs.

Mosca said the program is unique because of its dual elementary and special education degree, as well as the amount of fieldwork required for students to graduate.

—Liz Vargo

CELEBRATING LA SALLE'S CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Performers delivered spoken word, poetry, tap, improvisational comedy, classical piano, guitar, dance, song, and other entertainment during group and solo acts.

Through donations, the program solicited about 200 pounds of food for Philabundance and around 30 books for Logan Elementary School's library.

"The overall goal was to put on a quality show," Allen said. "People got an opportunity to be together and really felt a sense of community."

—Liz Vargo

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La Salle Honors Alumni for Athletic Achievements

Four alumni were recently honored as 2008 inductees into La Salle University's Hall of Athletes. Chosen for their outstanding athletic performance as students were Rusal Butler, '02, men's basketball; John E. Madden, '87, diving; Kevin Myles, '00, cross country/track and field; and Jami Wilus, '02, lacrosse.

Butler was the sixth Explorer to score more than 2,000 points while playing men's basketball at La Salle. He ranks fourth among the University's all-time scorers and was named to First Team All Atlantic 10 in both 2001 and 2002. He currently plays for the New Orleans Hornets in the NBA.

In 1986, Madden set both Explorer and Kirk Pool scoring records. He became a MAAC Champion in 1986 and 1987 and placed 16th at the NCAA Championship in 1987. Madden also was a two-time NCAA qualifier in one-meter diving in 1986 and 1987.

Myles captured the Atlantic 10 1,000-meter championship in 1997.

In lacrosse, Wilus ranked first among Explorers in career points, goals, and assists. Wilus led the A-10 in points and goals in 2001 and 2002. She led the nation in goals per game and finished second in scoring in 2001. From 2000 to 2004, she was a member of the U.S. Woman's Lacrosse National Development Team.

The following year, he was the first Explorer to be a NCAA Cross Country Championship qualifier. Myles was part of four record-holding Explorer relay teams and was selected as La Salle's Male Scholar Athlete in 2000.

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—Liz Vargo

University Discontinues Football Program

La Salle University announced the discontinuation of its football program in November, citing the diminished pool of suitable opponents as the key factor in the decision.

"This was a very difficult decision, and I announce it with a real sense of disappointment," said Thomas Brennan, Ed.D, Director of Athletics.

"It is important to note that this decision was not the result of the performance of our team, nor is it a reflection on the team and the young men who have competed for La Salle," Brennan added. "We admire the dedication and manner with which our football players represented La Salle University. We are proud of the hard work these student athletes have exhibited on the field, in the classroom, and in the community."

Football was brought back to La Salle in 1997 after a 56-year hiatus. Two years later, La Salle joined the MAAC Football League, which consisted of 10 schools with similar academic and athletic profiles. Over the last eight years, Georgetown decided to change conferences, while Fairfield, Canisius, Siena, St. John's, and St. Peter's dropped their football programs.

Last spring Duquesne announced plans to compete at the limited scholarship level by joining the Northeast Conference effective with the 2008 season. This would leave only three remaining teams for 2008—Iona, Marist, and La Salle, not enough for a league.

The Explorers compiled a record of 35-76 in the 10 years since the program returned. The team had back-to-back winning seasons of 7-4 and 5-4 in 2000 and 2001 under head coach Bill Manlove.
1955  Peter J. Crilakos, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Flat Rock, N.C., retired as a professor of history from Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C.

Harvey Portner (B.A.) of Elkins Park, Pa., was elected to a sixth straight four-year term as Commissioner of Cheltenham Township. He is the longest-serving Democrat in township history.

Anthony G. Rampulla (B.S.) of Easton, Pa., celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Rita, on Oct. 5, 2007.


Louis P. Reiff, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Edgewood, Md., retired as a senior chemist for the United States Army Aberdeen Proving Ground.

1958  ★ REUNION YEAR  William J. Weber (B.A.) of Drexel Hill, Pa., has seven children and 18 grandchildren.

1959  Joseph A. McGehrin Sr. (B.S.) of Woodbury, N.J., a retired insurance broker, celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Agnes, on June 15, 2007.

1962  Gerald J. Ziccardi (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is a fourth-degree knight with the Knights of Columbus. He writes a monthly letter for Life and is a member of the German Society in New York City.

1963  ★ REUNION YEAR  Br. Dominic A. Smith, F.S.C. (B.A.) of Pittsburgh, Pa., returned from his Sangre experience and is currently the librarian at Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, Pa.

1964  Richard F. Keevey (B.A.) of Princeton, N.J., is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and the Council for Excellence in Government. He and his wife, Elizabeth, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

James J. Kirschke, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Paoli, Pa., was nominated for a Gavel Award from the American Bar Association for his book, Gouverneur Morris: Author, Statesman, and Man of the World.

The Rev. William W. Spencer (B.S.) of Ann Arbor, Mich., was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 14, 2007, for the Diocese of Saginaw in Michigan. He was appointed administrator of Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church in Harbor Beach, Mich.

1965  William A. Gallagher (B.S.) of Paltmerton, Pa., retired after 35 years in the gypsum industry.

Alfred J. Michini, CPA (B.S.) of Lansdale, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors for Enterayon Inc. He is a tax, financial, and management accounting and litigation support specialist.

1966  Nicholas C. Kiernisky, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Gettysburg, Pa., retired from Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Md., as professor emeritus of psychology after more than 35 years of service. He served as National Chair of the Council of Undergraduate Psychology Programs and published work in a variety of professional journals.

