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One's Self*

*Marie Angelella George, Ph.D.*

*Seventh President of  
Cabrini College*

# Message from the President

In this—my first letter to the alumni, students, parents, donors, faculty, staff and friends who receive *Cabrini Magazine*—I want to address two matters of importance to the Cabrini College community:

- Affordability of higher education in the current economy
- Our continued commitment to excellence in providing an education for the 21st century

These are not mutually exclusive issues, but there is a delicate balance here that will require much creativity, resourcefulness and hard work to insure that we continue to provide the “education of the heart” that is at the core of Cabrini College’s mission.

None of us are immune to the economic declines throughout the nation and the world.

As we struggle with these new financial realities, let me assure you that every one of us in the College administration, faculty and staff are acutely aware of the financial sacrifices students and their families make in order to enjoy the educational opportunities at Cabrini. We are working on a daily basis with students and families to find financial aid resources, work/study opportunities, paid internships, and other ways to ease their financial burdens.

The value of a Cabrini education has been recognized many times over our 50-year history, but let me share with you two of the most recent. Just last month, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching selected Cabrini College for its 2008 Community Engagement Classification, which represents “a significant affirmation of the importance of community engagement in the agenda of higher education.” Cabrini is one of just 110 colleges and universities nationwide honored for “Curricular Engagement & Outreach and Partnerships.”

This honor further supports the results of the 2008 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which showed that first-year students and seniors at Cabrini College scored higher than students from more than 700 colleges and universities in several benchmarks of effective educational practice.

Cabrini provides magnificent educational opportunities to 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students in Radnor and at 21 off-site locations, and next year will launch “Justice Matters,” a groundbreaking core curriculum that will prepare Cabrini students for the global society that awaits them after graduation. Our goal is to seek new levels of excellence for Cabrini College.

I am committed to supporting our already extraordinary faculty. The faculty is at the center of what we do, and in this issue of *Cabrini Magazine* you will read of an alumna who established a science scholarship in honor of her former professor. We are blessed to have a strong foundation of 10,000 alumni and other donors who support our efforts.

As I meet with students, parents, alumni and others, many offer their thoughts and ideas on strengthening our College. These are conversations that I cherish, and I look forward to communicating with you as the College’s plans develop over the next several months.

Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,



Marie Angelella George, Ph.D.  
President

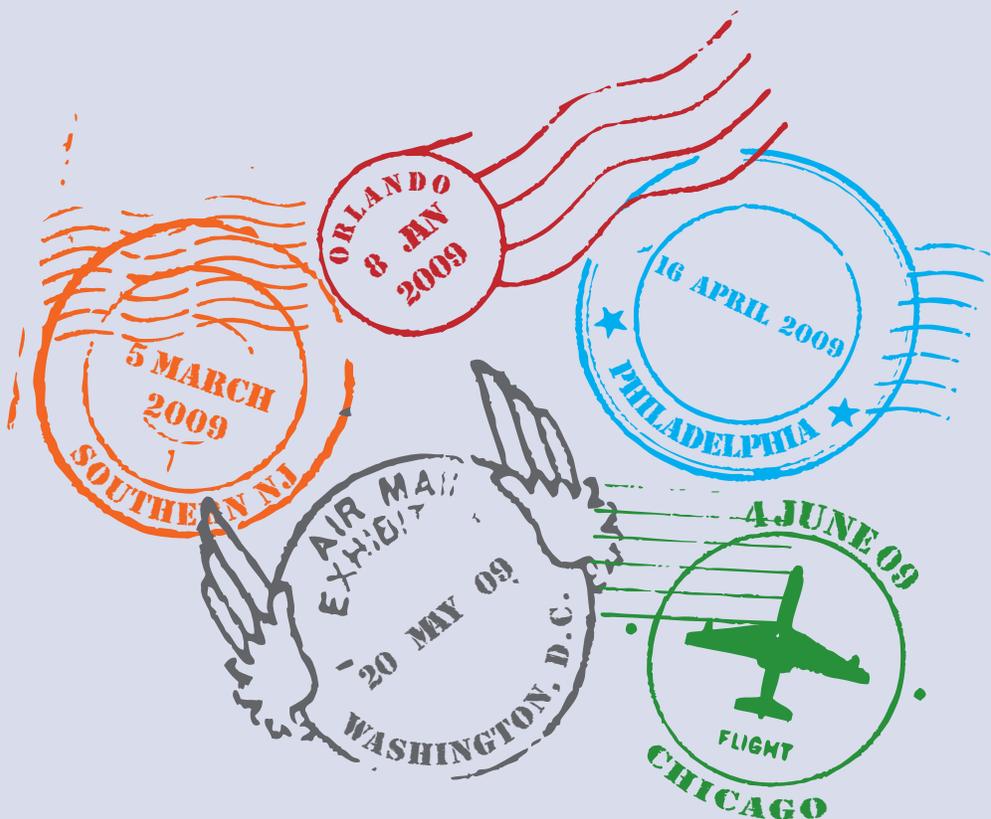


# DR. MARIE ANGELELLA GEORGE

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## PRESIDENTIAL TOUR

Beginning in January, Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., seventh president of Cabrini College, will travel across the country sharing Cabrini news with alumni, current and former students, and friends of the College. Details about the receptions and dinners are forthcoming.



- 1/7/09 Sarasota, FL
- 1/8/09 Orlando
- 1/9/09 Boca Raton, FL
- 1/24/09 New York
- 2/19/09 Bucks County, PA
- 3/5/09 Southern New Jersey
- 3/12/09 Delaware County, PA
- 3/18/09 Northeast Pennsylvania
- 3/26/09 Montgomery County, PA
- 4/16/09 Philadelphia
- 4/23/09 Chester County, PA
- 5/7/09 Berks/Lancaster County, PA
- 5/20/09 Washington, D.C./Baltimore
- 6/4/09 Chicago

*\* All dates subject to change*



### JANUARY 24

Meet President George in New York as Cabrini Women's Basketball Team Returns to Madison Square Garden

The Cabrini community is invited to meet President George and the women's basketball team at a reception 5-7 p.m. in Madison Square Garden immediately following the Cavaliers' game against the Neumann College Knights. The game begins at 2:45 p.m. RSVP for free tickets to the game and reception at [www.cabrini.edu/alumni](http://www.cabrini.edu/alumni). Those attending the reception are not required to attend the game; however, a ticket is needed to enter the arena.

Bus transportation will be available from Cabrini College to Madison Square Garden.

For more information, contact Noel Kirkner, Alumni Programs Coordinator, at [noel.p.kirkner@cabrini.edu](mailto:noel.p.kirkner@cabrini.edu) or 610-902-8212.

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Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., Seventh President of Cabrini College, delivers her inaugural address at the Installation Ceremony on Nov. 15.

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## Political Commentator Cokie Roberts to Receive 2009 Ivy Young Willis Award

ABC News political commentator and Broadcasting and Cable Hall of Fame member Cokie Roberts will receive the College's 2009 Ivy Young Willis Award Feb. 5. Roberts, also a senior news analyst for National Public Radio, will be honored for her contributions in the field of public affairs. Her most recent book, "Ladies of Liberty" (William Morrow, 2008), pays homage to women who helped shape America, and includes personal correspondence and private journals of Abigail Adams, Martha Jefferson, Dolley Madison, and Sacajawea, among others.

The American Women in Radio and Television cited Roberts as one of the 50 greatest women in the history of broadcasting, and in 2008 the Library of

Congress named her a "Living Legend," making her one of a select group of Americans to have attained that honor. She also serves on the boards of several non-profit institutions and on the President's Commission on Service and Civic Participation.

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. The Ivy Young Willis Award, given annually since 1992, recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions in the field of public affairs. Past recipients include Lisa Nutter, president of Philadelphia Academies, Inc.; Kathleen McGinty, former secretary of the Pennsylvania



Cokie Roberts

Department of Environmental Protection; Reneé Amooore, president of the Amooore Group and healthcare and political activist; and Chai Ling, Tiananmen Square leader and business entrepreneur.

*The presentation is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. in the Mansion and is free and open to the public. ●*

## Founder's Day Celebrates Sister Ursula's Vision

Two authorities on family services and international trade policy will present "Global Food Crisis: Impact on Families in the US and Around the World" on Founder's Day, Feb. 17, for the College's annual celebration honoring the birthday of Sister Ursula

Infante, MSC (1897-2001). Scheduled to speak are Mariana Chilton, Ph.D., assistant professor of health management and policy at Drexel University School of Public Health, and Abiosseh Davis, project

associate for the Global Women's Project at the Center of Concern in Washington, D.C.

Chilton is principal investigator for the Philadelphia GROW Project, which provides services at St. Christopher's Hospital for children with failure to thrive, and consists of a research endeavor that tracks the wellbeing of infants and toddlers in relation to their caregivers' participation in federal assistance programs.

Davis previously worked as an executive assistant to the director of the business relations group at the Department of Labor and as a program associate in the Africa/Western Hemisphere Unit at the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES). As a native of The Gambia and having spent a year abroad studying in Dakar, Senegal, Davis has a

strong interest in the gendered impacts of trade liberalization and international trade policy on the African continent.

Past Founder's Day presenters include Sister Helen Prejean, death penalty abolitionist and author of the book "Dead Man Walking"; Robert Bullard, Ph.D., director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University; and immigration-rights activist Jim Claffey.

*The presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Grace Hall Atrium and is free and open to the public. ●*



Abiosseh Davis



Mariana Chilton, Ph.D.

## Cabrini One of 12 Colleges Accepted to Howard Hughes Medical Institute Research Initiative



David Dunbar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, and Melinda Harrison, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, with the DNA Sequencer in Cabrini's undergraduate research laboratory.

