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Editor's Inklings

Summertime in the northern hemisphere is the hottest time of the year, but this summer seems to be a little hotter than most, if not in temperature then in activity. Between criticism of Bush's presidency, Michael Moore's *Sicko* questioning the United States' health care system, and Al Gore's Live Earth concerts raising awareness of global warming – today's news topics are intense.

Within its own community, Gannon is also heating things up, but more so with passion and fervor than controversy.

As we head into the final year and a half of *The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign*, the entire community has the opportunity to take part in the transformation of Gannon's campus. The Campaign has seen many successes so far, including a record-breaking amount in gifts to the Annual Fund, reaching \$1.18 million in the 2006-07 fiscal year, and more than \$4.9 million donated through voluntary support – the highest amount in Gannon's history. What's even more amazing about the Campaign is that it is driven by Gannon's alumni (page 2).

The University is also upping the intensity of efforts towards internationalizing Gannon's campus (page 10). As the global community continues to become more interconnected, providing our students with a diverse, international perspective is one of the most important opportunities Gannon can offer.

Other important resources that Gannon offers students include connections that will lead to successful careers. Through networking and professional involvement in disciplines, Gannon's faculty and staff help build connections that offer students the internship and co-op opportunities that give them a leg up when applying for jobs after graduation. Many Gannon students used the summertime to learn on the job with the help of these connections. Three in particular, Stephanie Bearman, Jessica Baumann and Steven Smith, obtained high-profile internships that put them on the road to success (page 6).

Offering guidance to students is something that is integral to Gannon's history as a student-centered University. This foundation is one aspect that has made *The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign* successful. Larry Beeman '65, Chris Cooney '63 and Brian Jackman '63 fondly remember the lessons they learned while at Gannon when offering financial support to the University's growth (page 14). So do Kiran and Rose (Mankosky) Rajasenan '93 (page 18), two of Gannon's young alumni, and the late Monsignor Walter Lohse '34 (page 24), one of Gannon's earliest graduates.

As the physical temperature of summer continues to rise before giving way to Indian Summer, enjoy a relaxing moment of leafing through this issue of *Gannon* magazine and connecting with the University. There is much progress to be proud of and many reasons to believe in the future of Gannon.



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Photo right: Summer greenery surrounds Waldron Campus Center.



NewsNotes

Dr. Garibaldi Receives Honorary Degree at Seton Hall Commencement

President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from Seton Hall University during Seton Hall's Commencement Ceremony in South Orange, New Jersey, this past May. Monsignor Robert Sheeran, President of Seton Hall University, noted that President Garibaldi was chosen for the degree for his "lifelong commitment to Catholic higher education."



President Garibaldi receives an honorary degree from Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, New Jersey.

Dr. Garibaldi has also joined Seton Hall's Board of Regents.

Additionally, President Garibaldi has been elected to serve and has joined The Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation Board. The Sister Thea Foundation was established in 1989

in honor of Sister Thea Bowman (1937-90) to carry on her life mission, which was to provide affordable Catholic higher education to African-American students and adults.

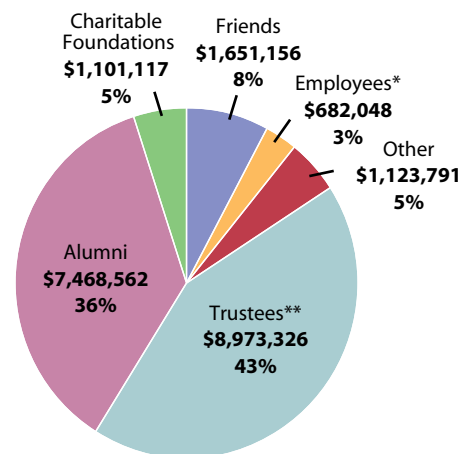
New Executive Director of ETI

The Gannon University Erie Technology Incubator (ETI) continues to progress after being awarded a \$4 million state grant last August. The architectural plans for the transformed Boys and Girls Club begin to take shape this summer and the new executive director has taken the reigns. The ETI will open in the spring of 2008.

Russell V. Combs, Sr. came to Gannon's campus as the new executive director of the ETI in early July 2007. His previous experience is rich with economic development, nonprofit support and business incubators and includes positions such as the past president of the Virginia Business Incubation Association, director of technology ventures division for a nonprofit cooperation, and director of a MicroEnterprise, Entrepreneurial Assistance and A.R.C. Second Stage Business Counseling Program.

Empowered Alumni Transform Gannon

For first time in Gannon history, a comprehensive campaign has been primarily driven by alumni support. Gannon and Villa Maria alumni have donated more than \$13 million thus far to *The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign*, approximately 62 percent of the total \$21 million raised to date. Gannon Trustees, most of whom are alumni, have led that total with giving more than \$8.9 million.



To stay in touch with fellow alumni and learn more about how you can transform the future of Gannon, visit the online community at www.gannonalumni.org.

*Employees who are also alumni are counted in the Employees category.
 **Trustees who are also alumni are counted in the Trustees category.

Student Raises Money for Cancer Research

Sophomore biology major **Kortney Marszalek** led a committee that organized Gannon's annual participation in the American Cancer Society's *Relay for Life* on April 27. Twenty-eight teams comprised of nearly 200 members of the Gannon community participated in the fundraising event, and participants successfully raised nearly \$25,000, an increase of more than \$16,000 from last year's event.

Students join friends, family, faculty and staff members to raise funds in American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.





Assistant Professor of Communication Arts Mary Carol (MC) Gensheimer presents during a CETL session titled “Student Accountability.”

CETL Hosts Regional Symposium

Gannon University’s *Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning* (CETL) hosted more than 60 professors from Allegheny College, Mercyhurst College, St. Bonaventure University and Gannon University on May 18 for a regional symposium titled *Excellence and Innovation in Teaching and Learning*.

Steven W. Gilbert, founder of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Group of Takoma Park, Maryland, offered a keynote speech that discussed the *Seven Principles of Good Practice* by Chickering and Gamson and examined the challenges associated with the principles as well as new instructional strategies to address them.

During the afternoon, Gannon University faculty members presented their own personal experiences and strategies during several concurrent sessions. Topics of discussion included fostering student accountability, active learning through a potpourri of technology, and student-centered learning.



During the session “Harnessing Technology for Your Classroom,” Symposium participants learned about incorporating Turning Point clickers, interactive devices that collect individual student responses, into classroom lessons and activities.

Renowned Poet Reads at Awards Night

Poet Jerry Wemple, also an associate professor of English at Bloomsburg University, read a selection of his award-winning poetry during the Annual English Awards Night held in late April. Wemple’s awards include a Naomi Long Madgett Poetry Award from Lotus Press, a fellowship in literature from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a Best Creative Work Award from the Bloomsburg University Institute for Culture and Society, and Pushcart Prize nominations for poetry and creative nonfiction.

Wemple’s reading closed an evening of award recognition for student writers.

Renee Wolbert, a senior at Venango Catholic High School in Oil City, Pennsylvania, received first place in the High School Poetry Contest

for her poem “Socks.” In the Gannon University Poetry Contest, sophomore pre-med major **Cristina Stauffer** received first place in the undergraduate category for her poem “Eden’s Voice.” Senior English majors **Matt Dusing** and **Christina Johnston** received second and third place, respectively. In the graduate category, occupational therapy student and former Totem co-editor **Danielle Petrozelle** received first place for her poem “Strawberry Jam.”

Four graduate students in the Villa Maria School of Nursing were recognized with the top three Peter C. Braeger Research Writing Awards – **Norlene A. Foster** and **Sharron F. Oleniacz** with first place, **Andrew Kiskadden** with second place, and **Brian D. Fuller** with third place. In the undergraduate category, senior English major **Nicholas Emmanuele** received first place, senior French major **Jesse D. Lockett, Jr.** received second place, and senior fine arts major **Jacob Lorei** received third place.

Journalism Awards, judged by Liz Allen of the *Erie Times-News*, for news, features, editorials, reviews, sports and photography went to students **Kelly Fennessy**, **Kaylee Kebort**, **Ben Spегgen**, **Sara Toth** and **Steve Srnka** (sports and photography), respectively.



Associate Professor of English Berwyn Moore (right) organized the poetry contests and awards ceremony and welcomed poet Jerry Wemple (left) as the guest speaker.

Faculty and Staff News

Faculty Awards Convocation

The Faculty Awards Convocation held each spring recognizes six faculty and staff who have distinguished themselves as excellent teachers and advisors. This year's ceremony also recognized several faculty and staff for 25 years of service and celebrated two retirements.

Anthony J. (A.J.) Miceli '86M, assistant professor and chairperson of communication arts, was recognized with the Distinguished Faculty Award, nominated by the Faculty Senate. Professor Miceli is well known by many alumni as one of Gannon's most dynamic faculty.

Other recognition included **John M. Vohlidka, Ph.D.**, instructor of history, with the SGA Excellence in Teaching Award; **John Coleman**, security officer, with The Bishop Trautman "Feed My Sheep" Award, a recognition chosen by students' election; and **Elisa Konieczko, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biology, with the Undergraduate Research Award for outstanding work in assisting undergraduates with professional research. Additionally, **Robin Powers, Ph.D.**, associate professor of psychology, and **Holly Jodon**, assistant professor of the physician assistant program, both received the Excellence in Undergraduate Advising Award for their respective colleges.



A.J. Miceli accepts the Distinguished Faculty Award from President Garibaldi.

Frank Bogacki, assistant professor of electrical and computer engineering; **Robert Brooker, Ph.D.**, professor of finance; **Mary Carol (M.C.) Gensheimer**, assistant professor of communication arts; **Michael Messina, Ph.D.**, associate professor and program director of marketing; **Penelope Smith, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of English; and **Bruce Morton Wright**, music director and conductor of the Erie Chamber Orchestra, were all recognized for 25 years of service. **Sister Lucille DeStefano, SSJ**, associate professor of fine arts, and **Thomas Parthenakis, Ph.D.**, associate professor of history, entered retirement.

Faculty Complete Terminal Degrees

Several faculty members recently furthered their education and completed terminal degrees. **Parris Baker '92**, assistant professor of social work, completed his Ph.D. from the School of Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh. **Duane R. (Rick) Prokop**, assistant professor of marketing, completed his D.S.L. (Doctorate in Strategic Leadership) from Regent University in Virginia. **Suzanne Sturdivant '06M**, instructor of radiologic sciences, received her M.Ed. (Master's of Education) from Gannon University.