Walter J. Plagens Jr. (B.A.) of Holiday, Fla., coached the Knights of Columbus adult basketball team to first place in the 18-and-over summer league at the Holiday recreation center in Florida.

1967  James A. Butler, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Glenside, Pa., co-edited The Excursion, the 21st and final volume of a complete edition of works by the 19th-century British poet William Wordsworth. He is a professor of English at La Salle.

Joseph F. Schatt (B.A.) of Camp Hill, Pa., completed a three-year term as President of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Harrisburg.

1968  ★ REUNION YEAR  James J. Faulk (B.A.) of Sewell, N.J., retired as the Vice President of Construction from Paparone Housing Co. of Mt. Laurel, N.J., after 29 years of service. He plans to return to his first love, teaching high school.

James M. Nepp, CPA, CMA (B.S.) of Allentown, Pa., is an adjunct professor of business at DeSales University in Center Valley, Pa.

Edgar J. Langdon (B.A.) of Warminster, Pa., will celebrate 50 years of marriage with his wife, Mary, on June 7, 2008. They have four children and nine grandchildren. He also will be celebrating his 40th reunion at La Salle this May.


Alum Named Provincial for Baltimore District

Brother Dennis Malloy, F.S.C., '74, M.A. '81, a member of La Salle's Board of Trustees, was recently named Provincial for the Baltimore District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools after a brief appointment as Assistant Provincial. He also has served as Executive Director of St. Gabriel's System since 2000.

Br. Dennis, a Christian Brother since 1973, has shown a strong devotion to at-risk youth since graduating from La Salle with a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1974. In 1981, he earned a master's degree in religious education from La Salle, and, in 1985, he earned a master's degree in social work from Catholic University.

In July 2007, Br. Dennis was named Assistant Provincial of the Baltimore Province of the Christian Brothers and, shortly after, became Provincial. He succeeds Brother Robert Schieler, F.S.C., '72, who now serves as a Regional Councilor representing the U.S./Toronto and French-speaking Canada regions on the General Council of the Superior General of the Christian Brothers.

As provincial, Br. Dennis will oversee the work of 174 Christian Brothers.
### Marriages

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<td>Donna J. Pomponi (B.A.)</td>
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**Notes**

Peter R. Kroh (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., had his first poetry book published, *Looking for an Eye*, by Foothills Publishing Co. He is the editor of the *Schuykill Valley Journal* and the Humanities Director at the Manayunk Art Center. He also is a contracting officer at the Defense Supply Center in Philadelphia.

Francis J. Ryan, Ed.D. (B.A.) of Glenside, Pa., was honored by the Middle Atlantic American Studies Association by having the Best Undergraduate Research Project award named after him. He is also the American Studies Program Director at La Salle.

G. Michael Bellenghi, CPA (B.S.) of Media, Pa., was appointed to the Board of Directors for MRO Corporation, a market leader of shared Release of Information solutions for health-care providers. He is co-owner and managing director of BF Healthcare Inc., a privately held physician staffing company in Philadelphia, and founder and director of SOURCECORP, a national provider of business process outsourcing services.

Edward V. Colliton (B.A.) of Burke, Va., was named the Academic Dean of California University of Management and Sciences at its new campus in Falls Church, Va.

Francis J. Duphy Jr. (B.S.) of Villanova, Pa., was named one of the 75 Greatest Living Philadelphians by Dunkin Donuts. He is the head coach for Temple University men's basketball and is on the Board of Directors for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Philadelphia.

Edward A. Flynn (B.A.) is the new police chief for the Milwaukee, Wis., police department.

Alfred C. Giovetti, Ph.D., CPA (B.S.) of Catonsville, Md., was elected to a two-year term as Governor of District III (Virginia, Maryland, and West Virginia) for the Board of Governors of the National Society of Accountants. The society represents all accountants who have demonstrated competence and professional responsibility through education, examination, experience, and ethics.

Richard S. Girard, CTP (B.S., MBA '81) of Hatfield, Pa., was appointed Treasury Administrator for La Salle University.

Thomas A. Leonard, CPA (B.S.) of Media, Pa., was selected to be included in the exclusive Princeton Premier Registry. He is a partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers where his responsibilities include overseeing the financial services division in Philadelphia as well as providing services to his own clients and preparing financial statements.

Robert F. Shea (B.A.) of Dallas, Texas, is the founding Director and first Chairperson at the Hope for Peace and Justice Center in Dallas. He is also a co-founder of The Institute for Catholic School Leadership at Loyola University in New Orleans, La.

Charles J. Quinn Jr., Ph.D. (B.A.) of Columbus, Ohio, accepted an invitation to lecture in Japanese for the Toshiba International Foundation and Josai International University on the Josai Tokyo campus. He was awarded a fellowship for 2007–08 from the National Endowment for the Humanities for research in the history of Japanese language.

David L. Waltz (B.S.) of Jamison, Pa., was named Accounting Manager of Solar Manufacturing in Souderton, Pa.

Ronald J. Kroll (B.A.) of Palmyra, N.J., retired from the Internal Revenue Service after 34 years of service.  

1971
1972  John J. Persia (B.A., MBA '01) of Sewell, N.J., is pursuing a master's degree in religion at La Salle University.

Dennis Seddon (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., earned his 500th victory after 22 seasons as the basketball coach for Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia.

