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Message from the President

This academic year truly is an exciting one for Cabrini College as we celebrate our history and move the College forward into the 21st century. This issue of *Cabrini Magazine* highlights both our wonderful past and the exciting future that awaits us.

On Oct. 16, a dramatic unveiling celebrated placement of The Mansion, our iconic campus building, on the National Register of Historic Places. This honor came about largely through the efforts of Howard Holden, director of facilities, and Martha Dale, whose long career at Cabrini included assignments as director of alumni affairs and as coordinator of exhibits and historic projects. In 1957, when the first students enrolled at the College, they ate, slept, and took classes in The Mansion, which was built 1901-03 as part of the grand Woodcrest Estate.

Turning to more recent history, elsewhere in the magazine you'll find a report on the 2009 inductees into the Cabrini College Athletic Hall of Fame. William Carr '96, Rita Horning '03, and John McQueen '85 were welcomed into this revered group; and during the ceremony, I had an opportunity to meet for the first time with former Director of Athletics John Dzik, a legend in basketball here.

Cabrini College continues to make history. The groundbreaking new core curriculum *Justice Matters* was piloted last year with 75 first-year students, and now all freshmen are enrolled in the new core. The first-year writing-intensive courses—Engagements with the Common Good—encourage students to explore issues affecting them and their roles in a global society. In subsequent years, students work with local, regional or international partners to experience first-hand some of society's thorniest problems. Next, they'll research root causes of social justice issues; and as seniors, they will complete capstone projects around a social justice issue related to their respective majors.

This work long has been part of our history as a Catholic, Cabrinian college but now is gaining wider recognition. I have just returned from Washington, D.C., where staff of the Wolfington Center, and a group of students and faculty joined me to accept the inaugural Higher Education Civic Engagement Award from the prestigious Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. I am so proud for Cabrini that we received this honor in recognition of *Justice Matters*.

In the cover story, "What is the Value of a Cabrini Education?," we learn from recent alumni about how Cabrini prepared them for real-world challenges, a message I heard loud and clear last year when I met with alumni of all ages around the country. Our alumni have tremendous loyalty to the College and great affection for the faculty who taught them. And these alumni have stepped up with increased scholarship aid from the Alumni Association, and now with scholarship funds established by the classes of 1969 and 1974.

Finally, recognizing the financial need of students in this economy I want you to know that 100 percent of every dollar contributed to the Cabrini Fund this year is going toward financial aid for students. This annual fund always has been directed to the greatest needs of the College; this year, the greatest need is ensuring that our students continue their education and don't leave for financial reasons.

Thank you for your continuing support for Cabrini College,

With warmest regards,



Marie A. George, Ph.D.
President



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On the cover: Courtney Smith '00, Ph.D., (right) assistant professor of history and political science, builds on the educational methods of her former professors at Cabrini.

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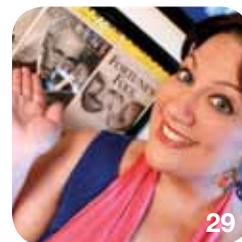
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Woodcrest's Historic Designation Unveiled

The Woodcrest Mansion's addition to the National Register of Historic Places became official Oct. 16 with the ceremonial unveiling of a bronze plaque at the entrance.

Designed by Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer, the elaborate Elizabethan Tudor-style mansion was constructed between 1901 and 1903 for financial leader James W. Paul Jr., son-in-law of famed Philadelphia financier Anthony Drexel. The Pauls hosted numerous events at Woodcrest, including the 1909 wedding of Mary Astor Paul to millionaire Charles A. Munn of Washington, D.C.

In 1925, members of the Paul family sold the Mansion and 120 acres of the Woodcrest Estate to Dr. John T. Dorrance, inventor of the formula for condensed soup and president of the Campbell Soup Company. In 1953 the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSCs) purchased the property for use as an "Orphanage and Retreat House." Four years later, the MSCs founded Cabrini College, which enrolled 43 women in its first class.

Guests in attendance at the ceremony included Anthony J. D. Paul, III and his wife Barbara; Lady Bessborough, daughter of Mary Astor Paul; Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton; **Margaret Hamilton**

Duprey '73, HON'08; Matthew and Anne Hamilton and their sons, Sam and Crawford; and **Peter '96** and Alta Hamilton.

President Marie George acknowledged Martha Dale, former director of alumni affairs, and Howard Holden, director of facilities, for their hard work on the nomination that resulted in Woodcrest's recommendation for inclusion on the National Register by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historical Preservation.

"The Commission recognized the importance of this work by architect Horace Trumbauer to not only the Cabrini College community, but also to the heritage of the surrounding community," said Holden. "Cabrini College has made it a priority to maintain the historical significance of the Mansion." ●



Left to right: Pennsylvania State Representative William F. Adolph Jr. reads the citation from Harrisburg commemorating the naming of Woodcrest Mansion to the National Register of Historic Places. Members of the Hamilton Family gather on the front steps of the Mansion. From left: Peter Hamilton '96, Margaret Hamilton Duprey '73, HON'08, Mrs. Samuel M.V. Hamilton, Sam Hamilton, Crawford Hamilton, Anne Hamilton, Matthew Hamilton, and Alta Hamilton.

Cabrini One of Five Schools Recognized by Washington Center

Cabrini College is one of five recipients of the Higher Education Civic Engagement Award, the new honor from the prestigious Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. Cabrini was recognized for an innovative approach for integrating civic and social responsibility into curricula, and for a commitment to service learning and civic participation. Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., president of Cabrini College, accepted the award at a ceremony Oct. 20 at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.

The Washington Center is based in the nation's capital, and promotes work and learning experiences for students and recent graduates.

"Cabrini students are doing extraordinary work in communities locally and globally," said President George. "This award celebrates the accomplishments of Cabrini students and further validates the College's commitment to social justice, academic excellence and transformational learning."

In the nomination letter for the award, Cabrini faculty described a new core curriculum, *Justice Matters*, and the College's local and global partnerships. *Justice Matters* is designed so that all Cabrini students become involved in increasingly sophisticated real-world, community-based problem-solving that recognizes the needs and assets of global and local communities. *Justice Matters* includes a sequence of developmentally linked courses taken in the first, second and third years, with a capstone project in the student's major in the fourth year.

"Cabrini is doing a remarkable job of promoting service-learning and civic engagement within its local, national, and international communities," said Mike Smith, president of The Washington Center. "These are values we put major emphasis on for our current students and network of 40,000 alumni, and it's a pleasure to partner with an outstanding college that does the same."



Jane Margaret O'Brien (right), former president of St. Mary's College of Maryland and Distinguished Fellow of the Washington Center, presents the 2009 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award to President Marie George.

Board Chair **Theresa Cavanaugh '74**; students **Jennifer Bollinger '10**, **Beth Briggs '10**, **Shannon Keough '10**; Interim Dean for Academic Affairs **Jeffrey Gingerich, Ph.D.**; Communication Department Chair **Jerry Zurek, Ph.D.**; History and Political Science Department Chair **James Hedtke, Ph.D.**; and Wolfington Center Director **David Chiles** joined President George at the National Building Museum for an evening gala hosted by CBS News correspondent Bob Schieffer.

Cabrini has received more than \$1.6 million from public and private sources to fund service learning and service initiatives. A partnership with the College's neighboring community of Norristown has allowed Cabrini to provide academic preparation, health and wellness, cultural development, and career development services to at-risk youth. In 2008, the College received a three-year grant from

the Pew Foundation to create a prisoner re-entry program in the Norristown area.

Last year, Cabrini was one of nine Pennsylvania colleges and universities (and 111 nationwide) recognized for community engagement by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for "Curricular Engagement" and "Outreach and Partnerships," and has been named three times to the President's Higher Education Community Honor Roll for General Community Service, including twice with distinction. Nationally, the College was among the first to incorporate community service into its core curriculum, and was the first college or university in Pennsylvania to require community service of all undergraduate students.

Through the Washington Center, Cabrini students have worked at the White House, the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury and CNN. ●



Beth Briggs with her host mother in Ethiopia.

Cabrini Student Receives PA Good Citizenship Scholarship for Extraordinary Service

Elizabeth (Beth) Briggs '09 received the Commonwealth Good Citizenship Scholarship, awarded by the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania. The \$1,000 scholarship is presented to students who have shown an extraordinary commitment to community service, and who have demonstrated creativity in shaping their volunteer activities.

Last summer, Briggs spent eight weeks on a service trip to Ethiopia as a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) intern, where she worked on a food security program. She has traveled to West Virginia for service as part of Cabrini's Project Appalachia program, is a CRS Ambassador of food security, and served on the Cabrini College Poverty Awareness Committee. Through the College's partnership with the neighboring community of Norristown, Briggs has volunteered at the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center.

"I believe strongly in the power and importance of not only community service, but also social justice," said Briggs, a psychology and sociology major with a 3.98 grade-point-average. "I feel that everyone should find at least one charitable cause to be passionate about, and commit time in their life to this cause. Not only does it benefit the needy, it also benefits the person engaging in the service." ●

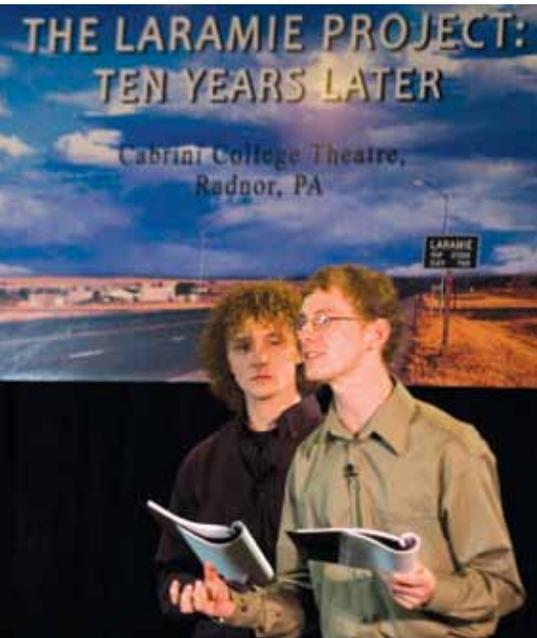
CRS National Representatives Meet at Cabrini

In June, Cabrini hosted the third annual Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Partnership Meeting. Representatives from each of the CRS partner schools attended, bringing to campus faculty and staff from Santa Clara, Seattle, and Villanova universities, and the University of Notre Dame. CRS staff members from the organization's Baltimore, California, Chicago and Radnor offices also participated in the three-day meeting. Topics discussed include research opportunities for CRS partners, the Global Solidarity Network, and how CRS can better engage faculty at partner schools. ●



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) held their third annual CRS partnership meeting at Cabrini. CRS staff met with representatives from the five partner schools.