Newly Tenured Faculty

During the May Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved tenure for the following nine faculty members:

- Gong Chen, Ph.D.**, professor of mechanical engineering
- Linda Fleming, Ph.D.**, associate professor of counseling psychology
- Catherine Gillespie, DHSc**, assistant professor of physician assistant program
- Patrick Headley, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of mathematics
- Mark Jubulis, Ph.D.**, associate professor of history, political science and legal studies
- Sister Min-Shik Kim, Ph.D.**, associate professor of nursing
- Carlos Mamani, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of foreign languages and cultures
- Scott Steinbrink, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering
- Professor Deborah West**, assistant professor of Nash Library

Student News

McGowan Scholar Named

Marketing major **Nathaniel J. Coon** of Sigel, Pennsylvania, was named a William G. McGowan Scholar for the 2007-08 academic year and will receive an \$18,000 scholarship for his senior year at Gannon. He is also the recipient of a Gannon University Leadership Scholarship and has been selected for the Business Excellence Award.



Nathaniel Coon

An active student on campus, Coon is a staff writer for the University's student newspaper, *The Gannon Knight*, and serves as a projects assistant for the Gannon University Small Business Development Center. He is a member of Phi Eta Sigma and Delta Mu Delta and serves as vice president of the Advertising Club and of the Gannon

chapter of the American Marketing Association. He also has been accepted into Gannon's five-year Master of Business Administration (MBA) program.

The McGowan Scholarship program recognizes the business contributions of William McGowan, the founder of MCI Communications.

Three Graduates Participate in Faith-based Service

Gannon's Center for Social Concerns educates students each year on opportunities for post-graduation service opportunities through programs such as AmeriCorps, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Peace Corps, and Mercy Corps. This year, three graduates have sought out and will be participating in faith-based service programs.

Biology graduate **Kevin Martin Corry '07** from Haverstown, Pennsylvania, will be providing health care services to homeless and low-income individuals at the Samaritan House through the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers in Denver, Colorado. Mathematics graduate **Maureen Nancy Herlihy '07** from North Royalton, Ohio has applied to work in a faith-based, inner-city setting with low-income immigrants through the Franciscan Volunteer Ministry program in Philadelphia. Biology graduate **Hannah Hall Tripp '07** from Erie will be working with persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS through the Ryan White Programs of Bon Secours Volunteer Ministry in Baltimore, Maryland.

Founder's Day

The annual Founder's Day Awards Convocation held on April 22 honored 46 graduating seniors with the Academic Excellence Awards, recognizing them for superior academic performance and for contributions to their academic departments or fields of study through curricular or co-curricular activities. Additionally, 23 leadership and service awards were presented in recognition of extracurricular accomplishments.



Dean of Student Development Ward McCracken (left) presents Julie L. Thomas with the University Ambassador of the Year Leadership Award at the Founder's Day Convocation.

A few of the recipients include **Sarah A. Uncapher** and **Matthew George Durney** with the Reverend Charles Drexler Award for Outstanding Leadership in Faith, Worship, and Community Service; **Steven M. Srnka** with the Joe Luckey Award for Dedication to the University; **Jason Robert Feigh** with the Monsignor Wilfrid J. Nash Award for Christian Service; **Janet Larson** with the Martha Noyes/Sandra Mead Leadership Award; and **Rachel Ann Maloney** with the Model United Nations Leadership Award.

Corrections

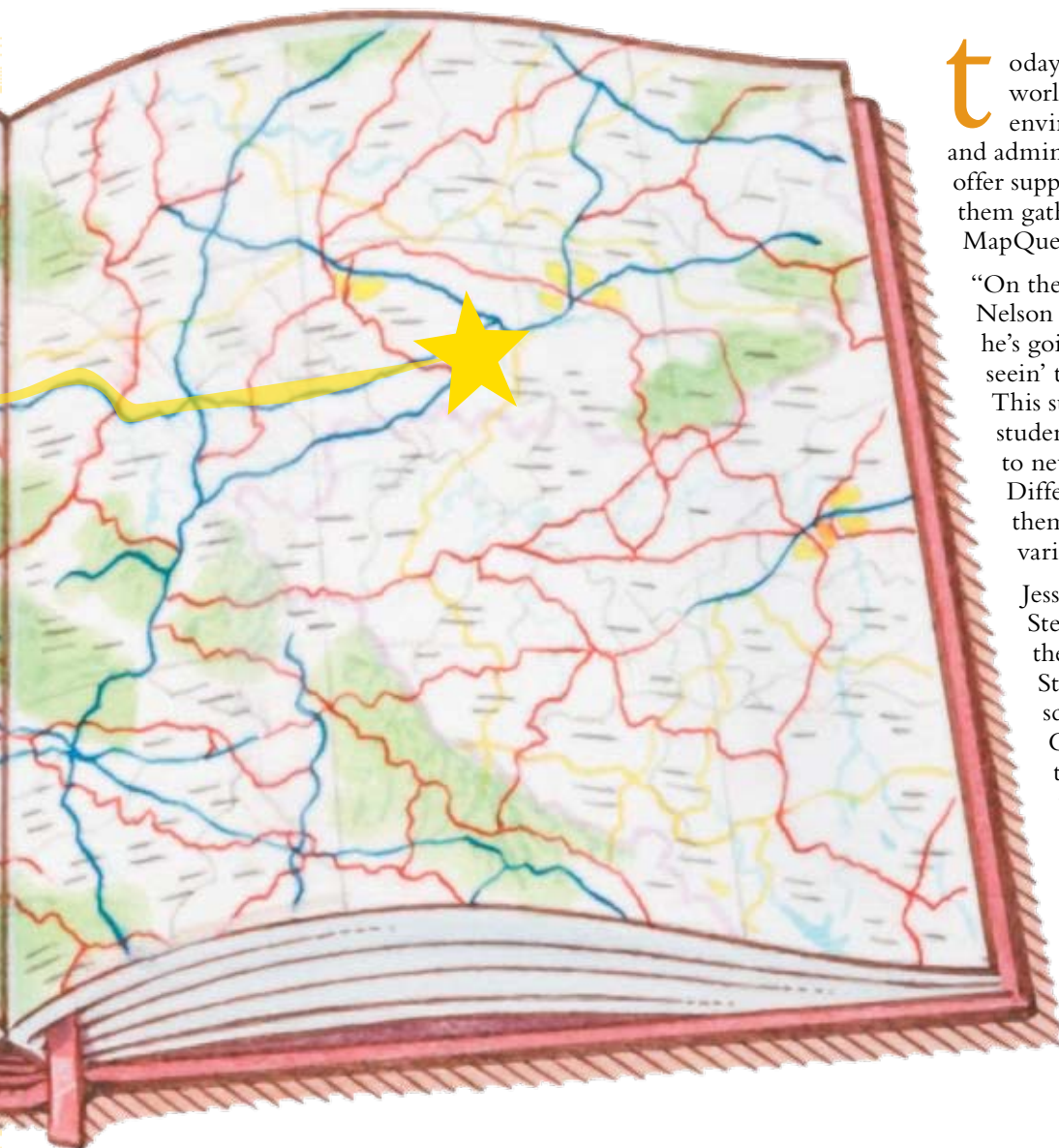


Joseph Curlett

In the Spring 2007 issue, Joseph Curlett '70, '86M was misidentified as Fred Rush, friend of the University. Both Curlett and Rush presented during January memorial services in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Curlett is pictured and identified correctly here.

Also, on page 29 in the Spring issue, **Bernie Nagle's '73** name was incorrectly spelled as Nagel.

To Success



Today's fields are competitive and the world is a fast-paced, ever-changing environment. Gannon University faculty and administration build connections and offer support for motivated students to help them gather internship experience as they MapQuest their way to success.

"On the road again," is a well-known Willie Nelson song, where he sings about how he's goin' places that he's never been and seein' things that he may never see again. This summer several Gannon University students found themselves on the road to new places and new experiences. Different internship opportunities took them off Gannon's campus and into a variety of professional fields.

Jessica Baumann, senior biology major; Steven Smith, graduate student in the physical therapy program; and Stephanie Bearman, senior political science major, are among several Gannon students who have made their way outside of the city of Erie to gain hands-on experience in high-profile internships.

Baumann is currently working in the Viral Mutation Lab at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Maryland. Bearman is currently working with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for

Steven Smith is trapping invasive insects for the Division of Plant Industry in the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

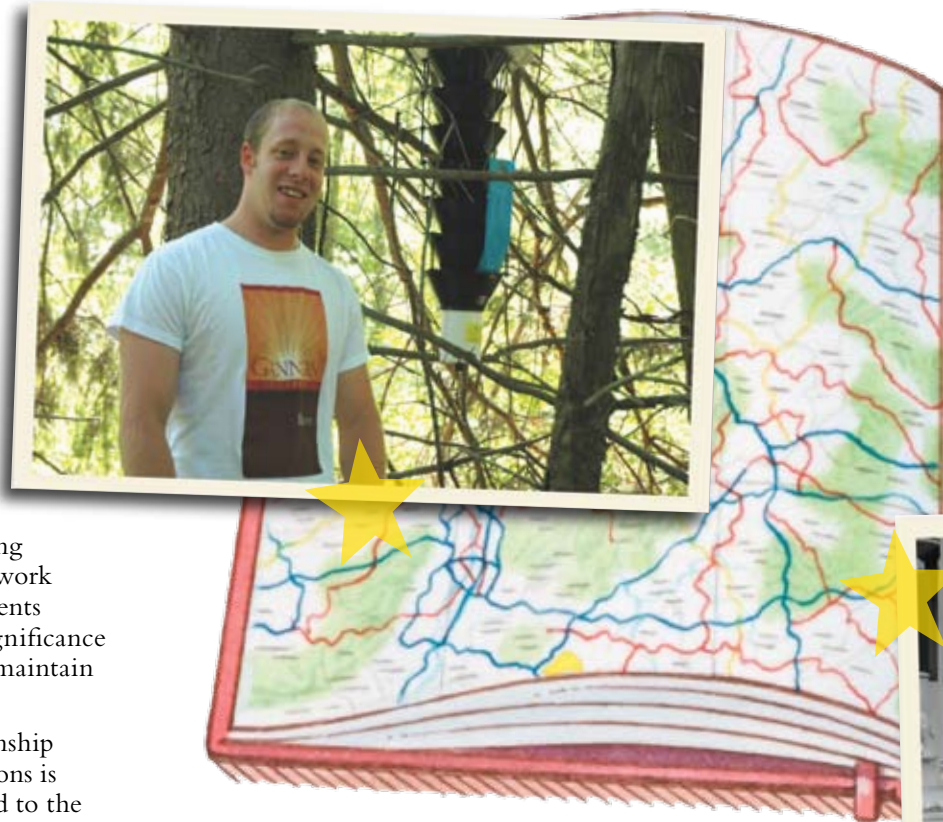
Civil Rights in Washington, D.C. Smith is currently traveling northwestern Pennsylvania, collecting data for the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Cheryl Rink, assistant director of the The Center for Experiential Education at Gannon University, played a big role in Bearman's and Smith's process of finding their internships. Rink works with many students throughout the year on professional interviewing skills and composing and revising their résumé. She also works with students and employers to facilitate placements for internships, shadowing, mentoring and co-ops. "Each department and faculty also work closely with students to find appropriate placements in their field," said Rink, who highlights the significance of relationships that faculty and administration maintain between employers.

