



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

Grab Your Brooms, Potter Fans: Quidditch Fever Hits the Hill

By Max Kaplan '11



Andrea Fernandes

The whimsical – yet surprisingly physical – tournament captivated players and spectators alike.

It's no secret that our campus bears a striking resemblance to the *Harry Potter* series' Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, with its gothic architecture and stony "castles." Fans of the series also know that its heroic house, Gryffindor, shares our mascot: the Griffin. These quirky similarities make the fictional game of Quidditch a perfect fit for Chestnut Hill College, which I knew was destined from the moment I witnessed a game of "Muggle" Quidditch.

You and I are Muggles, which is to say we have no magical powers. However harsh this reality may be, we must accept that when we play Quidditch, our brooms will not fly and our feet never leave the ground. This minor setback didn't stop my imagination from taking flight, though. In

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2008 Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference



Front Row: Katerina Huertas '09, Amanda Cappelletti '10, Chris Cordaro '10, Katie Williams '09, Stephanie D'Agostino '09. **Back Row:** Dr. Charles Lee, associate professor of business, Dan Washington '09, Mark Hammons '08, Jim Stewart '09, Robert Durney, M.B.A., club advisor and assistant professor of business, and Andre Leake '09. **Not pictured:** Lisa Doria '08, Megan Smith '10, Deborah Monsey '11, Adrianna Guerrini '09, and Samantha Brown '10.

Thirteen Chestnut Hill College students became finalists in nine events at the 2008 *Phi Beta Lambda* National Leadership Conference, competing against more than 2,600 students from 300 schools in 46 states to earn the honor. This is the third consecutive year that the Chestnut Hill College *Phi Beta Lambda* Chapter has gone to nationals and the second year its students have received awards. *Phi Beta Lambda*, the collegiate chapter of Future Business Leaders of America, is the largest student business leadership organization in the country.

National Winners:

Business Ethics – 6th Place
Katerina Huertas '09 & Katie Williams '09

Client Services – 8th Place
Amanda Cappelletti '10

Computer Concepts – 6th Place
Jim Stewart '09

Cyber Security – 9th Place
Jim Stewart '09

Emerging Business Issues – 4th Place
Megan Smith '10 & Deborah Monsey '11

Financial Services – 8th Place
Andre Leake '09

Impromptu Speaking – 10th Place
Amanda Cappelletti '10

Management Concepts – 5th Place
Katerina Huertas '09, Adrianna Guerrini '09, & Megan Smith '10

Small Business Management Plan – 5th Place
Chris Cordaro '10, Dan Washington '09, & Samantha Brown '10

Otherworldly Lessons: Chestnut Hill College Students Teach in Tanzania

By Tammy Schaaffe '10

You're completely exhausted. You've been traveling for more than a day, making your way across this desolate, yet hauntingly beautiful, land towards the mountains, which are just barely visible in the fading light. The five-hour bus trip, the last leg of your long, grueling journey that began on another continent, is finally coming to an end.

As the bus approaches the city, you hear it – the faint hum of drumming in the dark. Now exhaustion gives way to excitement (and, okay, a little bit of nervousness). As you get closer, the drumming is louder, and now you hear singing and shouting. When the bus stops, it's suddenly surrounded by persons chanting and clapping, as if you're a celebrity. As you step off the bus, you're suddenly enveloped by a group of eager high school girls. They grab your hands. They take your bags. They invite you to come with them and dance the night away.

This is the greeting of your life.

This is the joyful welcome that six Chestnut Hill College students and their professor, Susan McGroarty, Ph.D., experienced when they arrived in Tanzania last May for a two-week service-learning trip as part of their Global Studies: Tanzania class (GSU 481). "We were quickly immersed into the festivities and so overcome by them that we forgot how tired we were," sophomore Ally Antonini said. "Around us they sang out 'Santiago! Chile Chile.' It was so much fun."

Antonini, along with Kallie Akamine '08, senior Bridget Breslin, and juniors Jenna Douglas, Aiesha Grierson, and Kayte Roberts, traveled to Morogoro, a city in the East African Republic of Tanzania (which is near the Uluguru Mountains and home to some of the country's oldest tropical forests) to help tutor the students at the Bigwa Sisters' Secondary School.

McGroarty and her students traveled with students and faculty from Marywood University, a sister school in the



Chestnut Hill College students traveled to the East African Republic of Tanzania to tutor children at the Bigwa Sisters' Secondary School. Shown (l to r): Kallie Akamine, Ally Antonini, Aiesha Grierson, Jenna Douglas, Kayte Roberts, Bridget Breslin, and Susan McGroarty, Ph.D.

African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC). The Collaborative recognizes that religious women in Africa are increasingly becoming a "strong source of hope for the future" and works to educate and prepare them for this role.

"One of the purposes of this trip was to help high school girls at the Bigwa Sisters' Secondary School prepare for their final exams," McGroarty said. "Another focus of ours was to teach some of the older sisters who wanted to become teachers but hadn't finished their education." Since students in Tanzania study in Swahili until eighth grade and then take their classes entirely in English throughout high school, the Chestnut Hill and Marywood students also helped them with basic English proficiency.

While in their global studies class, the Chestnut Hill students prepared for their roles as tutors by working with an English as a foreign language specialist. Guest speakers who had been to Africa were also invited to describe their experiences and give advice to students. Despite all the preparation, Grierson admits feeling nervous. "We were prepared but unprepared,"

she said. "There were just so many anxieties and cultural differences that we couldn't understand or experience until we got there ourselves."

Once there, the students quickly and successfully fell into their roles as educators. The Americans found that their Tanzanian students loved to learn and were fluent in English. "It was pretty easy teaching the students," Antonini said. "We were expecting them not to know a lot, but they had good backgrounds in English." The professors described the experience of watching their students teach others as enriching. "It was wonderful," McGroarty said. "The students really bonded with one another."

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Students at the Bigwa School festively greeted their American visitors with music and dancing, rapidly engaging the Chestnut Hill students in their culture.

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The Chestnut Hill and Tanzanian students shared both cultural perspectives and laughs.

Shortly after arriving, the Chestnut Hill students had anxieties about getting to know the girls they were teaching and adjusting to their new surroundings. But they quickly realized that they were also gaining a lot from their Tanzanian students. “We had a lot of fun with the girls,” Roberts said. “There was just a lot of laughing and a lot of learning about what really matters. Life is all about love and living one day at a time.” The students also realized that their trip had purposes other than teaching English. “There was a whole other purpose that we never even thought of,” Antonini said. “We were making them aware of our culture.”

“They wanted to know as much about us as we wanted to know about them,” Grierson added. “They wanted us to be a part of their lives.”

While in Tanzania, the students followed a regimented schedule. They would wake up, eat a simple breakfast and then go to school to teach their classes. Each American student was assigned to teach two classes a day, and there were four or five of them at a time in each of the classes. After 2:30 p.m., when all classes ended for the day, the students would eat another basic meal. They spent the rest of the afternoon helping their Tanzanian students with their chores or just hanging out and talking and playing games with them. Dinner was at 7 p.m., after which the American students would meet for reflection and lesson-planning before bed.

Although the student teachers worked hard, they still found time for fun and exploring. Always accompanied by a sister from the Bigwa School, they went on trips and saw sights that were both heartbreaking and breathtaking. The students took a trip to and ate lunch underneath the Tree of Life, also known as the Baobab tree.

The students also traveled to Bagamoya, the East Coast center for the slave trade. They visited the museum dedicated to the slave trade and went to the beach to stick their feet in the Indian Ocean. “It was so beautiful,” Antonini said. “The water was warm, and the beach was as white as snow with lots of shells and sand dollars all over it.”