During the 2009-10 academic year, students at Cabrini will research bacterial viruses and DNA sequencing with one of the largest research organizations in the country, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI).

Cabrini College is one of 12 colleges and universities nationwide accepted into the group, 2009 HHMI Science Education

Alliance (SEA). As part of the SEA National Genomics Research Initiative, David Dunbar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, and Melinda Harrison, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, will develop an honors biology course built around a national experiment in bacteriophage genomics. (A bacteriophage, or phage, is a virus that infects bacteria.)

“The three-year initiative gives students early exposure to real scientific research, troubleshooting and discovery in real-time,” said Dunbar. “The two-semester phage genomics course draws on techniques in several aspects of biology, including microbiology, molecular biology, and bioinformatics [the application of information technology to molecular biology]. We will offer the course during the 2009-10, 2010-11, and 2012-13 academic years.”

In fall 2009, students will isolate and purify bacteriophages from local soil and characterize them using a variety of techniques, including microscopy and DNA analysis. During winter break, the class will send purified bacteriophage DNA to the Joint Genome Institute for sequencing. In the spring semester, students will download the genome sequence and use bioinformatics tools to annotate it. At the end of the spring semester, Dunbar and Harrison and a student will report their discoveries at HHMI's research symposium, and any unique phages characterized by Cabrini students will be published for the scientific community.

The HHMI Science Education Alliance began in 2008-09 with 12 colleges; the alliance plans to add 12 additional colleges for the 2010-11 academic year, for a total of 36. The HHMI provides initial course planning and development, training of faculty and teaching assistants, reagents and essential equipment that may be unavailable to the colleges. ●

## PA Grant Helps Library Digitize College's Cabriniana Collection

In the Holy Spirit Library, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini is about to go digital.

The Holy Spirit Library plans to use \$30,000 in funding from a Pennsylvania Library Services and Technology Act grant in a digitization project for materials from the College Archives and the Cabriniana Collection, the largest collection in North America of writing from St. Cabrini.

The Cabriniana Collection, which currently is housed on the second

floor of the library, includes the documentation of the canonization of St. Cabrini as the first American saint.

The grant also will help digitize several items in the Cabrini College archives, including original platinum photographs, blueprints, and surveys of the Woodcrest Estate—items which have attracted the interest of the Radnor Historical Society. The digitization will increase access to the information. ●



Pat Ciarrocchi

## Cabrini Gives a New Footing to an Iraq War Veteran

By Pat Ciarrocchi, CBS 3 News Anchor

*The following report aired on CBS 3 TV on Nov. 11, 2008, and is available on [cbs3.com](http://cbs3.com).*

Thousands of veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have returned home with severe physical and psychological disabilities. They are trying to get their lives on track—some more successfully than others.

Pisey Tan wants to be one of the success stories.

I met Pisey in 2006 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Maryland. This 27-year-old Army sergeant who grew up in Philadelphia was learning how to walk again after losing both legs in a roadside bombing in Iraq. He had been driving his unit's Bradley Fighting Vehicle when an improvised explosive device detonated under him. Pisey remembers the concussive nature of the explosion and remembers trying to push down on the accelerator. The vehicle didn't move. When he looked down, Pisey saw blood and nothing else.

Fast forward more than two years, Pisey—a man who now walks on steel—is navigating life at Cabrini College. He walks through campus on two, high tech, prosthetic legs. He says it's just another of life's opportunities.

"You know when I was in the military, I never imagined myself thinking I was going to school or even getting married," Pisey said.

But now, he is a full-time student at Cabrini, a husband, and in January—a father. Pisey is also an advocate with a veterans' unique voice.

"I don't think we are doing enough, some of the guys might have fallen through the cracks," Pisey explained.

Returning Iraq veterans with brain injuries and deep psychological wounds

have overwhelmed their families. "I have to admit that when I got back, I was angry, a little nutso, a little crazy, as time went on, I had loved ones who were always there for me," Pisey said.

"People need to be active with the soldiers that are coming back, they need loved ones, they need care," Pisey explained.

Though he lost both legs, he called himself lucky with his injuries because they

who was part of the "Homes For Our Troops" program, learned of Pisey's courage, determination and sacrifice. A home, completely accessible for someone with a disability, was built and given to him and his family at no cost to him.

Pisey is nearly 10 years older than some of Cabrini's students, but he says he wants to quietly fit in. He's eager to find a new academic footing and explains, shyly,



*Iraq War Veteran Pisey Tan is a first-year Communication major at Cabrini.*

were physical—they could be seen and he didn't fall through the cracks. Other soldiers have conditions that are hidden from the public. Pisey believes those veterans deserve to have their country serve them, now, in return for their sacrifices.

About the same time I met him to do a July 4, 2006 story on returning, severely injured soldiers, a Delaware County builder

that he is dedicating all of his time to his studies.

Today, Pisey Tan is preparing for his future, knowing that he is forever shaped by the U.S. military service. When you ask him if his sacrifice of both legs was too much for our country to ask, Pisey will quickly tell you, "No." He loves his country and he says, he was just doing his job. ●



*Crabby Creek feeds into Valley Creek in Tredyffrin Township.*

## Cabrini Receives National Science Grant for Community Water Project

The National Science Foundation awarded a \$92,000 grant to Cabrini College to support the project, “Collaborative Research-Watershed Citizenship Learning Community.”

The two-year grant—which begins in February—will be used for course development, supplies and equipment supporting two courses (“Watershed Ecology” and “Watershed Citizenship”); the students in these courses will make up the Learning Community. Working with the Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, Pa., students will conduct stream experiments, including innovative DNA barcoding studies, and more traditional stream chemistry studies in “Watershed Ecology.” In “Watershed Citizenship,” students will gain an appreciation of the psychology of environmental choices people make and work with community members on best practices in storm water management.

The project, which builds on the Crabby Creek Stream Monitoring Project,

which has provided opportunities for environmental studies and research for students majoring in biology and psychology. Education students have used the project to provide environmental science outreach for K-12 students in local school districts during the College’s Science on Saturday programs.

The Crabby Creek project is directed by David Dunbar, Ph.D., associate professor of biology; Melissa Terlecki, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology; Caroline Nielsen, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology; and Susan Gill, Ph.D., education director of the Stroud Water Research Center. The Crabby Creek project began in 2007 with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency. Crabby Creek is a tributary of Valley Creek, and runs through Tredyffrin Township.

“By integrating these students into a community of citizen scientists,” said

Dunbar, “we expect to engender a sustainable interest in local and global environmental issues, specifically those related to water. We also will stress the complex nature that the solution of environmental issues demands.”

Students will work with the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership in creating environmental educational packets. Students will be involved in Crabby Creek Earth Day events sponsored by Cabrini College and the Restoration Partnership in Chester County, and invite the Crabby Creek community to collaborate with them on work on the watershed project.

Representatives from the Stroud Water Research Center will teach parts of both courses. Stroud is an innovative institute that educates citizens on watershed issues and ways homeowners can improve local watershed quality. ●

## UPS Gives \$25,000 to Cabrini and Habitat for Humanity Project

UPS did something extraordinary when it gave Cabrini College and the Montgomery County Habitat for Humanity a \$25,000 check to support the Carriage Stone House project.

UPS joined Cabrini and other local sponsors of the five townhomes—partially built with student, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteer workers—sold to low-income families in Norristown, Pa., at no profit and with interest-free loans. ●



*Left to right: Ed Bailey, UPS district human resources manager; Rosemary Turner, UPS vice president, Metro Philadelphia District; Brenda Egolf-Fox, executive director of Habitat Montgomery County; Margaret Fox-Tully, vice president for mission integration at Cabrini College; Marvin Stewart, UPS district community relations manager; and Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., president of Cabrini College.*

## Director of Student Diversity Named

In August, **Melissa Waters** was appointed director of student diversity initiatives. She is responsible for programs, services and initiatives that create a positive institutional climate for ALANA (African-American, Latino, Asian and Native American) and LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning) students.

Waters most recently served as coordinator for Project YEAH (Youth Empowerment Around HIV) at MOCHA Project, Inc., a health and wellness focused agency committed to a systemic approach in the delivery of services around HIV issues. She earned an associate's degree in liberal arts-human science from Monroe Community College, and a bachelor's degree in anthropology from SUNY College at Brockport. She currently is enrolled in Cabrini's Master of Science in Organization Leadership program. ●



Melissa Waters

## Faculty News

**William Geary, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of sociology, and **Melissa Terlecki, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of psychology, were selected by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Consortium for Higher Education as two of 16 participants in the "Creating Active Pathways to Student Learning" project sponsored by the Teagle Foundation. The project will examine the applications of recent research on the human brain and its development in order to improve student mastery of disciplinary content during the early years of college.

Terlecki also published "The Effects of Long-Term Practice and Training on Mental Rotation" (VDM Verlag Dr. Mueller e.K., 2008). The book addresses gender differences in mental rotation—the ability to manipulate objects through the mind's eye—the shape of long-term growth in mental rotation ability, and whether videogame training can enhance mental rotation ability.

**Jan W. Buzydlowski, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of information science and technology, presented "Six Degrees of Scholarship" at the American Society for Information Science and Technology 2008 Conference. His paper is a result of his work on a massively parallel machine, a computer with 64 processors, which was provided by the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center. ●

## In Memoriam

Cabrini mourns the loss of first-year student Jonathan T. Hartman, who passed away on Nov. 29.

Donations to a scholarship fund to be established in memory of Jonathan may be made to the Hartman Family, c/o O'Brien Funeral Home, 2028 Route 35, Wall, NJ 07719. ●

## Communication Students Make News

"Our Hands Are Not Tied," an audio documentary produced by **Megan Pellegrino '09**, **Kara Schneider '09**, and **Jillian Smith '09**, was named one of three finalists in the 2008 College Broadcasters National Student Production Awards Competition.