In several cases, like Smith's, Gannon's relationship with internship-placement sites and organizations is ongoing. Gannon students have been accepted to the placement with the PA Department of Agriculture for the past four years. Smith had spoken with Rink, after Elisa Konieczko, Ph. D., associate professor of biology, had suggested to do so. "We faculty are here to assist," said Konieczko, who also coordinates undergraduate research. A recent graduate of the undergraduate program in sport and exercise science, Smith has always worked during the summer and was looking for a summer job.

Smith is working in the Division of Plant Industry, where he is "trapping different invasive insects in orchards, crops, and pine and spruce trees." His job is important because the insects he identifies kill the plants that they inhabit. He is currently looking for sites to set up different traps in order to find the areas that these insects are invading. He will compile his research results as the summer progresses.

Rink's efforts went even further with establishing a connection with The Center for Experiential Learning and The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) in Washington, D.C., during Bearman's search. The TWC is a nonprofit education organization that works with students from around the world to find placements and organize seminars in Washington, D.C., for academic credit.

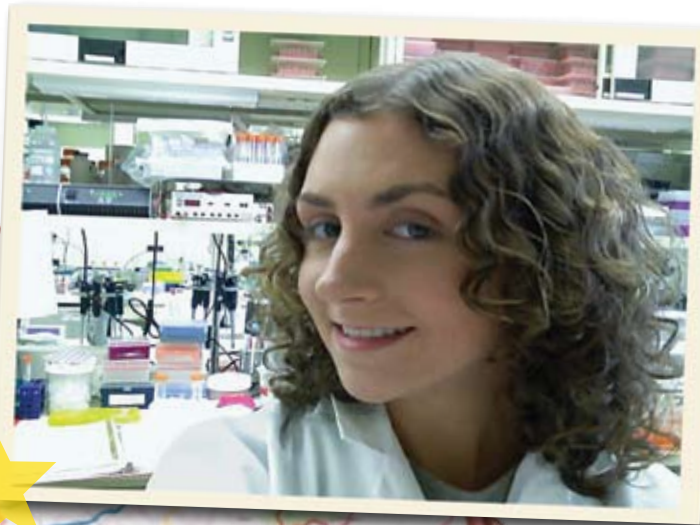


Bearman was the first Gannon student accepted into the TWC program, opening the door for Louis Shernisky and Natalie Stake, who will be heading to D.C. for the Fall 2007 Semester.

Bearman has had nothing but positive acclaim for her placement, which required an initial acceptance into the TWC and a security clearance, "I knew that I would need to get an internship during my college career to gain more experience," said Bearman. She is currently working on a variety of different tasks, beginning with learning about the responsibilities of the Office for Civil Rights. The Office enforces several statutes and regulations, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Street Act of 1968.

She is working closely with different attorneys within the Office on reviewing cases and writing reports. She is also working on another assignment aimed at making sure each state is complying with civil rights laws.

"They make it known that, as an intern, I am not here to lick stamps or get their coffee; I am here to learn and understand what it is that they do so that I can take this legal experience with me into the future," said Bearman,



Jessica Baumann is learning how HIV builds resistance to drugs at the National Cancer Institute.

Baumann utilized different online resources and began applying before last year's winter break. When she received an offer from the National Cancer Institute (NCI), she said, "I was quick to accept." The NCI had been the last to respond but her top choice all along, and, for her, accepting the position was the easiest part of finding and securing a competitive placement.

She is working on a research project that studies how the HIV virus builds resistance to certain drug treatments and how the research at the NCI can develop drug protocols for patients so that treatments can be administered at maximum efficiency. Baumann hopes this research can help in avoiding the use of ineffective drug treatments that may have unwanted side effects.

Bearman and Baumann both suggest that good grades and becoming active on campus and in the community are important because that's what application committees for internships will see first. "The application committees that review students' résumés want to see that you are proactive in your community and that you are willing to go above and beyond normal degree requirements in the pursuit of higher education," said Baumann.

Smith said, "The best way to obtain an internship is to become active in seeking out the opportunity and utilizing the services that Gannon offers."

There are several opportunities and resources out there, but the key to success is motivation. "I had a yearning to learn and grow as a student and as a person," said Bearman, who also said that this internship will steer her to a successful career.

Since the fall of 2006, The Center for Experiential Education has facilitated more than 175 student internships. This is not including eager students who researched opportunities on their own, utilized personal contacts, or worked with their own academic departments. As relationships with organizations, programs and employers build around the world, opportunities for Gannon University students will continue to put motivated students well on their way down the road to success.



Stephanie Bearman took advantage of Gannon's newly formed relationship with The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars and is interning with the Department of Justice.

who especially appreciates being respected because she doesn't feel as though she has completely matured in the legal environment.

baumann agrees that the experiences outside the classroom are invaluable as she prepares for the future. "Though traditional lectures are certainly valuable in the learning process, there is no substitute for hands-on experience," said Baumann, who is looking to explore the possibility of a career in research upon graduation and to expand her knowledge of the disease processes and their relationships to cellular physiology, while at her internship.



Globalization 2.0

The word globalization has a sharp edge, whetted by controversial foreign policies, ethical dilemmas, and a suggestion of colonization.

Higher education’s ability to build a global culture of knowledge and understanding is pinched because of this edge. In the name of cultural exchange, freedom of knowledge, and appreciation for humanity, though, institutions of higher education throughout the world step up to this challenging task. Gannon is no different.

Gannon quickly grew in the global community almost by accident 30 years ago when students from other nations began applying for admission. Since then, Gannon’s international student body has grown by leaps and bounds, bringing international perspective to the small urban campus.

The work involved in bringing each international student to campus, and sending students abroad for study and service, can be demanding. Today’s issues of national security, immigration and the safety of our students

present challenges in internationalization efforts. But, each person who comes to Gannon from another country and each person who travels abroad from Gannon’s campus carries a wealth of perspective and experience. They are invaluable to the growth of knowledge and global understanding of today’s generation of students.

That’s why Gannon’s administration and faculty are upgrading Gannon’s internationalization efforts to the next level – one that places value on the human experience and integrating diverse cultural perspectives.

Spearheading the Plan

Because many international students live off campus, integration and cultural exchange is limited. Keith Taylor,

Ph.D., provost and vice president for academic affairs, along with a team of Gannon faculty and administrators, believes that needs to change. Under Dr. Taylor’s leadership, the team has set the goal of “creating an environment of cultural diversity through coordinated programs that strengthen students, faculty and staff’s global awareness and requisite skills for fully contributing as world citizens.”

This goal goes beyond helping international students integrate into the student body to raising awareness and appreciation across the Gannon community, building support for growth in international enrollment, and developing study abroad, international service, and exchange opportunities.



Provost Keith Taylor, Ph.D., is spearheading a team of faculty and staff to internationalize Gannon’s campus.

Brendan McNicholas experienced the culture of metropolitan Tokyo while studying there this summer.



The list of tasks to reach this goal is long, but the committee is experienced, enthusiastic and dedicated.

Originally from the Andean region of South America, Assistant Professor of Foreign Languages Carlos Mamani, Ph.D., sees himself as an example of the globalization process. His heritage is not native to the United

States, yet he lives and works happily here. He greatly values his background and the variety of perspective that it provides. As the new coordinator of study abroad, he hopes to provide opportunities for more students to study abroad. Mamani will also aid Ward McCracken, dean of student development, in developing curriculum for new interdisciplinary majors and minors with an international theme.

Mehmet Cultu, Ph.D., professor of electrical and computer engineering, also has an international background as a native of Turkey. For several years, Dr. Cultu has recruited students from Turkey by traveling there and spreading the word about opportunities at Gannon. Additionally, he has worked closely with the international students, helping them adjust to the culture and integrate into a new way of life.

As a native of India, Mahesh Aggarwal, Ph.D., professor and chairperson of mechanical engineering, has been invaluable in counseling the large population of students who are from India. He and Dr. Taylor traveled to India the past two spring semesters to build connections with Indian-based universities and attract students to Gannon. Aggarwal, Dean of Enrollment Dick Sukitsch and Director of the International Student Office Melanie Karsak plan to diversify the countries from which international students come and also continue to increase the size and quality of the international student body. To assist with this effort, two new positions have been created at the University – an international recruiter and an assistant director of the international student office.



A team of Gannon faculty and staff is working to create a global perspective for Gannon students. From left to right: Dick Sukitsch, Melanie Karsak, Mehmet Cultu, Ph.D., Carlos Mamani, Ph.D., and Mahesh Aggarwal, Ph.D.

Sukitsch, who has been with Gannon since its serendipitous international growth in the 1970s, noted, “Gannon is committed to internationalization and global efforts more so now than ever.”

Mamani echoed that thought in noticing how much the University has grown over time. “I see so many changes and growth,” he said. “We previously had limited time and resources in making some of these changes. Now, we are really making great connections in the global community.”

Students Build Opportunities

As a private Catholic university, Gannon has the ability to help students achieve their dreams, no matter how varied they are.

For this purpose, Gannon has relationships with institutions such as the University of Saint Thomas and St. Edmund Hall of Oxford University and affiliate programs such as Global Exchange, American Institute for Foreign Study and the Center for Cross-Cultural Study. These affiliations increase the chances that Gannon students will be admitted to study abroad programs.

Senior secondary education (English) major Marcie Soltesz will be taking advantage of Gannon’s connections this fall when she finishes her final semester at St. Edmund Hall of Oxford studying Renaissance Literature and Shakespeare. She became inspired to learn and teach Shakespeare in her British literature class taught by professor of English Philip Kelly, D.A., and more so when, on practicum, she taught the subject to high school students. She is now looking forward to studying British literature firsthand and gaining international experience.