1973  **Reunion Year** Michael J. Tasch (B.S.) of Doylestown, Pa., was named Marketing Representative for the Peter Becker Continual Care Retirement Community. He is also a licensed real estate broker with Keller Williams Real Estate in Doylestown.

1974  Louis A. Lombardo III (B.A.) of Maple Glen, Pa., retired in June 2007 after teaching history for 33 years at Upper Dublin High School in Fort Washington, Pa. He was also the head baseball coach at the high school and taught at Montgomery County Community College for more than 16 years.

Gary D. Smolker (B.S.) of King George, Va., is a scientist working in combat system safety for the Department of the Navy.

1975  Lawrence T. Bowman, Esq. (B.A.) of Dallas, Texas, was named a super lawyer by his respective bar association and was elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their commitment to the legal community in the state of Texas.

Karen (Fraunfelder) Burnett, P.G. (B.S.) of Punta Gorda, Fla., was named Vice President of EarthBalance, an environmental consulting services company. She is a licensed professional geologist in Florida and Alabama.

Joseph M. Kelly (B.A.) of Orange Park, Fla., was promoted to Assistant Vice President, Risk Management for CSX Corporation, an international transportation company offering a variety of rail, container-shipping, intermodal trucking, and contract logistics.

Gerard J. O'Neill (B.S., MBA '85) of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed to the consulting team of Relevante, a leading provider of accounting and technology consulting.

John D. Petrin (B.S.) Hamilton Square, N.J., retired after more than 30 years of service with Philip Morris USA.

Karen (Golia) LaSalle, '06, married Michael LaSalle on May 26, 2007, at Resurrection of Our Lord Church in Northeast Philadelphia. In honor of her alma mater and her new last name, the couple had wedding photos taken around campus before their reception at the Holiday Inn City Line. Karen LaSalle is a nurse in the Labor and Delivery Unit at Chestnut Hill Hospital, and she and her new husband live in the Mayfair section of Northeast Philadelphia.

1976  Philip S. Cosentino, Esq. (B.A.) of Chambersburg, Pa., was awarded the Rotary Club's 2007 Excel Award in Chambersburg. This award is given to a non-Rotary Club member who exemplifies the group's mission of "service over self."

Br. John M. Crawford, F.S.C. (B.A., MBA '76) of Philadelphia, Pa., joined the Religion Department faculty at La Salle University. He continues to make progress on his doctoral work at Boston College.

Cynthia (Bonatucci) Fisher, M.D. (B.S.) of Cooperstown, N.Y., was appointed Division Chief of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery at Bassett Healthcare, an affiliate of Columbia University.

The Rev. Michael A. McKillip (B.S., MBA '97) of North Wales, Pa., is Pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church of Bustleton in Philadelphia, Pa.

Diane C. Wilmanski (B.A.) of Atlanta, Ga., is a consultant in finance and accounting with MDI, a professional consulting and staffing firm.

1978  **Reunion Year** Kathleen P. Bloch (B.S., MBA '90) of North Brunswick, N.J., was appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Langer Inc.

William J. Clark Sr. (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., retired as a staff sergeant in the Pennsylvania National Guard after 42 years of service.

Frank D. Giardini (B.S.) of Downingtown, Pa., was a guest speaker at the Knowledge Congress teleconference entitled "Form 990 Overhaul." He is the Managing Director for Mid-Atlantic Exempt Tax Practice of Wealth and Tax Advisory Services Inc.

Joseph M. Junfola, CPCU (B.A.) of Sewell, N.J., marked 30 years in the insurance industry. He holds numerous insurance industry designations, and he authored a workbook and created a workshop, "Cause and Effect: Managing the Construction Defect Claim." He is working toward an executive certificate in negotiation at the Mendoza College of Business at the University of Notre Dame.

Maj. Matthew F. Toms (B.A.) of Southampton, N.J., retired from the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He served in active and reserve status as both a flight and chief nurse in U.S. and European theaters. He also served active duty during Operation Desert Shield.

1979  John M. Draganescu, M.D., FACP (B.A.) of Wayne, Pa., merged his gastroenterology practice to form Premier GI of Delaware Valley, P.C. He also serves as Assistant Director of the Internal Medicine Residency Program at Mercy Catholic Medical Center.

Daniel F. Polsenburg, Esq. (B.A.) of Las Vegas, Nev., was named Chair of the Appellate Committee for the American Bar Association. He's been a member of the Appellate Committee for more than 10 years and is a partner in Lewis and Roca's appellate practice group. He is listed in Best Lawyers in America, and
he also has been designated a super lawyer by *Law and Politics*, a designation that places him in the top 5 percent of all practitioners in the western mountain states.

1980  Leslie L. Branda (B.A.) of Naples, Fla., was re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Art at the Naples Museum of Art in Naples, Fla.

Robert A. Gottlieb (B.A.) of Delray Beach, Fla., is returning to the United States to start-up IntegraGen’s United States operations. IntegraGen is a French-based biotech and personalized medicine company leveraging gene discovery to commercialize molecular diagnostic tests for metabolic and central nervous system diseases.

1981  Christopher E. Trotter (B.S.) of Rahway, N.J., volunteers with the New Jersey Wing of the Civil Air Patrol, a national nonprofit benevolent organization that is the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. He is a first lieutenant working with Emergency Preparedness Services as a search aircraft crew observer and ground search team member.

1982  John R. Greed (B.S.) of Yardley, Pa., was promoted to Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Mutual of America, specializing in providing pension and retirement-related products, programs, and services.