Students also ventured to Malolo to visit two students whom Chestnut Hill College sponsors. They had lunch with some of the sisters and then went to the village to see the convent in which some of the sisters live. The students also went to the dispensary where one of the sisters is a nurse and saw a little girl who was suffering from malnutrition. “It was so surreal to see a child like that, since we usually only see it on television,” Antonini said. Another highlight of the trip was the safari the students went on, where they saw a wide variety of exotic animals. “I had been on safaris in [America], but this one was awesome in the sense that we were in their natural place,” Antonini said. “This wasn’t Busch Gardens – we went to Africa and saw animals in their natural habitat.”

Now that they are back in the United States amid the hustle and bustle of college life, the students are acutely aware of the cultural differences. “People aren’t as friendly here,” Grierson said. “You can’t just say ‘hi’ to anybody on the street.” They also realize how much they miss some of the more comforting experiences of Tanzania. “There was always a constant hum of clapping, singing, or drumming – it became like a lullaby,” Roberts said. “It was hard to get used to not having that.”

The Chestnut Hill and Marywood students continue to keep in touch with each other through the social-networking site Facebook, but they find it hard to maintain regular contact with their Tanzanian students due to Bigwa’s inconsistent internet access. The relationships that the Chestnut Hill students formed with their Tanzanian counterparts are strong, however, and they make time each day to keep the lessons they learned in Tanzania close to their hearts. Among them is learning how to “appreciate the simple things in life and the beauty around me,” Antonini said.

“It was such an enlightening experience,” Roberts added. “Something happened to all of us in Africa that changed our hearts and souls forever. It was a gift. The connections I made with the people there will never go away.” ✨



A highlight of the trip for the Chestnut Hill students was the opportunity to see and put their feet in the Indian Ocean.

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Andrea Fernandes

Chestnut Hill College made up for what it lacked in school size and experience with enthusiasm and team spirit.

May 2008, I saw Middlebury College's version of Muggle Quidditch on YouTube. It was the perfect mix of competition and hilarity – and it had “CHC” written all over it. After proposing it to the Chestnut Hill Activities Team (CHAT), setting a date for a tournament, and spending my summer reviewing Middlebury College's rigorous rulebook for the game, Quidditch season began.

Recruiting players for a sport that requires broomstick riding is no easy task, but I had faith it could be done. While Hogwarts requires try-outs to play on its Quidditch team, our recruitment merely involved me running up and down Fournier's main hallway on a household broomstick, causing many confused faces and quite a ruckus. When asked “What on earth are you doing?” I politely responded, “Clearly, I'm practicing Quidditch.” After a brief description of the game, the skeptics became believers, and many of them wrote their name on a sign-up sheet. The broomstick antics paid off: We recruited more than 50 players of all backgrounds in less than



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Chestnut Hill College players quickly adjusted to Quidditch's physical aspects, including tackles and throw-downs.

two hours to compete in our tournament – an impressive feat for a Muggle college!

Regrettably, none of the 50 recruits transferred from Hogwarts. This meant Quidditch was new to them, so the first practice was a crash course on the game's vital skills: how to run with a broom between your legs while single-handedly throwing a Bludger (dodgeball) at an opponent. It's harder than it sounds. Several practices later, our four teams (Hufflepuff, Gryffindor, Ravenclaw and Slytherin) were ready to compete in the official “Quidditch on the Hill” tournament on the soccer field on October 10, 2008 – almost 740 years after the *Potter* universe's first recorded Quidditch match.

Outfitted in their team's colored t-shirts (featuring, of course, a Griffin riding a broomstick), our players lined up for the tournament's opening procession. Father Rick Malloy, our very own Dumbledore, led us to the front of the soccer field, facing bleachers full of eager fans. After the opening ceremony, the games began. The competition was fierce. Quaffles flew through hoop goalposts as points were scored, and Bludgers sent players flying. The Golden Snitch, a cross-country runner dressed in gold, hid all over campus, waiting for a Seeker to come catch him. Six intense games later, Ravenclaw defeated Slytherin to become tournament champions.

The tournament was a magical success. Everyone from the College president to fellow students to the players' friends and family members enjoyed it. You can no longer walk through Chestnut Hill's hallways without seeing the signature “Quidditch on the Hill” t-shirts. But while any and all students were encouraged to play in our tournament, the coaches of our four teams had to choose the very best for the next event: the Intercollegiate Quidditch World Cup.

More than 190 Muggle schools play Quidditch, compared to a mere 39 in the fictional wizarding community. Because Chestnut Hill College is now one of them, we were cordially invited to attend the second annual World Cup at Middlebury College on October 26, at which 12 teams competed for one coveted title. After selecting a team of our 14 best players, we had barely two weeks to train our unseasoned competitors to compete against teams that had years of experience. Since Harry Potter's team practiced every morning of the season, I made sure the week before the World Cup was filled with daily practices, rain or shine, to work on strategies and plays.

The day before the Cup, three staff members drove the players and me to Middlebury College in Vermont, despite a torrential downpour. (Another disadvantage of the Muggle lifestyle is traveling in cars that don't fly, but we managed to have a great time.) Upon arrival, one player and I attended a meeting for all coaches, at which we met our competition. I must say we were a little intimidated. Little Chestnut Hill College would be competing with Louisiana State University, Princeton University, Washington State University and McGill University, among many others.

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President's Circle Reception

Sixty-eight graduates and friends of the College attended the 2008 President's Donor Recognition Celebration brunch on Sunday, September 14. This annual event provides the College with the opportunity to express its deepest appreciation to all leadership-level members of the President's Circle and the Hallmark Society, whose consistent support is essential to the College's financial stability. New giving society members were recognized by Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D. Sister Carol also shared with the guests the College's new Master Plan.

The College will be hosting the 2009 President's Circle Celebration on Sunday, September 20, 2009. Donors will be recognized at this event based on cumulative gifts made to the College and received between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. The College will also recognize members of the Hallmark Society; that is, those who have named Chestnut Hill College as the ultimate beneficiary of a planned gift. Please consider joining us for this very special celebration. 🦋



Bernard and Joan Rafferty, long-standing members of the President's Circle, share a light moment with Sister Carol Jean Vale. The Raffertys traveled from New Canaan, Connecticut to attend this year's President's Circle event.



Bob and Peggy Grant Malone '46, pictured with Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ (center) have been faithful friends of the College for many years. Residents of Vero Beach, Florida, Bob and Peggy came a long distance to be part of this year's donor event.

Empty Bowls for a Worthy Cause

Chestnut Hill College played host to over 720 people from the local community at the 10th Annual Empty Bowl Dinner and fundraiser on November 12, 2008.

Co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network (NPIHN), Chestnut Hill College students, staff, and faculty volunteered their time to serve soup and bus tables at the event, which raised more than \$10,000 for NPIHN, whose mission is to provide food and shelter to local homeless families.

Guests selected an "empty bowl" to take home with them to remind them about the hungry and homeless and dined on a simple meal of soup and bread, all donated from a variety of local restaurants, potters, schools, and businesses. 🦋



Chestnut Hill College students volunteered their time to serve a variety of soups to guests who supported the 10th Annual Empty Bowl Dinner.



Which one should I pick? Guests carefully chose their handcrafted bowls from a variety of colorful wares, all donated from local potters and artists.

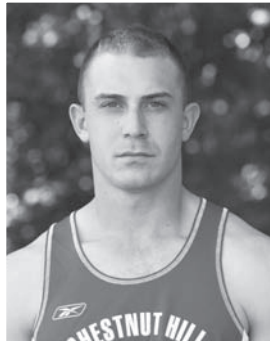
FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP

Cross Country

The cross country season reached its peak at the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Meet. The men's team totaled 198 points and finished 8th of 10 teams. Freshman **Owen Ward** paced the Griffins with a time of 28:10.45, earning him a 14th place finish and a spot on the CACC All-Conference Team. Senior **Colleen Harner** (Crofton, Md.) set a College record at the meet with a time of 21:24.52, finishing 16th. Ward and Harner were the top finishers for their respective teams in each race they participated in this season. Senior **Dan Kelin** led the Griffins in the four kilometer (4K) race at the Dickinson College Invitational (156th, 15:06.16).