Senior business administration/international business major Brendan McNicholas had a dream that reached further than Gannon’s global connections; he wanted to immerse himself in Japanese culture and strengthen his skills in the Japanese language.

Brendan McNicholas in Japan (left). Amity students in Gannon’s classroom (left center). Marcie Soltesz working with Philip Kelly, D.A. on study abroad opportunities (right center). The Eiffel Tower as seen by a group of students this summer (right).



His dream motivated him to research opportunities. What he found was a program through Temple University that allowed him to earn 10 credits of Japanese culture and language at Temple's campus in Tokyo.

Brendan jumped at the opportunity and started researching ways to integrate the experience into his Gannon education. Associate Dean of Humanities, Business and Education Mary Crane met with Brendan and helped him integrate the classes into his major, which earned him a second major in international business. His motivation and dedication to his goal were also rewarded by a scholarship from Freeman Asia.

McNicholas is only one of more than 30 students who gained academic experience abroad during 2006-07. Thirteen of these students spent an entire term across borders and seas, while many others traveled with faculty members to countries such as France, Italy, Jordan and Greece for shorter international experiences.

This interest in international experience is not new for Gannon students, and many students, particularly in the health sciences, seek out ways to offer service across borders. In 2004, Pamela Reynolds, Ed.D., accompanied and supervised three graduate students as they traveled to El Salvador to offer physical therapy care and training to underprivileged citizens. Also in 2004, Assistant Professors of Nursing Karen Lumia and Lisa Quinn traveled with students to offer service in Mexico. Additionally, Sharon Richards '05, '06M traveled to India in 2005 for her Occupational Therapy fieldwork and published her findings in the journal *Advance for Occupational Therapy Practitioners*.

Because of the interest in international service trips, Director of the Center for Social Concerns Arlene Montevecchio is looking to develop more possibilities for students to serve across borders.

The student body is eager to gain an international perspective, and Gannon is eager to help them do so.

Global Connections

Being active in the global community means building global connections for knowledge and student exchange. The recent trips that Dr. Taylor and Dr. Aggarwal have taken to India have been to investigate possible partnerships with universities. These partnerships offer students the opportunity to earn the first part of their education in their native country and the second part from Gannon University, with Gannon being the degree-awarding institution. This offers international students access to established programs for study in the United States while bringing an international perspective to Gannon's campus.

Such a partnership with Amity University in Uttar Pradesh, India, led to students and faculty from Amity visiting campus for several months this past spring as part of Amity's 3 Continent MBA program. The students enrolled in this program spent part of their time in India, part in the United Kingdom, and part in the United States. Gannon University was proud to provide facilities for the time that the students spent in the United States, offering the opportunity for academic exchange between leaders of both universities.

In a world where travel can sometimes be unsafe and relationships uncertain, higher education is a place of peace and cultural exchange. Gannon's commitment to its role in the global community is only budding, and the results promise to be exciting and valuable to the Gannon community.





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The Gift of Guidance

Larry Beeman '65 was an unlikely student. Although intelligent, Beeman's grades at a Jesuit high school did not meet academic standards for graduation.

At that point in his life, school wasn't for him. After a year of working in a factory, though, he knew he needed a college education to build a career.

In spite of Beeman's uncertain academic background, Gannon accepted him and put him on a path that he wouldn't fully appreciate until decades later.

"Gannon could have, and maybe should have, expelled me several times," Beeman said. "But they didn't. The faculty and administration there apparently believed in me and knew I could accomplish good things given enough time and support. It took me 25 or 30 years to realize that it was the Gannon faculty that made a difference for me. Just by allowing me to continue and graduate, they exposed me to what I needed to learn in order to pursue a successful career."

John E. Waldron, Ph.D., (for whom the Waldron Campus Center is named), was one of the most influential faculty to Beeman during his education. As the dean of instruction and dean of business administration at the time, Dr. Waldron had a responsibility to see that students, particularly in business, had the best education possible regardless of background. Beeman, not fully appreciating the importance of some rules and regulations, once went head to head with Dr. Waldron.

"I remember a particular battle I had with Doc Waldron," Larry recalled. "It was over a required ROTC course that I saw no reason to take. Obviously, I was required to

take the course, but I didn't appreciate that at the time, regardless of the fact that it was crucial to my graduation."

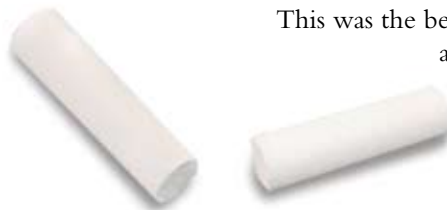
Dr. Waldron's patience and persistence with the young Beeman helped him finish his education, knowing that it was the best for his future. Dean of Men at the time Rev. Louis Puscas was also very influential in helping Beeman finish his education.

Being a Gannon student benefited Beeman in more ways than providing guidance. It also helped him build the right connections to begin his career in accounting. As graduation neared, many accounting firms that had relationships with Gannon came to interview seniors. Beeman was one of them in 1965, and even with his youthful fierceness, he was offered a job with the federal government's General Accounting Office.

This was the beginning of Beeman's career in accounting and eventually management for the Mine Safety and Health Administration, a part of the Department of Labor. He served as chief of the office of Civil Penalty



Dr. John Waldron was highly involved in students' education.



Dr. Jim Freeman (left) was a favorite professor of math to students.

Assessments and retired as chief of technical compliance investigations for coal mining.

Forty years after graduation, Beeman had left Gannon as a memory and did little to stay in touch with his alma mater. When his wife, Sharon, visited her alma mater for a reunion, Beeman realized how invaluable his experience at Gannon had been in positively influencing his life and career. He decided to return to campus and offer a donation as a sign of appreciation.

After initially supporting the Annual Fund, Beeman further investigated the possibilities of supporting Gannon and decided the best avenue for him was to give back to faculty – the body of people who had such a direct influence on his life. Joining many others in *The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign*, Larry established the John E. Waldron Faculty Academic Excellence Grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid over 10 years. The grant will allow annual awards to be made to Gannon faculty members for the work that they do and the knowledge they acquire and pass on.

For Beeman, financing the origin of influence was the best he could do to give in return for the knowledge and understanding Gannon’s faculty had offered him.

Partners in Business and Generosity

Chris Cooney ’63 and Brian Jackman ’63 were also inactive with the University for many years after graduation, while they developed their careers, families and lives. But the time came when they, too, realized the value of the education and experience they had gained at Gannon and reunited with their alma mater.

Cooney, as an industrial management major, was influenced and inspired by the professors of math at the time of his schooling – Dr. Jim Freeman, in particular.

“Freeman made math both interesting and intimidating at the same time,” Cooney said of his favorite professor.

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A unique man of colorful personality and determined spirit, Freeman affected many students. It was once said among the faculty that if Freeman couldn’t teach a student math, no one could. He was dubbed one of the best math teachers of his time, with a passion for the profession running very deep.



Dr. John Rouch was an inspiration to students of all disciplines through teaching English.

Cooney’s education led him to a career in sales, first in the pharmaceutical industry and then in the telecommunications boom of the 1970s. In 1975, he and others employed by a company called Wescom in Downers Grove, Illinois, split from the company to form Tellabs and fill a different niche in the telecommunications market. The risk meant not taking a salary at all for the first year of operation and then taking a salary far below average for several years after.

Cooney was soon joined in the endeavor by classmate and close friend

Jackman, who joined the company in 1982 and was instrumental during its growth period. (The company eventually reached a net worth of \$30.3 billion under Jackman’s leadership as president.)

Jackman’s background was the yin to Cooney’s yang. Jackman had enrolled at Gannon originally with the intention of becoming a physician. With a brilliant imagination and a love for literature inspired by Dr. John Rouch of the English department, he instead finished his bachelor’s degree in English with a minor in biology. He felt that liberal arts students in general were curious, interested and well-read, and that they gained from their education knowledge and the fortitude for better informed judgment.

“When I finished school, I wanted to join either the computer industry or the space industry – both of which were very exciting during the 1970s,” Jackman commented. “The things we now take for granted were developing back then.”

He found himself in the computer industry with IBM, working in software as a systems engineer. He eventually moved into sales and reunited with Cooney at Tellabs, and together they enjoyed careers based in building technology businesses.

After speaking with classmate and Board Vice Chair Joseph Messina '63 and President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., Cooney and Jackman decided to further financially support the University through the creation of endowed chairs. As Cooney and Jackman reflected back on the lessons and influence of Dr. Freeman and Dr. Rouch, they quickly decided that faculty were worth the investment. They established the Cooney and Jackman Families Professorships, and in doing so, initiated the gift of guidance for today's students.

Arbiters of Knowledge

Professors played key roles in the lives of Beeman, Cooney, Jackman and many others. They helped them chart their future and acquire knowledge. To be in a position to offer that kind of guidance, these professors had to learn much more than they passed on. They had to judge what information was the most important to emphasize while offering guidance to students as they sought knowledge themselves.

Today's faculty face the same challenges as today's arbiters of knowledge. They also play the important role of serving

specifically in Catholic higher education. Not only do they gather and pass on knowledge, they do so within the Catholic tradition and liberal arts foundation. All information is examined through the lens of how it can benefit humanity with ethical considerations and diligent concerns for the human condition.

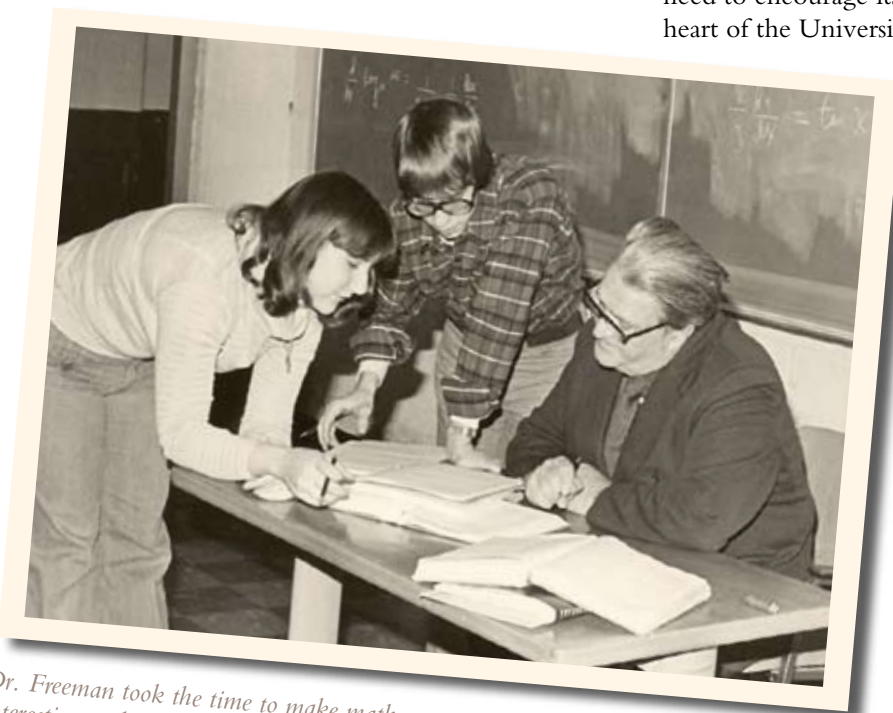
Gannon faculty maintain a crucial balance between faith and reason, knowledge and truth. They judge and choose which knowledge is worthy of passing on, and how it is best presented and applied. And they need the support of those who have been transformed before by the Gannon faculty.