Cabrini Stages “Laramie Project: 10 Years Later”



Laramie cast members Kimmel Schaefer '13 (left) and Joseph Kimpflen '10.

On Oct. 12, the Cabrini Theater was one of 150 theaters worldwide to simultaneously perform the premiere of “The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later (An Epilogue).” The performance was witnessed in theaters in all 50 states, Canada, Great Britain, Spain, Hong Kong, and Australia. Cabrini, Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble, Carnegie Mellon School of Drama and Temple University were the only performance sites in Pennsylvania.

Based on a performance of “The Laramie Project” that she saw at Cabrini in 2007, one of the play’s authors, Leigh Fondakowski, called **Thomas Stretton, Ed.D.**, assistant professor of education and head of the Cabrini Theater, to ask if the College would help make history. Twelve students played 56 roles in bringing to life an epilogue that focuses on the aftermath of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard on the town of Laramie, Wyo.

The performers appreciated that the play’s message aligned with the College’s mission on addressing issues of social injustice.

“I felt like I was part of something spectacular that will live on for years,” said cast member **Danielle Alio '12**. “It’s important that Cabrini produces these kinds of plays because they bring forth awareness about an issue that an audience may not have thought about. It stresses the importance of social justice by showing a real life example of the unfairness and cruelties in the world.”

The epilogue was written by the Tectonic Theater Project, who also wrote “The Laramie Project.” It includes new interviews with many characters from the original play as well as with Matthew’s mother, Judy, and Matthew’s murderer, Aaron McKinney, who is serving dual life sentences. The play also explores varying viewpoints of Laramie residents about whether the murder was a hate crime motivated by homophobia, or the result of a botched robbery.

“Shows like this demonstrate the capacity and ability of our students to bring attention to social problems,” said cast member **Joseph Kimpflen '10**. “It’s imperative that students see cases where social work and activism have been employed, and the ways they have been successful.”

At 8 p.m., the Tectonic Theater Project introduced the play from the stage of Alice Tully Hall at New York’s Lincoln Center. The intro, which was telecast to all theaters presenting the play, was hosted by stage, film and television star Glenn Close, and included opening remarks by Judy Shepard. Audience members at Cabrini witnessed the telecast on a giant screen.

A staged reading was performed in each of the theaters, with Cabrini students performing the play to a packed Grace Hall Atrium. The cast also included **Sam Hallowell '13**, **Madeline Iacobucci '12**, **Michael Krencicki '11**, **William Monahan '10**, **Olivia Olsen '13**, **Kimberly Perry '13**, **Kimmel Schaefer '13**, **Robert Stoop '12**, **Genicka Faye Voltaire '10** and **Shannon Winters '10**. At the conclusion of the performance, the theaters returned via live video feed to Lincoln Center for a post-show follow-up hosted by National Public Radio personality Neda Ulaby. ●

Girard Scholar Presents Civil War Lecture

On Sept. 30, Gary W. Gallagher, Ph.D., a leading Civil War historian and Cabrini’s first Jolyon Pitt Girard Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, presented a lecture on “The Real Lost Cause: The Union and the Memory of the Civil War.”

Gallagher, the John L. Nau III Professor of History of the American Civil War at the University of Virginia, has co-authored and edited several books on battles during the War Between the States, and has published more than 100 articles in scholarly journals and popular historical magazines.

The Girard Scholar-in-Residence was established in honor of Jolyon P. Girard, Ph.D., who taught history and political science at Cabrini for more than 30 years. It was made possible by contributions from more than 120 donors. ●

Girard Scholar-in-Residence Gary Gallagher, Ph.D., (left) attends a reception with President Marie George and Faculty Emeritus Jolyon P. Girard, Ph.D.



Cabrini Night at the Phillies

Cabrini College Night at the Phillies (Aug. 28 vs. the Atlanta Braves) was sold out by the end of July, and nearly 1,900 students, faculty, alumni, parents, staff and friends of the College—most in custom-designed Cabrini T-shirts—were on hand for the rain-soaked event. A three-minute Cabrini video was shown on the giant Phanavigation screen, the College Chorus sang the National Anthem, the Cabrini Dance Team performed with the Phanatic, and all fans 15 and older received a complimentary Cabrini College/Phillies knit cap. ●



Cabrini students cheer for the Phillies.

Dunbar One of 20 to Complete National Research Program on Improving Biology Education

David Dunbar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, is one of just 20 scientists in the nation to complete an innovative program on helping students learn this complex science. The 20 scholars were the first to complete a yearlong research residency to improve undergraduate biology education.

The educators were provided extensive resources and tools to design and implement teaching methods that would help students better learn biology. The program was part of the Biology Scholars Program, established in 2007 by the American Society for Microbiology and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

“Because of the residency, I have a much greater understanding of the scholarship of teaching and learning,” said Dunbar, “and have employed several novel pedagogical tools into my coursework, such as more non-lecture based course delivery methods.” These methods include leading students in stream-based, community research experiments as part of the Crabby Creek Stream Monitoring Project, and overseeing student research in an honors biology course that he developed with a colleague.

The honors biology course is built around a national experiment in genomics, and was made possible by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s 2009 Science Education Alliance.

With funding from the NSF and the Environmental Protection Agency, Dunbar co-directs the Collaborative Research-Watershed Citizenship Learning Community, which promotes, practices and educates on water management in Valley Creek and its major tributaries.

Dunbar joined the Cabrini faculty in 2001. He has published work in the *Journal of Excellence in College Teaching*, and his students have presented at the Pennsylvania Academy of Science, the National Council on Undergraduate Research Symposium, and at the nation’s Capitol Building for the Council on Undergraduate Research’s “Posters on the Hill.” He earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Lycoming College, a doctorate in molecular biology from Lehigh University, and completed post-doctoral training at the Yale School of Medicine. ●



Amanda Rosica '12 carries a bucket full of brook trout into Crabby Creek. The trout, which were plentiful in the Creek until the mid 1990s, were reintroduced into the Creek as part of the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership.

Seven New Faculty Members Appointed for 2009-10 Academic Year

Lisa Delgado, Ph.D., assistant professor of business administration, has taught at Arcadia University, Penn State University-Abington, and Temple University.

Shelby Hockenberry, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science, has taught at Gettysburg College, Towson University, and the University of Delaware, Wilmington. She also serves as coordinator of the Gerard J. Mangone Center for Marine Policy at the University of Delaware, Newark.

David R. Noyes, Ed.D., joined the College's Graduate and Professional Studies Department as assistant professor of education principalship. He previously taught at St. Joseph's University and was superintendent of the Phoenixville Area School District.

Andrew Owen, Ph.D., was an adjunct faculty member at Cabrini for five years before his recent appointment to assistant professor of sociology.

Scott Testa, Ed.D., assistant professor of business administration, previously taught marketing, finance and management courses at St. Joseph's University, Chestnut Hill College, and Philadelphia University.

James Waters, Ph.D., assistant professor of information science and technology, spent 15 years as a programmer, analyst, and information technology consultant in the U.K. and has taught graduate courses at Drexel University.

Joseph Martin, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, spent 40 years in various educational roles in area public schools, including teacher, school psychologist, and director of special education. ●

Cabrini Welcomes Legacy Students at Matriculation



At the Matriculation Ceremony and Liturgy on Aug. 20, Cabrini officially welcomed members of the class of 2013, including legacy students—students whose family members graduated from Cabrini. Pictured left to right: Robert and Donna Flick with son James Flick '13 (not pictured: Jacquelyn Flick '06); Jill Chambers Nerney '77 and son Brandon Nerney '13; President Marie George; Patrick West '13 with parents Joanna Lumpkin West '85 and Francis West.

Spotlight on Faculty

Jan Buzydlowski, Ph.D., assistant professor of information science and technology, is working with Professor Lillian Cassel at Villanova University on a collaborative research project on enhancing computing education and research. The project is being funded with a three-year \$21,800 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Through a \$75,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, **Melissa Terlecki, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of psychology, will serve as a consultant and evaluator at Longwood Gardens. Terlecki will highlight best management and sustainable landscape practices as they relate to the watershed and carbon cycle at the Gardens, and provide educational materials to visitors.

Business Administration Department Chair **Mary Harris, Ph.D.**, was quoted in a CNBC.com story on the potential consequences of Congress raising taxes.

Scott Testa, Ed.D., assistant professor of business administration, was quoted in a *Wall Street Journal* story on the restructuring of retail bookseller Borders Group Inc., and in *The Christian Science Monitor* for a story on amendments to the Federal Trade Commission's Telemarketing Sales Rule, which could result in a fine of up to \$16,000 per call for telemarketers who contact customers without written permission.

Communication Department Chair **Jerry Zurek, Ph.D.**, was interviewed by Catholic Radio Weekly on the Global Solidarity Network. Zurek spoke in particular about the advocacy and lobbying Cabrini and Villanova University have done on food security.

Faculty Emerita **M.L. Corbin Sicoli, Ph.D.**, has been asked to be a judge/reviewer for undergraduate and graduate psychology research papers for Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology, and the American Psychological Association's Division 48, Peace and Justice. ●

“Inspiring Women” Conference Draws Local Business Leaders

On Oct. 10, more than 120 women gathered at Cabrini for the College’s first leadership conference exclusively for women. Presented by the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, “Inspiring Women: Breaking Down Barriers to Success” featured women from a range of professions analyzing challenges in the business world and discussing how to overcome career obstacles.