George T. Kenney Jr. (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., announced that he will not seek re-election in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives after 23 years of public service.

Linda J. Miller (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is the Deputy Executive Director of the Philadelphia Parking Authority.

### Births and Adoptions

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<td>A daughter, Olivia Noelle, to Tom and Melissa (Guenther) Ciesiak, CPA (B.S.).</td>
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<td>A son, Luca Anthony, to Maria and Stefano Cusano (B.S.).</td>
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<td>1995</td>
<td>Twin sons, Tyler and Peter (below), to Elizabeth T. (Raab) Bradford (B.S., MBA ’02) and Kevin R. Bradford (B.A. ’96).</td>
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<td>1996</td>
<td>Twin sons, Tyler and Peter, to Kevin R. Bradford (B.A.) and Elizabeth T. (Raab) Bradford (B.S. ’95, MBA ’02).</td>
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<td>A son, Andrew Dennis, to Christopher J. Magliozzo (B.A.) and Danielle (Penko) Magliozzo (B.A. ’99).</td>
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<td>A son, Xavier Daniel Winchester-Seedes to Laura Winchester (B.A.).</td>
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<td>Triplets, a daughter, Sofia Natalee, and two sons, Adam Richard and Luke Anthony, to EvaMarie (DeAngelo) Deeney (B.A.) and Donald D. Deeney (B.A.).</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>A son, Sean Edward, to Kiran and Katie P. (Kienzlor) Raju (BSN).</td>
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<td>A son, Mario William, to Claire (McGinley) Jacovini (B.S.) and Gregory M. Jacovini (B.S.).</td>
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<td>A daughter, Madison Marie, to Kevin and Mandy (Dubbs) Derfler (B.A.).</td>
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<td>A daughter, Lily Ryan, to Jessica E. (Crawford) Shambaugh (B.A.) and Corey D. Shambaugh (B.A.).</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>A daughter, Kimberly J. (George) Curtis (B.A.).</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>A daughter, Madelyn Isabel, to John and Shaune F. (McLaughlin) Slattery (B.A.).</td>
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Louis F. Mosca (B.A.) of Sewell, N.J., was elected the 96th president of the Philadelphia Rotary Club. He is also the Senior Vice President for Citibank Smith Barney in Philadelphia.

Nicholas J. Ricciuti (B.S., M.S. ’90) of Mullica Hill, N.J., was named Senior Vice President and group manager in the Business Lending Division of Sterling Banc in Mount Laurel, N.J.

George T. Rizzuto, CPA (B.S.) of Maple Glen, Pa., was appointed Chief Financial Officer for Methodist Hospital Division.

Kenneth H. Ryisky, Esq. (MBA) is a solo law practitioner in East Northport, N.Y. He is an adjunct assistant professor of business law and taxation courses at Queens College CUNY. He published two scholarly articles, “Part-Time Soldiers: Deploying Adjunct Faculty in the War Against Student Plagiarism” and “On Solid Legal Ground: Bringing Information Literacy to Undergraduate-Level Law Courses.”

William D. Shields (B.S.) of Wilmington, Del., attended the Geh Plastics 75th anniversary symposium on May 11, 2007, in Mannheim, Germany.

1983 ★ REUNION YEAR Kenneth J. Avalon (B.S.) of Wyocne, Pa., was renamed President of the Philadelphia Sports of Hall of Fame Foundation. Under his leadership and vision, the foundation was incorporated as a nonprofit entity in 2002. He is the founder and the driving force behind the Philadelphia Sports of Hall of Fame.

Gregory J. Geruson (B.A.) of Jenkintown, Pa., was promoted to Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, Pa.

1985 Col. Marco Coppola, D.O., FACEP (B.A.) of Collegeville, Texas, was promoted to colonel and is a commander with the Texas Medical Command of the Texas Army National Guard. He holds the Surgeon General’s A’ Proficiency Designator and received the Order of Military Medical Merit. In addition to being Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at Las Colinas Medical Center in Irving, Texas, he is a secretary, board member, and founding partner of Questcare Partners, a democratic emergency medicine group. He is also the first physician to be named Professor of Emergency Medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center College of Medicine.

Kevin M. McCasland (B.S.) of Overland Park, Kan., was appointed Director of Operations for the Manufacturing Division of Tire Centers LLC, a subsidiary of Michelin North America.

Michele M. Patrick (B.A.) of Arlington, Va., is the head speechwriter for the President of Georgetown University. She also writes a monthly column for Global Stamp News.

1986 Daniel K. Fitzpatrick, CPA, CFA (B.S.) of Newtown, Pa., oversees the commercial banking business as President and Chief Executive Officer for Citizens Bank in eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. He is also a member of Citizens Financial Groups’ Executive Policy Committee, the company’s senior leadership team.

Gary W. Kennedy (B.A.) of North Wales, Pa., was named a premier adviser for the fourth year in a row by Wachovia Securities. He is a senior vice president in the firm’s Doylestown, Pa., office.

Robert M. Larney (MBA) of Northville, Mich., was named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for Foamex International Inc.

Brian R. Schofield (MBA) of Exton, Pa., was named Senior Managing Director and Construction Practice Leader for the commercial property and casualty department for Frank G. Stein and Company in Philadelphia.

Karen (Anderson Davis) Whyte (B.A.) of Erdenheim, Pa., was named Principal at the New Eagle Elementary School in Wayne, Pa.