The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign has three segments for which Gannon University aims to gather financial support. One of these segments is supporting faculty excellence through Endowed Professorships and an Endowed Academic Excellence Fund.

These funds will offer financial support for the purpose of recognizing academic distinction, attracting distinguished faculty to the University, providing resources for research and student mentoring, and financing opportunities for faculty to attend professional conferences and maintain teaching excellence.

While Gannon continues to offer millions of dollars in financial aid to students, the University also recognizes the need to encourage its excellent, dynamic faculty – the very heart of the University. Gannon calls upon the alumni to remember the faculty who influenced their lives and support that tradition for the Gannon of today and tomorrow.

For more information on *The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign*, visit www.gannon.edu or contact Campaign Coordinator Britt Daehnke at daehnke001@gannon.edu.



Dr. Freeman took the time to make math interesting and important to students.

**The Power To
Transform**
Gannon University

Dr. Kiran and Mrs. Rose Rajasenani '93

It's never been a secret that a Gannon education transforms lives. For Dr. Kiran and Mrs. Rose Rajasenani '93, that statement holds true as they continue to benefit from their Gannon education and give back to transform the University. "Everything we have now is directly a result of our Gannon education," said Kiran Rajasenani, M.D., '93.

Dr. Rajasenani currently works as an oncologist for UPMC Cancer Centers, a career made possible by an accelerated medical program offered through a previous partnership between Gannon University and Hahnemann Medical College. He and Rose (Mankosky) Rajasenani, CPA, '93 live in the Pittsburgh area and have recently started a family.

Both Kiran and Rose chose to come to Gannon because the University offered them an experience they could not find elsewhere. For Kiran, that experience was an accelerated medical program combined with a liberal arts education. For Rose, it was a great education at a great price, supported by grants and scholarships.

"As students, we didn't always know where scholarship money came from. I realize now that someone gave money to Gannon so that I could have an excellent, affordable education. I'm thankful for that, and I want to give back so that students today can be afforded the same great education I received," Rose commented.

In 2006, Kiran and Rose established the Rajasenani-Mankosky Family Endowed Scholarship Fund to benefit academically deserving students with demonstrated financial need enrolled in the School of Health Sciences. They also support the Gannon University Annual Fund, which provides not only financial aid to students but funds to enhance the University's facilities and resources.

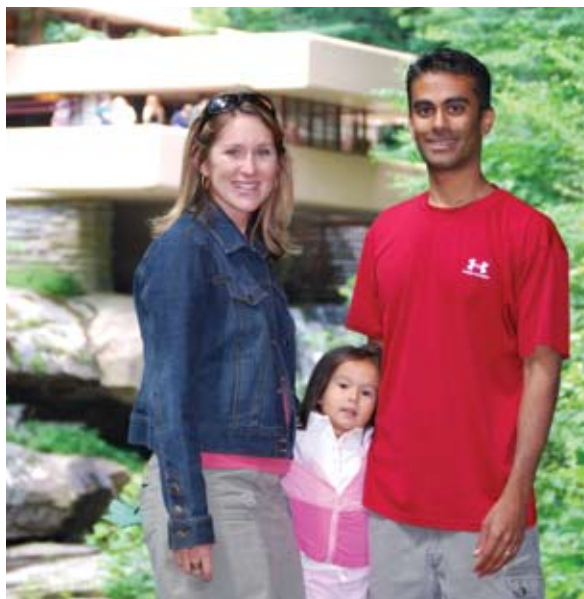
Rose understands the importance of financially supporting the University, in part because of the degree she earned at Gannon in accounting. Gannon's accounting program was the strongest program that she encountered when she was looking at different colleges and universities as a high school student, and once here, she took advantage of the Gannon University Honors Program where she met one of her favorite professors, Father Robert Susa.

"Father Susa helped me learn about the world," Rose said. "He introduced me to subject matters – literature, ideas, people – that I would not have otherwise realized having lived in Erie all my life. My Gannon education provided me an excellent foundation for my career and broadened my overall knowledge of the world and of life."

In addition to her strong academic experience, Rose also benefited from on-campus interviews with large companies. Before she graduated, she had a job waiting for her with Coopers & Lybrand, now part of Pricewaterhouse Coopers. Before starting a family, Rose also worked as an accounting manager for Dick's Sporting Goods. Today, she manages accounting for Black Dog Ventures and Newlin Investments part-time while she raises their daughter, Lauren.

In addition to their financial generosity, Kiran and Rose have been influential in the Pittsburgh area as members of the Pittsburgh Regional Campaign Committee. They helped raise awareness of Gannon's current fundraising campaign initiative, including the Pittsburgh Regional Campaign Event held in October 2006 at the Benedum Center.

"As Gannon continues to grow and improve, it reflects well upon us as Gannon alumni. Our degrees continue to gain renown as the University transforms," Kiran said.



“Everything we have now is directly a result of our Gannon education.”

Names

Kiran Rajasenani, M.D., '93
Rose (Mankosky) Rajasenani, CPA, '93

Community Involvement

Participants in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Contributors to Animal-Friends, a Pittsburgh-based animal resource center

Active member of Board of Trustees for Delta Chi Fraternity (Kiran)

Members of Gannon's Pittsburgh Regional Campaign Committee

Family

Daughter, Lauren, and Border Collie mix, Aspen.

Anthony J. Miceli '86M

by Monika Bach '08

His eyes begin to shine, as he talks about the accomplishments and stories he has for each of his students.

Anthony J. (A.J.) Miceli '86M, Chair of the Department of Theatre, Communications & Fine Arts, discovered his passion for teaching with an 8 a.m. speech class more than 30 years ago. He has been collecting stories of his students ever since, and likewise, his students, who are now alumni, have crafted stories of him.

"A.J. is the reason I came to Gannon," said alumnus Joe Lang '92. Lang, operations manager for Connoisseur Media Erie, stations: Jet Radio 1400, The Fan 1330, and Bob FM, said that Miceli has been many people to him throughout the years, "a teacher, adviser, boss, employee and friend."

Creative minds such as Miceli's often find themselves playing multiple roles and taking an interest in many different things. Miceli is on a route through life that encompasses much, influences many and allows him to say, "I truly feel blessed."

The route started as a plan to become a Jesuit priest and study physics. He worked toward that goal for five years before realizing that God was calling him for something else. He went on to experience several different television and radio related jobs, and afterwards found himself working toward his Masters in Business Administration at Gannon and pursuing his passion for teaching communications.

"We are the idea people," says Miceli of those in the communications department. "We go out into the world with what we know, communicate it and apply it."

Miceli can go on and on to list the prestigious alum that have "left the nest" to do wonderful things both locally and nationally, names like John Stehr '80 (previously with CBS, now with an NBC affiliate in Indianapolis), Jerome Jurenovich '82 (previously with CNN and Fox Sports, currently with Altitude Sports and Entertainment Network), Harry Hairston '77 (NBC affiliate in Philadelphia), and countless others. He does not rank one success over another because he believes that it is what makes the individual happy that is the ultimate success.

For college students, the guidance that a professor can offer is one of the most rewarding gifts that a student can receive. Miceli always did and still does give that gift to his students, without missing a beat.

Lang, who often found himself looking to his academic adviser for guidance outside of classes, believes that "some of Miceli's shining moments were his efforts beyond the classroom." Miceli has spent late hours producing, directing and being active in several events surrounding the Gannon and Erie communities, which goes far beyond the traditional teaching responsibilities.

His diverse experiences lead to a dynamism that offers students a broad perspective and great learning experience when they work with Miceli. He believes the greatest achievement he has been given is an ability to teach and to watch his students go on and apply what they've learned.

"We let them fly," says Miceli, as he smiles. It's the kind of smile that catches students off guard and somehow makes them proud of knowing that when everything is said and done, someone believes in them.



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Name

Anthony J. Miceli '86M

Education

M.B.A with honors, Gannon University

B.A. in Radio/TV, summa cum laude, University of Detroit

Experience

Director of Marketing for FishUSA, Inc. (current)

On-air radio talent for WRIE-AM, WJET-AM, WSEG-FM and WFGO-FM, Erie (1973-2007)

President of ErieNet, Inc. (1994-99)

Director of Academic Technology for Gannon University (1997-2000)

General Manager for WETG-TV Fox 66 in Erie (1988-94)

Recent Recognition

Distinguished Faculty Award, 2007

NAACP Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication, 2002

Director Award for Super Soul Saturday, 2002

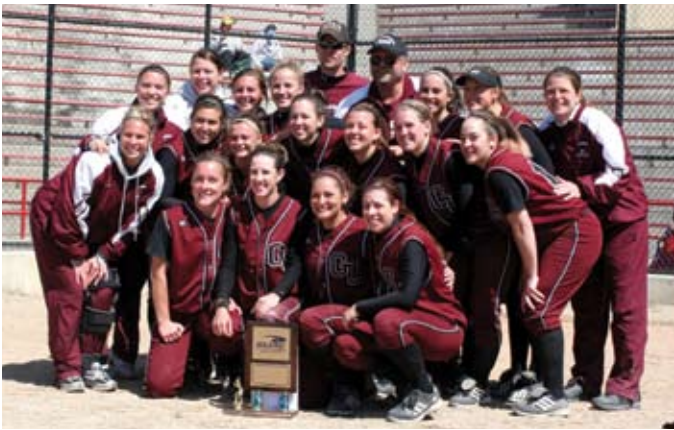
SGA student-nominated Award for Teaching, 1997

SportsScan

by Dan Teliski '97, Gannon Sports Information Director

Gannon capped another tremendous school year with three highly successful spring programs.