Lori Wilson, reporter and co-host of *The 10! Show* on NBC 10, delivered the keynote address, in which she stressed how women can emphasize personal skills and parlay them into new opportunities. Other featured speakers included Pepper Krach of M.F. Irvine Corporate Solutions and Laura Bedrossian of The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia.

Two panel discussions encouraged women to take stock of the strengths they bring to their professions, and examined the dual roles many women carry at the office and at home. Panelists talked candidly about the responsibilities women bear in caring for loved ones while advancing a career, and how to strike a balance between the two.

Michelle McAllister, author of “22 Life Principles for the Ultimate Woman,” highlighted key aspects of her book, specifically how self-empowerment leads to success. The day concluded with a book signing by McAllister, and a networking social. ◉



Lori Wilson of NBC 10 delivers the keynote address at the Women’s Leadership Conference.



Author Michelle McAllister (right) signs a book for conference attendee Jean Gallagher.

Two Elected to Board of Trustees

Cabrini College elected to its Board of Trustees Class of 1992 graduate and trial lawyer **Frank Emmerich Jr.** and **Ron Yoshida, Ph.D.**, provost emeritus at Lehigh University.

One of Philadelphia’s leading trial lawyers, Emmerich serves on the executive committee at Conrad O’Brien P.C., managing the firm’s day-to-day and long-term direction. His clients range from Fortune 500 companies to smaller entrepreneurial business. In 2008, he was one of 35 Pennsylvania attorneys selected by the Legal Intelligencer as a “Lawyer on the Fast Track” for outstanding contributions to the legal community and community at large. Emmerich earned a bachelor’s degree in English/Communication and political science from Cabrini, and a Juris Doctorate from Widener University School of Law. He is a Fellow of Temple University School of Law’s Academy of Advocacy.

A professor of education at Lehigh, Yoshida spent 17 years in various admin-



istrative roles as department chair, dean, associate provost and provost at City University of New York and Fordham and Lehigh universities. He primarily teaches doctoral students

in the educational leadership program at Lehigh and helps develop most of the dissertation proposals in the program. Yoshida currently serves as secretary and member of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. In the last four years, he has chaired several accreditation site visit teams to Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. He also is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. ◉



Communication major Morgan Miller '10 expands her knowledge at an internship at NBC 10.

Miller Researches Global YouTube Censorship

The Internet has changed the world. People communicate, gather information, shop, listen to music, and pay bills just as fast as they can type. And thanks to YouTube, anyone with a video camera and Internet connection can be a star—at least in his or her mind.

Another way in which the Internet has changed the world is in the realm of censorship.

To some, censorship is immoral, unjust, suffocating; to others, it is necessary.

What happens when censorship and a medium such as YouTube collide? Why do some countries ban certain material?

Morgan Miller '10 decided to find out.

Miller used a humanities and social sciences research grant from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education (SEPCHE) for a summer research project, “Banning YouTube: Trends in Global Cybercensorship,” which she worked on under the guidance of **Janice Xu, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of communication.

“The project was a comparison among various countries that place bans on the Internet, with a focus on YouTube,” said Miller. “I looked at how and why the United States, China, Iran,

Pakistan, Thailand and Turkey restricted YouTube access.”

Searching for patterns in censorship among the countries, Miller reviewed more than 150 articles from major newspapers and wire reports that were published between 2007 and 2009. She sorted cases by the length and form of restriction; reasons offered by authorities; references to past censorship practices; and response of Internet users. Miller’s research findings concluded that 70 percent of restrictions were related to politics, whether the reasoning was given outright or merely hinted at. Not surprisingly, she also found that the censorship and restrictions upset many citizens.

“This project will contribute to Morgan’s career growth, as it tackled one of the latest phenomena in media culture and industry—Internet censorship,” said Xu. “It exposed her to a new development in the field, sharpened her academic writing, and hopefully increased her interest in pursuing an intellectual career in the future.”

Miller presented her findings at Rosemont College in September, and will present at the SEPCHE Honors Conference in the spring. ●

50th Anniversary, Iadarola Videos Garner Awards

Two videos the College produced in 2007-08 with Allied-Pixel received several awards at various video competitions over the past two years. The nine-minute 50th Anniversary Video, first shown at the 10,000 Hearts gala at Ellis Island, received Awards of Excellence in 2008 at the International Video Competition Videographer Awards and the Pegasus Awards, a 2008 platinum MarCom Award,

a 2008 silver Horizon Award, and a 2008 silver Davey award.

A tribute video highlighting the tenure of President Antoinette Iadarola received the 2009 Award of Excellence from the Videographer Awards, a 2009 bronze Telly Award, a 2009 platinum EMPixx Award, and a 2008 Award of Distinction from the Communicator Awards. ●

49th Commencement

Cabrini awarded bachelor's and master's degrees to 980 students in dual ceremonies at the College's 49th Commencement exercises on May 17. Kenneth F. Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services, addressed students earning bachelor's degrees at the morning ceremony.

Two awards also were presented at the morning ceremony: **Andrew Pillar '09** received the Mother Ursula Award, presented to a student who, in the opinion of his or her classmates, best fulfills the ideals of the founding president Mother Ursula Infante; and **John Brown, Ph.D.**, chair of the mathematics department, received the Lindback Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Due to the College's record number of more than 600 students receiving master's degrees, the 2009 Commencement was the first time in Cabrini history that students earning master's degrees were honored in a separate ceremony. Janet Samuels, Ph.D., superintendent of the Norristown School District, addressed graduates earning master's degrees in the afternoon ceremony. ●

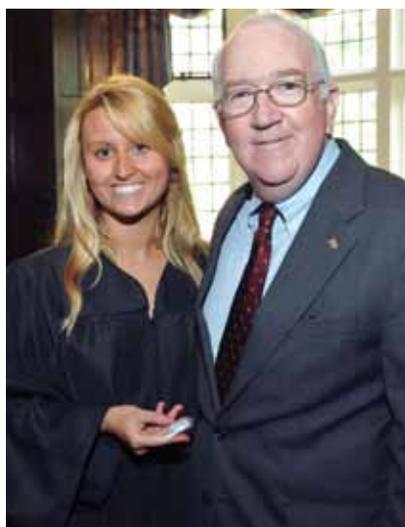
Right: President Marie George presents an honorary degree to graduate keynote speaker Janet Samuels, Ph.D. Below, left to right: Master of Education students celebrate at the Graduate Commencement; Angela Cardone '09 rises to deliver a valedictory address at the bachelor's degree ceremony; Faculty applaud the undergraduate students during the academic procession.



Baccalaureate Mass Honors Graduating Students

On May 16, graduates and their families attended the Baccalaureate Mass. Principal celebrant **Reverend Michael Bielecki, OSA '05**, was joined by Rev. Mr. Thomas J. Hannan, Deacon and father of **Leah Hannan '09**. In his homily, Rev. Bielecki urged graduates to "see the importance of always doing the necessary inner work that will enable you to live lives of moral and social responsibility by loving with a heart that recognizes God as the love that inspires all you do." ●

Left: Diana Vilares '09 greets Catholic Relief Services President Kenneth F. Hackett after the Baccalaureate Mass. Right: President Marie George and Rev. Michael Bielecki, OSA '05, distribute the Eucharist to students at Baccalaureate Mass.



Head of the Class: Associate Judith Lewis Achieves High Honors

By Jon Reed, Sr. Communications Specialist for Independence Blue Cross

The following is adapted from an article that appeared in a corporate communication of Independence Blue Cross (IBC), where Judith Lewis is an associate account executive. It is reprinted with permission.

Judith Lewis donned her cap and gown and accepted her bachelor's degree in organizational management from Cabrini College. In addition to earning her degree, Judith also had the honor of addressing her graduating class as valedictorian.

Judith's Journey

Judith's educational endeavor began in 1980 when she was enrolled at Temple University. However, because of family and financial obligations she needed to put her education on hold. In 1991, Judith took advantage of IBC's tuition reimbursement program and attended St. Joseph's University. Nine years later, she transferred to Cabrini College.

"It was always a goal of mine to earn a college degree," Judith says. As a single mother who was raising two sons and working full-time, attending school wasn't always easy. "There were times when I had to take time off from my studies and put the focus on my family." But Judith feels that she benefited as a non-traditional student: "With everything I had going on, I couldn't have concentrated solely on school."

Even when Judith had to put college on hold from time to time, she never became discouraged. "I've always believed that a dream delayed does not have to become a dream denied," she states. "I never allowed my dream to die because I clearly understood the importance of education. When the time was right, I returned to school to fulfill my dream." Judith credits the support of her family and friends, along with a positive attitude, for helping her weather the difficult times.

With Highest Honor

After 18 years, Judith enthusiastically accepted her bachelor's degree from Cabrini College on May 17. Apart from earning her degree, Judith also minored in history, earned a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.91 (summa cum laude), and was selected as the valedictorian of her class.

Judith earned the highest GPA at Cabrini College in 2008, and was selected as class valedictorian after the speech she wrote was chosen by a committee of administrators, faculty, and students. "I am excited and anxiously awaiting to deliver it to the class," she says. The theme of her valedictorian speech was about having the



Judith Lewis '09 delivers a valedictory address at the undergraduate degree ceremony.

right attitude as we go through life. "The lasting thoughts with which I want to leave everyone is 'you have complete control over your attitude' and 'your attitude will determine your altitude.'"

In addition to her bachelor's degree, Judith was inducted into the Cambridge Who's Who Executive, Professional, and Entrepreneurial Registry – one of the world's foremost networking resources for successful business professionals. She was also accepted as a member of the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society.

While Judith deserves all the credit for her amazing accomplishment, she expresses great appreciation for IBC's tuition reimbursement program. "I'm so glad it was available to me," Judith says.

Kudos to Judith on her outstanding achievement! ●

Judith Lewis currently is enrolled in Cabrini's Master of Science in Organization Leadership program.