1988 ★ REUNION YEAR Francis T. Faber Esq. (B.A.) of Churchville, Pa., operates the sideline printer that allows him to send the play photos to the offense, defense, and special teams coaches of the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Rev. Debra J. Kissinger (B.A.) of Macungie, Pa., is a lobbyist for state and federal lawmakers on behalf of children through her position in the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

Timothy E. Legler (B.S.) of Mullica Hill, N.J., is in his seventh year as an ESPN NBA analyst. He played basketball in the NBA for 10 seasons after playing for La Salle.

Judi Walsh Louglin (B.A.) of Cranford, N.J., was promoted to International Editions Editor of the Wall Street Journal.

Anthony M. Steel (M.A.) of Cronulla, Australia, is in his second year at Australian Catholic University. His focus is with the Institute for Advancing Community Engagement, where his research and planning activities are concentrated on interfaith and intercultural dialogue, the integration of Sudanese students into Sydney Catholic schools, and leadership programs for young people. He also teaches undergraduate units in the School of Theology.

1989 Michael A. Costa (B.S.) of New York, N.Y., joins UBS Investment Bank Equities group as Executive Director, Sales Trading, focusing on marketing the equities platform to institutions and hedge funds.
CORRECTIONS

Courtney (Liebel) Laub, ’01, was listed incorrectly in the 2007 Honor Roll of Donors and in the “Births and Adoptions” section of the Winter 2007–08 La Salle Magazine, and her daughter’s name was misspelled. The Honor Roll of Donors listing should have read as follows:

2001
YOUNG ALUMNI CLUB
Ryan and Courtney (Liebel) Laub

The “Births and Adoptions” entry should have read as follows:

2001 A daughter, Gwendalynn Erin, to Ryan and Courtney (Liebel) Laub (B.S.).

Vincent A. Durso, ’04, was incorrectly listed in the “Marriages” section of the Winter 2007–08 La Salle Magazine.

Thomas P. Murt (M.A.) of Hatboro, Pa., will seek re-election in 2008 as a Pennsylvania State Representative. He is a member of Pennsylvania’s committees on Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, Child and Youth, and Education.

Nancy (Fahringer) Szamborski (M.S.) of Richboro, Pa., leads the nonprofit organization Bucks County Housing Group, dedicated to serving the county’s homeless and low-income families.

1990 Sean P. DeHaven (B.S.) of Lansdale, Pa., is the System Sales Director of Omnica LLC, a provider of automation systems and software solutions targeting patient safety and supply chain efficiency in health-care facilities.

Anneliese (Doll-Vishio) McMenamin (B.S.) of Elkins Park, Pa., was named Vice President for Human Resources at Kennedy Health System, an integrated health-delivery system in southern New Jersey.

Marcella (Bosswag) Schankweiler (B.A.) of North Wales, Pa., was named one of the 75 Greatest Living Philadelphians by Dunkin Donuts. She is the Founder and Director of Crossing the Finish Line, a nonprofit in Montgomery County providing young adult cancer patients and their families with a retreat from the physical and emotional demands of cancer by providing a one-week, expense-paid excursion in a comfortable, secure environment.

Robert W. Standen (R.S.) of Jamestown, N.C., was named President of Key Risk Insurance Co. and its affiliate, Key Risk Management Services, a provider of workers’ compensation insurance products and services for employers throughout the eastern United States.

1991 Lt. Cmdr. John J. Meagher (B.A.) is an executive officer with the United States Navy Support Activity (NSA) in Bahrain. He served Thanksgiving Day meals to more than 2,000 service men and women, Department of Defense employees, and other personnel who work at the NSA Bahrain.


Paul J. Williamson (B.S.) of Gladwyne, Pa., was named Director of Sales and Marketing at the new Crowne Plaza Philadelphia Main Line hotel.


William F. Muller, CFP, ChFC (B.S.) of Media, Pa., is a certified financial planner with Planning Directions Inc., a registered investment advisory firm in Glen Mills, Pa.

1993 ★ REUNION YEAR Brian A. Bruder (B.S.) of Bordentown, N.J., was promoted to Associate Director of Hormone Therapy Marketing for the biopharmaceuticals division of Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals in Princeton, N.J.

Matthew J. Fee, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Syracuse, N.Y., was awarded his Ph.D. with distinction from the Department of Cinema Studies at New York University.

Maura A. (Foraker) Lundstrom (B.A.) of Reading, Pa., completed a master’s degree in education, specializing in reading. She taught special education for 12 years.

Maria (Savarese) McKeown (B.A.) of Haddon Heights, N.J., is an assistant principal in the Gloucester Township School District.

Matthew D. Melinson, CPA (B.S.) of Ivyland, Pa., was named President of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accounts for the 2007–08 fiscal year. He is the Director of State and Local Taxes with Smith and Associates in Devon, Pa., and an adjunct professor at Philadelphia University in the graduate tax program.

Robert L. Mikus (M.A.) of Lancaster, Pa., was named Associate Dean and Director of Residence for Villa Julie College in Owings Mills, Md.

Andrew H. Moskowitz (B.S., M.Ed. ’99) of Williamstown, N.J., is engaged to Roseann Silenzio (B.S. ’01). The two Explorers found their way to each other on Match.com and are planning an April 2009 wedding.

Paul T. Murray, ChFC, CDSA (B.A.) of North Wales, Pa., is a certified divorce financial analyst and is growing his wealth management practice, Quigley & Murray Group.