The softball team won its first-ever Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) Championship, the women's lacrosse team narrowly missed the NCAA Division II Final Four, and the women's water polo team finished third at the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA) Western Division Championships.



Softball

Gannon softball has become one of the school's highest profiled programs on a national scale during the last three seasons. The Lady Knights continued one of the best runs by any program in school history with their third consecutive NCAA Division II Tournament appearance and first-ever GLIAC Championship in 2007.

Joanne Heintz

The squad's accomplishments did not come easily. The Lady Knights were forced to defy odds when No. 1 starting pitcher Lauren Soldner suffered a season-ending injury during spring break. With two freshmen and three sophomores in the starting lineup, Gannon was 20-10 overall and 2-4 in the GLIAC after losing both ends of a doubleheader on April 11. The Lady Knights were tabbed No. 16 in the preseason national poll, but were nowhere to be found in the national or regional polls on April 11.

That's when the season began to turn. Gannon rolled off 13 victories in its final 16

regular-season games and entered the GLIAC postseason tournament as the No. 3 seed. The Lady Knights then went 4-0 at the event and won the school's first-ever GLIAC title with a 3-2 victory over Grand Valley State in the finals.

The late-season run propelled the team into the NCAA Tournament for the third consecutive season after winning 17 of its last 20 contests. It also put Gannon back into the national spotlight, being ranked 23rd in the final National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) regular-season Division II poll.

Baseball

The Gannon baseball team finished 5-43 overall and 1-27 in the GLIAC. Junior Chris Miller and sophomore Eric Harpster earned All-GLIAC honorable-mention accolades.

Harpster hit .322 with a .423 slugging percentage and .409 on-base percentage. The sophomore centerfielder led Gannon in batting average, runs (26), hits (48), total bases (63), slugging percentage, and on-base percentage. Defensively, he committed only two errors in 127 chances.

Miller produced a .261 batting average, .320 slugging percentage, and .360 on-base percentage. The junior first baseman recorded 23 runs, 23 RBI, and a team-high nine doubles. In the field, he committed only eight errors in 325 opportunities.



Chris Miller

Women's Lacrosse

The Gannon women's lacrosse team came as close to the NCAA Division II Final Four as a team could get without participating in it. The Lady Knights recorded a 12-4 record, posting the program's highest single-season victory total since the 2001 squad went 14-4.

Gannon reached double digits in victories for the third consecutive season and finished sixth in the final Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) Division II poll. The Lady Knights suffered their four losses by an average margin of 2.25 goals, including a 9-8 loss to national finalist West Chester.



Senior attacker Joanna Culkin, senior midfielder Shannon Pagano, senior defender Joanne Heintz and sophomore goalkeeper Acacia Cook earned IWLCA first-team honors. Cook also earned IWLCA All-America first-team honors.



Kat Bucceri

Women's Water Polo

Head coach Don Sherman returned to the pool after a one-year hiatus and quickly returned the water polo team to the top of the Collegiate Water Polo Association (CWPA). The Lady Knights won nine of their first 10 matches en route to a 16-10 record and third-place finish at the CWPA Western Division Championships.

Sherman, who did not coach during the 2006 season due to his responsibilities as the Associate Director of Athletics, was named CWPA Western Division Coach of the Year for his efforts. The Lady Knights were the only non-Division I school ranked in the CWPA Top 10 for the majority of the season and narrowly missed a bid to the Eastern Championships.

Kat Bucceri and Annie Greenhill headlined the Gannon offense. Senior Bucceri was named to the All-CWPA first team, while Greenhill was selected to the second team as a true freshman.

Women's & Men's Golf

The Gannon women's and men's golf teams both completed successful seasons during the spring of 2007.

The men's team finished in the top two during four events in 2006-07, including a second-place finish at the GLIAC Championships. The Golden Knights completed the year by winning their invitational April 23 at Lake Shore Country Club in Erie.

Mitch Molen was tabbed 2007 GLIAC Freshman of the Year while landing a spot on the All-GLIAC honorable-mention team. He concluded the 2006-07 season by winning the Gannon Invitational with a two-round total of 151 and finishing seventh at the GLIAC Championships.

The women's squad finished sixth at the 2007 GLIAC Golf Championships held at Lake View Country Club. The Lady Knights had three top-three finishes in 2006-07. The team won the season-opening Penn State Behrend Invitational, placed second at the Gannon Invitational, and finished third at the Allegheny Invitational.

AthleteFocus

by Monika Bach '08

The best word to describe student-athlete Jaclyn Corroto is "extraordinary," said Women's Softball Head Coach Beth Pierce. Corroto, a senior pre-med/biology major and starting shortstop, received several awards this past season for her athletic achievements including being named to the All-GLIAC first team, National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-America second team, Daktronics Great Lakes Region Player of the Year, and the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America third team.

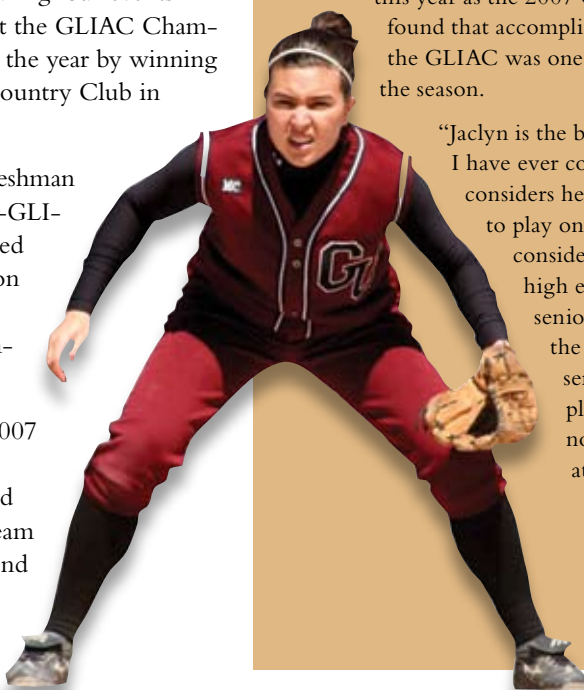
Corroto has played softball since she was six years old and, though she played other sports, softball was the sport she loved and has played ever since. "I can't imagine my life without softball," says Corroto, as she talks about the challenges she faces as a college student and an athlete. She added, "at times, it is very difficult to manage both things," but she has never really known what it's like not to have sports on top of homework.

Corroto chose Gannon above other schools because she said, "I looked at the softball program and the academics at Gannon and they seemed to fit perfectly." With all of her successes at Gannon, both seem to be a perfect pitch for her.

Corroto started at shortstop for the third consecutive season. She ranks eighth all-time at Gannon for stolen bases (28) and broke the NCAA Division II longest hitting record with a streak of 39 games. She is currently ranked 18th in Division II players for batting average. In addition to setting records on the field, she maintains a 3.78 cumulative grade point average and has been on the Gannon Dean's List every semester.

"She is a great person, excellent student and a hard-working individual," said Coach Pierce. Corroto remembers how Pierce encouraged the players throughout the past winter season by saying two words, "GLIAC Title." This spring was history in the making at Gannon; the women's softball team had gone to the NCAA tournament three times but finished this year as the 2007 GLIAC Champions. Corroto found that accomplishing the team's goal of winning the GLIAC was one of the most rewarding parts of the season.

"Jaclyn is the best all-around softball player I have ever coached," said Pierce. Jaclyn considers herself very fortunate to be able to play on a team with players whom she considers her closest friends. "I have high expectations and hopes for my senior season," said Corroto, even with the team's loss of four contributing seniors. This will be her last year playing softball, and she wants nothing more than to see Gannon at the NCAA tournament for a fourth year and keep the GLIAC title.



AlumNotes



1947

SISTER JAMES F. MULLIGAN, SSJ (VMC) was chosen by the Serra Club as the 2006 Religious Outstanding Achievement Award recipient.

1959

NORMAN H. STARK, ESQ. was named Chancellor of the Bar by the Erie County Bar Association.

1965

PHILIP C. NASCA, PH.D. has been appointed Dean of the School of Public Health at the State University of New York at Albany.

1968

JAMES A. SCHAFFNER, CPA, CVA has been appointed to The Erie Community Foundation's board of trustees.

1969

ROBERT W. MCGEE, PH.D., ESQ. won the Distinguished Research Award for a paper he presented at the Allied Academics Spring 2007 International Conference, in addition to two other research awards for papers presented at the 2007 International Academy of Business and Public Administration Disciplines Winter Conference. Robert is an accounting professor at Barry University and is teaching in Rwanda, Thailand, and Australia this summer.

JOANN (MAXWELL) MULLEN, MS was named Class Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars. Joann is a math teacher at Cathedral Preparatory School.

1970

ROSE (NAMEY) VEITH, FNP, RN (VMC) is the full-time coordinator of the Practical Nurse Program for the Assabet Valley Vocational High School in Massachusetts.

1971

DOROTHY (STANO) CARLSON, D.ED., RN (VMC) & ELLEN A. PFADT, PH.D. (VMC) co-authored the article, "Acute Adrenal Crises," published in the August

issue of *Nursing 2006*. Dorothy is an associate professor of Nursing at Edinboro University. Ellen is chairperson of the Department of Nursing at Edinboro University.

1972

ANDRE B. HEUER, DMIN, LICSW '75M received a Human Rights Fellowship from the University of Minnesota Human Rights Center to work this fall at the Center for Victims of Torture Healing Center in Voinjama, Liberia.

1977

JAMES W. MARTIN, CFRE '83 recently traveled to Scotland and won the annual Jackson-Christy Golf Tournament, a contest between the Scottish Rotary Club District 1010 and PA Rotary Club District 7280.

RAYMOND J. SOBINA is the 2007 Pennsylvania Prison Wardens Association Warden of the Year. He is superintendent of the State Correctional Institution at Forest.

1980

JOSEPH R. MCCABE, III has been appointed as vice chairman and executive committee member for Christian & Timbers, an executive search firm.

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Golfers lined up on May 24 to tee off at Gannon's Erie Scholarship Tournament at Lake Shore Country Club.

Quail Hollow Alumni Golf Outing

at Quail Hollow Golf Club, Painesville, Ohio
September 20, 2007

Scholarship Celebration

at Gannon University
October 13, 2007

2007 Alumni/ae Homecoming/Reunion Weekend

at Gannon University
October 19-21, 2007

If you would like to register for these events, please contact Cathy Fresch, Director of Alumni Services, at fresch001@gannon.edu or 877-GU-Alums, ext. 1.