Cabrini Classic Supports Cabrini Fund

The 20th Annual Cabrini Classic honoring **Margaret Hamilton Duprey '73, HON'08**, marked another successful golf outing. On June 15 at Waynesborough Country Club in Paoli, Pa., golfers posed for portraits with the Phillies' World Series trophy before heading to the course. A cocktail hour and silent auction preceded the dinner and live auction. CBS3 sports anchor Beasley Reese served as auctioneer, and brought the audience to life with his energy and jokes.

The Classic raised \$172,075 toward the Cabrini Fund, which supports the College's areas of greatest need.

Cabrini would like to extend a warm thank you to all of the members of the 20th Annual Cabrini Classic Committee. ●



President Marie George greets Stephen Westhead '87, sponsor of the Cabrini Classic Silent Auction.

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From left: Cabrini President Emerita Sister Mary Louise Sullivan, MSC '63, Ph.D., and Board Chair Terry Cavanaugh '74 congratulate Cabrini Classic honoree Margaret Hamilton Duprey '73, HON'08.

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Cabrini ATHLETICS

Cabrini Inducts Three Members into Athletic Hall of Fame

By Brian Beacham



From left: John McQueen '85 and William Carr '96 celebrate their induction in the Athletic Hall of Fame with President Marie George and former Cabrini men's basketball coach John Dzik. Rita Horning '03 shows off her Hall of Fame plaque.

Cabrini College inducted three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 25 in Nerney Field House at the Dixon Center. **William Carr '96**, **Rita Horning '03** and **John McQueen '85** have joined elite company as the Athletic Hall of Fame's fourth class.

William Carr is the Cabrini men's basketball program's all-time leader in career points, scoring 1,604 points. He ranks 10th all-time in assists (231) and 12th all-time in rebounding (574). With Carr in the Blue & White, the Cavaliers notched an 88-20 overall record. A four-time Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC)—now the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC)—First Team selection, Carr led Cabrini to four conference titles and four appearances in the NCAA Tournament. He twice received honorable mention All-America distinction.

Rita Horning twice earned All-America honors and was a four-time PAC First

Team selection. She was named the PAC Player of the Year three times and twice received the postseason tournament's most valuable player honor. Horning led Cabrini to four trips in the NCAA Tournament, including two appearances in the regional championship game. She was named NCAA All-Region three times. The Cavaliers totaled a 154-28 overall record with Horning in the lineup.

John McQueen ranks second all-time in Cabrini men's basketball history, tallying 1,524 points. He is also second all-time in single-season points scored (497) and field goals made in a single-game (14). An honorable mention All-America selection, McQueen guided the Cavaliers to an 87-35 overall record and two appearances in the NAIA National Championship in four seasons. Cabrini won four conference championships with McQueen, three in the Keystone

Conference and one in the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference.

At the ceremony, Carr and McQueen were introduced by former Cabrini men's basketball coach John Dzik. Dzik coached the Cavaliers for 25 seasons, capturing 483 career victories and appearing in nine NCAA Tournaments.

Former Cabrini softball coach Bridget Baxter-Orchard presented Horning with her Hall of Fame plaque. Baxter-Orchard guided the Cavaliers for four seasons, winning 129 games. She is now the head softball coach at Fordham University.

In 2006, Cabrini College established an Athletic Hall of Fame for the purpose of recognizing individuals who have contributed to the success and growth of the athletic program. The purpose is to recognize and honor individuals who have performed with distinction and/or have been instrumental in the overall development and success of Cabrini Athletics. ●

Three Cavalier Teams Hoist CSAC Hardware in Spring

The Cabrini golf, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse teams each captured the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament during their respective 2009 seasons.

The Cabrini golf squad repeated as CSAC champions, jumping out to a 16-shot advantage at the conclusion of day one at Broad Run Golfer's Club in West Chester, Pa. After 36 holes, the Cavaliers held off second-place finishing Keystone College by 19 strokes. **Chris Lawler** led the Cabrini charge, shooting 1-over (73) on day one and finishing the overall tournament just four shots over par.

The Cavalier men's lacrosse team claimed its ninth consecutive CSAC title with a convincing 22-8 win against Marywood University. Senior midfielder **Matt Conaway** was named the game's most valuable player, totaling six points on five goals and one assist. The victory extended Cabrini's conference win streak to a nation-best 88 games and advanced the Cavaliers to the NCAA Tournament for the eighth straight season.

The Cabrini women's lacrosse team returned to the national postseason for the first time since the 2005 season as a result of a 20-9 win against Gwynedd-Mercy College in the CSAC final. Sophomore **Courtney Davis** earned the contest's MVP distinction, claiming a team-best five groundballs and six draw controls. It marked the program's ninth conference title and seventh trip to the NCAA Tournament. ●

The Cabrini golf team captured its second consecutive Colonial States Athletic Conference title in 2009.



Six All-America Performances Highlight 2008-09

The Cabrini Athletic Department celebrated six All-America performances during the 2008-09 academic year.

Junior **Christiana Taylor** twice earned the national recognition during the indoor and outdoor track & field seasons, while four members of the Cabrini men's lacrosse team were listed with the country's best.



Christiana Taylor

Taylor claimed All-America distinction during the indoor campaign, finishing sixth at the NCAA Championship in the pentathlon with a school-record 3,329 points. She earned the national honor just three months following at the outdoor meet, placing seventh in the 400m hurdles with a time of 1:03.78. Taylor has received six All-America nods in three seasons with the Cavaliers.

Junior attackman **Casey Grugan** earned United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) second-Team All-America honors in 2009.

Senior defensemen **Joe Monroe** and **Jeff Moore** and senior attackman **Scott Reimer** received USILA Honorable Mention All-America accolades. Monroe and Moore anchored the Cabrini defense, combining to record 111 groundballs and 66 draw controls. For the second straight season, Reimer led the country in goals scored, notching a program-record 69 tallies. ●



Cavaliers Sweep President's Cups Standings

The Cavaliers closed out the 2008-09 year in grand fashion, sweeping the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) Overall, Men and Women's President's Cups standings. It marked just the second time in the league's 17-year history that one school was awarded all three pieces of hardware as Cabrini also accomplished the feat in 2004-05.

In 2008-09, the Cavaliers claimed five CSAC titles and 11 teams advanced to the conference tournament, including four squads that received the No. 1 seed. In addition to women's basketball, golf, men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse and men's soccer winning the CSAC hardware, men's basketball, men's cross country, women's cross country, field hockey, women's tennis and volleyball each competed in the conference championship.

The Men and Women's President's Cups standings were introduced in 1994-95. The Cavalier men's athletic programs have won the honor 10 times, while the women's teams have hoisted the trophy on four occasions. Cabrini has claimed the overall category five times since its inception in 2001-02. ◉

The women's lacrosse team captured its ninth Colonial States Athletic Conference title in program history in 2009.



Casey Grugan '11 was named Colonial States Athletic Conference Player of the Year for the second straight season.

Grugan Featured in Sports Illustrated

Junior attackman **Casey Grugan's** All-America season in 2009 warranted him recognition in one of the country's premiere sports publications – *Sports Illustrated*. Grugan was listed in the May 27 edition of "Faces In The Crowd."

Grugan received his second straight All-America nod and Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) Player of the Year honor after setting program records in points (96) and assists (44) in 2009. He listed second on the team with 52 goals. Grugan begins the 2010 season having scored at least one goal in 54 straight games, matching a 32-year-old NCAA Division III record, and recording at least one point in 57 consecutive contests.

Grugan was tabbed the *Inside Lacrosse* Division III National Player of the Week March 31. He received Eastern College Athletic Conference Metro/South Region All-Star recognition and was named the CSAC Player of the Week four times. ◉

Cabrini Athletics Goes Social

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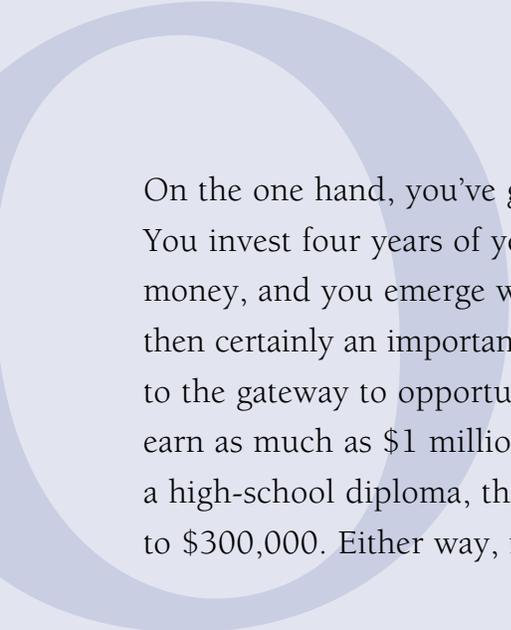


With the economy in bad shape and good jobs hard to find, it's fair to ask about the return on your investment in a Cabrini education.

BY RICHARD BADER

What is the Value of a **CABRINI EDUCATION?**





On the one hand, you've got this thing called a college education. You invest four years of your life, plus a not-insignificant amount of money, and you emerge with a college degree that is, if not *the* key, then certainly an important key, and in the eyes of many a *necessary* key, to the gateway to opportunity. You hear it said that college graduates earn as much as \$1 million more over a lifetime than those with only a high-school diploma, though research studies put the figure at closer to \$300,000. Either way, it's a pretty good return on investment.

Then on the other hand, you've got a struggling economy and high unemployment. Jobs for college graduates are scarcer than they were a year or two ago. You would be excused for wondering if a college degree was still able to open career doors the way it once did.

Now when you stack these two thoughts up against each other—the potential rewards of a college degree and the uncertainties of the economy—it raises a valid question: Is a Cabrini education worth it?

Jeffery Gingerich, Ph.D., certainly thinks so. Gingerich, a professor of sociology at Cabrini and interim academic dean, describes college as a critically important time of transition, a four-year “rite of passage” with great potential for shaping all that comes afterward. “That experience has to be a profound experience,” he says. “Cabrini is a college that works with its students to help them develop as civically engaged adults who find meaning in life, happiness in life, and satisfaction in careers.”