Colleen Harner



Dan Kelin

Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team concluded the 2008 season with a 2-17 overall record and a 1-9 standing in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC). Leading Chestnut Hill College in points, junior midfielder **Ryan Roberts** totaled nine with two goals and five assists. Freshman forward **Ross Alford** and senior defenseman **John Wood** shared the team lead for goals with three apiece. Sophomore goalkeeper **P.J. Tucker** recorded the second most saves in a season for a Griffin with 141; he led the CACC in saves and saves-per-game (7.83) and was the CACC Player of the Week for the week ending September 28.



Ryan Roberts

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team recorded their first Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II (DII) victory on Saturday, September 13 with a 2-0 defeat of Bloomfield College. They would record another on Tuesday, September 21, when they topped Wilmington University 2-1. Overall, Chestnut Hill College finished 5-15 while posting a 2-9 conference mark. Sophomore midfielders **Lauren Riiff**



Kelly Evans

and **Tara Morey** led the offense with 32 and 18 points, respectively. Both were recognized by the CACC with second team all-conference selections. In goal, senior **Kelly Evans** started 15 of the Griffins' 20 contests. She made 112 saves to push her career total to 428, good for first all-time.

Women's Tennis

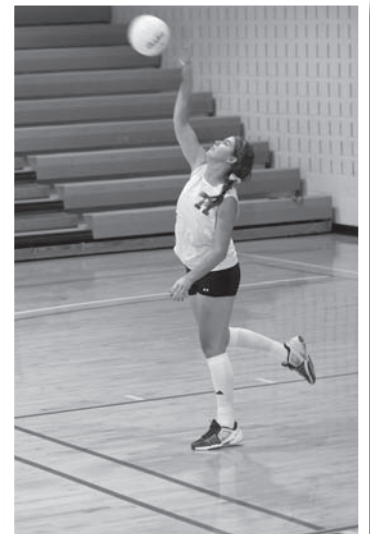
The women's tennis team won a majority of their home contests in 2008, finishing 5-4 at Chestnut Hill College. Overall, they finished 5-12 while recording a 2-5 mark in Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) matches. In doubles play, senior **Cara Wallin** and junior **Erin Andersen** posted an 8-8 record in the top team flight. As individuals, Andersen went 5-12 at number one singles and senior **Karen Guwuriro** turned in a 6-7 record at number five singles.



Karen Guwuriro

Women's Volleyball

In their first home match of the season, the women's volleyball team topped Rosemont College 3-0 (25-11, 25-16, 25-15) for their first win since the 2006 season. Chestnut Hill College later defeated Harcum College 3-0 (25-16, 25-12, 25-18) on Monday, November 3, to finish the year 2-22 overall. The Griffins were unable to record a conference victory, as they finished 0-18 in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) for the second consecutive season. Senior outside hitter **Marianne Finrock** led the Griffins with 81 kills and 193 digs. She was supported by a promising crop of freshmen who led the Griffins in all remaining statistical categories. 🦉



Marianne Finrock

Contributed by **Greg Gornick**, Athletics Communications Coordinator

On the Lecture Circuit

Dr. Anna C. O'Riordan '53, a pediatric cardiologist at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and an alumna of Chestnut Hill College, spoke on "Pediatric Cardiology 1960-2008" at the 15th Annual Biomedical Seminar on September 10, 2008.

September 2007 about Nadia Kadi, a toddler with a rare liver disorder who needed a liver transplant to live. The story encompassed the journey of her family and the medical team at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia to save her life.

Dr. Hans Blix, chairman of the Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission at the United Nations, discussed "Achieving a Nuclear Weapons-Free World" in an international dialogue at the College on October 22, 2008. Joining



Dr. Blix in the discussion was Thomas Graham, chair of the Bipartisan Security Group, as they both considered practical steps toward a world without nukes. Following the comments of Dr. Blix and Ambassador Graham, the College utilized teleconferencing technology to extend the dialogue beyond Chestnut Hill to include audiences in Burnaby, British Columbia; Mexico City, Mexico; and Washington, D.C. The lecture was hosted by The Project for Nuclear Awareness and co-sponsored by Global Education Motivators (GEM), the Campaign for a Nuclear Weapons Free World, and Students for a Nuclear Weapons-Free World.

Dr. Margaret L. Andersen, the 2007-2008 Robin M. Williams, Jr. Lecturer of the Eastern Sociological Society, discussed "Visualizing Sociology in Everyday Life" on September 17, 2008. The Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Human Services Department at Chestnut Hill College sponsored the lecture. Chestnut Hill was selected from a competitive pool of applicant schools to host the lecture.



Sister Mary Savoie and Sister Margaret Nacke, both Sisters of St. Joseph from Concordia, Kansas, told the stories of their European sisters and their journey to uncover the histories of these



women who suffered for their faith in "Witnesses to Faith" on September 23, 2008. The lecture focused on their project, "Sister Survivors of European Communism," a recollection of their 1993 journey to Romania to help local churches after the fall of communism.

The Reverend Donald J. Moore, S.J., Ph.D., of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Jerusalem and Fordham University, discussed "Possibilities for Peace in the Holy Land: Current Israeli and Palestinian Perspectives" on October 30, 2008 at the College. The Intercultural Foundations program sponsored the lecture.



Chris Lowney, M.A., a popular scholar, philanthropist and author, lectured on "Heroic Leadership: How We Can Live it in 21st Century Pennsylvania" on September 24, 2008. Mr. Lowney has spoken several times at College, and his book, "Heroic Leadership: Best Practices From a 450-Year-Old Company That Changed the World," was chosen as the featured reading for this year's incoming freshman class.



Keith Ward, Ph.D., the Regius Professor of Divinity Emeritus at the University of Oxford, discussed "The Big Questions in Science and Religion" on November 14, 2008. The lecture is part of a series sponsored by the Metanexus Institute, a global interdisciplinary think tank whose mission is to "promote the constructive engagement of science, religion and the humanities in the communal pursuit of wisdom in order to address humanity's most profound questions and challenges." Dr. Ward is the 2008-2009 Metanexus Senior Fellow, a position created to "promote interdisciplinary scholarship and engage a broader audience in the Metanexus vision." 🦁

Josh Goldstein, a health and sciences writer for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, spoke at the College about his 2007 Pulitzer Prize-nominated series in the lecture "Nonfiction Storytelling: Saving Nadia" on October 21, 2008. Mr. Goldstein focused on a series of stories that appeared in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* in late



Snapshot of the Class of 2012

The School of Undergraduate Studies continues to grow as we welcome the latest class to Chestnut Hill College. Here is a snapshot of the Class of 2012.

- Of the 270 new students entering this fall, 200 are first-year students and 70 are transfer students;
- 63% of the students are female and 37% are male;
- This class comes from 16 different states and joins fellow students from 18 different countries;
- The students come from as far East as Nepal, as far North as New Hampshire, as far South as Brazil and as far West as California.

In addition to its regional, national and international diversity, the class brings a colorful array of talents to our campus. Among its ranks is a national Latin exam award winner, an international debate team member (who is also fluent in Polish), and a National Art Society member. One is an unsung hero of Middlesex County, while another is an Eagle Scout. There's an award-winning piccolo player and an Irish step dancer.

It's also a well-traveled class ready to share some worldly stories and perspectives. One student lived in Palestine for a year during high school, while another traveled to Fiji, Australia and New Zealand as a student ambassador. Another was born in southern Sudan and helped coordinate the program for the first Philadelphia Youth Conference on Darfur.

Given the College's mission, you will also be interested to know of the dedication, commitment and leadership the Class of 2012 has shown. One is a member of the Lenape Amnesty International Club. One started a Habitat for Humanity program at her high school, while another helped raise more than \$200,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The Class of 2012 is likely to also make a positive impact on the athletic department's trophy case. Coming to campus are two students transferring from NCAA Division 1 sports programs, a black belt in kempo karate, a North Eastern Athletic Conference (NEAC) athlete of the week and several MVPs and All-Stars from various sports.