The documentary explores AIDS relief from several angles: through interviews with leaders of Catholic Relief Services (CRS); a Kenyan who started a program to support children orphaned by AIDS; an HIV-positive Zambian woman who is a representative for President George W. Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief; and a native of Ghana and former orphan who, as a CRS worker, has witnessed the devastating effects AIDS has had on those orphaned by the disease.

The documentary can be viewed at [www.cabrini.edu/studentvideos](http://www.cabrini.edu/studentvideos).

**Grayce Turnbach '09** received a Philadelphia College Air Award on Nov. 6 for Best News Editorial for "An Economy in Crisis: A College Student's Perspective." ●

## PA Liquor Control Board Awards Cabrini \$11,500

Cabrini is one of only 27 colleges in the Commonwealth to receive a 2008-09 grant from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to support initiatives aimed at preventing underage and high-risk drinking. The College is using the \$11,500 grant to help plan effective educational campaigns to promote healthy behavior among students and to provide a safer campus environment by developing alcohol patrols throughout the semester. Christine Hyson, director of health and wellness at Cabrini, oversees grant activities, which also include outreach by the campus Partnership for Alcohol Education (PAE) Committee.

This is the fourth consecutive year that Cabrini has received PLCB funding. ●

## New MSC Superior General Urges Cabrini Community to “Change the World”



When Sister Patricia Spillane, MSC '64, visited campus in October, she noted the symmetry between the history of Cabrini College and her religious calling, as both began their 51st year this fall. The newly appointed Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus also urged those in the Cabrini College community to “go beyond where you are to change the world.”

“We need to encourage people to know

that there are many ways they can be missionaries,” said Sr. Patricia. “Now is a great time for Cabrini students to become world citizens, to have their lives and minds stretched.”

As seventh Superior General of the MSCs, Sr. Patricia carries on the mission set forth by the Order's first Superior General, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini. Her six-year appointment was confirmed in July 2008.

From 1968-70, Sr. Patricia served as dean of students at the College. She taught in elementary schools in New York and Pennsylvania, was principal of Mother Cabrini High School in New York, and worked with the MSCs in Africa, Australia, and Italy. For the past six years, she has been devoted to the homeless children of Baguio City in the Philippines, getting them back in school and in homes.

A graduate of Mother Cabrini High School in New York, Sr. Patricia holds a bachelor's in biology from Cabrini and a master's in pastoral counseling from Iona College. ●



*Sr. Christine Baltas, MSC '66 (center), joins Fr. Michael Bielecki, OSA '05, and Christa Angeloni '05 in Campus Ministry.*

## Alumna Supports Campus Ministry

Cabrini College welcomes Sister Christine Marie Baltas, MSC '66, as associate campus minister. Sr. Christine manages retreat programs for students, faculty, staff and alumni, faith-sharing discussions, and service projects.

Sr. Christine earned a bachelor's degree from Cabrini and was a teacher and administrator at elementary and secondary schools, including Cabrini-sponsored high schools in New Orleans, Los Angeles and New York. She recently retired as principal of St. Donato's School in West Philadelphia, a position she held for 19 years. From 1981-85, she served as dean of students at Cabrini College, and recently completed six years service on the College's Board of Trustees. ●

## Cabrini Health Australia Visits Campus

In October, the College welcomed to campus eight members of Cabrini Health, one of the largest private health services in Australia. Through its six campuses, Cabrini Health offers integrated services ranging from emergency and critical care to midwifery, home care, rehabilitation and aged care.

Cabrini Health helps fund the Cabrini Ministries' St. Philip's Mission in Swaziland, and regularly sends nurses and other personnel to Swaziland, Ethiopia, and impoverished regions of Australia. They also provided funding for Cabrini students to attend World Youth Day in Sydney in July 2008. ●



*From left: Cabrini Health Members Paul Lanza, Sister Helen Monkovitch, RSM, Jane Greenman, Peter Phelan, Catherine Garner, Roger Greenman, Richard Rogers and Robyne Renton reunite with the Cabrini students, Kristie Bergin '10, Danielle Murphy '09 and Kelsie LaBauve '09, who attended World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney along with Campus Minister Christa Angeloni '05.*

## Six New Trustees Elected

**George Weathersby, Ph.D.**, is chairman and CEO of Genesys Solutions, LLC, a consultancy that assists CEOs in implementing major initiatives in their organizations. He previously served as special assistant to U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers, was director of research for the National Commission on the Financing of Post-Secondary Education, and commissioner for higher education for Indiana. He was on the faculty at the Berkeley Hass School of Management at the University of California, and at Harvard University.

Weathersby served on the boards of Holcim (US) Inc., Bostwick Laboratories, USA Funds, Butler University and the University of Southern Indiana, among others. The author of five books and more than 60 articles, primarily on the economics of higher education, Weathersby holds degrees from the University of California, Berkeley (bachelor of science, master of science, master of business administration) and Harvard University (master's and doctoral degrees in decision and control theory).

**Joan Neal** is former vice president for U.S. Operations at Catholic Relief Services. Before her recent retirement, Neal led the organization's domestic programs and advocacy aimed at educating and engaging U.S. Catholics in faith-based actions that promote international social justice and solidarity with poor and marginalized people overseas. Prior to joining CRS in 2002, Neal was president of her own management consulting firm specializing in strategic planning and leadership development for non-profit organizations.

Neal received a bachelor's degree from Loyola University Chicago, a master's degree in pastoral studies and a certificate in biblical spirituality from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

**John Bodnar**, CFP, CIMA, CIMC, is founder of Bodnar Financial Advisors, Inc. He serves as treasurer of the New Jersey Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, is a Licensee of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, and a member of the Investment Management Consultants Association, the Multi-Financial Securities Presidents Council, and the Multi-Financial Securities Chairman's Advisory Board.

Bodnar has presented retirement planning seminars to employees at Fortune 100 companies including Verizon, Exxon and AT&T, and was included in the 26th edition of "Who's Who in Finance and Industry." Bodnar holds a double major in history and American

Studies with a minor in political science from Hobart College. His son John graduated from Cabrini in 2008.

**Sister Eileen Currie, MSC '66**, was a teacher and administrator in Cabrini schools and served as Cabrini College President from 1982-92. Sr. Eileen also served the Province in formation and as a Provincial Councilor in both the Eastern and Stella Maris Provinces.

Presently, her ministry is in retreat/spiritual direction at Sacred Heart Jesuit Retreat House in Sedalia, Colo.

Sr. Eileen also has served on the boards in Cabrini-sponsored institutions of health care and education. She holds a master's degree in religious education from La Salle University and a master's degree in Christian spirituality from Creighton University.

**Sharon Shipley Zubricky '76** is a computer resource teacher at Millstone River Elementary School in Plainsboro, N.J., where she also coordinates the Rider University Junior Adjunct Program. She previously worked as the computer education supervisor for the Hillsborough Township Public Schools and as a mathematics teacher at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, N.J. In 2004 she received an award from Princeton University for her commitment to exemplary science education.

Zubricky is a Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister at the Church of St. Gregory the Great in Hamilton Square, N.J., and also teaches a first-grade CCD class.

Zubricky received a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cabrini. She holds a master's in education from the College of New Jersey and principal/supervisor certification. She served on Cabrini's Alumni Board from 1984-88 and received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Alumni Association.

In May, Sharon's son Marc will graduate from Cabrini with a degree in information systems.

**David Regn '97** is co-founder of Stream Companies, a full-service advertising agency recently ranked as one of the top 100 fastest-growing, privately-held businesses in the Philadelphia region.

Regn received a bachelor's degree in business administration and history from Cabrini. He served on the Athletic Sub-Committee of the 10,000 Hearts Comprehensive Campaign and supported the Dixon Challenge, which led to a state-of-the-art artificial turf field in 2006.

In 2008, he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Alumni Association. ●



George Weathersby, Ph.D.



