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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAGNIFIED
Holroyd Hall Enhanced to Promote Interactive Learning
Creating a Center for Collaboration

BY WILLIAM A. PRICE, PH.D., PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

As an undergraduate institution, La Salle is committed to a liberal arts education, which assists students in liberating themselves from narrow interests, prejudices, and perspectives, and in learning to observe reality with precision, to judge events and opinions critically and independently, to think logically, to communicate effectively, and to sharpen aesthetic perception.

—From the La Salle University Mission Statement

TEN YEARS AGO, IF YOU HAD ASKED STUDENTS, faculty, and staff which campus building unified La Salle University and truly exemplified our mission, Holroyd Hall would never have made it onto the ballot. Is it possible for a science center to bring people together? Can it help to create and maintain a nurturing, supportive environment for students, faculty, and staff and foster a collective sense of our common mission? Oh, how times have changed.

Imagine walking into the brightly lit atrium of an innovative, environmentally friendly building where nearly 100 faculty, students, and administrators are gathered to ponder the question: “Are we risking playing God when we intervene in our biology?” The topic of discussion, posed on a 100-square-foot screen in the lobby, involves the potential benefits and pitfalls of manipulating, and, even synthesizing, genes for the purposes of accessing the world’s most important malaria medicine. Imagine clusters of small round tables occupied by a diverse group of faculty members—from areas such as management, English, sociology, social work, criminal justice, economics, religion, chemistry, and Integrated Science, Business, and Technology (ISBT)—contemplating this question with University administrators and deans. Imagine undergraduate and graduate students who are actively engaged and integrated seamlessly into the discussions. In actuality, this particular event took place on Oct. 14, 2009, thanks to the new space created in the recently renovated and expanded Holroyd Hall. Although this community of critical thinkers varies week to week, a collection of the curious and concerned gathers every Wednesday at 3 p.m. to discuss various topics that tie to our collective mission. Did I mention the coffee and snacks?

This is just a small piece of Holroyd Hall,site to the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology. The building allows it to happen, and it is indeed bright, innovative, and green. We are all caretakers of this beautiful planet, and our collective concern for environmental issues can be seen throughout the building. This includes the retention of storm water that is accomplished with an 8,000-square-foot vegetative roof that sits atop the 31,000-square-foot addition, the solar photovoltaic arrays on the southern roof, and floor tiles throughout the building that are made from recycled materials.

Dominating the exterior of the building are rows of windows that bring in bright, natural light. Inside, windows in the hallways are more than just metaphors for the visibility of science, mathematics, and computer science. On the third floor, the chemistry faculty can look into their research labs through windows above their desks. ISBT’s virtual control room allows passers-by to view how a dozen different students can collaborate by simultaneously working with data and projecting it on a common wall. The math and science faculty had a tremendous amount of input into the design of the building, which is why every floor has its own distinct personality. Students no longer have lounges; on the west side of the building on the second and third floors, the 16-foot wide hallway offers chairs, couches, and tables for any and all to meet, study, or snooze. This is no longer a lecture hall, but a learning and collaboration center of the highest caliber.

Just as manipulating genes represents a paradigm shift in how we will address future global health and nutrition needs, a shift no less dramatic in science and mathematics education is being realized at La Salle University as we settle into this stunning facility.
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Cover: Pictured on the cover: Michael Prushan, Ph.D., '96, Frank P. Palopoli Endowed Professor and associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, uses presentation technology in one of the new Holroyd Hall lecture halls.
Science and Technology Magnified
Holroyd Hall Enhanced to Promote Interactive Learning
BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. ’08

BACK WHEN THE NOTION OF AN UPDATED SCIENCE FACILITY was just a dream and not yet a reality, faculty and staff started building their wish lists. In addition to wanting more classroom and research space and upgraded technology and equipment, they agreed that a new building should create space for the entire campus community to gather, and that it should bring science out from behind closed doors and into the open.

Holroyd Hall, featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology, reopened this fall after a 16-month-long renovation and expansion project. According to faculty and staff, the transformation of the nearly 50-year-old science building has fulfilled all of their wishes, with the added bonus of being a sustainable building.

“We now have one of the best-equipped undergraduate science facilities in the area,” said William A. Price, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who served as the faculty liaison for the project.

Classrooms, labs, lecture halls, and research spaces have been enlarged and transformed with state-of-the-art scientific and presentation technology that enhances the teaching and learning experience. In the light-filled atrium, groups gather to study, socialize, and share ideas. Windows throughout the building allow for glimpses into classrooms and labs where students are working with faculty to analyze rock samples, dissect specimens, conduct experiments, and solve problems. From nearly every room, there is a view of La Salle’s campus, the surrounding neighborhood, or the Philadelphia skyline.
"This building makes science visible," said Tom Keagy, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. "It has contributed to the intellectual environment on campus and has become a magnet for students and faculty from all departments."

The building is the culmination of what Keagy called "an extraordinarily collaborative adventure."

Price recalled meetings during which the architects presented faculty with blueprints and floor plans that showed the bare bones of the building. Faculty were then handed various-shaped blocks to represent different spaces and were told to map out how they wanted their departments' labs, classrooms, offices, and research spaces to appear on the blank plans. Each department's layout and available space in the building is unique.

"In a very real way, the faculty designed this building according to how the space would be used, down to the detail of where they wanted their teaching space in a classroom and where they wanted their office door to be located," Price said.

"It was a painstaking process because we insisted on full participation by the end user," said Brother Joseph Willard, F.S.C., '64, Executive Assistant to the President. Br. Joseph, along with Robert Kroh, Director of Facilities Management, oversaw every aspect of the project, from design to construction to grand reopening to post-opening troubleshooting. "This building was tailored to specific needs, because we were looking for what would make for the best teaching and learning environment."

The University worked with two architectural firms during the project: UJMN Architects for the design of the building itself and Nalls Architecture for the design of the specific classroom and lab spaces within.

Holroyd Hall is now a green building, both in the materials used to construct it as well as in the mechanical systems used to operate it. Once everyone had moved out of Holroyd Hall and temporarily relocated to St. Benilde Tower on West Campus..."
for the 2008-09 academic year, the building was gutted, leaving behind only the steel-enforced concrete frame. When the structure was rebuilt, a new, energy-efficient heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system was installed, along with tiles made of reprocessed materials, high-efficiency, low-heat-emitting light bulbs, and lighting systems that run on motion sensors to save money and energy. Solar panels are also scheduled to be installed on the roof, a project with which La Salle students will assist.

State-of-the-art technology can be found around every corner of the building. In lecture halls, each student desk holds a data port and power supply. Document cameras project crystal-clear images of professors’ presentation materials.

“The instructional technology, such as document cameras, fully interactive presentation equipment, including whiteboards, and multimedia, enables the faculty to enhance their teaching methods and pedagogy,” said Margaret McManus, Ph.D., Associate Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, who served as a liaison between faculty and administrators and the construction and architectural firms.

What, in your view, are the biggest improvements from “old” Holroyd to “new” Holroyd? Undoubtedly, the biggest improvement in the new building is space. The old building seemed shut off from the outside world with dark, narrow hallways, while the new building has huge glass windows that let everyone see the lobby from outside. It is more inviting, and it allows for a more enjoyable learning experience.

In addition, there are significant technological improvements. Personally, the greatest improvement is the computer lab reserved nearly exclusively for math majors. Unlike the one shared computer lab in the former building, the various labs for different groups of students have ensured that we no longer have to wait to use a computer.

Have your professors done anything differently in class now that you are in the new facility? The only ones more excited than the students about the changes to the new building have been the teachers. Nothing seems to make my teachers happier than a new toy, and there is no shortage of new technological gadgets for teachers to use. The SMART screens in math classrooms have been used as programmed calculators to do simple mathematical calculations so that everyone can see exactly how to solve a problem. In addition, the document camera, a more technologically advanced version of the projector, has been popular in all my classes.

How will studying in a state-of-the-art facility like Holroyd help with your future jobs or studies? The technological advancements have provided greater clarity to the ideas we are learning, as we can see, rather than merely listen to, a description of what we are studying.
In chemistry labs, glass-paneled, energy-efficient ventilation hoods make experiments safer and more visible. A media lab for the Digital Arts and Multimedia Design program has computers on wheeled carts that allow students to work collaboratively with each other and with their instructors.

Keagy said the building has drawn in people who may have been intimidated by the prospect of a building devoted to technology and the sciences.

“We’ve tried to open the building up, and in doing so we’ve changed the entire feel of this part of the campus,” he said. “Where there once was a dark, imposing building, there is now a bright, welcoming place for the community to gather and learn from each other. I’ve heard people say that this is what they’ve always dreamed an academic, intellectual environment would be like at a university.”

What, in your view, are the biggest improvements from “old” Holroyd to “new” Holroyd? The biggest improvements are the labs and the study areas. The lab experience has definitely improved because there is more space and new equipment. All of the new areas to study foster an atmosphere of learning.

What is your favorite feature of the new building? My favorite feature of the new building is the atrium. It makes the building welcoming and encourages a student presence in the building outside of the classroom setting. It’s nice to have a place to rest before or in between classes. I think it’s great that it’s used for the Explorer Café on Wednesdays because it shows that Holroyd is a place of learning beyond the books, and the relaxed atmosphere welcomes an exchange of ideas and learning.

“IT IS NOW EASY TO ILLUSTRATE SMALL ITEMS OR TO PERFORM A TRICKY TECHNIQUE ON THE DOCUMENT CAMERA BECAUSE THE STUDENTS CAN SEE WHAT I AM DOING, AS IT IS GREATLY MAGNIFIED ON THE SCREEN.”

—Brother Thomas McPhillips, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’72

Christine Bernard, ’11

What is your favorite feature of the new building? By far, my favorite feature of the new building is the lab space for Digital Arts and Multimedia Design (DArt). Since I am a DArt major, it is great that we now have our own department as well as several rooms dedicated to teaching. There also is a room with eight iMacs dedicated to DArt students. I am so happy that they added this because it is a place of collaboration and inspiration. The students have been talking about decorating the room with our work. I am so proud to say that I will be graduating from La Salle with a DArt degree based on the new Holroyd building and the equipment we use.

Have you had the opportunity to collaborate with professors on research projects outside of class, and has the new building facilitated this collaboration? I recently participated in the Vanguard Case Study Competition and my monitor was Peggy McCoy, assistant professor and Director of the master’s program in Computer Information Science and Information Technology Leadership. She helped my group and myself go over the material using one of the new labs in Holroyd. Teams had to interpret what an organization needed to do to foster loyalty among employees and customers. We went on to win the competition!
A Space to Explore La Salle Connections

THE RECENT RENOVATIONS AT HOLRODY Hall provided more than a structural framework for classrooms, labs, and offices. It provided the framework for intellectual and inspiring discussions among a cross section of La Salle faculty, staff, and students.