All of you bring to our campus community your individual personalities, diverse backgrounds and unique experiences. We look forward to your new contributions – not only building on the existing traditions here at the College but also creating new ones for future classes to embrace. We welcome the Class of 2012 to Chestnut Hill College! 🦋



You name it, they brought it with them! First-year students arrived on campus the morning of August 22, loading the sidewalks in front of Fournier Hall with life's necessities. And no family member was exempt from helping to move in the College's newest Griffins!



Contributed by Jodie King, Dean of Enrollment Management

Move-In Day for the Class of 2012



Over at SugarLoaf Hill, the Lodge opened in August as a 32-room residence hall after a \$2.7 million renovation.

Senior Jennifer Melendez is convinced her belongings will fit through the door. Watch the new paint, Jen!



Juniors Allison Welsh (left) and Maria Tarves get situated in their room at the Lodge.

Junior Kyle Bachman (left) and sophomore Darrell Bachman, who are cousins, make the attempt at finding a place for everything they need for college life.



Founder's Day Celebration 2008

The legacy of founding Sister Maria Kostka Logue, SSJ, who presided as dean when Mount St. Joseph College first opened on September 22, 1924, was honored with a special Founder's Day program at the College on Thursday, October 9, 2008.



At midday, members of the College community gathered in the newly restored Mount Saint Joseph Cemetery and Memorial Garden to celebrate the legacy of Sister Maria Kostka Logue by placing a marker on her grave site. Sister Carol Jean Vale offered a reflection at the ceremony: "In memory of Sister Maria Kostka Logue, we establish and bless this marker as a sign of our deep love and respect She lit the flame that burns in each of us. May her soul be bound up in the bonds of life and may we all continue the legacy she so courageously began."

Students, staff and faculty later gathered in the rose garden for the dedication of the Garden of Forgiveness. Reflections were offered on the history and purpose of gardens of forgiveness. The purpose of this garden at Chestnut Hill is to join with the global community for reconciliation and unity. It is a place where those of us in this College community can go to let go of hurts, grievances, and resentments. This is a place where healing can happen for individuals and/or groups. This garden is a place of reflection and inspiration.

The crocus is the flower of forgiveness. All that attended the dedication ceremony were asked to plant a crocus in the rose garden flower beds and bury a past hurt. Planting the crocus is symbolic to the burying and letting go of past hurts and the things we need to forgive. In the spring, the crocus will bloom and we will see new life. 🌱



Sophomore Ally Antonini plants her crocus in the Garden of Forgiveness.

2009 Spring Casino Night & Auction Fundraiser

Under the creative leadership of Catherine Lockyer '92, the College will host its 3rd Annual Casino Night & Auction fundraiser, An Emerald Evening, on Saturday, March 14, 2009. The committee, comprised of graduates and friends of the College, is restructuring the process for bidding on silent and live auction items. Committee members hope that this newly revised format will involve many more participants during this exciting evening. This year's event will also include lively multi-entertainment and interactive activities for the serious casino guest.



Ticket and activities information for this fun-filled experience will be mailed in early January. For more information, please call 215.753.3688.



Development Update

Griffin Fund Appeal

Considering the significant financial challenges that so many of us are facing, the College is acutely aware of the intense demands on personal and family budgets, and understands the genuine sacrifice that is involved in choosing to make a charitable gift. The College sincerely appreciates the ongoing generosity of its faithful donors and the loyalty reflected in each and every gift.

The 2008-2009 Griffin Fund Appeal, in support of annual unrestricted operations, reached the homes of all graduates, parents, and friends the week of November 24th. This first appeal also included information for individuals interested in qualifying for year-end 2008 tax considerations.

This year, special emphasis is being given to the federal tax-free IRA gift re-authorization option. Congress has re-authorized legislation that allows donors to make charitable gifts from their IRA accounts during tax years 2008 and 2009 without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. If an individual is age 70½ or older and is required to take minimum withdrawals, this may be a unique way to make a gift to Chestnut Hill College, especially during the current economic situation. While a donor cannot claim a charitable deduction for IRA gifts, he/she will not pay income tax on the amount. For further details on this singular giving option, please access the College's Web site at www.chc.edu/IRA.

A special appeal letter was mailed to young alums from the classes of 1993 through 2008, addressing their interests in new and exciting improvements at the College and encouraging them to give back to their *alma mater* in a way that best fits their personal budget. In particular, this appeal emphasizes that every gift – no matter how small – can make a real difference to the future of the College and its students.


2008-2009 Reunion Fund Appeal

Every five years, graduates are asked to consider an additional gift to the College – above and beyond their usual annual gift – in honor of their Reunion. Again this year, reunion alums have the opportunity to choose from a variety of options that reflect their interest in specific needs of the College, such as The Griffin Fund, endowment, special class funds, or some other designation of their choice.

The first 2008-2009 appeal reached the homes of this year's reunion classes the week of November 24th. In response to the challenges of the current economy, the College reached out to the young alums in the reunion classes of 1994, 1999, and 2004 with a special letter encouraging them to participate at whatever financial level they can – even with a small dollar gift amount – in honor of their reunion to celebrate the long-time friendships and memorable years they experienced at CHC.

Reunion alums are eager to reach an ambitious goal of 100 percent participation from each class, surpassing last year's total reunion class giving rate of 35 percent. You can do it!

Online Giving Option Available!

Save time – give online! Giving to Chestnut Hill College is now easier than ever! Visit our secure online giving site at www.chc.edu/donate. 

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While the players and I rested up for the big day, a coach bus full of 60 students left Chestnut Hill at 2 a.m. to attend the World Cup. The bus arrived at Middlebury just after 9 a.m., filled with sleep-deprived fans ready to see a battle like none since the Bulgaria vs. Ireland match in the fourth *Harry Potter* novel. Teams from across the nation (and Canada) marched onto the dual-field, and the games began.

Our first match against Washington State University was a close loss, but it didn't defeat our spirit. Our players used the match to adjust to elements of physical contact they weren't used to: tackling, head-butting, and throw-downs. By the time we beat Princeton, Louisiana State, Emerson College, and Ives Pond (a club team from Buffalo, New York), we were seasoned professionals. Opponents climbed on our Keeper, but he threw them to the ground politely, even saying, "Excuse me." Our Seeker snatched the Golden Snitch by running under his legs, flipping him over, and catching him. After four incredible wins, we were ready for the semi-finals against

Vassar College. To sidelines full of hundreds of screaming fans, the Griffins played their toughest and muddiest game yet. Vassar won a close match by unexpectedly catching the Snitch, and our team took third place.

While we were the underdogs in the World Cup, we played like champions. We beat an Ivy League university and schools that have some of the best athletic programs in the country, while coming from the smallest college in the competition. Newspaper articles later called us "small and mighty," a fitting title, and we received coverage from the likes of MTV and National Public Radio.

Following the historic win, our team presented President Carol Jean Vale with an authentic Quidditch broom to commemorate the event. She'd better begin practicing: potential dates are already being discussed for next year's Quidditch on the Hill tournament. Until then, Chestnut Hill College students can find their inner wizard by coming to Quidditch 101 Day in the spring, at which the World Cup semi-finalists will teach students how to play the game. 

Excitement, Gratitude, and a Touch of Envy Mark Alumni Fall Leadership Conference

Ambitious plans for campus development and curriculum expansion captured the attention of more than 75 alumni volunteers and student leaders during the 2008 Annual Fall Leadership Conference, “**Embracing CHC’s Vision At Home and Abroad,**” on October 19.



Sister Carol Jean Vale

“Embracing CHC’s Vision At Home” revealed the campus master plan through a series of slides presenting architect’s renderings of a completed “college on two hills.” Sister Carol Jean Vale, College president, provided a virtual walking tour of the College grounds on both sides of Germantown Avenue. Consistent markers appeared

throughout – red terracotta roofs, gray stone walls, inviting courtyards, steep slopes, and Roman arches, all characteristic of the architecture and environs of LePuy, France, the birthplace of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1650.