Gerald J. Tarantolo (B.S.) of Flemington, N.J., was promoted to an accounts executive for Principal Financial Group, responsible for corporate accounts in the New York and New Jersey metro region.

1994 John J. Higson, Esq. (B.A.) of Havertown, Pa., was named one of Pennsylvania’s Rising Stars, as voted by his peers and sponsored by Law & Politics and Philadelphia Magazine.

Joseph A. Ochipinti (B.A.) of Lake Mary, Fla., earned a masters’ degree from Webster University School of Business and Technology.

1995 Spencer T. Beck (B.S.) of Lititz, Pa., was named Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer for Ephrata National Bank in Ephrata, Pa.

Thomas V. Edwards Jr. (MBA) of Doylestown, Pa., was named Technical Director of Met-Pro Corporation, a global source for product recovery, pollution control, fluid handling, and filtration/purification technologies.

Joseph T. Lopez (B.A.) of Churchville, Pa., operates the instant replay machine for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Staci Wilhelm Loranc (B.S.) of Royersford, Pa., joined the national accounting firm of McGladrey and Pullen LLP as an audit manager.
Christopher T. Domer (B.A.) of Springfield, Pa., was recognized as Principal of the Year for the state of Pennsylvania and was nominated to represent the United States. He is the principal of Upper Darby High School.

Br. Joseph W. Juliano, F.S.C. (M.A.) of Camden, N.J., assumed the position as the second President of the San Miguel School in Camden.

Adrienne N. Gagliardo (B.A.) was inducted into the Eastern Lebanon County School District Hall of Fame.

Martin R. Gagnon (B.A.) of Rangeley, Maine, is the Assistant Librarian concentrating on youth services at Rangeley Public Library. He is also taking courses in library and information services at the University of Maine at Augusta.

Reunion Year William C. McBride (B.A.) of Oreland, Pa., graduated from Temple Medical's Intern Residency Program. He is completing his fellowship at Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia.

Thomas E. Quinn Jr. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., directed The New Year's Parade, one of 10 fiction feature films that premiered at the 2008 Slamdance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

Heather M. Bruce (B.A.) of Lancaster, Pa., is the Director of Programming Special Events at WYGL TV8 in Lancaster.

Kevin R. Burkitt (B.A.) of Manasquan, N.J., received on-screen credits for his role as a job operator on the Lamb of God live performance DVD Killadelphia. He also has job credits on Sounds of the Underground I and II and has shot job for Citizen Cope, Alice Smith, John Legend, Gorja, Behemoth, and Job for a Cowboy. His other non-rock-n-roll works include West Point's recruitment video and more than 50 aerobic dance videos.

Capt. John R. Cholewski, USMC (B.A.) of Wayne, N.J., returned from his second combat deployment to Iraq. He flew more than 150 missions, earning 14 air medals for aerial performance in combat as a Marine aviator flying the EA-6A attack jet. Since his return, he is a squadron weapons and tactics instructor.

Johanna L. Grochowski (B.A.) of Brookline, Mass., was promoted to Vice Principal of Prospect Hill Academy in Somerville, Mass.

Dennis T. Springer, CFP (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., passed the certified financial planner exam and has earned the CFP designation. He is a regional financial planner for Wachovia Wealth Management.

2000 LeDon H. Carr (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was inducted into the Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Fame on Jan. 19, 2008. He led the Big 5 in scoring in three seasons during his career at La Salle and was the all-time leader in completed three-point field goals until this season.

Kevin T. Ibach (B.A.) of Prospect Heights, Ill., accepted a position as a professional baseball scout with the Florida Marlins. He is charged with scouting players in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and western Kentucky.

David G. Pepino (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., earned a master's degree in applied mathematics from Villanova University.

In Memoriam: Michael A. Duzy, Ph.D.

President Emeritus Michael A. Duzy, Ph.D., a former Christian Brother who oversaw major expansion at La Salle, including the construction of the Union Building, died on Nov. 19, 2007, at age 92.

Originally from Schuylkill County, Pa., Duzy took vows with the Christian Brothers as Brother E. Stanislaus. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees and his doctorate in philosophy from Catholic University.

Duzy began teaching philosophy at La Salle in 1941 and served as moderator for the yearbook, tennis team, and athletics. He later served as Dean of Men, in charge of veterans affairs and extracurricular activities, and Dean of the College before being named President in 1952.

During his presidency, the University increased its enrollment, facilities, and faculty. Duzy also initiated the La Salle Alumni Development Program—the precursor to University Advancement.

According to his son, Michael, one of Duzy's greatest accomplishments during his presidency was recruiting Tom Gola '55, as an Explorer basketball player. Gola was named Most Outstanding Player as part of the 1954 men's NCAA championship basketball team.

Duzy eventually left the Christian Brothers, married Nancy Curtis, and departed La Salle in 1957. He served as acting president of the University of Texas at Dallas and president of Harcum College in Bryn Mawr, Pa., before retiring in 1993.

Duzy is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, and seven grandchildren.

Gregory G. Rotz, CPA (B.S.) changed roles within Wyeth Ktt and is now a CFO in Budapest, Hungary.

Paul R. Thompson (B.S.) of New York, N.Y., was promoted to Business Manager for Asia for JP Morgan Private Bank located in Hong Kong.

The Rev. Jennifer (DeBisschop) Whipple (B.A.) of Waterbury, Conn., was ordained in the United Church of Christ and is an associate pastor at the Congregational Church of Brookfield, Conn.