That forum for discussion is known as The Explorer Connection. Julianna Gwiszcz, Program Director of The Explorer Connection, said the initiative meets specific elements of La Salle’s new strategic plan, The Will to Excel, by giving members of the University community the opportunity to connect to one another across disciplines and reach out to the community beyond La Salle. Three subgroups of The Explorer Connection—the Celebration of Science, the Essential Question, and the Philadelphia Center—address core components of the strategic plan, including three key dimensions of the Christian Brothers’ heritage: the context of our urban location, the practicality of linking theory and practice, and commitment to others.

In honor of the opening of Holroyd Hall, the Celebration of Science introduces creative scientific topics to faculty, staff, and students of all disciplines. The program has included discussions with prominent scientists, demonstrations involving both art and science, and discipline-specific seminars. In addition, the Explorer Café, held weekly in Holroyd’s lobby, is a collaboration of the three prongs of The Explorer Connection that poses thoughtful topics for discussion on applications of science or economic justice.

“We’re raising the intellectual culture of the campus,” said Michael Prushan, Ph.D., ’96, Frank P. Filopoulos Endowed Professor and associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry. “Everyone can be involved in intellectual conversation that’s not part of a class.”

William A. Price, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and biochemistry, recently hosted an Explorer Café on ethical issues in science and genetics. His own interest in the topic spurred discussion among nearly 100 administrators, faculty, and students in attendance.

“One reason The Explorer Café is able to occur is because we now have a facility that can host it,” Price said. “The Café gives students and faculty of all disciplines the opportunity to sit together and get a conversation going that is stimulating.”

The programs allow students of all disciplines to voice their opinions during intellectual conversation with their peers and professors, said biology major Matthew Levit, ’10. “Students feel comfortable with the quiet setting and backdrop of the Holroyd atrium,” he said. “I believe it is opening Holroyd to all students.”

Explorer Café events also focus on the Essential Question. Organized...
by Marjorie Allen, Ph.D., Chair of the Department of Integrated Studies and associate professor of English, the Essential Question primarily focuses on economic justice. Topics—such as health-care reform, deregulation, and economic justice—revolve around La Salle’s urban location and the social implications of working or learning in Philadelphia, Allen said.

“We’re bringing people into a building who are not just science people,” she said. “What we’re doing is a unified thing. ... It’s wonderful because we’re including people of all different backgrounds.”

The third component of The Explorer Connection, known as Philadelphia Center/City and Region Initiative, promotes student learning in the context of La Salle’s urban location. A recent scavenger hunt in the city helped participating freshmen to work with their professors and learn about the history of Philadelphia through trivia. “We’re using our urban location to our advantage and focusing on learning to enhance student achievement,” said Preston Feden, Ed.D., professor of education. As Coordinator of the Using the City and Region as Instructional Resources initiative, Feden works with Heather McGee, Director of the Philadelphia Center.

The success of these programs is due, in large part, to the relaxed and open space at Holroyd Hall, Gwiszcz said. Each activity or presentation draws out new crowds of students, faculty, and staff. “We’re creating a fervor for sciences and showing how we use science on a daily basis,” she said. “The human experience is heavily shaped by science—there’s no getting around it.”

What, in your view, is the most drastic change or improvement from “old” Holroyd to new? The biggest improvement is the layout of the building and the space we now have. We have separate rooms for our seismograph, our x-ray diffractometer, and our lapidary (rock preparation) lab, as well as labs for courses such as mineralogy, petrology, and introductory geology.

How will the renovated and expanded Holroyd Hall impact what you do in the classroom, your research, or your interaction with students? For the first time, we have a dedicated room for student research. We already have students working on projects and using the equipment. I’m sure the new building will give us additional opportunities to experiment with new pedagogical techniques.

What are students saying about the facility? Students love this place. They are thrilled that we went “first class” with the re-design of the building and included space for their research. How do you think having a facility like Holroyd benefits the campus as a whole? I think having this facility will help to attract new students to La Salle, especially science students. In addition, lots of classes, other than science classes, are taught in Holroyd, so many students can enjoy the spacious, modern spaces and equipment we now have.
What, in your view, is the most drastic change or improvement from “old” Holroyd to new? The most striking improvement is simply the bright, airy aesthetics of the new building. The old building was an environment that one “had” to be in; now it is an environment that students and faculty enjoy being in—a destination of choice.

However, the benefits of the new building go far beyond cosmetic improvements. For students, the building offers the opportunity for collaboration and study. For science faculty, the building greatly increases the ability to work with students on independent research and to engage in scientific study using up-to-date technology. Lastly, the building is a benefit to all because the safety features have been enhanced from the former building.

How will the renovated and expanded Holroyd Hall impact what you do in the classroom, your research, or your interaction with students? I expect that the future will find an even greater sense of community between fellow students and between students and faculty. With students working together in the study areas and with open faculty office doors nearby, there are great opportunities for further enhancing the spirit of community, which was already a strong element of the Lasallian experience.

How do you think having a facility like Holroyd benefits the campus as a whole? For all that the new building does in terms of teaching and collaboration, perhaps the most important benefit offered by the new Holroyd building is what it means for the overall ambiance of the University. Both the financial commitment shown by the school and the successful implementation of the physical design of the building enhance a feeling that La Salle is moving forward, and that we, the faculty and students, will benefit by becoming involved in the ride.

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—Stuart Gentry, Ph.D.

What, in your view, are the biggest improvements from “old” Holroyd to “new” Holroyd? The “new” Holroyd building is filled with pure “awesome-ness,” with state-of-the-art Mac computers, lab equipment, and the Virtual Control Room (VCR), which the current upper-level Integrated Science, Business, and Technology (ISBT) students are using. As ISBT majors, we also are fortunate to have our own labs, classrooms, and our very own computer lab.

Have your professors done anything differently in class now that you are in the new facility? The professors are certainly on the computer and using the new devices more often. For example, the document camera allows the professors to be very creative from projecting, to zooming, to doing scientific experiments right on the projector. In our first class, Bill Weaver, assistant professor of ISBT, showed us the magnitude of the digital zoom function by placing his hand on top of the projector and zooming so close that we could see the surface of his hair follicles.

How will studying in a state-of-the-art facility like Holroyd help with your future jobs or studies? The new building will definitely prepare me for my future career. Our new laboratories are filled with measurement instruments much like those used on the TV show CSI. Currently, in our Instrument and Measurement class, we are programming in National Instrument LabView, a computer language used by more than 25,000 companies from robotics to test cell measurement and control applications. With these features, I am confident and prepared to approach my future career and studies.
Career: Information Technology Lead/Business Relationship Manager, Johnson & Johnson

What is your favorite feature of the new building? I really like the SMART Interactive Classroom products, including SMART screens and SMART document cameras that allow professors and students to interact, share information, and collaborate in meaningful ways.

Have your professors done anything differently in class now that you are in the new facility? Peter Julian, who teaches IT management and planning, has been able to project directly from the textbook and other hard copy materials using the SMART document camera. He also regularly uses and encourages students to use the SMART screen for presentations and sharing electronic content with the class.

How will studying in a state-of-the-art facility like Holroyd help with your future jobs or studies? By gaining experience with using SMART collaboration solutions in a classroom setting at a state-of-the-art facility like Holroyd, I will be able to efficiently and effectively collaborate with colleagues all over the world, as these technologies become more readily available where I work.

What, in your view, is the most drastic change or improvement from "old" Holroyd to new? I had not expected just how wonderful it would be to teach in the newly designed laboratory spaces. There is room to move around the labs and sight lines are excellent. Probably the best part is the ability to easily use PowerPoint and a document camera in the laboratory. It is now easy to illustrate small items or to perform a tricky technique on the document camera because the students can see what I am doing, as it is greatly magnified on the screen. Already, I sense that laboratory learning is greatly enhanced by the use of this equipment.

How will the renovated and expanded Holroyd Hall impact what you do in the classroom, your research, or your interaction with students? Everyone—students, faculty, and staff alike—seem to enjoy simply entering the building. Having a pleasant environment in which to learn only facilitates the learning process.

Having the community spaces with tables, chairs, and lounge areas is already increasing interactions among the Holroyd inhabitants.

What is your favorite feature of the new building? My favorite feature is the audio/visual equipment in the larger lecture rooms. Having dual projectors gives the instructor enormous flexibility and opportunity, and this all is manipulated with great ease. It now seems that the limit to good teaching will be the instructor’s imagination.

How do you think having a facility like Holroyd benefits the campus as a whole? The University Administration has been adamant about inviting people from all over campus into Holroyd.

Courses in English, psychology, religion, and several other disciplines are currently taught in Holroyd. The Explorer Café concept has further contributed to others on campus seeing Holroyd as their building, not necessarily the building for science and math people.
What, in your view, is the most drastic change or improvement from "old" Holroyd to new? Science and technology are visible to anyone in the building. There are windows into every lab and classroom, and I feel there is a need to show everyone—students, faculty, and staff—actively engaged in learning. The lighting brightens the atmosphere. In addition, modernizing the labs and enhancing safety were so necessary. The gathering areas are promoting conversation and collaboration. The use of environmentally friendly materials and the green roof also are reassuring.

How will the renovated and expanded Holroyd Hall impact what you do in the classroom, your research, or your interaction with students? The excitement this new environment has created is infectious. The opportunity for informal interaction between students and faculty is everywhere.

What are students saying about the facility? Awesome. The newer students think it's great. The students who remember the old building are amazed.

How do you think having a facility like Holroyd benefits the campus as a whole? One specific example of a campus-wide benefit is a gathering space for the Explorer Café. On Wednesday afternoons, you will find students, faculty, and staff enjoying nice refreshments, conversation, and discussion on science, technology, or economic justice topics. This is something we have been waiting for.

Building a Strong Foundation

BEFORE HE BECAME CHIEF OF THE Division of Neurosurgery at Hahnemann Hospital, Joseph Queenan, M.D., '87, sat in classrooms at Holroyd Hall, where La Salle provided him with the foundation of his education. "I think the most important thing in the educational process is building a strong foundation. La Salle built that strong foundation," he said.

Today, Queenan helps the University to continue building that strong foundation for future students. A biology major at La Salle, he recalled gathering with fellow students in Holroyd to assist each other with schoolwork. However, after 50 years of wear and tear, Holroyd needed a facelift, and Queenan was there to help.