A student center is projected for the open space on the circle facing Fournier Hall. The glass-enclosed rear of the building will overlook the baseball/softball field, Summerhouse, and Wissahickon Creek across to the west side of Germantown Avenue and SugarLoaf Hill. Once developed, this former Greenfield Estate property, purchased in 2006, will address academic growth needs but also include student life space, residence halls, and a new chapel.

“The plans for the development of SugarLoaf and the expansion of the existing college are breathtaking, in scope and design,” **Patricia Richmond LeBon, Esq. ’70 (history)** said. “Thank goodness the buildings will conform to the general appearance of the college as it now stands, as they will fit into the design and landscape, and not look like afterthoughts appended to the grounds. The architects, designers, and college officials certainly did a wonderful job.”

These space needs became more apparent when the alumni then learned of one of the College’s most intriguing and rigorous curriculum offerings in recent years. “Embracing CHC’s Vision Abroad” featured Mary Helen Kashuba, SSJ, D.M.L. ’55, professor of French and Russian, who introduced the undergraduate International Business, Language and Culture program (IBLC) and its projected five-year B.S./M.S. and stand-alone M.S. degree programs. The latter two are awaiting Pennsylvania Department of Education approval.

Not intending to compete with more traditional business programs at major universities, Chestnut Hill’s program, Sister Mary Helen noted, focuses its core courses on international business, political science, and language and culture. As does their undergraduate partner, the proposed advanced degrees also carry a foreign language component.

Students must complete seven courses in the foreign language above the intermediate level before beginning graduate study and then complete three additional graduate-level courses. Area businesses engaged in international trade have expressed support for the program, particularly for this language component, as well as for its international experience requirement and the course work centering on the values, beliefs, and history of selected countries.

Sister Mary Helen co-manages the IBLC program with her collaborator, Assistant Professor of Business John Gerace, who was unavailable for the conference because of recent surgery. Noting that this is “not a program for the faint of heart,” she offered a taste of the curriculum that equips students with traditional business education but also with an international business perspective, language fluency, and cultural knowledge – microeconomic and macroeconomic principles, corporate finance, global economics, international political economy, comparative democracy, statistics, business ethics, art history, interpersonal and organizational communication, culture and society in modern Europe, and more.

Opinion on the scope and potential impact of the newer undergraduate degree program and its projected extensions was unanimous – a clear winner, said the many alums jealous of today’s students. “Sister Mary Helen’s enthusiasm for this program was so infectious, who wouldn’t want to sign up right now? What a terrific opportunity for these students!” said **Joanne Fink ’76 (art history)**, Alumni Association past president.

Patricia Cholewinski Nicholson ’70 (English), newly elected Alumni Association president, greeted the participants and offered an overview of her goals for the next two years. Other speakers included Dean of Enrollment Management **Jodie King Smith ’84 (elementary education)**, ’01 **SGS (applied technology)** and **Patricia Canning ’70 (political science)**, director of alumni relations. **Kathy O’Boyle ’84 (English)**, ’97 **SGS (technology in education)**, Alumni Association vice-president, chaired the conference, which also welcomed student government leaders, class officers, and student newspaper editors for the first time.

Visit www.CHCgriffinsonline.com, Events, for the 2008 Annual Fall Leadership Conference for Alumni Volunteers. Alumni with registered e-mail addresses through *Griffins Online* received additional information on the IBLC programs – including reflections by the co-creators on the origin and future of the curriculum, observations by an alumna with boots-on-the-ground international experience, and an interview with a student winner in the computer concepts and cyber security categories at the National Leadership Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America *Phi Beta Lambda* business club – in the first edition of *hillScene*, the electronic magazine for alumni. 🦋



Sister Mary Helen Kashuba



Kathy O’Boyle

Profile in Planned Giving: Bob and Chris Nydick '94

It can be difficult to attract planned gifts from married alumnae, since couples often support the husband's *alma mater* alone. But that wasn't the case for Chestnut Hill College's Chris Nydick and her husband, Bob, given the ties both forged with the College over the years.

"He's been involved in so many things here, such as study tours with students to Europe, that he really got to know the people here, and we cherish those relationships," Chris Nydick said. "That's one of the best aspects of this college – you really feel like part of a community here."

"We just felt that the institution fit with our intentions," added Bob Nydick, a Penn State graduate who was a purchasing agent for Unisys Corporation and is now retired. "We knew that however [the gift] materialized, it would be directed and managed properly. And we wanted to see the school continue to grow."

Chris has witnessed that first-hand in her 18 years on staff, beginning as an assistant to the director in the Continuing Education department. She earned a master's degree in education in 1994, rising to assistant dean and then associate dean of the ACCELERATED program (in which she also teaches). Her dedication to Chestnut Hill College's programs and mission grew in proportion to the growth of the institution itself.

"When we saw the direction [Carol Jean Vale, SSJ, Ph.D.] was taking us in, the growth of the school and her dedication and vision to move us forward, we knew we wanted to help that continue," she said. "We feel blessed that we'll always be a vital part of the Chestnut Hill College family and the Sisters of St. Joseph."

If you've ever thought about ways to give back to the College, consider becoming a member of the Hallmark Society. For more information about this and other planned giving opportunities, please contact Director of Planned Giving Mary Theresa Shevland, SSJ at 215.753.3617 or shevlandm@chc.edu. A variety of planned giving options can also be found at www.chc.planyourlegacy.org.



Nominations Open for 2009 Alumni Association Awards

The Alumni Association invites nominations for its two annual awards: the **Eleanore Dolan Egan '28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College** and the **Distinguished Achievement Award**. The Egan Award recognizes volunteer service to the College through the Alumni Association and is presented during Reunion Weekend Luncheon. The Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes alums who have distinguished themselves in their business or profession or in civic, philanthropic, or other volunteer activities and is presented at Honors Convocation.

Primary criteria for each award:

- Nominees must be alumni as defined by the College.
- Nominees must have attended or graduated from Chestnut Hill College at least 10 years earlier. Individuals who hold only an honorary degree from Chestnut Hill College are not eligible.

Additional criteria for the Egan Service Award:

- Nominees must have demonstrated a **record of volunteerism to Chestnut Hill College** through its Alumni Association.
- Employees of Chestnut Hill College who are also alumni are eligible on the basis of their volunteer activity and when the College no longer employs them.

Additional criterion for the Distinguished Achievement Award:

- Nominees must have demonstrated a **history of achievement** in professional, community, religious, educational, cultural or other civic causes.

Posthumous awards are not given.

Profiles of past recipients of each award, plus copies of the nomination forms accessible for printing, are available at www.CHCgriffinsonline.com, Awards.

Please return this form or a printed and completed form from the Web site **by January 30** to:

Honors & Awards Committee, c/o Office of Alumni Relations, Chestnut Hill College, 9601 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118. For information, contact canningp@chc.edu or 215.248.7144.

Name of Nominee: _____ Class Year: _____

For: Eleanore Dolan Egan '28 Award _____ or Distinguished Achievement Award: _____

Reason for Nomination

Nominator's (one only) Signature

Print Name

Class Year

Date

Reunion 2008 a Five-Star Weekend

A first-ever induction ceremony of the 50th reunion stars into the Golden Griffins, close to 100 alumni vying for performance honors during Friday's karaoke "CHC Idol Night on the Hill," and a festive red carpet leading to welcoming student paparazzi characterized Chestnut Hill College's first themed reunion weekend, the "Reunion of the Stars."

