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On a recent trip to Guatemala, Cabrini Communication students and an alumnus visit with schoolchildren at San Lucas Tolliman Mission. Back row: Christine Graf '09, Ryan McCarthy '06 and Jessica Hagerty '09. Middle row: Kara Schneider '09, Megan Pellegrino '09 and Jillian Smith '09.

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Message from the President

In my Inaugural address last November, I introduced *Justice Matters*, our new core curriculum, and committed to travel to Guatemala with students to document the power of partnerships with the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with Catholic Relief Services. Little did I realize then how deeply and profoundly that journey would affect me, nor the emotional and spiritual bond it would create for me with our students, our partners, and with those Mother Cabrini taught us to serve.

As I reflect on that trip, I am even more convinced that *Justice Matters* is right for Cabrini College, and I am thankful to the committed faculty and academic leadership who produced the blueprint for such a groundbreaking and mission-based curriculum. *Justice Matters* already is receiving local and national media attention, with students and faculty as passionate spokespersons.

“Students Working for Change” in this issue of *Cabrini Magazine* is about *Justice Matters*. Punctuated with photos from the Guatemala trip and the work of our students with local, national and international partners, the story describes how students learn to think critically about and reflect on what they experience outside the classroom. They learn to identify underlying systemic issues in a situation whether it’s global or local hunger, or poor water quality in a creek running through our neighborhood.

In the last issue of the magazine, I expressed concern about ensuring the affordability of higher education in the current economy while remaining committed to providing an education for the 21st century. Since then, pressures on the economy have increased, but I am pleased to report that the Board, administration, faculty, staff and alumni are taking bold steps to address such issues:

- \$150,000 in the current budget was reallocated to fund financial aid for students who otherwise might not have been able to return after the Christmas break.
- The financial aid office is monitoring each of the College’s 32 endowed scholarships, ensuring that students receive awards this year.
- The Alumni Association has created a scholarship, and has increased fundraising activities to support that scholarship.
- The number of alumni donors to the Annual Fund is up over last year, and the amount they have given also has increased.

Looking ahead, next fiscal year the College will:

- Reduce general operating expenses by \$1.9 million.
- Increase financial aid to incoming and returning students by \$620,000.
- Propose just a modest tuition increase—about one-half of last year’s increase.

We are committed to help students stay at Cabrini, maintain academic excellence, and provide the curricular and co-curricular resources students need to pursue their dreams.

Many of you have communicated your concerns, questions, and useful ideas for managing through these difficult economic times. I am truly grateful for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Marie Angelella George, Ph.D.
President



President of Catholic Relief Services and Superintendent of Norristown School District to Address Graduates at Dual Commencements

Kenneth F. Hackett, president of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and Dr. Janet C. Samuels, superintendent of the Norristown School District, will address the undergraduate and graduate Commencement ceremonies, respectively, at Cabrini College on Sunday, May 17. This year marks the 49th Commencement in Cabrini's history, but the first time the College has a separate ceremony for students receiving master's degrees.

More than 1,000 Cabrini students are earning bachelor's and master's degrees in 2009, the largest graduating class to date at the College. With more than 500 of those students eligible to receive master's degrees, Cabrini is honoring them in an afternoon ceremony.

Hackett will address students earning bachelor's degrees at the 10 a.m. ceremony. As president of CRS since 1993, Hackett has guided the agency through significant institutional transformation, as it embraced a justice-centered approach to international humanitarian work and an active commitment to collaboration with Catholic colleges and universities. Hackett was a keynote speaker at Cabrini's 2008 Founder's Day celebration, detailing his personal and professional experience with CRS. In 2005, Cabrini was the first college to sign an agreement with CRS to support the organization's global service initiatives.

Samuels will address students receiving master's degrees at the graduate ceremony at 3:30 p.m. As superintendent of the Norristown School District, Samuels oversees two high schools, three middle schools and six elementary schools. As a teacher, principal and superintendent, she has influenced the lives of thousands of students. Prior to being named superintendent of the Norristown School District, Samuels served as a regional superintendent in the School District of Philadelphia. She spoke at the inaugural gala on Nov. 15 about the Cabrini Partnership Project at Norristown, which works with students in the Norristown School District in the areas of academic, career and social development.

"This year's Commencement speakers represent important partnerships with Cabrini," said President Marie A. George, "and showcase clearly the College's commitment to local and global solidarity." ●



Kenneth F. Hackett



Dr. Janet C. Samuels



Marilyn Johnson, Ph.D., professor of English, serves as The Grand Marshal and leads the academic procession, featuring the Ulster Scottish Pipe Band.

49th Commencement Exercises

Saturday, May 16

Baccalaureate Mass

4 p.m.

Cavalier Athletic Field

Sunday, May 17

**Undergraduate
Commencement Ceremony**

10 a.m.

Cavalier Athletic Field

**Graduate
Commencement Ceremony**

3:30 p.m.

Cavalier Athletic Field

Founder's Day Addresses Local and Global Food Crisis



Left to right: Dr. Mariana Chilton (left) and Abiosseh Davis discuss the global food crisis; Chris Cantwell '09 encourages students to send emails to Congress.

Two authorities on family services and international trade policy presented “Global Food Crisis: Impact on Families in the U.S. and Around the World” at the fifth annual Founder’s Day on Feb. 17.

Abiosseh Davis, project associate for the Global Women’s Project at the Center for Concern in Washington, D.C., led an interactive discussion on the major contributors to the global food crisis, including climate, disease and bad politics. Dr. Mariana Chilton, assistant professor of health management and policy at Drexel University School of Public Health, displayed the photo exhibit Witness to Hunger (www.witnessestohunger.org), a collection of images from more than 40 women with young children in Philadelphia chronicling their stories on hunger and poverty.

Linda Panetta '88 showcased photos from her international social justice work (www.opticalrealities.org) and Quiana Volney '12 presented her research on hunger in Haiti, her family’s homeland.

Cabrini students played a large role in the event. Food security ambassadors for Catholic Relief Services **Beth Briggs '10**, **Chris Cantwell '09**, **Ashley Cook '09**, and **Shannon Keough '10** helped plan the event. Cantwell also spoke, inviting students to “act on what you learn here tonight” by sending postcards and emails to Congress at the “Advocacy Action Center” table in Grace Hall, and by signing postcards of support for the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus mission in Swaziland, Africa. ●

W.W. Smith Charitable Trust Contributions Top \$1 Million

Representatives of the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust visited campus on March 24 for a reception with recipients of the scholarship. The Trust, which has supported Cabrini students since 1983, provided scholarships to 31 Cabrini students this academic year. This year’s contributions pushed the total amount given by the trust to more than \$1 million. ●

President Marie George presents Michelle Montgomery, grant administrator for the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust, an award commemorating the million-dollar milestone.



Roberts Receives Ivy Young Willis Award

On Feb. 5, past and present Ivy Young Willis award recipients attended the 2009 ceremony honoring Cokie Roberts, ABC News political commentator and senior news analyst for National Public Radio. Roberts spoke to more than 400 students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees and community members of her experience in broadcasting and her work in public affairs. She also discussed her recent book, "Ladies of Liberty," which pays homage to women who helped shape America, including Abigail Adams, Martha Jefferson, Dolley Madison, and Sacajawea.

The Ivy Young Willis Award has been presented annually since 1992 at Cabrini in memory of Ivy Young Willis' strong belief that women have a unique talent for improving public affairs. Ivy Young Willis was a pioneer in teaching and reading on television, and served on The League of Women Voters and the World Affairs Council. ●



From left: Happy Fernandez, 2000 recipient and president of Moore College of Art & Design; Cokie Roberts; President Marie George; Lisa Nutter, 2008 recipient and president of Philadelphia Academies, Inc.; and Renee Amooore, 2006 recipient and president of the Amooore Group



Vice Chair Named Recipient of Rosemont College's 2009 Cresset Award

Cabrini Board Vice Chair **Deb Takes** has been named the recipient of Rosemont College's 2009 Cresset Award, an honor given annually to an outstanding individual who has demonstrated a strong commitment to promoting values and to supporting education for all people. Takes, who received a master's degree in science management from Rosemont, will be honored at Rosemont's 21st Annual Cresset Award Dinner on Thursday, June 18.

"She has dedicated so much of her time to various facets of her local community and is a perfect example of true leadership and dedication," said Sharon Latchaw Hirsh, Ph.D., president of Rosemont College.