Roseann Silenzio (B.S.) of Thorofare, N.J., is engaged to Andrew H. Moskowitz (B.S., M.Ed. '99). The two Explorers found their way to each other on Match.com and are planning an April 2009 wedding.
In Memoriam: Michael Kerlin, Ph.D., '57, MBA ’88

Michael Kerlin, Ph.D., '57, MBA '88, a longtime philosophy professor who epitomized lifelong learning for his students and colleagues, died after a long battle with leukemia on Nov. 23, 2007, at the age of 71.

Kerlin, who was born in Northeast Philadelphia and lived in Lafayette Hill, Pa., attended West Catholic High School and joined the Christian Brothers at age 16. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English from La Salle in 1957 and received a doctorate in philosophy from Gregorian University in Rome in 1967 and a doctorate in religion from Temple University in 1974. At age 52, he completed his MBA while working at La Salle.

Kerlin started his teaching career at La Salle University while serving as a Christian Brother. In 1970, he left the Christian Brothers and subsequently married.

Kerlin chaired the Philosophy Department for 28 years.

“As Chair, Mike Kerlin oversaw the department’s transformation into a more diverse and more politically engaged department, one that could and did address the ‘isms’ of the day—including communism, feminism, and post-modernism—while tapping its roots in the Catholic intellectual tradition,” said Marc Moresu, current Chair of the Philosophy Department.

La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70, was a student of Kerlin’s and later awarded Kerlin the 2006 Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award.

“I know first-hand why he was selected for this award,” Br. Michael said during the presentation. “I profited from his knowledge of subject matter, from the contagious enthusiasm he brought to his teaching, and from the friendship he naturally and unfailingly extended to his students.”

Kerlin is survived by his wife, two children, and one grandchild.

Donna L. Strohecker (B.S.) of Halifax, Pa., was officially sworn in as Postmaster for the United States Post Office in Halifax.

Therese J. (Zaccagnino) Marmion (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is the Director of Alumni Relations and Member Gifts at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

2002 Kevin E. Dougherty (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., works in the video booth with the coaches of the Philadelphia Eagles.


Julie E. Granito, M.A., CF-SLP (B.A.) of Harrisburg, Pa., earned a Master of Arts in communicative disorders from West Chester University.

Joseph M. Jaworski, M.D. (B.A.) of Feasterville, Pa., proposed to Iryna Kyzymshyn on the steps of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. A May 2009 wedding is being planned.

Kristi L. Krowl (B.A.) of Port Reading, N.J., is engaged to Gregory Jorgensen. A September 2008 wedding is planned.

2003 ★ REUNION YEAR ★ Timothy G. Cabata (B.S.) of Conshohocken, Pa., is engaged to Maria T. Esposito (B.S.) of Ocean City, N.J.

Tony R. Giammarco Jr. (B.A., M.A. ’05) teaches history and coaches track and cross country at Upper Dublin High School. He and Jacqueline Butch (B.A. ’05) are planning a July 2008 wedding.

Christopher J. Gordon, M.D. (B.A.) of Chapel Hill, N.C., graduated from Georgetown Medical School in June 2007. He is in his first-year residency at University of North Carolina Hospital in the field of pathology.

Paula C. Hart (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is pursuing a master’s degree in theological studies at Palermos Theological Seminary of Eastern University. She is considering concentrations in faith and public policy.

Anna M. Kemytsky (B.A.) of Jenkintown, Pa., is pursuing a doctorate of osteopathic medicine degree at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is enrolled in a bioethics certificate program at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.

Courtney E. McGowan (B.A.) of Willow Grove, Pa., earned a Master of Science in Clinical and Counseling Psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Christopher P. Morris (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to Director of Business Development for the Graebe Companies. His territories include Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, New York, and Washington, D.C.

Doulgas L. Oliver (M.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is the Press Secretary for Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter.

Ricky A. Palladino (B.A.) of Eddystone, Pa., is a second-year associate with the law firm Bagia & Associates. He is practicing immigration law, including corporate business immigration, family immigration, political asylum, and deportation defense.

2004 Elizabeth S. Ashton (B.A.) of Morrisville, Pa., earned a master’s degree in library and information science from Drexel University.

Kelly M. Bohrer (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is teaching history and English at Friends Academy in Westhampton, N.J.

Christine DePasquale (B.A.) of Holland, Pa., is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in nursing at Villanova University and was awarded a Tenet Health System scholarship.

Patrick D. Donohue (M.A.) of Richboro, Pa., collaborated to earn five awards from various professional associations for healthcare communications excellence. He led St. Mary Medical Center’s Marketing and Communications Department to two gold and two silver awards and one merit award.

Kristin Hoffman (B.S.) of Yardley, Pa., is engaged to James A. Farrell (B.S.) of Marlton, N.J.
David A. Murphy (B.A.) of Tampa, Fla., was named the Philadelphia Phillies writer for the Philadelphia Daily News.

Donna C. Norman, J.D. (B.A.) of Massapequa Park, N.Y., graduated from Hofstra University School of Law and passed the New York bar exam in July 2007.

Alison M. Wood (B.A.) of Vista, Calif., earned a master’s degree in education from California State University, San Marcos.

2005 Jacqueline Butch (B.A.) of Richboro, Pa., is a special education teacher at North Penn High School. She and Tony R. Giammarco Jr. (B.A., M.A.) are planning a July 2008 wedding.