Queenan was one of many La Salle alumni to contribute to the Shoulder to Shoulder: Securing the Future initiative that funded major renovations and expansions at Holroyd Hall, now featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology.

His experiences at Holroyd inspired him to help the University and future science students.

"I had an excellent education," he said. "Prior to matriculating to a college, the medical schools in the area recommended that I go to La Salle because they thought it had the strongest pre-med program in the area."

Thanks to his strong educational foundation, Queenan knew La Salle had prepared him to face his peers in medical school. "There was a sense of collegiality—the idea that you can be successful without pushing the other guy down," he said. "It wasn't adversarial." The mutually respectful atmosphere, accessibility to professors, and quality education motivated him to contribute to La Salle.

Although the responsibilities of his position keeps him busy with patient care and overseeing divisional work, he remains connected to his alma mater and often visits with students. With the new space and state-of-the-art features at Holroyd, La Salle students will be more prepared for careers in science and technology than ever before, he said.

"Anything I can do to help out the institution," he said, "Working with the best technology is of utmost importance. The study of the sciences is certainly dynamic and always moving forward; we need to make sure that La Salle moves forward with it."
Why We Give Back: La Salle Alumni Association

According to Leonard, funding from the Alumni Association supports the President’s Cup Golf Tournament, the Charter Dinner, the Alumni Association Awards Dinner, and several athletics initiatives, such as the recent redesign of the Hall of Athletes. The Alumni Association also was instrumental in establishing the fully endowed Brother Patrick Ellis Scholarship Fund for La Salle students.

One of the most significant contributions by the Alumni Association came during the recent Shoulder to Shoulder: Securing the Future major gift initiative that helped to fund the renovation and expansion of Holroyd Hall, featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology.

"I think it was really a big step forward for the Alumni Association to make a decision to give to the Shoulder to Shoulder campaign," DiCicco said. "It’s important that when the Alumni Association is doing something, we have a sense of togetherness. We are the body, the entity, of the alumni of the University."

Creating this strong connection to the University has allowed the Alumni Association to better align itself with the strategic direction of the University.

Kane said. “As the Alumni Association has made a greater effort to understand the goals of the University moving forward, we have been able to better support the areas of the University that are being viewed as growth areas,” she said.

Involvement with the Alumni Association is not, however, limited to financial contributions, Kane said. The time, talent, and treasure of all La Salle alumni are appreciated and benefit current students. The more alumni become active in University programs, the more University activities are enhanced, Leonard added.

“I encourage our alumni to reconnect with the Alumni Association and La Salle,” Kane said. “We need your support now more than ever, and whether you can be generous with a gift, your expertise, or simply your time, that generosity is truly appreciated.”

(Photos above, from left) Mike DiCicco, ’71, Meg Kane, ’03, and Tom Leonard, ’70
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The Charter Dinner celebrates the founding of La Salle College on March 20, 1863, and pays tribute to the generations of Christian Brothers, laypersons, and clergy whose dedication has made La Salle University the prominent institution that it is today.

Since its founding, La Salle has played a leadership role in Philadelphia as both an educational institution and a responsible corporate citizen. In recognition of the importance of leadership in our community, La Salle University recognizes an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in the corporate, civic, governmental, or religious communities with the presentation of La Salle University’s Leadership Award.

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An Alum Finds Success Through Sustainability

BY MARIAN BUTCHER, M.A. '08

AFTER GRADUATING FROM LA SALLE WITH AN ACCOUNTING degree, Peter Dalton, '66, landed his first job, as a cost accountant for Johnson & Johnson, by engaging his interviewer in a conversation about English literature. A few years later, Dalton—the accountant with a passion for literature, the ham radio operator with an entrepreneurial spirit, the pro-development capitalist with a mission to save the planet—moved to California to join the digital world of Silicon Valley, where all of his interests found an outlet.

"My career happened accidentally," he said. "I was (a natural for Silicon Valley. I got out here, and it was an entrepreneur's playground. There were no boundaries—your imagination was the only thing that kept you back."

Dalton has made his primary career in restoring struggling companies to health, a process he perfected while working with dozens of companies over a 30-year period as CEO of Dalton Partners. Through one of his turnaround projects in the late 1970s, he was introduced to the concept of satellite television, and he had a brainstorm that led to the first satellite receiver on the market and the legalization of satellite television through an act of Congress. He has also served on the boards of directors of 36 public and private companies throughout his career.

Currently, Dalton is CEO of GlobalStar, a public company based in Milpitas, Calif. Dalton accepted the job in summer 2009 after serving on the board since 2004, and he now oversees an international company that provides mobile satellite voice and data services in 150 countries. The company's satellite telephones facilitate communication in the vast areas of the world not served by cellular telephone technology, and they provide back-up service in emergency situations. For example, when Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005 and cellular service shut down, GlobalStar's satellite phones were used by emergency personnel responding to the crisis.

Dalton has also been involved with GlobalStar's first forays into consumer products. For example, one device,
known as Spot, can be used to send a message to 911 along with GPS coordinates that allow users to be located. Since Spot’s launch, it has helped rescuers locate people stranded at sea or buried in avalanches.

Spot was born out of a realization that GlobalStar’s technology could be used to save lives, Dalton said.

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Dalton’s association with GlobalStar arose from his lifelong fascination with radio communications, and his involvement with environmental causes is also rooted in another childhood obsession: efficiency.

“I’ve always been bothered by waste,” Dalton said. “But I was a capitalist—pro-development, not pro-saving the trees. For years, I was the only Republican involved in all of these green initiatives. I would go to the green conventions, and there I was looking like I’d just come out of pre-school.”

Dalton’s first brush with “going green” came a decade ago, when his firm took over a real estate investment fund that was looking into environmentally friendly developments. Then, he took an interest in a Vermont company that had developed a new system for turning wastewater into fresh water.

“I said to myself, ‘Holy smokes, this is what green is all about?’” he recalled.

Dalton started helping green-oriented companies raise money to bring their ideas to life. Along the way, he was introduced to ET Water Systems, which had invented an irrigation system for residential, commercial, and municipal use that conserves water by calculating precisely how much water plants and lawns need. Most sprinkler systems operate on a timer, soaking plants even during rainstorms, but ET Water’s smart controller factors in soil and plant type and the humidity level to give lawns and plants just enough water.

The technology is already widely in use, including on Google’s vast company campus, and, in 2010, a law will go into effect in California that will require smart controllers be installed in all new residential and commercial buildings.

ET Water’s smart controllers have earned the Wall Street Journal’s Technology Innovation Award, the San Francisco Business Times’ Green Product Award, and numerous other accolades.

From water, Dalton moved on to light. He co-founded Lightning Bug to develop new types of light-emitting diode (LED) light bulbs to replace traditional, inefficient incandescent bulbs. He also wanted to provide an alternative to compact fluorescent bulbs, which are more environmentally friendly than incandescent bulbs but have the drawbacks of containing mercury and not being dimmable. Lightning Bug patented a process to reduce the amount of heat emitted at the top and the bottom of a LED light bulb. The company has started selling LED spotlights and floodlights that employ this technology and is developing other types of bulbs for homes as well as for dentists’ offices and operating rooms.

“The effect on the carbon footprint, on imports, and on oil consumption if the entire nation converted to LEDs is staggering,” Dalton said.

Recognizing that global change can start on a smaller scale in one’s own backyard, Dalton has also become involved with Green Town Los Altos, an initiative sponsored by the Packard Foundation that is educating residents of the city of Los Altos, Calif., on sustainability issues. Green Town Los Altos runs programs on sustainable land use and waste reduction and initiatives for residents to promote biking and for businesses to switch to more environmentally friendly materials.

Dalton’s long career has twisted and turned through boardrooms, factories, Congress, and Wall Street as he has followed his passion for a variety of causes and ideas. Like the 12-year-old ham radio operator he once was, he likes to take the lid off, peer inside, and figure out how something works—and how it can work better.

“It’s been fun for me, I’ll tell you that,” he said.

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—Peter Dalton, ’66
A Note From ... Speech-Language-Hearing Science

BY LIZ VARGO

TEN YEARS AGO, ZANE WOLF, PH.D., DEAN OF THE SCHOOL of Nursing, wanted to expand the health science curriculum and recognized a need in the Delaware Valley that she knew could be addressed by La Salle University. The Greater Philadelphia area had only two programs that educated speech-language pathologists, and labor projections indicated that there would soon be a shortage of speech-language pathologists both locally and nationally.

To address this need, Wolf hired Barbara Amster, Ph.D., founding Director of the Speech-Language-Hearing Science (SLHS) Program, to develop the curriculum. After approvals from University committees and state agencies, the first students enrolled in the SLHS Program in 2000.

The program “started with very little but grew quickly,” Amster said. Evelyn Klein, Ph.D., associate professor of SLHS and the first faculty member to join Amster at La Salle, recalled teaching her first class of only seven students. Once it became a fully accredited program by the Council of Academic Accreditation of the American-Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2003, the applications began pouring in. Site visitors called it “a model program for the nation.”

“It’s not difficult to get interest in the program because there’s such a need,” Klein said. “It’s a great opportunity.”

Today, the program is accredited until 2016 and graduates more than 30 Master of Science students each year. As part of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, the SLHS Program teaches both undergraduate and graduate students to address speech, cognitive communication, voice, and related disorders for patients ranging from newborns to the elderly.
Faculty have “enjoyed watching the program grow over the years,” said Jennifer Kleinow, Ph.D., associate professor. SLHS now offers a traditional undergraduate degree, a two-year graduate program, and a five-year accelerated program that culminates with a graduate degree. In addition, La Salle’s SLHS faculty developed an online prerequisite-completion program called the Pre-Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) Program for students who have a bachelor’s degree in a different major but who want to pursue a master’s degree in speech-language pathology.

Since 2003, Jim Mancinelli, M.S., Clinical Coordinator for the SLHS Program, has developed affiliations with schools, hospitals, specialized schools, and long-term-care facilities as clinical education sites for SLHS graduate students’ practicum experiences. For example, the program has a partnership with the North Philadelphia Headstart Program in which SLHS students screen nearly 1,300 pre-school children for speech, language, and hearing disabilities. Students and graduates in other placements work with children with autism or an aging population with cognitive impairments. La Salle students in the SLHS Program are valued and often requested by the affiliated clinical sites, Mancinelli said.