Joan Neal



John Bodnar



Sister Eileen Currie, MSC '66

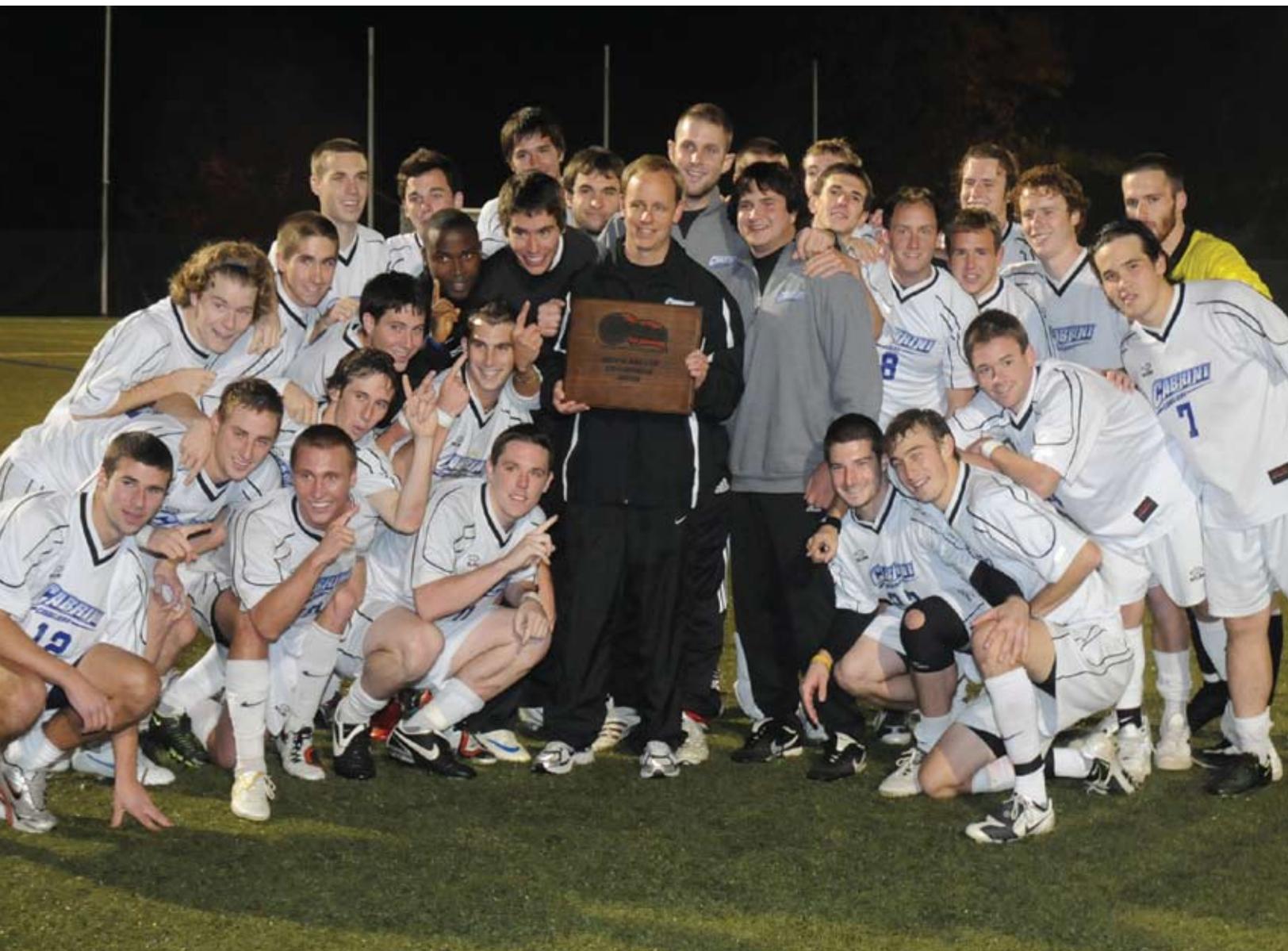


Sharon Shipley Zubricky '76



David Regn '97

# Cabrini Athletics



The men's soccer team, led by Head Coach Glen Jaskewicz '93 (center), finished 15-4-2 and won its sixth conference title.

## Men's Soccer Wins Conference Championship

The Cabrini men's soccer team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1999 season, but lost to Hobart College in the first round, finishing the 2008 season with a 15-4-2 record.

The Cavaliers captured its sixth conference championship with a 2-0 win against Neumann College on Nov. 8 at Edith Robb Dixon Field. Sophomore goalkeeper **Bryan**

**Johnson** was named the game's most valuable player after posting five saves and his fourth shutout of the season. Senior forward **Mike McDevitt**, the Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) regular season player of the year, tallied three points, finishing with one goal and one assist.

The Cavaliers qualified for the title match with a convincing 2-0 win against

Marywood University on Nov. 6. The victory versus Neumann capped Cabrini's unbeaten 9-0-2 record at home in 2008.

The Cavaliers won their first conference championship in 1993 behind the play of current head coach and one of the program's all-time greats **Glen Jaskewicz '93**. Cabrini twice won back-to-back titles (1994 and 1995), and again in 1998 and 1999. ●

# Kahn and Laukaitis Lead Basketball Teams

In July, **Marcus Kahn** became head men's basketball coach and **Bernadette Laukaitis** became head women's basketball coach.

Most recently, Kahn served as head coach at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg for six seasons, becoming the program's leader in victories. He recruited two Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) Newcomers of the Year and guided Pitt-Greensburg to its first postseason appearance since the 1999-2000 season.



**Marcus Kahn**

Kahn mentored the Bobcats to two AMCC championship games (2005-06, 2006-07) and claimed the conference's regular season crown in 2004-05, the first in program history. In 2005-06, Kahn led Pitt-Greensburg to a second-place finish in the AMCC Tournament and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) championship game.

Kahn brings a wealth of coaching experience to Cabrini, including stints at Division III Wesley College (1998-2000) and Albright

College (2000-01). He has also served as an assistant coach at Division II Grand View College (1997-98) and Shepherd University (2001-02).

Laukaitis spent eight seasons as an assistant coach at perennial Division II power Holy Family University. She helped lead the Tigers to eight postseason national tournaments. Holy Family captured five Central Athletic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Tournament championships and eight regular season crowns. Laukaitis helped orchestrate eight 25-win teams, including five squads that eclipsed the 30-win mark. The Tigers boasted a 234-27 overall mark with Laukaitis on the sideline, winning 64 consecutive games in CACC play.

Laukaitis' coaching career took shape as a student-athlete at Holy Family, playing point guard for the Tigers (1996-2000). A three-year team captain, she led a program ranked in the Top 25 in each of her four seasons, including a No. 1 national ranking at the conclusion of the 1998 regular season. ●



**Bernadette Laukaitis**

## Soccer Team Tours Brazil

The 2008 Cabrini women's soccer season was highlighted by seven All-Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) selections and a trip to the CSAC semifinals, but the most memorable



*The women's soccer team in front of the "Christ the Redeemer" statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.*

part of the year came right before preseason when the team took a 10-day trip to Brazil, a five-time World Cup champion.

"This unique trip was so important for our players because it enabled them to experience more creative soccer while exploring another part of the world," said Head Coach **Ken Prothero**, who escorted the team with Assistant Coaches **Jess Huda '01** and **Cole Vennie**, and parent chaperone, **Jim Walsh**.

During the trip, the team played three soccer matches and attended a professional soccer game in the same stadium where soccer legend Pelé starred as a young player. The team enjoyed the superb beaches and breathtaking mountains, but their visit to a Cabrini-affiliated daycare center for children of the working poor was a real eye-opener.

"Without the efforts of Jess Huda and the team parents, and everyone who helped raise funds for the trip, our program would never have had this incredible opportunity," affirmed Prothero. "The team really bonded, and I know we'll never forget our time in Brazil." ●



## New Website Features

CabriniAthletics.com, one of the premiere web sites in Division III, has added more interactive features to its already user-friendly design. The Cavaliers' fan base now can vote in a bi-weekly athletics-related poll, receive free scoring updates via text messaging and browse the day's scheduled contests with just one click on the new calendar view. Additionally, the Student-Athlete of the Week feature highlights Cabrini's most recent ultimate performer on the field of competition. ●

# HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

September 25–28, 2008

Cabrini College's annual family and homecoming weekend, Sept. 25-28, attracted alumni, students and their families, faculty and friends. Events included the Center for Teaching and Learning Open House, faculty Meet and Greet, Honors Convocation, athletic events, and the annual Kite Festival and Soccer Clinic. •

**1.** Volleyball Setter Lizzie Williams '10 records 22 assists and 10 digs at Saturday's win against Baptist Bible College. **2.** First-year biology major Jessica Hunter-Bass and her family tour the Center for Teaching & Learning in the Antoinette Iadarola Center for Science, Education and Technology. **3.** The Cabrini Bookstore is a hub of activity throughout the weekend. **4.** Alpha Delta Officers Cristin Joy '11 (Secretary), Joe Cahill '11 (Vice President) and Bill Steiger '11 (Treasurer) join Assistant Psychology Professor Melissa Terlecki, Ph.D., (center) at the Honors Meet and Greet in the Holy Spirit Library. **5.** Youngsters take advantage of free face painting. **6.** The Center for Teaching & Learning Open House allows families to learn about resources available to students. **7.** Parents and children alike enjoy reading Cabrini's student newspaper, *The Loquitur*. **8.** Ashley Rivera '09 (left) and Brianna Lee '12 lead a dance train through the Marketplace. **9.** Members of the Voices of Justice Living and Learning Community meet and greet families at Xavier Hall Lounge. **10.** The Greater Kensington String Band performs in the Marketplace. **11.** Members of Cabrini's soccer teams conduct a clinic for youngsters.





# Cabrini Week

Cabrini Week, Nov. 9-16, celebrated the inauguration of Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., and featured an academic symposium, “From Service to Solidarity: New Directions in Catholic Higher Education,” liturgies, receptions, and student research presentations on the theme of health care and social justice. *National Catholic Reporter* Editor Thomas Roberts presented “Catholic and American: An Examination of Conscience” as part of the Contemporary American Catholicism Lecture Series.

Cabrini Day, Nov. 13, brought to campus a national expert on health care, recognized two students for extraordinary service work locally and globally, and honored the Cabrini Ministries’ work in Africa.

The University of Pennsylvania’s Dr. Walter Tsou, former president of the American Public Health Association, presented the keynote address, “National Health Insurance: Has Its Time Come?” to more than 200 members of the campus community. Following the presentation, **Beth Briggs ’10** and **Christine Graf ’09** received the 2008 Charles A. Mastronardi Service and Leadership Award for outstanding contributions to community service and civic engagement.

A psychology and sociology major, Briggs serves on the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) advisory committee and is a CRS ambassador. She is a member of Cabrini’s Poverty Awareness Committee; participated in Project Appalachia, a four-day service and education trip to West Virginia; and volunteers at the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center in Norristown, Pa.

An English and communications major, Graf is the College’s CRS ambassador on migration issues. She participated in *Rostro de Cristo*, a week-long immersion trip to an impoverished

community in Ecuador, where she lived on one dollar a day; and volunteers at Laurel House in Norristown, a domestic violence shelter for women and children.