Takes is the president and chief executive officer for Harleysville National Bank (HNB) and Trust Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Harleysville National Corporation. Takes is on the board of Harleysville National Bank and Harleysville National Corp and holds board appointments with Gwynedd Mercy Academy High School, North Penn United Way, the Montgomery County Lands Trust, the Philadelphia Boys Choir, the North Penn Valley Boys & Girls Club, and the Pennsylvania Association of Community Banks. She also serves on many subcommittees and initiatives within these organizations, and recently became president of Rosemont's newly established Business Advisory Board. ●



Seniors Genicka Voltaire (left) and Lindsey Hall pose with the World Series Trophy.

World Series Trophy Slides in at Cabrini

On March 26, the Cabrini Marketplace transformed into a Phillies wonderland as the champion Philadelphia Phillies brought the 2008 World Series Trophy to campus. Nearly 600 students, faculty, staff and community members attended, taking pictures with the trophy and enjoying ballpark fare prepared by Dining Services. Representatives from the Phillies were on hand to distribute rally towels and other giveaways, and Smiley the Pig from Hatfield Quality Meats even made an appearance.

The World Series Trophy tour is sponsored by Teva Pharmaceuticals and Comcast SportsNet. ●

Cabrini College Night at the Phillies

On Aug. 28, join Cabrini students, alumni, faculty, staff, families, and friends to cheer on the 2008 World Series Champion Philadelphia Phillies to victory against the Atlanta Braves at 7:05 p.m.

The Cabrini Dance Team will dance with the Phanatic and the Cabrini College Chorus will perform the National Anthem.

All Cabrini students, faculty and staff attending the game will get a free, specially designed, Cabrini T-shirt to wear to the game. Parents, alumni and friends who purchase tickets also are eligible for a free T-shirt for the game.

All fans 15 and older will receive a Cabrini College/Phillies retro knit cap at the game.

Seating with fellow Cabrini College supporters will be located in Right Field. Tickets are \$14-\$20 each, a discount of \$4 off the regular cost of tickets. To order, visit www.phillies.com/cabrini, click on the "Buy Tickets" button and enter the promotion code CABRINI. ●



PhanaVision videoboard at Citizens Bank Park.

Faculty News

Professor Emeritus **Jolyon Girard, Ph.D.**, served as volume editor for “The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Daily Life in America: Wartime, Postwar, and Contemporary America, 1940-Present” (Greenwood Publishing Group, 2008). Assistant Professors of History and Political Science **Darryl Mace, Ph.D.**, and **Courtney Smith** contributed to the volume. Mace contributed “Intellectual Life,” in the 1991-2005 section, while Smith wrote “Sports and Race,” “Sports and Gender,” and “Sports and Athletics” in the 1940-1959 section, and “No Place Like Home: Stadiums,” and “Professional Team Sports” in the 1991-2005 section.

David Dunbar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, co-authored “Utilizing Science Popularizations to Promote Learner-Centered Teaching” in the December edition of the *Journal of College Science Teaching*.

Mark Franek, instructor of English, published “Bring Integrity to the Internet” in the *Christian Science Monitor*.



The Father Divine Project—fatherdivineproject.org

Leonard Norman Primiano, Ph.D., associate professor of religious studies, published “The Vow as Visual Feast: Honoring St. Joseph in Sicilian-American Homes,” in the European journal *Traditiones*, and “Vernacular Religion and the Search for Method in Religious Folklife” in the Japanese *Journal of Tohoku Religiology*. He also is the co-creator of The Father Divine Project (www.fatherdivineproject.org), which focuses on Father Divine, Mother Divine, their followers, and the Peace Mission Movement. ●

Loquitur Again Earns Press Awards

The Loquitur, the weekly, student-run newspaper at Cabrini College, garnered 2009 Pennsylvania Collegiate Keystone Press Awards in the public service and web site categories.

The Loquitur web site (www.theloquitur.com), which features print stories, photos, and the video news program Loqation, earned honorable mention. **Megan Pellegrino '09** is the site's editor, and **Kara Schneider '09** is producer for Loqation.

“Side by Side with Africa,” by **Jillian Smith '09**, and “Our Hands Are Not Tied,” a video by Smith, Pellegrino and Schneider, earned honorable mention in the public service category. The story and video focus on the progress being made for HIV/AIDS relief in Africa. In 2008, the video was a finalist in the National College Broadcasters, Inc., Production Awards Competition. ●

Nets for Nets Scores Big in Fight Against Malaria in Africa

The Nets for Nets fundraising event during the men's and women's basketball double-header on Thursday, Jan. 22 was a slam-dunk success, raising \$700 for 100 bed-nets to help prevent the spread of malaria in The Gambia in West Africa. For each basket the Cavaliers scored that evening, Cabrini and Catholic Relief Services raised \$7, or the cost of one bed-net; the Cavaliers swept Immaculata University by scores of 79-66 (men's) and 70-51 (women's).

Inspired by the money raised during Nets for Nets, Trustee **Mary Ellen Jajndl Roper '72** announced during the reception following the women's 47-40 victory over Neumann College at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 24 that she would donate a matching gift of \$700 for 100 additional bed-nets. ●



Alumni enjoy a reception with President Marie George at Madison Square Garden in New York. From left: Michele Waldron-Daly '72, President George, Trustee Mary Ellen Jajndl Roper '72, Trustee Elizabeth Riley Bell '69 and Mary Ryan-Zanotti '72.

First Mrs. Anna C. Kruse Scholarship Presented at Biological Honors Ceremony



From left: Gerry and Suzanne ('71) Ganse join Frank Bearoff '10 and Professor Emerita Anna C. Kruse at the Biological Honors Ceremony.



Science Department Chair Kimberly L. Boyd, Ph.D. (right), presents Emily Bongiorno '10 with an award at the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society Induction.

On March 31, biology and pre-medicine major **Frank Bearoff '10** became the inaugural recipient of the Mrs. Anna C. Kruse Scholarship, which was made possible in large part by the generosity of **Suzanne Ganse '71**, a former pupil of Professor Kruse. Bearoff was announced the scholarship's first recipient at the Beta Beta Beta Honor Society Induction Ceremony and Science Department Awards Banquet.

Kruse taught science at Cabrini for more than three decades, retiring in 1999. The Mrs. Anna C. Kruse Scholarship recognizes a rising senior who demonstrates academic excellence in the biological sciences.

The evening also saw 11 students be inducted into the Lambda Rho Chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the national biological honor society. ●

SAVE THE DATE

Family Weekend

September
25, 26 & 27, 2009

Campus Picnic



Honors Convocation



Athletic Games



Kite Festival



and much more!

It Doesn't End Here: Project Appalachia 2009

By Kandace Keefer '09, English and communication major

In March, I was among more than 25 Cabrini students who embarked on a life-changing journey to the mountains of West Virginia. Through the Project Appalachia service and immersion trip, we looked forward to meeting the family whose home we would restore. And though we didn't know what we would discover along the winding roads, we were ready for anything.

Montgomery is a town frozen in time. It was difficult to believe it was 2009 in America, because the surroundings looked like they were torn from the pages of the Great Depression. The streets were broken and dirty, the air smelled of propane and dust, and, with the exception of a few Dollar General stores, businesses were closed and vacant. At first I was nervous, but once we met the Pratt family, my thoughts shifted to how I could help these people.

Pauline Pratt, a woman in her 80s who suffers from cataracts, has lived in her house all her life and has no plans of moving into a retirement home. She shares her one-bedroom home with her grandson, Sam. Due to Sam's obesity, the floor in her home began to collapse. A room connected to the garage could be converted into another bedroom for her grandson, but it lacked an insulated ceiling.

Over the next few days, we met two more family members: Pauline's son, also named Sam, and his wife Effie. The two were living on Sam's meager paychecks from his job as a security officer, while Effie spent her days acting as eyes for Pauline and volunteering at a local church.



Kandace Keefer '09 screws down a subfloor in a house in West Virginia.

A group of us worked hard removing Pauline's floor and prepping it for a new floor; others installed the insulated drop ceiling in a separate room. When we showed Pauline and her family the repairs we made, their faces lit up with excitement and they thanked us graciously.

The experience taught us about the cycle of poverty, inspired us to continue service work, and gave birth to a motto for the trip: "It doesn't end here." The hearts of the residents of Appalachia are tied to the hills, and that is where they will stay. With hope and hard work, the livelihood of this region will return. ●

DO SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY THIS SUMMER AT CAMP KISMET

Since 1982, Cabrini's Alumni Association has engaged volunteer counselors at Camp Kismet, a weeklong summer camp for disadvantaged children in Fayetteville, W.Va.

Camp Kismet, Cabrini's longest-running alumni service project, needs volunteers July 5-11. More than 125 campers, ages 5 to 12, from the Fayetteville area participate in activities including swimming, whitewater rafting and rock climbing. Fayetteville County Volunteers organize and operate the camp at no cost to attendees' families.