Cabrini and the WORKPLACE

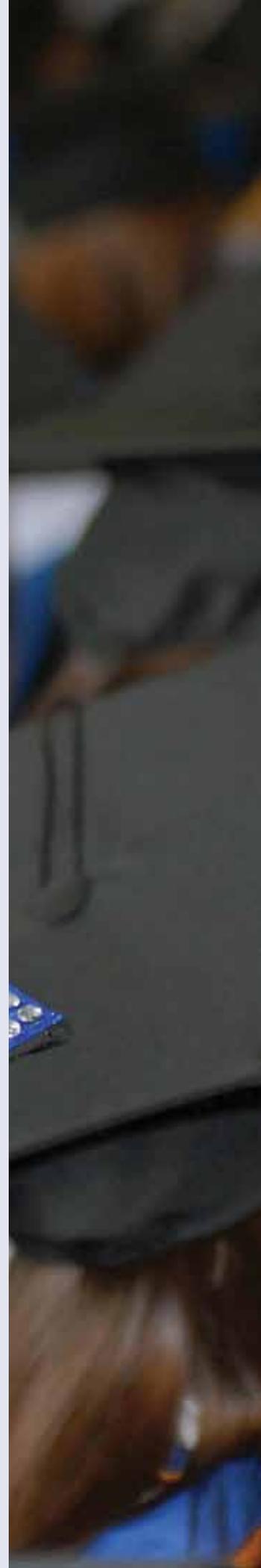
Cabrini's track record at preparing students for what comes after college is enviable. Fully 95 percent of the college's graduates have jobs or are in graduate or professional school within 10 months of graduating. Those who go to graduate school study law at Penn, medicine at Temple, ethics at Yale, and a wide range of other subjects at colleges and universities across the country. Of those who enter the workplace—that's the first step for roughly 85

percent of Cabrini graduates—nearly three in four are working in a job related to their major.

Gingerich points to two reasons for this success. One has to do with the size of the College and the caliber of a Cabrini education: “I believe there's a lot of value in a small college,” he says. “You get to know your faculty. You find connections in the world in a more thoughtful way. It gives the educational experience more depth.” The second reason for the success of Cabrini graduates in the real world of jobs and careers is that Cabrini students spend a lot of time working in that world while they're still students.

Real-world experience was invaluable for Craig Vagell '05 when he launched his career several years ago. Vagell is a manager of day-of-air operations for ABC, working at the network's headquarters in New York. He's part of a team responsible for coordinating network programming across the country—news, sports, whatever—every hour of every day, to make sure that the right programs are aired in the right place at the right time. If you live in California and your regular morning programming is interrupted because of, say, breaking news about an airliner crash-landing in the Hudson River, and then the crisis ends without tragedy and you're still able to watch the soap operas that had been scheduled for that morning, Vagell is the guy to thank. “We're the central nervous system of ABC,” he says. “Everything flows through our department.”

It's a complicated job involving work with a lot of sophisticated media equipment, and thanks to Cabrini, Vagell is well acquainted





Top: Craig Vagell '05 is manager of day-of-air operations for ABC in New York, where he coordinates programming across the country. Bottom: First-year students Emma Gordon and Brian Sugden tour Lincoln Financial Field as part of the Academic and Career Exploration Living and Learning Community's fall retreat.

with sophisticated media equipment. In fact, he chose Cabrini because he knew he would have an opportunity to get his hands on that equipment—in the College's media and communications studio—from the time he arrived on campus. "Cabrini allowed me to work hands-on with the equipment from day one," Vagell says. "Other colleges said, 'Not till junior year.'"

As a first-year student Vagell worked in Cabrini's studio on the production of Comcast Newsmakers, which aired regional news segments throughout the

Philadelphia area on CNN Headline News. (Comcast still produces similar shows at Cabrini because the college has the best available production studio.) As a senior, Vagell added an internship doing audio-visual work at Philadelphia's Wachovia Center, home to the NBA's '76ers and the NHL's Flyers. Those experiences—and the contacts he made along the way—opened the door to his first job after graduating, as a master control technician for the Comcast-owned cable TV station CN8 in Philadelphia. The job with CN8 helped

pave the way for his interview with ABC.

The interview process was grueling—lasting for hours and involving sessions with four or five different people—and here again, Vagell says his experience at Cabrini proved instrumental. Staff in the College's Career Services office had taught him how to prepare a portfolio to showcase his work, and worked with him to hone his interview skills. "It was stressful and long," he says of the ABC interview process. "But I communicated what I needed to and I got through it feeling comfortable and confident."

Help with portfolio-building and interview techniques are just two of the services Cabrini offers to get students on track toward a career. The College sponsors career fairs, guides students through job-search databases, and works in other ways to connect them with potential employers. It helps students arrange internships, short-term externships, and cooperative learning experiences in a wide range of workplace settings. From freshman year on, Cabrini offers advising and other programs—including the new Academic and Career Exploration (ACE) Living and Learning Community—to help students decide on a career path that's a good fit with their interests and talents.

Five years out of college, Vagell is in a career that works for him, in a field he loves (he also runs his own production company, Totally Focused Productions, LLC), and his future is bright.

"I'm very happy where I am," he says.

Making Cabrini AFFORDABLE

You can't succeed in college if you can't afford to go there in the first place, and in these troubled economic times, affording college has become a bigger challenge for a lot of families. Even among those who can afford college, many are hesitant to look at private colleges like Cabrini, because the cost of tuition, room, and board at private colleges tends to be higher than at public colleges. That's unfortunate, because the "sticker price" often doesn't represent the true cost of a Cabrini education, which may be much lower.

In fact, says Mike Colahan, director of financial aid, fully 98 percent of Cabrini students receive some form of financial aid. The average financial aid package—which is likely to include some combination of grants, loans, and student employment—totals more than \$21,000 a year. Most financial aid is awarded on the basis of a family’s financial need, some is based on academic merit, and many students receive a combination of the two. Merit scholarships, awarded to students who come to Cabrini with strong records of high school accomplishment, range from \$6,000 a year up to the full cost of tuition.

Each year, Cabrini spends nearly \$18 million from its own budget on financial aid in an attempt to make the college affordable for families at a wide range of income levels, and millions more dollars are available through state and federal student-aid programs. Financial aid may not eliminate the burden that college payments place on students and families, but it can go a long way toward easing their pain.

Factoring in the INTANGIBLES

Studies that examine the value of a college education typically look at money, comparing annual salaries of those with

college degrees against salaries of those without degrees, or comparing earnings over a lifetime. It’s hard to argue with that focus, since preparing for a career is the number one reason why most people go to college. But another reason the studies focus on money is that other things a college education might add to one’s life are harder to measure. And it’s in some of those elusive other aspects, says Gingerich, that Cabrini stands out. “If you’re making \$200,000 a year and you’re unhappy, I’m not sure we’ve succeeded. But if you have a satisfying career, and are leading a meaningful life, then we’ve made progress.”

Measuring what or how college contributes to a “meaningful life,” let alone defining that concept, is no easy task. Gingerich says that at Cabrini, it all starts with the College’s Catholic intellectual tradition, and the goal of delivering an “education of the heart.” The College mission statement professes a belief “in an educational philosophy that not only prepares students for careers, but enables them to live lives of dignity and purpose.”

That philosophy infuses Cabrini’s newest curriculum project, the four-year *Justice Matters* program, which Gingerich believes is a prime example of the value added by a Cabrini education (an in-

depth look at *Justice Matters* appeared in the spring 2009 *Cabrini Magazine*). The four-course, four-year program introduces students to the theory and practice of social justice, first helping them grasp

WHERE THEY GO NEXT

Where do Cabrini students go after they graduate? To jobs and graduate programs across the country and around the world. Here’s a look at the next steps of some recent graduates.

IN THE WORKPLACE

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Yale University

In an organic chemistry lab, second-year biology majors Ashton Kazlo (left) and Lindsay Spaeder experiment with recrystallization and melting point.





CAREER SERVICES CAN HELP ALUMNI IN JOB SEARCH

By Daniel DiPrinzio

Recent Cabrini graduates find themselves entering an extremely competitive job market. Not only are they competing against thousands of peer graduates, but against thousands of others who have been laid off or who've been forced to return to the workforce. There is a place, though, where Cabrini graduates can go for help in their job search—Cabrini's Office of Career Services.

Career Services can assist with job searching, resume reviews, and career counseling, and offers presentations on such topics as how to stay relevant without a full-time job and how to use social networking in a job search. Through the Career Services website (www.cabrini.edu/careerservices), alumni can access and post resumes to an online database hosting thousands of national and international employment opportunities in a variety of fields.

"Contact us if you're an alum and can't find a job," said Nancy Hutchison, director of Career Services. "We will sit down with you, one-on-one, and help best direct you in your career search."

Over the past year, Hutchison and Assistant Director Stephanie Reed have seen a spike in the number of alumni contacting the office seeking career advice. Both Hutchison and Reed tell alumni that they should not limit themselves to niche jobs traditionally associated with the degree they earned at Cabrini.

"There are many emerging opportunities in environmental, governmental, non-profit, and healthcare industries," said Hutchison.

It's important for job seekers to remain active during their searches. Participating in volunteer activities, for instance, is a great way to help stand out to employers.

"Employers prefer candidates who can show community involvement and an example of resourcefulness," said Reed. "They want to see what you can do besides look for a job."

Hutchison and Reed also recommend that alumni join professional associations and become active members in networking sites, such as the business-oriented LinkedIn, which has a Cabrini College alumni group that boasts nearly 500 members. In September, Frank Emmerich Jr. '92, a Cabrini board member and a lawyer at Conrad O'Brien P.C., hosted a dozen Cabrini LinkedIn members at a networking meeting at his firm's office in Philadelphia.