Reunion Weekend— a time to reconnect

1982

DOUGLAS B. GRISIER, D.O. was honored by Millcreek Community Hospital in recognition of Doctors' Day, an annual event celebrated by the health profession nationwide.

1983

THOMAS E. BRZUZ is a project engineer with Foreman Architects Engineers, Inc. in Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

1984

GINA (LOMBARDOZZI) GRIMM is an accountant for Life Tek, Inc. in Washington.

GREGORY W. GRIMM is a project manager for British Petroleum (BP) in Alaska.

DOUGLAS B. WHITSTONE is a Biomedical Engineer at Wyeth Research in Collegeville, Pennsylvania.



My mailcarrier recently delivered the flier on the 2007 Alumni Homecoming & Reunion Weekend set for October 19-21, 2007, on campus. Hopefully yours has also arrived. For me, the flier triggered a feeling of nostalgia and anticipation. A quick glance of the weekend activities shows why. A full weekend schedule with many opportunities to reconnect with some of my old classmates and fraternity brothers. A chance to reminisce with some of the pros who helped shape my education (yes, there are still some of them around). A Joe Luckey tour to take me back in time, with Joe's help, to the campus where I spent four years of my life. A walk through the campus of today showing how much college life in

general and Gannon in particular has changed and grown in meeting the needs of today's students.

In addition to linking to both the Gannon of my past and the Gannon of today, I look forward to connecting, at least briefly, with the downtown Erie community, a community whose success is closely linked to the continuing growth we see at Gannon. This is something important to me and many of the more than 20,000 alumni whose careers have taken them away from Erie across the country and the world.

The Landmark classes this year are 1957 (50th year class), 1967 (40th year class), 1982 (25th year class) and 1997 (10th year class). Each group will be able to see firsthand the changes that continue to take place as our University grows its student body, expands its educational programs and degree offerings, and continually works to enhance the life experiences of the students, friends in the community, and yes, even grads.

Another venue we can use to reconnect is the Affinity Group gatherings that will bring alumni, faculty and friends back together from the Honors Program, African-American Alumni, Women of the 60s, Student Government Association, Villa Maria Alumnae, Theater/Communications Arts, and Commuters/Non-Traditional Students.

In between the formal events, there will be time for us to check out some favorite haunts of bygone years – that Saturday night bar stool, the best pizza places we could afford. We can also join with the students to take in the homecoming parade and then cheer for the Gannon Knight football team, a part of college life I wasn't able to experience when I was a student.

The homecoming and reunion weekend is a time to reconnect to old values and old friends and see how they helped shaped the Gannon University of today. Join us to see the changes and rekindle the campus experience of what really was a simpler time for most of us.



James A. Scozzie

AlumNotes

1987

JILL (AUGUSTINE) GAITO has been appointed deputy secretary for community revitalization and local government support for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

JOHN T. SCHROECK is the technology teacher and cross country coach at St. George School in Erie.

MICHELE-MARIE (IARUSSI) SCHROECK '94, '99M

is a part-time personal trainer and exercise teacher at the YMCA in Erie.

JENNIFER (WALL) SMITH is a corporate communications manager at Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, Ltd. in Miami, Florida.

1988

CAROL (HEALD) AMANN, R.N., (VMC) '05M presented a research poster, "Political Involvement of Registered Nurse Leaders Belonging to a Professional Leadership Organization," at the American Organization of Nurse Executives annual conference.

KIM (HAAS) HAMPY, BSN (VMC) is the assistant nurse manager of 7 South

Complex at Hamot Medical Center in Erie.

KAREN (MURTHA) JAMES is a stay-at-home mom and a part-time instructor in the Communications Department at the University of Delaware.

1989

SHARON HEIDECKER, MSN CRNP '00M is the coordinator and nurse practitioner at Hamot Medical Center's Palliative Care Consult.



Monsignor Walter H. Lohse's Legacy

by Jim Kelvington, Ph.D.

Monsignor Lohse '34 was well known and loved for his selfless devotion to the priesthood and his significant accomplishments in the many parishes he served. He is also remembered for his service as an Air Force chaplain during World War II. These accomplishments alone would be enough

to constitute an impressive legacy for any ordinary person. However, Walter was not content with that. Because of his financial difficulty in getting his education for the priesthood and the critical help provided by Dr. Joseph Wehrle and Gannon College, he had a special interest in helping other deserving students fulfill their career goals. So, in 1996, Walter and his sister Vera Betts established the \$200,000 endowed Lohse Scholarship Fund.

Since then, Walter and Vera gave a house to Gannon worth more than \$50,000 and established gift annuities whose remaining balances will be added to their scholarship. Recipients of the Lohse Betts Scholarship have been able to establish careers in many different professions such as engineering, network design, nursing, social work, case management, corrections and importing.

Sadly, we mourned Walter's passing last year. He will be greatly missed. Still true to his desire to help students realize their dreams of a rewarding career, Walter directed the bulk of his estate

to The Lohse Scholarship Fund and expanded his and Vera's legacy by \$1,300,000. Some may wonder how he was able to be so generous. Walter explained that when he was discharged from his chaplaincy with the Air Force, he received a modest bonus. An uncle of his taught him how to invest the funds. He never used the money for himself, so it continued to grow. For Walter, it was basically a matter of stewardship. Now, the impact of this addition to the scholarship will be enormous. Each year it will enable many times more students to achieve their goals and serve their professions, their families, their churches, and communities well. And, since this is an endowment and will keep on funding students in perpetuity, just imagine the tremendous size of Walter and Vera's ultimate legacy.

While most of us may not have the resources to match a gift of this size, with as little as an endowed gift of \$10,000 in cash or a bequest, we could establish a scholarship that will be a significant part of our legacy. The contributions

we have made through our professional careers and service to our families, churches, and

communities are important, but offering a helping hand to numerous students of the future offers us an opportunity to stretch our legacy far into the future and assure we too will not be forgotten. Why not consider joining Walter and Vera, and leave a legacy of your own?



1990

KIMBERLY (KAROTRA) BLILEY

is the head nurse for the Erie School District.

1991

BENJAMIN E. BULKLEY '91M

has joined Allscripts, a provider of clinical software, connectivity and information solutions for physicians, as the chief operating officer.

CHRISTOPHER M. CORNUE '93M

is vice president at Mount Sinai Hospital Medical Center in Illinois and has joined the hospital blogging team.

TRACY (LAIRD) COUSE '95, '06

is the Emergency Department's nurse manager at Hamot Medical Center in Erie.

SCOTT B. POWELL

is the campus director for Connecticut School of Business (CSB) in Dallas, Texas.

1992

GARY J. SMALLSHAW

has been promoted to chief operating officer of Family First Sports Park in Erie.

1993

CARRI (STOEGER) MILANO

is the assistant nurse manager for the Hamot Medical Center's Emergency Department.

1994

MARIA (ESPADA) COMSTOCK

is the nurse manager of Saint Vincent Health Center's One Day Surgery Center.

DAVID GONZALEZ '97M

has been appointed program officer for The Erie Community Foundation.

BRENDA J. HOPKINS

is a special educator for the Kennedy Kreiger Institute, teaching in a Level 4 setting with children with severe/profound physical and mental disabilities.

DAVID M. MASTERSON

is an adjunct faculty member with Mercyhurst College teaching mathematics and computer applications.

1995

MARIA (LETIZIO) MACKO '95M

is working part-time as a speech-language pathologist for an early intervention agency in North Tonawanda, New York.

LORI L. BEDNARZ

is a staff nurse in the Diabetes Department at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh and is the director of diabetes at Camp Crestfield.

DUANE A. WASSUM

has been promoted to president of National Fuel's Highland Forest Resources timber business in northwestern Pennsylvania.

1996

JENNIFER (MILANO) BURNS

is currently a staff nurse at Saint Vincent Health Center's Urology Procedure Unit.

CHARLES J. "CHUCK" PETERS

was appointed to the board of directors for the Ben Franklin Technology PARTners of Central and Northern PA, Inc. Chuck is the managing partner of Altair Holding LLC.

1997

CYNTHIA (WILLIAMS) DAHLKEMPER

is a school nurse in the Harborcreek School District in Harborcreek, Pennsylvania.

CRYSTAL A. KINZIG

has been promoted to home care coordinator at the Visiting Nurse Association of Erie County.

PATRICK J. NIKOLAI

is currently serving in Iraq as a member of the Army Reserves based in Franklin, Pennsylvania. He is a software engineer at Lord Corporation.

in memoriam

Alumni

Dennis C. Alkson '70
 Donna Schnabel Baird '47 VMC
 Jeanette Hosbach Barrett '41 VMC
 Gary A. Beam '85
 H. David Bowes '64
 Constance O'Brion Chiera '86
 Paul T. Coleman '52
 Barbara Faller Delehunt, Ph.D. '74 VMC
 Edward M. Farmer '64
 Rhea Seeger Fernandes '63 VMC
 Paula Hilbert Gorney '74 VMC
 Charles L. Hasenhuettl '54
 Mary Wilkinson Hovis '84 VMC
 Cecilia Szymula Knickerbocker '64 VMC
 Arloween M. Koch-Harvey '70
 Fred A. Lichtenwalter '50
 Dorothy Beauseigneur Lingerski '67 VMC
 Linda Huckabone Lippincott '90

Grace Mosier Logan '37 VMC
 Sister Seraphim McCafferty, SSJ, '48 VMC
 William J. Miller '70
 Larry W. Moore '76, '78M
 Michael F. Nowakowski '61
 Thomas O. Sheridan '63, '67M
 Stanley R. Skrypzak '59, '68M
 Sister Joan Thomas, SSJ '60 VMC
 Joseph C. Wang '52
 John F. Watson '55
 James E. Weber '55
 Richard A. Yocius '73

Parents and Friends

Paul K. Adams, Ph.D.
 John P. Coughlin
 Jack M. Eckerd
 Reverend Robert G. Fin
 Walter J. Hendl
 Harold J. McLaren, Jr., M.D.
 Most Rev. Michael J. Murphy, D.D.

AlumNotes

JASON P. PORTER is a Transit Police Officer in Buffalo, New York.

KRISTY (CROOKS) PORTER is a reading specialist in the Lake Shore Central School District in Angola, New York.

1998

JOHN P. SULLIVAN, M.D. is starting as a staff neurologist with Erie Neurological Associates in affiliation with Saint Vincent Health Center.