Volunteers meet on campus and travel to Fayetteville together. All are welcome to participate.

For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement: alumni@cabrini.edu or 610-902-8226. ●

Philanthropy



Students participating in the 2008-09 Phonathon. Back row: Diane Gapinski '11, Nick Guldin '12; middle row: Meghan Murphy '11, Meghan Hardy '12, and Nick Bonanni '11; front row: Jessica Murphy '11, Christina Cimmino '09, and Gillian Davis '10.

Phonathon Bonds Students and Donors

For years, Cabrini College's Phonathon program was operated by an outside company. In November 2008, the Phonathon returned to its original home on Cabrini's campus, with students placing solicitation calls.

It is a cold, wintry Tuesday evening at Cabrini College. Most students are studying in residence halls, gathering in the dining hall, or attending evening classes. Through the darkness that blankets the campus, bright light emanates from the third floor of the Mansion. A room buzzes with activity; students with phones pressed to their ears line the room, and different conversations float through the air.

The Phonathon is in full swing.

Wes Enicks, coordinator of the Annual Fund and manager of the Phonathon, brought the campaign back to Cabrini after it was operated externally for years. He felt that donors missed connections by not having the opportunity to chat with current students.

"It gives students the opportunity to share with alumni their own stories," Enicks says. "And who better to ask for support than the students who are benefiting from donations?"

To be accepted as a Phonathon solicitor, students underwent a lengthy interview process. During a two-week training period, 15 students learned the fundamentals of fundraising and why giving is important to the College. They honed their speaking skills during hours of mock phone conversations.

Beginning in November, students began placing calls Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, continuing through the first week of December. When the Phonathon wrapped for the fall semester, the campaign had received gifts from more than 480 donors, and sur-

passed the \$35,000 pledge goal that was set in October.

When the spring semester began, the calls resumed—with a different angle.

"When Cabrini alumni were contacted in the past, it was usually to ask for support," Enicks says. "We wanted to try and change that."

In conjunction with the College's "rededication to alumni," students reached out to all alumni, including those who never donated, to reconnect by giving updates on Cabrini happenings and answering questions. They embarked on a Thankathon, in which they called to thank all who made a donation during the Phonathon.

Calls continued through the first week of April, and when the Phonathon wrapped, students had reached out to more than 7,405 alumni.

Christina Cimmino '09, a Phonathon volunteer, says that the experience has brought about many unexpected connections with alumni.

"You bond with complete strangers and have conversations with people who have never seen your face and know nothing about you," Cimmino says. She recalls one particular conversation in December.

"An alumna from the '80s asked me if we had begun decorating the residence houses for Christmas yet," Cimmino says. "He explained how every year when he was here, all the students living on Residential Boulevard had a house-decorating competition. It's something I've never experienced, and that would be a great tradition to bring back."

Cimmino says that in the days of e-mail, text messages and social networking Web sites, the importance of a good phone call is often underestimated.

"The College will get needed funds because of what we're doing," Cimmino says. ●

—Kristen Hampton

Alumni Profile

From the Jersey Shore to the Main Line: Stephen Westhead '87

Stephen Westhead '87 spent his childhood in Lansdowne, Pa., and “down the shore” in Avalon, N.J., where he collected a lifetime of pleasant memories. When it came time to think about college, he was reluctant to stray too far from home and the beach he loved, and researched institutions in Philadelphia and on the Main Line.

“I applied to St. Joe’s, Villanova, LaSalle, and Cabrini,” says Westhead, senior vice president of Philadelphia Insurance Companies. “I went to the open house at LaSalle, and the first thing they said to me when I pulled into the parking lot was, ‘If you have anything valuable, take it with you or put it in the trunk.’”

His grandmother, who lived in nearby St. Davids, urged him to visit Cabrini, and Westhead took her advice.

Westhead said he immediately felt comfortable on the Radnor campus, and his learning experience at Cabrini extended his academic vistas and raised his awareness of global and moral issues.

“For the first time in my life, I was considering serious moral and ethical themes,” he says. “I was thinking about poverty... and [the] social issues the College was championing.”

After earning a bachelor of science in business administration, Westhead focused on a career as a stockbroker. He was considering employment opportunities with Philadelphia brokerage firm Butcher and Singer when **Sister Christine Marie Baltas, MSC '66**, then dean of students at Cabrini, passed along a business card for Philadelphia Insurance Companies, and told him the CEO of the company would be expecting his call.

Two weeks later, Westhead received a call from Sister Christine: “You let me down. I told him you’d call, and you didn’t.”

Sister Christine’s words prompted Westhead to make the call, which led to an interview with **Tom Nerney '77**. He was hired as a telemarketer, and has been in various marketing roles with the company for the past 22 years. He relocated



to Kansas City in 1988 to open Philadelphia Insurance Companies’ first branch in the Midwest. At the time, there were about 30 employees on the payroll; today, the company employs nearly 1,500.

Westhead is still with Philadelphia Insurance Companies, but recently returned to the area. He currently resides in Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Although community service was not yet a curriculum requirement during Westhead’s undergraduate years, he says the emphasis on giving back to the community was so much an integral part of the Cabrini experience that he has continued that practice.

A Cabrini trustee since 2005, Westhead received the College’s Community Service Award that same year, and also served on the

Alumni Board from 2002-04. He is past chairman of the Truman Heartland Community Foundation in Blue Springs, Mo., and a past board member of Sunflowers to Roses, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to support cancer survivorship and research. He also has been a top fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and a volunteer for Community of the Good Shepherd, for which he constructed Cabrini House, a group home for developmentally disabled women in Lee’s Summit, Mo.

“As an alum,” Westhead says, “you have a responsibility to give back, to get involved and share what you’ve learned here, and contribute to the education of current students.”

Westhead credits Cabrini with providing opportunities to make lifelong friends, including Sister Christine, who recently returned to Cabrini as associate campus minister after 19 years as principal of St. Donato’s School in Philadelphia. He says the faculty and staff assumed the roles of second parents to students; they treated students like family.

“[The faculty and staff] here really put their heart into their work,” Westhead says. “They give their lives to this school.” ●

— Kristen Hampton

Cabrini Athletics



Junior Kevin Misevicius sets three new school records.

Men's Basketball Season Closes at ECAC Final

The Cabrini men's basketball team concluded the 2008-09 season with 22 overall victories, the program's most wins in a single campaign in 13 years. The Cavaliers advanced to the championship games of the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) South Region Tournaments.

First-year head coach **Marcus Kahn** was named the CSAC Coach of the Year, guiding the Cavaliers to 14 regular season wins in league play and the No. 2 seed in the postseason tournament. Cabrini played for the CSAC title for the first time since the 2001-02 season.

"Our first 20-win season in eight years is a tremendous accomplishment and the experience we gained in two championships games will be invaluable for next season and beyond," Kahn said. "We look forward to using this offseason as another building block to what we established from October to March."

Junior forward **Kevin Misevicius** earned CSAC First Team and **D3Hoops.com** Second Team Mid-Atlantic All-Region honors. Misevicius eclipsed the program records for points in a single season (580), points in a single game (41) and field goals made in a single game (18). He was twice named the CSAC Player of the Week.

Sophomore guard **Glenn Washington** claimed CSAC Second Team honors. Washington also twice earned League Player of the Week distinction and was named to the **D3Hoops.com** National Team of the Week Jan. 6. He was tabbed the most valuable player of the Marymount University Tournament. ●

Grugan Tabbed *Inside Lacrosse* Division III National Player of the Week

Junior attackman **Casey Grugan** was named the *Inside Lacrosse* Division III National Player of the Week for March 31, 2009. Grugan powered Cabrini to two victories in Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) play with a team-high 15 points.

Grugan tallied eight points on five goals and three assists in the Cavaliers' 18-3 win at home against Gwynedd-Mercy College March 25. He paired two goals with five assists in Cabrini's 21-8 triumph at Centenary College March 28.

Grugan owns the nation's second-longest consecutive points streak, notching at least one point in 47 straight games. He is just eight points shy of becoming the third Cavalier men's lacrosse player all-time to reach the 200-point plateau in his career, joining Athletic Hall of Fame honoree **Tom Lemieux '02** and current teammate **Scott Reimer '09**.

Grugan is the second Cavalier to earn the honor in the last two seasons. Junior midfielder **Rich Romanelli** received the national distinction March 4, 2008 after scoring three goals, including the game winner, in a 10-9 upset win at then-No. 4 Roanoke College. ●



Grugan owns the nation's second-longest consecutive points streak.