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the Philadelphia region. Luckhurst said children at Clarke Pennsylvania deal with both the difficulty of developing listening and spoken language skills and stereotypes associated with the word “deaf.” The dedicated work of speech-language pathologists, teachers, psychologists, audiologists, parents, and the children themselves help to overcome the challenges associated with hearing loss.

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This means that greater numbers of children with hearing loss are being mainstreamed in their local schools, attending classes with their hearing peers, and accessing the general curriculum, which, in turn, means that greater numbers have the potential to graduate from high school, go on to college, and choose from a variety of careers,” Luckhurst said.

For SLHS graduates, the experiences at Clarke Pennsylvania prepare them to work in schools or clinics with deaf and hard-of-hearing children. “They are not only able to provide services, but are also able to educate colleagues in the methods and techniques for the development of listening and spoken language in children with hearing loss,” Luckhurst said. “We know we can make a real difference in the quality of life for deaf and hard-of-hearing children and their families.”
Boosting the Explorers

BY ALICIA PENNACCHIA, ’07, EXPLORER CLUB VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATION

A NEW AND IMPROVED ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER, refurbished locker rooms, a stadium-seated media room, funding for stronger recruitment, renovated weight and training rooms, softball field enhancements, a new Hall of Athletes, a resurfaced track, and increased travel opportunities—all of these efforts have been supported and funded in full or in part by La Salle University’s booster organization, the Explorer Club.

Though teams are provided with annual operating budgets and all students, including student-athletes, benefit from financial assistance made possible by alumni support of the University’s Annual Fund, coaches also rely on the additional donations of loyal alumni and friends to the Explorer Club. According to men’s basketball Head Coach John Giannini, Ph.D., “The financial and emotional support of the Explorer Club is very important to our program. The Club provides the enthusiasm and financial means that are necessary ingredients for a successful program.”

The Explorer Club, which now boasts nearly 1,000 members, was started in 1996 as a way to organize fundraising efforts for the entire La Salle intercollegiate athletics program. It began to formalize its structure in 1997 when Tom Brennan, Ed.D., became Athletic Director. “When I arrived at La Salle, the notion of an Explorer Club had just been established,” Brennan said. “It was a startup that quickly took shape as alumni and friends of athletics got involved.”

A Board of Directors and an Executive Committee were formed with John Carabello, DMD, ’62, serving as first Explorer Club President. Jim McManus, ’69, and Ken Mancini, ’69, have followed Carabello as presidents and the Athletic Department has benefitted greatly from all of their work.

Soon after a structure was established, the Explorer Club introduced formal activity in an effort to garner support and raise funds on a continuing basis, closely coordinating activity with the University’s Development Office. The Spring Membership Drive and Fall Reception/Auction continue to grow and expand. In fact, on Sept. 26, 2009, another successful auction was held in the Tom Gola Arena with more than 250 people in attendance.

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The Explorer Club has become a vital organization for all La Salle athletic teams while providing donors with the opportunity to designate support for a specific sport. “The Explorer Club has the needs of all student-athletes and teams in mind and continuously raises funds for all programs,” Brennan said.

Members of the Explorer Club have also become involved in the life of La Salle Athletics. Explorer Club representatives have participated in major planning initiatives for Athletics. The Explorer Club is also represented on the University Athletics Committee, an NCAA committee that provides insight and recommendations regarding the Athletics program to both the Athletic Director and the University President.

The Explorer Club is constantly working to provide the best possible opportunities for student-athletes and relies heavily on the dedication of the alumni and friends that constitute its membership. “Our contributions to a vibrant and successful athletic program can enrich the campus experiences of student-athletes and student-fans alike, all while enhancing the visibility and reputation of the University as a whole.” Mancini said.

For more information about the Explorer Club and to learn how you can get involved, please contact Kale Beers, Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs, at 215.951.1545 or beers@lasalle.edu.
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, LA SALLE TOOK TWO BIG STEPS forward into its future. On May 24, 1984, La Salle College officially became La Salle University with a press conference attended by then-Pennsylvania Gov. Dick Thornburgh. Also that year, La Salle purchased the remaining eight acres of the Belfield Estate, which included the Peale House, a National Historic Landmark that is now home to the President’s Office.

The move from College to University meant more than just changing the letterhead. Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., then La Salle’s President, said at the time that the designation as a University better reflected the institution’s variety of undergraduate and graduate program offerings, its relationship to the community, the qualifications of faculty, and the size of the student body. As La Salle evolved, though, Br. Patrick said, its foundation remained unchanged.

“As our destiny is on our own hands, there is every reason to be confident that we can retain and enhance our emphasis on the excellent teaching of undergraduates and on the relaxed accessibility of faculty and administrators to students,” Br. Patrick said at the press conference.

University status came at the end of a long process that included a visit by an evaluation team to analyze La Salle’s academic program. State Education Secretary Robert C. Wilburn told The Philadelphia Inquirer that the team examined “the overall educational quality, the comprehensiveness of the programs, and, among other things, we take a look at what a college’s graduates do.”

“In the case of La Salle, there is a very outstanding record of achievements by graduates, their acceptance and performance in graduate and professional schools, and their success,” Wilburn said.

In an essay published in La Salle Magazine in summer 1984, Br. Patrick observed that La Salle was particularly well-matched with the state’s criteria for University designation in the area of service to the community, which he noted took the form of academic programs, workshops, continuing education initiatives, and special events for the community, in addition to volunteer work by students, faculty, and staff.

“What we clearly have, then, is a university presence at the point where Germantown, Logan, and Olney meet, having an impact on Philadelphia itself,” Br. Patrick wrote. “Much more, then, than the change of one word in a name is at stake here. New energy, new impetus, renewed dedication to old truths, are now on our agenda.”

The acquisition of the remaining eight acres of the Belfield Estate occurred with less fanfare, but it still made a significant impact. La Salle had acquired most of the Belfield Estate over the years, starting in 1926, when the Christian Brothers bought the land for La Salle’s original main campus from descendent of William Logan Fisher, who had purchased the property in 1826 as a gift for his daughter Sarah when she married William Wister. But the Peale House, where renowned artist Charles Willson Peale lived and produced many of his most famous works from 1810 to 1821, remained a private residence until 1954.

In 1986, the eight-acre plot officially became integrated into campus when renovations and additions were completed. Six tennis courts were built; 80 new parking spaces were added; the area was landscaped; and, perhaps most significantly, the Peale House was renovated into office space for the President and other administrators. The studio where Peale produced much of his work became the President’s Reception Room.
**Fading Echoes**  
**BY MIKE SIELSKI,** '97  
Berkeley Books, 2009; 336 pp.; $24.95

In 1998, Daylenton, Pa., was home to the state’s best high school football rivalry, and the two teams’ senior captains embodied the rivalry’s history and tradition. Ten years later, the former team captains followed parallel paths into the military and to Iraq. One died tragically, and nothing about them, their families, or their hometown’s connection to football was the same.

Mike Sielski, ’97, received bachelor’s degrees in psychology and English from La Salle, and is the sports columnist for Collins Media Inc. His columns appear in many suburban Philadelphia newspapers and on www.phillyburbs.com. He appears regularly on national and regional television and in print and is the executive editor of How to Be Like Jackie Robinson: Life Lessons from Baseball’s Greatest Hit.

**Upon Silver Wings II: World Record Adventure**  
**BY CAROL ANN GARRATT,** M.A. ’00

Garratt, 2009; 210 pp.; $29.95

CarolAnn Garratt was already a member of Earth-rounders when she and Carol Foy took off from Orlando International Airport on Dec. 2, 2008. Building off her 2003 solo around-the-world trip to raise awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, Garratt was determined to accomplish more. After 18 months of planning, the two were on their way. Eight days, 12 hours, and 20 minutes later, Garratt and Foy accomplished their goal of breaking a world record and landed in Orlando, Fla.

CarolAnn Garratt, M.A. ’00, of Gainesville, Fla., graduated from La Salle with a master’s degree in industrial psychology. She received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin and worked in industrial manufacturing before flying and doing volunteer work through aviation. Her mother died of ALS in 2002. Proceeds from all book sales go to ALS Therapy Development Institute, researching a cure for ALS.

**King of the Hill**  
**BY GEORGE VERcessI,** '62

AuthorHouse, 2009; 364 pp.; $18.00

King of the Hill is a novel about organized crime placing its own man in the White House. Set in New York and Washington, D.C., during the late 1950s to mid-1970s, the story focuses on a single crime boss’ plot to take over and reshape the “outfit.”

George Vercessi, ’62, earned his bachelor’s degree in political science from La Salle University and earned his master’s degree in mass communication from San Diego State University. Vercessi retired as a Captain in the U.S. Navy after 27 years. He has written four novels and co-produced the 1995 MGM/Showtime film The Silver Strand. He is a member of the Author’s Guild, the National Press Club, the Virginia Writer’s Club, the American Legion, and the U.S. Navy Affairs Public Affairs Alumni Association.

**Without a Clue: A Young Woman’s Journey From Darkness into Light**  
**BY BRIDGET TURNER,** ’94

Tate Publishing & Enterprises, 2008; 254 pp.; $14.99

Without a Clue is the story of author Bridget Turner during the struggles of her diagnosis with mixed connective tissue diseases lupus, scleroderma, and Raynaud’s phenomenon. After battling grave illness and severe sadness, Turner has learned to “live well with lupus” and shares her inspiring tale.

Bridget Turner, ’94, is the first in her family to earn a college degree. After 13 years of taking evening classes, she received her bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from La Salle. She enjoyed English classes and is pleased to transition into her dream of a writing career.

**Looking for an Eye**  
**BY PETER KROK,** ’69

FootHills Publishing, 2008; 76 pp.; $15

Peter Krok’s nearly 60 poems include narrations of incidents and characters in particular urban corners—some of them specifically identified, others easily applicable to any city or small town—and the reader feels a sense of recognition. What Krok does in this collection is to find the supremely lyrical in the commonplace.

Peter Krok, ’69, graduated from La Salle with a bachelor’s degree in history. Born in West Berlin, Germany, Krok came to the United States during the Berlin Air Lift. He is editor of the Schuykill Valley Journal and is Humanities Director of the Manayunk Art Center, where he coordinates a literary series. Known as the “red brick poet” because he grew up in red brick Philadelphia, Krok maintains a connection to the city in his work.

**A Research Primer for Technical Communications**  
**BY GEORGE F. HAYHOE,** ’72

Lawrence Erlbaum, 2007; 232 pp.; $39.95

This book provides an introduction to conducting and critically reading research in technical communication. Offering a solid grounding in the research underpinnings of the technical communication field, this resource is for use in master’s level and upper-division undergraduate research methods courses in technical and professional communication.