Sister Barbara Staley, MSC, accepted the Cabrini Partnership Award on behalf of Cabrini Ministries’ work at St. Philip’s Mission in Swaziland, Africa, which provides HIV/AIDS education and prevention, healthcare services, and care of children orphaned by AIDS.

Other Cabrini Day events included a faculty panel on how Justice Matters, the College’s new core curriculum, will address local and global health care issues; the induction of 21 new members—including President Marie George—into Delta Epsilon Sigma, the Cabrini chapter of the National Catholic Honors Society; and the presentation of the Cabrini Staff Spirit Award to Public Safety Corporal Michele McCabe. ♦

Dr. Walter Tsou speaks at Cabrini Day.



Assistant Professor of Spanish Raquel Green, Ph.D., greets Dr. Walter Tsou at Cabrini Day.



President George presents the Cabrini Partnership Award to Sister Barbara Staley, MSC.



Beth Briggs '10 (left) and Christine Graf '09 received the 2008 Charles A. Mastronardi Service and Leadership Award.

From left: Cassandra Maxwell, adjunct professor of fine arts, Angela Abbonizio Zager '64, adjunct professor in biology, Nancy Gorevin Costello '71, and Tom Costello, adjunct professor in business administration, at the Nov. 9 Alumni Reception for the Graphic Design and Fine Arts Faculty Show.



On behalf of the Senior Sisters of St. Cabrini Residence in Philadelphia, Sister Lena Angelella, MSC, who is Dr. George's cousin, gives the newly inaugurated president the hand-tinted photo of Mother Cabrini (ca. 1880) that hung in St. Donato Convent for 30 years before it was transferred to St. Cabrini Residence two years ago.



“From Service to Solidarity: New Directions in Catholic Higher Education” Symposium panelists (from left) David O'Brien, Ph.D., Loyola Professor Emeritus of Roman Catholic Studies and History at the College of the Holy Cross, Rev. Charles Currie, SJ, president of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities, and Suzanne Toton, Ed.D., associate professor of theology at Villanova University, discuss the distinctive features of Cabrini's new core curriculum. Moderated by Communication Department Chair Jerry Zurek, Ph.D., the symposium also featured Cabrini faculty members Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, and Nancy Watterson, Ph.D., assistant professor of social justice, and communication majors Christine Graf '09 and Jillian Smith '09.



# *Service*

**BEYOND ONE'S SELF**

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THE INAUGURATION OF  
MARIE ANGELELLA GEORGE, PH.D.



Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., was inaugurated on Nov. 15 as seventh president of Cabrini College during an installation ceremony culminating Cabrini Week. The inauguration's theme, "Service Beyond One's Self," was a central message of Dr. George's address, in which she introduced a seven-point plan for the future of the College. The plan showcased how Cabrini will use Justice Matters, a groundbreaking new curriculum, to prepare students to address local and global injustices.

Government officials and church and higher education representatives participated in the ceremony. Cardinal Justin Rigali delivered a benediction and read a papal blessing, and Congressman Joe Sestak (D, Pa.-7) offered remarks. Professor Trudy Dickneider of the University of Scranton; Father Terrance Toland, SJ, former president of St. Joseph's University; and Father Jonathan DeFelice, OSB, president of Saint Anselm College, spoke on the Sisters of Mercy, Jesuit and Benedictine traditions, respectively. Trustee Sister Diane Olmstead, MSC, represented the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in greeting Dr. George, and was the first of eight greeters representing campus constituencies. Their remarks are available on video at [www.cabrini.edu/inauguration](http://www.cabrini.edu/inauguration).





Cardinal Justin Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, congratulates President George.

## EXCERPTS FROM THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF MARIE ANGELELLA GEORGE, PH.D.

**A**S THE SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF Cabrini College, I am humbled by the honor you bestow upon me. Cabrini College and its “education of the heart” have certainly captured my heart. I stand before you today keenly aware of the enormous privilege and opportunity with which I have been entrusted.

Cabrini College may seem young when compared to some colleges and universities, but it has been an impressive 50 years, one that has laid the foundation for the next 50 years. Our roots run deep, our ground is fertile and our foliage is brilliant.

This is a Catholic and Cabrinian college where we are nurtured by the Gospels and the legacy of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini.

We are faith-filled stewards. This is a place where Mother Cabrini’s charism is palpable and her philosophy of education explains our accomplishments and our destiny.

I am pleased to announce today bold steps that Cabrini College will take as we begin our 51st year. Our rich heritage and keen sense of mission 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.

Mother Cabrini lived during the time of *Rerum Novarum*—the foundational ecclesial document—authored by Pope Leo XIII. *Rerum Novarum* defined with clarity the Catholic Doctrine of Social Teaching, which continues to guide our understand-

ing of social justice, workers’ rights, our preferential option for the poor, and the common good.

Mother Cabrini was a living example of what *Rerum Novarum* was all about, but it is clear that she did not do what she did on this earth simply out of allegiance to the church or fidelity to papal edicts. She did what she did because it was impossible for her to do otherwise.

Confronted with the social, spiritual, educational, and health needs of humanity, she wasted no time in providing solutions. She touched lives through her charity. She advocated for justice and acted in solidarity with those in need.

The charism of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart have defined our norms

and values as an academic community with unshakable core values of respect, vision, dedication to excellence and bonds with one another.

The missionary zeal of Mother Cabrini is firmly rooted here and has been translated to our zeal in providing an “education of the heart” to Cabrini College students.

It’s unusual for a college to be concerned with its students’ hearts, but we put this statement out there—front and center with no apologies.

Our goal is no less than for students to be transformed into citizens committed to justice, working in their unique and collective ways for the common good. At Cabrini College we do extraordinary things with the same commitment to human dignity and equality that motivated our founders.

There are numerous Cabrinian elementary and secondary educational institutions around the globe—from New York to New Orleans, from London to Madrid, from Brazil to Argentina. But there is only one Cabrini College, this

*President George raises the College Mace, which is inscribed with the names of the presidents who have served since the College was founded.*



*Board Chair Theresa Cavanaugh '74 (left) and other platform party members applaud Marie Angelella George, Ph.D., as the seventh president of Cabrini College.*

one, this magical place that sprouted up from that former estate.

In the 1970s, when study abroad programs and experiences were still a rarity on many college and university campuses, two faculty members—Professors Joseph Romano and Suzanne Toton—developed

Project Outreach, placing students for a semester or a summer in teaching, health care or social work at sites around the globe established by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

The first student to engage in social justice work abroad, Terry Alberici, class of 1976, was placed at the Sisters’ Swaziland mission.

Recently, our students have continued this international focus by working with the Missionary Sisters and with Catholic Relief Services in Ethiopia, The Gambia, and Ecuador. And over the years, faculty have undertaken service missions to Mexico, Brazil, Swaziland, and El Salvador consistent with the global vision of Mother Cabrini and the Missionary Sisters.

In another forward-thinking move, Cabrini was the first college in Pennsylvania to include community engagement as a curricular requirement. From that commitment, now three decades strong, fundamental service learning has been extended to a full-range of experiential learning and then to community-based research and advocacy.

Experiential learning at Cabrini College is not mere charity. It is not simply doing good for good’s sake. We learn in solidarity and in compassion. We place ourselves at the center of the oppression and we cease to be who we were before that time. In so doing, we see the world both as it is and as we would like it to be. Thus what was the preference of some faculty to open the doors and windows of the classroom, has now become an imperative for all, one that extends to the staff, administration and trustees and to the many alumni and friends of this great College.

This is what brought me to Cabrini College: the interconnectedness of the Catholic intellectual and social traditions—this magnificent blending that creates a rich and transformational learning experience for students of all faiths.

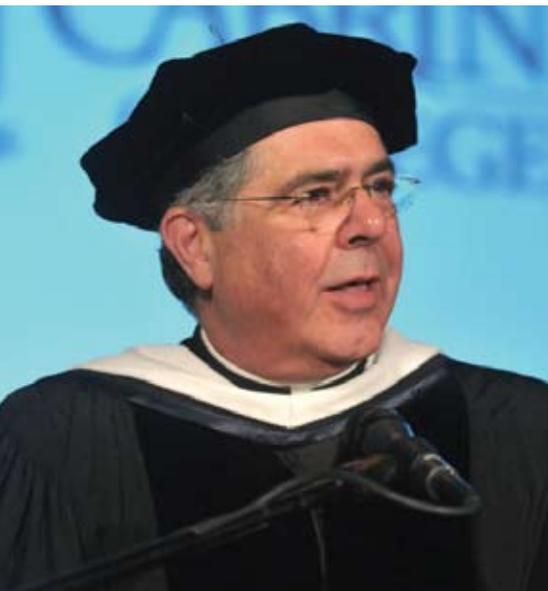
Throughout our 50 years as a Catholic, Cabrinian college, we have preserved this philosophy of an “education of the heart”

while simultaneously adapting and changing it to reflect the times.

Now, let me share our vision for Cabrini's future: We have a vision of defining the contemporary Cabrinian education through excellence, social justice, and transformational learning. Guided by this vision, we have developed a model for social justice education.

That vision begins *today ... here ... now*

*Father Jonathan DeFelice, OSB, president of Saint Anselm College, reflects on the traditions of the Benedictine Order and offers blessings to President George.*



... at the cusp of Cabrini College's next 50 years.

Beginning in fall 2009, all entering students will be immersed in a unique social justice educational experience, Justice Matters. This is a core curriculum that aims to prepare students for full participation in the 21st century as engaged citizens capable of understanding the global and the local relationships necessary to effect systemic change.

Over the next four years, we will implement the Justice Matters curriculum for all students. Teams of students and faculty in each academic discipline will research the root causes of injustice and long-term solutions to global issues, working with partners in the United States, Africa, Asia and Latin America. They will bring resources to bear on the pressing issues of our times: health, ecology, food supply, migration, peace, women's rights, globalization.