Junior Christiana Taylor records top mark in long jump.

Taylor Earns All-America Honors at NCAA Championship

Junior **Christiana Taylor** concluded the 2008-09 indoor season in nationally acclaimed fashion. She earned her fourth career All-America distinction, finishing sixth in the pentathlon at the NCAA Championship in Terre Haute, Ind., at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology March 13-14.

Taylor totaled a program-record 3,329 points, eclipsing the previous top mark of 3,264 points she posted just six weeks prior at the Ursinus Pentathlon. She recorded the top mark in the long jump, registering a leap of 18 1/2.

Taylor owns three All-America accolades throughout her indoor career as a Cavalier. In 2008, she finished second in the long jump and eighth in the 55-meter dash at the national meet in Ada, Ohio. Taylor was also part of the 4x100 relay team that earned All-America honors at the 2008 NCAA Outdoor Championship in Osh Kosh, Wis. ●

Women's Basketball Team Captures Second Straight CSAC Title

The Cabrini women's basketball team finished the 2008-09 season in a familiar fashion—advancing to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season and for the sixth time in program history. The Cavaliers captured their second straight Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) title with a 78-67 win against Gwynedd-Mercy College Feb. 28.

Cabrini finished the year with a 23-5 overall record. First-year head coach **Bernadette Laukaitis** leaned upon a senior-laden roster en route to the program's most wins since the 1994-95 season. The Cavaliers finished the season with a 12-2 record at home and a perfect 9-0 mark on the road. Cabrini cruised into the NCAA Tournament having won 17 of their last 19 games.

"This senior class had an amazing four-year run," Laukaitis said. "They are leaving behind 74 wins, two CSAC championships and two appearances in the NCAA Tournament. I couldn't have asked for a better group of leaders in my first year at Cabrini."

Two seniors—**Brittany McLeod** and **Kayleen Smith**—earned CSAC All-Conference recognition. McLeod claimed second-team honors, averaging 9.4 points and 8.3 rebounds per contest. Smith received honorable mention distinction, tallying 10.5 points and 6.4 boards an outing.

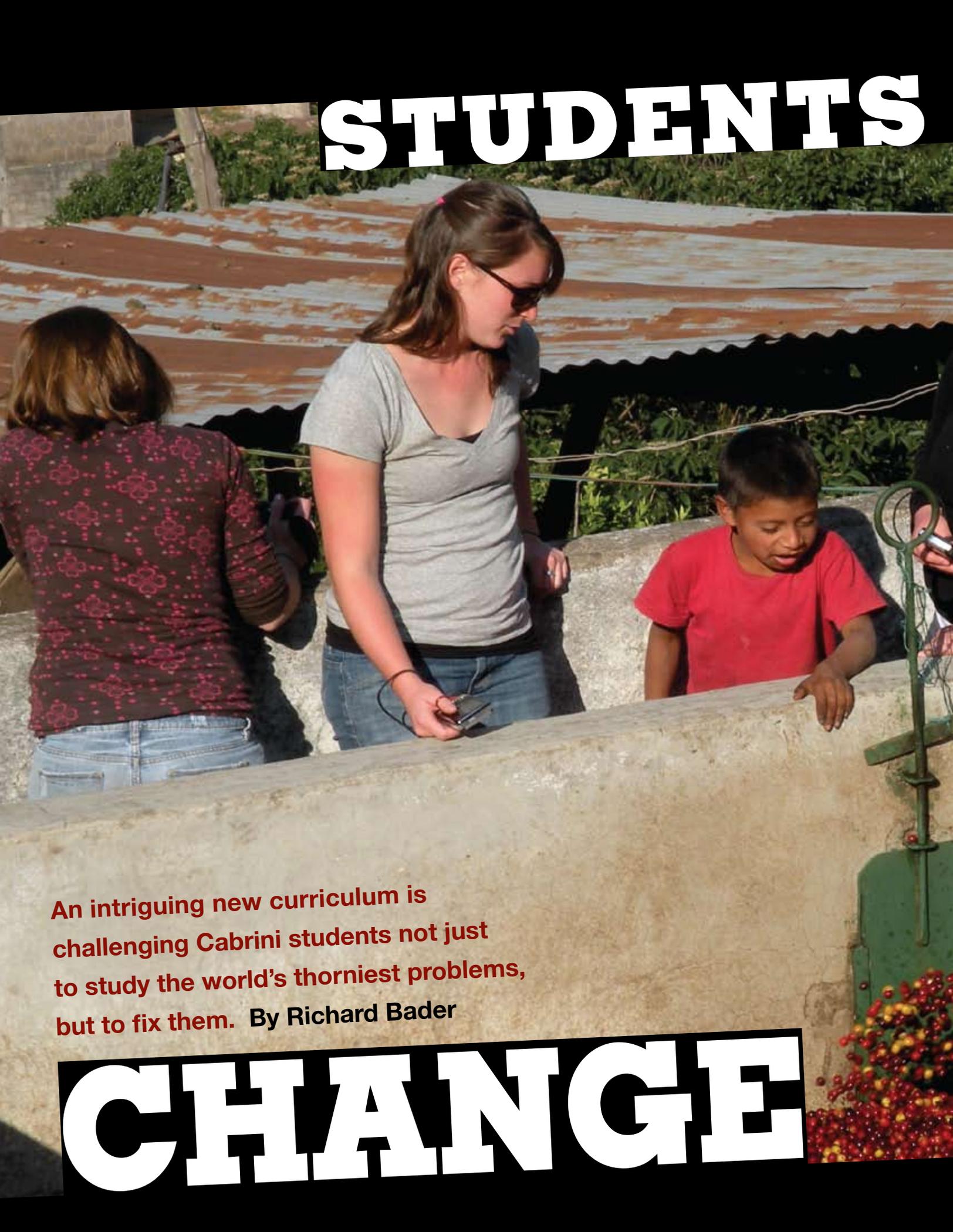


An exuberant women's basketball team celebrates the conference title.

Junior point guard **Deana DiAmico** was named to the CSAC First Team. DiAmico led the Cavaliers in scoring (11.5), free throw percentage (.860) and assists (91). She was named the CSAC Player of the Year Nov. 24. ●

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STUDENTS



An intriguing new curriculum is challenging Cabrini students not just to study the world's thorniest problems, but to fix them. By Richard Bader

CHANGE

WORKING FOR

In Guatemala, Jessica Hagerty '09 (left) and Jillian Smith '09 observe an independent coffee farmer wash beans in a large tub. The Juan Ana Coffee project, run and owned by the San Lucas Mission, provides adequate, sustainable living for coffee farmers by paying fair, consistent wages for their coffee.





Through the Youth Empowerment Program, members of Cabrini men's lacrosse team, including Guy Columbro '09, conduct a lacrosse clinic for students from Norristown High School.

Kelsey Kastrava didn't know what to think about "ECG 100-Our Interdependent World," a course that showed up on her course schedule last summer as she was preparing for freshman year. She pegged it for maybe a history class, one of those inescapable course requirements that colleges have been known to inflict on innocent freshmen. Then on the first day of class, on a warm Tuesday afternoon in early September, things started to get a little weird. It's not at all uncommon for teachers to deploy icebreakers to loosen students up, but was Kastrava hearing what she thought she was hearing? Had her ECG 100 professor really just instructed one of her classmates to stand up, take off his T-shirt, and exchange it with another student?

"We just thought he was bizarre," Kastrava remembers.

The exchange of T-shirts led to an examination of the labels stitched into them, and from there to a discussion of where the shirts were made, who made them, what their living conditions were like, what they were paid, whether or not they may have worked in sweatshops, the environmental impact of growing and processing the cotton they were made of, transportation costs to ship the shirts, and other factors that had to come into play in order for them to find their way onto the backs of these Cabrini freshmen. The students were telling the story of the T-shirts, and in the process maybe a few began to think just a little bit differently about their connection to things in the world that they had taken for granted. And if that was the case, then ECG 100, a.k.a. Engagements with the Common Good, was off to a great start.



First-year communication majors Kelsey Kastrava (right) and Michelle Costa are among 75 students in the pilot program of Justice Matters.

The 20 students in Kelsey Kastrava's class are among 75 Cabrini freshmen in five classes who were selected to take part in the pilot project of what is evolving into a critical component of the College's liberal arts core curriculum. The four-year program asks students to look deeply into the underlying causes of social problems and aims to both inspire them and empower them to, as the course outline puts it, "demonstrate a sustained commitment to the practice of social justice." Beginning with this fall's freshman class, *Justice Matters* will become a College requirement. Kastrava and others in the pilot cohort will continue to be the leading-edge guinea pigs, testing out each year's program before it goes into full swing with the class coming up behind them.