Alumnae of School of Undergraduate Studies classes ending in 3 and 8 enjoyed a typically hot Philadelphia June weekend packed with Hollywood- and otherwise celestial-inspired events, activities, and props. "A 3-D Tour of the Stars" was only one of several faculty-led educational sessions on Friday. A slide presentation of Friday's arrivals, captured by the student paparazzi, played continuously while alumnae chatted through Saturday's Reunion Luncheon. Alumni Association president **Joanne Fink '76 (art history)** recognized the 20 recipient "stars" of the association's two

"[Appreciated] the lovely touches such as the Welcome Alums banner and the red carpet."
Cecile Heebner Knies '63 (biology)



Reunion Luncheon special guest stars – five of nine alumnae presented the Eleanore Dolan Egan '28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College since 1999 – join Alumni Association president Joanne Fink '76 (third from left): Anne Duffy Mirsch '52, Elaine Bennett Davey '65, Fink, Loretta (Bunny) Brennan O'Brien '46, Patricia Parrella Orlando '68, Barbara D'Iorio Martino '60.

Nancy Loving '68 accepts the 2008 Alumni Association Distinguished Achievement Award for her national advocacy efforts on women's heart health education, treatment, and funding.



Seminars [are keepers] – something different, fun, mixes classes."
Barbara Mercer Panek '73 (sociology)

"The highlight of my year." Peggy Walsh Shubnell '58 (Spanish)



A record-breaking attendance at the Annual Golden Griffins Brunch.

annual awards, nine of whom attended, before presenting awards to this year's recipients. (See article on page 15.) The day ended with alumnae and their guests enjoying Saturday evening's Casino Royale in the Social Room while also opting to star in make-your-own-reunion videos.

The star theme concluded on Sunday morning when an official induction ceremony was introduced to welcome members of the 50th reunion class into the Golden Griffins. The first-ever presentation of the Golden Griffins Medallion capped the annual Mass and brunch for graduates of 50 years and more.

Visit www.CHCgriffinonline.com, Reunion, for a Reunion of the Stars summary, alumnae comments, and an extensive photo gallery. Also see Annual Report 2007-2008 for attendance statistics, reunion class giving, and additional photos and alumnae comments. 🦋

"Loved the Reunion of the Stars concept..." Penny Grellis Morrison '68 (Spanish)



Reunion alumnae and spouses celebrating wins in Saturday night's Casino Royale.



A new reunion feature for 25th and 50th reunion classes, the Milestone Classes Cocktail party, was hosted by Alumni Association President Joanne Fink '76 immediately preceding the Saturday BBQ.

"Karaoke Night – it brought ALL classes together for a night of fun!" Maryanne L. Walsh '98, '02 SGS (communications)



More than 300 reunion-year alumnae and special guests gathered for the Annual Reunion Luncheon.

Women's Heart Health Advocate Presented 2008 Distinguished Achievement Award



Nancy Loving '68 (history), former executive director of WomenHeart, was presented the Alumni Association's 2008 **Distinguished Achievement Award** during Reunion Luncheon. Following her own near-fatal heart attack at age 48, Loving converted her public relations career, service in several national non-profit organizations, stints with a number of presidential campaigns, and fundraising, media training, and strategic communications expertise to state and local political campaigns into a national advocacy effort that led to the founding of WomenHeart, the nation's only advocacy organization serving 10 million women living with heart disease. She served as executive director and CEO of this Washington, D.C.-based organization from 2000 to 2007, increasing its annual budget from zero, to a shoestring, to \$2.1 million in five years. She raised \$8 million overall and grew the organization's membership to 16,000.

Jennifer Mieres, M.D., director of nuclear cardiology and associate professor of medicine at NYU Medical Center, notes that "as a result of Nancy's efforts and collaborations with the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, the first Friday in February is dedicated to heart disease in women, with First Lady Laura Bush as national spokesperson on this topic." Loving's efforts with WomenHeart have been featured in *Fortune* and *More* magazines. What's more, says stakeholder relations spokesperson Kristen Williams of AstraZeneca pharmaceuticals, "Through Nancy's efforts, WomenHeart has a 'seat at the table' where health decisions are made every day."

As a student, Loving was an active member of the Mask and Foil drama club, International Relations Club, and Literary Club, as well as a JV lacrosse and hockey player and member of *The Grackle* literary magazine staff. She was a four-year Social Action Club volunteer and was elected editor-in-chief of *The Fournier News* in her senior year. She earned a master's degree in public policy and social planning at Bryn Mawr College and completed additional post-graduate studies in public policy at The Wharton School. She has been named the YWCA USA's new director of communications and marketing and member of its senior executive staff, overseeing strategic communications, internal and external communications, media relations, and cause marketing partnerships.

Alumni Association Names Youngest Recipient of Egan Volunteerism Award



Catherine Lockyer '92 (political science) accepted the **Eleanore Dolan Egan '28 Award for Outstanding Service to Chestnut Hill College** during Reunion Luncheon. She was honored for leadership in transforming a women's annual golf invitational into an art auction and, more recently, the larger and more expansive spring casino/auction fundraiser event. The 2008 effort, known as "An Emerald Evening," attracted a record number of guests, particularly those not traditionally associated with Chestnut Hill. "The great success this event has enjoyed is in large part due to Cathy's outstanding leadership as committee chair," observed Alumni Association past-president Joanne Fink '76. "If it weren't for Cathy's vision and ability to dream big, this event would never have been what it has become today."

Lockyer's volunteerism for Chestnut Hill began almost 10 years ago, but it took greater shape in 2000 when she answered an invitation from the College president to serve on the All-Women's Golf Invitational Committee in celebration of the College's 75th anniversary. She also served on the Gala Celebration Committee (2004-05) to mark the 80th anniversary of the College's founding.

Fellow volunteer Amy McLeer Frangione '94 notes the keys to Lockyer's impact: "She has the business savvy to coax generous sponsorships and advertisements from corporations; the wisdom to recruit a team of enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers; the people skills needed to round up an amazing bounty of donated auction items; and the organizational abilities to keep every detail coordinated."

Lockyer served as class president in her junior year, Student Government Association president in her senior year, head delegate of the College's first National Model United Nations team, Orientation team leader, and Campus Ministry volunteer. The 2008 Egan Award recipient is now an accomplished businesswoman at the helm of an apartment complex management firm (Jericho Manor, Thomas Wynne, Merloc Partners) and a devoted mother of two young children.

Visit www.CHCgriffinsonline.com, Awards, for complete profiles of the two 2008 awardees and those of the 20 other recipients honored since 1999. 🦋

26th Annual Golf Invitational

The 26th Annual Golf Invitational was held on Monday, October 13, at Whitemarsh Valley Country Club, with more than 113 players in attendance. Stephen Gardner, member of the College's board of directors, and Robert Lockyer, executive director of Thomas Wynne Apartments, once again served as co-chairs for this successful event. In addition to the golf portion of this fundraiser, the committee also sponsored a special raffle. The grand prize, a stay for two at the Cal-Nev Resort & Spa in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, was won by a surprised Chestnut Hill alumna (a non-golfer!) from the class of 1953. Two other raffle prizes totaled \$2,000 in cash awards.

This year's golf outing grossed more than \$93,000 in support of unrestricted operations, adding to an impressive total of more than \$750,000 raised by this annual golf invitational over the past twenty-six years. 🦋



Hey, Steve Gardner, how many people are in a foursome?



Did you see where my ball went? Joanne Fink '76, Donna Singer, and Molly Sabia (left to right) are all trying to determine where the drive went.

Your Alumni Association Wants You



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

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

Add your name to the more than 875 alums who registered so far.

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

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

What's more, because you give us your e-mail address, we'll give you inside and additional information through *hillScene*, the new alumni e-magazine for Chestnut Hill College alumni.

Reunion Weekend 2009 alums: be sure to sign on to save yourself a stamp and time when you're ready to register for your Reunion of the Stars 2009 activities on www.CHCgriffinsonline.com

Don't wait another minute. Join the crowd...join *CHC Griffins Online*.