These are but a few of the issues that will be imbedded into the curriculum here for every student, in every major:

- Future business leaders will come to understand that ethics, advocacy

*President George greets Robert Pucci, former president of the Main Line Chamber of Commerce, and his wife, J'Anna, after the ceremony.*

and public compassion are integral to their success.

- Future teachers will enter classrooms guided by a better understanding of the socioeconomic, cultural and political factors that contributed to the composition of their classrooms.
- Future communicators will turn the lens of the media and the attention of the public to see, understand, and be moved by those forgotten at home and abroad.

In their first three years at Cabrini College, students will develop the skills to understand issues of social justice and then to advocate for systemic change.

As students enter their final year, they will have the opportunity to undertake a capstone experience that combines their broad liberal arts background with specialized professional skills. Working with local and international partners, students and faculty in multi-disciplinary teams will learn and practice effective organizing and advocacy in the public arena—striving to achieve systemic change to benefit society at large.

Justice Matters, our vision of a contemporary Cabrinian education, will inform all that we do. There are exciting opportunities that await us. Some have yet to be revealed to us but I will mention briefly seven that are apparent at this time.

1. We will strengthen our Catholic and Cabrinian identity by being explicit and intentional in connecting our Catholic and Cabrinian traditions to everything we do.
2. We will strengthen our liberal arts core:
  - By fostering interdisciplinary study
  - By making full use of our state-of-the-art science facilities, already attracting fine faculty and enabling faculty/student research to flourish
  - By ensuring that the study of philosophy and theology, central to an expansive liberal arts education, is valued within the curriculum
  - By exploring ways to enhance the arts on our campus, and
  - By promoting international study and proficiency in a second language.



(left) Cabrini College Inaugural Chorus sings the National Anthem at Inauguration; (right) Perry Brisbon of the Fine Arts Department performs "Nessun Dorma" from Giacomo Puccini's Turandot.

3. We will nurture existing partnerships and seek opportunities for others, as appropriate to our mission. This may mean that we re-examine existing partnerships in light of our vision for the future.
4. We will embrace a teacher-scholar model by securing additional resources to support faculty professional development. We will increase the number of

Beginning in January, I will tour throughout the Delaware Valley and across the country to meet with alumni, share the College's vision for the future, and listen to their thoughts concerning their beloved Alma Mater.

6. We will complement Justice Matters with an inclusive campus culture that values the dignity of all persons and

partnerships. The Wolfington Center will work with faculty and students to forge an even greater leadership role in Catholic higher education.

In order to understand what our students and faculty are engaging in as they work with our partners, I am committing myself to learn alongside them as we implement the new curriculum. As a sign of my own commitment, in February

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full-time faculty to respond to Mother Ursula's mandate for an engaged faculty and a personalized education for our students.

5. We will strengthen our relationship with our 10,000 alumni by "re-dedicating" Cabrini College to them. They will know that they remain in our hearts even after they complete their "education of the heart." They will know that the work we do today, tomorrow, and in the future is dedicated to those who came before.

their contributions to the mission of Cabrini College. We recognize that the way we work is a model for our students, and we will steward well our resources—environmental, physical, financial and human.

7. We will establish a pivotal role for the Wolfington Center in tandem with the development of the Justice Matters curriculum. The Wolfington Center will become the College's voice for social justice education, and our ambassador in nurturing our

I will travel with a team of students and faculty to a Mayan village in Guatemala. There, our students will investigate the power of partnerships to help communities achieve their basic human rights. In Guatemala, we will learn from Catholic Relief Services and the Missionary Sisters how Catholic social teaching is being put into practice in the most challenging of situations.

The full text of President George's inaugural message and video presentation can be viewed at [www.cabrini.edu/inauguration](http://www.cabrini.edu/inauguration). ●

# Cabrini Student Gala



Left: At the Black and White Student Gala on Nov. 15, students celebrate on the crowded dance floor with Dr. George and her husband, Fran. Right: Newly crowned Mr. and Miss Cabrini—John Solewin '11 and Mary Kate Korp '09—congratulate Dr. George on her inauguration.

## Alumni Reflect on Dr. George's Inaugural Address

In her inaugural address, President George announced plans to travel the country to meet with alumni to share the College's vision for the future and to hear what alumni think about the College's current aspirations.

*Cabrini Magazine* asks five alumni, who represented their classes in the Inaugural Procession, "What do you think of President George's "rededication" of Cabrini to the 10,000 alumni?"



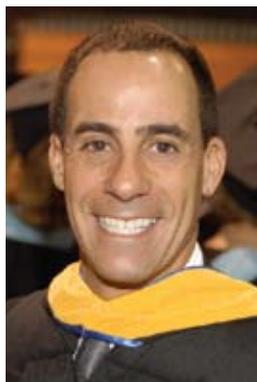
"I was very happy that she's including the 10,000 Hearts that have graduated as part of her endeavors for the success of this college."

**Sharon Shipley Zubricky '76**



"Keeping in touch with the alumni keeps this institution alive...the spirit has to stay alive. I think it's very important to reach out to the alumni."

**Lois Lanshe Kelly '63**



"It's amazing to have someone recognize the people like ourselves who made the pathway to where we are today."

**Ronald Bellopede '89**

"I think a lot of students from my class would be willing to be a part of whatever Dr. George is trying to do in making our College better and stronger for the future generations."

**Ronette Holt-Jones '96**



"Dr. George's ideas of reconnecting are phenomenal to help support the College. We have a say in what goes on at Cabrini. It's very important that we connect again to show that Cabrini is home."

**John Verdi '03**

## This Spring, Anna C. Kruse Scholarship First Awarded to Science Student

In college, students often make lifelong friendships. It may be unusual, but at Cabrini, sometimes those friendships are with their professors.

Faculty Emerita **Anna C. Kruse** and **Suzanne Horn Ganse '71** know how important the bond between professor and student can be. The fruit of their friendship of more than 40 years is a scholarship to aid science students at Cabrini. The Anna C. Kruse Scholarship was endowed last fall with a gift of \$25,000 from Suzanne and her husband Gerry. This spring, the first annual merit-based scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded to a rising senior who displays academic excellence. The biology faculty, in consultation with the science department chair, will select the recipient.

Anna Kruse is a legend at Cabrini. She began teaching part-time at the College in 1966, and soon transitioned to a full-time position that she held until retirement in 1999. During that time, Anna paved a path for the College's current science curriculum, introducing a biochemistry course, a pre-nursing program and a medical technology program affiliated with area hospitals. Continuing her legacy in the sciences at Cabrini, the Kruse Scholarship provides financial assistance to students majoring in biological sciences.



*Anna Kruse (right) instructs students in the early years of Cabrini's science program.*



*Faculty Emerita Anna Kruse (left) with Suzanne Horn Ganse '71.*

Suzanne, a former biologist, is a chaplain associate at Lancaster General Women and Babies Hospital, and Eucharistic Minister to the sick at Lancaster General Hospital. Also, she and Gerry co-own Ganse Apothecary, a pharmacy in Lancaster. At first, Suzanne planned to major in English at Cabrini. With Anna's guidance, she declared biology as her major, and continued studies with Anna in microbiology, botany and zoology.

"She recognized that I had aptitude for the sciences that I couldn't see," Suzanne says. "Through her encouragement, I became a scientist."

Ever grateful for Suzanne's generosity, Anna describes Suzanne as a "very warm person" who is "so interested in helping others. She's always been a giver."

When Suzanne thinks of Anna, what first comes to mind is a caring heart. Suzanne recognizes Anna's academic achievements, but remembers best how she bonded with students and treated them like family.

"When [students] saw someone who cared, they warmed up to me," Anna says. "I worried about them a lot."

Anna credits her success as an educator to an ability to separate academics from personal relationships.

"What was required as a student had nothing to do with what was going on in their personal lives. [My students] knew that no matter what, they had to perform academically," Anna says. "That was something they all understood and appreciated."

Throughout her career, Anna was known for reaching out to alumni, frequently organizing picnics on campus and other events. For Suzanne, these were opportunities to catch up with Anna and to return to the campus she loved.

"We have a love for Cabrini in common," Suzanne says. "We also had an affinity for each other, and were there when we needed each other most."

Anna resides in Villanova, Pa., swims regularly at the Dixon Center, and attends lectures and other campus events. Even today, nine years after she retired, it is not uncommon to see her chatting with students on campus.

"I never left Cabrini," Anna says with a smile. ●

— Kristen Hampton

*Contributions to the Anna C. Kruse Scholarship are welcomed. For more information or to make a gift, contact Jody Romano '87, director of alumni relations, at 610-902-8256 or [jodyromano@cabrini.edu](mailto:jodyromano@cabrini.edu).*

# Cabrini Hall of Fame



President Marie Angelella George celebrates with Athletic Hall of Fame Members (from left) James Hedtke, Ph.D., Melissa Posse '99, Janet Cobb Ryerson '59 and John Keating '82.

## Four New Members Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

More than 130 guests attended the annual Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony Friday, Oct. 3 in Nerney Field House at the Dixon Center. **James Hedtke, Ph.D., John Keating '82, Melissa Posse '99 and Janet Cobb Ryerson '59** joined elite company as the College's third class to be enshrined.

"It's always a special night for a college or university when a new hall of fame class is inducted," Director of Athletics and Recreation Joe Giunta said. "It's a terrific opportunity for the athletics department to insure these individuals understand that their accomplishments should be honored and will never be forgotten. We've added yet another unbelievable group to an already very impressive hall of fame."