1999

KRISTIN (KELLY) FRIEDLINE, C.R.N.A. is a staff CRNA for the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System (formerly Medical College of Virginia).

MATTHEW J. GROSS was honored as the 2007 Teacher of the Year by the Mt. Pleasant Area National Honor Society. Matthew is a pre-calculus and algebra II teacher.

2000

JAMIE C. POTOSNAK '00M accepted best of show honors on behalf of Fishtank Creative at the 37th Annual Erie Advertising Club ADDY Awards. Jamie is vice president for account services.

CAPTAIN VINCENT B. MYERS, USA is serving as the executive assistant

to the Army's Chief Physician and Commander of the Medical Research and Material Command, Major General Eric Schoomaker.

2002

SUSAN (SHADLE) NELSON '02C is an adjunct lecturer at both Gannon University and Mercyhurst College, teaching history.

MICHAEL S. NEUBAUER, CPA, MBA, '04 was elected Treasurer of the Erie Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) for the 2007-08 fiscal year. Michael is a supervisor of taxation and auditing services for the manufacturing sector at McGill, Power, Bell & Associates LLP, the treasurer of the Presque Isle Partnership, and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

PAUL D. SALLIE '04M has joined ErieBank as a commercial lending officer.

MEREDITH A. SHERMAN has been promoted to vice president with Community National Bank of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

2003

ANN-MARIE (CHIZZONITE) GADOMSKI, PA-C, '04M is a physician's assistant in the emergency department at A.L. Lee Memorial Hospital in Fulton, New York.

ANGELA R. POWNER received her Master of Education degree in Elementary Reading and Mathematics (K-6) from Walden University.

JUSTIN W. WILLIAMS is the assistant nurse manager of the Cardiothoracic ICU at the Cleveland Clinic, and is certified as a flight nurse for the transplant team.

2004

KATHLEEN A. JACKSON maintained her seat on the Lawrence Park township commission following the recent vote. Kathleen is a

financial secretary for the City of Erie.

KELLY MATCZAK '02C, '04M (ERRATUM) is the director of technology and program communications for the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition in Florida.

RASHIDA A. MITHANI has accepted a position with ICC Rents as an international clients accounts manager.

TIMOTHY A. PARKER, J.D. was among the recent graduates at the University of Akron School of Law 81st annual commencement ceremony, receiving his Juris Doctor degree on May 20, 2007.

JESSICA (ROACH) WILLIAMS '05M is a pediatric occupational therapist for a private practice in Bethesda, Maryland.

2005

ADAM E. DOMBROWSKI is a project manager for Sterling Dula Architectural Products.

marriages

Thomas E. Brzuz '83 married Michelle L. Stamm on May 20, 2006.

Valerie M. Drabina '05 married **Adam E. Dombrowski '05** on August 5, 2006.

Kristin M. Grzybowski '00 married Adam Zeppuhar on September 2, 2006.

Darcey Marie Keith, M.S.S.A. '03 married Jack Boyd Locke on October 20, 2006.

Kristin R. Kelly, C.R.N.A. '99 married Chris Friedline in September 2006.

Heidi R. Krout '02 married Rob Hull on November 4, 2006.

Jessica Sue Roach '04, '05M married James Dale Williams, Jr. on September 16, 2006.

Cynthia L. Williams '97 married Campy Dahlkemper on August 5, 2006.

JOSIAH D. DOMBROWSKI
has joined Finish Thompson, Inc. as a marketing and market research analyst.

STACY JO (ROSS) GREEN
is a staff nurse in the MICU/SICU at UPMC Passavant Hospital in Wexford, Pennsylvania.

JESSICA M. LOETHER
is a staff nurse in the Abdominal Transplant Unit at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh.

MICHAEL D. QUINN, R.N. '95
is certified as a wound, ostomy and continence nurse, having passed the board examination in March 2007. Michael is a home health nurse at Erie Home Health Services.

RISHAE E. WOOD
is a staff nurse in the Cardiovascular ICU at Mercy Hospital Anderson in Cincinnati, Ohio.

2006

NORMAN J. ROSENTHAL, II, '86
is the Neuroscience and Business Development Department manager at Saint Vincent Health Center.

JOSEPH D. SHADLE
is currently pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Economics at the University of Buffalo.

births

a son, Gannon Parker (April 22, 2007) to **Michelle (Kuklinski) '96** and **Jeffrey A. Arbogast '96**.

a daughter, Reese Jordan (April 4, 2006) to **Karlie (Wagner) Borrell '01, '06M** and her husband, Adam.

a daughter, Elizabeth Anne (February 17, 2007) to **Thomas E. Brzuz '83** and his wife, Michelle.

twins, Daniella Sadie and Xander Gabriel (June 24, 2006) to **Christine (Bimeal) Daire '94** and her husband, Adam.

a daughter, Layla (March 6, 2007) to **Cristina M. (Sipos) Farooq '99** and her husband, Dr. Shiraz Farooq.

a son, Quinn Aryk Grabinski-Potter (February 22, 2007) to **Elaine M. Grabinski '88 VMC**.

a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth (December 31, 2006) to **Karen (Murtha) James '88** and her husband, Brooke.

a son, Isaac Croce Thomas LaFuria (April 25, 2007) to **Alexis (Tomasovich) LaFuria '01, '02M** and her husband, Francesco.

a son, Daniel Joseph (December 25, 2006) to **Beth (Schall) Longwell '01** and her husband, Paul.

a son, Ryan Anthony (January 24, 2007) to **Maria (Letizio) Macko '95M** and her husband, Rob.

a daughter, Jennifer Erin (February 26, 2007) to **Patricia (Carter) Mazzaresse '97** and her husband, Frank.

a son, Benjamin Ian (March 26, 2007) to **Marsha (Guelich) Osborn '96, '98M** and her husband, Ian.

a son, Chase Jason (March 26, 2007) to **Kristy S. (Crooks) '97** and **Jason P. Porter '97**

a boy, Jake Thomas (March 29, 2007) to **Elizabeth (Santabene) Runyan '00** and her husband, Tom.

a son, Christopher James (February 13, 2007) to **Chad A. Sayban '94** and his wife, Julie.

a son, Caleb Quinn (April 3, 2007) to **Steven M. Sopkie, D.P.M., '94** and his wife, Susan.

a son, Zachary Thomas (December 7, 2006) to **Kristin M. (Smith) '99** and Darren J. Stromock '99.

a daughter, Brianna Marie (November 8, 2006) to **John P. Sullivan, M.D. '98** and his wife, Melissa.

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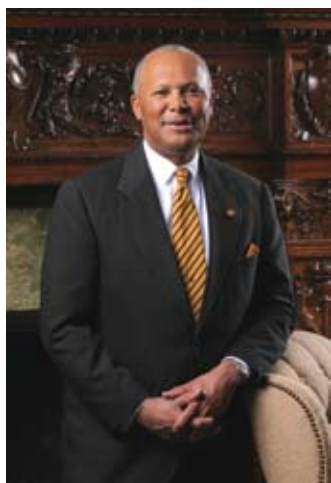
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EndNotes



Gannon Achieves Strategic Goals

In my second year at Gannon in 2002, the Board of Trustees approved a five-year Strategic Plan, which had been developed by a Strategic Planning Task Force in 2001-02. The Strategic Plan explicitly indicated that it was our aspiration to become even more highly regarded among higher education institutions and to build on

Gannon's greatest strength, namely, academic quality. Moreover, during my first 100 days between July and September 2001, it was clear from my formal and informal meetings with many educators, business and civic leaders, and government officials that there was a great need for a doctoral degree that would focus on administration and leadership. Teachers and school administrators, health care professionals, business leaders, and government officials were very interested in a doctoral degree that they could complete in Erie rather than having to travel to other cities in the region.

After months of very thoughtful deliberation by an interdisciplinary team of faculty and administrators, Gannon University prepares to welcome its first doctoral class of the new Ph.D. program in Organizational Learning and Leadership, adding to the list of more than 75 strong academic undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs already offered at Gannon. This program, the first and only of its kind in the region, will enable professionals to strengthen their leadership abilities by enhancing their research skills and learning as they prepare for senior administrative roles in areas such as elementary and secondary education, higher education, health care, business, nonprofit organizations, organizational development and leadership consulting.

While the new doctoral students begin their studies at Gannon, so does a younger class of approximately 600 incoming freshmen who have committed to Gannon thus far. These students will join returning undergraduate and graduate students, for a total projected enrollment of more than 3,900. The students will find a campus in the process of transformation as the University begins three important construction

projects – renovations to the four floors of Zurn Science Center, a new exterior for Beyer Hall, and the beginning of construction of the Erie Technology Incubator.

These visual transformations to Gannon's campus are signs of continued progress and wide-spread support of the University. For example, this past fiscal year (which ended on June 30), Gannon raised a record-breaking \$1.18 million for the Annual Fund and nearly \$5 million in voluntary support. Thus far, *The Power To Transform Comprehensive Campaign* has raised more than \$21 million, or 70 percent of the \$30 million goal. That total, however, only includes gifts made to the Campaign. In total, more than \$36 million has been raised over the past five years – that includes gifts from alumni and friends, and grants from private foundations and federal and state government.

Beyond financial support, Gannon's greatest asset is the University's successful students and alumni. This fall, 34 recent Gannon graduates will continue their education in professional medical and pharmacy schools, fully prepared with a Gannon education behind them. These graduates will join more than 32,000 successful Gannon alumni who not only live across 43 countries and in every state but who are working in a diverse variety of careers. The top 10 professions in which Gannon and Villa Maria alumni are employed include administration, nursing, education (both K-12 and higher education), clerical, health care (physician assistant, physical therapy, occupational therapy, radiology, respiratory therapy, etc.), engineering, medical (including positions such as oncologists and physicians), computing, sales and executive management. An additional group of popular career choices for Gannon and Villa Maria alumni include: accounting, banking, finance, the legal profession, social work, and mental health. Given Gannon and Villa's varied academic majors and the strong liberal arts foundation, it is not surprising that so many alumni are doing extraordinarily well in many professions.

As Gannon University continues to transform, so do the minds and accomplishments of today's motivated students, the research of Gannon's dynamic faculty and the relationship of alumni to the University. Again and again, Gannon proves to be a university worthy of your support.

Antoine M. Paribaldi



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Sophomore Peyton Koenig bonds with children in a small schoolhouse of Whitehorse, South Dakota, where she and other Gannon students traveled to offer service after classes ended in May.