Travel the World with Alumni and Friends

April 2009

10-Day Tulips & Windmills Cruise, April 7-17, 2009 aboard the *Viking Spirit*

July 2009

12-Day Glacier Bay & Klondike Explorer CruiseTour, aboard the *McKinley Explorer Rail*, *mv Yukon Queen II*, and the *ms Volendam*

August 2009

7-Night Bermuda Cruise, August 9-16, 2009, aboard the *Norwegian Dawn*

October 2009

14-Day China & Vietnam, October 23 - November 9, 2009, aboard the *ms Volendam*

July 2010

11-Day Alpine Explorer with the Glacier Express & Oberammergau Passion Play, July 6-16, 2010

For reservations and additional information, contact CHC representatives Craig or Christie with Crusin, Inc. at 610-341-1979 or 800-506-7447 or visit www.alumnivacations.com and select Chestnut Hill College from the drop-down menu.



A Few Words from the President of the Alumni Association

Dear Fellow Chestnut Hill Alumni,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Patti Cholewinski Nicholson, Class of 1970, your new president of the Alumni Association and proud mother of Meredith Nicholson, Class of 2006. What an eye-opening experience it was to return to campus as the parent of a student. Oh, how life on campus had changed.

During this past season of political campaigning, the word “change” took on new significance. We were constantly reminded that the basic fact of today is the tremendous pace of change in human life. Sometimes all the changes drive me crazy. I used to try to get it all together, and then gave up. I used to try to keep up, stay on top of things, be always stylish, updated, in touch. Now I know better. I’ve learned to take one day at a time, one circumstance at a time. They say the only thing that doesn’t change is the fact that everything’s always changing.

Change on the Chestnut Hill College campus has been a way of life over the past several decades. I know that you share my enthusiasm for how Chestnut Hill, now the college on two hills, has evolved. What an exciting time! Each fall brings new students and faculty to campus and new members to your association’s board of directors.

I would like to thank these new newly elected directors who have agreed to donate their time to work with directors already serving and to support our endeavors: Elizabeth Anne (Betty Anne) Marron Cooper ’71, Stephanie Rendine-Morris ’04, and Maryanne Walsh ’98, ’02 SGS.

I am most grateful to those members who have retired from the board and with whom I have had the pleasure to serve: Rieke Baize ’98, Rosemary Haenn ’91, Mary Lee Rothwell Corr ’60, Carolyn Quattrone Israel ’02 SCPS, Maureen Kelsey O’Hara ’88, Lynn Mulvaney Sharp ’87, Mary Ann Stahl Patton ’87, Regina Black Urmson ’76, and Suzanne Schulz Dressler ’71.

I extend a special word of thanks to Joanne Fink, Class of 1976, our outgoing president, for her dedication, determination and the energy she invested in the association. For years to come, we will all benefit from her leadership, her stewardship, and her accomplishments. My presidency begins with an association that is definitely “better” because of Joanne.

In tandem with the Office of Alumni Relations, over the next two years we will be addressing several issues. We will be reviewing and editing our association by-laws. We will take a long hard look at the structure and composition of the board to make us more productive. My particular focus will be to enhance student recruitment by alumni. We need your support and involvement. Please contact me with your suggestions or ideas at my College e-mail address GriffinsAlumPres@chc.edu. I invite you to stay informed and connected by making frequent visits to the free alumni online community, *Griffins Online*, at www.chcgriffinonline.com. Begin planning now for your next reunion with friends!

And when you return to campus, meet every surprise with enthusiasm and the determination to get involved. Oh, how you will be motivated to change!

Patti Cholewinski Nicholson ’70
President, Chestnut Hill College Alumni Association



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We’re looking forward to visiting with you online.

Happy 90th Birthday!



Sister Regina Maria Brimmer, SSJ '40, curriculum librarian at Logue Library, celebrated her 90th birthday on October 11.

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IN MEMORIAM

Norma Agnes Zusi '34
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Ann Donohue Metz '45
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Sidney Mauchly Reed Nelis '60
Madelaine Conlan Pierson '66
Christina D'Ippolito '79

Correction: Lori Spolsky '03 SCPS (human services) was reported deceased in the January 2008 edition. Lori, now Lori Spolsky Miller, resides in Ambler, Pa. We apologize to Lori, her family, friends, and classmates for this error.

MARRIAGES

Janice Conlon Woodring '80 to John Fett
Lynna McLeod '99 to Gregory A. Wilson II
Kristine Kozin '06 to Jim Gasiewski
Lauren Marie Eckhardt '06, now Lauren Eckhardt Foell

BIRTHS

Brennan William to Mary Beth Minnick Slaughter '97

ADVANCED DEGREES

Kathleen M. Sasnauskas '74, D.O., Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Wendy Little Shieke '82, J. D., University of Baltimore School of Law
Carla Rudoy '98, Ph.D., molecular biology, Thomas Jefferson University
Colleen Mooney '04, M.Ed., Holy Family University

ADVANCED DEGREES AWARDED TO CHESTNUT HILL ALUMNI BY CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE:

Lori Davidson '07 SCPS, M.S., administration of human services
Sara English '05, M.S., administration of human services
Antoinette Jackson-Aziz '07 SCPS, M.S., administration of human services
Jennifer Johnson '05, M.S., administration of human services
Eileen Marikar '06 SCPS, M.S., administration of human services
Danielle Morais-Vivas '07 SCPS, M.S., administration of human services
Marquis Mosley '07 SCPS, M.S., administration of human services
Elizabeth Breslin, SSJ '88 SCPS, M.S., clinical and counseling psychology
Jessica Eister '06, M.S., clinical and counseling psychology
Christina Elia '98, M.S., clinical and counseling psychology
Emily Scordellis '06, M.S., clinical and counseling psychology
Patience Branch '04, M.Ed.
Caitlin Wilshe Domanico '05, M.Ed.
Christine Keryluk Herbst '03, M.Ed.
Cheryl Ann Myers Jushchysyn '02, M.Ed.
Katie Shubert '03, M.Ed.
Ashley Stankiewicz '07, M.Ed.
Maura Sullivan '06, M.Ed.
Colleen Waldron '05, M.Ed.
Holly Walker '05, M.Ed.
Adrienne Zemnack '05, M.Ed.
Alissa Leigh Brown '03 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Melissa Brown '02 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Heather Culp-Pinto '99 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Janine Lee Delardo '03 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Christine Jung Hatchard '03 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Nancy Elizabeth Miller '96 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology

Brooke Suzanne Paskewich '02 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Ginette Perrin '03 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Julie M. Robus '99 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology
Elicia Sheckler Stein '03 SGS, Psy.D., clinical psychology

ALUM NEWS

'50s

Sally Anne Walsh '55 (speech) writes that she loves living at the beach in Ocean View, Delaware – “3 seasons of calm and whoop-de-do summer. It's wonderful!”

Mary Virginia Orna, OSU, Ph.D. '55 (chemistry), senior scientist in residence at the College of New Rochelle, is the recipient of the 2008 Henry Hill Award presented by the American Chemical Society Division of Professional Relations.

Nancy Gallen Zambelli '57 (fashion design) was elected to the board of trustees of the Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks, a non-profit organization supporting historic architectural preservation and education.

'60s

Anne Albarelli '63 (Spanish) was sorry to miss her 45th reunion but writes to say she's in Cypress, Texas, and happy with her position as dean of Business, Education, and Transitional Studies for Lone Star College CyFair (Cypress and Fairbanks School Districts), the youngest and fifth college in the Lone Star College System.

Mary Delia Tye Neuman, Ph.D. '66 (English) is director of the School Library Media Program in the College of Information Science and Technology, the iSchool, at Drexel University. She is also associate professor in the program, where she teaches, conducts research, and manages the master's degree program for students looking for careers as school library media specialists. Delia most recently was associated with the University of Maryland but moved to Center City Philadelphia, where she lives during the week and commutes to her Washington, D.C., home and husband Michael on most weekends.

The Champions of Caring presented one of its two Honorary Champions Awards to **Margaret Moran '67 (English)** for her commitment to the non-profit organization, which educates and empowers young people to take active roles in improving their communities. Since 1995, more than 10,000 public, private, and archdiocesan school students in grades 8 through 12 throughout the Philadelphia region have provided upwards of 750,000 hours of service through one or more of the organization's leadership programs. Margaret is president of Practical Strategies, Inc., and a member of the Champions of Caring advisory board.