Jim Hedtke spent eight seasons at the helm of the Cabrini softball team, leading the program for the 1986 and 1987 seasons; then again from 1992-97. He guided the Cavaliers to four conference tournament appearances and two championship games. Ensuring compliance with all NCAA rule and regulations at Cabrini, Hedtke has served as the Faculty Athletics Representative since 1997. He is in his 35th year as a history and political science professor at Cabrini.

John Keating became the Cabrini men's basketball program's second 1,000-point scorer all-time, following standout **Tom Nerney '77**. He ranks among the Cavalier career leaders in points (1,096), rebounds (611) and free throw percentage (.711).

In four seasons, Keating helped lead three teams over the 20-win barrier. With Keating wearing the blue and gray, Cabrini owned a 78-32 overall record. His #20 jersey is just one of four to hang from the rafters in Nerney Field House.

Melissa Posse is the Cabrini women's basketball all-time leader in points (2,077) and rebounds (1,295). She twice earned Kodak All-America Honorable Mention accolades and was selected four times a first-team all-conference performer. The Cavaliers posted a 77-29 overall record and qualified for the NCAA Tournament three times with Posse donning the blue and gray. She claimed the NCAA Statistical Champion honor in 1996-97, shooting 62.9 percent from the field.

Janet Cobb Ryerson was part of the inaugural class at Cabrini College, becoming a part of Mother Ursula Infante's dream of a Catholic college in the Philadelphia suburbs. As a freshman, she reunited with Dorothy Crowley, a lifelong mentor and her physical education instructor at Cabrini Elementary in New York. Ryerson captained the first women's basketball team at Cabrini in 1957-58. As a student-athlete, she founded the Cabrini Athletic Association, spearheading fundraising events, organizing dances and coordinating the intramurals program.

Cabrini Hall of Fame members Crowley and Jolyon Girard, Ph.D., were on hand for the event. Crowley, Cabrini's first director of athletics, presented Ryerson with her hall of fame plaque, while Girard, men's basketball coach from 1974-80, introduced Keating.

**Lisa Hedtke Lozowicki '95**, Hedtke's daughter, presented her father. Lozowicki was Hedtke's first recruit to Cabrini in 1992 and was named the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Rookie of the Year. Former women's basketball coach and men's basketball student-athlete **Dan Welde '83** introduced Posse. ●

# Alumni Profile

## Model Careers: Ron Bellopede '89 and Bobby Bellopede '89

**T**win brothers **Ron and Bobby Bellopede '89** lead lives that many only dream about: supermodels, fashion shows, and jetting to Paris and South America. Yet the twins—originally from Rose Tree in Delaware County—credit their Cabrini “education of the heart” with preparing them for careers in the fashion advertising industry.

Ron is the director of the Miami office of Next Model Management, which also has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Paris and London. Next represents half of the models who walked in the Nov. 15 Victoria’s Secret fashion show evoking the grand era of Miami Beach, as it anchored the official re-opening of the refurbished historic Fontainebleau resort. (CBS aired the fashion show nationwide on Dec. 3.)

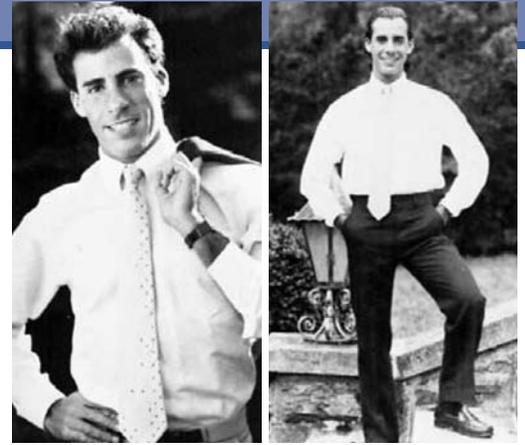
Ron’s New York-based brother, Bobby, works behind the scenes with the artists who make models look stunning on the



*Ron Bellopede meets Dr. George after the Inauguration ceremony.*

runway and in print. He owns Agency Gerard Management, representing 20 hair and makeup artists and stylists from offices in Manhattan and Miami. The work of Bobby’s clients has graced the covers of the *New York Times Magazine*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Ocean Drive* and many international publications. Six sought-after artists represented by Agency Gerard worked their magic behind the scenes of the Victoria’s Secret show.

Immediately after graduation, Ron began his career at a Philadelphia modeling agency, and in 1992 was recruited to



*Ron (left) and Bobby Bellopede pose for the 1989 yearbook.*

Next Management, which books high-profile clients like supermodel/actress Molly Sims of TV’s “Las Vegas,” and several other recognizable models for Victoria’s Secret and *Sports Illustrated*’s perennial fan favorite, the annual swimsuit edition. On location in Miami for a photo shoot, he fell in love with the city and decided to make it his permanent home.

On Nov. 15, the day of the Victoria’s Secret Show, Ron flew from Miami to represent Cabrini’s Class of 1989 at the presidential inauguration. A weather delay on his flight back caused him to miss the start of the Miami show, but Ron says it was important he participate in the ceremony and meet Dr. George.

Ron felt a kinship with Dr. George when he learned of her upcoming trip with Cabrini students and faculty to a Mayan village in Guatemala in support of the new curriculum.

“I’m hands-on, like Dr. George,” Ron says. “It’s refreshing to see her interest in wanting to work with the students.”

The brothers travel the globe frequently for business, always searching for undiscovered artists and talent. It would surprise some to learn, Ron says, that his trips have inspired him to fall back on his “education of the heart.”

Ron travels often to Brazil, and was moved to help people he met in impoverished villages. He has provided medical supplies, clothes, and books for those struggling to read. In areas devoid of necessities such as electricity and running water, Ron says that small gestures can make a big impact.

“It goes back to Mother Ursula [Infante]’s caring nature and what she instilled in me,” Ron says. “You realize what you’ve inherited by going to Cabrini, where [giving back] was emphasized. If you can help just one person, maybe that person will help someone else, and your impact has a domino effect.”

Bobby credits his Cabrini education with helping him to evolve as a professional, and to help others realize their dreams.

“I am able to see talent in someone and help them connect the dots,” Bobby says. “I sit down with their portfolios and see who has potential to bring out their full artistic ability.”

He says that he often sees clients who might need just a bit of polishing to make their work, or their look, more marketable.

The key to the brothers’ success, says Ron, is teamwork.

“We’re competitive,” he says, “but we’re the best of friends.” ●

— Kristen Hampton

# Class NOTES



Joan F. Lyon '59 represents her class at the Presidential Inauguration.

*class of 1959*

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## 1963

**Bernice K. Solga Balson '63** is excited to announce that her daughter, Allison Balson, has released a 12-song pop/rock album under the artist name Allison & Stone ([www.allisonandstone.com](http://www.allisonandstone.com)). Allison, whose acting credits include the role of Nancy Oleson in TV's "Little House on the Prairie," co-wrote, performed, produced and engineered the album.

## 1964

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

## 1969

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

## 1973

**Bernadette Brandolo Kapps '73** is a state certified administrator at JFK Middle School in Utica, N.Y. Her first grandchild, a girl, was born June 21, 2008.

## 1974

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

## 1979

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

## 1980

**Catherine McKee Sloan '80** is a legal services clerk at the Philadelphia District Attorney's office. Her husband, Danny, is a department head of building materials at the Home Depot. ▶ Friends from



*From left: Cabrini Boggiano Lepis '61 and President Marie Angelella George with Loretta Dellapia O'Fria '61 and Anna Marie Giarletta Lento '62 at the Inaugural luncheon in the Student Restaurant. O'Fria and Lento represented their classes in the Inaugural procession.*

the class of 1980 celebrated their 50th birthdays with a summer getaway in Cape May, N.J. **Pictured below from left: Laura Galvin Hauschildt '80; Susan Soja Arabia '80; Tori Ryan Sebastian '80; Janet Cooper Hankins '80; Kathleen Warner DiGaetano '80; Maureen DeLeo Brett '80; and Susan Filling Paine '80.**



## 1981

**Mary Alice Fitzpatrick Gallagher '81** has been named general counsel at Surgical Monitoring Associates.

## 1983

**Dr. Monica McHale-Small '83** was named secondary director of teaching and learning for Springfield (Delco) School District in

Springfield, Pa. In 2002, she co-authored "Simon Says Reading is Fun: Movement Based Activities to Reinforce Beginning Reading Skills" (Scarecrow Press).

## 1984

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

## 1987

**Jody Romano '87, pictured below,** has joined Cabrini College as director of alumni development in the Office of Institutional Advancement where she oversees all activities of the Alumni Office and manages all Cabrini Fund efforts. She was previously director of alumni relations at Haverford College and director of major gifts at Villanova University.



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Hillary Hoch Chybinski '90 represents her class at the Presidential Inauguration.

## 1988

**Gary Firestine '88**, a Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA) track and field official for District III, officiated his first track meet at Shippensburg University in May 2008.

## 1989

**20th Reunion!**

**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend**

**June 19-20, 2009**

## 1991

**Robert F. Bonner '91** joined the Villanova School of Business as associate dean of graduate and executive programs on May 1, 2008. Prior to this appointment, he led Temple University's Fox School of Business for six years. He has served as executive officer of the MBA Career Services Council and on the Graduate Management Admissions Council (GMAC) Industry Conference Advisory Board. In 2008, the *Philadelphia Business Journal* recognized Bonner as a top young leader in the "40 Under 40" Awards Program. He currently is completing a doctoral degree in education at the University of Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Colleen, have four children and reside in Havertown, Pa. ▶ **Jennifer Moisey Wojacsek '91** resigned from work two years ago to take care of her mother, who died of multiple myeloma in September 2008. Wojacsek recently returned to teaching sixth grade at Georgetown Middle School in Delaware. She and her husband, Shawn, have expanded their business, DelShores Remodeling, by opening a kitchen and bath showroom convenient to Bethany Beach, Del., and Ocean City, Md., clients.