George F. Hayhoe, ’72, is professor of technical communication at Mercer University School of Engineering in Macon, Ga. He earned his bachelor’s degree in English at La Salle and his master’s degree and Ph.D. in English at the Catholic University of America and the University of South Carolina, respectively. He taught at East Carolina University, Utah State University, and Virginia Tech, and he spent 18 years as a technical communicator. He is a fellow of the Society for Technical Communication and a past President of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Professional Communication Society.

“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 vargo@lasalle.edu.
Rooney and O’Brien Receive Highest Honors from Alumni Association

This fall, La Salle’s Alumni Association bestowed its highest honors on two alumni.

John J. Rooney, Ph.D., ’46, professor emeritus of psychology, received the John J. Finley, ’24, Award. Rooney has spent 63 years at La Salle, currently serving as Director of the Master’s Program in Clinical-Counseling Psychology.

“Jack values our students and our program,” said Donna Tonrey, Psy.D. ’02, Director of the Marriage and Family Therapy Program and former student of Rooney’s. “He knows that what happens in our program reaches out beyond the walls of La Salle and benefits our community. He is a man of integrity, vitality, expertise, knowledge, creativity, and wisdom.”

State Rep. Dennis M. O’Brien, ’82, received the Signum Fidei Medal. For more than 30 years, he has served as the State Representative for the 169th District. He has been known for his support of police officers and firefighters and his commitment to the health and welfare of children, particularly children with autism spectrum disorder.

“Denny O’Brien has spent an entire career in service to others,” said Edward Turzanski, ’81, La Salle’s Counsel to the President for Government and Community Relations. “As we reflect on his record of helping those in need, we are inspired to action ourselves.”

Longo Named Second Palopoli Professor

This year’s recipient of the Palopoli Professorship is Stephen Longo, Ph.D., a professor with a joint appointment in physics and computer science. Created in recognition of Frank I. Palopoli’s scientific achievements by his sons, Frank C. Palopoli, ’69, and John J. Palopoli, M.D., ’70, the professorship honors faculty who embrace scientific research in education.

“Steve Longo’s academic background is rooted in physics and mathematics, but his passion for learning has led him to develop additional areas of expertise in a wide range of computer technology areas,” said Tom Kiagy, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. “Steve is a model faculty member who understands and incorporates examples of the ‘theory-practice’ explore theme from our University strategic plan into his teaching and his mentorship of colleagues.”

Longo’s work primarily focuses on using new technology in computing. Initially hired in the former Physics Department at La Salle in 1971, Longo became the University’s first Director of Computing in the 1980s. Currently, he is on sabbatical to design a programming course for an online master’s degree in computer science. He also is working on a set of online tutorials that will help students prepare for physics courses by strengthening their mathematics skills.

The three-year professorship supports research-related costs. Longo will likely use the funds from the professorship for equipment or student assistance involving his work on new technology.

Each year, a new faculty member is named Palopoli Professor as determined by the Dean of Arts and Sciences and chairs of the science departments. The inaugural award was presented to Michael Prushan, Ph.D., ’96, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry, who will remain a Palopoli Professor for two more years.

—Lil Vargo

Five Christian Brothers from La Salle University were recently honored as jubilarians during the Fourth Annual Christian Brothers Service Awards Dinner in Philadelphia, Pa. (Left, from left) Brother Joseph Willard, F.S.C., ’64, Executive Assistant to the President, and Brother Miguel Campos, F.S.C., Distinguished Professor for Lasallian Mission, celebrated 50 years of service with the Christian Brothers. (Center) Brother Arthur Bangs, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’53, associate professor of education, celebrated 60 years. (Right, from left) Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D., President Emeritus, and Brother Emery Mollenhauer, F.S.C., associate professor of English, celebrated 63 years.
La Salle’s Board of Trustees welcomed six new members this October.

John T. Fries, ’66, has retired as Partner with Healthcare Resources International. In 2002, he and his partner purchased Neighborhood Health Partnerships in Miami, Fla. Fries is also President of Managed Care Connections in Moorestown, N.J., and Managing Partner at German-town Ventures in Philadelphia, Pa.

Brother James Gaffney, F.S.C., has been President of Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., since 1988. Under his tenure, the university has received regional and national recognition for its academic quality, and the campus has undergone numerous construction and renovation projects.

Elmer F. (Bud) Hansen III, ’90, MBA ’96, is the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Hansen Properties Inc. in Blue Bell, Pa. Hansen has been active on La Salle’s Council of President’s Associates and the University’s President’s Cup Golf Tournament.

Ricardo R. Johnson, ’07, is a law clerk for Constellation Energy Group in Baltimore, Md., in the General Counsel’s Office. Johnson is a juris doctor candidate at the University of Maryland School of Law and was named a 2008–2009 Academic Achievement Law Fellow.

Bernadette Mangan, MBA ’85, has been the Chief Executive Officer of St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia since 2005. She also is Vice President of St. Christopher’s Pediatric Associates, which is the hospital’s practice plan.

James V. Morris, ’79, is a Senior Vice President at SEI and an executive in the Private Bank Segment. He is responsible for the Segment’s North American Asset Management business. Morris served on the Board of Directors of La Salle’s Alumni Association and on the La Salle President’s Cup Golf Committee.

Leaving the Board of Trustees are Megan H. Barnett Bloomgren, ’01, Brother Louis DeThomasis, F.S.C., Joseph Charles Flanagan, M.D., ’59, Brother Timothy J. Froehlich, F.S.C., ’90, Elmer F. (Bud) Hansen Jr., ’58, and George Dennis O’Brien, Ph.D.

—Liz Vargo
Faculty Honored for Their Achievements

**DAINTON RECEIVES UNIVERSITY’S SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Marianne Dainton, Ph.D., professor of communication and Director of the Graduate Program in Professional Communication, received the 2009 Faculty Distinguished Scholarship Award for her research on relationship maintenance in marriage, dating relationships, and long-distance relationships.

“I find human beings endlessly fascinating, and we really know very little about the everyday, mundane things that sustain relationships,” she said.

In presenting the Scholarship Award, La Salle Provost Richard Nigro, Ph.D., said Dainton “has a long-term, planned, and purposeful record of scholarship in her primary research area of relationship maintenance and has been noted as one of the six recognized scholars in the area of relational maintenance. She regularly collaborates with colleagues in her research endeavors and has also mentored student researchers with some of these collaborations, having resulted in publication or conference presentations.”

A member of the La Salle faculty since 1996, Dainton is the co-editor of two books, one on relationship maintenance between couples and the other a textbook about communication. She also has had numerous articles published in professional journals.

—Jon Caroulis

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD HONORS MOLYNEAUX**

La Salle bestowed the Faculty Distinguished Service Award to Brother Gerard Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., ‘58, professor of communication, during Opening Convocation.

The award honors a faculty member’s “exceptional involvement and devotion to the good of the University, the advancement of its mission, and support of La Salle as a learning community.”

Br. Gerry started at La Salle as an English professor in 1973. He created the Communication Department, where he was Chair for 20 years. He helped to form the Graduate Program in Professional Communication and establish the international communication programs in Prague, Czech Republic, and Athens, Greece.

He served on Faculty Senate and the Tenure and Promotion Committee and was adviser for the Pre-College Counseling Program, now known as Day One.

Colleagues have said that Br. Gerry is “an insightful mentor to students and faculty” and “respected across the campus for his commitment and leadership beyond his department.”

**MSHOMBA NAMED DISTINGUISHED LASALLIAN EDUCATOR**

Economics professor Richard Mshomba, Ph.D., ’85, has been named the 2009 recipient of the University’s Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award, which honors members of the La Salle community who are committed to Lasallian priorities and traditions.

As this year’s recipient, Mshomba said he was humbled. “You have already given me so much,” he said. “La Salle along with the Christian Brothers have given me an education, a job—what more can you give me?”

Born and raised in Tanzania, East Africa, the thought of becoming a university professor was beyond his wildest dreams. At the age of 27, Mshomba came to the U.S. to attend La Salle on a full scholarship. He graduated maxima cum laude in three years with a double major in economics and philosophy.

As he presented the award to Mshomba, University President Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70, said, “During his time at La Salle, he has established himself as an outstanding teacher and an accomplished scholar, one with genuine concern for students and for the larger world in which they will live. His amazing life journey has taken many unpredictable turns, arriving, finally, as a member of a university faculty.”

—Amy Gardner Cranston, M.A. ’09

(From left) La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70, Richard Nigro, Ph.D., La Salle Provost, and Brother Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’58.

“This honor also belongs to the various communities on campus that encourage and support service: the Christian Brothers, colleagues, and staff from all sectors of the campus,” Br. Gerry said. “Their service and dedication is the inspiration behind my service.”

—Jon Caroulis
Nigro Steps Down as Provost to Become Director of the Honors Program

Richard Nigro, Ph.D., has stepped down from his role as La Salle Provost after 13 years in the job. He will remain on campus, however, as the new Director of the University’s Honors Program.

During his tenure as Provost, Nigro oversaw the creation of La Salle’s first doctoral program, the Psy.D. in clinical psychology, as well as the development of the undergraduate programs of Integrated Science, Business, and Technology, Digital Arts and Multimedia Design, and Speech-Language-Hearing Science. He also established the College of Professional and Continuing Studies, carrying on La Salle’s longstanding tradition of providing educational opportunities for adult learners.

“I believe that Rich’s academic background and administrative experience, especially in curricular evaluation and development, will be valuable for the University’s strategic initiative to grow the Honors Program,” said La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70. “I trust that Rich will continue the tradition of excellence established by (Honors Program founder) John Grady and continued the last two years by (English Professor) Jim Butler.”

Nigro holds a bachelor’s degree in history from St. John Fisher College, a master’s degree in history from Duquesne University, and a Ph.D. in American studies from the University of Minnesota. He completed the Management Development Program at Harvard University’s Institute for Educational Management and the Educational Leadership Program at Yale University. Before coming to La Salle in 1997, he served as Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dean of the Faculty at Philadelphia College of Textiles and Sciences, now known as Philadelphia University.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with the Honors Program at this point in my career,” Nigro said. “John Grady has left a superb legacy and I will try my best to ensure that La Salle will continue to have one of the premier honors programs in the mid-Atlantic region.”

Nigro’s term as Provost will end on May 31, 2010. Br. Michael has formed a search committee to fill the position.