To join the LinkedIn group or to learn more about Career Services, visit www.cabrini.edu/careerservices. ●

the complexities of social problems, then moving on to involve them in work for a range of social justice causes, and ultimately teaching them skills to effect change—not just as students, but in their careers as well, whether those careers involve working in public health in a developing country or dispensing investment advice on Wall Street.

On one level, *Justice Matters* is about learning to become a responsible, engaged citizen. But on another it's about learning how to approach a problem—any problem—and work through it in a constructive way to find an effective solution. And that is a skill that's very attractive to employers in every field.

"It's social justice education, but it's also gaining real-life experience working with real-world problems," Gingerich says. "Employers want people they can hand a project to and be confident that it will get carried out. If you're just reading about problems in a text, you're not ready for that project. We're giving students an advantage when they go into the job market."

Cabrini's "intangibles" didn't start with *Justice Matters* and they don't end there. There are the small classes, which allow students to discuss ideas at a deeper level than would be possible in a large lecture hall, and help them learn to both listen



Second-year communication major Alyssa Mentzer learns about the lives of Mexican farm workers as she examines the dark, cool conditions of a Kennett Square mushroom farm. She is studying migration and refugee issues in the Faces of Justice course, which is part of the College's new Justice Matters curriculum.

to and talk with people who disagree with them. There's the easy access to faculty. There's the emphasis in every major on integrating classroom learning with hands-on experience in the real world. There are the leadership opportunities in student clubs and organizations. All these "intangibles" help develop skills that are valued in the workplace, while also helping to shape who students are as people.

So what kind of student is likely to thrive in this environment? Gingerich says it's the student who wants to be part of a close-knit learning community, who is open to becoming involved on campus and off. And he notes that Cabrini is equally adept at educating students who got straight A's in high school and those who may not have had top grades. "Cabrini takes both kinds of students," he says, "and helps them evolve into what they want to be."

Doing What You DREAM OF

It is late on a Wednesday afternoon in mid-September, and 22-year-old Jessica Westbrook, a 2009 Cabrini graduate, is enjoying the quiet of the second-grade classroom where she teaches at Woodlyn Elementary School, a public school in Pennsylvania's Delaware County. There are plants in the room, and a couch and a lamp. The colors are warm—not the bright primary colors you might associate with elementary school classrooms, but muted earth tones, colors that have more in common with a home living room than the ball room at Ikea. The quiet is the kind of quiet that you can appreciate fully only after 17 seven-year-olds have vacated a space.

Today, like every day for Westbrook and her students, was busy. The youngsters arrived early and began digging in their backpacks for the homework they had to turn in. They discussed the books they're reading as part of the class's 100 Book Challenge. They corrected sentences with spelling and grammar mistakes, learning when to use "there" and when to use "their," or the difference between "where" and "were." They sat in a circle on the floor to discuss the calendar, an exercise that taught math skills and time-



Following the commencement ceremony in May, Jessica Westbrook '09 and her brother Robert, a second-year educational studies major at Cabrini, with President Marie George.

telling, and even took a brief detour into Spanish. They took a break to eat snacks they had brought from home, then listened as Westbrook read to them from *The House of Wings*, a chapter book about a boy and his grandfather who care for an injured crane. They brainstormed some ideas for their own writing. After lunch and recess, they practiced math skills, reviewed a spelling test, and worked through a science project about balance that involved lots of paper clips. Then it was time for the students to go home, and the classroom grew quiet.

"I always wanted to be a teacher," says Westbrook, an elementary and special education major who chose Cabrini because to her mind, it gave her the best chance of becoming a good teacher. It didn't disappoint. Ask her how Cabrini prepared her for her job and she launches into an explanation that ranges over lesson plans, student assessments, teaching methods, and the use of educational software and other technology. She draws special attention to her student teaching and the multiple other field experiences she had starting as early as sophomore year. These gave her practice dealing with students of different ages and backgrounds and life experiences, and helped her understand and adapt to the different ways children learn.

The job market for newly minted teachers is tight right now, as the rough economy has older teachers delaying retirement. Westbrook says that the best that many graduates right out of college can hope for is a long-term substitute job, as school systems looking to fill regular positions increasingly turn to veteran teachers with a lot of experience in classrooms. Fortunately, Cabrini gave her exactly that kind of experience. "I wouldn't have had those experiences without Cabrini," she says, "and without those experiences, I wouldn't have this job right now."

Three weeks earlier, as her students started filing in on the first day of school, Westbrook stood in her classroom feeling a little nervous, a little excited, but mostly feeling like she'd arrived, like years of hard work had paid off, leaving her exactly where she wanted to be. She knew that some of the parents would be wondering what made her, at 22, qualified to teach their children. She knew that the children themselves, also nervous on day one, would challenge her in the weeks and months ahead. But she felt confident that she was qualified for the job, and confident that she could meet those challenges.

"It's amazing," Westbrook says. "I'm inspiring children, and it feels pretty wonderful. It's what I've always dreamed of." ●

Alumni WEEKEND

More than 200 alumni returned to Cabrini June 19-20 to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2009. The weekend particularly honored the classes of '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99 and 2004.

A Latin Fiesta on Friday evening featured authentic Latin fare and the sounds of Latin Express, a 12-piece band that had everyone dancing to salsa, merengue, and Latin jazz.

Saturday began with a bench dedication ceremony and memorial service for **Marty McGonigle '89**, which drew a large crowd despite the pelting rain (see page 32), and a memorial run honoring **Joe Uff '99**.

After the Alumni Awards Luncheon, which honored **Elizabeth Riley Bell '69** and **Mary Kathryn Stanbach Burke '69** (see page 24), alumni reconnected with their classmates at the family fun fair, the alumni wiffleball game and the career networking event.

On Saturday night, while most alumni enjoyed parties in Jazzman's lounge or Grace Hall Atrium, members of the class of 1989 congregated in House 7 for a special reunion and performance by the Delta DJs (all members of the class of '89).



Save the Date!

Alumni Weekend June 4-5, 2010



1 Heather Graci Prestileo '04 and James Cipriotti at the Latin Fiesta.



2 Kristy Burke '00 (right) and daughter Audrey watch a balloon artist create animals at the Family Fun Fair.



3 Members of the class of 1974 gather on the Mansion lawn. Back row, L-R: Board Chair Theresa Cavanaugh '74, Juliana Cicotello Quinn '74, Christine Dillon McCarthy '74, Rose Worthington Dougherty '74, Jane Connelly Spence '74, Diane Woods Sable '74 and Christine Vogel Cafaro '74. Front row, L-R: Barbara Hughes Kenderian '74, Paula Onorato Menoni '74, Kathleen Fusco Rocklein '74 and Judith H. Tague '74, G'86.



4 Tammy Gowans Edwards '99 and Annissa Pinkney '99, G'04.

5 Faculty *Emerita* Kathleen Gavigan (left) with Claire Roth '69, Elizabeth Riley Bell '69 and Susan Durling '69.

6 Martha Dale, former director of alumni affairs at Cabrini, and Faculty *Emerita* Margaret Reher.

7 Mark DiLucca G'03 presents Brian Loschiavo '11 the Alumni Association Scholarship Award.

8 Jenny Russo and Becky Bradbeer '94.

9 The Delta DJs get ready for the House 7 party. L-R: Joel Zazyczny '89, Gerard Gannon '89, Bob Frankenfield '89, Bruce Kidwell '89 and Paul Fallon '89. (Not pictured: Michael Stevenson '89.)



10 Back row, L-R: Thomas Dougherty, Francis McCarthy, Christine Dillion McCarthy '74, President Marie George and Board Chair Theresa A. Cavanaugh '74 and her husband Bernardo Nuñez. Front row, L-R: Rose Worthington Dougherty '74, Judith H. Tague '74, G'86, Juliana Cicotello Quinn '74, Kathleen F. Fusco Rocklein '74, Joseph Linaugh, and Susan Carey Linaugh '74.

11 Latin Express performs traditional salsa music at the Latin Fiesta.

Alumnae Honored, Scholarship Established

By Kristen Hampton

Two extraordinary alumnae, **Mary Kathryn Stanbach Burke '69** and **Elizabeth Riley Bell '69**, were honored during Alumni Weekend. Cabrini President Marie Angelella George presented them with the Distinguished Service Award and the Distinguished Achievement Award, respectively, at the Alumni Awards Luncheon. Also during the ceremony, the Alumni Association Scholarship was awarded to two students, **Chelsie Eyer '11** and **Brian Loschiavo '11**.

Burke and Bell were roommates at Cabrini and have remained friends through the four decades since graduation. But their professional lives took opposite turns: Bell went on to educate the young, while Burke worked with the aged.



Left to right: Alumni Board Vice President Christopher Nielsen '01; Chelsie Eyer '11; Mary Kathryn Stanbach Burke '69; Elizabeth Riley Bell '69; Brian Loschiavo '11; and Alumni Board President Fran Carusi Brooks '82 at the Alumni Awards Luncheon.

Mary Kathryn Stanbach Burke '69: A Champion of the Elderly

Mary Kathryn Stanbach Burke (pictured below) serves the elderly in her position with Continuing Care Retirement Communities. As CEO of White Horse Village in Newtown Square, Pa., she oversees 250 employees at the luxuriously appointed facility, which sits on 96 acres and is home to nearly 600 residents.

Her career in healthcare began after she had mapped out an entirely different path. After 15 years in the human services sector, she applied to Temple University's master of social work

program, but at the time, funding for welfare programs was drastically slashed, with agencies underfunded or even closing. So Burke enrolled instead in a master's program in healthcare administration at West Chester University, thinking this would incorporate her current skills while presenting new opportunities to meet emerging demands in healthcare administration. She thought it would be a seamless transition.

"I was wrong!," she laughs. "I had to start from the bottom again, but I would not trade my experiences."

Now, as the U.S. debates universal healthcare, Burke says she has hope for what the future may bring.

"As a nation, we cannot continue to close our eyes to the fact that 50 million people are uninsured," she says. "I will always hold to my belief that healthcare is a right, not a privilege."