Amy L. Davis (B.A.) of Washington, D.C., earned a master’s degree in school counseling from George Washington University in May 2007. She is a middle school counselor for the Montgomery County public schools in Maryland.

2006 Kevin A. Barry (M.A.) of West Hollywood, Calif., is a freelance writer and media consultant. He has been traveling and working with Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and the American Diabetes Association. He also is writing entertainment reviews for www.out.com.

Jeffrey A. Riggs (MBA) of Downingtown, Pa., was promoted to quantitative analyst in the Growth Equity Investing Team at Turner Investment Partners. He will assist with the five analyst teams assigned to oversee the 10 market sectors for the firm’s growth-stock portfolios.

Benjamin R. Rosehart (B.A.) of Cheyenne, Wyo., won second place in the Best Sports category for the Wyoming Association of Broadcasters. He also earned a Media Excellence Award from the Wyoming Tennis Association in Cheyenne.

Stephanie M. Salvatore (B.A.) of Richboro, Pa., is a reporter for WUTR TV 20 in Utica, N.Y. She also hosts a TV show “Hello Central New York,” which highlights local news and events.

2007 Phillip M. Courtney (B.A.) of Ago, Ariz., graduated from the Immigration Officer Academy in Artesia, N.M., and is working on the United States/Mexico border.

Matthew R. DeLucia (B.A.) accepted a position as a night-side reporter with CBS 3 WSHM in Springfield, Mass. He also will have the opportunity to fill-in anchor and fill-in report for CBS sister station Market 29 in Hartford, Conn.

Suzanne S. Guerin (B.A.) of Florham Park, N.J., returned from a pilgrimage/learning trip to Italy. She is pursuing a master’s degree in liturgical studies at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. While at Catholic, she serves on the executive board of the student association, teaches Rites of Christian Initiation classes, and is ministering the Eucharist.

Corynda L. Hagamin (B.A.) of Camden, N.J., was sworn in as a member of the Board of Directors at Camden’s Promise Charter School in January 2008. She is Assistant Director of Class Programs at La Salle.

Kelly Ann Minnich, R.D. (B.S.) of Lehighton, Pa., joined the Cancer Treatment Centers of America as a member of the Nutrition and Metabolic Support Department at Eastern Regional Medical Center. She is a licensed, registered dietitian who participated in a Nutrition and Cancer Prevention Research Practicum at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

Sylvie Mulvaney (BSN) of Yardley, Pa., joined the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia as an emergency room nurse. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society.

Christina E. Salvatore (B.A.) of Richboro, Pa., is teaching first grade at New Foundations Charter School in Philadelphia, Pa.

Kristin A. Schierbaum (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is the recipient of the Francis J. Ryan Award presented by the Middle Atlantic American Studies Association for the best undergraduate research project.

Michael G. Schrank (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is teaching fourth grade in the Centennial School District in Bucks County, Pa.
In Memoriam

Charles A. Tocknell (B.S.) of Frederick, Md., on Sept. 6, 2007.
Frederick A. Enck (B.A.) of Daytona Beach, Fla., on Nov. 16, 2007.
John C. Voiz (B.A.) of Santa Rosa, Calif., on Dec. 8, 2007.
1957 Henry J. Koller (B.S.) of Chambersburg, Pa., on Sept. 6, 2007.
Angelo Ventresca Jr. (B.S.) of Montrose, Pa., on Dec. 6, 2007.
1961 Charles J. Halfpenny (B.A.) of Blue Bell, Pa., on Nov. 18, 2007.
Martin G. Kahrimanian (B.S.) of Port St. Lucie, Fla., on July 2, 2007.
**Every Intellectual's Big Brother: George Orwell's Literary Siblings**

**BY JOHN RODDEN, '78**

University of Texas Press, 2006; 280 pp.; $35

Each generation of Anglo-American intellectuals has engaged in the life, work, and cultural afterlife of George Orwell, who is considered by many to have been the foremost political writer of the 20th century. The book explores the ways in which numerous disparate groups, Orwell’s “literary siblings,” have adapted their views of Orwell to fit their own agendas, changing our perceptions of Orwell himself.

John Rodden, '78, grew up in Philadelphia and lives in Austin, Texas. He earned his bachelor’s degree in English at La Salle and his master’s and Ph.D. at the University of Virginia, where he taught for 10 years. He then joined the faculty at the University of Texas at Austin. He has published numerous books, several of which are devoted to Anglo-American intellectual life.

*Book Notes* will be featured periodically in upcoming issues of this magazine and its companion piece, the Alumni News. We invite you to let us know if there's a book written by an alum within the last year that might be highlighted by e-mailing Liz Vargo at vargog@lasalle.edu.

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**Eifelheim**

**BY MICHAEL FLYNN, '69**

Tor Books, 2006; 230 pp.; $25.95

In 1349, a small village in the Black Forest of Germany disappeared. Tom Schwoerin becomes obsessed with learning why. Legends say that in 1348, Father Dietrich is the village priest of Oberhochwald. The Black Death moves across Europe but has not hit the High Woods. Dietrich goes to the village to escape his dangerous past and becomes the first contact with an alien race.

Michael Flynn, '69, earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from La Salle and his master’s degree from Marquette University. He is a management consultant in quality management and statistical methods and has written nine novels and story collections. Flynn received the Robert A. Heinlein Award for his work and the Sturgeon Award for *House of Dreams*. He and his wife live in Easton, Pa.

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