## 1993

**Jenny Pagano Riche '93** has been presenting at national early childhood education conferences for several years.

► **Kimberly Steininger Bainbridge '93** owns a state-licensed family daycare facility.

## 1994

**15th Reunion!**

**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend**

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## 1996

**Nicole Berg Robinson '96** is a school psychologist in the Avon Grove School District in Chester County. She received a master's degree from Eastern University and a doctorate in psychology from Immaculata College.

## 1997

**Jane Boyle Brice '97** is a loan officer for MidAtlantic Farm Credit's Delmarva region. She works in the cooperative lender's East New Market, Md., office.

## 1998

**Serena Desher Graham '98** was married on June 3, 2000. She and her husband have two children, Rebecca-Lynn, 3, and Joshua, 10 months. They hope everyone from the Class of 1998 is doing well.

► **Fred Fanini '98** has joined ISCO International, a leading provider of wireless spectrum conditioning solutions for wireless cameras, as regional account manager responsible for supporting customers in the Northeast.

## 1999

**10th Reunion!**

**Celebrate at Alumni Weekend**

**June 19-20, 2009**

## 2000

**Kelley Harmer G'00** was named principal at Octorara Elementary School in Atglen,

Pa. He earned a master's degree and principal certification from Cabrini.

► **Missy Sellitto '00** is assistant director of Cabrini Mission Corps, which is headquartered at Cabrini's campus. She received a master's degree in counseling from Neumann College in May 2008.

## 2001

**Mary Elizabeth Farnan '01** has been promoted to assistant principal at George Read Middle School in New Castle, Del.



## 2002

**Kathleen Arnold '02** married TJ Weinstock on July 21, 2007 at Sacred Heart Church in Havertown, Pa., **pictured above**. Bridesmaids included Cabrini alumnae **Tricia Arnold '01**, **Alison Colantonio Neville '02** and **Lisa Cicchetti '02**. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and San Francisco, and live in Drexel Hill, Pa.

► **Teresa Goldsmith Broxton CE'02** has been a research operations manager at Research Pharmaceuticals Services, Inc., for two years. She manages employees in the corporate office in Fort Washington, Pa., and in the field, specializing in drug safety, medical writing, regulatory affairs and quality assurance. She is thrilled that her daughter, Felicia, is studying at Cabrini College.



## 2003

**Heather Tu Mager '03** and **Sebastian Mager '01** welcomed a son, Damian, on March 31, 2008. Damian, **pictured above**, weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21.75 inches long.

## 2004

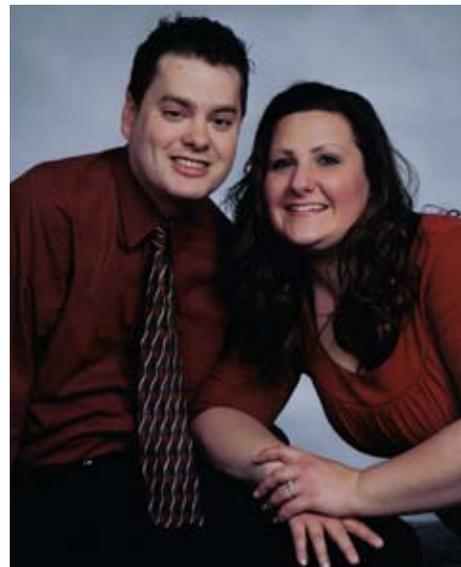
**5th Reunion!**

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## 2005

**Megan Mirzoeff '05** is director of events for Home Builders Association in West Chester, Pa. She develops and manages the Association's special events, including Pyramid Awards, general membership meetings, educational offerings, golf outings, fundraisers and social functions; and coordinates educational programs for the sales and marketing council and education committee. ► **Kimberly Benedict '05** is engaged to marry Adam M. Gray, **pictured below**, of Springfield, Pa.,



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*At the Presidential Inauguration, Gillian Davis '10 carries the banner representing civic engagement, social justice and diversity in the College's Coat of Arms.*

in June 2009. The bridal party includes Cabrini alumnae **Christine Billingsley '05**, **Kimberly Hope '05**, **Denise Saveoz Gamboneda '05** and **Christine Losardo '05**. Benedict received a B.S. in early childhood and elementary education and is a kindergarten teacher at St. Dorothy's School in Drexel Hill, Pa. Gray is a program administrator at HSB Global Standards in Wayne, Pa.

## 2006

**Mike Ryan '06** is an audio-visual technician at Advanced Staging Productions in West Chester, Pa. In 2007, he was awarded Employee of the Quarter. Ryan recently assisted in the installation of AV equipment in Downingtown Middle School classrooms. ▶ **Noel Kirkner '06**, **pictured right**, has joined Cabrini College's Office of Institutional Advancement as alumni programs coordinator. She previously was an income development specialist at the American Cancer Society. She resides in Havertown, Pa.



## 2007

**Talia Christine Giordano '07** of Gibbstown, N.J., recently received a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania School of Policy and Practice. She passed the licensing exam for social workers and is now licensed in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

## 2008

**Shane Evans '08** is a writer, editor and co-manager of Goal.com, one of the largest websites in the world dedicated to soccer, with offices in Milan, London and soon, New York.

# CLASS NOTES SUBMISSIONS

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Noel Kirkner '06 | Cabrini College, Alumni Programs Coordinator | Office of Institutional Advancement  
610 King of Prussia Road | Radnor, PA 19087

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## Face to Face with the Iraqi Refugee Crisis

By Amanda Finnegan '08

A month to the day after my graduation from Cabrini, I packed my bags and moved across the country. Twenty five hundred miles from the only home I've ever known, I found myself beginning a life in Las Vegas, a city I'd only seen in movies and heard in punch lines.

The stereotypes are true. It's a city like no other; a city of excess, where you want for nothing, except a little normalcy every once in a while. It's often difficult to appreciate the simple things you have—that others in this world only dream of—in a city where simple, simply doesn't exist.

A two-week trip with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) across the world would quickly put me back on track. In late May, **Meghan Hurley '07** and I received CRS's Eileen Egan Award for Journalistic Excellence for our *Loquitur* stories on the fair trade movement.

The award would take us to Lebanon and Syria to report on the Iraqi refugee crisis, a topic many are aware of but few witness in the way Meghan and I did.

Our first stop was Lebanon. The country is home to 50,000 Iraqi refugees, half of whom are Christian. An overwhelming 70 percent of the refugee population is illegal. With nothing but a U.N. document and little hope of resettlement, Iraqi refugees live in fear of being deported or imprisoned.

In the Christian section of Beirut, in a small, run-down three-room apartment, we met Rima and her two children, mother and sister. The family fled Iraq in November 2007 after Rima, who worked for the Red Crescent Organization, was injured by a grenade. [The Iraqi Red Crescent is the primary humanitarian provider in Iraq and a member of the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent.] Rima split from her abusive husband and brought her girls to Lebanon. Her 11-year-old daughter, Riva, is nearly mute from the trauma.



Amanda Finnegan '08 (left) and Meghan Hurley '07 (right) with an Iraqi family in Beirut during a Catholic Relief Services trip to the Middle East in October 2008.

Even through a language barrier, Rima's message of faith and hope is one that needs no translator. Like any parent, she wants nothing more than a good life for her children, even if it means giving up her home, her language and her culture.

Rima's story isn't uncommon. She shares the unfortunate bond with so many others who have fled Iraq.

Another refugee we met, 24-year-old Hassam, was shot on his way to work in Iraq, and required surgery to remove four bullets. One day his father left to pick up Hassam's pain medication, and never returned home.

In Syria, we met Zeena and her husband, who fled Baghdad three years ago, after their house was burned down. Their 9-year-old son now suffers from severe anxiety, which has made him an outcast at school. His young eyes have seen more in a mere childhood than most of us will see in a lifetime.

We also met students of the Iraqi Student Project, who have worked their entire lives to

obtain a college education only to have that goal ripped from them when the war began.

When I asked our translator how the refugees were able to push blame and anger aside, she told me, "They have to. This is their life. What choice do they have?"

I'll carry the stories of these families with me always. Their hope for a better tomorrow and appreciation for what they have rather than harping on what they've lost is humbling. They know the significance of family and togetherness and the importance of a home of their own, something that too many of us take for granted.

In a country where a message of peace can get trampled in the headlines of politics and gossip, these stories remind me every day that our commitment to the common good and human rights doesn't end when we leave Cabrini.

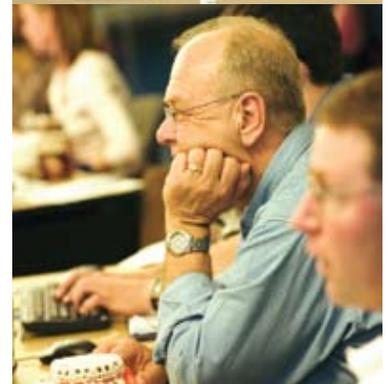
*Amanda Finnegan '08 is online editor at the Las Vegas Sun. Meghan Hurley '07 is a Good Shepherd volunteer living in Peru. ●*

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# CABRINI COLLEGE



## Upcoming Events 2009

**February 5**

**Presentation of the 2009 Ivy Young Willis Award to ABC News Political Commentator Cokie Roberts**

**February 17**

**Founder's Day Lecture**

**March 21**

**Cabrini Team Trivia Night to Benefit the Alumni Scholarship**

**April 21**

**Arts, Research and Scholarship Symposium**

**May 16**

**Baccalaureate Mass**

**May 17**

**Commencement**

**June 16**

**20th Annual Cabrini Golf Classic, Dinner and Auction**

**June 19-20**

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