Burke says her motivation to serve others stems from mentors who have helped her along the way, particularly Cabrini faculty and staff. She says that her values largely were shaped by the impact they had on her, and that she strives to live in a way that reflects those values.

"I am grateful for the encouragement and support of the Cabrini faculty and staff who helped to shape my life," she says.



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Elizabeth Riley Bell '69: A Passion for Education

Elizabeth Riley Bell (*pictured below*) has led a life rich in service to others. She showed leadership during her sophomore year at Cabrini, when she served as class president. Her passion for education is evidenced in a 30-year career as a secondary school teacher of English in Catasauqua, Pa.

Before she retired in 2003, Bell served on Cabrini's Alumni Board, where she helped to develop the Alumni Association Scholarship. At the Alumni Awards Luncheon, where she was honored, she saw two scholarships given for the first time since the scholarship's inception in 2008.

Because of her exemplary service and leadership on the Alumni Board, in 2007 she was asked to join Cabrini's Board of Trustees. She is chairperson of the Board's Teaching and Learning Committee.



“...I hold this honor in the name of all the people who make up the fabric of this special place.”

Bell knows firsthand the opportunities that a Cabrini education can provide, and is dedicated to enriching that experience for current students. This dedication in her work on the Alumni Board and as a trustee was cited as grounds for the award.

Bell said she was “overwhelmed” when she learned that she would receive the Distinguished Service Award.

“I am grateful for the recognition awarded me,” she says, “but I feel that I hold this honor in the name of all the people who make up the fabric of this special place.”

She realizes the importance of playing a role in the College's continued development. She says it is an honor to be “part of something focused on...educating students to think creatively and analytically in order to provide solutions to the challenges in their lives.”

The reason for her continued commitment to the College is simple: she is drawn to the “education of the heart.”

“This is an institution that strives to create a civil society and to prepare students not only to take their places in it, but also to help shape it,” she says. ○

A Message from the Vice President for Enrollment Management

Since joining Cabrini June 1, I have been impressed with the College's dedicated alumni who have volunteered to help Cabrini's Admissions Office and Office of Alumni Development recruit the next generation of Cabrini students (and therefore, someday soon, fellow alumni).



I invite you to join them, and us, in spreading the word about Cabrini College to prospective students and parents of prospective students in your neighborhood, church, or workplace.

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- Write letters to prospective students
- Make congratulatory phone calls upon acceptance or scholarship award to encourage enrollment

To learn more about how you can become an alumni admissions volunteer and help build the future of Cabrini College, visit www.cabrini.edu/alumni or call the Admissions Office at 610-902-8556.

I look forward to meeting you, working with you, and hearing about your Cabrini experiences.

Doug Swartz
Vice President for Enrollment Management



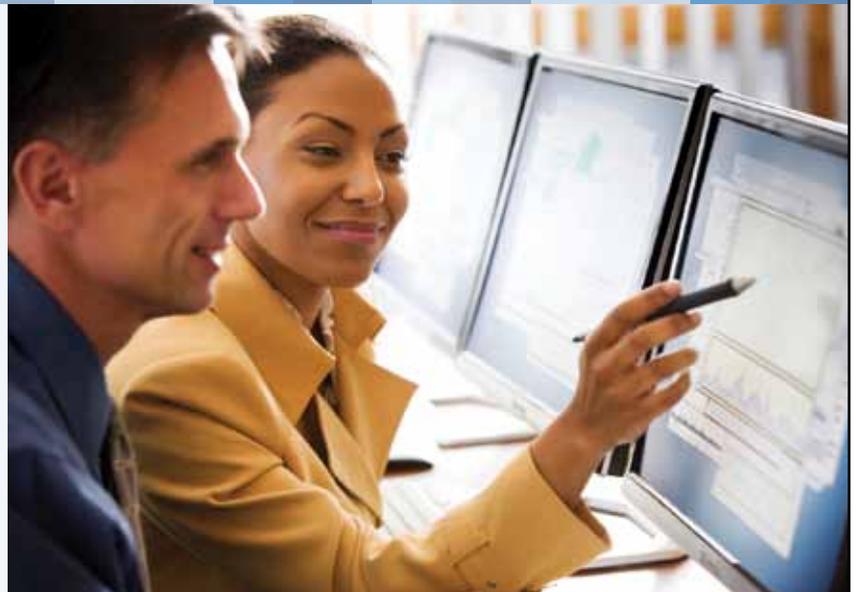
Legacy Graduates Honored at Commencement

To celebrate the inception of Cabrini's Legacy Society, graduates with family members who graduated from Cabrini were invited to have their portrait taken with President George under the restored pergola (see pages 21 and 30 for other legacy portraits). For information on the Legacy Society, contact Erica Spizzirri at espizzirri@cabrini.edu or 610-902-8203. ●

Kacie Fick '09 (third from left) is pictured following Commencement with (from left) her parents, Charlene and Arthur Fick; President Marie George; and her aunt and uncle, Carol Ann and Dr. George Edwards (parents of Denise Edwards '92, who is deceased). Dr. and Mrs. Edwards established the Denise Edwards Memorial Scholarship in their daughter's memory.

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1961

Cabrini Boggiano Lepis '61 retired as an English teacher in 2005. She plans to sell her home in New Jersey and look for a smaller home. She has three daughters and seven grandchildren.

1966

Michele Martuscello Hug '66 (pictured below, right) celebrates her son Michael's wedding in Cape Cod with family members Monica Tukiendorf, John Henry Hug, and Laura and Michael Hug.



Members of the class of 1966 (pictured below) enjoy their annual gathering at the New Jersey home of **Betty Ann McGovern McCarthy '66**. Top row, from left: **Betty**

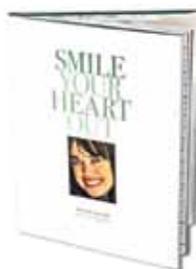
Ann McGovern McCarthy, Board Trustee **Joan Buzzallino**, **Ellen Gibney**, **Roseanne Bimbo Fittipaldi**. Bottom row, from left: **Mary Lou DeBarbieri Belforti**, **Ann Marie Parisi Riggio**, **Betty Lucas Haarsgaard**.

1968

Kathy Reardon Everett '68 attended the inauguration of Howard University President Sidney A. Ribeau in April 2009.

1969

Joanna Kovacs Balshi '69 published her first book, "Smile Your Heart Out," a compilation of literary media intended to unlock the reader's unique smile style. More at www.smileyourheartout.com.



During Alumni Weekend on June 20, 2009, alumni awards were bestowed on **Elizabeth Riley Bell '69** for distinguished service and **Mary Kathryn Stanbach**

Burke '69 for distinguished achievement. See page 24 for details on the award recipients.

1970

Marlene Ritardi Inman '70 recently retired after 30 years of teaching. She substitutes occasionally and enjoys spending time with her three grandchildren.

1971

Rebecca Ralston Dougherty '71 welcomed her first grandchild, William Daniel Grimaldi, on March 12, 2009. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces.

1974

Antonina Avitabile, MSC '74 moved to Chicago this past summer for her new assignment at the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Fiscal Office of the Generalate, which focuses on stewardship.

1976

Board Trustee **Sharon Shipley Zubricky '76** and her husband, John, celebrate their son Marc's graduation from Cabrini in May.



1982

Patricia Dailey Lewis '82 is Delaware's Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice and director of the Family



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Division. She recently completed her 20th year as a professor at Widener Law.

1986

Bernadette Demski Gur '86 is one of three democrats in Lawrence, N.J., vying for a one-year unexpired term on the Lawrence Town Council.

Karen Ricca '86 was featured in the June 16, 2009, edition of the *Times Herald* newspaper (published in Norristown and Montgomery County, Pa.) for co-authoring the "Pennsylvania ARD Handbook," a guide to accelerated rehabilitative disposition programs statewide. The handbook offers attorneys advice and examines the rules of the program available for first-time offenders of non-violent crimes. Ricca has been a prosecutor in Montgomery County since 1990.

1987

An article featuring **Lorraine Ranalli '87** and the cookbook she authored, "Gravy Wars: South Philly Foods, Feuds

and Attitudes," was published in the *South Philly Review* on April 16, 2009. In the article, Ranalli discusses family, traditions, and the food that originated in her mother's South Philadelphia kitchen. "Gravy Wars" also has

been featured in *Row Home* magazine; NBC10's *The 10! Show*; *Cape May County Herald*; Michael Smerconish's talk show on 1210AM/WPHT; Danny Bonaduce's talk show on 94.1FM/WYSP; and Don Giovanni's nationally syndicated radio show. More at www.gravywars.com.

1990

Carolyn Wilson Reilly '90 is an adjunct instructor in Cabrini's Psychology Department.

Christine Royce, Ph.D. '90, associate professor of education at Shippensburg University, was elected professional development director of the board of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), the largest organization in the world committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. Royce joined a team to oversee the association's finances, policies and strategic planning.

1992

In May 2009, **Colleen Murphy Grossenbacher '92** joined Universal Technical Institute in Exton, Pa., as future student advisor in the financial aid department.

1993

Members of the class of 1993 (pictured below) recently reunited in Annapolis, Md. Top row (L-R): **Carol Bristow, Tara**

Kegel Cox, Linda Mitchell DiAntonio. Bottom row (L-R): **Carroll Latrechiano Meluskey, Christine Scaramuzza Malone, Stephanie Collins Mastal, Christine Costigan Carney.**

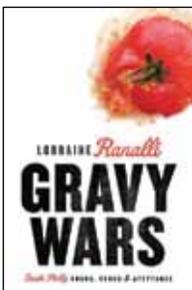
Audra Paoleschi Hollifield '93 has entered her 10th season with the Orlando Magic NBA team. She is the vice president for human resources and administrative services.

1994

Brian "Wookie" Wolk '94 and his wife, Kami, welcomed a son on March 29. Zachary Francis weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21 inches in length. **Bryan Bell '95** is the godfather.