GROWING FROM STRONG ROOTS

The program is growing out of fertile ground that holds a number of intertwined roots. For starters, there's the College's mission, especially the parts that talk about empowering students to live lives of "dignity and purpose" while becoming "more sensitive to the needs of the global community" and "contribut[ing] competently to society."

Another crucial component for a program that next year could have 500 students in 25 sections taught by 25 mostly full-time faculty members, is that the Cabrini faculty is enthusiastically on board. They have been the number-one driving force behind the program's creation.

Then there's Cabrini's longstanding tradition of involvement in community projects, which today include everything from mentoring at-risk children in a Philadelphia suburb to doing community building in a village in Ecuador. Cabrini also has been at the forefront when it comes to integrating a social justice ethic into the curriculum. It was one of the first U.S. colleges to blend community service and coursework into what is now commonly referred to as "service learning," and was the first college in Pennsylvania to make service learning a requirement

Justice Matters—the College's new liberal arts core curriculum—includes a sequence of developmentally linked, writing intensive courses taken in the first, second and third years, and a capstone project in the fourth year. It defines the Contemporary Cabrinian Education through Academic Excellence, Social Justice, and Transformational Learning.

Overall Learning Outcomes for the Series

- Reflect on personal and social values in light of knowledge of philosophical, historical and contemporary principles and movements that sought to create social justice
- Demonstrate a growing knowledge of the relationships between the individual and the common good
- Demonstrate in practice and in reflection the difference between seeking justice through charity and through social change
- Understand the spiritual, cultural, political and economic connectedness of local and global communities
- Demonstrate a sustained commitment to the practice of social justice

AWARENESS Students in Year One:

- Examine their position in various communities and explore their spiritual, cultural, political, and economic connectedness to other groups
- Reflect, inspect and explore their identity and values in connection with other social groups
- Undertake field studies and analyses of real world instances of how their lives are profoundly intertwined with others in cultural, political and economic contexts
- Answer: Who am I? Why do I believe the things I do? How am I connected to the world?

PARTICIPATION Students in Year Two:

- Explore causes of systemic injustice in the world and the role played by partners working for a more just social order
- Sustain community engagement culminating in a project directed by the community partner
- Understand the spiritual, cultural, political and economic connectedness of local and global communities in theory and practice
- Differentiate between practicing charity and seeking justice through systemic change
- Answer: How am I connected to this global society?

SOCIAL CHANGE Students in Year Three:

- Engage in research used to expand the capacity of partner organizations
- Advocate for systemic changes, creating greater solidarity with local and global communities
- Develop skills and strategies for lifelong tools of civic engagement

LIFELONG ENGAGEMENT Students in Year Four:

- Integrate capstone project with their major
- Collaborate with local or global partner, connecting disciplinary knowledge and professional skills to social justice

STUDENT PROFILE: JESSICA ZAWROTNY

In her four years at Cabrini College, **Jessica Zawrotny '09** worked with fellow students on a variety of social justice issues—fair trade, HIV/AIDS prevention and education, food security, and migration, to name a few. Before she graduated, though, she wanted to go beyond the Cabrini campus to see whether students at area colleges and universities were as passionate about these issues as she is.

So when more than 50 students from Villanova, Eastern, Arcadia and Neumann came to Cabrini for a social justice forum that Zawrotny had organized, she was thrilled.

“It was great to know that you’re not the only person working on these issues,” said Zawrotny, who will earn a bachelor’s degree in psychology. “Students all over the Philadelphia area are excited about making a difference. The best part of the forum was that more than 20 Cabrini freshmen attended, which showed me that this local and global commitment to social justice won’t stop when I graduate.”

After Zawrotny returned from a service immersion trip to Ecuador in 2006, she wanted to address issues that could make a difference locally and globally. Mary Laver, Ph.D., director of applied social teaching in the Wolfington Center, the College’s civic engagement office, suggested that Zawrotny become the Catholic Relief Services’ (CRS) ambassador for fair trade.

“My best experience with fair trade is that I’ve gotten other people involved in something that makes a tangible difference to people all over the world on a daily basis,” she said. “Fair trade promotes food security and helps people receive a fair living wage, which allows them to spend more time with their family, which in turn helps their children receive a better education. It goes much further than just a farmer and his crops.”

Zawrotny also initiated fair trade shopping outings to Global Gifts in Wayne, and helped establish the annual Fair Trade Wallyball tournament. Now in its third year, the tournament has raised awareness for fair trade initiatives. After hearing of the tournament at the multi-college campus forum on social justice that Zawrotny planned, students from Villanova and Eastern universities expressed interest in participating in future tournaments.

As graduation nears, Zawrotny keeps her focus on the goals she’s set—like completing a graduate program in occupational therapy at Thomas Jefferson University or Philadelphia University. When she looks back on her accomplishments at Cabrini, she sees how her activism on and off campus will help her in her career path long after she receives her degree on May 17.

“Everything I’ve done at Cabrini, I’ve been able to apply to occupational therapy in some way,” said Zawrotny. “People sometimes assume that you have to be a social justice major for these issues to apply, but they apply to everything.” •



Jessica Zawrotny '09 (center), Catholic Relief Services' (CRS) ambassador for fair trade, enjoys Fair Trade Banana Split Day with Lisa Somers '11 and Drew Neimann, general manager of Cabrini Dining Services.

for graduation. For several years, two courses—Seminar (or SEM) 100, in which freshmen ask tough questions about themselves and where their lives are headed, and SEM 300, for juniors, which gets them involved in work for worthwhile causes—have bookended the core curriculum. *Justice Matters* builds on that platform while also raising the bar.

And it doesn't hurt that *Justice Matters* is at the very top of the priority list for first-year Cabrini President Marie Angelella George. “Our rich heritage and keen sense of mission,” Dr. George told the well-wishers who assembled in the Dixon Center on Nov. 15 to celebrate her inauguration as Cabrini’s seventh president, “have prepared us well to act passionately and decisively in the area of curriculum reform where matters of justice will be central because *justice matters*.”

FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION

Justice Matters has a different take on the central theme in each of its four years. Year one focuses on discovery, on getting students to take a closer look at pressing challenges in their communities and around the world, consider ways those challenges connect to them personally, and learn about the work of others engaged in efforts to tackle them. During sophomore year, students will get hands-on experience with civic engagement as they become involved in a variety of different service projects in collaboration with community partners. As juniors, they will add to their expanding social-justice toolkits by doing community-based research and advocacy to examine and address the complex intermingling of causes that result in social problems. And as seniors, they will design and complete a capstone project that connects the theory and practice of social justice to their major field.

At a time when many colleges across the country are expanding opportunities for students to become involved in community service, *Justice Matters*—spanning four years and all majors and with its goals of



Left: First-year communication majors in the pilot program of Justice Matters use multimedia reporting at a Fair Trade fair in Media, Pa. Right: In December 2008, 10 Cabrini students embarked on a weeklong immersion trip to Duran, Ecuador, with the Catholic Relief Services program, Rostro de Cristo; Andrew Pillar '09 is pictured with a child from an after-school program.

empowering students to effect real, systemic change—stands out as especially ambitious.

“It’s not about charity band aids,” says Jerome Zurek, Ph.D., chair of the Communication Department and the ECG 100 teacher responsible for the T-shirt-swapping exercise. “It’s not about feeding the homeless at Christmas. It’s about social justice. It’s about acquiring lifelong tools to analyze structures that are broken

in the U.S. They took a field trip to Media, Pa., where, armed with video cameras and notepads, they interviewed residents, merchants, and 85-year-old Hal Taussig, the man who inspired Media to become America’s first “Fair Trade Town,” paving the way for seven other towns to follow suit (you can see a video of that visit at www.cabrini.edu/studentvideos).

McCormick, Ph.D., is that it’s possible for students to go beyond simple voluntarism and incorporate social justice into their lives and careers. “We’re hoping that students will see ways that good citizenship and professional identity go to the heart of everyday life. If students see the way justice can impact their life all day, every

“Feeding people in a soup kitchen is good. But at the end of the day, it’s about fixing what causes them to need the soup kitchen in the first place.”

in society and figure out what can be done to change them.”

In the fall, students in Zurek’s class took part in a videoconference involving a Fair Trade coffee grower in Guatemala and an upscale roaster in Minneapolis who buys his beans. They learned how the simple act of paying a fair price for goods from a developing country improves lives in that country and eases immigration pressures

They blogged with students at other colleges about immigration reform. They listened to a woman’s personal account of the devastation that the Rwandan genocide caused for her family. Students in other classes discussed AIDS policy with Senate aides in Washington, D.C., or stood on picket lines with workers striking for better wages outside a nursing home.