—Marian Butcher, M.A. ’08

A painting of St. Benilde Romàncó, F.S.C., 1865–1862, completed by Brother Richard Bussina, F.S.C., head of the Art Department at West Catholic High School, was unveiled this summer in the atrium of St. Benilde Hall on West Campus at La Salle. St. Benilde was a De La Salle Christian Brother, remarkable elementary school teacher, and principal. He was the first De La Salle Christian Brother to be elevated to sainthood after St. John Baptist de La Salle.

Nearly 300 police officers as well as La Salle University security officers gathered for the annual pre-Thanksgiving feast at the 35th Police District Headquarters this fall. The La Salle Ambassadors have been hosting this event for the past 10 years, and nearly 30 Ambassadors volunteered this year to show appreciation for the work of local police officers and firefighters. Fresh Grocer, the neighborhood’s new supermarket, also contributed to the annual tradition through donations.
Loftus Receives IT Leadership Award

John Loftus, a Partner with Internet Capital Group (ICG) in Wayne, Pa., received La Salle’s Information Technology Leadership Award for his contributions to the field and for his dedication to helping students who are studying computer science and related areas.

Loftus’ father, who was an electrical engineer at General Electric (GE) for 31 years, inspired his work in technology. “While I didn’t know exactly what career I wanted, I anticipated that studying technology would prepare me for any career choice,” he said. “I really knew I made the right choice when I got out of school and began solving real problems with software.”

ICG acquires and builds Internet-related companies that help traditional industries and markets become more efficient. Loftus says his role with ICG is to “source companies with a technological competitive advantage, a large market opportunity for their product or service, and a strong management team that would benefit from ICG as a partner to help them grow.”

Loftus has worked at GE, PECO Energy, WPL Laboratories, Breakaway Solutions, Gestalt LLC, and Safeguard Sciences, and he has more than 20 years of experience in executive management, entrepreneurship, and technology leadership.

“John Loftus is very generous with his time and energy,” said Margaret McCoey, assistant professor and Director of the master’s programs in Computer Information Science and Information Technology Leadership. “His endless contributions to our students, to La Salle, and to this discipline demonstrate why he is so deserving of this award.”

Honorary Degrees Awarded to Lewis and Prince

During Honors Convocation, La Salle bestowed Honorary Degrees upon Edward T. Lewis, Ph.D., President and CEO of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, and Sue Ann Price, Ph.D., Founding Director and Curator of the American Philosophical Society Museum.

Lewis spent two years as Assistant Chair of the English Department at the University of Puerto Rico, then became Associate Dean at the Graduate School of Business at Cornell. In 1983, he was named President of St. Mary’s College of Maryland. During his 13-year tenure, he helped the college evolve into one of the nation’s finest liberal arts colleges.

In 2007, Lewis was chosen as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. He led the Academy to implement several new programs, initiate community collaborations, and orchestrate a successful capital campaign.

In presenting the award, La Salle University President Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., ’70, said, “You are applying your talents and dedication to a historical and cultural gem in the city of Philadelphia—The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. The traditions of the Academy, not only as a museum and school, but also as the provider of stimulating and valuable public programs, are in good hands.”

The Academy is linked to La Salle through Charles Wilson Peale, one of the Academy’s founders. Peale, a colonial American artist, inventor, museum keeper, naturalist, and polymath, lived at the Belfield Estate, which is now part of La Salle’s campus, in the early 19th century.

Prince has spent her career focused on the world of art as a fiber artist, a fiber-arts instructor, a freelance arts writer, and an art critic for The Seattle Times. Previously, she was Midwest Regional Director for the Archives of American Art of the Smithsonian Institute and served as Director of Public Relations for the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institute. She was an instructor at Rosemont College and a lecturer at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the University of Pennsylvania.

Since 2000, Prince has served as Director and Curator of the American Philosophical Society Museum. The Society, which dates to 1743, is also connected to La Salle through Peale. It housed Peale’s natural history museum until 1811, when he left his museum to come to Belfield. Prince was appointed to build “a museum from scratch” two centuries after Peale’s museum there closed. Br. Michael stated that Prince’s “understanding of the value of museums and creativity to link science, history, and art serve as a role model to the University’s intentions to do the same.”
LA SALLE HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:

- National Science Foundation, Math and Science Partnership of Greater Philadelphia, Research Supplement: $398,071
- National Science Foundation, Math and Science Partnership of Greater Philadelphia, Master Teacher Supplement II: $299,729
- U.S. Department of Education, Federal Work Study-ARRA: $130,982
- PTS Foundation $85,000 (Urban Writers—Writers Matter and Leadership and Global Understanding)
- City of Philadelphia, Revenue Department: $65,000 (School of Business)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Nurse Faculty Loan Program-ARRA: $46,209
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Abstinence Education and Related Services: $24,000
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students-ARRA: $13,145
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care and Other Facilities: $141,570 for the Nutrition Program's Community Kitchen/Food Laboratory
- National Science Foundation, Robert Noyce Scholarship Program Planning Grant: $75,000
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation, Independence Blue Cross Nurse Scholars Grant: $105,368
- Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation, Independence Blue Cross Supplemental Nursing Education Grant: $15,637

DRP: FALL LECTURE SERIES

Taner Akcam (top), a history professor at Clark University, spoke about "Turkey and the Armenian Genocide" this fall for La Salle's Diplomat-in-Residence Program (DRP). Akcam, author of The Armenian Question and Turkish National Identity, was the first scholar of Turkish origin to publicly acknowledge the Armenian Genocide. (Bottom) La Salle welcomed Zama Coursen-Neff to speak about "Advocating for the World's Children: A Report from Human Rights Watch" for a DRP event. As Deputy Director of the Children's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch, she has authored countless reports and articles on children's issues.

RETIREDFACULTYANDSTAFFLUNCHEON

Each year, retired faculty and staff from La Salle gather for an annual luncheon. (First row, from left) John Rossi, Ph.D., '58, history; David Efthymson, Ph.D., religion; Father Thomas J. Donaghy, Ph.D., history; Brother Michael J. McGinnis, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, President of La Salle University; Thomas McCarthy, Ph.D., psychology; Tom Hickey, '48, Director, La Salle Endowment Fund; Thomas Phillips, philosophy; John McCloskey, '48, Vice President for Public Relations; Peter Sweeney, '47, accounting; Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., Ph.D., President Emeritus and retired Director of the La Salle University Art Museum. (Second row, from left) Roseanne Hofmann, Ed.D., mathematics and computer science; David Fleming, '67, Vice President for Business Affairs; John McCann, Ph.D., '57, foreign languages; John Duffy, Ph.D., '59, economics; Edward Davis, Ph.D., religion; John Rooney, Ph.D., '44, psychology; Charles Hofmann, Ph.D., mathematics and computer science; John T. Connors, '48, criminal justice; Samuel Wiley, Ph.D., mathematics and computer science; Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., '35, Development. (Third row, from left) Lee Rudnitzky, Ph.D., '58, foreign languages; Joseph Trexel, Ph.D., management; Paul McNabb, '75, MBA '86, comptroller; Ralph Tekel, Ph.D., chemistry; Finn Hornum, criminal justice.
Colleen Farrell, ’05, and Matt Hemberger, ’04, were married on July 10, 2009, with many La Salle alumni in attendance. (Back row, from left) Bob Wilkinson, ’86; Tim Rossetti, ’01; Jim Harkins, ’73; Brad Bentz, ’75; Tom Callahan, ’82; Bobby Buoncristiano, ’84; Anne (Patterson) Hammond, ’05; Pat Kerwin, ’04; Erin Casey, ’05; Matt Thornton, ’04; Gina Sartorius, ’05; Tommy Kenney, ’04; Billy Cosentino, ’05; A. J. Francini, ’04; Brandon Boschi, ’05; Lauren Mcgovern, ’96; and Kevin Coleman, ’05. (Second row, from left) Jim Hooven, ’84; Bob Lynch, ’78; Joe Waters, ’73; Joan (Waters) Hooven, ’92; Tom Pappas, ’70; Debbie (Delaney) Cardell, ’81; Marie (Breslin) Ireland, ’81; Liz (Diehl) Callahan, ’82; Eileen Haney, ’84; Alexis Schneider, ’04; Bridget Fox, ’03; Brian Hirschmann, ’95; Jim Linus, ’77; Todd Moore, ’04; Jessica Eiselle, ’05; Brooke Johnson, ’Rive, ’07; Jenna Kernus, ’07, and Shannon Plunkett, ’05. (First row, from left) Jim Coleman, ’79; Deborah Pappas, ’08; Sue (Pappas) Dunphy, ’01; Patricia (Waters) Farrell, ’81; Matt Hemberger, ’04; Colleen (Farrell) Hemberger, ’05; Pat Farrell, ’75, and Rachael Tobin, ’05.

1956 William R. Johnson (B.S.) of Lutz, Fla., celebrated his 90th birthday with a family reunion, which included his 3-year-old great-granddaughter.

1958 John J. Amon (B.S.) of Pompano Beach, Fla., is a certified life coach, a science of mind practitioner, and a student of a course in miracles, and he practices a healthy lifestyle. He has six children, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

1959 Daniel J. Colombi, M.D. (B.S.) of Haddonfield, N.J., was elected Commander of Haddonfield American Legion Post 38.

William J. O’Brien Jr., Esq. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was named to the Irish Legal 100 by Irish America Magazine as one of the top figures in the legal profession and one of the most distinguished and accomplished Irish-American lawyers in North America. He is also on the Executive Board of the Academy of Advocacy of Temple University Law School and teaches trial advocacy at the university.

1960 * Reunion Year *

1964 Mario V. Mele (B.S.) of Fort Washington, Pa., was appointed to the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board by the Board of Directors of Aqua America Inc. He is President of Fidelio Insurance Company and Dental Delivery Systems Inc.

Dennis L. Metrick (B.S.) of Phoenix, Ariz., retired after 35 years with the Arizona courts. He is a volunteer for the Phoenix Art Museum.

Joseph E. Wreen, Ph.D. (B.S.) of Atlanta, Ga., authored *Up the Revolution: War 1774–1783*, published on Kindle.

1965 * Reunion Year * Joseph A. Dieterle, O.O. (B.S.) of Oxford, Md., stepped down as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point, N.J. He is a professor of pediatrics at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and a member of its Board of Trustees. He continues to practice pediatrics with Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia at the Jersey Shore.

Gerald M. Handley, Esq. (B.S.) of Kansas City, Mo., was honored by *The Best Lawyers in America* and has been listed in all editions for the past 26 years. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the American Board of Criminal Lawyers and is recognized in the *International Who’s Who of Business Lawyers* (Business Crimes) and the *Kansas City Business Journal*’s “Best of the Bar.” He received the Missouri Bar Association’s Lon Hocker Trial Lawyer Award.