1996

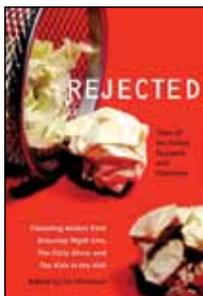
Christine Calvert Plambeck '96 welcomed a baby girl on May 14, 2009. The family resides near Memphis, Tenn.





Katina Corrao '96

is a contributing author for the book, "Rejected: Tales of the Failed, Dumped and Canceled," featuring essays from comedians, entertainment-industry insiders and television personalities. Corrao is a New York-based stand-up comic who has been featured on *Saturday Night Live*, HBO, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *The Huffington Post* and Comedy Central. More at www.katinacorrao.com.



1999

Jason Steere '99 and Maria Lattanzio Steere '97 (pictured above) spend time with their children Ryan, 2, and Julia, 4.

2000

David Glennon, Ph.D. '00, is the principal at Golden Terrace Elementary School in Naples, Fla.

Michael Packard '00 was named executive director of the Pottstown Public Library in May 2009. An announcement appeared in the *Pottstown Mercury*.

2001

David Bramowski ADP'01 was featured in several area newspapers for his induction into the Central Montco Technical High School Distinguished Alumni Association in April 2009.

Mary Beth Farnan '01 was married on April 25, 2009, at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Roman Catholic Church in Wilmington, Del. The couple celebrated their marriage at Disney World.

Nicholas Luchko '01, G'04 married Colleen Perry on June 19, 2009, at Our



Lady Star of the Sea in Cape May, N.J. The reception was held at Cape May's Grand Hotel and several Cabrini alumni were in attendance (pictured above): Back row (L-R): **John Verdi '03; Alison Briant Burley '01; Chrissy Karney '01; Kristina Geerken Nielsen '01; Chris Nielsen '01; Randi Kuhn McGinley '02**; groomsmen **Colin McGinley '02**. Middle row (L-R): **Corrine O'Connell '01; Nicholas Luchko '01, G'04**; Colleen Perry; **Rachel Angeloni Morgan '01**. Front row (seated, L-R): **Toni Pirrone '01 and Gen Aulett '99**. Not pictured: **Nicole McCaig Myerowitz '03**.

1997

Kristen Friel '97 recently was promoted to director of outreach services at Circle Lodge, Inc., a community residential rehabilitation program that treats adults with persistent mental illness.

Christa Gervasi Kopaczynski '97 and her husband, Joe, welcomed their first child, Paul Joseph (PJ) on Oct. 8, 2008. The family resides in Springfield, Pa. *Cabrini Magazine apologizes for incorrectly reporting in the Spring 2009 issue that Christa Gervasi Kopaczynski '97 recently accepted a position at Centocor.*

1998

Vincent Pierce ADP'98 was featured on the website www.individual.com for being named managing director for operations of the Baltimore-based consulting firm DuraBante, LLC.

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At Commencement in May, **Patricia Mordeczko Michaluk ADP '01** (pictured above, third from left) celebrates her daughter Christina's graduation. Patricia is joined by husband Michael, sons Mark and Michael, and President Marie George.

2002

Laura Givey '02 married Andrew Raley, a graduate of LaSalle University, on April 18, 2009, in Tralee, Ireland. The wedding took place at Church of the Immaculate Conception, followed by a reception at Ballyseede Castle.

2006

Kelsey Kuhwald '06 and **Brooks Pickering '05** (pictured below) were



engaged Jan. 1, 2009, in Harpswell, Maine, where his parents reside. As a surprise, Kuhwald's parents traveled from Delaware to see the proposal. A wedding is planned at Greenville Country Club on Sept. 25, 2010.

Lori Iannella '06 and **Matthew Serfass '06** were married in October 2008 (pictured below). Pictured from left, top row: **Jacqueline Smyth '06**; Nicole Eickhoff; Erika Stout; Gina Rothenberger; **Lori Iannella '06**; **Matthew Serfass '06**; **Dustin Carpenter '08**; **Maria Devirgiliis '06**; **Robin Cook '06**; Kristin Serfass. Middle row: Greg Arkatin; Robbie Henry; Steve Mullary; Tom Iannella; Adam Fulton; Rick Rothenberger. Bottom row: Casey Sitron, Ryan Rothenberger.



Kharisma McIlwaine '06 works at the CW Philly television station. She recently hosted the Five Spot's signature Open Mic Night, and also was a featured performer in the Sounds of R&B concert.

2007

Tunomukwathi Asino '07 received a master of arts in English from Clarion University in May.

Meghan Hurley '07 was featured in a story on the Catholic News Service website (www.catholicnews.com) on serving as a Good Shepherd volunteer in Cusco, Peru. Hurley has worked with the Good Shepherd Bakery for nearly two years, tutoring and mentoring 20 young women from Peru's southern highlands.

2008

Alyssa DiPietro '08 joined Coldwell Banker Preferred in Wayne, Pa.

2009

Joe Johnson '09 has secured the Democratic nomination for Constable of Radnor Township, and will be on the election ballot in November. Johnson currently serves as Chairman for the Delaware County Young Democrats, and Vice Chairman of the Pennsylvania Young Democrats Finance Committee.

Felicia Ann Neuber '09 is an employment training specialist for Community Integrated Services, a company whose mission is to enable people with disabilities to become fully integrated into and involved in their communities. Neuber works in school districts helping to develop connections with the government for funding, and local businesses with opportunities for employment.

Shannon Santangelo '09 was one of 19 students named to the *USA Today* 2009 All-

USA College Academic Honorable Mention Team. Santangelo is currently pursuing a master's degree at Yale University.

Megan Pellegrino '09 (pictured below)

spent the summer in Washington, D.C., working as executive producer for the Summer '09 Intern Edition at National Public Radio, where she led 54 interns in the development of a multimedia website, www.npr.org/internedition, and a 30-minute audio premiere. Pellegrino recently was named one of the top 100 collegiate journalists in the nation by UWIRE, an organization for college student media. Read about her summer experience at www.npr.org/internedition/sum09/blog.



Kara Schneider '09 joined photojournalist **Linda Panetta '88 (pictured right)** on a trip to El Salvador to cover the June 1, 2009, inauguration of President Mauricio Funes and to document The SHARE Foundation in San Salvador. [SHARE is an American organization that has supported the struggling and oppressed people of El Salvador.] Since 2002, Panetta's organization Optical Realities has used photojournalism and educational outreach to raise public awareness about world events, cultures, and the environment. More at www.opticalrealities.org.



Kara Schneider '09, Linda Panetta '88 and SHARE Foundation delegate Ruth De Francio at the inauguration of President Mauricio Funes in El Salvador.

The following alumni were featured in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as Academic All-Stars, as selected by the Philadelphia Area Sports Information Directors Association:

- **Tim Harner '09**, Academic All-Star Player of the Year, Men's Golf
- **Scott Reimer '09**, Academic All-Star Player of the Year, Men's Lacrosse
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- **Dina DiTaranto '09**, Academic All-Star, Women's Tennis

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Bench Dedicated in Memory of Marty McGonigle '89

By Kristen Hampton

During his Cabrini years, Marty McGonigle '89 was known mainly for his love of soccer and his loyalty to his friends. As a Cavalier, Marty played soccer and formed lasting friendships with teammates and other student-athletes.

He continued his athletic pursuits after college, so his passing in July 2008 at age 41, following a massive heart attack, came as a shock to many. He left behind his wife of nearly 12 years, Patty, and four children: Sean, 10; Catherine, 8; Bridget, 5; and Claire, 2.

During Alumni Weekend, the class of 1989 honored Marty's warm spirit when they dedicated a bench in his name during a memorial service.

The McGonigle family is deeply appreciative that Marty's classmates wanted to honor him, and the bench is meaningful to Patty for many reasons. Perhaps most important: it will give her children something tangible by which to remember their father. Patty worries that her children are too young to fully remember Marty, and this gesture will help her show them how well loved he was.

Marty and Patty attended neighboring high schools (Monsignor Bonner in Drexel Hill for Marty; Cardinal O'Hara in Springfield for Patty), but did not meet until mutual acquaintances introduced them after college. During the five years the couple dated, Patty got to know Marty's Cabrini friends—friends who now provide an extraordinary support system to her and her family.

"Cabrini brought them together," Patty says of her late husband and his friends. "I have a lot of good memories with all of them."

And in turn, his friends cherish their memories of Marty. This year, they organized the first Martin J. McGonigle 5K Run and Family Fun Run in his hometown of Media, Pa. On May 17, more than 1,000 people gathered at Rose Tree Park for the Run, which was followed by fun activities for younger children. It was such a success; it will be an annual spring event.

Marty's happiness at Cabrini was evident to all who were close to him. That happiness inspired Marty's mother, Mary, to enroll in undergraduate studies at Cabrini. She graduated in 1999, 10 years after her son. Nothing could keep her away from the bench dedication. And she wasn't the only one.

The morning of June 20 brought persistent downpours and temperatures unseasonably cool for summer. Still, Marty's family, friends and soccer teammates were not deterred. Patty joined



Members of the class of 1989 and friends honor Marty McGonigle '89.

Marty's sister Maureen, brother Matt, and numerous guests at the memorial service.

"The day meant so much to us to know that people truly cared about Marty," Patty says. "Many of Marty's friends, classmates, fellow athletes and a former coach told stories. My son really enjoyed hearing stories about his dad."

Patty brought the children to revisit the bench on July 29, the first anniversary of Marty's death. Unlike the downpours on the morning of June 20, the weather was sunny and warm, with a light breeze. The children enjoyed the sunshine while spending time on the bench, and even running on the soccer field in memory of their father.

"The kids really enjoyed themselves on a day that was not necessarily happy," Patty says. "Cabrini gave that to us, and that is what I hoped it would do: remember their dad at a place and time in which he met so many [people] he loved, and created lasting friendships that we now have because of Cabrini."

Patty says she would like Marty to be remembered as someone who enjoyed being with family and friends, and loved sports and the outdoors.

"He always was happy to see people; he always had a smile."

For more information on the Martin J. McGonigle 5K Run, visit www.mjm5krun.org.

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