A central message of *Justice Matters*, says Dean for Academic Affairs Charlie

day, then we’ve been successful.”

One semester into the *Justice Matters* pilot project, it seems that that message is indeed sinking in.

“You can do any job but still use that job to better the world,” says freshman James Santoro, another student in Zurek’s ECG 100 class. “That’s a big focus of this class. Feeding people in a soup kitchen is good. But at the end of the day, it’s about fixing what causes them to need the soup kitchen in the first place.”

GOOD ROLE MODELS TO FOLLOW

If today's freshmen are looking for examples of how that link between justice and career might play out in one's everyday life, a good life to look at would be that of 2008 Cabrini graduate Amanda Finnegan. Finnegan came to Cabrini planning to go into public relations someday, but after her two older cousins started tours of duty with the Marines in Iraq, she began looking for a way to link her career path more closely to things that were important to her. She decided to shift her focus toward journalism.

"For the first time in my life I saw myself connected to broader issues," Finnegan says. "To be able to write about something that matters is important to me."

As a junior, Finnegan, along with Meghan Hurley '07, wrote a series of editorials on the Fair Trade movement for the College newspaper, *The Loquitur*. The editorials were entered in a Catholic Relief Services journalism competition, and last May, Finnegan and Hurley became the first student journalists from any college or university to win the organization's Eileen Egan Award for Humanitarian Journalism.

First prize was an all-expense-paid, two-week trip last October to the Middle East to explore the challenges facing Iraqi refugees who had fled to Syria and

Inside Higher Ed Features Justice Matters

On March 6, *Inside Higher Ed* published a feature story, "A 'Mission-Driven' Core," on the College's new *Justice Matters* curriculum. President Marie A. George and several faculty members were quoted in the story, as was communication major **Ross Salese '09**, one of 75 first-year students in the *Justice Matters* pilot program. The story is available at www.insidehighered.com. ◉



In April 2008, students from Cabrini College, one of Catholic Relief Services' partner schools, embarked on a trip to Capitol Hill to lobby their representatives on the topics of foreign assistance and additional funding for food aid. Pictured from left: Seniors Brittany Mitchell, Joseph Johnson, Samantha Randol, Michael Balka, Kara Schneider, Jillian Smith and Megan Pellegrino.

Lebanon. The two aspiring journalists found the refugees living in ghetto-like neighborhoods largely segregated by religion, resentful of Americans, and legally forbidden to work. "It was unbelievably humbling," says Finnegan.

After the Middle East trip, Finnegan returned to the U.S. to start her job as new-media producer for the *Las Vegas Sun* newspaper. Las Vegas, America's gambling capital, with its reputation for opulence and excess, might seem to be an unlikely place to integrate social justice into one's journalism career, but Finnegan found a way. She's working on a story about 25 Iraqi refugee families who are relocating to the city, and she hopes to use the story to raise awareness of their struggles—both in leaving their homeland and in trying to assimilate in Las Vegas. "Most people in the U.S. don't understand anything about the Iraqi refugee crisis," she says. "During [last fall's] presidential campaign, the candidates were arguing over victory. What does victory mean for the 2 million to 4 million people who will never return home?"

By linking social justice to her career, Finnegan is a living, breathing example of what the *Justice Matters* curriculum hopes to accomplish. So is Meghan Hurley, who is spending two years in Cusco, Peru, helping women and children through programs run by a Catholic charity. So is Chris Sweeney, another 2008 grad, who is putting his accounting major to

use to help develop financial systems for the Cabrini Ministries' orphanage in Swaziland. So are senior communication majors Megan Pellegrino, Kara Schneider, and Jillian Smith, who produced a video called "Our Hands are Not Tied" (www.cabrini.edu/studentvideos) to illuminate both the magnitude of the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa and progress in combating it. In February, Pellegrino, Schneider and Smith traveled to Guatemala with fellow seniors Jessica Hagerty and Christine Graf to document the partnerships that come out of poverty. The result: a multimedia website (www.cabrini.edu/poverty), "Breaking the Chains: Linking to End Poverty," that focuses on economics, health care, education, migration and food security in that Central American country.

"AN EXTRAORDINARY CLASS"

"Dear Mr. President," Kelsey Kastrava began her December memorandum to then U.S. President-Elect Barack Obama, the subject line of which read, "Comprehensive Immigration Reform."

"As a current first-year student at Cabrini College, I have been soaking up a lot of information regarding the problem our country is facing with immigration." In nine meaty paragraphs, the Cabrini freshman went on to lay out an insightful synopsis of Obama's position on immigration, to point out places where she and

STUDENT PROFILE: QUIANA VOLNEY

America's 44th president see eye to eye, and then to take him to task for the ambiguity of his "back of the line" proposal, which would require undocumented immigrants in the U.S. who are in good standing to pay a fine, learn English, and then "go to the back of the line" behind others who applied legally to become citizens.

"My concern," Kastrava wrote, "is what constitutes the 'back of the line'? Do these people who sacrificed their lives and left their families in hopes to provide for them just get pole-vaulted to the poverty they left behind? I understand breaking the law is wrong, and there must be a penalty... However, part of their consequence should not be to place them back in the land that ultimately pushed them away."

In true *Justice Matters* fashion, Kastrava's memo covers not just what's broken, but how it might be fixed. She offers suggestions for increasing the number of temporary work visas and accelerating the application process immigrants must follow to apply for legal status.

And she takes it upon herself to explain to President Obama just how it is that immigration has come to matter so much to her in the first place. "This issue was once unknown to me," Kastrava wrote, "and after being introduced to it through an extraordinary class, I am able to see the severity of [the problem]."

That means that the creators of that "extraordinary class" can put a checkmark beside "raise awareness" in the course-goal checklist. You could build a pretty good argument for checking off "research" and "advocacy" as well. And though Kastrava and her classmates may still be a couple of semesters away from "effecting change," it's clear they're headed in the right direction.

And that, says Zurek, is what the program is all about. "We don't just want the students to learn things. We want to touch their hearts. We want them to use their hands and feet. We want them to use their voices to advocate for what they believe in. How many freshmen across the nation will have that kind of experience?" ●

A few weeks into her first semester, **Quiana Volney '12**, one of 75 students in the pilot program of *Justice Matters*, read "Mountains Beyond Mountains," by Tracey Kidder. The book, which focuses on how disease and malnutrition are plaguing Haiti, had a significant impact on Volney. Even without the class assignment of researching on a social justice topic, Volney knew she had to address these issues.

"I had to ask myself, 'What could I do?'" said Volney, a second-generation Haitian-American. "My sister and aunt, both in the medical profession, have gone to Haiti in recent years to assist. While I haven't been able to travel there yet, I wanted to incorporate this into my classes, and let others know how they can help the people of Haiti."

The impact the course had on Volney is an ideal example of how the curriculum aims to help transform students.

"Quiana is a remarkable student-leader and an insightful, poised young scholar," said Nancy Watterson, Ph.D., assistant professor of social justice. "She looks for significant ways for forge connections between her academic abilities and her socially minded convictions, and she focuses on how to translate information into action."

Volney's parents met at a Haitian church in Brooklyn, N.Y. The youngest of three children, Volney was born in Queens, N.Y. When Volney was in the second grade, her family moved to Millstone, N.J. As a star athlete in the hurdles and the relay at New Jersey's Allentown High School, Volney attracted the attention of James Williams, head coach of Cabrini's Women's Track and Field team. Though Cabrini wasn't on Volney's short list of colleges to attend, Williams coaxed her into visiting campus for an overnight stay with the Track and Field team.

"That's what sold me," said Volney, "And once I found out about the campus activities and the mission of the College, everything fell into place."

A born-again Christian, Volney is an active participant with her church, the Monmouth Worship Center Assembly of God in Marlboro, N.J. She finds Cabrini's commitment to faith a comforting aspect of campus life.

"Faith is important to me," Volney said. "I always want to have a close relationship with God. When people go to college, their faith is sometimes tested. At Cabrini, I've found students who share similar views, and that made me feel right at home."

A member of the College's Voices of Justice Living and Learning Community, Volney is majoring in business administration, with a concentration in international marketing and a minor in Spanish. Her marketing savvy and persuasiveness serve her well as the College's liaison between Dining Services and students. Volney, who administers a Food Critic Facebook account to more than 400 Cabrini students, represents students' dining likes and dislikes.

In just her first year, Volney knows that addressing pressing social issues will have a prominent role in her life.