Marlene Bonacci Lynch '67 (Spanish) recently joined the foreign language faculty of The Pennington School, an independent day and boarding school for grades 6 through 12 near Princeton. She is teaching Spanish, after retiring in 2005 from a career teaching the subject in the Lawrence Township (N.J.) public schools and teaching part-time since then at the Stuart Country Day School in Princeton. The lifelong Titusville, N.J., resident pursued further study at La Universidad de Madrid in Spain.

Patricia McHale O'Neill, Esq. '69 (history) was named to the inaugural list of the “Irish Legal 100” for being a “strong advocate for legal justice for children.” A sole practitioner, Pat has represented numerous cases involving children under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, becoming one of very few litigators to take on this cause successfully. The history teacher-turned nurse-turned attorney graduated from Widener University School of Law *cum laude* and is a member of the bar in Pennsylvania and Delaware. The Irish Legal 100 consists of 100 attorneys, law school deans and faculty, jurists, and legal scholars nominated from across the country who are of Irish heritage and have distinguished themselves in their fields. Pat shares the honor, published in the October/November 2008 edition of *Irish America* magazine, with celebrated attorneys and jurists including Robert Bennett, Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court John G. Roberts, Jr., and former Senator George Mitchell.

'70s

Deirdre Bacon Ruckman, Esq. '70 (political science) was named to the 2008 Texas Super Lawyers list published in the October issue of *Texas Monthly* and *Texas Super Lawyers*. Dee is a partner in the Houston office of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and heads

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the firm's bankruptcy & business reorganization practice. She is a six-time Texas Super Lawyer honoree.

Elizabeth Shafer Tetenbaum '70 (English) was recently appointed director of council activities by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She had previously been associated with the Los Angeles Philharmonic as manager of volunteer activities. She writes that her work "is similar to that at the Phil, but there are more volunteers and a larger budget. It's also fun to walk into the exhibits when there's down time, which really hasn't happened yet."

The Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM) awarded a doctor of osteopathic medicine degree to **Kathleen M. Sasnauskas '74 (history)** in June. She also earned a master's degree in education from Villanova University in 1976, a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1983, and an MBA degree from Temple University in the same year. Dr. Sasnauskas is currently serving a residency in internal medicine at PCOM/Frankford Hospitals, Philadelphia.

'80s

Mary Pat Feeney Kessler '83 (psychology) was named an American Diabetes Association (ADA) of Central Central/Southeastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey 2008 Diabetes Champion Award winner. She was chosen because of her "constant personal and professional dedication to raising awareness about diabetes and improving the lives of people with diabetes." Mary Pat organizes the association's annual Father of the Year dinner and, earlier in the year, donated her kidney to her sister **Anne Marie Feeney Mascari '87 (English)**, who lives with diabetes. She also ran the Philadelphia Marathon on November 23, six months following this surgery. "Mary Pat," the award citation noted, "is a role model to all of us at ADA and beyond." The insurance industry specialist joined Brown & Brown Consulting in 2006 as director of business development following several years with Aetna and Prudential Insurance Company of America. She is a member of the board of directors of the YMCA of Philadelphia and Vicinity and volunteers for Coaches v. Cancer, Wyncote Academy, National MPS Society, Our Lady Help of Christians, and Abington Girls Lacrosse Club.

Lisa Porter Kuh, Ph.D. '84 (early childhood education/Montessori) reconnected with **Professor of Education Margaret Vogelson** in June, writing "to send a big THANK YOU." Lisa noted that she spent 1992-2005 in Seattle but now lives in Medford, Mass., where she is head teacher of the Eliot-Pearson Children's School at Tufts University. She recently earned a doctoral degree in teacher education from the University of Washington. Her dissertation was "Practice and Policy in Early Childhood Education: Teacher Collaboration in a Head Start, District, and University Lab School." Lisa writes: "24 years, two kids, and many experiences later, I still value and remember my coursework with you and others in what is such a fine program. Thank you for what was a great start."

The Nature Conservancy appointed **Carol Steiner Young, Esq. '82 (psychology)** chair of its Pennsylvania board of trustees, effective July 1. Founded in 1951, the global non-profit organization

works to protect ecologically important lands and waters. Efforts in Pennsylvania have focused on protecting forests, rivers, and wildlife. A member of the conservancy's Pennsylvania board since 2004, Carol is an attorney with the Harrisburg law firm of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC.

'90s

Joseph Flood '95 SCPS (elementary education) was profiled in the "Faculty Snapshot" column of the *Main Line Times* (May 22) for his application of the principle of "learning beyond classroom walls." The third-grade teacher at the Agnes Irwin School (Rosemont, Pa) has taken this to heart, regularly moving his students outdoor for bird watching, journaling, and other nature-based activities. He also co-established Irwin's Bird Club, which offers 40 to 45 girls in the Lower School grades the opportunity to learn about the bird population every Monday after school, and has worked with his students to raise funds to adopt American kestrel nest boxes at the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. The second-career teacher originally viewed the law as his future but chose business school, instead, before spending the '80s and '90s as the advertising business manager for O'Donnell's Office Products in Chestnut Hill.

Lynna McLeon Wilson '99 (early childhood/elementary education) is a Head Start teacher at the Philadelphia Parent Child Center.

'00s

Jacquelyn Pilgrim '02 (political science) was promoted to data control/auditing representative for Holy Redeemer Home Care in Runnemede, N.J., responsible for auditing all of Holy Redeemer's Medicare claims before they are billed. She is also pursuing a degree in nursing and taking her prerequisites at Gloucester County College.

Anthony Floyd '03 SCPS (management) joined the Millersville University police department as deputy police chief. The Middleton, Del., resident recently retired from the Philadelphia police department as a lieutenant commander after 20 years of service.

Colleen Mooney '04 (computer & mathematical sciences) is the math proficiency teacher at Klinger Middle School in the Centennial School District of Pennsylvania. She was awarded a master of education degree with special education certification by Holy Family University in June, where she is currently working toward a second master's degree in educational leadership. She was recently awarded tenure in her school district.

Michelle Fortune-Harmon '06 SCPS (business administration), a sales associate with Century 21 Alliance (Elkins Park, Pa) was named the office's top listing sales associate for August.

The City of Philadelphia awarded **Jenny Leibert '08 (political science)** a Destination Fellowship, a nine-month opportunity consisting of employment in a single governmental department, site visits to additional offices, and participation in a government conversation/seminar series. The competitive fellowship carries a monthly stipend and full benefits.

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Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 21, 2009, 6 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
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Saturday, January 24, 2009, 10 a.m.
Saturday, February 21, 2009, 10 a.m.
Saturday, March 14, 2009, 10 a.m.
Saturday, April 4, 2009, 10 a.m.
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Saturday, February 7, 2009
Information: 215.248.7001

Public Lecture

Speaker: Jay McDaniel
Professor of Religion, Hendrix College,
Conway, Arkansas
*The Prophetic Witness of Chinese Spirituality
for World Christianity*
Thursday, February 26, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Social Room, Fournier Hall
Information: 215.248.7197

16th Annual Biomedical Lecture

Speaker: Randall W. Culp, M.D.
Professor of Orthopedic, Hand and
Microsurgery,
Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pa.
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Information: 215.248.7159

An Emerald Evening Casino Night & Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, March 14, 2009
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Saturday, March 21, 2009
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Public Lecture

Speaker: John Dear, SJ
Inaugural lecture for the College's
Institute for Forgiveness and Reconciliation
Wednesday, March 25, 2009
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Spring Musical "Fiddler on the Roof"

April 3, 4, & 5, 2009
College Auditorium
Information: 215.248.7194

Honors Convocation

Sunday, April 26, 2009, 1 p.m.
Sorgenti Arena, Martino Hall

Commencement

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 2 p.m.

62nd Annual Reunion

June 5-6-7, 2009
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ending in "4" and "9"
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June 7, 2009
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March 14, 2009

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