1966 James J. Higgins (B.S.) of Edina, Minn., competed with The Great Northern Union Barbershop Chorus in Anaheim, Calif. He placed third in the international chorus competition.

1968 Joseph A. Belinsky Jr. (B.A.) of Canton, Ohio, returned from teaching courses in entrepreneurship for the Entrepreneurship Center at King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Brother Richard T. Oliver, OSB (B.A.) of Silver Spring, Md., joined the staff of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, which serves the leadership of the Catholic orders and congregations of vowed religious priests and brothers in the United States.

1970 * Reunion Year * Paul J. Burgoyne, Esq. (B.A.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., received the President’s Award from the National Organization of Bar Counsel in recognition of lifetime achievements for attorney regulation and service to the organization.

Joseph A. D’Amato, CPA, MBA (B.S.) of Port Republic, N.J., was appointed Chief Financial Officer for Empire Resorts Inc.


1971 Robert J. Walsh Jr. (B.A.) of Warrington, Pa., is the head girls’ basketball coach at Lansdale Catholic High School. He retired after 33 years of teaching and coaching in the Central Bucks School District.

1974 Joseph J. Baker Jr. (B.S.) of North Wales, Pa., was named a finalist for Chief Financial Officer of the Year for Nonprofits by the Philadelphia Business Journal. He is the Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance at Widener University.

1975 * Reunion Year * Kenneth Andronico, O.D., O.D., FICS (B.S.) of Wesley Chapel, Fla., was elected President for District No. 7 of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, representing five counties. He is an assistant clinical professor at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Fla.

1977 The Rev. David J. Klein (B.A.) of Blackwood, N.J., was appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Camden for a three-year term by Bishop Joseph A. Galante and will continue as judicial vicar.

1978 Millicent J. Carvalho (B.S.) of Darby, Pa., spoke at the Responding to Financial Crisis and Building a Harmonious Society forum in Chongqing, China. She presented a paper outlining her experiences with urban conflict in Philadelphia using her Seven Effective Steps for Transforming Conflict method. She also serves as President of Pennsylvania Conflict Resolution and Mediation Services Inc.
Craig R. Trantenberg, Esq. (B.A.) of Villanova, Pa., was recognized as a leading lawyer in national franchising by Chambers and Partners, publishers of guides to law firms. He is an attorney for Nixon Peabody LLP, an international law firm highly ranked in Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.

1979 Col. Julie (Trego) Manta USA (B.A.) of Mount Holly Springs, Pa., was recalled to active duty from retirement to continue on the faculty of the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. She specializes in strategic thinking skills, strategic leadership, and management and leadership development.

Dennis M. McGrath (B.S.) of Medford, N.J., was named President and Chief Executive Officer of PhotoMedex, a company that offers innovative solutions for dermatology, therapeutic skin care, and surgical products.

1980 *REUNION YEAR* John J. McCarthy Jr. (B.A.) of Cinnaminson, N.J., was promoted to National Sales Director of Sea Box Inc., a manufacturer and modifier of ISO cargo and shipping containers in East Riverton, N.J.

David P. Smeltzer, CPA (B.S.) of Lower Gwynedd, Pa., was named Chief Financial Officer of the Year (Large Company) by the Philadelphia Business Journal.

Russell A. Spruance (B.A.) of Pittsboro, N.C., is a special agent with the Department of Homeland Security in Raleigh, N.C.

1981 Peter J. D’Orazio (B.A.) of Glenside, Pa., was named Vice President of Institutional Advancement at the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Media, Pa.

1982 Renee C. Fairconeture, MHS, M.S., CEL (B.A.) of Modena, Pa., earned an M.S. in community economic development from Southern New Hampshire University in 2009. She also earned a master’s degree in human services from Lincoln University in 1997, where she graduated *cum laude*. She is a lifetime member of the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society in the social sciences. She is currently the Director of Development at the Camphill Soltane Foundation.

Frank Macri, DPM (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is President-elect of the medical staff at North Philadelphia Health System, St. Joseph’s Hospital. He serves as Chair of the Department of Foot and Ankle Surgery.

Jeffrey F. O’Donnell (B.S.) of Malvern, Pa., was named Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Embrella Cardiovascular Inc., a medical

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**In Memoriam: Joseph V. Brogan, Ph.D., ’72**

Joseph V. Brogan, Ph.D., ’72, a La Salle political science professor who also taught Honors courses on J.R. Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, died at his home in Havertown, Pa., on Oct. 7, 2009, after a long battle with lung cancer. He was 58.

A native of West Philadelphia, Brogan attended La Salle on a full scholarship and graduated *magna cum laude* with a B.A. in political science in 1972. He earned his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Notre Dame.

Brogan started teaching part-time at La Salle in 1978. After receiving his Ph.D., Brogan began working at La Salle in 1981 as Director of Admissions in what was then the University’s Evening Division. He joined the faculty to teach full time in 1987. In 1993, he received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching.

At La Salle, Brogan taught courses on political theory (both classical and modern), constitutional law, American politics, and American federalism, as well as literature courses, particularly a course on Tolkien in the University’s Honors Program.

According to James Butler, Ph.D., ’67, an associate professor of English and past Director of the Honors Program, Brogan had “a somewhat unusual take” on the Tolkien saga, discussing the political economy and political science aspects of it. “It was very popular with students,” Butler said.

“He was an outstanding teacher,” said Michael Dillon, Ph.D., Chair of the Political Science Department, who taught Brogan as an undergraduate. “In the exit interviews I do with seniors, almost everyone says that they learned so much about writing and research from (Brogan’s) senior seminar. They say it was the hardest course they took, but it was the most valuable to them.”

In addition to his wife, Marylou, Brogan is survived by three children, Michelle, John, and Matthew.

—Jon Carolus
In Memoriam: Ralph W. Howard, ’60

Ralph Howard, the first Director of La Salle’s News Bureau and Editor of La Salle Magazine, died April 19, 2009, from complications of lung disease. He was 76.

Howard, who grew up in North Philadelphia, joined the U.S. Navy in 1952. He developed a desire to attend college after writing and editing for his ship’s newsletter. He attended La Salle after he left the service and was the first in his family to graduate, earning a bachelor’s degree in English.

After graduating, La Salle hired Howard as its first Director of the News Bureau in 1960. He later became Editor of La Salle’s alumni magazine and served in that position until 1969. As Editor, Howard received several awards, including the 21st Annual Journalism Award of the La Salle Collegian and the annual Newsweek magazine award for excellence in public affairs reporting.

After leaving La Salle, Howard was named Editor of Temple University’s alumni magazine. He left briefly for a marketing position with the former IVB Bank, then returned to Temple to work in various communications positions.

Friends and family knew Howard as a man with an unbridled curiosity and eclectic interests in science, history, and the arts. He encouraged higher education as the key to upward mobility.

Howard’s wife of 55 years, Evelyn, died in 2007. He is survived by one son, three daughters, including Mary Lou Gles, MSN, R.N., Coordinator of La Salle’s Nursing Learning Resource Center, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

—Liz Vango

Mentor of the Year Award from the AOA

Journal of the Year Award from the AOA

President of the Year Award from the AOA


1984 John R. Gimpel, D.O. (B.A., M.Ed., ’00) of Lafayette Hill, Pa., was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

Ralph J. Maura, Esq. (B.S.) of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., was elected Board Chairman of The Enterprise Center, a nonprofit organization that provides access to capital, capacity building, business education, and economic development opportunities to high-potential minority entrepreneurs.

1985 * REUNION YEAR: Tracy T. Baker (B.S.) of Mantua, N.J., is the new owner and president of a Speedpro Imaging franchise, a digital imagery industry, located in a South Jersey suburb of Philadelphia.

Annette G. Nelson (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., retired after 24 years of federal service, which included 20 years at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, where she was a nurse manager, staff development supervisor, associate chief nurse for surgery, and associate chief nurse for acute care. She received a Department of Veterans Affairs Commendation, the highest recognition for Veterans Affairs service.

1986 Barbara F. Lamblin (B.A.) of Pinehurst, N.C., received an M.S.Ed. from the University of Virginia. She is teaching special education part time and shares a partnership, Colors ‘N Clay, a paint-your-own-pottery studio in Southern Pines, N.C.

1988 James L. Boyer (B.S.) of Naperville, Ill., was appointed Director of Pricing for the Transpacific Trade for Mitsui O.S.K. Lines.


Peter Zajac, D.O. (B.A.) of Prestonsburg, Ky., was named associate professor of family medicine and Director of Clinical Skills Training and Evaluation at Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine. He received the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Department of Osteopathic Medical Examiners.

1990 * REUNION YEAR: Kathleen R. (Bunkey) Woods Frame, R.N., Ph.D. (BSN, MSN ’93) of Medford, N.J., received the 2009 Governor’s Nursing Merit Award for Excellence in Nursing. She is a school nurse at Medford, N.J., and the Director of the School Nurse Certificate Program at Rutgers University.

Larry D. Holman (MBA) of Philadelphia, Pa., completed a year as President of the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council.

Michael P. Tedesco (B.S.) of Hatboro, Pa., is the Chief Financial Officer for IMA Consulting. He is responsible for accounting, human resources, and information technology.

1991 Patrick J. Cimerola (B.S.) of Marriottsville, Md., was promoted to Senior Vice President, Human Resources and Administration, for Choice Hotels International Inc. He also was elected an officer of the company by the Choice Hotels Board of Directors.

1992 William J. Gretzula (B.A.) of Bensalem, Pa., was promoted to Superintendent of the Bensalem School District.

1993 Michael C. Kimble (M.A.) of Malvern, Pa., was appointed Assistant Head of School at The Phelps School in Malvern, Pa.

Anthony R. LaRatta, Esq. (B.A.) of Sewell, N.J., was appointed Chair of the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee of the New Jersey State Bar Association. He is a partner with the law firm Archer & Greiner, P.C., in Haddonfield, N.J., and specializes in commercial litigation with an emphasis on probate matters, estates, trusts, guardianships, and fiduciaries.

Matthew D. Melinson, CPA (B.S.) of Iyland, Pa., was recognized as a Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Member to Watch: 40 Under 40. He is a director in the state and local tax practice of SMART Business Advisory and Consulting LLC, and he is a member of the Pennsylvania CPA Journal Editorial Board.
Albert T. Vertino III (B.A.) of Decatur, Ga., was promoted to senior producer by Turner Sports and NBA Digital. In addition to serving as a producer for TNT and TBS sports, his role expanded to include responsibilities within the NBA digital portfolio in the NBA Digital Content Group.