"As an active member of Catholic Relief Services on campus, and with the skills I have and the skills I will learn," said Volney, "I can do so much for countries around the world and for students at Cabrini." ●



Alumni

First Team Trivia Night a Success

More than 125 alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the College tested their knowledge of music, movies, sports, and Cabrini history at the Alumni Association's Team Trivia Night on March 21. The event, hosted by Jolyon Girard, Ph.D., professor *emeritus* of history and political science, and John Keating '82, raised nearly \$3,000, with proceeds benefitting the Alumni Association Scholarship. Prizes were awarded to the three highest-scoring teams, in addition to a raffle and door prizes.

Stay tuned for information on the second annual Team Trivia Night in 2010! ●

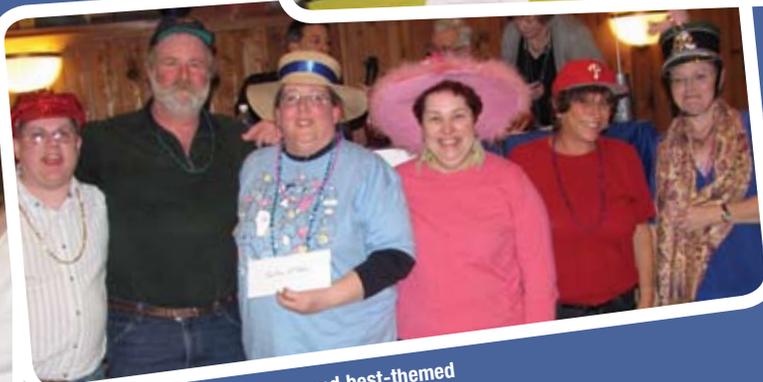


President George joins emcees John Keating '82 (left) and Professor *Emeritus* Jolyon Girard, Ph.D.

Members of the third-place team celebrate their success. Front row (from left): Nancy Gorevin Costello '71, Martha Dale, former director of alumni, John Dale, Gina Scarpello, director, Cabrini Mission Corps. Back row (from left): Greg Pasquarello '77, Liz Pasquarello, Tom Costello, Jason Scarpello.



Class of 1993 alumni and guests pose for a group photo. Front row: Rich Cox, Tara Kegel Cox '93. Back row (from left): Karen Bell Fitzgerald '93, Tricia Loughran Eakin '93, Michael Rosen, Carol Bristow '93, Catherine DeHart '93.



Second-place winners and best-themed table (from left): Jim Bagley, Ed Wimble, Beth Hamill '99, Karen Geschwindt, Lori Hensel, Beth Moulton '99.

Alumni Board President Fran Carusi Brooks '82 and her husband, Dave.



The first-place team celebrates victory. Front row (from left): Courtney Smith '00, Bobby Maro '06. Back row (from left): Jay Cunnick '06, Chris Friel '06, Brooke Sexton '06, Jaclyn Fox '05, Jill McCormick, Jessica Clarke.



Front row (from left): Maria Keating, Chrissy Karney '01, Colleen Geerken Burns '01. Back row: Gina Burritt, Brian Burritt, Kristina Nielsen '01, Adam Nielsen, Chris Nielsen '01.



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1959

50th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

1964

45th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

1967

Gay Mendres Zanni '67 received a master's degree in literacy education from the College of New Rochelle in 1998. She is the director of reading for kindergarten through fourth grade at the Peck School in Morristown, N.J. Her son, Lenny, was married in July 2000, in Aspen, Colo. Her husband, Len, was in the South Tower at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and escaped by walking down 55 flights of stairs; more than 265 employees of his company, Garban Intercapital, exited the tower safely.

1969

40th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

Linda Clancy Brown '69 recently returned to West Chester, Pa., after living in Boston for nine years. She is now closer to her three children and three grandchildren.

1974

35th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

1976

Mary-Jo B. Caranfa Scott '76 celebrated her 15th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to Antarctica. She has now been to all seven continents.

1979

30th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

1980

Ron Katkocin '80 and **Rose Battiato Katkocin '84** enjoyed their 2008 trip to Seattle and cruise to Alaska with their son Michael, 12, and daughters Camilia, 10, and Christina, 8.

1983

Marie Caccese Gilligan '83 recently became a library assistant at Darley Road Elementary in the Brandywine School District of Claymont, Del.

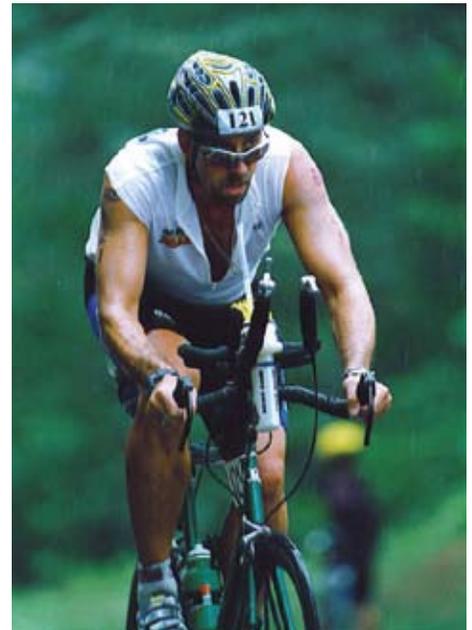
Maria Newsome Sobel '83 is a language arts specialist for kindergarten through fifth grade at Central School in Haddonfield, N.J. She recently obtained principal certification and is pursuing a position as an elementary school principal.

1984

25th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

Steve Brown '84 (pictured right) recently authored three books, "My New Race," "The Inner Triathlete" and "50 Fit Tips." Brown, an editor

for *Liberty Sports* magazine and frequent triathlon and marathon competitor, was diagnosed with chronic lymphocytic leukemia in 2006. He continued training during chemotherapy treatment, and seven months after diagnosis, crossed the finish line of his eighth iron distance triathlon. "My New Race" chronicles his journey from diagnosis to remission and across the finish line. Brown's books are available through Amazon.com, and soon will be available through book retailers. Visit www.remissionman.com for more details.



1989

20th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

1992

Colleen Murphy Grossenbacher '92 is branch manager at Monarch Staffing in Malvern, Pa. She earned a Certified Staffing Professional designation (CSP) in July 2008. *Diversity Business, Inc.* recently

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ranked Monarch 36th in the top 100 women-owned businesses and 51st in the top 100 diversity-owned businesses in the state.

Laura DiNunzio Malhotra '92 is a therapist at the Renfrew Center in Radnor. Her husband, Vishal, accepted a job as a director for Sealed Air, and they are moving to Dallas this summer. They are expecting a baby boy in June.

1993

April Scott McCann '93 has joined the law firm of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A., in Bridgewater, N.J.

1994

15th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

1995

Melissa Tobias Garland '95 and her husband, Rich, adopted a baby



girl from Korea on Nov. 21, 2008. Brother Benjamin, 4, also adopted from Korea, welcomed Mallory Ann, who was born on March 12 (pictured left).

1996

Jaqueline Reid Zapfen '96 is a stay-at-home mother to sons Joey, 4, and Calvin, 1. She married husband George in 2003.

1997

Kate Dinwiddie '97 is assistant chair of mathematics at the University of New Orleans.

Christa Gervasi '97 recently accepted a position as associate medical program coordinator at Centocor in Malvern, Pa.

Lisa Fusco '97 and David Farina were married on Jan. 24, 2009 at Saint Joseph's Church in Sea Isle City, N.J., with a reception following at the Ram's Head Inn in Galloway, N.J. The couple honeymooned in Mexico's Riviera Maya. They reside in Sea Isle City.

1998

Regina Lamberti Gabriel '98 and **Roman Gabriel '99** welcomed a 6-pound, 7-ounce boy, Wesley Michael, on Aug. 29, 2008 (pictured above).

1999

10th Reunion
Celebrate at Alumni Weekend
June 19-20, 2009

Jan Campbell Dreger '99 and **Andrew Dreger '99**, residents of Springfield, Pa., are part-owners of Campbell's Boat House restaurant and bar in Media, Pa. They are parent representatives and active sponsors of the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation; their oldest son, Owen, was born with a hemangioma.

Sean Tait '99 was named interim boys' basketball coach at Archbishop Wood High School.

John Gwiazdowski '99, G'02 married Monica Hyatt on Oct. 25, 2008 at Cabrini College's Mansion. Alumni in attendance were **Brian Bugey '99; Brendan Muller '01;**

Joseph Marchese '99, G'02;
Andy Burke '98; Chris Vitale '99;
 and **Kevin Benjamin '02.** Monica
 is a 2003 graduate of Downingtown
 High School. The couple resides in
 West Chester, Pa., with their son,
 Gage.

2000

Courtney Smith '00 is pursuing
 a Ph.D. in American history from
 Lehigh University. In fall 2008, she
 returned to Cabrini as an assistant
 professor in the history and political
 science department. She has enjoyed
 experiencing campus life from a
 faculty perspective.



In March, *The Catholic Standard
 and Times* ran an article on **Joanne
 Morrone Tarrant '01** and Daniel
 Tarrant, detailing their journey in
 adopting 20-month-old Ugandan
 twins Nya Mary Grace and John
 Paul Kato.

2002

On Oct. 25, 2008, **Colleen Dorrian
 '02, G'04** married Joe Giunta,
 director of athletics at Cabrini, in
 Montego Bay, Jamaica (pictured
 above). For guests unable to attend
 the wedding, the couple later held
 a local reception at Immaculata
 University. *The Philadelphia Inquirer's*
 "Love" column on Jan. 28, 2009
 covered the Jamaica nuptials. The
 couple resides in Philadelphia's Art
 Museum area.

at Elizabeth Seton High School
 in Bladensburg, Md. She began
 teaching first-year religion classes at
 the school in 2004.

Lisa Cymerman Roth '03 is
 a special education teacher at
 Boyertown Area Senior High School
 in Boyertown, Pa. She recently
 became an independent consultant
 for Tastefully Simple, a national
 gourmet food and gift company ([www.
 tastefullysimple.com/web/lroth](http://www.tastefullysimple.com/web/lroth)).

2004

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2005

Maria Moglioni '05 and **Tyler
 Sandford '07** were married in
 November 2008. Maria is a special
 education teacher at the Delaware

2001

Lisa Haggerty Houck '01 and her
 husband, Tom, welcomed their first
 daughter, Cecilia Rose, (pictured
 above) on Nov. 13, 2007.



2003

Since 2003, **Rita Horning '03**
 has been the varsity softball coach

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Autism Program, and Tyler works for the New Jersey National Guard.

Stefanie Ciarrochi '05 is a special education coordinator for kindergarten through eighth grade at Community Academy of Philadelphia.

Craig Vagell Jr. '05 is an operations manager at ABC in New York, and CEO of his own company, Totally Focused Productions, LLC. Craig won a bronze Telly Award for an independent video he produced on firefighter safety. More than 14,000 entries were submitted for the 2008 Telly Awards, which honor the best local and cable television programming, outstanding video and film productions, and work created for the Internet.



2006

Alyse Berardi '06 is currently enrolled in the special education master's program at Caldwell College, where she

recently received post-baccalaureate teacher certification for kindergarten through fifth grade and pre-school through third grade. She is a second-grade teacher in Totowa, N.J.

Kim White '06 and **Pat Downs '06** (pictured above) were married in August 2008 in Cape May, N.J.



For Havens '07, the Sky's the Limit

Daina Havens '07 (English and communication) is a technical writer for the quality and standards team MetaTec Group, Inc., a company under contract to support the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Havens writes and edits documentation and participates in efforts associated with the reengineering of FAA and National Airspace processes.

Havens works out of the William J. Hughes Technical Center (WJHTC), the world's premier aviation research and development, test and evaluation facility, at the Atlantic City International Airport. Her team recently was invited to Washington, D.C., to be recognized for their role in the removal of the FAA's air traffic control modernization program from the Government Accountability Office High Risk List.

"I graduated from Cabrini fully prepared with the professionalism and experience to tackle the real world," said Havens. "I'm thankful for the opportunity and encouragement I found in the English and communication department."

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Commitment to Social Justice Springs From Roots

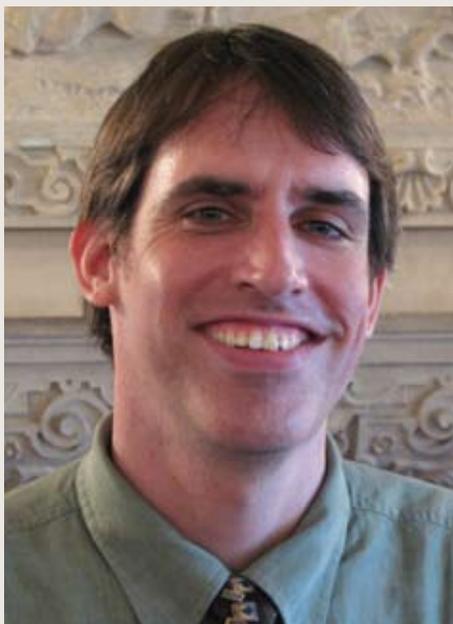
By Nicholas Rademacher, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religious Studies

In just my second year at Cabrini College, I continue to be amazed by the seasonal beauty of the College's campus. I write this article as spring arrives, bringing about a transformation of the campus. The grey and barren tree branches blossom into a wide array of colors: especially delightful are the cherry tree that adorns the front of the Holy Spirit Library and the dogwood and magnolia trees that grace the chapel's eastern exposure.

The perennial flowering of this college community's commitment to social justice is equally impressive. But it is not unexpected given that the school's roots are firmly planted in the Catholic intellectual tradition through, in large part, its foundation and continuing sponsorship by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Frances Xavier Cabrini's mission arose organically in response to the needs of the time, particularly the massive dislocation of people due to the political and economic turmoil of late 19th-century Europe and the United States. Mother Cabrini's work among Italian immigrants in the United States represents a lived example of the Roman Catholic Church's tradition of Catholic social teaching. In fact, she was sent here by Leo XIII who in 1891 authored the first papal encyclical that expressly addressed contemporary social problems. In Latin, that document is called *Rerum Novarum*, which in English is translated as "Of New Things," but is often referred to by its subject matter, "On Capital and Labor."

The introduction of the revised curriculum, *Justice Matters*, moves forward our ongoing commitment to social justice and explicitly roots that commitment to social justice in the tradition of Catholic social teaching and practice.

Education is foundational to the implementation of social justice. Knowing why



we are doing it, is as crucial as knowing what we are doing. Here, the Cabrinian heritage provides us with some very useful language. While we expect the training of the intellect at the college level, an "education of the heart" is a unique element in the landscape of this campus.

The tradition of Catholic social teaching and practice provides us with language that may help us to explain what these two missions—"education of the intellect" and "education of the heart"—entail.

The intellectual component of the Catholic social tradition is very important to delineate, rooted as it is in scripture, theology, and the social sciences. Finely tuned social analysis is key to action for social justice. The practitioner of social justice must be able to identify problems and their causes, postulate solutions to those problems, and act on them, constantly revising and recalibrating her approach as situations change.

The "education of the heart" is much more subtle. It is difficult to pin down and categorize. The elusive nature of this

phrase has not prevented reflection upon it. In their encyclical tradition, the popes have spoken in terms of a transformation of the heart because, as Paul VI understood, "the best structures and the most idealized systems soon become inhuman if the inhuman inclinations of the human heart are not made wholesome." John Paul II explained that one's heart must turn to "the readiness, in the Gospel sense, to 'lose oneself' for the sake of the other instead of exploiting him, and to 'serve him' instead of oppressing him for one's own advantage."

Examples of Catholic social practice that are rooted in the "education of the heart" can be observed in groups as varied as the Catholic Worker Movement, Catholic Relief Services, and, of course, the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus themselves. Given Cabrini College's commitment to *Justice Matters*, we need not look further than our own environment. The student trip to Ecuador each year, *Rostro de Cristo* ("Face of Christ"), that I experienced with campus minister Christa Angeloni and 10 remarkable students in December 2008, is one of the best examples. Another outstanding instance on campus is the "Voices of Justice" Living and Learning community, which Dr. Nancy Watterson, Dr. Darryl Mace and I lead that brings together students of diverse background to discuss the intersection of faith, justice, and American culture.

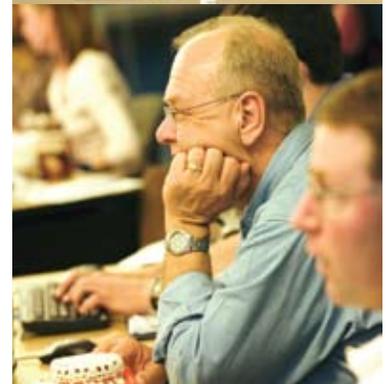
The "education of the heart" is like the natural beauty of our college campus, which only flourishes if properly tended by responsible individuals. Cabrini College is fortunate to have a committed faculty and, in Marie George, a new President who sees both the intellectual and gospel dimensions of a Cabrinian education as the roots of a college mission founded on Christian justice. ●

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