1994 Dustin S. Foster, J.D. (B.A.) of Lansing, Mich., was appointed assistant professor at Cooley Law School Auburn Hills following a visiting professorship. He continues to serve as Director of the Estate Planning Clinic. He teaches classes in wills, estates, and trusts, as well as estate-planning clinic classes.

Joseph A. Ochipinti (B.A.) of Lake Mary, Fla., was named Vice President of Marketing for the Gulf States Region for United Healthcare.

Timothy R. Tilson (B.A.) of Fort Washington, Pa., accepted the Northeast Regional Sales Manager position at United Health Group for AARP Medicare Supplement plans.

1995 *REUNION YEAR* James A. DeMarco Jr. (B.A.) of Sicklerville, N.J., won a Daytime Emmy® award for makeup for the soap opera One Life to Live.

Stephen A. Pecorelli (B.S.) of Cherry Hill, N.J., received a second Bronze Star for meritorious service upon completion of his second tour of duty in Iraq.

1996 David J. Gill Jr. (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was recognized as a Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants Members to Watch: 40 Under 40. He is a tax manager for Master, Sidlow and Associates, P.A., in Wilmington, Del. He is co-Chair of the state’s Emerging CPAs Committee.

1997 Diana A. Sisum (B.A.) of Chester Springs, Pa., presented about Medicare set-asides at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s Annual Pennsylvania Auto Law Update.


1998 Lynn R. Chesna, ELS (B.A.) of Holmes, Pa., received the Charles James O’Donnell Award in Digital Imaging from Rosemont College’s School of Graduate Studies. Her design best embodied the concept that design skills exceed utilitarian functionality and explore the boundaries of innovative creativity and artistic experimentation.

Troy D. Sisum (B.A.) of Chester Springs, Pa., presented a paper, “Products Liability in Agricultural Accidents,” at the National Association of Subrogation Professionals’ annual conference in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Andrew M. Tanari (B.A.) of Hoboken, N.J., won a Daytime Emmy® for Cash Cab, a game show of questions hosted inside a New York City taxi cab. He also wrote for the game shows The World Series of Pop Culture, Stump the Schwab, and Who Wants to be a Millionaire?, for which he was nominated for an Emmy®.


Capt. John R. Cholewain, USMC (B.A.) of Wayne, N.J., is a weapons and aircraft systems analyst assisting the Department of Defense in managing and developing aircraft weapons acquisition programs.

Michael R. Fox, Esq. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., joined the law firm Nelson Levine de Luca & Horst as an associate in the complex litigation group. His area of concentration is complex insurance defense.

2000 *REUNION YEAR*

2001 Michelle Grabusky, M.Ed., NCC (B.A.) of Saint Clair, Pa., was certified a national certified counselor in October 2008. She is engaged to Michael D. McGinty.

William F. Haynes Jr., M.D. (M.A.) of Princeton, N.J., is the Chaplain for the Princeton Officers Society and continues to vest at Trinity Episcopal Church in Princeton. He competes with the Garden State Masters Swimmers and is nationally ranked in the 100-meter backstroke.

Elaine A. McDowell (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., was named Principal of Holy Trinity School in Morrisville, Pa.

Randall J. Strading (MBA) of Yardley, Pa., joined First Priority Bank of Malvern as Vice President and Relationship Manager in the Newtown, Bucks County, office.

2003 Rasual Butler, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., was traded to the Los Angeles Clippers basketball team from the New Orleans Hornets in exchange for a conditional second round draft pick in 2016. He averaged 11.2 points, 3.3 rebounds, and 31.9 minutes while playing in all 82 games for the Hornets during the 2008-09 NBA season.

Robert E. Newmyer, M.D. (B.A.) of Cleveland, Ohio, graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine and is a resident in pediatrics at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital in Cleveland.

Tracey L. (Tripician) Rinyo (B.A.) of Mays Landing, N.J., graduated from Stockton University with a master’s degree in special education.

**Births and Adoptions**

1964 A son, Reaves Michael, to Kenneth and Mary (Davis) Lee (B.A.).

1984 A daughter, Julie Ann, to Anthony F. Dziemikko (B.A.) and Melissa Cihak.

1996 A daughter, Quinn Kathleen, to Kevin and Kathleen (Wolfe) McGarry (B.S.).


A daughter, Christina Marie, to Tammy and Jeffrey J. Chrin, CPA (B.S.).

A son, Christian Gerard, to Rosemarie (McConomy) DeFelice (B.A.) and Joseph J. DeFelice, Esq. (B.A. ’00).


2003 A son, Dylan Patrick, to Courtney and Patrick J. Kelly (MBA).

A son, Kion Johnny, to Johnny and Tommica M. (Woods) Louisaint (M.A.).

A daughter, Zoe Marie, to Melissa (Andersch) Oakes (B.A.) and Matthew P. Oakes (B.S.).

A daughter, Gianna Rose, to Patty and David M. Smith (BSN).

A son, William Louis, to Alysia Yost-Henighan (B.A., MCC ’08) and William L. Henighan II (B.S. ’00).

2005 A son, Domenic, to Domenic Magazu III (B.A.) and Karlie (Fluck) Magazu (B.A. ’06).

2006 A son, Domenic, to Karlie (Fluck) Magazu (B.A.) and Domenic Magazu III (B.A. ’05).
In Memoriam

1936 Joseph A. Rider Sr. (B.S.) of East Greenwich, R.I., on July 9, 2009.

1940 Samuel L. Rhodeside (B.S.) on Sept. 8, 2009.

1944 Albert S. Garczynski (B.S.) of Norristown, Pa., on April 24, 2009.

John J. Kane (B.S.) of Richmond, Va., on May 31, 2009.

1947 Damian P. Hughes (B.A.) of Baltimore, Md., on July 31, 2009.


Harry P. Sykes (B.S.) of Warrington, Pa., on Sept. 3, 2009.


George W. Rose (B.S.) of Abington, Pa., on Aug. 5, 2009.


William B. Fynes Sr. (B.S.) of Maple Glen, Pa., on July 25, 2009.


1955 James L. Keogh III (B.S.) of Dresher, Pa., on Aug. 6, 2009.


1957 Andrew J. Duff (B.A.) of Smithtown, N.Y., on July 24, 2009.


1959 Francis V. Campi (B.S.) of Brookeville, Md., on Aug. 6, 2009.


Robert W. Miller (B.S.) of Emmaus, Pa., on Aug. 8, 2009.


Joseph D. Lawton (B.S.) of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 28, 2009.


Linda Marie Guzman (BSN) of Toledo, Ohio, on Aug. 5, 2009.

Faculty

Domenico Di Marco, Ph.D., of Philadelphia, Pa., on Nov. 4, 2009. He taught foreign language at La Salle for more than 50 years.

Charles Halpin Jr., Esq. (B.S. '44) of Hatboro, Pa., on Nov. 15, 2009. He taught in La Salle's School of Business for 55 years.

Prafula N. Joglekar, Ph.D., of Elkins Park, Pa., on Nov. 23, 2009. He had taught management at La Salle for 37 years.

2004 Andrew J. Hughes, Esq. (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., joined the law firm Blank Rome LLP as an associate in the general litigation group and will be based in the Princeton, N.J., office.


Timothy C. Warner (B.A.) of Manhattan, Kan., is engaged to Stephanie Caron. They are planning a June 2010 wedding in Minneapolis, Minn.

2005 Reunion Year Carrie Lynn E. Eckerodt, D.O. (B.A.) of Tunkhannock, Pa., earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2009. She is
continuing her medical training at Mercy Suburban Hospital in Norristown, Pa.

Joel M. Sackett (B.A.) of Falls Church, Va., is engaged to Annie W. Gong. They are planning a June 2010 wedding.

2006 Kara N. Gargiulo, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Palisades Park, N.J., earned a doctorate in physical therapy from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. She is working as an outpatient physical therapist in Bergen County, N.J.

Shelly A. Ray (B.A.) of Pacific Palisades, Calif., is engaged to marry Taylor R. Auclair (B.A. ’07).

Jill C. Rementer (BSN) of Bensalem, Pa., is engaged to Robert Claus. They are planning a June 2010 wedding.

Mallory Somerville (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., completed basic training for the U.S. Army and is attending officer's candidate school at Fort Benning, Ga.

2007 Taylor R. Auclair (B.A.) of Narragansett, R.I., is engaged to marry Shelly A. Ray (B.A. ’06).

Ryan Meisser (B.S.) of Los Angeles, Calif., is pursuing a master's degree in public policy at the University of Southern California.

Timothy E. Myers (B.A.) of Philadelphia, Pa., is engaged to Kristin Crane (B.A.) of Washington Crossing, Pa. They are planning a September 2010 wedding.

Alicia M. Pennacchia (B.A.) of West Chester, Pa., is engaged to Leo Midure (B.A.) of Hammonton, N.J.

Drew M. Silich (B.A.) of Merchantville, N.J., is engaged to marry Meghan M. Gaffney (B.S.) of Glen Mills, Pa.

2009 Michal J. Wieczewski (B.A.) of East Lansing, Mich., earned a scholarship to Michigan State University's Ph.D. program in history. He will focus on Polish history, specifically on the Polish family under Nazi occupation and Polish-Jewish relations.

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CELEBRATING FAMILY WEEKEND,
HOMECOMING, AND REUNION

This fall, La Salle welcomed alumni, friends, and families to campus for three big events.

More than 300 families attended various activities during Family Weekend in October. Visitors had the opportunity to attend a Friday night Phillies game or enjoy hypnotist Ronny Ramen in the Dan Rodkin Theatre. Saturday included tours of Philadelphia and Valley Forge, lunch on La Salle’s quad, athletics, entertainment, and a Night in Vegas. The weekend closed on Sunday with a liturgy in the chapel, branch with La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinnis, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, and Honors Convocation.

In November, for the first time at La Salle, hundreds of alumni returned to Klein Campus to kick off the Explorer basketball season during Homecoming weekend. The result was a success—approximately 1,150 people attended various events over Homecoming Weekend and the La Salle Explorers edged the Hampton Pirates, 93-80.

Prior to the game, alumni were invited to attend a party with men’s basketball Head Coach John Giannini, Ph.D., and Mag Kane, ’83, President of La Salle’s Alumni Association. Guests enjoyed music from the Matt Bass, ’04, band, and Klabfest offered children the opportunity to accessorize a Build-an-Explorer Bear.

In addition, several celebrations were held around the Philadelphia area for the classes of ’84, ’94, ’99, and ’04 during Fall Reunion.